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Deputy Inspector General Kendall:

Thank you for providing me with the November 15, 2017 Management Advisory (Advisory), regarding the Immediate Office of the Secretary (IOS) travel procedures. It is my understanding that the purpose of the Advisory is to communicate recommendations for program improvement. We are committed to implementing the best management practices throughout the Department of the Interior (Department).

I appreciate your acknowledgement that you have "received full cooperation from all employees contacted." You will continue to receive full cooperation from Department employees, and we will accommodate your additional document production request timeframe.

Last week, you and I discussed your office's need for additional documents as part of your office's review. Per my direction, the requested materials were promptly provided.

When I arrived at the Department in August 2017, it was clear to me that the Secretary and I inherited an organizational and operational mess from the previous Administration. From my perspective, regarding IOS travel procedures, it appears that the exact same procedures and processes utilized by the previous Administration remain in place and continue to be dysfunctional.

For example, it is my understanding that travel vouchers for Secretary Jewell's trips beginning on the dates set forth below have yet to be completed. Indeed, until late last week, it was apparently unclear whether all of Secretary Jewell's vouchers had even been entered into the Department's tracking system.

1) September 13, 2016 (CA-NV);
2) September 21, 2016 (Denver);
3) October 12, 2016 (ME);
4) October 19, 2016 (CA-AK-WA);
5) October 26, 2016 (AL-GA-DE);
6) November 10, 2016 (Philadelphia);
7) November 16, 2016 (Denver);
8) November 19, 2016 (MT-WY);

9) December 7, 2016 (NM);
10) December 13, 2016 (CA-TX-NV-WY);
11) January 2, 2017 (ID); and
12) January 10, 2017 (Chicago-NYC).

For IOS document production, the primary point of contact for your investigators should be Deputy Chief of Staff Michael Argo.

In response to your two additional documents requests, please see below:

1) Secretarial Travel: Per your request, the Department will work to provide available documentation for all Fiscal Year 2017 Secretarial travel (authorizations, vouchers, and reimbursements). Subsequently, as part of this effort, the Department will also work to provide available documentation for the 12 travel vouchers arising from Secretary Jewell's travel that remain incomplete.

2) Spousal Travel: Per your request, the Department will document and provide information for all instances when a Secretary's spouse traveled in a Government-owned vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft, and document whether payment on his/her behalf was paid in advance, determined to be reimbursable, or deemed no reimbursement required.

I appreciate your recommendations for IOS. As I evaluate them and initiate implementation, I request input from your office on specific examples, objective metrics, and measures that you are aware of that help build a process that both creates value and ensures compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Finally, I also request all Management Advisories regarding IOS issued by your office over the past 10 years be provided to me immediately, so that I can better identify the full scope of the systemic problems that potentially exist.

On behalf of the Department, I thank you for your office's diligence and sense of urgency in identifying ways that the Department can improve its program operations.

Sincerely,

David L. Bernhardt

Talking Points on African Elephants

- The Service is committed to the conservation of African elephants.

- African elephants are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Our nation has an obligation under the ESA to make sure U.S. hunters are contributing to the conservation of elephants in the wild by participating in hunting programs that provide a clear conservation benefit and contribute to the long-term survival of the species in the wild.

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can allow the import of a hunted elephant only when the killing of the animal will enhance the survival of the species. Imports of hunted African elephants are limited to two per hunter in a calendar year.

- The Service carefully analyzed Zimbabwe and Zambia's hunting programs before issuing its findings for both countries. The process for analyzing these findings is detailed, comprehensive, and in some cases can take many months.

- Legal hunting, as part of a sound, well-regulated wildlife management program, can provide benefits to conservation, including significant long-term benefits to the populations of many species.

- As part of the Service process in issuing findings, information is provided by each country's government, non-government organizations, safari outfitters, professional hunter associations, and individuals.

- The Service authorizes imports for hunted elephants from a country of origin only when it can be assured that hunting in that country is well-managed, sustainable and benefits conservation of the species in question.

- Individual hunted elephants imported into the United States are subject to inspection and administration by the Service to ensure they were taken and imported in accordance with all in-country, United States, and international laws and regulations.

- By law, we cannot and will not allow hunted elephants into the United States that were taken in any nation whose conservation program fails to meet standards for scientific management and effectiveness.

- The Service continues to be a global leader in actions to combat poaching.

- The future of Africa's wildlife is threatened by poaching and illegal wildlife trade. We remain committed to combatting heinous wildlife crimes while empowering and incentivizing local communities to be a part of the solution.

CURRENT OPERATIONS

FWS

National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 8-14

- Celebratory events across the country are planned to encourage the public to visit refuges to hunt, fish, and view wildlife.
- This year celebrates America's rivers and trails.

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Update

- USFWS has prepared a proposed rule and draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for geological and geophysical exploration of the Coastal Plain in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

2017-2018 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Fishing Regulations, October

- The final rule will open various national wildlife refuges to hunting and/or sport fishing for the first time (new hunts) and expand hunting and fishing opportunities at others.
- Outreach is planned to include a national news release when the *Federal Register* notice is published and notifications to members of Congress in affected districts, with some stakeholder outreach. This is not controversial.

NPS

Harassment survey results

- On October 13, Secretary Zinke will release the results of the report at Grand Canyon National Park.
- The roll-out will include:
    - Congressional briefings for authorizing and oversight committee staff
    - Press release and all employee email
    - NPS All Employee Meeting at GRCA, which will be livestreamed to parks nationwide
    - Media call
- The survey found that 38.7% of employees experienced some form of harassment or assault related behaviors in the 12 months preceding the survey.
- The NPS will release a plan of action and a revised Director's Order with the report results.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Dog Management Plan

- The 14-year process of developing a rule for dog management at Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) was put on hold in early 2017. The purpose of this delay was to allow the National Park Service to develop a task directive for the "Evaluation of Effects of Personal Email Use on the Planning and Rulemaking Process for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area GGNRA) Dog Management Plan."

- It was developed due to concerns raised by members of the public that the use of personal email may have affected the process and/or outcome of the dog management planning and rulemaking process.
- After careful review, the panel concluded that overall the personal emails in question did NOT influence the ultimate decision.
- The NPS has worked with DOI Comms on a press release regarding the report. We have updated the press release to include the following: "Following this report, Golden Gate National Recreation Area will determine the appropriate next steps related to the rulemaking process."
- If the park is asked about next steps, they will say that they are reviewing the report's findings and will announce their plans related to dog management soon.

30-60 DAY OBJECTIVES AND POLICY OUTLOOK
FWS

Priority Endangered Species items

- Eastern puma final delisting due to extinction, on or around November 9
    - On or around November 9, FWS plans to send to the Federal Register a final delisting the eastern puma (cougar) (historically known to exist in southeastern Ontario, southern Quebec, and New Brunswick in Canada, and a region bounded from Maine to Michigan, Illinois, Kentucky, and South Carolina in the eastern United States) from the list of endangered and threatened species due to extinction.
    - Although no major public controversy with regard to the final rule is anticipated, opposition to the conclusion of extinction may be expressed by advocates and advocacy organizations for puma and large predator conservation, and some national media attention is expected.
    - The best available information indicates that supposed recent sightings are cases of mistaken identity and escaped captive animals, and, rarely, dispersers from western puma populations. This rule will also acknowledge the current state of the North American puma taxonomy.
    - Interested parties include the states within the eastern United States, the Humane Society of the United States, the Animal Legal Defense Fund, and the Cougar Network. A national news bulletin and congressional emails are planned.

- Foskett speckled dace proposed delisting due to recovery, on or around November 10
    - On or around November 10, FWS plans to send to the Federal Register a proposal to delist the Foskett speckled dace, an endemic fish species in Oregon, from the ESA due to recovery.
    - This action will likely receive the most interest at the local and regional level. The Oregon Desert Fishes Working Group (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife,

Bureau of Land Management, The Nature Conservancy, FWS, and others) has been engaged and is supportive of this action.
    - FWS will conduct outreach to local and regional media, congressional staff, and invested stakeholders. FWS will also make the draft post-delisting monitoring plan available. This action is not controversial.

- Monito gecko proposed delisting due to recovery, on or around November 15
    - On or around November 15, FWS plans to send to the Federal Register a proposal to remove the Monito gecko, a reptile in Puerto Rico, from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife due to recovery.
    - It is protected in a natural reserve managed by the Puerto Rico Department of Environmental and Natural Resources that has no public access. The species protections will remain in place after delisting, and there are only a few scientific research permits granted.
    - This action is a conservation success story and is not expected to be controversial. The primary stakeholder is the Territory of Puerto Rico. Planned outreach will include a news release and web postings.

- Panama City crayfish to publish by December 29.
    - FWS has been granted a 90-day extension on the proposed listing determination of the Panama City crayfish, found in Florida (now due December 29).
    - This extension is not expected to generate controversy. Stakeholders include Bay County, the St. Joe Company and the state of Florida.
    - Planned outreach includes a local news release and web postings. Outreach will involve notification to stakeholders and members of Congress.

- Black warrior waterdog to publish by January 4, 2018
    - FWS has been granted a 90-day extension on the final listing and critical habitat determination for the Black Warrior waterdog, an amphibian in Alabama (now due January 4, 2018).
    - The extension is not anticipated to generate controversy.
    - Interested stakeholders include Bankhead National Forest, the State of Alabama, Alabama Forestry Commission, National Alliance of Forest Owners, National Council for Air and Streams, Tennessee Valley Authority, Warrior-Tombigbee Waterways Association, Weyerhaueser and the Center for Biological Diversity.
    - Planned outreach will include a news release and notifications to stakeholders and members of Congress.

Bat Week, October 24 - 31

- On October 24, USFWS will join U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Forest Service, Organization for Bat Conservation, and other partners at two Congressional events on Capitol Hill to commemorate BatWeek 2017.
- Both events are hosted by Congressman Glenn Thompson (R-PA), who sits on both the House Agriculture and House Natural Resources Committees.

- These events are not controversial. The partners are proposing a press opportunity, and USDA and DOI are planning to issue Secretarial Proclamations to commemorate the week.
- By October 24, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and FWS will announce funding up to $1 million for the first round of grants to fight white-nose syndrome under the Bats for the Future Fund (BFF).

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NPS seasonal fee structure at top parks

- The NPS is proposing high season pricing in 17 destination/high revenue
- Implementation is proposed for January 1, 2018, but most parks on the list would not begin charging high season pricing until May or June.
- Servicewide civic engagement is expected to begin in late October.

National Mall and Memorial Parks permits

- Under review by SOL

U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment

- In September, the NPS will initiate a competitive process for the Department of the Interior to select a non-profit partner for the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission.
- Public Law 114-196 established the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to "plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the history of the United States leading up to the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States."
- The Secretary of the Interior serves as an ex officio member to the Commission.
- The Request for Proposals to select the non-profit partner to support the Commission is in surname.
- The law also requires the Secretary to "undertake a study of appropriate actions that might be taken to further preserve and develop historic sites and battlefields, at such time and in such manner as will ensure that fitting observances and exhibits may be held at appropriate sites and battlefields during the 250th anniversary celebration." The NPS is developing a proposed path forward for the report development

MAJOR EVENTS AND TRAVEL

Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens

- Annual leave, October 17-20

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Jason Larrabee

- Annual leave, October 13

FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan

- Speech at the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus and the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement, Washington, DC, October 11
- Speech at the 20th Anniversary of the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, October 19

Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds

- Grand Canyon National Park for National Park Foundation board meeting and sexual harassment survey rollout, October 12 -15

15th African Wildlife Consultative Forum
Mt. Meru Hotel – Arusha, Tanzania
13-17 November 2017

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*This is a draft document subject to change

Sunday 12 November

1500 Registration
1900 Dinner at Hotel

Monday 13 November

0900 Government Meetings
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
National and Multilateral Issues
Finalize AWCF Agenda
0900 PH Association Business Meeting
Moderator: OPHAA Chair, SCI Guides & Outfitters Liaison
1230 Lunch
1330 Meetings Continue
1600 Private Meetings TBD
1700 Welcoming Reception
1900 Dinner at Hotel (Government and PH Associations Tables)

Tuesday 14 November

0900 **Session 1: Official Opening**
Honorable Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism
SCI Foundation President
SCI Foundation Conservation Chairman

Review of 2015 Action Items
Approval of Minutes from the 15th AWCF in South Africa
Approval of Agenda

1000 **Session 2: African Lion Symposium – Tanzania**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
Tanzania Lion Project
Director, Carnivore Ecology Laboratory, Mississippi State University

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Director, Serengeti Wildlife Research Center, TAWIRI
Lion Hunting in Tanzania: Analysis between 2011 and 2017
Principal Wildlife Officer CITES, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism
Director, IGF Foundation
Panel Discussion – Tanzania

1230 Lunch

1330 **Session 2: African Lion Symposium – Country Reports (Government, PH)**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
Zimbabwe Non-Detriment Finding
Wildlife Management Consultant
Cameroon
Congo
Ethiopia
Mozambique
Panel Discussion

1515 Break

1530 **Session 2: African Lion Symposium – Country Reports**
Moderator: Tanzania Ministry of Natural Resources, SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
Namibia
South Africa
Uganda
Zambia
Panel Discussion
Group Discussion: Implementation of Research

1700 Close Day
1900 Dinner

<u>Wednesday 15 November</u>

0800 **Session 4: African Leopard Symposium – Country Reports**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
Zambia Non-Detriment Finding

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Wildlife Management Consultant
Cameroon
Congo
Ethiopia
Mozambique
Namibia
Panel Discussion

1015 Break

1030 **Session 4: African Leopard Symposium – Country Reports**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
South Africa
Tanzania
Uganda
Zimbabwe
Panel Discussion
Group Discussion: Implementation of Research

1230 Lunch

1330 **Session 5: International Policy**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
United States Endangered Species Act and Importation Law
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
CITES and International Trade
CITES Secretariat
Panel Discussion

1515 Break

1530 **Session 6: Hunting & Conservation**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
The Conservation Equation: Economic Contributions of Hunting-Related Tourism in Eastern and Southern Africa
Director of Conservation, SCI Foundation
Crucial to Conservation
Guides & Outfitters Liaison, SCI

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TAWA Marketing Strategy
TAWA, Nuru Agency
Panel Discussion

1700 Close Day
1900 Dinner

<u>Thursday 16 November</u>

0800 **Session 7: Communities & Livelihoods**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
Namibia Human-Wildlife Conflict Management Policy
Namibia Ministry of Environment and Tourism, NACSO
Zimbabwe Human-Wildlife Conflict Management Plan
Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Department, CAMPFIRE
Country Reports on Human-Wildlife Conflict
Cameroon
Congo
Ethiopia
Mozambique
Panel Discussion

1015 Break

1030 **Session 7: Communities & Livelihoods**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
Country Reports on Human-Wildlife Conflict
South Africa
Tanzania
Uganda
Zambia
IUCN Sustainable Use & Livelihoods Specialist Group
Chair, IUCN SULi
Conservation Futures
United Nations Environment
Panel Discussion

1230 Lunch

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1330 **Session 8: Country Reports – Other**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
Tanzania
Cameroon
Congo
Ethiopia
Mozambique
Namibia
Panel Discussion

1515 Break

1530 **Session 8: Country Reports**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
South Africa
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe
Panel Discussion

1700 Close Day
1900 Dinner

Friday 17 November

0800 **Session 9: Other Research and Presentations**
Moderator: SCI Foundation Africa Coordinator
Presentation:
Uganda Sitatunga Project
University of Alberta
Tanzania Ruaha Buffalo Project
Ruaha National Park, Sokoine University of Agriculture

1000 **Session 10: Closing Business**
16th AWCF Host Country
Closing Remarks

1200 **Field Trip: Arusha National Park**

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INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR

DATE: October 30, 2017

FROM: Gloria Bell, Acting Assistant Director – International Affairs

SUBJECT: The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) - public participation process for the 18th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18).

This memorandum's purpose is to describe the preparatory process for a CITES meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP), which begins with soliciting input from the public via notices in the *Federal Register*. The next meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties (CoP18), will be held in Sri Lanka. It is tentatively planned for May 2019.

BACKGROUND

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES; Convention), is an international treaty designed to regulate international trade in animal and plant species that are now, or potentially may become, threatened with extinction. These species are included in one of three Appendices to CITES, which are available on the CITES Secretariat's website at http://www.cites.org/eng/disc/species.php. Appendix I includes species threatened with extinction that are or may be affected by trade. Appendix II includes species that, although not necessarily now threatened with extinction, may become so unless trade in them is strictly controlled. Appendix II also includes species subject to regulation so that trade in other CITES-listed species may be brought under effective control. These "look-alike" inclusions are needed when there is difficulty distinguishing a species from a listed species.

Currently, 182 countries, including the U.S. and the E.U, are Parties to CITES. The Convention calls for regular biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties, unless decided otherwise. At CoPs, the Parties review the implementation of CITES, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat to carry out its functions, consider amendments to the list of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of CITES. Amendments to the Appendices may involve the addition of species to Appendix I or II, the transfer of species from one Appendix to another, or the removal of species from the Appendices. Any Party to CITES may propose amendments to Appendices I and II, and submit resolutions, decisions, and agenda items for consideration by all the Parties at the meeting. The United States, in considering proposals to amend the Appendices, gives priority to species where the U.S. is a range country or an importing country. Parties are required to submit CoP documents 150 days in the advance of the CoP.

DISCUSSION

The first step in the CoP18 preparation process is the publication of a notice in the *Federal Register* requesting information and recommendations on animal and plant species that should be considered as candidates for proposals to amend the Appendices. This is the first in a series of

six notices, as well as an open public meeting, that will provide the public with an opportunity to provide input on U.S. preparations for CoP18. This first notice provides a timeline for publication of additional *Federal Register* notices requesting input from the public on CoP18 issues, and outlining when decisions and U.S. positions related to CoP18 issues will be available.

Multiple and diverse stakeholders participate and provide input into the CITES public preparatory process, including State wildlife agencies and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and U.S. conservation, animal welfare, hunting advocacy, and industry groups such as Safari Club International, Conservation Force, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund, National Resources Defense Council, Humane Society International, American Herbal Products Association, Ginseng Board of Wisconsin, National Association of Music Merchants, and International Wood Products Association. These groups are actively engaged in this process.

A tight schedule is followed for preparations for CoP18. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) needs to provide the public sufficient time for their input on potential amendments to the CITES Appendices. In addition, the Service needs time to evaluate suggestions from the public for proposed CITES species proposals and to develop scientifically robust proposals that meet the CITES criteria to amend the Appendices. Lastly, the U.S. needs ample time to consult with other range countries as required under the Convention.

NEXT STEPS

1) Publication of the **first** *Federal Register* notice **18 months** before the start of CoP18, soliciting recommendations on potential species proposals for CoP18; Target date November 27, 2017.
2) Publication of the **second** *Federal Register* notice, approximately **16 months** before the states of CoP18, requesting input on resolutions, decisions, and other agenda items for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP18.
3) Publication of the **third** *Federal Register* notice, approximately **12 months** before the start of CoP18, announcing species proposals for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP18.
4) Publication of the **forth** *Federal Register* notice, approximately **10 months** before the start of CoP18, announcing proposed resolutions/decisions/agenda items for the United States to consider submitting for consideration at CoP18.
5) Publication of the **fifth** *Federal Register* notice, approximately **5 months** before the start of CoP18, announcing provisional CoP18 agenda, requesting comments on agenda items, and announcing the public meeting.
6) Public meeting, approximately **4 months** before the start of CoP18, to discuss items on the provisional agenda for CoP18.
7) Publication of the **sixth** (and final) *Federal Register* notice, approximately **2 months** before the start of CoP18, announcing tentative U.S. negotiating positions on other Parties' CoP18 species proposals and resolutions/decisions/agenda items.

ATTACHMENTS

- CITES 101 Understanding Appendices, CoPs and Permits (Fish & Wildlife News Winter 2013)

Department of Interior (DOI) Sportsman's Access Ramp Up Summit Overview
August 2, 2017
Washington, D.C.

On August 2, 2017, over fifty individuals representing a wide range of conservation, hunting, angling, and shooting sports organizations convened at the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) to provide individual views on how the Department and its sister landholding agencies could support and advance access to public lands for hunting, angling, and shooting sports.

Department leaders, including the Secretary of Interior, Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary, David Bernhardt, and Principal Deputy Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Greg Sheehan, opened the summit stressing that this administration is committed to addressing and increasing access to hunting and angling on federal lands and advancing the heritage of Teddy Roosevelt and the North American model for wildlife conservation.

Participants expressed a range of expectations for the summit, including: 1) recognizing that effective partnerships will be essential for success; 2) building on the work and thinking already done by various groups and coalitions; 3) considering access to information, knowledge, and relationships as key parts of access (in addition to physical access); 4) creating more consistency and clear staff direction within and across agencies and departments; 5) increasing access to public waters, for veterans, youth, and for persons with disabilities; 6) following input with action; and, 7) acknowledging the urgency for action on this issue.

The participants covered a host of issues and ideas in both full group discussion and breakout sessions. Key points that emerged include:

- Partnerships are essential to advancing access, with state agencies as essential core partners along with hunting, fishing and conservation groups, landowners and recreational businesses as key allies and partners.
- Rules, regulations, and policies need to be reasonable, harmonized with states, and reduced or eliminated in some cases.
- Access is not only physical access, but access to information, relationships, mentors, programs, and education.
- Maintenance and construction projects across bureaus need to focus on access as a key priority.
- Investment in natural and man-made infrastructure that increases wildlife and human access is essential to success.
- Shooting sports are increasing rapidly and are a key means to engage new and different constituents.
- Access needs to be addressed at multiple scales—not only on federal land and unit-by-unit, but across units and across kinds of ownership (private, state, federal) recognizing that access exists in regions and landscapes larger than any particular property.
- R3 (Reactivation, Retention, and Recruitment) Programs should be streamlined, supported, and expanded, but built on what we know across state programs and their impacts and do not "recreate the wheel."
- Consider how to reach, engage, and motivate changing demographics is important, including the young, the disabled, the more diverse, and the more urban.
- Staff at the ground-level need clear direction and support around access issues from management and headquarters.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Department leaders, including the Secretary of Interior, Ryan Zinke, Deputy Secretary, David Bernhardt, and Acting Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Greg Sheehan, opened the summit stressing that: 1) this administration is committed to addressing and increasing access to hunting and angling on federal lands; 2) hunters, anglers and shooting sport enthusiasts are welcome in this administration and many appointees are hunters and fishermen just like the participants; 3) associated industries such as recreation vehicles, boats, fishing and tackle are often 95% made in the U.S. and add tremendous value to the U.S. economy; and, 4) this is a ramp up, a beginning, and hardly an end to the work ahead.

Greg Sheehan encouraged participants to think about access engagement and retention as having five key components. These are: 1) access; 2) availability of the resource; 3) affordability; 4) mentorship; and, 5) reasonable regulations. The facilitator asked the participants to abide by the following Summit approach: 1) please provide individual views only; 2) do not seek consensus or agreement; 3) please do not discuss any ongoing litigation with the Department; and 4) share the floor.

The participants covered a host of issues and ideas in both full group discussion and in ten small groups centered around five topics.

- Access to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges
- Access to other federal lands – BLM, USFS, NPS
- Access to private property
- Access to water bodies
- Access for new participants, impaired abilities and shooting sports

The following is a summary of the three to four key points from each of the ten breakout sessions. A more detailed record of the individual ideas and comments (recorded without attribution by name or affiliation) has been shared with the participants electronically.

SUMMARY OF SUMMARIES FROM THE BREAK OUT GROUPS

NEW ENTRANTS, DISABLED, AND SHOOTING SPORTS

- Recast S.O. 3347 to include full participation of federal partners and states. By expanding beyond FWS, it will force dialogue that will open more doors
- Identify smaller projects for ADA compliance and accessibility and complete backlog maintenance needed on many lands: focus on recreation-oriented, access-creating projects
- Develop target range facilities on federal lands and fully integrate into communication and programming efforts
- Bring regulations into the 21st century—consistency and simplicity are key
- Create a "project clearinghouse" of ideas, suggestions, and the like that would increase access on specific various federal lands
- Promote public/private partnerships
- Communicate better on social media to capture new audiences
- Federal agencies should leverage numerous state R3 plans by: 1) supporting and enhancing those plans on federal lands and programs; 2) engaging youth; 3) engaging new participants; and 4) use evaluation to learn to identify the best practices among various R3 programs.

WATER BODIES

- Barriers include inconsistent access across units even within the same agency; federal and state regulations can be cumbersome for licenses and access (e.g. certain catch restrictions)
- Habitat restoration and conservation are key to successful outcomes
- Support programs to get youth outside and in the resource
- Provide more easily accessible information on-line and invest in the technology needed
- Separate power boat and non-power boat access
- Register/sticker non-powered craft to raise dollars for access projects
- Increase participation through more education and outreach
- Maintain and expand existing facilities by cutting back delays to projects such as certain ESA, NEPA, and other regulatory review requirements
- Add Wi-fi and cellular service to recreation sites
- Make access a priority government-wide with more centralized direction from DOI
- Improve infrastructure to sustain the resource and improve the visitor experience
- Work with partners to fund and implement habitat conservation programs and fund and leverage LWCF and USDA conservation programs for more access and use
- Increase consistency with states and federal agencies on rules and regulations

OTHER PUBLIC LANDS (BLM, NPS, USFS, BOR, ACOE)

- Employees need clear direction that access is a priority and a focus
- Investments in infrastructure should be driven by those that will increase access
- We have to connect urban areas to federal lands and access
- Build on the many thoughtful and consensus-based recommendations that came out of the 2008 conference (some 50+ recommendations), coalition reports, reports from Bureaus to the Secretary per the Executive Order, etc.

- Ensure infrastructure dollars, visibility and priority is not just with the NPS, but with the other bureaus that provide the greater access for hunting and fishing
- Think on the landscape scale about access
- Make public lands public by addressing or reducing in-holdings within private lands that prevent access
- Improve and expand Recreation.gov website
- If the goal is to reconcile conservation and energy production on federal lands, then address, advance, and improve mitigation policies for that purpose

REFUGES

- Assessment of social barriers preventing recruitment and retention of demographics with historically low visitation rates to refuges for hunting and fishing (e.g. Hispanic, African-American) in order to inform creation of policies and projects to engage them
- Open hunting on national wildlife refuges in states where Sunday hunting is allowed
- Provide multi-agency pass to active duty military
- Have conservation organizations poll members on existing barriers/opportunities to hunt and fish on federal land
- Interagency one stop shopping online for places to hunt and fish on federal lands
- Continue to gather, deepen and add to concrete data for specific refuges, number of acres total, accessible for hunting and fishing, and help other bureaus to do the same
- Include states in the process of developing CCPs for refuges, setting hunting areas and species; and making, reviewing, streamlining, and getting rid of remnant regulations
- Use private, public and state partnerships to bridge the gap of resource constraints
- Support the Secretary's idea for a recreational envoy whose sole duty is to coordinate, promote, and push for increased access across the Department
- Advancing shooting sports on federal lands as a bridge to hunting and fishing

PRIVATE LANDS

- Understand and address the economics of what may be driving users to private hunt clubs and other off-public land activities (higher cost but better facilities, less competition, etc.)
- Address and minimize the legal and liability risks pose to private land owners regarding access and use through safe harbors and other tools
- Better connect and integrate (better than coordinate) numerous partners
- Maintain, improve, and advance our existing tools for access such as NRCS' programs like CRP, LWCF, the VPA HIP (voluntary access program), the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, and private investment
- Align multiple outcomes at the landscape scale around wildlife, recreation, water, etc., so that there is less contradiction and confusion from unit to unit within a region
- Improve access to information to the public on where to hunt/fish/boat/etc.
- Improve access of information to landowners (and incentives) by better using NRCS, FSA, and FWS programs. Use private lands biologists to improve access.

DRAFT Sportsmen Access Roundtable

In March 2017, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke signed Secretarial Order (S.O.) 3347 – *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation* to advance conservation stewardship, improve game and habitat management, and increase outdoor recreation opportunities. Bureaus and agencies were asked to identify areas where recreation and fishing could be expanded.

As part of implementing S.O. 3347, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is exploring the option of a short-term **Sportsmen Access Roundtable** to obtain experiential and anecdotal information from sportsmen organizations to learn about the best practices and innovations for opening access to hunting and fishing and for identifying significant problems and barriers to access. The Roundtable will explore the topic of access in the areas of 1) on lands or through programs of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 2) other federal properties, and 3) voluntary access to private land.

Enclosed is a list of organizations to consider inviting to the panel:

State Fish and Wildlife Agencies		
Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks	Keith Sexson	Assistant Secretary
Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission	John Arway	Executive Director
Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies	Ron Regan	Executive Director
Hunting and Shooting Sports Organizations		
Archery Trade Association	Jay McAninch	President & CEO
Boone and Crockett Club	Robert Model	Chairman
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation	Jeffrey Crane	President
Ducks Unlimited	Dale Hall	CEO
Mule Deer Foundation	Miles Moretti	President & CEO
National Rifle Association	Susan Recce	Division Director
National Shooting Sports Foundation	Larry Keane	Sr. Vice President
National Wildlife Federation	Collin O'Mara	President & CEO
National Wild Turkey Federation	Rebecca Humphries	VP of Conservation
Pheasants Forever	Howard Vincent	President & CEO
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	David Allen	President & CEO
Safari Club International	TBD	TBD
Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife	Troy Justensen	President
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Whit Fosburgh	President & CEO
Wildlife Management Institute	Scot Williamson	Vice President
Fishing and Angling Organizations		
American Sportfishing Association	Mike Nussman	President & CEO
Recreation Boating and Fishing Foundation	Frank Peterson Jr.	President & CEO
Trout Unlimited	Chris Wood	President & CEO

Timeline: (tentative)

Launch Meeting for Roundtable	Thursday, July 27th at 2:00p.m.	Location: TBD
Follow-up Meeting for Roundtable	Monday, August 28th at 2:00p.m.	Location: TBD
Announcement	Friday, September 1st	

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Public Law 106–247
106th Congress

An Act

To require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

July 20, 2000
[S. 148]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.
Foreign relations.
Inter-governmental relations.
16 USC 6101 note.

This Act may be cited as the "Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

16 USC 6101.

Congress finds that—

(1) of the nearly 800 bird species known to occur in the United States, approximately 500 migrate among countries, and the large majority of those species, the neotropical migrants, winter in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(2) neotropical migratory bird species provide invaluable environmental, economic, recreational, and aesthetic benefits to the United States, as well as to the Western Hemisphere;

(3)(A) many neotropical migratory bird populations, once considered common, are in decline, and some have declined to the point that their long-term survival in the wild is in jeopardy; and

(B) the primary reason for the decline in the populations of those species is habitat loss and degradation (including pollution and contamination) across the species' range; and

(4)(A) because neotropical migratory birds range across numerous international borders each year, their conservation requires the commitment and effort of all countries along their migration routes; and

(B) although numerous initiatives exist to conserve migratory birds and their habitat, those initiatives can be significantly strengthened and enhanced by increased coordination.

SEC. 3. PURPOSES.

16 USC 6102.

The purposes of this Act are—

(1) to perpetuate healthy populations of neotropical migratory birds;

(2) to assist in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds by supporting conservation initiatives in the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean; and

(3) to provide financial resources and to foster international cooperation for those initiatives.

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

16 USC 6103.

In this Act:

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(1) ACCOUNT.—The term "Account" means the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account established by section 9(a).

(2) CONSERVATION.—The term "conservation" means the use of methods and procedures necessary to bring a species of neotropical migratory bird to the point at which there are sufficient populations in the wild to ensure the long-term viability of the species, including—

(A) protection and management of neotropical migratory bird populations;

(B) maintenance, management, protection, and restoration of neotropical migratory bird habitat;

(C) research and monitoring;

(D) law enforcement; and

(E) community outreach and education.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

16 USC 6104.

SEC. 5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a program to provide financial assistance for projects to promote the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

(b) PROJECT APPLICANTS.—A project proposal may be submitted by—

(1) an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or other private entity;

(2) an officer, employee, agent, department, or instrumentality of the Federal Government, of any State, municipality, or political subdivision of a State, or of any foreign government;

(3) a State, municipality, or political subdivision of a State;

(4) any other entity subject to the jurisdiction of the United States or of any foreign country; and

(5) an international organization (as defined in section 1 of the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288)).

(c) PROJECT PROPOSALS.—To be considered for financial assistance for a project under this Act, an applicant shall submit a project proposal that—

(1) includes—

(A) the name of the individual responsible for the project;

(B) a succinct statement of the purposes of the project;

(C) a description of the qualifications of individuals conducting the project; and

(D) an estimate of the funds and time necessary to complete the project, including sources and amounts of matching funds;

(2) demonstrates that the project will enhance the conservation of neotropical migratory bird species in the United States, Latin America, or the Caribbean;

(3) includes mechanisms to ensure adequate local public participation in project development and implementation;

(4) contains assurances that the project will be implemented in consultation with relevant wildlife management authorities and other appropriate government officials with jurisdiction over the resources addressed by the project;

(5) demonstrates sensitivity to local historic and cultural resources and complies with applicable laws;

(6) describes how the project will promote sustainable, effective, long-term programs to conserve neotropical migratory birds; and

(7) provides any other information that the Secretary considers to be necessary for evaluating the proposal.

(d) PROJECT REPORTING.—Each recipient of assistance for a project under this Act shall submit to the Secretary such periodic reports as the Secretary considers to be necessary. Each report shall include all information required by the Secretary for evaluating the progress and outcome of the project.

(e) COST SHARING.—

(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of each project shall be not greater than 25 percent.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

(A) SOURCE.—The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project shall not be derived from any Federal grant program.

(B) FORM OF PAYMENT.—

(i) PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES.—The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in the United States shall be paid in cash.

(ii) PROJECTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The non-Federal share required to be paid for a project carried out in a foreign country may be paid in cash or in kind.

SEC. 6. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY. 16 USC 6105.

In carrying out this Act, the Secretary shall—

(1) develop guidelines for the solicitation of proposals for projects eligible for financial assistance under section 5; Guidelines.

(2) encourage submission of proposals for projects eligible for financial assistance under section 5, particularly proposals from relevant wildlife management authorities;

(3) select proposals for financial assistance that satisfy the requirements of section 5, giving preference to proposals that address conservation needs not adequately addressed by existing efforts and that are supported by relevant wildlife management authorities; and

(4) generally implement this Act in accordance with its purposes.

SEC. 7. COOPERATION. 16 USC 6106.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out this Act, the Secretary shall—

(1) support and coordinate existing efforts to conserve neotropical migratory bird species, through—

(A) facilitating meetings among persons involved in such efforts;

(B) promoting the exchange of information among such persons;

(C) developing and entering into agreements with other Federal agencies, foreign, State, and local governmental agencies, and nongovernmental organizations; and

(D) conducting such other activities as the Secretary considers to be appropriate; and

(2) coordinate activities and projects under this Act with existing efforts in order to enhance conservation of neotropical migratory bird species.

(b) ADVISORY GROUP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To assist in carrying out this Act, the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

(2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.—

(A) MEETINGS.—The advisory group shall—

(i) ensure that each meeting of the advisory group is open to the public; and

(ii) provide, at each meeting, an opportunity for interested persons to present oral or written statements concerning items on the agenda.

(B) NOTICE.—The Secretary shall provide to the public timely notice of each meeting of the advisory group.

(C) MINUTES.—Minutes of each meeting of the advisory group shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be made available to the public.

(3) EXEMPTION FROM FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the advisory group.

16 USC 6107.

SEC. 8. REPORT TO CONGRESS.

Deadline.

Not later than October 1, 2002, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the results and effectiveness of the program carried out under this Act, including recommendations concerning how the Act might be improved and whether the program should be continued.

16 USC 6108.

SEC. 9. NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACCOUNT.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Multinational Species Conservation Fund of the Treasury a separate account to be known as the "Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Account", which shall consist of amounts deposited into the Account by the Secretary of the Treasury under subsection (b).

(b) DEPOSITS INTO THE ACCOUNT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit into the Account—

(1) all amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations under subsection (d); and

(2) other amounts appropriated to the Account.

(c) USE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary may use amounts in the Account, without further Act of appropriation, to carry out this Act.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Of amounts in the Account available for each fiscal year, the Secretary may expend not more than 3 percent or up to $80,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this Act.

(d) ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF DONATIONS.—The Secretary may accept and use donations to carry out this Act. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Account.

SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS. 16 USC 6109.

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Account to carry out this Act $5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2005, to remain available until expended, of which not less than 75 percent of the amounts made available for each fiscal year shall be expended for projects carried out outside the United States.

Approved July 20, 2000.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 148 (H.R. 39):

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June 29, Senate concurred in House amendment.

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Bi-Weekly Policy Briefing for Secretary Zinke

June 23, 2017

Agenda

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3. Policy, Management, and Budget
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5. Insular Affairs
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Office of External and Inter-Governmental Affairs

Inter-Governmental

- Relationship building and engagement with:
  - Governors and staff
  - County Commissioners
  - State Wildlife Agencies
  - City Councilmen, Mayors etc.
  - NACO, CSG, NACD, NASL

  - Scheduling meetings with appropriate hallways or Secretaries.
  - Advice on problem solving

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External Groups

- Relationship building and engagement with:
  - Sportsmen Groups (e.g. NRA, Pope & Young, DU, Safari Club, TRCP)
  - Energy Stakeholders (e.g. Oil & Gas, Coal, Wind, Solar)
  - Industry Interests(e.g. Cattlemen, Sheep Herders, RV, ATVs)
  - Conservation Groups (e.g. NFWF, AFWA)

  - Scheduling meetings with appropriate hallways or Secretaries
  - Advice on problem solving

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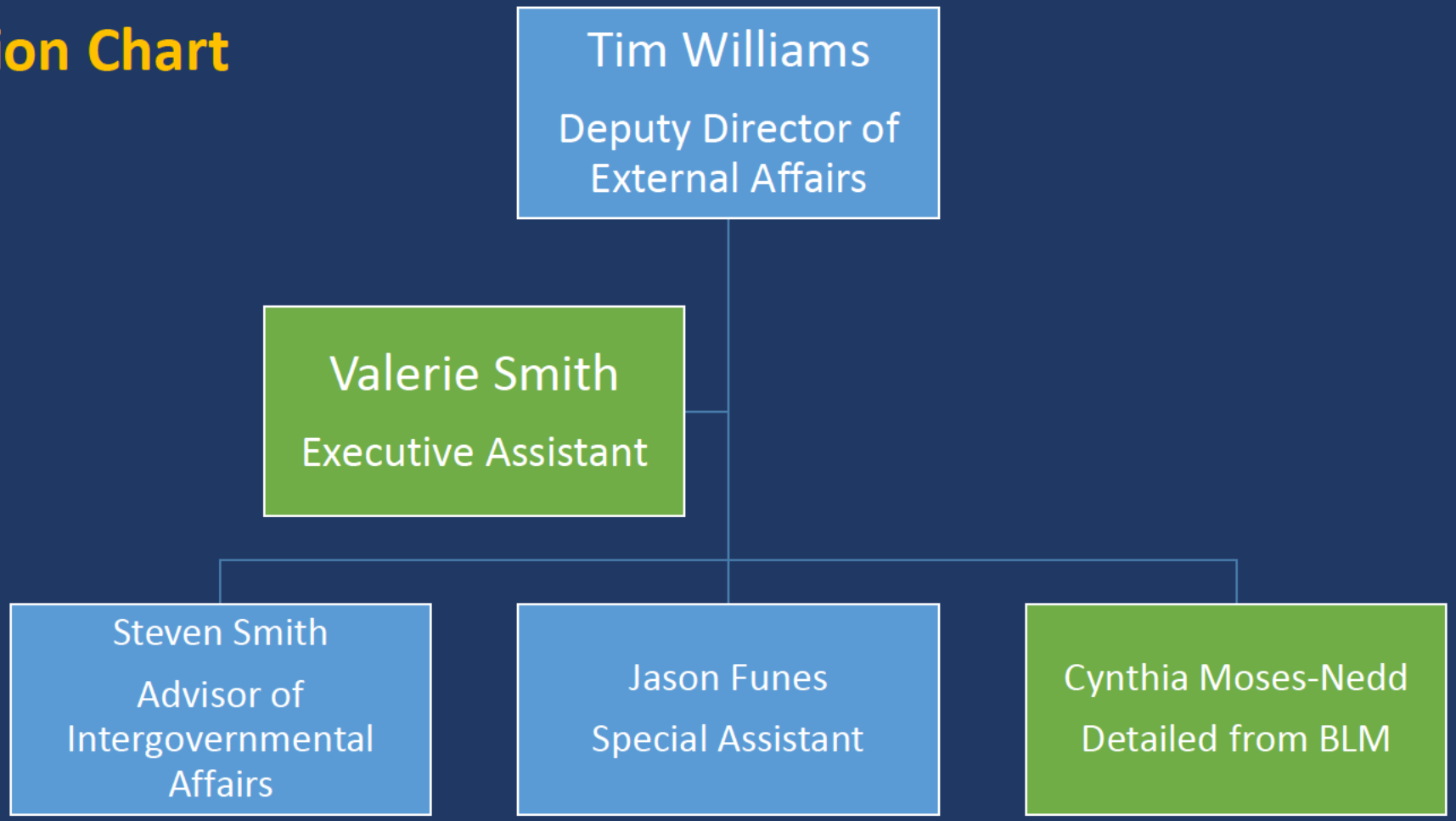
Organization Chart



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Projects

- NV – PILT Event
- MT – Eastern Tourism Council
- VA – BIG Grants
- Western Governors Association
- Indian Act – Tourism - Commerce
- TTAB – Commerce
- NC – Disaster Relief
- Sportsmen's - Grants

CITES 101

Understanding Appendices, CoPs and Permits

Until the early 1960s, trade in wild animals and plants focused on consumer demand with little regard for its impact on the long-term survival of species. But, as international discussions turned to this unregulated trade and the threat it posed to wildlife, CITES was born.

In 1963, a resolution adopted at a meeting of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in Nairobi, Kenya, led to the drafting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Ten years later, the text of the Convention was approved in Washington, DC, at a meeting of representatives from 80 countries. On July 1, 1975, CITES took effect.

Today, the 177 member nations of CITES (called Parties) work together to protect almost 35,000 species of plants and animals by ensuring that international trade is legal and does not threaten their survival in the wild.

How CITES Protects Species

International trade in plants and animals, whether taken from the wild or bred in captivity, can pose serious risks to wildlife species. Without regulation, international trade can deplete wild populations, leading to extinction. The goal of CITES is to facilitate legal, biologically sustainable trade, whenever possible. But, in some cases, no level of commercial trade can be supported.

Species are listed in one of three appendices:

- Appendix I comprises species threatened with extinction and provides the greatest level of protection. International trade for primarily commercial purposes is essentially prohibited. Examples include gorillas, sea turtles and giant pandas.
- Appendix II is composed of species that, although currently not threatened with extinction, may become so without trade controls. Most CITES species are listed in this appendix, including American ginseng, paddlefish, lions and many corals.
- Appendix III comprises species for which a range country, based on their own legal protections for a species, has asked other Parties to help control international trade. Examples include map turtles, walrus and Cape stag beetles.

The CITES Structure

CITES is administered by a Secretariat, located in Geneva, Switzerland. Three permanent committees (Standing, Animals and Plants) provide technical and scientific support to the Parties. Each Party designates Management and Scientific Authorities to issue permits, make legal and scientific findings, and monitor trade. In the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's International Affairs Program carries out these functions.

The CITES Parties, collectively referred to as the Conference of the Parties (CoP), meet approximately every three years to review CITES implementation and assess the status of species in trade. During this meeting, Parties review and vote on proposals to improve the effectiveness of the treaty and make amendments to Appendices I and II. Through the adoption of resolutions and species proposals, the CoP develops practical solutions to complex wildlife trade problems. Attendees include Party delegations, representatives of the CITES Secretariat and approved observers, including conservation and industry organizations.



Bobcat skins with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service CITES tags.

Permits: More Than Paperwork

The backbone of CITES is the permit system that facilitates international cooperation in conservation and trade monitoring of CITES-listed species. Permits are issued only if a country's Management and Scientific Authorities determine that trade is legal and does not threaten the species' survival. The use of standardized permit forms allows officials at points of export and import to verify that specimens are properly documented. They also allow for collection of species-specific trade data to determine trends in trade, identifying increases or decreases in trade levels that may indicate a need to reassess a species listing in the CITES Appendices.

Over the last several decades, CITES has helped ensure the global conservation of species. Increased commitment by Parties to effectively implement the treaty, including stronger legislation and enforcement at the national level, has helped control worldwide over-exploitation of wildlife.

CLAIRE HOOD, International Affairs, Headquarters

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT

[Public Law 101–233, Approved Dec. 13, 1989, 103 Stat. 1968]

[As Amended Through P.L. 111–149, Enacted March 25, 2010]

AN ACT To conserve North American wetland ecosystems and waterfowl and the other migratory birds and fish and wildlife that depend upon such habitats.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. [16 U.S.C. 4401 note] SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "North American Wetlands Conservation Act".

SEC. 2. [16 U.S.C. 4401] FINDINGS AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) the maintenance of healthy populations of migratory birds in North America is dependent on the protection, restoration, and management of wetland ecosystems and associated habitats in Canada, as well as in the United States and Mexico;

(2) wetland ecosystems provide essential and significant habitat for fish, shellfish, and other wildlife of commercial, recreational, scientific, and aesthetic values;

(3) almost 35 per centum of all rare, threatened, and endangered species of animals are dependent on wetland ecosystems;

(4) wetland ecosystems provide substantial flood and storm control values and can obviate the need for expensive manmade control measures;

(5) wetland ecosystems make a significant contribution to water availability and quality, recharging ground water, filtering surface runoff, and providing waste treatment;

(6) wetland ecosystems provide aquatic areas important for recreational and aesthetic purposes;

(7) more than 50 per centum of the original wetlands in the United States alone have been lost;

(8) wetlands destruction, loss of nesting cover, and degradation of migration and wintering habitat have contributed to long-term downward trends in populations of migratory bird species such as pintails, American bitterns, and black ducks;

(9) the migratory bird treaty obligations of the United States with Canada, Mexico, and other countries require protection of wetlands that are used by migratory birds for breeding, wintering, or migration and are needed to achieve and to maintain optimun population levels, distributions, and patterns of migration;

(10) the 1988 amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980 require the Secretary of the Interior to identify conservation measures to assure that nongame migratory bird species do not reach the point at which measures of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 are necessary;

(11) protection of migratory birds and their habitats requires long-term planning and the close cooperation and coordination of management activities by Canada, Mexico, and the United States within the framework of the 1916 and 1936 Migratory Bird Conventions and the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere;

(12) the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, signed in 1986 by the Minister of Environment for Canada and the Secretary of the Interior for the United States and in 1994 by the Secretary of Sedesol for Mexico, provides a framework for maintaining and restoring an adequate habitat base to ensure perpetuation of populations of North American waterfowl and other migratory bird species;

(13) a tripartite agreement signed in March 1988, by the Director General for Ecological Conservation of Natural Resources of Mexico, the Director of the Canadian Wildlife Service, and the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, provides for expanded cooperative efforts in Mexico to conserve wetlands for migratory birds that spend the winter there;

(14) the long-term conservation of migratory birds and habitat for these species will require the coordinated action of governments, private organizations, landowners, and other citizens; and

(15) the treaty obligations of the United States under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as waterfowl habitat requires promotion of conservation and wise use of wetlands.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purposes of this Act are to encourage partnership among public agencies and other interests—

(1) to protect, enhance, restore, and manage an appropriate distribution and diversity of wetland ecosystems and habitats associated with wetland ecosystems and other fish and wildlife in North America;

(2) to maintain current or improved distributions of wetland associated migratory bird populations; and

(3) to sustain an abundance of waterfowl and other wetland associated migratory birds consistent with the goals of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the United States Shorebird Conservation Plan, the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, the Partners In Flight Conservation Plans, and the international obligations contained in the migratory bird treaties and conventions and other agreements with Canada, Mexico, and other countries.

SEC. 3. [16 U.S.C. 4402] DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act:

(1) The term "Agreement" means the Tripartite Agreement signed in March 1988, by the Director General for Ecological Conservation of Natural Resources of Mexico, the Director of the Canadian Wildlife Service, and the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(2) The term "appropriate Committees" means the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives.

(3) The term "flyway" means the four administrative units used by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the States in the management of waterfowl populations.

(4) The term "Migratory Bird Conservation Commission" means that commission established by section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a).

(5) The term "migratory birds" means all wild birds native to North America that are in an unconfined state and that are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, including ducks, geese, and swans of the family Anatidae, species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and species defined as nongame under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2901–2912).

(6) The term "Plan" means the North American Waterfowl Management Plan signed by the Minister of the Environment for Canada and the Secretary of the Interior for the United States in May 1986, and by the Secretary of Sedesol for Mexico in 1994, and subsequent dates.

(7) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(8) The term "State" means the State fish and wildlife agency, which shall be construed to mean any department, or any division of any department of another name, of a State that is empowered under its laws to exercise the functions ordinarily exercised by a State fish and wildlife agency.

(9) The term "wetlands conservation project" means—

(A) the obtaining of a real property interest in lands or waters, including water rights, of a wetland ecosystem and associated habitat if the obtaining of such interest is subject to terms and conditions that will ensure that the real property will be administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the migratory birds and other fish and wildlife dependent thereon;

(B) the restoration, management, or enhancement of wetland ecosystems and associated habitat for migratory birds and other fish and wildlife species if such restoration, management, or enhancement is conducted on lands and waters that are administered for the long-term conservation of such lands and waters and the migratory birds and other fish and wildlife dependent thereon; and

(C) in the case of projects undertaken in Mexico, includes technical training and development of infrastructure neessary for the conservation and management of

wetlands and studies on the sustainable use of wetland resources.

SEC. 4. [16 U.S.C. 4403] ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION COUNCIL.

(a) COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP.—(1) There shall be established a North American Wetlands Conservation Council (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Council") which shall consist of nine members who may not receive compensation as members of the Council. Of the Council members—

(A) one shall be the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, who shall be the responsible Federal official for ensuring Council compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) [1];

(B) one shall be the Secretary of the Board of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation appointed pursuant to section 3(g)(2)(B) of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act (16 U.S.C. 3702);

(C) four shall be individuals who shall be appointed by the Secretary, who shall reside in different flyways and who shall each be a Director of the State fish and wildlife agency; and

(D) three shall be individuals who shall be appointed by the Secretary and who shall each represent a different charitable and nonprofit organization which is actively participating in carrying out wetlands conservation projects under this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement.

The provisions of Public Law 92–463, as amended, shall not apply to the Council.

(2) The Secretary shall appoint an alternate member of the Council who shall be knowledgeable and experienced in matters relating to fish, wildlife, and wetlands conservation and who shall perform the duties of a Council member appointed under subsection (a)(1)(C) or subsection (a)(1)(D) of this section—

(A) until a vacancy referred to in subsection (b)(4) of this section is filled; or

(B) in the event of the anticipated absence of such a member from any meeting of the Council.

(b) APPOINTMENT AND TERMS.—(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the term of office of a member of the Council appointed under subsections (a)(1)(C) and (a)(1)(D) of this section is three years.

(2) Of the Council members first appointed under subsection (a)(1)(C) of this section after the date of enactment of this Act, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one shall be appointed for a term of two years, and two shall be appointed for a term of three years.

(3) Of the Council members first appointed under subsection (a)(1)(D) of this section after the date of enactment of this Act, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one shall be appointed

[1] The amendment made by section 112(1) of Public Law 101–593 (104 Stat. 2962) to insert ", who shall be the responsible Federal official for ensuring Council compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.)" after "Service" and before the period was inserted after "Service" and before the semicolon to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

for a term of two years, and one shall be appointed for a term of three years.

(4) Whenever a vacancy occurs among members of the Council appointed under subsection (a)(1)(C) or subsection (a)(1)(D) of this section, the Secretary shall appoint an individual in accordance with either such subsection to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the applicable term.

(c) EX OFFICIO COUNCIL MEMBERS.—The Secretary is authorized and encouraged to include as ex officio nonvoting members of the Council representatives of—

(1) the Federal, provincial, territorial, or State government agencies of Canada and Mexico, which are participating actively in carrying out one or more wetlands conservation projects under this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement;

(2) the Environmental Protection Agency and other appropriate Federal agencies, in addition to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, which are participating actively in carrying out one or more wetlands conservation projects under this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement; and

(3) nonprofit charitable organizations and Native American interests, including tribal organizations, which are participating actively in one or more wetlands conservation projects under this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement.

(d) CHAIRMAN.—The Chairman shall be elected by the Council from its members for a three-year term, except that the first elected Chairman may serve a term of less than three years.

(e) QUORUM.—A majority of the current membership of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(f) MEETINGS.—The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman at least once a year. Council meetings shall be open to the public, and the Chairman shall take appropriate steps to provide adequate notice to the public of the time and place of such meetings. If a Council member appointed under subsection (a)(1)(C) or (a)(1)(D) of this section misses three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, the Secretary may remove that individual in accordance with subsection (b)(4).

(g) COORDINATOR.—The Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service shall appoint an individual who shall serve at the pleasure of the Director and—

(1) who shall be educated and experienced in the principles of fish, wildlife, and wetlands conservation;

(2) who shall be responsible, with assistance from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, for facilitating consideration of wetlands conservation projects by the Council and otherwise assisting the Council in carrying out its responsibilities under this Act; and

(3) who shall be compensated with the funds available under section 8(a)(1) for administering this Act.

SEC. 5. [16 U.S.C. 4404] APPROVAL OF WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROJECTS.

(a) CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL.—The Council shall recommend wetlands conservation projects to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission based on consideration of—

(1) the extent to which the wetlands conservation project fulfills the purposes of this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement;

(2) the availability of sufficient non-Federal moneys to carry out any wetlands conservation project and to match Federal contributions in accordance with the requirements of section 8(b) of this Act;

(3) the extent to which any wetlands conservation project represents a partnership among public agencies and private entities;

(4) the consistency of any wetlands conservation project in the United States with the National Wetlands Priority Conservation Plan developed under section 301 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3921);

(5) the extent to which any wetlands conservation project would aid the conservation of migratory nongame birds, other fish and wildlife and species that are listed, or are candidates to be listed, as threatened and endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

(6) the substantiality of the character and design of the wetlands conservation project; and

(7) the recommendations of any partnerships among public agencies and private entities in Canada, Mexico, or the United States which are participating actively in carrying out one or more wetlands conservation projects under this Act, the Plan, or the Agreement.

(b) RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION.—The Council shall submit to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission each year a description, including estimated costs, of the wetlands conservation projects which the Council has considered under subsection (a) of this section and which it recommends, in order of priority, that the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approve for Federal funding under this Act and section 3(b) of the Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)), as amended by this Act. Solely for the purpose of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), recommendations by the Council for carrying out wetlands conservation projects under section 6(a) of this Act shall be considered Federal actions requiring the preparation of environmental assessments or, where appropriate, environmental impact statements.

(c) COUNCIL PROCEDURES.—The Council shall establish practices and procedures for the carrying out of its functions under subsections (a) and (b) of this section. The procedures shall include requirements that—

(1) a quorum of the Council must be present before any business may be transacted; and

(2) no recommendations referred to in subsection (b) of this section may be adopted by the Council except by the vote of two-thirds of all members present and voting.

(d) COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION.—The Chairman of the Council shall select 2 Council members of the United States citizenship to serve with the Chairman as ex officio members of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission for the purposes of considering and voting upon wetlands conservation projects recommended by the Council.

(e) APPROVAL OF COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION.—The Migratory Bird Convention Commission, along with the two members of the Council referred to in subsection (d) of this section, shall approve, reject or reorder the priority of any wetlands conservation projects recommended by the Council based on, to the greatest extent practicable, the criteria of subsection (a) of this section. If the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approves any wetlands conservation project, Federal funding shall be made available under this Act and section 3(b) of the Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)), as amended by this Act. If the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission rejects or reorders the priority of any wetlands conservation project recommended by the Council, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission shall provide the Council and the appropriate Committees with a written statement explaining its rationale for the rejection or the priority modification.

(f) NOTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES.—The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission shall submit annually to the appropriate Committees a report including a list and description of the wetlands conservation projects approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission for Federal funding under subsection (e) of this section in order of priority; the amounts and sources of Federal and non-Federal funding for such projects; a justification for the approval of such projects and the order of priority for funding such projects; a list and description of the wetlands conservation projects which the Council recommended, in order of priority that the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission approve for Federal funding; and a justification for any rejection or re-ordering of the priority of wetlands conservation projects recommended by the Council that was based on factors other than the criteria of section 5(a) of this Act.

SEC. 6. [16 U.S.C. 4405] CONDITIONS RELATING TO WETLANDS CONSERVATION PROJECTS.

(a) PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES.—(1) Subject to the allocation requirements of section 8(a)(2) and the limitations on Federal contributions under section 8(b) of this Act, the Secretary shall assist in carrying out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, which have been approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, with the Federal funds made available under this Act and section 3(b) of the Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)), as amended by this Act.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), any lands or waters or interests therein acquired in whole or in part by the Secretary with the Federal funds made available under this Act and section 3(b) of the Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)), as amended by this Act, to carry out wetlands conservation projects shall be included in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

(3) In lieu of including in the National Wildlife Refuge System any lands or waters or interests therein acquired under this Act, the Secretary may, with the concurrence of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, grant or otherwise provide the Federal funds made available under this Act and section 3(b) of the Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)), as amended by this Act or convey any real property interest acquired in whole or in part with

such funds without cost to a State or to another public agency or other entity upon a finding by the Secretary that the real property interests should not be included in the National Wildlife Refuge System: *Provided,* That any grant recipient shall have been so identified in the project description accompanying the recommendation from the Council and approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The Secretary shall not convey any such interest to a State, another public agency or other entity unless the Secretary determines that such State, agency or other entity is committed to undertake the management of the property being transferred in accordance with the objectives of this Act, and the deed or other instrument of transfer contains provisions for the reversion of title to the property to the United States if such State, agency or other entity fails to manage the property in accordance with the objectives of this Act. Any real property interest conveyed pursuant to this paragraph shall be subject to such terms and conditions that will ensure that the interest will be administered for the long-term conservation and management of the wetland ecosystem and the fish and wildlife dependent thereon.

(b) PROJECTS IN CANADA OR MEXICO.—Subject to the allocation requirements of section 8(a)(1) and the limitations on Federal contributions under section 8(b) of this Act, the Secretary shall grant or otherwise provide the Federal funds made available under this Act and section 3(b) of the Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)), as amended by this Act, to public agencies and other entities for the purpose of assisting such entities and individuals in carrying out wetlands conservation projects in Canada or Mexico that have been approved by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: *Provided,* That the grant recipient shall have been so identified in the project description accompanying the recommendation from the Council and approved by Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The Secretary may only grant or otherwise provide Federal funds if the grant is subject to the terms and conditions that will ensure that any real property interest acquired in whole or in part, or enhanced, managed, or restored with such Federal funds will be administered for the long-term conservation and management of such wetland ecosystem and the fish and wildlife dependent thereon. Real property and interests in real property acquired pursuant to this subsection shall not become part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Acquisitions of real property and interests in real property carried out pursuant to this subsection shall not be subject to any provision of Federal law governing acquisitions of property for inclusion in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

SEC. 7. [16 U.S.C. 4406] AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS ACT.

(a) AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION.—(1) [Amends section 3 of the Act of September 2, 1937]

(2) [Amends section 4(a) of the Act of September 2, 1937]

(3) The amendments made by this subsection of this Act take effect October 1, 1989.

(b) MIGRATORY BIRD FINES, PENALTIES, FORFEITURES.—The sums received under section 6 of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 707) as penalties or fines, or from forfeitures of property are

authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for purposes of allocation under section 8 of this Act. This subsection shall not be construed to require the sale of instrumentalities.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to the amounts made available under subsections (a) and (b) of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for purposes of allocation under section 8 of this Act not to exceed—

(1) $55,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;
(2) $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;
(3) $65,000,000 for fiscal year 2005;
(4) $70,000,000 for fiscal year 2006; and
(5) $75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Sums made available under this section shall be available until expended.

SEC. 8. [16 U.S.C. 4407] ALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS ACT.

(a) ALLOCATIONS.—Of the sums available to the Secretary for any fiscal year under this Act and section 3(b) of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)), as amended by this Act—

(1) such percentage of that sum (but at least 30 percent and not more than 60 percent) as is considered appropriate by the Secretary, which can be matched with non-Federal moneys in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, less such amount (but not more than 4 percent of such percentage) considered necessary by the Secretary to defray the costs of administering this Act during such fiscal year, shall be allocated by the Secretary to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects in Canada and Mexico in accordance with section 6(b) of this Act; and

(2) the remainder of such sum after paragraph (1) is applied (but at least 40 percent and not more than 70 percent), which can be matched with non-Federal moneys in accordance with the requirements of subsection (b) of this section, shall be allocated by the Secretary to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects in the United States in accordance with section 6(a) of this Act.

(b) COST SHARING.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), as a condition of providing assistance under this Act for any approved wetlands conservation project, the Secretary shall require that the portion of the costs of the project paid with amounts provided by non-Federal United States sources is equal to at least the amount allocated under subsection (a) that is used for the project.

(2) Federal moneys allocated under subsection (a) may be used to pay 100 percent of the costs of such projects located on Federal lands and waters, including the acquisition of inholdings within such lands and waters.

(3) The non-Federal share of the United States contribution to the costs of such projects may not be derived from Federal grant programs. In the case of a project carried out in Canada or Mexico, the non-Federal share of the costs of the project may include cash contributions from non-United States sources that are used to pay costs of the project. In the case of a project carried out in Canada,

funds from Canadian sources may comprise up to 50 percent of the non-Federal share of the costs of the project.

(c) PARTIAL PAYMENTS.—(1) The Secretary may from time to time make payments to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects as such projects progress, but such payments, including previous payments, if any, shall not be more than the Federal pro rata share of any such project in conformity with subsection (b) of this section.

(2) The Secretary may enter into agreements to make payments on an initial portion of an approved wetlands conservation project and to agree to make payments on the remaining Federal share of the costs of such project from subsequent allocations if and when they become available. The liability of the United States under such an agreement is contingent upon the continued availability of funds for the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 9. [16 U.S.C. 4408] RESTORATION, MANAGEMENT, AND PROTECTION OF WETLANDS AND HABITAT FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS ON FEDERAL LANDS.

The head of each Federal agency responsible for acquiring, managing, or disposing of Federal lands and waters shall, to the extent consistent with the mission of such agency and existing statutory authorities, cooperate with the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to restore, protect, and enhance the wetland ecosystems and other habitats for migratory birds, fish, and wildlife within the lands and waters of each such agency.

SEC. 10. [16 U.S.C. 4409] REPORT TO CONGRESS.

The Secretary shall report to the appropriate Committees on the implementation of this Act. The report shall include—

(1) a biennial assessment of—

(A) the estimated number of acres of wetlands and habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds that were restored, protected, or enhanced during such two-year period by Federal, State, and local agencies and other entities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico;

(B) trends in the population size and distribution of North American migratory birds;

(C) the status of efforts to establish agreements with nations in the Western Hemisphere pursuant to section 16; and

(D) wetlands conservation projects funded under this Act, listed and identified by type, conservation mechanism (such as acquisition, easement, or lease), location, and duration; and

(2) an annual assessment of the status of wetlands conservation projects, including an accounting of expenditures by Federal, State, and other United States entities, and expenditures by Canadian and Mexican sources to carry out these projects.

SEC. 11. [16 U.S.C. 4410] REVISIONS TO THE PLAN.

The Secretary shall, in 1998 and at five-year intervals thereafter, undertake with the appropriate officials in Canada and Mexico to revise the goals and other elements of the Plan in accordance

with the information required under section 10 and with the other provisions of this Act.

SEC. 12. [16 U.S.C. 4411] RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AUTHORITIES.

(a) ACQUISITION OF LANDS AND WATERS.—Nothing in this Act affects, alters, or modifies the Secretary's authorities, responsibilities, obligations, or powers to acquire lands or waters or interests therein under any other statute.

(b) MITIGATION.—The Federal funds made available under this Act and section 3(b) of the Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)), as amended by this Act, may not be used for fish and wildlife mitigation purposes under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) or the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99–662 (1986), 100 Stat. 4235.

SEC. 13. ADDITION OF EPA ADMINISTRATOR TO MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

[Amends section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act]

SEC. 14. [16 U.S.C. 4412] LIMITATION ON ASSESSMENTS AGAINST MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION FUND.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, only those personnel and administrative costs directly related to acquisition of real property shall be levied against the Migratory Bird Conservation Account.

SEC. 15. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT.

[Amends section 2 of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act]

SEC. 16. OTHER AGREEMENTS.

(a) [16 U.S.C. 4413] The Secretary shall undertake with the appropriate officials of nations in the Western Hemisphere to establish agreements, modeled after the Plan or the Agreement, for the protection of migratory birds identified in section 13(a)(5) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980 (16 U.S.C. 2912(a)). When any such agreements are reached, the Secretary shall make recommendations to the appropriate Committees on legislation necessary to implement the agreements.

(b) [Amends section 13(a) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act]

SEC. 17. TO EXPAND THE BOGUE CHITTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.

[Amends sections 3(b) and 5(a) of the Act entitled "An Act to establish the Bogue Chitto National Wildlife Refuge" (Public Law 96–288; 94 Stat. 603)]

SEC. 18. WETLANDS ASSESSMENTS.

(a) [Amends section 401(a) of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986]

(b) [Amends section 401 of the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act of 1986]

SEC. 19. [16 U.S.C. 4414] ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS IN WETLANDS CONSERVATION.

Not later than January 31, 1996, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Council, to further the purposes of the Act shall—

(1) develop and implement a strategy to assist in the implementation of this Act in conserving the full complement of North American wetlands systems and species dependent on those systems, that incorporates information existing on the date of the issuance of the strategy in final form on types of wetlands habitats and species dependent on the habitats; and

(2) develop and implement procedures to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of wetlands conservation projects completed under this Act.

Via Greg Sheehan email:

Subject: Invitation to Attend Sportsmen Access Ramp-Up Summit

On behalf of Secretary of the Interior Ryan K. Zinke, I cordially invite you to join me and the Secretary's team for what we are calling a Sportsmen Access Ramp-Up Summit. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is hosting this event as part of our broad commitment to sportsmen issues and implementing Secretary's Order 3347 – *Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation* (Order). The Secretary signed the Order on his first day in office to show the Department of the Interior's commitment to advancing conservation stewardship, improving game and habitat management, and increasing outdoor recreation opportunities, particularly for hunters, anglers, and sportsmen.

At this gathering of leaders from conservation organizations and industry, we will roll up our sleeves and share stories about the problems with and best practices for hunting and fishing access. The conversation will help enrich our efforts to increase opportunities for hunters, anglers, and sportsmen across the country. The purpose of the meeting is to share information from participants and not to develop consensus on any policy matter. Please join us for this historic and exciting event to work for sportsmen in America and our public lands.

The details of the event are as follows:

Wednesday, August 2, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Stewart Lee Udall Main Interior Building
South Penthouse (7th Floor)
1849 C St., NW
Washington, DC 20240

This event is by invitation only and RSVPs are requested. Please RSVP to the Service's point of contact for this Summit, Mr. Michael Gale, at (202) 208-4923 or Michael_Gale@fws.gov.

Sportsman's Access Ramp Up Summit

August 2, 2017
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Agenda

9:45	Registration
10:00	Welcome and Overview *Greg Sheehan, Acting Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service* *David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior* Each participant will be asked to introduce themselves and share a quick thought on what they would like to get out of the summit.
11:15	Break
11:30	Breakout Group Discussions *(see second page for questions and format)*
12:00	Lunch - *Box lunches provided by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation*
12:45	Breakout Group Discussions Continued
1:30	Brief Highlights from Breakout Group Discussions, *Facilitators*
1:55	Closing Remarks *Greg Sheehan, Acting Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
2:00	Adjourn
5:00	Reception and Photo Opportunity, Secretary Zinke's Office – Room 6154

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Meeting Approach:

- Ensure FACA (the Federal Advisory Committee Act) does not apply to the meeting by:
  - Providing your individual views about the discussion topics
  - Not seeking consensus or agreement with other meeting participants on specific advice or recommendations
- No discussion of on-going litigation
- Share the floor and air time – when together and in breakout groups

Breakout Listening Sessions:

Each table has been organized into one of the following topics:

Access to National Wildlife Refuges

- What actions / issues are important for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to address now to expand access for recreational fishing or hunting on national wildlife refuges?

Access to Other Federal Lands (BLM, USFS, NPS)

- What actions / issues are important for the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service to address regarding access?

Access to Private Property

- What are some innovative approaches to incentivize access to private lands for recreational fishing or hunting?

Access to Water Bodies

- What actions / issues affect access to water bodies that need to be addressed for angling, boating, and other forms of water-based recreation?

Access for New Participants, Impaired Abilities, and Shooting Sports

- How do we reach new participants and make hunting and fishing accessible for multiple audiences regardless of their abilities? How do we extend this to shooting sports?

Discussion Topics

Each table is being asked to share information and perspectives about:

Opportunities and Challenges

- What factors are preventing access now that were not 20-30 years ago, and what is driving those?
- How has the sportsman community responded to these changes – both favorable and adversely?
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CONFIRMED Participants - Sportsmen Access Ramp up Summit

State Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies	Ron Regan	Executive Director
States Organization for Boating Access	Ron Christofferson	President
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	Nick Wiley	Executive Director
Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission	John Arway	Executive Director

Hunting and Shooting Sports Organizations

Able Outdoors	Ashlee Lundvall	Marketing Director
Archery Trade Association	Jay McAninch	President & CEO
Archery Trade Association	Dan Forster	VP Government Relations
Boone & Crockett Club	Lowell Baier	President Emeritus
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation	Jeffrey Crane	President
Council to Advance Hunting and Shooting Sports	John Frampton	President & CEO
Delta Waterfowl	Mitch Butler	
Ducks Unlimited	Dale Hall	CEO
Ducks Unlimited – Mexico (WHHCC)	John Tomke	President
Sierra Pacific Industries	Mark Emmerson	Chairman, CFO
Mule Deer Foundation	Miles Moretti	President & CEO
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Jeff Trandahl	Executive Director
National Rifle Association	Susan Recce	Division Director
National Shooting Sports Foundation	Larry Keane	SVP Gov. & Public Affairs
National Wildlife Federation	Collin O'Mara	President & CEO
National Wild Turkey Federation	Joel Pederson	Dir. of Government Affairs
The Great Outdoors Fund	Lori McCullough	Executive Director
The Nature Conservancy	Tom Cors	VP Conservation Finance
Pheasants Forever	Howard Vincent	President & CEO
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Blake Henning	Chief Conservation Officer
Safari Club International	Anna Seidman	Dir. of Government Affairs
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife	Don Peay	Founder
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Whit Fosburgh	President & CEO
Union Sportsmen Alliance	Forrest Parker	Dir. of Conservation & Community Outreach
Wild Sheep Foundation	Greg Schildwachter	
Wildlife Management Institute	Steve Williams	President
Wildlife Mississippi	James Cummins	Executive Director

Fishing and Angling Organizations

American Sportfishing Association	Mike Nussman	President & CEO
American Sportfishing Association	Glenn Hughes	VP Industry Relations
Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS)	Gene Gilliland	Conservation Director
Izaak Walton League of America (SFBPC)	Scott Kovarovics	Executive Director
Recreation Boating and Fishing Foundation	Frank Peterson Jr.	President & CEO
Trout Unlimited	Steve Moyer	VP Government Affairs
National Marine Manufacturer's Association	Michael Pasko	Dir. of Federal Government Affairs

Commerical Organizations

Bass Pro Shops	Bob Ziehmer	Conservation Director

Federal Agencies

Department of the Interior	Aurelia Skipwith	DAS FWP
Department of the Interior	Marshall Critchfield	Advisor FWP
Department of the Interior	Andrew Goodrich	Staff
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Greg Sheehan	Acting Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Jim Kurth	Deputy Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Steve Guertin	Deputy Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Shaun Sanchez	Refuge System
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	David Hoskins	Fish/Aquatic Cons.
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Paul Rauch	WSFR
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Jerome Ford	Migratory Birds
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Barbara Wainman	External Affairs
National Park Service	Bob Vogel	Acting Deputy Dir. Operations
Bureau of Land Management	Christoper McAlear	AD National Conservation Lands, Community Partnerships
U.S. Forest Service	Robert Harper	National Director (Wildlife)
U.S. Forest Service	Greg Smith	National Director (Realty)


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David Bernhardt

Deputy Secretary

U.S. Department of the Interior


Devils Lake Wetland Management District Complex

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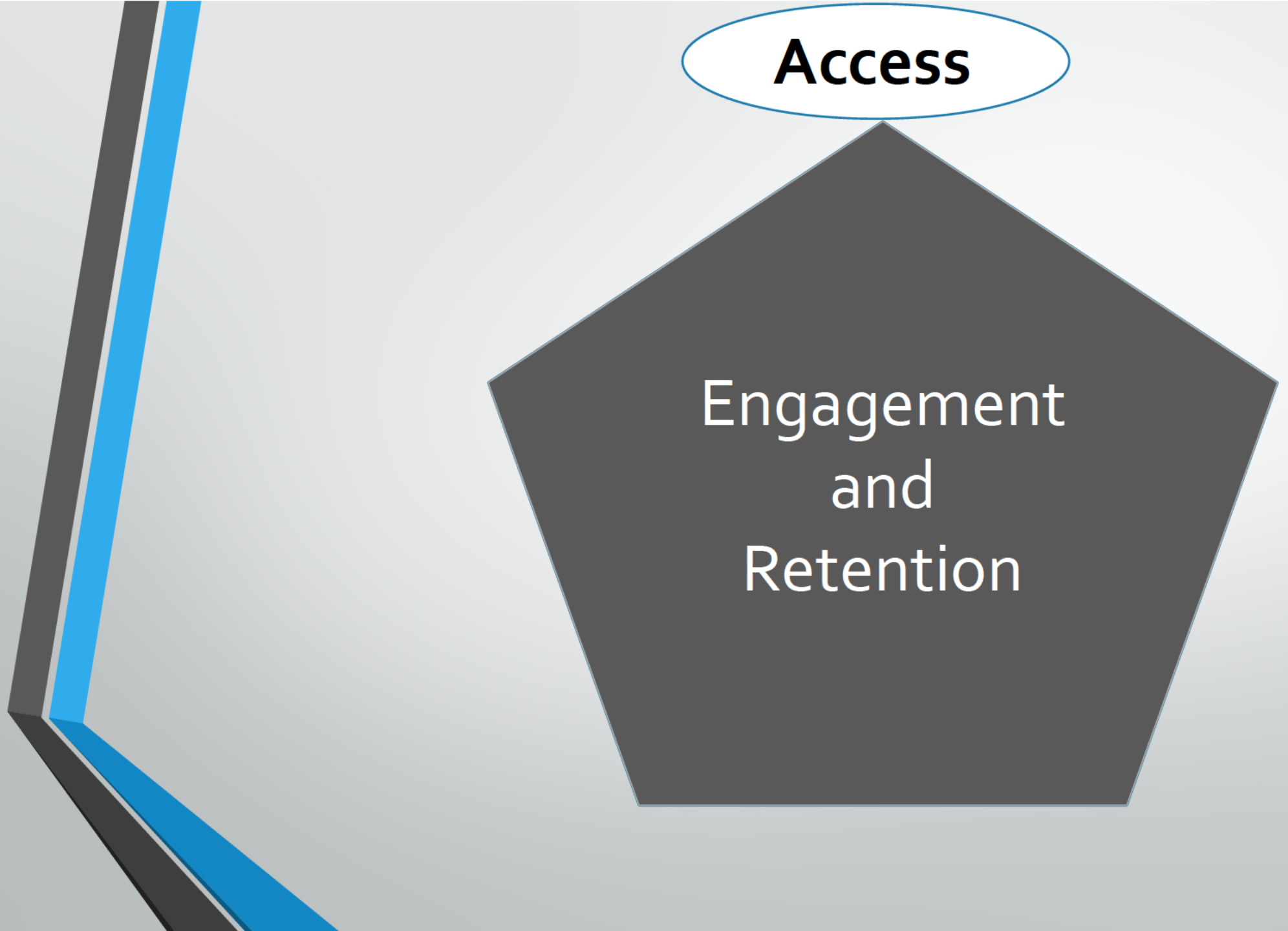
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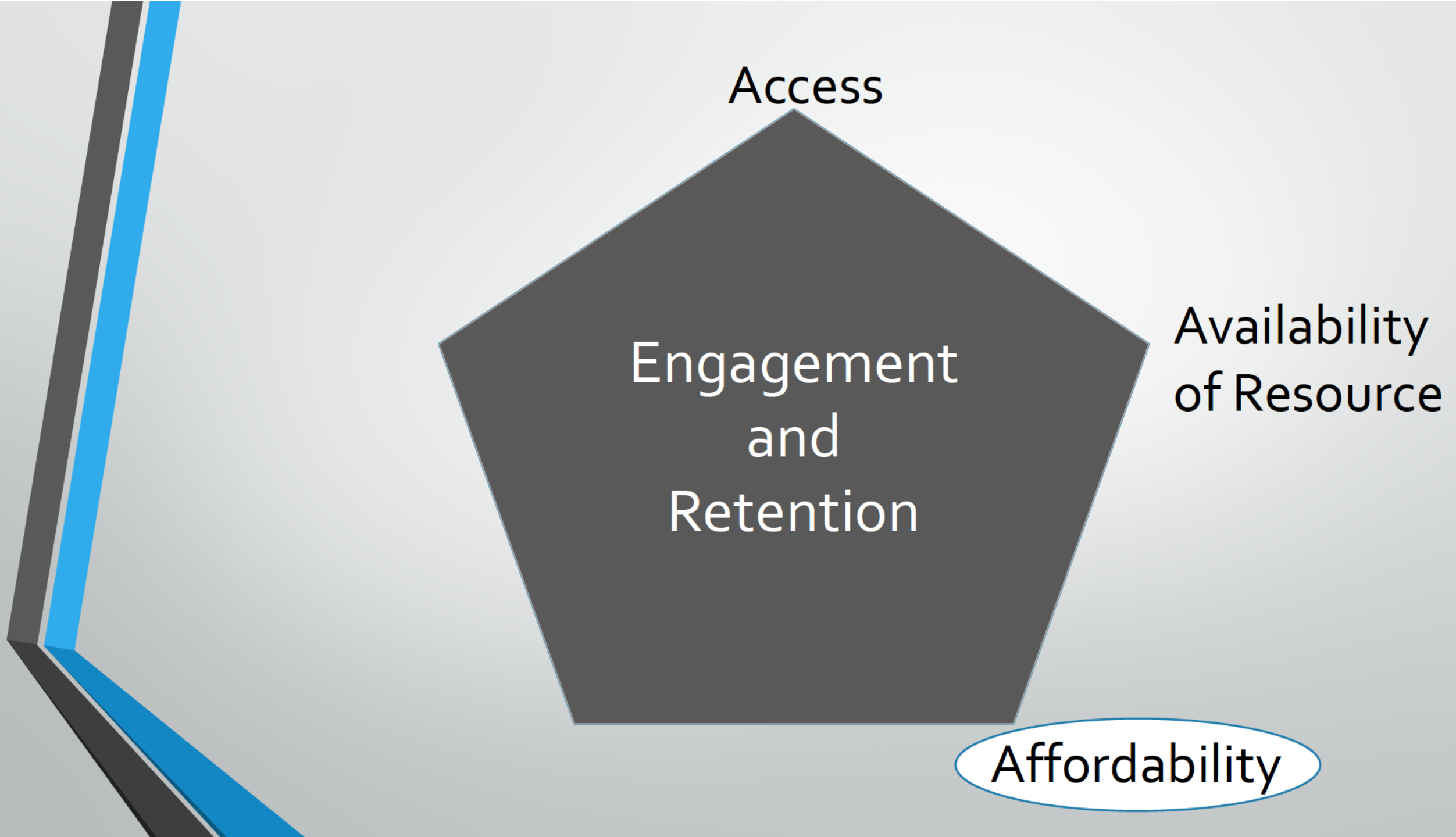
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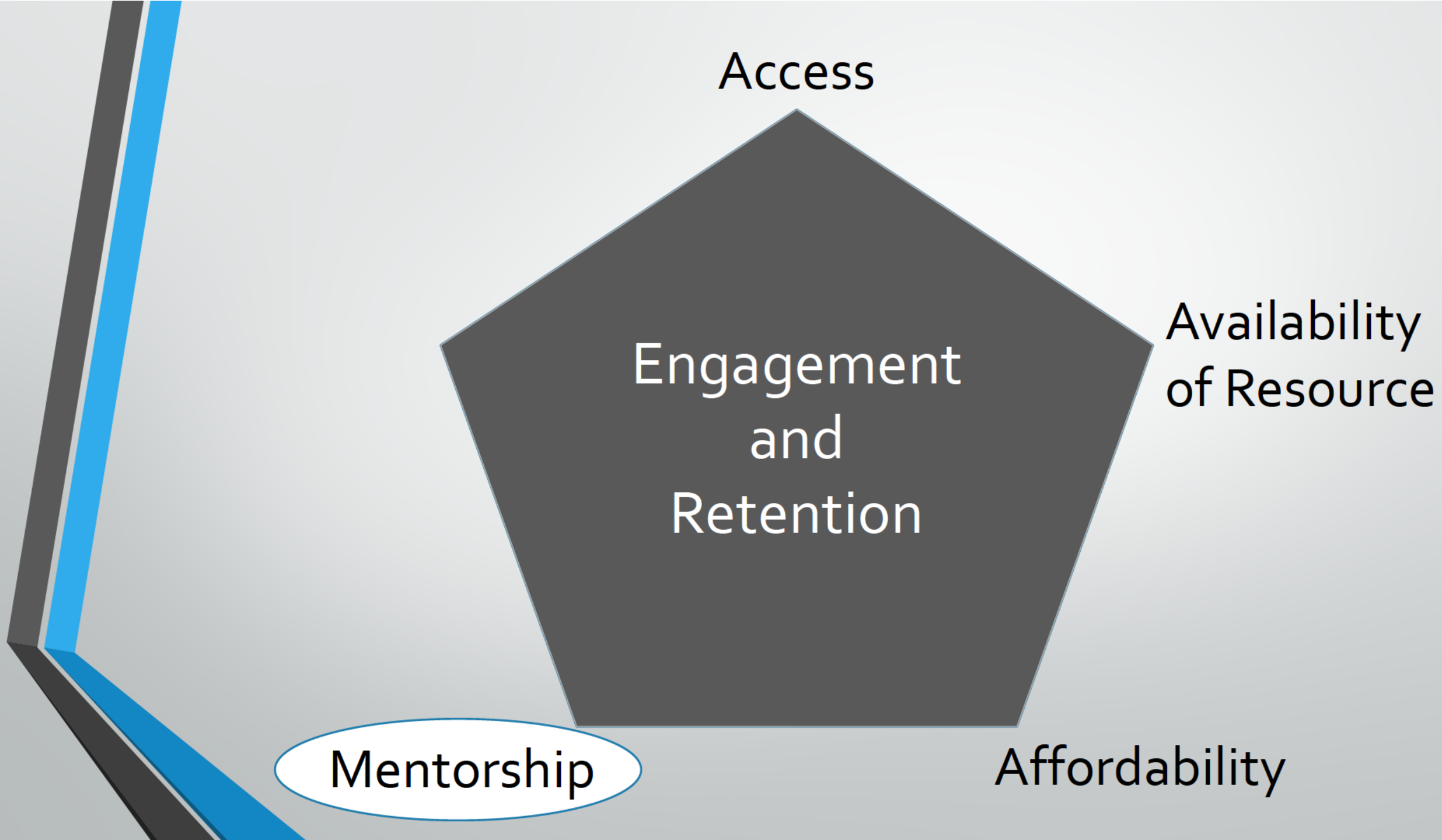
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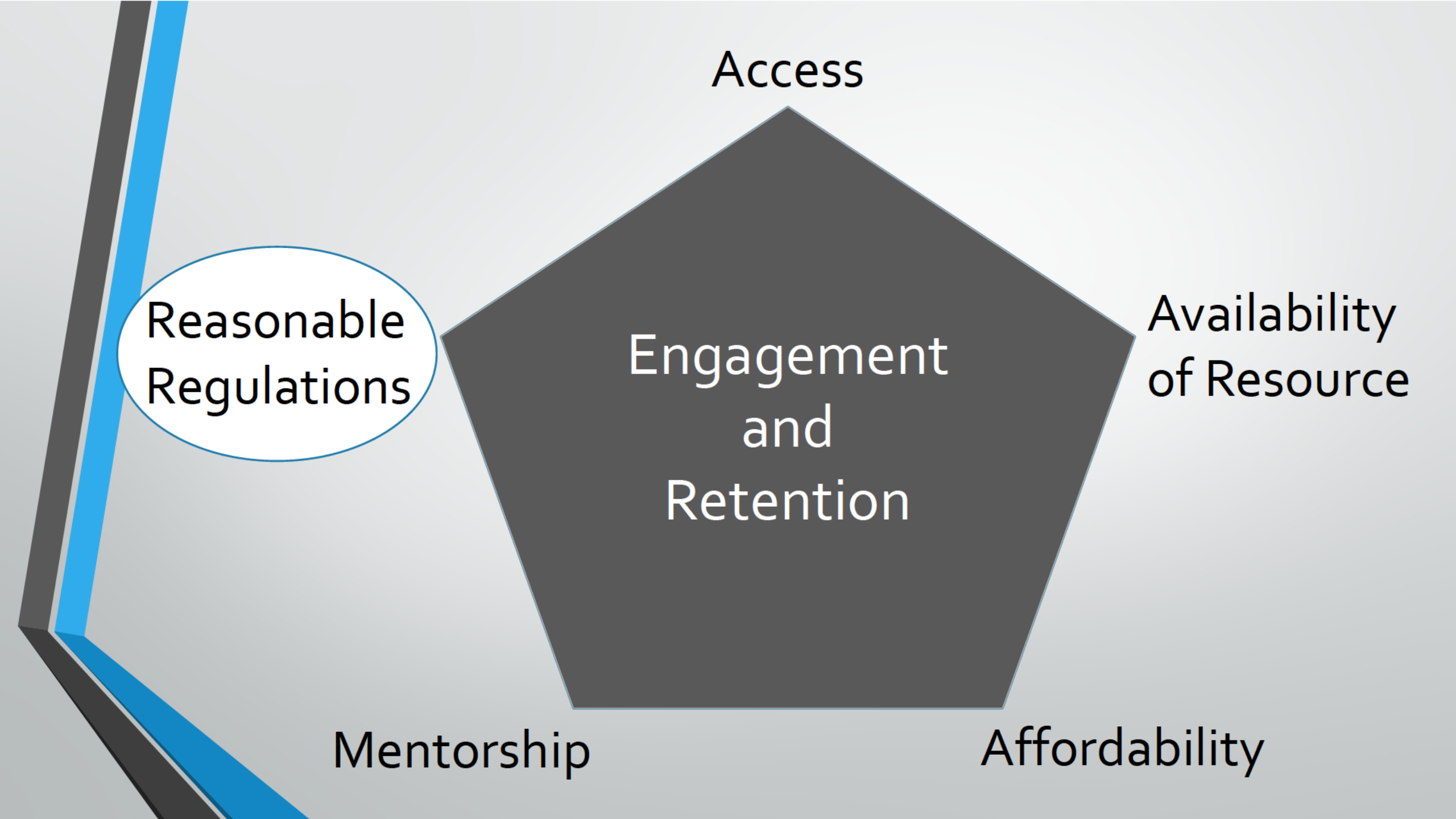
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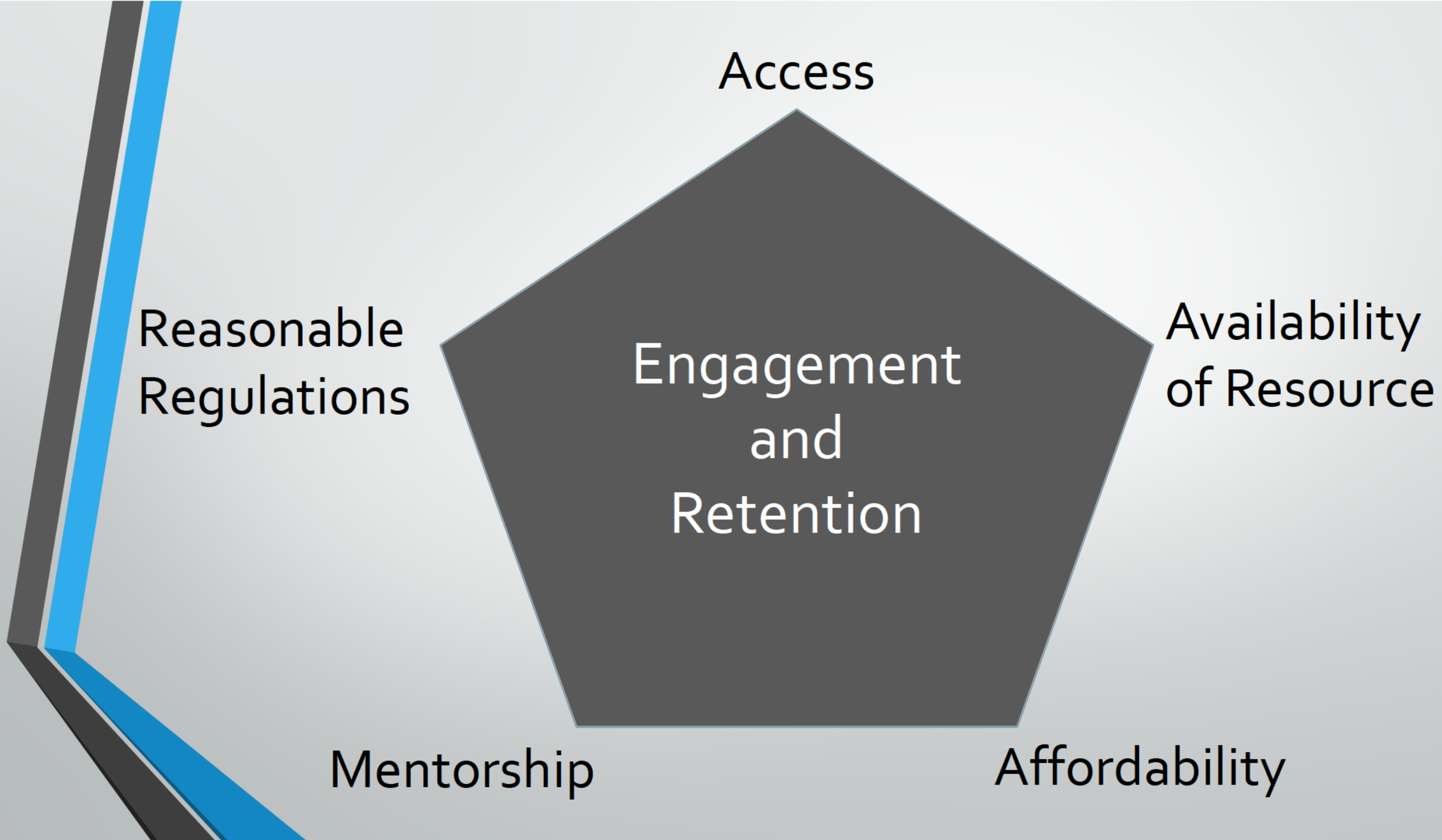
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Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge

Purpose of Ramp Up Summit

- Fulfillment of Secretarial Order 3347 and consider lessons learned from Presidential Order 13443
- Noteworthy and measurable improvements for sportsman, recreation access
- Address this important topic nationally and not in silos

Purpose of Ramp Up Summit

- Hear stories and experiences from our government partners, sportsmen community partners, and other passionate sportsmen and women about access
- Barriers may be incumbering that access
- Risks may be present in the future that would result in a downward decline in participation
- We must look at the environment not just the resulting trends


Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge


Johnson Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Cache River National Wildlife Refuge





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Meeting Approach

Pat Field

Summit Facilitator
Consensus Building Institute

Meeting Approach

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- Not seeking consensus or agreement.
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Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, AK Ryan Hagerty/USFWS


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RESUME

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QUALIFICATIONS/OBJECTIVE

Advanced degree in Wildlife Management with 30+ years' experience as a professional staff member of academic and private sector wildlife conservation organizations. Demonstrated ability to focus on a wide array of resource problems through issues management, policy development, administration, and fundraising. Significant involvement with Congress and Administration officials, private sector ngo partners and Boards, and stakeholders focusing on natural resources. Career goal to guide development and delivery of science-based strategies that achieve positive outcomes for people, their communities, and for fish and wildlife resources.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice-president of Governmental Affairs, Pheasants Forever, Inc., St. Paul, MN. 1998-current. Responsible for budgeting and administration of governmental affairs team (total 4.5 FTEs) and serves as member of Executive Team providing leadership and guidance on all aspects of the organization. Responsible for development and implementation of national conservation policy and programs focusing on habitat preservation, restoration, and management. Extensive experience with all conservation provisions of federal Farm Bills, in 1996, 2002, 2008, and 2014. Engagement with USDA and DOI agency officials relating to conservation program funding and implementation. Coalition building and liaison with national conservation and environmental organizations and stakeholders. Includes fundraising, policy development, strategic planning, and outreach activities. Liaison with non-profit Board of Directors on conservation issues, governance, and strategic and succession planning.

Regional Wildlife Biologist, Pheasants Forever, Inc., St. Paul, MN. 1992-1997. Assisted 53 MN based volunteer PF chapters with all aspects of service including fundraising, leadership development, budgeting, and habitat projects involving private lands conservation and land acquisitions. Grant administration and oversight responsibilities. Responsible for MN annual meeting to educate, inform, and recognize volunteer chapter leaders.

North Central Regional Executive, National Wildlife Federation, Bismarck, ND. 1987-1992. Assisted NWF affiliates in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, with technical

expertise on wetlands, wildlife, and environmental issues. Included extensive travel, preparation of oral and written testimony, aid in proposal development and solicitation. Significant experience with non-profit fundraising endeavors, membership campaigns, and resource issues. Included significant experience with non-profit Boards of Directors in several states and with NWF nationwide Board of Directors.

Research Associate, Faculty, Department of Wildlife/Fisheries, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. 1986-1987. Provide leadership of all aspects of wetland related research projects including staffing, day to day supervision, completion of annual performance reviews, securing, monitoring, and controlling expenditures of annual budgets for 8-10 FTEs.

Resource Staff Specialist, Department of Wildlife/Fisheries, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD. 1980-1986. Conduct wetland related research projects including the impacts of Federal-aid drainage, seed banks, NAWMP Lake Thompson Watershed project. Significant experience with all aspects of National Wetland Inventory over most of the Prairie Pothole Region states. Personnel management, performance and fiscal reviews and direct supervision of up to 8 FTEs.

Research Assistant, Department of Wildlife/Fisheries, South Dakota State University, Brooking, SD. 1979-1980. Conduct research project of food habits and reproductive analysis of bobcat and served as lead technician in major pheasant and land-use study.

EDUCATION

- South Dakota State University, M.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, (Wildlife Option – Reproductive Analysis and Food Habits of SD Bobcats), Minor in Planning. May 1982. Brookings, SD.
- South Dakota State University, B.S. in Geography, December 1979.
- South Dakota State University, B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, December 1978.

SELECTED APPOINTMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND AWARDS

1987. Appointment to Lake Thompson Eastern South Dakota Task Force by Governor George. S. Mickelson. Duties included analysis of flooding problems and development of short/long-range recommendations to reduce flood damages and enhance wetlands and wildlife.

1988. Certification as Certified Wildlife Biologist by The Wildlife Society.
1989. Recipient of Take Pride in America National Awards Program Certificate of Merit. Barbara Bush, Honorary Chairman.

1990. Appointment to Garrison Federal Advisory Council by U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Manual Lujan, Jr. Duties included oversight of wildlife and wetland mitigation features for the North Dakota Garrison Diversion MRI water resources plan.

1991. Recipient of Outstanding Contribution Award. Lake Thompson Watershed Management Project. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. John F. Turner, Director.

2000- Current. Appointment to North American Wetlands Conservation Council. Duties include oversight of North American Wetlands Conservation Act funding and providing project recommendations to Migratory Bird Conservation Commission.

2007-2008. Elected Vice-chairman and Chairman of the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP). Coordination and oversight for AWCP's 43 member organizations.

2008. Recipient of Special Recognition Award. Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Washington, DC.

2008. Recipient of National Great Blue Heron Award. North American Waterfowl Management Plan. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC.

2012-Current. Appointment to White House Hunting Heritage Conservation Council. USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack. Duties include oversight and recommendations on natural resources policies and programs to USDA and DOI.

2016. Recipient of George Bird Grinnell Memorial Award for Distinguished Conservation Service. The Wildlife Management Institute.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

Significant numbers of professional presentations to audiences ranging from local sportsmen's groups to national gatherings of resource professionals. Experience in writing and delivering official testimony to State and Congressional Committees. Numerous publications of technical, semi-technical, and popular articles on wildlife, wildlife management, hunting and conservation, and wetlands. Experienced leadership in fundraising, constituency support and volunteer engagement activities supporting our Nations' wildlife and hunting heritage through advocacy and habitat improvements. Substantial participation and support of the American traditions of waterfowl and upland game bird hunting.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

April 2016 – Present: Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife, MNDNR – in this capacity Jim oversees all hunting and fishing seasons/bag limits, land acquisition, restoration and management, population surveys/assessments, cooperative partnerships with Tribal, Federal and NGO partners, and working with private landowners, local units of government, State/Federal elected officials on priority issues affecting fish and wildlife conservation.

August 1998 – April 2016: Refuge Supervisor, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – when first selected to be a Refuge Supervisor Jim had responsibilities for all National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Later he was asked to take on additional responsibilities and shift supervision to Wetland

Management Districts (WMD), and NWR's in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. As a Refuge Supervisor Jim had primary responsibilities to supervise and oversee all activities conducted on NWR's and WMD's in these States. Land acquisition, habitat restoration, habitat management, budget oversight, public use activities, coordination/communication with partners, and cooperation with State/Federal elected officials were all associated with this position. Working with partners to protect, restore and manage habitats for fish/wildlife resources, and the American public, were the most rewarding components of this position.

May 1988 – August 1998: Joint Venture Coordinator – coordinated activities for the Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Joint Venture as well as co-coordinator for the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture. Worked with partner organizations such as State, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, to plan, implement and evaluate habitat acquisition, restoration and management activities for waterfowl and other upland nesting grassland birds. Significant expertise in wetland and grassland restoration, bottomland hardwood restoration and the management of wetland systems. Land management practices such as prescribed fire, haying, grazing, wetland draw-downs, and farming for biological purposes are all strategies employed during my career.

April 1984 – May 1988: Private Lands Coordinator – initially worked with private landowners to voluntarily restore wetlands and grasslands on private lands. After passage of the Conservation Title of the 1985 Farm Bill the FWS Partners for Wildlife program expanded to include new opportunities created by this agricultural legislation. Coordinated the review and transfer of Farmers Home Administration properties to State and Federal agencies, restored wetlands on Conservation Reserve Program lands, and, promoted and facilitated the acceptance and restoration of wetlands into the Wetland Reserve Program of USDA.

May 1977 – April 1894: Multiple positions with FWS – early in Jim's career with the FWS he held numerous positions including: biological technician on NWR's,

endangered species biologist in the FWS's Washington Office, Ecological Services staff biologist reviewing Corps of Engineers 404-permits and highway projects, and held a 2-year inter-governmental personnel agreement position where by he worked with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency educating them on how to identify and restore drained wetlands for water quality purposes.

Professional Associations:

- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)
  - Vice-chair Agricultural Conservation Committee
- Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA)
- Memberships: life-Member Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Minnesota Prairie Chicken Association, Minnesota Waterfowl Association.

Education:

- Master's degree – University of South Dakota, Zoology, 1977
- Bachelor's degree – St. Cloud State University, Wildlife Biology, 1975

Recreational Pursuits:

- Hunting, fishing, hiking, recreational sports with family/friends.

Curriculum Vitae

Gerald A. "Tony" Wasley

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2013 – Present, NDOW Director – This position plans, organizes, directs and manages the operation of Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to achieve the agency mission and to ensure the most efficient and customer-focused delivery of products and services. Responsibility includes interpretation and implementation of statutes, polices and directives issued by the Nevada Legislature, Governor, and the Members of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. The position devises long and short-term plans to ensure successful implementation of agency mission. This responsibility includes leading the development and adaptation of strategic and operational goals, objectives and strategies for natural resource management, information and education, public-private partnerships, funding/revenue generation, law enforcement, wildlife management, conservation initiatives, land management, energy industry partnerships, and marketing. The position plans, organizes, directs and manages the operation of the Department ensuring the most efficient, effective and customer-focused delivery of products and services.

2009 – 2013, NDOW, Wildlife Staff Specialist, Mule Deer - Develop, implement, and administer Statewide Mule Deer Program, including; survey and inventory, population analyses, habitat enhancement, research, and public outreach. Staff to the Commission's Mule Deer Restoration Committee. Derive and present agency recommendations for mule deer seasons, quotas, and regulations to Commission and County Wildlife Advisory Boards. Provide input and expertise to federal land management agencies on habitat enhancement, restoration, and protection projects. Serve as the agency's representative on the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Mule Deer Working Group.

2000 - 2009 NDOW, **Area Biologist** - Biologist for Area 10 and Nevada's largest mule deer population. Primary responsibilities included; population management, survey and inventory,

quota setting, and habitat assessment and protection. Performed survey and inventory to determine population levels and safe harvest levels for mule deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, chukar, sage grouse, Himalayan snow partridge, sage grouse, ruffed grouse, and blue grouse. Participated in habitat restoration, enhancement, and protection for those species by working cooperatively with federal land management partners.
Other duties: Western Elko County Elk Plan, Nevada State Bighorn Sheep Technical Team

1997 - 2000 NDOW, Wildlife Staff Specialist, Habitat - Main responsibilities included; Develop, implement, and administer a statewide GIS program and budget, create and administer a statewide biodiversity program and budget, and provide technical expertise relative to wildlife habitat. Coordinate monthly meetings with state directors for BLM, US Forest Service, and US Fish and Wildlife Service. **Other duties:** Nevada Biodiversity Initiative Coordinating Committee Chairperson, Biodiversity Initiative working group member

1996 - 1997 University of Idaho, College of Agriculture, Senior Scientific Aid - Performed both field and laboratory experiments to measure various responses and aspects of quality for cereal grain crops. Worked with producers to test for quality measures in production, pathogen resistance, and overall variety performance. Performed DNA isolation and amplification to look for genetic markers for favorable traits. Attended industry meetings and functions to report on findings to growers.

1995 - 1996 USDA, **Agricultural Research Service, Biological Science Technician** - Performed both field and laboratory experiments to measure various responses and aspects of quality for potato varieties. Worked with producers to test for quality measures in production, pathogen resistance, and overall variety performance. Performed selective variety crosses to increase the incidence of favorable traits. Attended industry meetings and functions to report on findings to growers.

1992 - 1995 Idaho State University, Center for Ecological Research and Education (CERE), Research Assistant - Conducted research to determine the effects of animal generated disturbances on community composition and nutrient cycles. Employed under a National Science Foundation grant to examine plant and animal interactions in different ecosystems. Attended professional meetings and presented findings. Position involved extensive data collection, data management, and data analysis. All findings were summarized in written report form and made available to the National Science Foundation.

Teaching and Research Experience: Over the past 22 years I have either conducted or assisted with research in Nevada, Alaska, California, Idaho, Wyoming, Minnesota, Kansas, and Arizona. The research has covered taxa including fish, birds, and mammals and has primarily been focused on plant and animal interaction.

APPOINTMENTS:

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)

- Leadership and Professional Development Committee – Member (2013 – present)
- Wildlife Resources Policy Committee - Member (2013 – present)
- Education, Outreach, and Diversity Committee – Chairman (2015- present)
- Endangered Species Act Joint State/Federal Task Force – Member (2014 – present)
- Landscape Conservation Cooperative Joint State/Federal Task Force - Member (2016 - present)
- National Grants Committee – Member (2014 – present)

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA)

- President (2014-2015)
- First Vice President (2013)
- Awards Committee – Chairman (2016- present)
- Executive Committee – Member (2013 – present)
- Executive Committee – Chairman (2013)
- Mule Deer Working Group – Member (2003 – 2013)
- WAFWA representative to National Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) Council

State of Nevada

- Advisory Board Member - University of Nevada, Reno, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources, (2013 – present)
- Ex-Officio Member- Governor Sandoval's Sagebrush Ecosystem Council, appointed 2013
- State Environmental Commission (2013 – present)
- Western Governors' Association Sage Grouse Task Force (2014 – present)

Intermountain West Joint Venture

- Board member (2014 – present)
- Communications Committee – Member (2016 – present)

Pacific Flyway Council

- Chairman (2014-2015)
- Member (2013 – present)

Miscellaneous

- Large Landscape Assessment Team – Member (2016)
- Sagebrush Communications Forum – Co-Chair (2016)
- Organizing Committee Member 6th Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop Reno, Nevada – 2005
- Session Moderator 6th Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop. Reno, Nevada – 2005
- Nevada Bighorn Sheep Technical Team
- Western Elko County Elk Plan Technical Working Group Member

- Nevada Biodiversity Initiative Coordinating Committee Chairperson
- Nevada Biodiversity Initiative Working Group Member
- Member and Chairperson of Inaugural Nevada Department of Wildlife Computer Committee

EDUCATION:

- M.S. – Idaho State University (Biology, 1995)
- B.S. – California State University - Chico (Biological Sciences, 1992)
- B.S. – California State University - Chico (Wildlife Management, 1992)
- National Conservation Leadership Institute (NCLI) – Graduate 2015

PUBLICATIONS:

Malaney, J.,C. Schroeder, **T. Wasley**, and M. Matocq. Decoupling the nexus: spatial and ecological factors jointly influence subtle genetic variation of mule deer (Odocoileus hemionus) within a heterogeneous environment. In Press 11/16

Simpson, N., K. M. Stewart, C. Schroeder, M. Cox, K. Huebner, and **T. Wasley**. 2016. Overpasses and Underpasses: Effectiveness of crossing structures for migratory ungulates. Journal of Wildlife Management Vol 80 Issue 8:1370-1378

Cox, M., D. W. Lutz, **T. Wasley**, M. Fleming, B. B. Compton, T. Keegan, D. Stroud, S. Kilpatrick, K. Gray, J. Carlson, L. Carpenter, K. Urquhart, B. Johnson, and C. McLaughlin. 2009. Habitat Guidelines for Mule Deer: Intermountain West Ecoregion. Mule Deer Working Group, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Inouye, R. S., N Huntly, **G. A. Wasley**. 1997. Effects of pocket gophers (Geomys bursarius) on microtopographic variation. Journal of Mammalogy 78:1144-1148

Nieto, N. C., M. B. Teglas, K. M. Stewart, **T. Wasley,** P. L. Wolff. 2011. Detection of relapsing fever spirochetes (Borrelia hermsii and Borrelia coriaceae) in free-ranging mule deer (Odocoileus hemionus) from Nevada, United States, Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases. Vol. 12, No. 2: 99-105

Wasley, G.A. 2004. Nevada's mule deer population dynamics: issues and influences. Nev Dept of Wildl. Biol Bulletin # 14. 70pp.

PRESENTATIONS:

2015-2016

Numerous speaking engagements, panels, and opening remarks including but not limited to; National Landscape Conservation Cooperative Council, Intermountain West joint Venture, Association for Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Safari Club International, Nevada Mining Association, Nevada Cattlemen's Association, and Association for Conservation Information.

2014
Testimony provided on Water and Wildlife to U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, July 16, 2014

Impacts of Mining on Mule Deer Migration in Nevada. Contributed Papers Session. The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting, 2014 Reno, Nevada (with M. Blum, K.M. Stewart, and C.A. Schroeder)

Migration Behavior, Body Condition, and Sex Differences in Survival of Mule Deer. Contributed Papers Session. The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting, 2014 Reno, Nevada (with C.A. Schroeder and K.M. Stewart)

Going Buck Wild; Mule Deer are Crazy about Wildlife Safety Crossings in Nevada. Contributed Papers Session. The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting, 2014 Reno, Nevada (with N. Simpson, K.M. Stewart, K. Huebner and M. Cox)

2013
Habitat Use of Mule Deer on Agricultural Lands: Implications for Survival and Reproduction. Poster presentation. Deer and Elk Coordination Workshop, 2013 Big Sky, Montana (with S. Morano, K.M. Stewart, and P. Wolff)

Current Status of Deer and Elk Populations in Nevada. Abstracts – Status Report. Deer and Elk Coordination Workshop, 2013 Big Sky, Montana (with M. Cox)

Migration Behavior, Body Condition, and Sex Differences in Survival of Mule Deer. Abstracts – Paper Presentations. Deer and Elk Coordination Workshop, 2013 Big Sky, Montana (with C.A. Schroeder and K.M. Stewart)

Migration behavior, body condition, and sex differences in survival of mule deer. Oral presentation. The American Society of Mammalogists 93rd Annual Meeting, 2013 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (with C.A. Schroeder and K.M. Stewart)

Migration strategies in mule deer implications for body condition and sex differences in survival. Oral presentation. The 10th Biennial Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop, 2013 Missoula, Montana. (with C.A. Schroeder and K.M. Stewart)

2012
Migration strategies and survival of mule deer in Nevada. Poster presentation. The Wildlife Society Annual Conference, 2012 Portland, Oregon. (with C. A. Schroeder and K. M. Stewart)

A modeling approach to resource competition using MAXENT. Oral presentation. The American Society of Mammalogists 92nd Annual Meeting, 2012 Reno, Nevada. (with C. A. Schroeder and K. M. Stewart)

Energetic costs and implications for survival in migratory mule deer. 19th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society, Portland, Oregon. (with C. A. Schroeder and K. M. Stewart)

Migratory corridors for mule deer using spatial modeling. 19th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society, Portland, Oregon. (with M. E. Blum, K. M. Stewart, and C. Schroeder)

Wildlife safety crossings in northeastern Nevada, a story of success. 19th Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society, Portland, Oregon. (with N. O. Simpson, K. M. Stewart, M. Cox, and K. Huebner)

Biology and history of Nevada's mule deer. Wood and Waters – Las Vegas, NV

Biology and history of Nevada's mule deer. Lahontan Audubon Society – Reno, NV

2011

Modeling Resource Competition between Mule Deer and Elk in the Great Basin. Oral Presentation. The Wildlife Society Annual Conference, 2011 Waikoloa, Hawaii. (with C. A. Schroeder and K. M. Stewart)

Effects of Predator Removal on Mule Deer Populations in Nevada. 18th Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society, Waikoloa, Hawaii. (with K. M. Stewart)

Modeling Habitat Competition between Mule Deer and Elk in Nevada. 18th Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society, Waikoloa, Hawaii. (with C. Schroeder, and K. M. Stewart)

Monitoring Wildlife Safety Crossings on U.S. Highway 93 in Elko County, Nevada. 18th Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society, Waikoloa, Hawaii. (with N.O. Simpson, K. M. Stewart, and M. Cox)

Effects of Predator Removal on a Mule Deer Population in Nevada. 9th Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. (with K. M. Stewart)

Mule Deer Habitat Selection in Nevada. 9th Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. (with C. Schroeder)

Biology and natural history of the Himalayan snow cock. Lahontan Audubon Society – Reno, Nevada

Biology and history of Nevada's Mule Deer. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – Reno, Nevada

2010

Mule Deer Habitat Selection in Nevada: Effects of Introduced elk. Poster presentation. The Wildlife Society Annual Conference, 2010 Snowbird, Utah. (with C.A. Schroeder, and K. M. Stewart)

2008

Status of Mountain Goats and Bighorn Sheep and their Management in Nevada. 16th Meeting of the Wild Sheep and Goat Council, Midway, Utah.

2005
Status and Trend of Population and Harvest for Deer and Elk in Western North America, 1970 – 2003. 6th Western States and Provinces Deer and Elk Workshop, Reno, Nevada. (with M. Cox and Jason Copper)

Affiliations:

- The Wildlife Society
- Nevada Bighorns Unlimited
- Ducks Unlimited

References:
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EDUCATION

Ph. D. Wildlife Ecology - 1991
State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry - Syracuse, in association with Syracuse University
Dissertation: Carcass Mass, Composition and Gut Morphology Dynamics of Mottled Ducks in Louisiana in Relation to Annual Cycle Events

M. S. Wildlife Science - 1987
Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
Thesis: Effect of Second Broods on Productivity of Wood Ducks in East Central Alabama.

B. S. Zoology and Environmental Biology - 1984
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

CERTIFICATION

Certified Wildlife Biologist, 1994, The Wildlife Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Scientist, Ducks Unlimited
March 2017 – Present. Responsibilities include oversight of development and integration of science-based information that serves as the foundation for DU's conservation programs across North America. Lead DU's science and conservation staff across the organization to foster data-based decision making in conservation programs and across other business departments to continually refine and improve conservation and business outcomes. Provide science to support DU's public policy priorities to achieve mission-based conservation outcomes. Work closely with colleagues in Ducks Unlimited Canada and Ducks Unlimited de Mexico to facilitate cross-border coordination and cooperation of large-scale regional or continental waterfowl and wetland science, and to coordinate update and implementation of DU's continental conservation plan. Provide science support for DU's communication platforms including the magazine and web-based materials. Represent DU on national conservation partnerships including the North American Bird Conservation Initiative.

Director or Operations, Southern Region
November 2013 – February 2017. Responsibilities included administration, oversight and leadership of conservation programs across 13-state Southern Region spanning portions of the Atlantic, Mississippi and Central Flyways. Led team of ~50 staff to successfully complete ~$20-$25M annual budget resulting in conservation of ~40,000-70,000+ acres/year of conservation program. Served on

DU's national conservation leadership team to help determine national conservation priorities and consider various management and conservation business issues. Supported Development staff with development of funding proposals and stewardship of major donors. Worked to strengthen partnerships with state and federal agencies across the Southern Region. Served on several cross-departmental teams, including those related to development of DUI's Strategic Plan, DUI's National Business Plan, staff public policy team to help forge and guide business approaches to various conservation-related issues revolving around agriculture, water, wetlands, waterfowl and other migratory birds.

Director of Science and Public Policy, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Southern Region
March 2009 – November 2013. Direct responsibility for science and public policy related to conservation programs in the Southern Region, predominantly through development of information to ensure that conservation programs and public policy efforts are supported by science and aligned with the DU mission, strategic plan, national business plan, and regional action plan. Work directly with Government Affairs Office staff on DU's strategic priority public policy issues, and lead efforts on regional public policy issues, to include contact with elected officials, agency partners, and coordination of DU volunteers seeking to contact elected officials regarding DU's policy priorities. Serve as coordinator for Southern Region regarding development DU Strategic Plan, National Business Plan and Regional Action Plan. Also coordinate regional conservation communications program. Direct supervision of Manager of Conservation Planning, Gulf Coast Joint Venture Biological Team Leader, and Government Affairs Representative, and coordinate day-to-day activities (direct supervision provided by Director of Communications, NHQ) of Regional Communications Biologist.

Specific duties include: (1) Synthesis of information from conservation programs assessments and relevant science to develop regional conservation strategic operations and business plans in coordination and cooperation with Southern Region management team; (2) Supervise development and integration of remote sensing and geographic information systems for landscape level wetland and waterfowl habitat evaluations to develop information to inform conservation program delivery decisions; (3) Supervise and assist with fundraising from public and private sources to support directed research related to conservation programs or policy work; (4) Lead effort, in cooperation with Director of Conservation Services, to develop a carbon sequestration based conservation program intended to generate funding and mission based habitat for Southern Region, including negotiation of multi-million dollar investments with eco-asset investment firms – program idled upon disintegration of climate policy efforts in Congress; (5) Lead all aspects of regional public policy relevant to waterfowl habitat and conservation in the Southern Region and serve as regional representative on DU public policy team (until 2012 when PPSC was created) and several policy issue specific teams; (6) Serve on the management team for Southern Region of Ducks Unlimited and assist Director with budget, policy, program, personnel and other issues as needed; (7) Supervise development and administration of annual public policy, communications, and conservation planning project and operating budgets; (8) Supervise regional conservation communications biologists and provide oversight to communication work; (9) Develop and synthesize technical information to assure that regional conservation operations plans, programs, and policy work are supported by science and aligned with the Ducks Unlimited mission; (10) Represent DU on and serve as Vice Chair, Gulf Coast Joint Venture Board.

Acting Director, Ducks Unlimited Inc., Southern Region
June 2009 – September 2009. Served as acting director while Director Curtis Hopkins required extended medical leave and performed appropriate administrative and management responsibilities for approximately 3 months including budget, personnel and other aspects of day

to day business. Worked across departments to manage communications regarding two public policy issues to mitigate unintended consequences and concerns of volunteers and staff. Maintained extensive record of activities, issues and actions for Director Hopkins to facilitate his smooth and efficient return to work upon his recovery.

Director of Conservation Programs, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Southern Region
September 2007 – March 2009. Responsibilities included administration of all aspects of conservation programs including budget and personnel administration, partnership development and partner stewardship, volunteer relations, assisting Development staff with fundraising efforts in seven states (KY, TN, MS, AL, MO, AR, LA), while also retaining previous responsibilities related to conservation planning and conservation communications as described below. Direct supervision of 3 Directors of Conservation Programs, Manager of Conservation Planning, Gulf Coast Joint Venture Biological Team Leader, and Conservation Communications Biologist.

Specific duties included: (1) Administered ~$10M annual program budget to conserve 50,000 to 75,000 acres; (2) Worked closely with Director to manage budget, prepare and implement regional strategic operations and business plans; (3) Developed and/or maintained partnerships with various state and federal agencies; (4) Worked with Development staff to secure gifts from major sponsors and develop new revenue streams to enable completion of Ducks Unlimited conservation objectives; (5) Provide leadership and guidance to staff to enable them to complete work objectives and achieve progress for Ducks Unlimited towards its mission and vision; (6) Maintained previous duties and responsibilities regarding science and conservation planning and conservation communications for Southern Region.

Director of Conservation Planning, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Southern Region
December 1998 – September 2007. Responsibilities related to most aspects of conservation programs in the Southern Region, predominantly in a support role through development of information to assure that conservation programs and policy positions were supported by science and aligned with the DU mission. Also coordinated, prepared and presented proposals to secure funding for conservation programs from various private and public sources, and supervised regional conservation communications program. Supervised 2 regional biologists, 1 remote sensing/GIS analyst, and 3 remote sensing/GIS technicians.

Specific duties included: (1) Synthesis of information on operations and relevant science to develop regional conservation strategic operations plans in coordination and cooperation with SRO management team; (2) Supervision, development and integration of remote sensing and geographic information systems for landscape level wetland and waterfowl habitat evaluations to develop information to inform conservation program delivery decisions; (3) Acquisition of funding from public and private sources to support directed research related to conservation programs or policy work; (4) Served on Southern Region management team and assisted Director with budget, policy, program, personnel and other issues as needed; (5) Preparation, coordination and presentation of proposals to various public and private sources to secure funding for conservation programs; (6) Developed and administered annual conservation planning project and operating budgets; (7) Supervised and administered regional conservation communications program; (8) Developed and synthesized technical information to assure that regional conservation operations plans, programs and policy work were supported by science and aligned with the Ducks Unlimited mission; (9) Provided leadership and supervision to complete landscape scale assessment of waterfowl foraging habitat, natural flooding, and other factors that have resulted in significant changes to direct conservation program delivery by both Ducks Unlimited and conservation partners in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley and Gulf Coast priority conservation regions; (10) In coordination and cooperation with the SRO management team, led development of the Southern Regional Office 5-year strategic

operations plan for fiscal years 2008-2012, using results of landscape-scale habitat analyses and other science to guide development of direct program and policy goals, objectives, and strategies; plan also included elements of regional conservation communications, human resources, and administration; (11) Served as chairman of a group of Ducks Unlimited Inc., and Ducks Unlimited Canada conservation planning and science staff charged with development of the Ducks Unlimited Conservation Vision and Priorities document at request of Chief Conservation Officer; (12) At request of Director, prepared and presented presentations on Ducks Unlimited' s international and regional conservation programs to DU staff, volunteers, and other groups; (13) Represented Ducks Unlimited on various technical committees, including the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture (LMVJV) Science Support Team, the LMVJV Waterfowl Working Group, and the Gulf Coast Joint Venture Monitoring, Evaluation and Research Team, and served as Gulf Coast Joint Venture Management Board representative for Ducks Unlimited; (14) Provided leadership and technical support to fundraising staff and volunteers in Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and Mississippi, including presentations at public forums in Louisiana, to counter incorrect interpretations of DU conservation programs "north of them" – often contentious, sometimes hostile hearings where science was presented in a nontechnical manner to counter false allegations, assumptions, and misinformation.

Regional Biologist, Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Southern Region
September 1991 - November 1998. Responsibilities included delivery and evaluation of DU waterfowl and wetland habitat conservation programs on lands held in public trust and development and management of partnerships with various state and federal agencies with trust responsibilities for waterfowl and wetlands habitat. Supervised 1 biologist.

Specific duties included: (1) Secured funding through various grant programs to support regional conservation work for wintering and migrating waterfowl; (2) Worked closely with regional engineering staff to design wetland restoration projects and assure compatibility with waterfowl needs and state and federal agency desires; (3) Assisted Regional Operations Supervisor (now generally equivalent to a Director of Conservation Programs) with conservation program administration, including evaluation of MARSH grant proposals, development of project and operating budgets, development and maintenance of partnerships with various state and federal agencies with trust responsibility for waterfowl and wetlands, and coordination with fundraising staff and volunteers in 15-state Southern Region; (4) Prepared or coordinated multiple partnership-driven grant proposals to obtain funding from the North American Wetland Conservation Act and various private foundations and corporations and then administered grant contracts to complete conservation projects; (5) Worked directly with state and federal agency partners to achieve mutual waterfowl and wetland habitat conservation goals; (6) Assisted Director of Operations with preparation and administration of project and operating budgets; (7) Represented Ducks Unlimited on Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture Waterfowl Working Group.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

The Wildlife Society
American Ornithologists Union

AWARDS

Jim McDonough Award - The Wildlife Society. October 2012. (http://www.wildlife.org/who-we-are/awards/jim-mcdonough) The McDonough Award is presented annually to a certified wildlife biologist that is a member of The Wildlife Society and a member of the respective section

and chapter, if any, in which that individual resides, in recognition of significant contributions to the wildlife profession through implementation and development of new techniques and approaches.

Ducks Unlimited 25-Year Service Award, September 2016

Ducks Unlimited Board of Directors Special Recognition for Performance, October 2010

Ducks Unlimited Top Flight Performance Award - Conservation, 1993

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U.S. Department of the Interior – Office of the Secretary

Event Proposal Information Form

***Please complete this form and send to scheduling@ios.doi.gov**

Specific Request to the Secretary:

Title of the Event: Sportsmen Access "Ramp-Up" Summit

Date of Event: Wednesday, August 2nd at 10:00a.m. EST (event goes until 2:00p.m.)

Location: South Penthouse, Main Interior Building, 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240

Point of Contact(s):

- Greg Sheehan, Acting Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, greg_j_sheehan@fws.gov, 202.208.4545
- Casey Hammond, U.S. Department of the Interior, casey_hammond@fws.gov, 202.208.4070
- Michael Gale, Special Assistant, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Michael_gale@fws.gov, 202.208.4923, 571.982.2158 (cell)

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

In response to the Secretary's call to advance conservation stewardship and outdoor recreation, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) is hosting a Sportsmen Access "Ramp up" Summit to obtain experiential and anecdotal information from organizations representing sportsmen and women about issues associated with hunting and fishing access and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

Secretary Zinke would kick-off the summit at the beginning and participate in a photo opportunity with the participants. The outcome of the Secretary's remarks would be to engage and rev up support from the hunting, fishing, and sportsmen groups represented and show a strong commitment to sportsmen access issues from the Department and Administration.

Audience (expected attendance and makeup of the attendees): The audience to the invitation-only summit is a mix of representatives (estimated 40 attendees) from hunting, fishing, and sportsmen organizations and constituencies, along with designees from the federal agencies of USFWS, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service. Invitations to the nongovernmental organizations are going out at the executive level, and some may choose to send surrogates from their management. A current draft of the roster of invitees is enclosed.

VIPs invited or known to be attending: Outside of the executive representatives of the organizations invited and high-level people from the Department, no VIP guests will be present.

Desired length of time for remarks (if applicable): 10-15 minutes with about 10 to 15 minutes allotted for group and individual photographs for a total of 30 minutes.

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

Outdoor recreation is about both our heritage and our economy. Between hunting, fishing, motorized recreation, camping and more, the industry generates thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic activity.

That's why in March, I signed a Secretarial Order calling for expanded access for outdoor enthusiasts. We're here to "ramp up" our efforts to expand opportunities for hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.

The voices of sportsmen have been a leading the call for conservation for over a century. I want to make sure the community's voice is heard, and that's why we've brought you together for this Sportsmen Access "Ramp Up" Summit.

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

The Secretary should acknowledge the group broadly without calling out any one particular organization. The Secretary should acknowledge the presence of members of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council and the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council who are in attendance. The Secretary should thank and acknowledge Greg Sheehan, Acting Director

of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Casey Hammond of the Department's staff for all their hard work pulling together this summit.

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

At today's summit, we're looking to you to share stories of your struggles and your best practices for enhancing sportsmen access. During your discussions today, you'll consider the following questions:

1) What experiences, good and bad, have you had with the programs at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service? What are some things to consider with how we manage places like national wildlife refuges?
2) What about other federal properties? We've got representatives here from the other Interior land management bureaus, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Land Management, along with our colleagues from the Agriculture Department at the U.S. Forest Service, and we as a collection of agencies are here to listen.
3) What are the innovative approaches to incentivizing access to private lands?
4) Where are the opportunities for revising or expanding national programs?
5) What regulations are getting in the way of access, and how do we best evaluate our habitat strategies?

We're here to listen and learn from your experiences, and from that shared discussion and learning, we can better figure out how to ramp up our efforts to expand hunting and fishing access across the country.

Please supply all pertinent background information for the event (draft agendas, existing websites, etc.): An agenda is still under development in coordination with the appropriate internal groups and other federal agencies.

Is press expected to attend? If yes, what are the expected press mediums (print, radio, TV)? No press.

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

X Podium available
X Microphone available

Is their social media information for the event (hashtags, handles)? No

Do you require a bio of the Secretary? No

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

If the Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically? No surrogate is required. USFWS Greg Sheehan would preside over the event.

Any additional notes or information? In conversations with USFWS Acting Director Greg Sheehan, Secretary Zinke has demonstrated a strong interest in attending this event. USFWS as the hosts are flexible in the particulars of the event to accommodate the Secretary's schedule and any interests him or his staff may have.

CONFIRMED Participants - Sportsmen Access Ramp up Summit

State Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies	Ron Regan	Executive Director
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	Nick Wiley	Executive Director
Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission	John Arway	Executive Director

Hunting and Shooting Sports Organizations

Archery Trade Association	Jay McAninch	President & CEO
Archery Trade Association	Dan Forster	VP Government Relations
Boone & Crocket Club	Lowell Baier	President Emeritus
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation	Jeffrey Crane	President
Council to Advance Hunting and Shooting Sports	John Frampton	President & CEO
Delta Waterfowl	Mitch Butler	
Ducks Unlimited	Dale Hall	CEO
Ducks Unlimited – Mexico (WHHCC)	John Tomke	President
Sierra Pacific Industries	Mark Emmerson	Chairman, CFO
Mule Deer Foundation	Miles Moretti	President & CEO
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Jeff Trandahl	Executive Director
National Rifle Association	Susan Recce	Division Director
National Shooting Sports Foundation	Larry Keane	SVP Gov. & Public Affairs
National Wild Turkey Federation	Joel Pederson	Dir. of Government Affairs
The Great Outdoors Fund	Lori McCullough	Executive Director
Pheasants Forever	Howard Vincent	President & CEO
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Blake Henning	Chief Conservation Officer
Safari Club International	Anna Seidman	Dir. of Government Affairs
States Organization for Boating Access	Ron Christofferson	President
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership	Whit Fosburgh	President & CEO
Union Sportsmen Alliance	Forrest Parker	Dir. of Conservation & Community Outreach
Wildlife Management Institute	Steve Williams	President
Wildlife Mississippi	James Cummins	Executive Director

Fishing and Angling Organizations

American Sportfishing Association	Mike Nussman	President & CEO
American Sportfishing Association	Glenn Hughes	VP Industry Relations
Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS)	Gene Gilliland	Conservation Director
Izaak Walton League of America (SFBPC)	Scott Kovarovics	Executive Director
Recreation Boating and Fishing Foundation	Frank Peterson Jr.	President & CEO

Trout Unlimited	Steve Moyer	VP Government Affairs
National Marine Manufacturer's Association	Michael Pasko	Dir. of Federal Government Affairs

Commerical Organizations

Bass Pro Shops	Bob Ziehmer	Conservation Director

Federal Agencies

Department of the Interior	Aurelia Skipwith	DAS FWP
Department of the Interior	Marshall Critchfield	Advisor FWP
Department of the Interior	Andrew Goodrich	Staff
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Greg Sheehan	Acting Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Jim Kurth	Deputy Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Steve Guertin	Deputy Director
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Shaun Sanchez	Refuge System
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	David Hoskins	Fish/Aquatic Cons.
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Paul Rauch	WSFR
National Park Service	Bob Vogel	Acting Deputy Dir. Operations
Bureau of Land Management	Michael Nedd	Acting Director
U.S. Forest Service	Robert Harper	National Director

Sportsman's Access Ramp Up Summit

August 2, 2017
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Department of the Interior
Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW
South Penthouse
Washington, D.C. 20240



Agenda

9:45	Registration
10:00	Welcome and Overview *Greg Sheehan, Acting Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service* *David Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior* Each participant will be asked to introduce themselves and share a quick thought on what they would like to get out of the summit.
11:15	Break
11:30	Breakout Group Discussions *(see second page for questions and format)*
12:15	Lunch - *Box lunches provided by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation*
1:15	Breakout Group Discussions Continued
1:30	Brief Highlights from Breakout Group Discussions, *Facilitators*
1:55	Closing Remarks *Greg Sheehan, Acting Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
2:00	Adjourn
5:00	Reception and Photo Opportunity, Secretary Zinke's Office – Room 6154

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Meeting Approach:

- Ensure FACA (the Federal Advisory Committee Act) does not apply to the meeting by:
  - Providing your individual views about the discussion topics
  - Not seeking consensus or agreement with other meeting participants on specific advice or recommendations
- No discussion of on-going litigation
- Share the floor and air time – when together and in breakout groups

SLIDE 1

Secretarial event on deferred maintenance/backlog, August 25

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee; and Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina.
- Park visit with hike.
- Morning and afternoon press events.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Revocation of Director's Order #100, *Resource Stewardship for the 21st Century,* week of August 14

- During the week of August 14, the acting NPS director will revoke National Park Service (NPS) Director's Order # 100, *Resource Stewardship for the 21st Century*, which was signed December 20, 2016.
- The stated goal of Order #100 was to guide the NPS in taking the necessary actions to support resource stewardship to fulfill its mission in the 21st century.
- Secretary Zinke is leading a new, comprehensive initiative to identify Departmental priorities and to reorganize the Department for the next hundred years. The Department is working with all of the bureaus and offices, including the NPS, on this initiative. NPS Director's Order #100 is, therefore, already obsolete.
- Revoking this policy statement will eliminate confusion among the public and NPS employees about current NPS policy.

Revocation of NPS Policy Memo 11-03, *Disposable Plastic Water Bottle Recycling and Reduction,* week of August 14

- During the week of August 14, the acting NPS director will revoke NPS Director's Policy Memorandum 11-03 (*Disposable Plastic Water Bottle Recycling and Reduction*), which was signed on December 14, 2011.
- The Policy Memorandum stated that the use of disposable plastic water bottles had a greater environmental impact than the use of tap water and refillable bottles. It went on to say, however:

> The issues surrounding plastic bottles are complex. Banning the sale of water bottles in national parks has great symbolism but runs counter to our healthy food initiative as it eliminates the healthiest choice for bottled drinks, leaving sugary drinks as a primary alternative. A ban could pose challenges for diabetics and others with health issues who come to a park expecting bottled water to be readily available. For parks without access to running water, filling stations for reusable bottles are impractical. A ban could affect visitor safety; proper hydration is key to planning a safe two-hour hike or a multi-day backcountry excursion. Even reasonably priced reusable water bottles may be out of reach for some visitors, especially those with large families.

- Secretary Zinke acknowledges the potential negative effects of banning the sale of plastic water bottles in the parks and believes the issue warrants further review. Revoking this policy memorandum will ensure that all facets of the issue are fully explored.
- This revocation is effective immediately and will be implemented throughout all parks.

Eclipse viewing on the MIB roof with a NPS ranger, August 21 (1:17pm begins/2:42 maximum/4:01 ends)

- The NPS will host an eclipse event at the Main Interior Building on Monday, August 21. NPS rangers will lead the viewing session on the roof (two sections) of the building. The eclipse begins in Washington, DC, at 1:17 pm, maximum eclipse (85 percent) at 2:42 pm, and ends at 4:01 pm.
- The NPS will provide eclipse viewing glasses for all participants.
- Accommodations are being arranged if attendance exceeds the capacity of the roof.

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Conservation Council teleconference, August 30

- The Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council is an official advisory group established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. It advises the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation, and recreational hunting issues.
- The Council is also responsible to help implement the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Plan - A Ten Year Plan for Implementation (Executive Order 13443), which was developed in 2008.
- The Council works to assist the federal government in promoting hunting opportunities and the management of game species and their habitats.
- The Council consists of 18 members, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, plus seven ex officio members, who represent the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and six federal agencies: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Bureau of Land Management; National Park Service; U.S. Forest Service; Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Farm Service Agency.
- On August 30, the Council will hold a teleconference to discuss how best to implement Secretarial Order 3347, to increase outdoor recreation opportunities and asking federal bureaus and agencies to identify areas where recreational hunting can be expanded.

Release of 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, late August

- In August, FWS will release preliminary results of the 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.
- The survey, conducted every five years since 1955 in partnership with state wildlife agencies and the Census Bureau, surveyed more than 7,000 households nationwide. Participants were given detailed interviews about their participation and expenditures in

2016 related to hunting, angling, wildlife watching and other wildlife-associated recreational pursuits.

- Release of the preliminary report is eagerly awaited by the conservation community and the outdoor recreation industry, because of the detailed snapshot it provides of public engagement with wildlife and the outdoors.
- A final, more detailed national report will be issued in January 2018. Significant media and congressional interest is also expected. Outreach is planned.

SLIDE TWO

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

***Federal Register* notice stating import permits can be issued for African elephant trophy animals taken in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016, through 2017, August.**

- At the end of August, FWS plans to publish in the *Federal Register* a change to the permitting status for imports of African elephant trophies from Zimbabwe.
- In 2014 and 2015, FWS was unable to determine that the hunting programs and subsequent imports of African elephant trophies from Zimbabwe met criteria under ESA regulations, so FWS could not authorize the issuance of import permits.
- After receiving information from Zimbabwe on a number of substantial improvements to their management program and elephant conservation efforts, FWS has determined that taking of African elephant trophy animals in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016 (the date that Zimbabwe's new management plan was officially adopted) through 2017 would enhance the survival of African elephants, and import permits can be issued for these trophies.
- Planned outreach includes a news release, comprehensive FAQs and social media.

Authorization of imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken in 2017-2019, August.

- In August, FWS will announce that after reviewing updated information, it will again authorize imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken during 2017-2019.
- In 2016, FWS listed the lion in eastern and southern Africa as threatened under the ESA.
- FWS contacted each of the countries within this region that have conducted trophy lion hunts in the past few years to obtain information on the country's lion population, management of lions, and how sport hunting has contributed to survival of the species.
- FWS then authorized the import of wild and wild managed lion sport-hunted trophies in 2016.
- Outreach in the form of a blog is planned.

6-month extension of Final Determination on the Proposed Endangered Status for Texas Hornshell, August

- The FWS will publish a six-month extension on the final determination to list the Texas hornshell as an endangered species. The Texas hornshell is a freshwater mussel in New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico that was proposed as an endangered species on August 10, 2016.
- In May 2017, the comment period was reopened in May 2017 in order to hold public hearings. They were held in Laredo, Texas, and Carlsbad, New Mexico, on June 13 and 15, 2017.
- The FWS has coordinated repeatedly with Customs and Border Protections and the International Boundary and Water Commission regarding effects on upcoming projects,

including a potential border wall. Customs and Border Protection has indicated that direct impacts to the hornshell from the types of wall construction as have done in the past would be unlikely because the hornshells occur in the river where construction is not possible.

- Candidate Conservation Agreements and Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances have been developed, and we anticipate that a number of affected landowners will sign up

National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 8-14, 2017.

- In early September, FWS will announce National Wildlife Refuge Week, which will take place October 8-14 2017.
- Refuge Week is an annual celebration of the nation's wildlife conservation heritage and the national wildlife refuges that protect it.
- The timing provides notice for print and online media to announce the annual celebration and regional events for the public to plan ahead, as well as for the regions and refuges to begin preparing additional promotional information.
- Outreach, including a press release, is planned.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Release of Great Smoky Mountains National Park fire report, late August/early September

- The Chimney Tops 2 Fire was the largest fire in the history of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- The National Park Service established an independent fire review team that has completed a Significant Wildland Fire Review report, which is one part of the effort to understand the full story of the fire both inside the park and beyond park boundaries. This report will support the broader effort among federal, state and local to understand the fire through the ongoing *Sevier County Fires After Action Review (AAR).*
- The fire review team focused on the portion of the Chimney Tops 2 fire that burned within the boundaries of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The fire review is not an investigation, but it is intended to help us understand what happened and how we can prevent it from happening again. The review report does not cover the response to Sevier County fires, but it will be part of the broader effort to understand the full scope of what happened on November 23. A separate process will be used for reviewing the larger response effort by all agencies in the Sevier County area. A date has not been scheduled for that work, but discussions are underway.
- Briefings for the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, the Deputy Secretary and the Secretary are being scheduled prior to the release of the final report.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Dog Walking Rule, under review by ASFWP

- Following the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Dog Management Plan at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in December 2016, the NPS learned that a former employee used a personal email account to communicate with outside parties, and did not forward those communications to a government e-mail account.
- In January 2017, the NPS commissioned an independent review panel of three government officials from non-NPS federal agencies (OEPC, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the Bureau of Land Management) with expertise in environmental planning, rulemaking and National Environmental Policy Act procedures to review this use of personal email. They were asked to evaluate and report on how these emails may have impacted the planning, rulemaking process, and environmental impact study, and make recommendations on how best to proceed given the significant body of work to date – including thousands of comments and more than a decade of analysis. Both CEQ and OIG declined to participate in the review.
- The review panel was given access to all records and information associated with the planning, rulemaking and environmental review conducted on the Dog Management Plan. The NPS has received the report from the team and briefed Acting Assistant Secretary Willens. Following more than ten years of public engagement, including more than 4,100 comments, and investment in a process intended to balance the needs of all park users, the findings of this independent review team will help the NPS determine the best path forward to meet the needs of all park visitors at Golden Gate NRA.

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Off-Road Vehicle Proposed Rule, FR publication, August

- The National Park Service has prepared a proposed rule governing off-road vehicle use at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The NPS is required to publish a special regulation pursuant to the terms of a court-approved 2008 Settlement Agreement. The rule would require a special use permit to operate a motor vehicle off-road in selected locations and designate routes and areas where motor vehicles may be used off-road. The rule would establish management prescriptions for off-road vehicle (ORV) use, including speed limits and quiet hours. The rule would allow the Superintendent to implement other closures or restrictions to maintain visitor safety, protect resources, and meet management objectives. The rule would allow certain types of ORVs on some paved and unpaved roads.
- The rule would comply with the terms of a 2008 Settlement Agreement between the NPS and Friends of the Earth, the National Parks Conservation Association, and Wildlands CPR, which required the NPS to develop an environmental impact statement and a special regulation for ORV use at the Recreation Area. This rule would conclude a 7-year planning process by implementing the preferred alternative in the January 2017 ORV Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement.

- The rule may be somewhat controversial. ORV user groups are likely to oppose any closures of existing routes and areas. Utah counties strongly favor vehicle access and local users have vocalized opposition to any limitations on ORV use. During alternatives development, public meetings were well attended by ORV enthusiasts. Environmental organizations oppose continued ORV use.
- The proposed rule has been reviewed and surnamed by ASFWP and is currently with the Office of the Executive Secretariat for final DOI review and approval.

U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September

- Public Law 114-196 established the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to "plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the history of the United States leading up to the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States." The Secretary of the Interior serves as an ex officio member to the Commission.
- This law directs the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a study of actions that could be taken to further preserve and develop historic sites and battlefields to ensure that appropriate observances and exhibits may be held during the 250th commemoration. The Secretary is to submit a report containing the results of the study to the Commission. The law also instructs the Commission to use the Secretary's study to develop a report with recommendations to the President and Congress within two years of its formation.
- The Secretary is directed to competitively seek a nonprofit partner who will provide financial and administrative support and serve as the secretariat to the Commission. The National Park Service is assisting with this effort.
- Brian Pavlik is the point of contact for the Commission until the Secretary appoints his representative.

Talking Points on African Elephants

- The Service is committed to the conservation of African elephants.

- African elephants are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Our nation has an obligation under the ESA to make sure U.S. hunters are contributing to the conservation of elephants in the wild by participating in hunting programs that provide a clear conservation benefit and contribute to the long-term survival of the species in the wild.

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can allow the import of a hunted elephant only when the killing of the animal will enhance the survival of the species. Imports of hunted African elephants are limited to two per hunter in a calendar year.

- The Service carefully analyzed Zimbabwe and Zambia's hunting programs before issuing its findings for both countries. The process for analyzing these findings is detailed, comprehensive, and in some cases can take many months.

- Legal hunting, as part of a sound, well-regulated wildlife management program, can provide benefits to conservation, including significant long-term benefits to the populations of many species.

- As part of the Service process in issuing findings, information is provided by each country's government, non-government organizations, safari outfitters, professional hunter associations, and individuals.

- The Service authorizes imports for hunted elephants from a country of origin only when it can be assured that hunting in that country is well-managed, sustainable and benefits conservation of the species in question.

- Individual hunted elephants imported into the United States are subject to inspection and administration by the Service to ensure they were taken and imported in accordance with all in-country, United States, and international laws and regulations.

- By law, we cannot and will not allow hunted elephants into the United States that were taken in any nation whose conservation program fails to meet standards for scientific management and effectiveness.

- The Service continues to be a global leader in actions to combat poaching.

- The future of Africa's wildlife is threatened by poaching and illegal wildlife trade. We remain committed to combatting heinous wildlife crimes while empowering and incentivizing local communities to be a part of the solution.

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt
  - Visit to Yellowstone National Park, August 17
- Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens
  - Visit to San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, August 15
  - Speak at American Wildlife Conservation Partners, San Antonio, Texas, August 16
- Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith
  - Attend and speak at Wild Horses and Burro event, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 22-25
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Attend FWS leadership meeting in MIB/NoVa, August 15-16
  - Visit to Cape Romaine National Wildlife Refuge, South Carolina, with Representative Turner and Chairman Bishop, August 20-22
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - Attend solar eclipse events at Homestead National Monument of America, Nebraska, August 21
- Eclipse events at NPS and FWS sites across the United States, August 21

Bi-Weekly Policy Briefing for Secretary Zinke

November 8, 2017

Agenda

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10. Communications
11. White House Liaison
12. Scheduling and Advance

Insular Areas

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Hurricane Recovery

- OIA continues to track hurricane recovery efforts in the USVI and Puerto Rico including DOI assets (NPS, FWS, and USGS).
- AS-IN Doug Domenech has been appointed to the FEMA Hurricane Recovery Support Function Leadership Group. DOI's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance leads the recovery effort.
- November 7, 2017 Virgin Islands Hurricane and Resiliency Advisory Group kick-off meeting. Governor Mapp created the group to help guide reconstruction and resiliency efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The Office of Insular Affairs was invited to participate and is represented.
- U.S. Virgin Islands Governor Kenneth Mapp and Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello are scheduled to testify before the House Committee on Natural Resources 11/14 regarding the recent Caribbean hurricanes Irma and Maria. They are to be the only witnesses.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Hurricane Recovery

- The National Park Service manages six parks in the Caribbean. One park in Puerto Rico and five the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages nine units in the Caribbean. Five refuges in Puerto Rico and three the U.S. Virgin Islands. (And one additional island.)
- Focus is on opening Parks and Refuges that serve as tourist attractions.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- GUAM and CNMI WORKER VISAS - President Trump reportedly told Guam Governor Eddie Calvo and CNMI Governor Ralph Torres in Hawaii that he would aid them on addressing their labor needs – i.e., the H2-B visa availability for Guam and CW visa availability for the CNMI. Participated in a DPC call on the issue.
- OIA will chair the U.S.- Marshall Islands Trust Fund Committee on November 15 at the MIB. The Fund as of this past June is $341, 576,000. In addition to the U.S. Government and Marshall Islands voting members, a representative of the Taiwan Government serves as well. Taiwan is a vital contributor to the Fund providing $2.4 million annually.
- DHS has agreed to open a Regional Immigration Center in American Samoa.
- This week the Brown Tree Snake Coordinating Committee will hold its meeting in Guam. OIA provides grant funding to prevent the spread of the invasive snake.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- **November 20-22 –** Domenech on personal leave.
- **December 3 – 8, 2017 –** AS-IN Domenech and OIA Director Nikolao Pula will travel to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for discussions with RMI President Hilda Heine, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Karen Stewart and visits to Majuro, and Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll.
- **December 9, 2017 –** AS-IN Domenech and Director Pula will meet with OIA Honolulu staff who aid in the administration of Compact grants to the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.
- **December 11, 2017 –** AS-IN Domenech and Director Pula will meet (tentatively) with Hawaii Governor David Ige and will separately be briefed on the United States' Pacific defense posture by the U.S. Pacific Command.
- **December 12 - 13, 2017 –**AS-IN Domenech will address the Island Government Finance Officers Association meeting in Maui.

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

- ASFWP
  - Everglades Restoration brief (Congressional)
  - RESTORE Council decision memo
- FWS
  - Alaska 1002 Area update
  - Utah prairie dog rule
  - Fever ticks in Texas
  - Comorants EA and rule
- NPS
  - Hurricane recovery in Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico
  - National Mall and Memorial Park permits, November 10-12
  - NPS leadership meeting, week of November 13
  - Upcoming events: Manassas National Battlefield, November 10; Memorial Bridge event, November 14-17; Iwo Jima/Marine Corps War Memorial, November 21

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- ASFWP
  - Everglades National Park land exchange with Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
- FWS
  - Priority Endangered Species items
    - Monito gecko proposed delisting due to recovery, on or around November 15
    - Panama City crayfish to publish by December 29
    - Black warrior waterdog to publish by January 4, 2018
  - Mexican Wolf recovery plan, November
  - Low Effect HCP process
- NPS
  - Anti-harassment work
  - Mountain Valley and Atlantic Coast pipeline update
  - National Christmas Tree lighting, President's Park, November 30
  - Golden Gate National Recreation Area dog plan termination notice
  - Herd culling at national parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Acting Assistant Secretary Jason Larrabee
  - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, November 9
  - National Parks Hospitality Association fall meeting, Denver, November 13-14
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Visits to Texas national wildlife refuges impacted by Hurricane Harvey, November 9
  - Travel to Tanzania to discuss lion and elephant management strategies, November 12-16
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - NPS leadership meetings, Washington, DC, November 14-16

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Department Review: Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the CVP & SWP and Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA)
- WIIN Operational Briefing-request of Majority Leader McCarthy 11/9
  - Re-consultation of Bio-Ops
  - Sections 4001, 4002, and 4003 of WIIN

U.S. Geological Survey

- Pre-assessment presentations being conducted: Resource Assessment of National Petroleum Reserve and Adjacent Areas-Alaska
  - Nanushuk and Torok Formations
- USGS Estimates Pounds of Potential Uranium Resources in Parts of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma-Press release 11/13

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- H.R. 875: Bill to facilitate and streamline Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs processes for creating or expanding water projects-November 30
- Klamath Basin: Potential Letter

U.S. Geological Survey

- Critical minerals
- Sage Grouse
- Continue to review projects and publications
- Coordination with DOI bureaus

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee, Sacramento, CA 11/13
- National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Annual Conference, Tucson, AZ 11/15-17
- Salton Sea Site Visits and Meetings with Water Districts, CA 11/15-17
- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference, Anaheim, CA 11/30
- Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) Conference, Las Vegas, NV 12/13-15

U.S. Geological Survey

- 20th William T. Pecora Memorial Remote Sensing Symposium, Sioux Falls, SD 11/14
- NASA-DOI Sustainable Land Imaging Joint Steering Group Meeting, DC 11/22
    - First meeting on Landsat 10

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- FY 2017 Financial Audit
  - DOI has had clean and on-time audit for 20 years
  - Next step: Bureau Directors need to sign Management Representation Letters to be dated 11/14 but signature/delivery to PMB by today
  - Due date for KPMG auditors and DOI IG to release FY17 audit is 11/15/17
- FY 2018 Budget
  - Continuing Resolution into December; hopefully an omnibus after that
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - OMB Passback expected late November; probably 4 day turnaround on any appeals
- Disasters
  - Awaiting decisions from OMB on our request for emergency supplemental appropriations; both funding and legislative initiatives are on the table

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Steve Howke has joined PMB as Senior Advisor
  - Memo in process to explain grant approval process for balance of FY 18 and beyond
  - Asst. Secy's and bureau directors being asked to focus grant eligibility criteria up front on Secretarial Top 10 Priorities
  - Departmental manual updates on grantmaking likely December 2017/January 2018
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Low-cost reprogrammings in FY 18
  - Decision made on the standard regions, map being finalized, next do related reprogramming
  - Awaiting OMB feedback on broader proposal with Passback in late November/early December
- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Expecting OMB feedback in early December; second opportunity for us to revise the plan
  - Final plan due for public release on 1/20/18
  - Plan's metrics need to be tied to SES performance standards

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Human Resource management
  - SES performance evaluations in November/December
  - Challenge: SES Grade Inflation; Not everyone can really be above average
  - Need to settle on FY 18 SES performance standards reflecting Secretarial priorities
  - Best Places to Work in Government report comes out early December; DOI was in eleventh place among large agencies in 2016
- January SES meeting
  - Honing in on January 10, 11 for 1½ day meeting
  - Agenda under refinement
  - JMA concept a focus
  - Invitees to include bureau regional directors

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- **Western Weed Coordinating Committee** presentation; coupled with visit to Lake Mead National Recreation Area to discuss state concerns with invasive mussels with NPS, WGA staff, State of Nevada, State of Idaho, in Las Vegas NV, November 29

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

BLM

Current Operations

- Surnaming-Nov 17
  - Venting and Flaring Delay
  - Hydraulic Fracturing Final
- Sage Grouse Scoping Meetings Nov 3-16
- Planning 2.0 Nullification
  - Currently in surnaming process (Exec Sec)

30-60 Day Outlook

- BLM will hold 8 Lease Sales throughout Dec
- December 6 BLM-AK will hold a lease sale for 900 tracts in the NPR-A. (bidding expected to be moderate, expected to be controversial.)
- Sage Grouse
  - Dec 1 End of Scoping Period

Land and Minerals Management

OSMRE

Current Operations

- Stream Protection Rule Rescission
  - Expected publication Nov 16
- Signal Peak Litigation
  - Oct 31 District Court modified injunction to allow underground mine development work limited to 170k tons of coal

30-60 Day Outlook

- State program amendments for approval (PA, WY, KY) remaining from past 8 years
- Upcoming Mine Plan Decisions
  - Dry Fork Mine - To ASLM Dec 6
  - Belle Ayr Mine - To ASLM Dec 27
  - Cordero Rojo Mine - To ASLM Jan 10
  - Bridger Mine - To ASLM Jan 24

Land and Minerals Management

BOEM

Current Operations

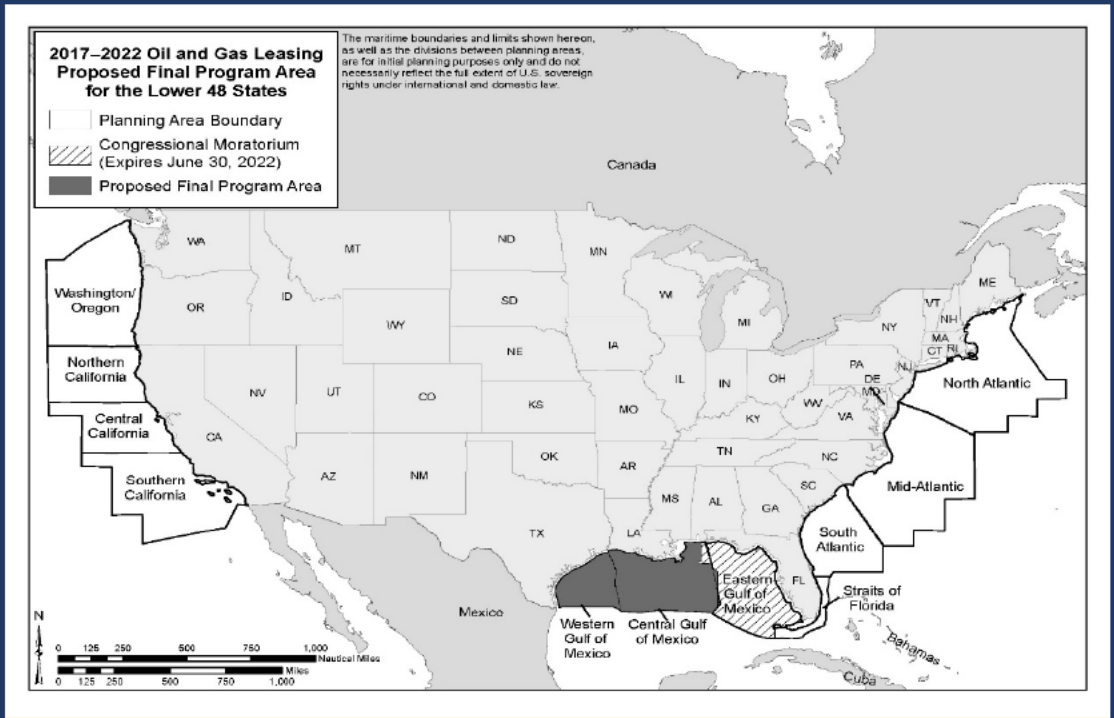
- NAS Workshop Nov 8 & 9th
  - Atlantic Offshore Renewable energy
  - Fisheries
- 5-Year DPP
  - Proposed publication of DPP Nov 17th
- Liberty Island DPP
  - Public comment period ends Nov 17
  - North Slope Borough Mayor and Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission requesting 30 day extension

30-60 Day Outlook

- Next milestone in 5-year plan- Publishing draft proposed program (DPP)
  - Publication starts 60 day public comment period
  - Preparing letters for all 50 governors
  - Jan 17 (tentatively) begin the Proposed Program

Land and Minerals Management

5 Year Plan Comparison



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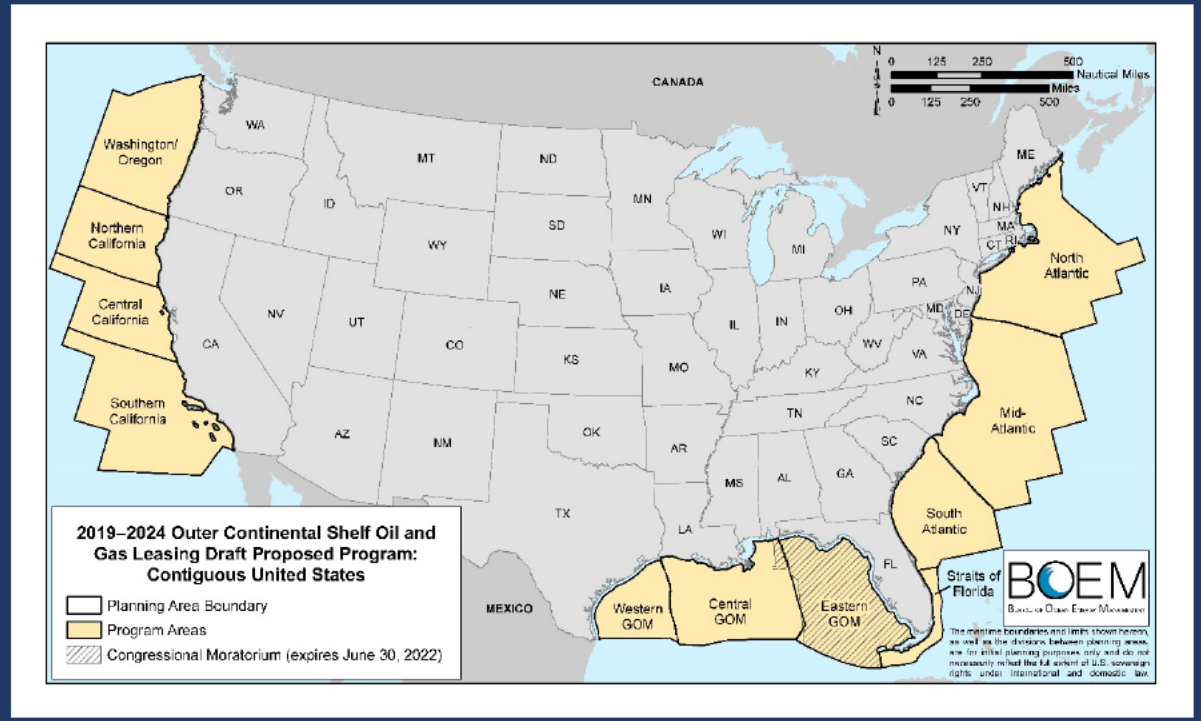

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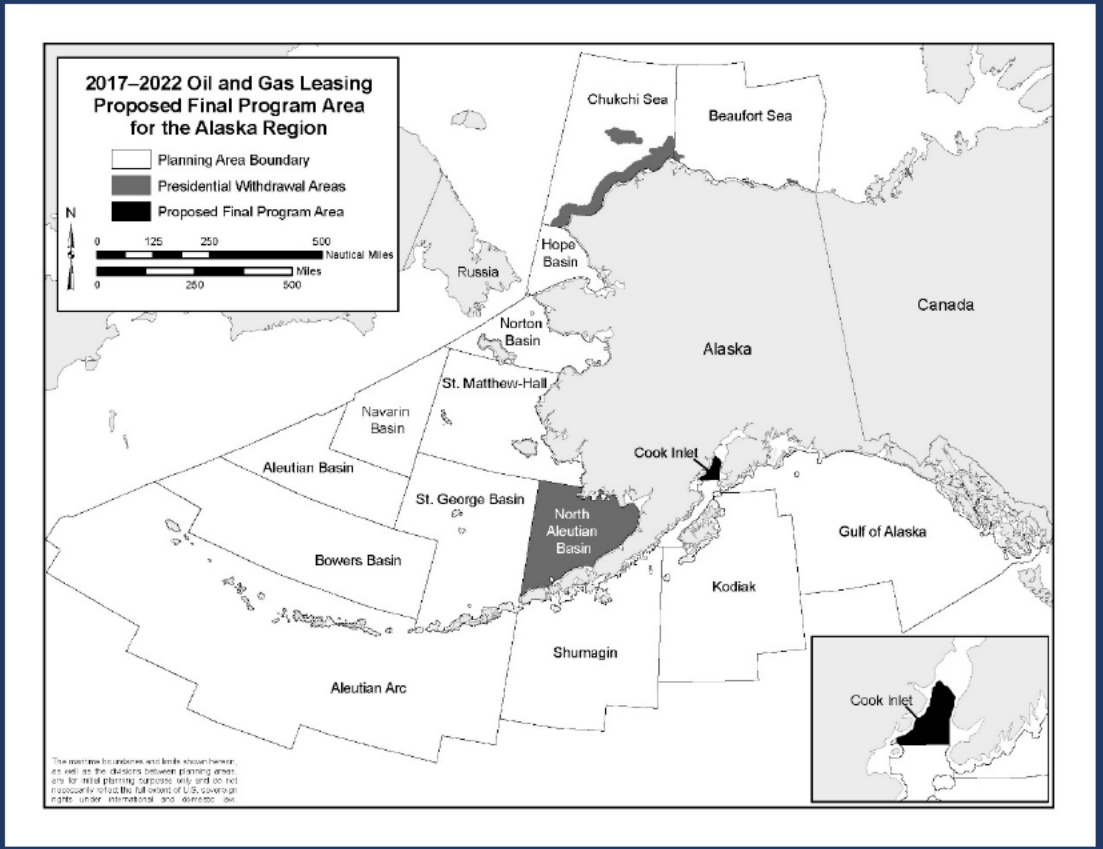
Land and Minerals Management

5 Year Plan Comparison



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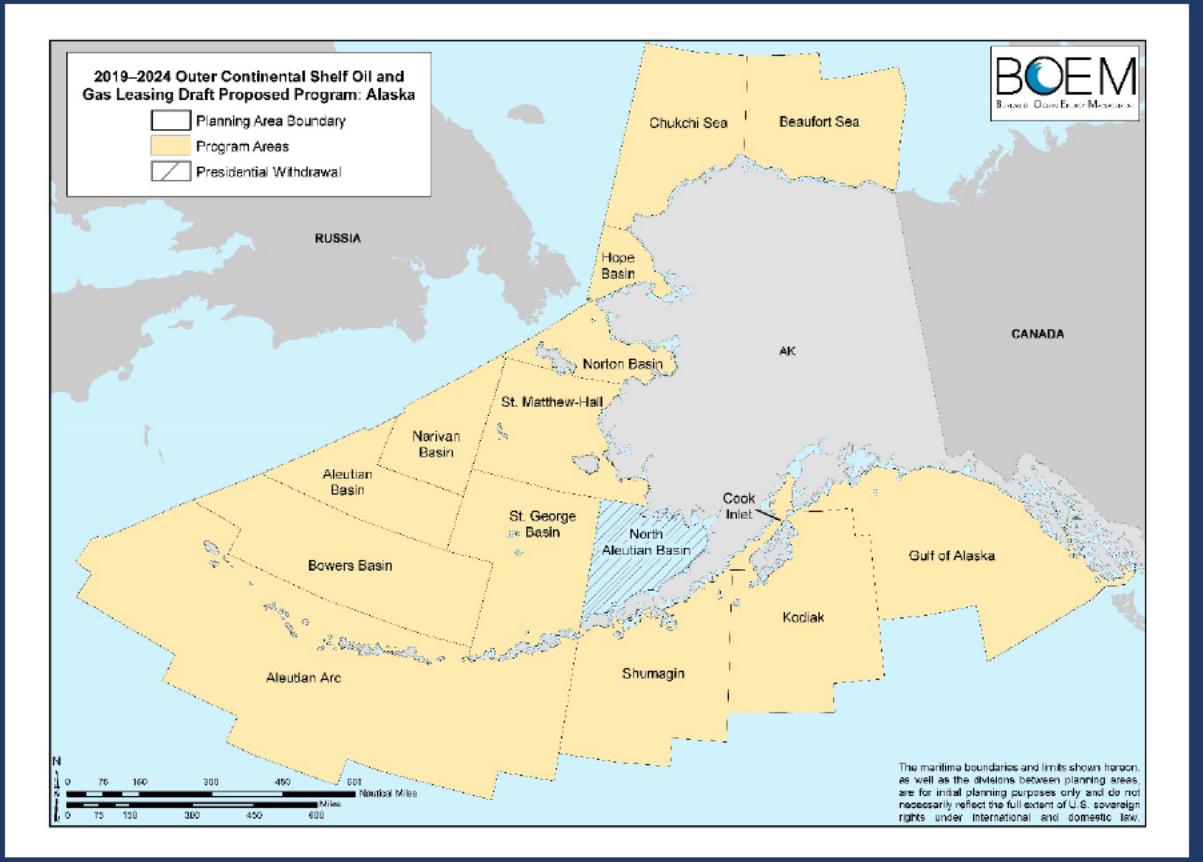

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Land and Minerals Management

BSEE

Current Operations

- Surnaming Nov 17
  - Well Control
  - Sub Part H
- Arctic Slope Regional Corp.
  - Requested a suspension of operations (SOO) for 21 leases previously held by shell
  - Decision on SOO is pending

30-60 Day Outlook

- Regulatory reform updates
  - BSEE has established teams to prepare Well Control Rule and Production Safety Systems Rule

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

From November 14-17 Acting Assistant Secretary, Kate MacGregor will be in Colorado for Petroleum and Mining presentations.

From November 14-17 Deputy Assistant Secretary, Casey Hammond will be in Utah for a series of Sage Grouse scoping meetings.

From November 6-9 BSEE Director Scott Angelle will be in Texas for meetings with industry groups.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- BIE negotiated rulemaking
- Update of Land into Trust Regulations
  - Upcoming Consultations
- Reviewing regulations and processes on titles and leases
  - 184 Mortgage effort with HUD
  - Short form leases for tribes engaged in commercial real estate development
- Reviewing lease fee collections
- Meeting with Tribal/Interior Budget Committee
  - Hear tribal views and priorities
- Land Buy Back Program

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Work on charter school policy proposals from NIEA
  - Expansion of grades and facility sharing
  - Eliminate prohibitions on charter schools as school choice options for BIE schools
  - Allow BIE schools to contract with charter management organizations
- Work on TIBC recommendations
  - Identifying Departmental vs. tribal priorities
  - Prepare responses to tribal views and priorities

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Testimony
  - PDAS Tahsuda potentially testifying at SCIA (11/8) on STOP Act
- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - Native American Contractors (Tahsuda, 11/7)
  - Potential visit to Chemewa Boarding School/Radio interview (Tahsuda, 11/14)
- Tribal Consultations
  - Land into Trust (January dates being considered)
  - BIE Strategic Plan (11/15, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/14)

Solicitor

Office of the Solicitor

Current Operations

- General Update

Office of the Solicitor

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- General Update

Office of the Solicitor

Major Events and Travel

None

Congressional and Legislative Affairs

Congressional Affairs

Current Operations

- Nominees
  - Burman (BOR), Combs (ASPMB), Nelson (Solicitor) & Balash (ASLM) – Marked Up and awaiting floor vote
  - Potential Upcoming Nominations: BLM, NPS
  - Tara Sweeney – AS-IA Nominated, OGE legal review
  - Steve Gardner – OSM, OGE legal review
- Maintenance Fund Language – On the Hill, awaiting rollout event with WH
  - Alexander, Gardner, Daines
- Nominee Letter to McConnell / Schumer
- HR624 - Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017
- Pending Colorado Mineral Leasing Act Announcement – Gardner/Tipton
- Floor Schedule:
  - Senate – Nominees for DOT, EPA, NLRB, Asst. AG
  - House - H.R. 3043 - Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017 / Tax Reform W&M Markup

Congressional Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Hearings

- **(11/8)** SCIA legislative hearing on S. 1400 (Sen. Heinrich), the Safeguarding Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017 and S. 465 (Sen. Rounds), the Independent Outside Audit of the Indian Health Service Act of 2017. The Department will only be providing testimony on S.1400.
    - **Witness: John Tahsuda, Acting Asst. Secretary for Indian Affairs**
- **(11/9) SCIA** is holding a roundtable entitled "Confronting the Crisis: the Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country."
    - **Participant: Charlie Addington, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Justice Services**
- (11/15) HNRC Hearings
    - **Indian Affairs Legislative Hearing**
    - **Federal Lands Legislative Hearing – Acadia**

Legislative Agenda

- Supplemental Disaster Relief bills - Delayed
- Senate Interior Appropriations – Delayed
- Senate Energy – 1002 Area – QFRs received, language to be introduced and marked up shortly by committee

Congressional Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Meetings for Secretary Zinke
  - Chairman Bishop – 11/7/17
  - SAC-I Member Meeting hosted at DOI – 11/16
  - Louisiana Coastal Tour – Sen. Cassidy – TBD
- Congressional Meetings for Dep. Sec. Bernhardt
  - Western Caucus – 11/14
  - Chairman Bishop – 11/15
  - Rep. Amodei Surname Tour – 11/15 or 16
- Western Caucus (12/8-12/9) – Working w/ External & Western Caucus to determine attendees

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- Timber Resources & Wildfire Roundtable
- FACA Board Outreach
- Monument Outreach

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

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Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Major Events

- None

Travel

- Todd Wynn: Heartland Institute (Houston: 11/7 -- 11/10)
- Ben Cassidy: NPHA Fall Meeting (Denver: 11/13 -- 11/15)
- Tim Williams: Sage Grouse Scoping Meeting (Colorado: 11/8)

Communications

Office of Communications

Current Operations

- Nov. 7 - DOI Veterans Ceremony
- Nov. 7 - Made in America Recreation Committee release
- Nov. 8 - International Wildlife Conservation Council release
- Nov. 8 - *Philly Inquirer* Veterans Day op-ed
- Nov. 9 - Veterans Day Video + op-ed, sent to all employees
- Nov. 10/11 - Veterans Day Events
- Nov. 13 - Release on draft Environmental Assessment on Cormorants
- Dec. 4 - Event with POTUS in Utah on Monuments

Office of Communications

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- *Themes: Native American Heritage Month/Veterans, Infrastructure*

To do:

- Critical Minerals Report, EO Communications Rollout
- DOI-Wide Harassment Survey Results
- Memorial Bridge Project/Rebuild Our Parks Initiative
- Wildland Fire Roundtable
- Zimbabwe Trophy Elephant Import Ruling
- Comms Rollout for announcement of draft proposed 5 yr Program for OCS Oil & Gas development

White House Liaison

White House Liaison Office

Personnel:

- Schedule C
  - 35 of 70 onboard
  - 1 starting
  - 10 in process
- SES
  - 26 of 44 onboard
  - 2 starting
  - 2 in process
- PAS
  - 3 out of 17 onboard
  - 6 of 17 announced
  - 14 of 17 submitted

- John Bockmier – Senior Advisor for Strategic Communications – 11/13
- John Tanner – Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs – 11/14
- Brandon Middleton – Deputy Solicitor for Water Resources – 11/27

Scheduling and Advance

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In Town Events:

- Cabinet Meetings (11/20)
- NFWF Board of Directors Meeting (11/8)
- Reading of Names at Vietnam Veterans Memorial (11/8)
- Washing of the Vietnam Memorial Walls w/ VPOTUS (11/11)
- World War II Memorial Veterans Day Celebration (11/11)
- Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11)
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11)
- Korean War Veterans Memorial Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11)
- U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial – Unveiling of engravings for wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (11/21)

Upcoming Trips

- Manassas National Battlefield Park (11/10)



African Elephants and Lions and the U.S. Endangered Species Act

Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke

November 20, 2017

Importation under the ESA

- African lions and African elephants are listed as Threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- These species may be legally imported if they comply with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and additional U.S. laws and regulations.
- U.S. regulations require a permit to import these species if hunted outside the country, issued only if the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) concludes that hunting the species "enhances" the survival of that species in the wild.
- This standard has been in place for elephants since 1992, and for lions since January 22, 2016.
- Factors that the FWS considers in their review include: species status; population trends; poaching levels; wildlife management plans; revenues generated by hunting and how they are used; how local communities benefit from hunting activities, etc.

Country status for import of elephant trophies from 2014 to present*

	Approved for elephants hunted	Under Review	Not Approved for elephants hunted
Namibia	X		
South Africa	X		
Tanzania		January 1, 2016 and beyond	January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2015
Zambia	January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018 *(Zambia closed its 2014-2015 hunting seasons)*		
Zimbabwe	January 21, 2016 - December 31, 2018		May 12, 2014 - January 20, 2016

What do these Elephant decisions allow?

- For Zambia and Zimbabwe, elephants already taken in 2016 and 2017 may be imported after receiving a permit. Hunters may receive a U.S. permit to import elephants taken through 2018, unless USFWS changes the current findings.

	Estimated Population	CITES Quota CY 2017	% of Population
Zambia	21,760	80	0.37%
Zimbabwe	82,630	500	0.61%

Note: Zambia and Zimbabwe have not historically filled their quota

Country status for import of lion trophies*

	Approved	Under Review	Not Approved to Date	Applies to Lions Hunted
Mozambique		X		
Namibia		X		
South Africa: Wild Lions	X			January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019
South Africa: Wild-Managed Lions	X			January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019
South Africa: Captive Lions			X	until new information is received
Tanzania		X		
Zambia	X			January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018
Zimbabwe	X			January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018

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	Estimated Population	Quota CY 2017	% of Population
Zambia	1,200	80	6.7%
Zimbabwe	1,900	50 (est.)	2.6%

Note: Zambia and Zimbabwe have not historically filled their quota

Permits Issued/Applications Pending

Permits issued/pending applications for elephants (since 2014):

- Namibia – 96 permits issued; 8 applications pending; positive finding
- Tanzania – 14 permits issued; 2 applications pending; 3 denied; no finding made
- South Africa – 75 permits issued; 8 applications pending; positive finding
- Zambia – 7 permits issued; 1 pending; positive finding
- Zimbabwe – 20 permits issued (pre-2014 take); 31 applications pending; 9 permits denied; negative finding for 2014-15; positive finding for 2016-18

Permits issued/pending applications for lions (since Jan. 2016):

- Mozambique – 3 applications pending; no finding made
- Namibia – 1 application pending; no finding made
- Tanzania – 19 applications pending; no finding made
- South Africa – 14 permits issued; 11 denied; 2 pending
- Zambia – 18 permits issued; 1 pending
- Zimbabwe – 19 permits issued; 4 pending

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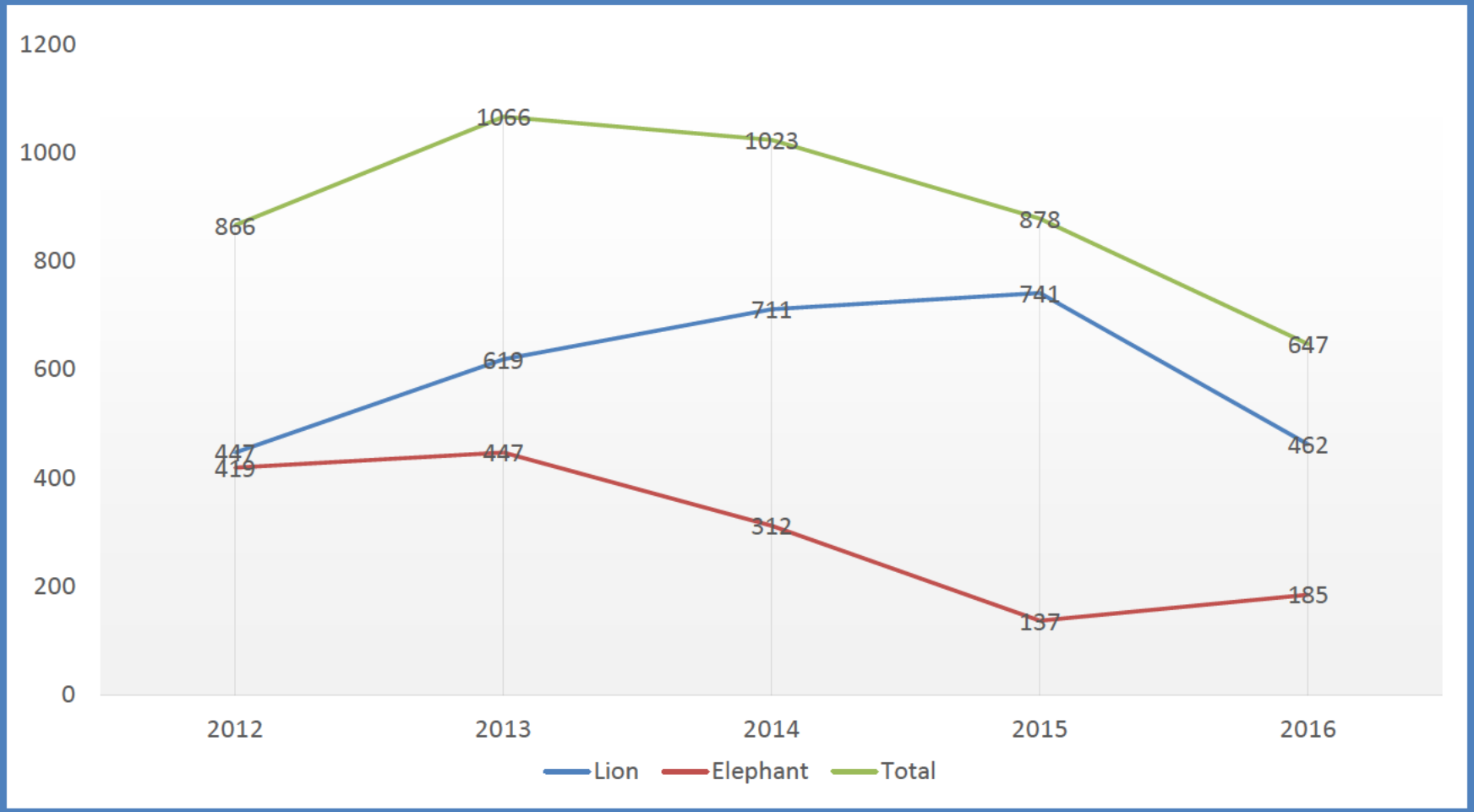
U.S. Lion and Elephant Imports



- Elephant decline due primarily to Botswana closure and Zimbabwe 2014 negative finding
- Lion decline due primarily to closure of imports for captive bred lions from South Africa

Benefits of Big Game Hunting

- Benefits to local communities – Anti-poaching Patrols (wildlife, timber, mining), employment, school/clinic development, clean water development, habitat protection, etc.
- Estimated economic Impacts to the countries
  - Elephants - $174 million
  (580 Hunter/Gov't fees X $60,000 X 5 econ multiplier)
  - Lions - $22.8 Million
  (130 Hunter/Gov't fees X $35,000 X 5 econ multiplier)

Facts for consideration

- In 2014 Zimbabwe had a negative elephant finding that has now been revised to a positive finding. There was never a Obama Administration "BAN" on Zimbabwe imports as reported in multiple new sources
- No import regulations or policies have changed under this Administration.
- The enhancement determinations are made by career biologists who perform extensive analysis and not by politically appointed management
- Internationally, elephants have declined from 508,000 in 2006 , to 418,000 in 2015, due primarily to poaching.
- Some countries have increased elephant populations or are stable, while others are down. Legal hunting is not attributed to population level declines. Decisions about management strategies need to happen on a country-by-country basis, not a range wide basis
- The funds generated from legal hunters fund the majority of anti-poaching and conservation of lions and elephants in countries where hunting is allowed

Talking Points on African Elephants

- The Service is committed to the conservation of African elephants.

- African elephants are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Our nation has an obligation under the ESA to make sure U.S. hunters are contributing to the conservation of elephants in the wild by participating in hunting programs that provide a clear conservation benefit and contribute to the long-term survival of the species in the wild.

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can allow the import of a hunted elephant only when the killing of the animal will enhance the survival of the species. Imports of hunted African elephants are limited to two per hunter in a calendar year.

- The Service carefully analyzed Zimbabwe and Zambia's hunting programs before issuing its findings for both countries. The process for analyzing these findings is detailed, comprehensive, and in some cases can take many months.

- Legal hunting, as part of a sound, well-regulated wildlife management program, can provide benefits to conservation, including significant long-term benefits to the populations of many species.

- As part of the Service process in issuing findings, information is provided by each country's government, non-government organizations, safari outfitters, professional hunter associations, and individuals.

- The Service authorizes imports for hunted elephants from a country of origin only when it can be assured that hunting in that country is well-managed, sustainable and benefits conservation of the species in question.

- Individual hunted elephants imported into the United States are subject to inspection and administration by the Service to ensure they were taken and imported in accordance with all in-country, United States, and international laws and regulations.

- By law, we cannot and will not allow hunted elephants into the United States that were taken in any nation whose conservation program fails to meet standards for scientific management and effectiveness.

- The Service continues to be a global leader in actions to combat poaching.

- The future of Africa's wildlife is threatened by poaching and illegal wildlife trade. We remain committed to combatting heinous wildlife crimes while empowering and incentivizing local communities to be a part of the solution.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
Annual Meeting of the Boone and Crockett Society
Savannah, Georgia
December 2, 2017

- Thank you all! It's a privilege to be here among friends, to talk about our shared passions for hunting and the outdoors.

- I've been a hunter all my life, and a member of the Boone and Crockett Club for several years. I know how much this organization does to keep this vital component of our heritage as Americans alive.

- You are a living link to the values and commitment of the Boone and Crockett Club's founder, Theodore Roosevelt.

- Roosevelt understood that our democracy and ideals are inextricably linked to our natural heritage as citizens. And that wildlife conservation was at its heart an expression of those ideals.

- As he once said, "The movement for the conservation of wildlife and the larger movement for the conservation of all our natural resources are essentially democratic in spirit, purpose, and method."

- I know you agree, or you wouldn't be here.

- Your leadership and support for the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and the principles of science-driven wildlife management have been crucial to their incredible success.

- For more than a century, we've worked together as a conservation community to protect and preserve access to the outdoors for generations of Americans.

- We've created the world's most extensive network of public lands – wildlife refuges, parks, recreation areas and other federal and state public lands spanning hundreds of millions of acres nationwide.

- At the same time, we've created dedicated funding streams to maintain and expand outdoor recreation opportunities.

- These efforts have been remarkably successful – helping to restore millions of acres of habitat and restore abundant and diverse populations of native wildlife across the continent.

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- I know how much you care about passing this hard-won heritage on to future generations. I can assure you that the Secretary and I share your sense of urgency.

- Like me, the Secretary grew up in the West, hunting and fishing on public lands.

- Those experiences shaped who we are as human beings, and the values we try to embody every day in our personal and professional lives.

- We believe passionately that every young person in America should have the same opportunities we all had as kids – whether calling a wild turkey to our blind, stalking a deer, or bagging a trophy elk.

- We strongly support keeping public lands in public hands – and in making sure that these lands can support healthy, diverse populations of native fish and wildlife for all Americans to enjoy.

- But the progress hunters did so much to achieve in the 20th Century is at risk.

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- Right now, we confront a rapidly changing world – one in which a growing human population will put enormous strain on the earth's natural resources.

- This population isn't just growing. It's becoming increasingly diverse, urbanized – and less familiar with the natural world.

- The scale and scope of the conservation challenges we face as wildlife professionals is staggering. Yet at the state and federal level, we've had to cope with years of flat or declining budgets.

- As Utah State Wildlife Director, I came to work every day knowing that if my agency didn't sell enough hunting and fishing licenses, we might not be able to make payroll.

- That's pressure.

- It's why recruiting, retaining and reactivating hunters is vital to the future of conservation. Now, more than ever, hunters are the backbone of wildlife conservation in America.

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- Taking that analogy further, the Fish and Wildlife Service and our State Wildlife Agency partners are the nerve center, guiding effective conservation delivery across the nation.

- We are working closely with the states and partners in the hunting, angling and boating communities to find ways to break down barriers and improve access to public lands for sportsmen.

- Hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation are not just the backbone of conservation. They're also an essential driver of our economy, and a critical part of communities across the nation.

- The outdoor recreation industry annually generates an estimated $646 billion in economic activity and supports approximately 6.1 million direct jobs.

- The industry contributes more than $40 billion in federal excise tax, sales tax and duties each year.

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- In 2016, more than 101 million Americans – a staggering 40 percent of the U.S. population – participated in some form of fishing, hunting or other wildlife-associated recreation.

- And in doing so, they spent an estimated $156.3 billion on equipment, travel, licenses and fees.

- These expenditures represent 1 percent of the nation's Gross Domestic Product – creating and supporting thousands of jobs and communities across the nation.

- More than 11.5 million Americans 16 years of age or older hunted in 2016.

- In absolute numbers, that represents a slight drop. But as a percentage of the overall population, hunting participation has steadily declined.

- And the median age of hunters has increased – a strong indication that we're not recruiting enough young people.

- When I was a kid, I could find a place to hunt less than 15 minutes away. I suspect many of you were the same.

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- That's no longer the case for most Americans, as cities and suburbs continue to sprawl. More than 8 in 10 of us now live in cities or suburbs.

- That's why protecting and expanding sportsmen's access to both public and private lands, and promoting outdoor recreation opportunities, are among our highest priorities.

- If we're going to sustain and build on the successes of the past, we can't just rely on what's worked before.

- As a wise person once observed, "change isn't mandatory, but neither is survival."

- With that in mind, we're committed to driving change across the Department to implement these priorities more effectively and efficiently.

- We're looking to reduce duplication, streamline administrative processes and procedures, and make our bureaus and programs more nimble, responsive and open to collaboration.

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- We believe strongly in Teddy Roosevelt's natural resource management philosophies.
- As he once did, we're prioritizing public land access for recreation and balanced use of those lands to support sustainable economic growth.
- It's important to remember that Roosevelt also wanted to maximize the productivity of public lands.
- "Conservation," Roosevelt said, "means development as much as it does protection."
- "I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the natural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us."
- That's why he hired Gifford Pinchot to revolutionize the Forest Service, using the principles of scientific forestry to ensure healthy forests while supporting sustainable timber harvest.

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- As Pinchot could attest, this is nothing new in conservation.

- We are committed to expanding energy production on public lands to meet our obligation to the American people to maximize revenues and economic growth from these lands in a responsible, sustainable manner.

- We can and will do this while also delivering effective wildlife conservation and expanding access for sportsmen, who pay for most conservation in America.

- In July, we hosted the Sportsman's Access Ramp-Up Summit at the Interior Department, the first step in what has become a coordinated effort across the Department of the Interior and its bureaus.

- Our goal is to expand public access for sportsmen, and to work with states and the conservation community to reactivate hunters, anglers and boaters and introduce millions of Americans to these pastimes.

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- We're also looking to open National Wildlife Refuges across the nation to hunting for the first time, and to expand existing hunting programs wherever possible.

- We've recently redeployed 12 full-time Service employees and tasked them with traveling to each of the more than 560 national wildlife refuges.

- Their charge is to take appropriate measures to open every square foot of these refuges legally permissible to hunting and fishing – and to ensure that hunting and fishing regulations mirror those of the states in which they are located.

- We're working to improve collaboration with private landowners, expanding incentives for voluntary private lands conservation and making it easier for families to remain on the lands they've worked for generations.

- Likewise, our sister bureaus in the Department of the Interior are examining their own policies.

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- They're looking at how best to expand hunting opportunities on millions of acres of public lands.

- But expanding access and opportunities alone isn't a magic bullet.

- We also need to work together as hunters to mentor young people and adults who've never hunted – helping introduce them to this life-long passion and the connection it creates with their friends and families.

- We need to call up our friends who haven't hunted in years, and invite them along. And we all need to make a personal commitment to getting out in the field as often as we can.

- In addition, we need to recognize that America is changing.

- That's why we're building partnerships with nontraditional organizations like the League of United Latino American Citizens (or LULAC, as it's known), and historically African-American fraternities like Phi Sigma Beta.

- It's why we're working to recruit and retain a diverse workforce – so we can reach out to diverse communities and get them involved in hunting and outdoor recreation.

- Studies show these rapidly growing communities are passionate about the outdoors – Latinos, especially, rate spending time in the outdoors higher than any other demographic.

- We need to connect with them by breaking down cultural barriers, and recruiting allies and advocates who can themselves mentor young people in their communities.

- None of this is easy. Nor will it happen overnight. But as conservationists, we're used to playing the long game.

- When we restore a bottomland hardwood forest, for example, we do so knowing that we may never live to see the fruits of our efforts.

- We do it because we know what a powerful impact our actions will have for future generations.

- Every young person who takes up the sport today will remain a powerful supporter of hunting and wildlife conservation for decades to come.

- He or she will generate millions of dollars for conservation, and influence the passions, behavior and values of scores of family and friends.

- That lasting influence is what we're aiming for. But we need your help, your passion, and your ideas.

- You've proven time and again – through your conservation ethic and the dollars you bring to conserve fish and wildlife resources in America – how much you care. And our relationship has always been one of mutual trust and respect.

- With that in mind, I want to take a moment to address the elephant in the room – literally, in this case.

- I expect many of you were dismayed at the recent controversy over our decision to permit the import of sport-hunted elephant trophies from Zimbabwe and Zambia – as well as the President's decision to evaluate this action.

- I want to assure you that our decision to continue the legal and regulated import of elephant trophies wasn't made lightly, and involved more than two years of work with the wildlife management agencies and governments of both countries.

- Contrary to what you may have heard in the media, there was never a ban on such imports from Zimbabwe.

- We agreed to allow these imports because both nations have proven to us that doing so will provide critical support for their conservation programs for elephants and other native wildlife.

- We do know that without that revenue from American hunters, concession operators can't survive.

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- Nor can African nations manage their wildlife effectively and stop the indiscriminate slaughter of elephants for their ivory.

- In addition, without jobs provided by concession operators and wildlife agencies, many Africans have turned to poaching, illegal mining and logging to help feed their families.

- When hunters leave, poachers inevitably pour in behind them. The tragedy of the current crisis is that so many people conflate poaching with regulated sport hunting.

- Ethical, fair-chase hunting is what this organization has always embodied. And what the vast majority of American hunters strongly support.

- The public's inability to fully understand this issue is just another example of the increasing disconnect between urbanized Americans and the natural world.

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- We need your help to tell the story of hunting and its conservation benefits to wildlife – not just to game species, but hundreds of other native species that share the landscape with them.

- Our goal as an agency, and as a department, is to strengthen and expand our relationship with the Boone and Crockett Club and other sportsmen's groups – to give you a seat at the table and find shared solutions that benefit people and wildlife.

- As the saying goes, "if you're not sitting at the table, you're probably on the menu."

- The Boone and Crockett Club has always had members on Wildlife Advisory Councils at DOI. But it goes beyond that.

- Your voice and support are very important to this administration. So if you have ideas or actions that you think we should consider, please let us know.

- We're excited about the next few years, and I hope you are as well.

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- Together, we can make a lasting impact on conservation, while ensuring the future of hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation on public lands.

- Thank you again for the opportunity to speak to you today. I look forward to working closely with you all in the months ahead.

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Property Development
Dams and Pans

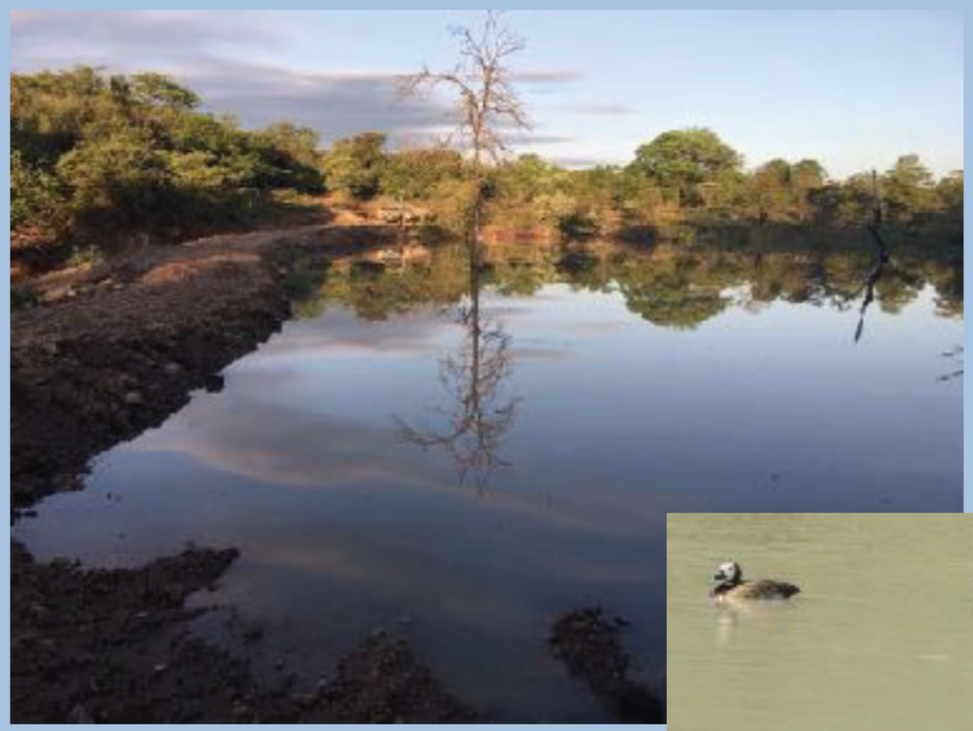
Dams built to collect seasonal rainfall to sustain
wildlife during the dry season

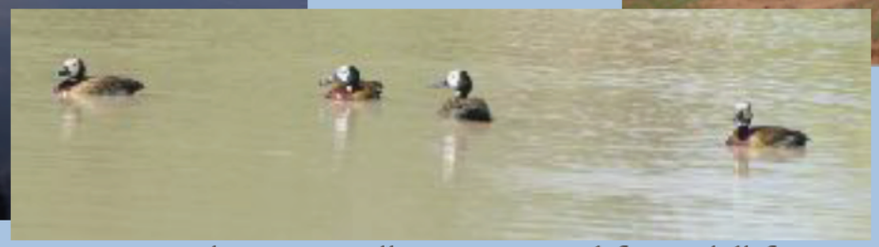


Property Development

Dams, Pans and Reservoir

Dams built to collect seasonal rainfall





Reservoir water storage for year round water supply



Solar powered pumps to supply water all year round for wildlife





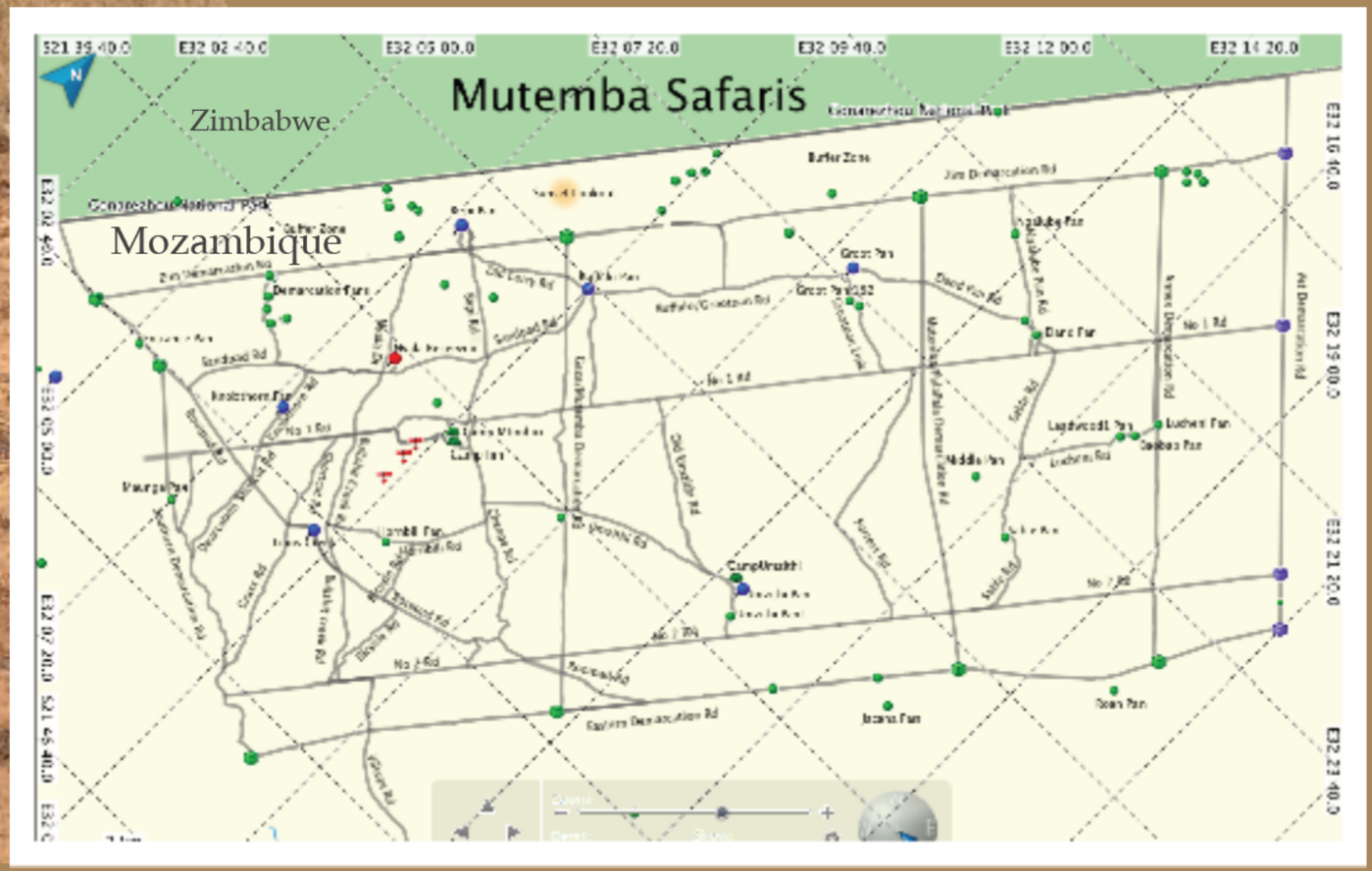


Property Development
Road access



Opening up roads

To provide management access for Anti-Poaching , Fire management, Sport Hunting, Game viewing and job creation



Airstrip - Camp Mutemba - Camp Umzithi

Two Commercial Camps Accessible by air and developed road network



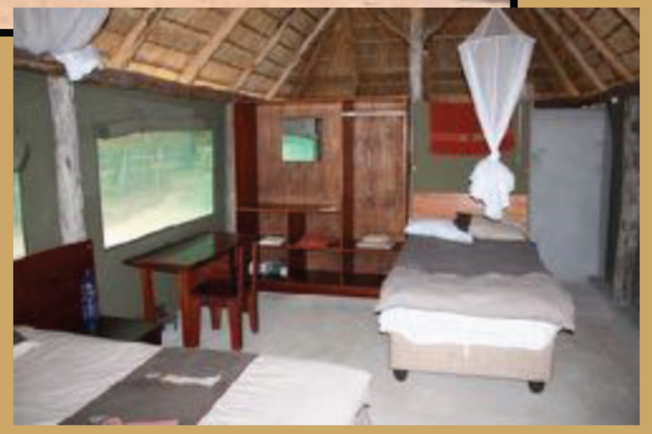






The two Camps are staffed with Local Villagers









Staff Accommodation and Vegetable Gardens

Accommodation





Ablution Block







Vegetable Gardens supplying fresh produce to staff and families.
Job creation for Gardeners

Community





Employment opportunities and social activities

Community

Borehole and Solar powered pump for water





Community School
funded by Client









Community School
Ongoing support and funding by Clients







Medical Clinic held and funded by Client Dr Lentz

and American Medical Team,held at the Community School (2014)



Doctors Hard at Work









Community benefiting from Client support

Medical Clinic

Making bricks for building the clinic funded by Client Claus Handreke





Hunting

Job creation for Trackers and skinners



Hunting

All meat goes to the Community







Anti-Poaching

Rangers ready for patrol (Anti-Poaching Unit)



Buffalo bikes have increased their efficiency

The Employment of this APU has greatly reduced the poaching activity on the property

Anti-Poaching

APU on patrol



Returning with poacher after successful anti-poaching



Recovered by the APU



Checking water pans for poacher activity





Poachers captured by the APU



Rangers find a young elephant bull poached using an illegal rifle

Anti-Poaching

Poached animals Killed using poison

This is what the APU is reducing on the property



Six Black backed Jackals and two Bateleur Eagles killed with poison

56 Vultures died as a result of feeding on poisoned elephant





A Young Elephant cow killed using poison



Poachers attempt to hide dead elephant from vultures
Vultures quickly draw the attention of the APU

Poached animals

Killed using poison



Poison stuffed into wild fruit.
Poisoned fruit is eaten by Elephant.
Carnivores and Vultures eat the Elephant meat

Captured Poachers with leopard skin



Poached animals

Killed using snares (wire)

Recovered wire snares and gin trap





Buffalo cow killed by wire snare

Captured Poacher with wire snares and arrows



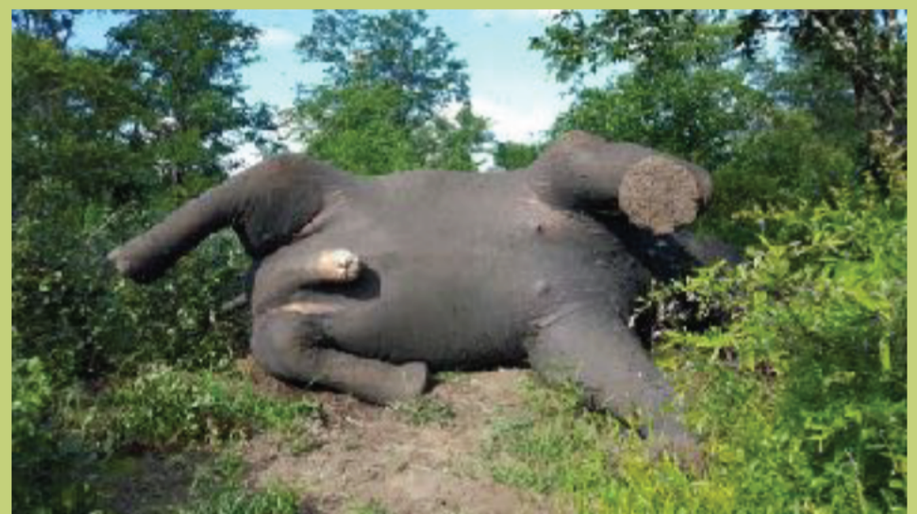


Giraffe leg caught in wire snare, infection set in and killed the giraffe



Poached animals

Killed using illegal Rifles



Wasted meat that would have fed 100's of people in the community





Captured Illegal Rifles





With the employment of the APU from the Local community, the number of poaching incidents has been greatly reduced in recent years.

Monitoring, Research and Counting Animals using camera traps





















Monitoring, Research and Counting Animals using camera traps





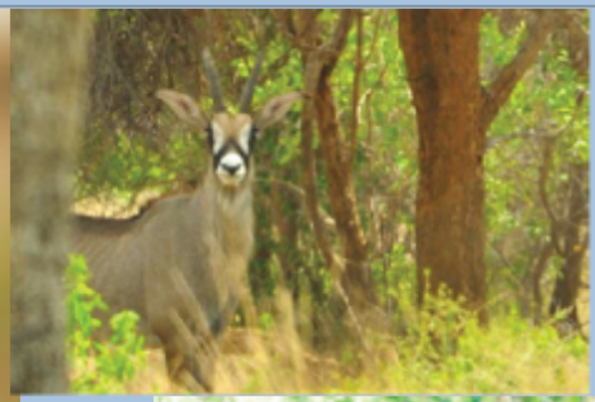
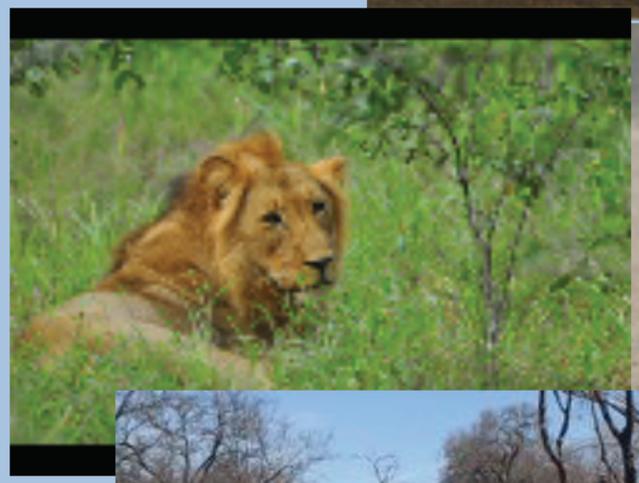




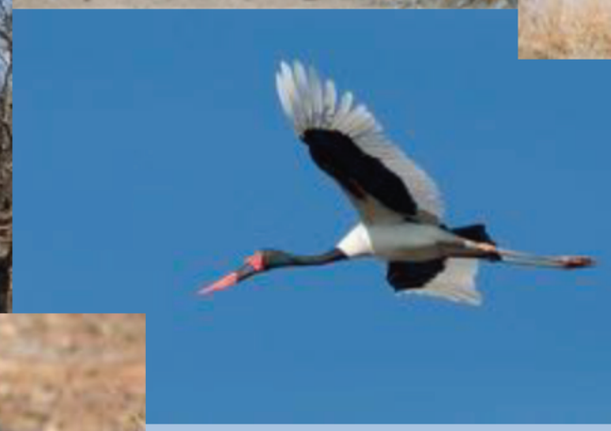
Game Viewing and Bird Watching

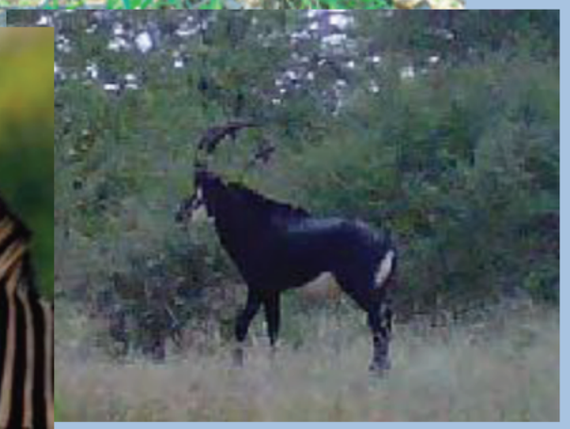
Creates Employment opportunity for rangers, trackers and camp staff with Commercial use of camps










Mutemba Safaris

Protecting wildlife, habitat and community through sustainable usage and management

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Bi-Weekly Policy Briefing for Secretary Zinke

August 30, 2017

Agenda

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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

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Current Operations

Hurricane Harvey update

FWS

- Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Council teleconference, August 30
- Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on certain Indian reservations, tribal bag limits, use of electronic call, August 31
- Release of 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, September 5
- Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and FY2018 North American Conservation Act Grants, September 6 meeting
- August is National Sports Shooting Month

NPS

- North Shore Road and Swain County, North Carolina, $4 million payment
- Release of Great Smoky Mountains National Park fire report, August 31

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

FWS

- National Sportsmen's Day, September 23
- Expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges, Secretarial event
- *Federal Register* notice stating import permits can be issued for African elephant trophy animals taken in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016, through 2017, September
- Authorization of imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken in 2017-2019, September
- National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 8-14, 2017

NPS

- U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September
- Sexual harassment survey results, September
- Yellowstone bison transfer to Fort Peck

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens
  - Personal leave, August 31 and September 1
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Personal leave, September 8
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - Travel to New York City to meet with families of firefighters and WTC victims regarding the unidentified remains from World Trade Center, September 5

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Shasta Dam-Notice to Reopen Public Comment Period-requests from Winnemem Wintu Tribe
- Reclamation public summary of responses and themes from P3 Investor Day (May 9)
- Salton Sea-Quantification Settlement Agreement-CA State Water Resources Board-Sept. 7
- WaterSMART Water and Efficiency Grants will be announced-$20.9 million

U.S. Geological Survey

- Hurricane Harvey Response: Storm surge sensors, high water mark flagging and surveying
- USGS announce paper on climate, wildfire, and erosion in Western US
- Critical Minerals Report and Executive Order

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting September 6, possibly follow up Sept. 21
- Minute 323 – U.S. Mexico Cooperation Colorado River late September
- NOI to prepare Draft EIS and Scoping meetings for Reinitiation of Consultation on coordinated Long Term Operation of Central Valley Project and State Project

U.S. Geological Survey

- USGS release new Scientific Investigation Report
  - Three-dimensional hydrogeologic framework model constructed for Rio Grande
  - Transboundary region of New Mexico, Texas, northern Chihuahua, Mexico
- Sept 6-21 USGS will conduct paleoseismic investigation of the Teton Fault near Jackson Hole Mountain Resort to understand large earthquakes
  - Fault cuts across Grand Teton National Park and lies close to Reclamation's Jackson Lake Dam

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- September 11-13 Federal Columbia River Power System Meetings with CEQ/OMB/Hill
- Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group, Phoenix Sept. 20-21
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Sept. 21, Flagstaff, AZ
- September 27-29 Colorado River Symposium, Santa Fe

U.S. Geological Survey

- National Academies Meeting on Energy Resources Program, Sept. 5
- National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting, Sept. 6
- USGS Coalition Reception on Capitol Hill, Sept. 12
- Alaska Mapping Executive Committee Meeting, Oct. 26, Anchorage

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Draft plan to OMB on September 11, after Deputy Secretary review
  - Final plan due 1/20/18
  - Implications for SES performance standards
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - Budget goes to OMB on September 11
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
  - Passback/appeals after Thanksgiving
- Hurricane Harvey response
  - DOI responding to FEMA direction
  - No employee loss of life
  - Damage to DOI facilities not severe, as far as we can tell right now

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Avoiding conflict of interest between grantee/DOI employee
  - Implications of litigation status with prospective/current grantee
  - Focusing grants in support of Secretarial Top 10
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Synchronize with budget submission to OMB on 9/11
  - Synchronize with GPRA strategic plan draft to OMB on 9/11
  - Need to settle on the standard regions
  - Advice from LTG. Tom Spoehrs (ret.) at Heritage on Joint Management
  - Phasing and project plan for implementation of reorganization in FY18, FY19

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- FYI: Federal interagency UAS Executive Committee, meeting in Washington DC week of 9/11-15
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, New Orleans, 9/14 (in coordination with USDA)
- Partnership for Public Service's Annual Service to America awards, 9/17, Washington DC
- National Association of State Foresters, Charleston WV, 9/19, (in coordination with USDA/FS)
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Flagstaff AZ, 9/21 (in coordination with Water and Science, Indian Affairs)
- FYI: Royalty Policy Committee first meeting tentatively during week of October 4

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations

BSEE

- **BSEE offices closed as a result of Hurricane Harvey**
  - Texas: Angleton/Lake Jackson/Houston ETAC
  - Louisiana: Lake Charles/Lafayette/Houma
- **Harvey Operational Impacts**
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 98 of 737 (13.3%) manned production platforms
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 5 of 10 (50%) non-Dynamic Positioning (DP) rigs
  - All 21 DP rigs remain operational
  - 18.94% of daily production of oil (331,370 barrels) is shut-in
  - 18.12% of the daily production of gas (583.39 million cubic feet) is shut-in

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- **National Academies of Science Study: Human Health Impacts of Coal Mining in Appalachia**
  - We have paused this study as part of our review on grants and cooperative agreements.
- **State and Federal Coal Regulatory Summit**
  September 19th-20th, 2017 in Main Interior's South Penthouse

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations (Continued)

BOEM

- **Gulf Sale 249:**
  - On August 16 the region-wide Gulf of Mexico lease sale generated $121,143,055 in high bids for 90 tracts covering 508,096 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 27 companies participated in the sale, submitting 99 bids totaling $137,006,181.
- **New Five Year Program:**
  - BOEM published the Request for Information, which began the public process for developing a new Five Year Program, in the Federal Register on July 3. The comment period closed on Aug. 17. As of Aug. 22, BOEM had received approximately 815,000 comments. BOEM has been holding virtual meetings on the development process and outreach continues with the states.

BLM

- BLM support for Hurricane Harvey
  - BLM is supporting efforts via: Incident Management Team, UAS pilots(3), 2 aviation managers (2), scientists and rangers
- Energy Independence
- Sage Grouse Report and Next Steps

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

BSEE

- **BSEE Regulatory Reform**
  - Conduct Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX on September 21. Rescheduled from September 7 because of storm damage; the purpose is to obtain input from stakeholders
  - Initiate rulemaking process for Production Safety Systems Rule

OSMRE

- **Restoring regulatory certainty:**
  - Clean Water Act Memorandum
  - Federal inspection frequencies

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook (Continued)

BOEM

- **Cape Wind:**
  - In response to the DC Circuit Court's remand order, BOEM prepared a supplement to the 2009 Final EIS. The Final Supplemental EIS and associated NOA published on Aug. 4. The Record of Decision needs to be published by Sept. 15 to meet the schedule DOJ has submitted to the Court. Separately, on June 22, 2017, CWA submitted a second request for a 2-year lease term and rent payment suspension. On July 24, 2017, CWA's approved lease suspension expired. BOEM is reviewing CWA's request for a second suspension.
- **Hill Briefing**
  - BOEM has scheduled a Hill staff briefing on Development of the Five Year Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program for Sept. 12. Topics will include the steps required for program development and the related NEPA analysis.

BLM

- Planning and NEPA Streamlining
- Coal Review
- Proposed Waste Prevention Rule – Out for Public Comment

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

- Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM:
  - On leave until September 4
  - Will speak at the 2017 Annual Nevada Mining Association Convention in Lake Tahoe on September 9
- Director Angelle will be in the Gulf of Mexico Region September 17-24 to:
  - Speak at a Society of Petroleum Engineers meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 18)
  - Speak at a Louisiana Oil and Gas Association meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 19)
  - Speak at a Center for Offshore Safety meeting in Houston, TX (September 20)
  - Deliver opening address at Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Meet with Executives from Walter Oil in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Conduct Stakeholder meetings in Houston, TX (September 22)

Insular Areas

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Current Operations

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee* (JEMFAC) in which the approximately $112 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the FSM. Infrastructure completion and accreditation of schools will also be major topics for discussion.

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will meet with RMI Ambassador Zackios regarding the Pacific Islands trust fund meeting In Tuvalu.

August 29, 2017 (Washington DC) – Representatives of OIA and the Department of Treasury will meet to discuss insular financial stresses and solutions.

August 30, 2017 (Honolulu) – Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management Committee* (JEMCO) in which the approximately $77 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the Marshall Islands. Accreditation of schools will also be discussed.

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 31, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will attend (along with U.S. and FSM and RMI trust fund board members) and educational meeting for further familiarization with terms and glide paths relating to the trust funds.

September 1, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will chair the actual trust fund meetings of:

- The FSM Trust Fund Committee, where two new Trust Fund Committee members from the Federated States of Micronesia will be introduced, and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $500 million.
- The RMI Trust Fund Committee, where Vanguard will replace Mercer as the trust fund adviser and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $300 million.

Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

September 2017 - Requests for Meetings with Secretary Zinke:

- President Hilda Heine of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for sometime between September 12 and 17, and
- President Peter Christian of the Federated States of Micronesia for sometime between September 23 and 28.

Insular Areas

Major Events and Travel

September 5 through 7, 2017 – Samoa (the sovereign country) will host the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum.

CANCELLED by the National Invasive Species Council:

- **September 26 – 28, 2017** – the Second U.S. Territories Invasive Species Coordinating Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- **Relocation from South Interior**
- **Navajo Generating Station**
- **Trade and Commerce Regulations**
    1. Ongoing Macroeconomic Data Collection
    2. Consultation Process possibly extended
    3. White House Tribal Finance Roundtable follow-up
        a. CFPB is suing tribes, possible DOJ meeting
        b. New Market Tax Credits research
        c. Other items
            1) Accredited Investor Status for Tribes
            2) Securities Registration Exemption for Tribal Municipal Bonds
            3) Tax Code issues (Bonds, Sub S, and §17s)
- **Update of Land into Trust Regulations**
- **Development of Telework Management Policies**

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- **Complete Data Collection Consultation on Trade and Commerce**
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Processes
  - Measures
  - APG
    - By September 30, 2019 the DOI, through the coordinated efforts of BIA and other DOI bureaus, will eliminate/reduce the processing time disparity for energy projects between federal lands and Indian lands.

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (9/5)
  - National Intertribal Tax Alliance (9/12)
  - Indian Gaming mid-year (9/20)
  - Native American Finance Officers Association (10/3)
  - Global Gaming Expo (10/5)
- North American Energy Standards Board (9/6)
- Canadian Embassy Event (9/7)

Congressional and Legislative Affairs

Congressional Affairs

Current Operations

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August 30, 2017

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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

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Current Operations

Hurricane Harvey update

FWS

- Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Council teleconference, August 30
- Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on certain Indian reservations, tribal bag limits, use of electronic call, August 31
- Release of 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, September 5
- Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and FY2018 North American Conservation Act Grants, September 6 meeting
- August is National Sports Shooting Month

NPS

- North Shore Road and Swain County, North Carolina, $4 million payment
- Release of Great Smoky Mountains National Park fire report, August 31

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

FWS

- National Sportsmen's Day, September 23
- Expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges, Secretarial event
- *Federal Register* notice stating import permits can be issued for African elephant trophy animals taken in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016, through 2017, September
- Authorization of imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken in 2017-2019, September
- National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 8-14, 2017

NPS

- U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September
- Sexual harassment survey results, September
- Yellowstone bison transfer to Fort Peck

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens
  - Personal leave, August 31 and September 1
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Personal leave, September 8
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - Travel to New York City to meet with families of firefighters and WTC victims regarding the unidentified remains from World Trade Center, September 5

Water and Science

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Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Shasta Dam-Notice to Reopen Public Comment Period-requests from Winnemem Wintu Tribe
- Reclamation public summary of responses and themes from P3 Investor Day (May 9)
- Salton Sea-Quantification Settlement Agreement-CA State Water Resources Board-Sept. 7
- WaterSMART Water and Efficiency Grants will be announced-$20.9 million

U.S. Geological Survey

- Hurricane Harvey Response: Storm surge sensors, high water mark flagging and surveying
- USGS announce paper on climate, wildfire, and erosion in Western US
- Critical Minerals Report and Executive Order

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting September 6, possibly follow up Sept. 21
- Minute 323 – U.S. Mexico Cooperation Colorado River late September
- NOI to prepare Draft EIS and Scoping meetings for Reinitiation of Consultation on coordinated Long Term Operation of Central Valley Project and State Project

U.S. Geological Survey

- USGS release new Scientific Investigation Report
  - Three-dimensional hydrogeologic framework model constructed for Rio Grande
  - Transboundary region of New Mexico, Texas, northern Chihuahua, Mexico
- Sept 6-21 USGS will conduct paleoseismic investigation of the Teton Fault near Jackson Hole Mountain Resort to understand large earthquakes
  - Fault cuts across Grand Teton National Park and lies close to Reclamation's Jackson Lake Dam

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- September 11-13 Federal Columbia River Power System Meetings with CEQ/OMB/Hill
- Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group, Phoenix Sept. 20-21
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Sept. 21, Flagstaff, AZ
- September 27-29 Colorado River Symposium, Santa Fe

U.S. Geological Survey

- National Academies Meeting on Energy Resources Program, Sept. 5
- National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting, Sept. 6
- USGS Coalition Reception on Capitol Hill, Sept. 12
- Alaska Mapping Executive Committee Meeting, Oct. 26, Anchorage

Policy, Management and Budget

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Current Operations

- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Draft plan to OMB on September 11, after Deputy Secretary review
  - Final plan due 1/20/18
  - Implications for SES performance standards
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - Budget goes to OMB on September 11
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
  - Passback/appeals after Thanksgiving
- Hurricane Harvey response
  - DOI responding to FEMA direction
  - No employee loss of life
  - Damage to DOI facilities not severe, as far as we can tell right now

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Avoiding conflict of interest between grantee/DOI employee
  - Implications of litigation status with prospective/current grantee
  - Focusing grants in support of Secretarial Top 10
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Synchronize with budget submission to OMB on 9/11
  - Synchronize with GPRA strategic plan draft to OMB on 9/11
  - Need to settle on the standard regions
  - Advice from LTG. Tom Spoehrs (ret.) at Heritage on Joint Management
  - Phasing and project plan for implementation of reorganization in FY18, FY19

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- FYI: Federal interagency UAS Executive Committee, meeting in Washington DC week of 9/11-15
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, New Orleans, 9/14 (in coordination with USDA)
- Partnership for Public Service's Annual Service to America awards, 9/17, Washington DC
- National Association of State Foresters, Charleston WV, 9/19, (in coordination with USDA/FS)
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Flagstaff AZ, 9/21 (in coordination with Water and Science, Indian Affairs)
- FYI: Royalty Policy Committee first meeting tentatively during week of October 4

Land and Minerals Management

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Current Operations

BSEE

- **BSEE offices closed as a result of Hurricane Harvey**
  - Texas: Angleton/Lake Jackson/Houston ETAC
  - Louisiana: Lake Charles/Lafayette/Houma
- **Harvey Operational Impacts**
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 98 of 737 (13.3%) manned production platforms
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 5 of 10 (50%) non-Dynamic Positioning (DP) rigs
  - All 21 DP rigs remain operational
  - 18.94% of daily production of oil (331,370 barrels) is shut-in
  - 18.12% of the daily production of gas (583.39 million cubic feet) is shut-in

OSMRE

- **National Academies of Science Study: Human Health Impacts of Coal Mining in Appalachia**
  - We have paused this study as part of our review on grants and cooperative agreements.
- **State and Federal Coal Regulatory Summit**
  September 19th-20th, 2017 in Main Interior's South Penthouse

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations (Continued)

BOEM

- **Gulf Sale 249:**
  - On August 16 the region-wide Gulf of Mexico lease sale generated $121,143,055 in high bids for 90 tracts covering 508,096 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 27 companies participated in the sale, submitting 99 bids totaling $137,006,181.
- **New Five Year Program:**
  - BOEM published the Request for Information, which began the public process for developing a new Five Year Program, in the Federal Register on July 3. The comment period closed on Aug. 17. As of Aug. 22, BOEM had received approximately 815,000 comments. BOEM has been holding virtual meetings on the development process and outreach continues with the states.

BLM

- BLM support for Hurricane Harvey
  - BLM is supporting efforts via: Incident Management Team, UAS pilots(3), 2 aviation managers (2), scientists and rangers
- Energy Independence
- Sage Grouse Report and Next Steps

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

BSEE

- **BSEE Regulatory Reform**
  - Conduct Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX on September 21. Rescheduled from September 7 because of storm damage; the purpose is to obtain input from stakeholders
  - Initiate rulemaking process for Production Safety Systems Rule

OSMRE

- **Restoring regulatory certainty:**
  - Clean Water Act Memorandum
  - Federal inspection frequencies

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook (Continued)

BOEM

- **Cape Wind:**
  - In response to the DC Circuit Court's remand order, BOEM prepared a supplement to the 2009 Final EIS. The Final Supplemental EIS and associated NOA published on Aug. 4. The Record of Decision needs to be published by Sept. 15 to meet the schedule DOJ has submitted to the Court. Separately, on June 22, 2017, CWA submitted a second request for a 2-year lease term and rent payment suspension. On July 24, 2017, CWA's approved lease suspension expired. BOEM is reviewing CWA's request for a second suspension.
- **Hill Briefing**
  - BOEM has scheduled a Hill staff briefing on Development of the Five Year Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program for Sept. 12. Topics will include the steps required for program development and the related NEPA analysis.

BLM

- Planning and NEPA Streamlining
- Coal Review
- Proposed Waste Prevention Rule – Out for Public Comment

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

- Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM:
  - On leave until September 4
  - Will speak at the 2017 Annual Nevada Mining Association Convention in Lake Tahoe on September 9
- Director Angelle will be in the Gulf of Mexico Region September 17-24 to:
  - Speak at a Society of Petroleum Engineers meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 18)
  - Speak at a Louisiana Oil and Gas Association meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 19)
  - Speak at a Center for Offshore Safety meeting in Houston, TX (September 20)
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  - Conduct Stakeholder meetings in Houston, TX (September 22)

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September 1, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will chair the actual trust fund meetings of:

- The FSM Trust Fund Committee, where two new Trust Fund Committee members from the Federated States of Micronesia will be introduced, and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $500 million.
- The RMI Trust Fund Committee, where Vanguard will replace Mercer as the trust fund adviser and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $300 million.

Insular Areas

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September 2017 - Requests for Meetings with Secretary Zinke:

- President Hilda Heine of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for sometime between September 12 and 17, and
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Insular Areas

Major Events and Travel

September 5 through 7, 2017 – Samoa (the sovereign country) will host the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum.

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Indian Affairs

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Current Operations

- **Relocation from South Interior**
- **Navajo Generating Station**
- **Trade and Commerce Regulations**
    1. Ongoing Macroeconomic Data Collection
    2. Consultation Process possibly extended
    3. White House Tribal Finance Roundtable follow-up
        a. CFPB is suing tribes, possible DOJ meeting
        b. New Market Tax Credits research
        c. Other items
            1) Accredited Investor Status for Tribes
            2) Securities Registration Exemption for Tribal Municipal Bonds
            3) Tax Code issues (Bonds, Sub S, and §17s)
- **Update of Land into Trust Regulations**
- **Development of Telework Management Policies**

Indian Affairs

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- **Complete Data Collection Consultation on Trade and Commerce**
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Processes
  - Measures
  - APG
    - By September 30, 2019 the DOI, through the coordinated efforts of BIA and other DOI bureaus, will eliminate/reduce the processing time disparity for energy projects between federal lands and Indian lands.

Indian Affairs

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- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (9/5)
  - National Intertribal Tax Alliance (9/12)
  - Indian Gaming mid-year (9/20)
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Namibia	*		37	60	
South Africa	*		30	46	
Tanzania		0	0	1	(an amended permit for a 2013 trophy)
Zimbabwe	*		3	17	(all trophies taken prior to May 12, 2014)
Zambia		0	0	4	(one re-issuance permit for 2012 trophy, one
lion					
South Africa	**		6	8	(all wild/wild-managed lions; no captive-bred
Zambia	**		0	18	
Zimbabwe	**		0	18	
All other countries	**		0	0	
leopard		398	345	343	
Southern white rhino		2	1	2	
Black rhino		2	0	0	
Argali		135	116	140	
markhor		4	5	10	
bontebok		94	63	41	

* no permits were needed prior to the 2016 amendment to 4(d) rule
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for 2016 trophy, two for 2017 trophy)

specimens)

SLIDE 1

Secretarial event on deferred maintenance/backlog, August 25

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee; and Blue Ridge Parkway, North Carolina.
- Park visit with hike.
- Morning and afternoon press events.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Revocation of Director's Order #100, *Resource Stewardship for the 21st Century,* week of August 14

- During the week of August 14, the acting NPS director will revoke National Park Service (NPS) Director's Order # 100, *Resource Stewardship for the 21st Century*, which was signed December 20, 2016.
- The stated goal of Order #100 was to guide the NPS in taking the necessary actions to support resource stewardship to fulfill its mission in the 21st century.
- Secretary Zinke is leading a new, comprehensive initiative to identify Departmental priorities and to reorganize the Department for the next hundred years. The Department is working with all of the bureaus and offices, including the NPS, on this initiative. NPS Director's Order #100 is, therefore, already obsolete.
- Revoking this policy statement will eliminate confusion among the public and NPS employees about current NPS policy.

Revocation of NPS Policy Memo 11-03, *Disposable Plastic Water Bottle Recycling and Reduction,* week of August 14

- During the week of August 14, the acting NPS director will revoke NPS Director's Policy Memorandum 11-03 (*Disposable Plastic Water Bottle Recycling and Reduction*), which was signed on December 14, 2011.
- The Policy Memorandum stated that the use of disposable plastic water bottles had a greater environmental impact than the use of tap water and refillable bottles. It went on to say, however:

> The issues surrounding plastic bottles are complex. Banning the sale of water bottles in national parks has great symbolism but runs counter to our healthy food initiative as it eliminates the healthiest choice for bottled drinks, leaving sugary drinks as a primary alternative. A ban could pose challenges for diabetics and others with health issues who come to a park expecting bottled water to be readily available. For parks without access to running water, filling stations for reusable bottles are impractical. A ban could affect visitor safety; proper hydration is key to planning a safe two-hour hike or a multi-day backcountry excursion. Even reasonably priced reusable water bottles may be out of reach for some visitors, especially those with large families.

- Secretary Zinke acknowledges the potential negative effects of banning the sale of plastic water bottles in the parks and believes the issue warrants further review. Revoking this policy memorandum will ensure that all facets of the issue are fully explored.
- This revocation is effective immediately and will be implemented throughout all parks.

Eclipse viewing on the MIB roof with a NPS ranger, August 21 (1:17pm begins/2:42 maximum/4:01 ends)

- The NPS will host an eclipse event at the Main Interior Building on Monday, August 21. NPS rangers will lead the viewing session on the roof (two sections) of the building. The eclipse begins in Washington, DC, at 1:17 pm, maximum eclipse (85 percent) at 2:42 pm, and ends at 4:01 pm.
- The NPS will provide eclipse viewing glasses for all participants.
- Accommodations are being arranged if attendance exceeds the capacity of the roof.

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Conservation Council teleconference, August 30

- The Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council is an official advisory group established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. It advises the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation, and recreational hunting issues.
- The Council is also responsible to help implement the Recreational Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Plan - A Ten Year Plan for Implementation (Executive Order 13443), which was developed in 2008.
- The Council works to assist the federal government in promoting hunting opportunities and the management of game species and their habitats.
- The Council consists of 18 members, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, plus seven ex officio members, who represent the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and six federal agencies: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Bureau of Land Management; National Park Service; U.S. Forest Service; Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Farm Service Agency.
- On August 30, the Council will hold a teleconference to discuss how best to implement Secretarial Order 3347, to increase outdoor recreation opportunities and asking federal bureaus and agencies to identify areas where recreational hunting can be expanded.

Release of 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, late August

- In August, FWS will release preliminary results of the 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.
- The survey, conducted every five years since 1955 in partnership with state wildlife agencies and the Census Bureau, surveyed more than 7,000 households nationwide. Participants were given detailed interviews about their participation and expenditures in

2016 related to hunting, angling, wildlife watching and other wildlife-associated recreational pursuits.

- Release of the preliminary report is eagerly awaited by the conservation community and the outdoor recreation industry, because of the detailed snapshot it provides of public engagement with wildlife and the outdoors.
- A final, more detailed national report will be issued in January 2018. Significant media and congressional interest is also expected. Outreach is planned.

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

***Federal Register* notice stating import permits can be issued for African elephant trophy animals taken in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016, through 2017, August.**

- At the end of August, FWS plans to publish in the *Federal Register* a change to the permitting status for imports of African elephant trophies from Zimbabwe.
- In 2014 and 2015, FWS was unable to determine that the hunting programs and subsequent imports of African elephant trophies from Zimbabwe met criteria under ESA regulations, so FWS could not authorize the issuance of import permits.
- After receiving information from Zimbabwe on a number of substantial improvements to their management program and elephant conservation efforts, FWS has determined that taking of African elephant trophy animals in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016 (the date that Zimbabwe's new management plan was officially adopted) through 2017 would enhance the survival of African elephants, and import permits can be issued for these trophies.
- Planned outreach includes a news release, comprehensive FAQs and social media.

Authorization of imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken in 2017-2019, August.

- In August, FWS will announce that after reviewing updated information, it will again authorize imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken during 2017-2019.
- In 2016, FWS listed the lion in eastern and southern Africa as threatened under the ESA.
- FWS contacted each of the countries within this region that have conducted trophy lion hunts in the past few years to obtain information on the country's lion population, management of lions, and how sport hunting has contributed to survival of the species.
- FWS then authorized the import of wild and wild managed lion sport-hunted trophies in 2016.
- Outreach in the form of a blog is planned.

6-month extension of Final Determination on the Proposed Endangered Status for Texas Hornshell, August

- The FWS will publish a six-month extension on the final determination to list the Texas hornshell as an endangered species. The Texas hornshell is a freshwater mussel in New Mexico, Texas, and Mexico that was proposed as an endangered species on August 10, 2016.
- In May 2017, the comment period was reopened in May 2017 in order to hold public hearings. They were held in Laredo, Texas, and Carlsbad, New Mexico, on June 13 and 15, 2017.
- The FWS has coordinated repeatedly with Customs and Border Protections and the International Boundary and Water Commission regarding effects on upcoming projects,

including a potential border wall. Customs and Border Protection has indicated that direct impacts to the hornshell from the types of wall construction as have done in the past would be unlikely because the hornshells occur in the river where construction is not possible.

- Candidate Conservation Agreements and Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances have been developed, and we anticipate that a number of affected landowners will sign up

National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 8-14, 2017.

- In early September, FWS will announce National Wildlife Refuge Week, which will take place October 8-14 2017.
- Refuge Week is an annual celebration of the nation's wildlife conservation heritage and the national wildlife refuges that protect it.
- The timing provides notice for print and online media to announce the annual celebration and regional events for the public to plan ahead, as well as for the regions and refuges to begin preparing additional promotional information.
- Outreach, including a press release, is planned.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Release of Great Smoky Mountains National Park fire report, late August/early September

- The Chimney Tops 2 Fire was the largest fire in the history of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
- The National Park Service established an independent fire review team that has completed a Significant Wildland Fire Review report, which is one part of the effort to understand the full story of the fire both inside the park and beyond park boundaries. This report will support the broader effort among federal, state and local to understand the fire through the ongoing *Sevier County Fires After Action Review (AAR).*
- The fire review team focused on the portion of the Chimney Tops 2 fire that burned within the boundaries of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The fire review is not an investigation, but it is intended to help us understand what happened and how we can prevent it from happening again. The review report does not cover the response to Sevier County fires, but it will be part of the broader effort to understand the full scope of what happened on November 23. A separate process will be used for reviewing the larger response effort by all agencies in the Sevier County area. A date has not been scheduled for that work, but discussions are underway.
- Briefings for the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, the Deputy Secretary and the Secretary are being scheduled prior to the release of the final report.

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Dog Walking Rule, under review by ASFWP

- Following the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Dog Management Plan at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in December 2016, the NPS learned that a former employee used a personal email account to communicate with outside parties, and did not forward those communications to a government e-mail account.
- In January 2017, the NPS commissioned an independent review panel of three government officials from non-NPS federal agencies (OEPC, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the Bureau of Land Management) with expertise in environmental planning, rulemaking and National Environmental Policy Act procedures to review this use of personal email. They were asked to evaluate and report on how these emails may have impacted the planning, rulemaking process, and environmental impact study, and make recommendations on how best to proceed given the significant body of work to date – including thousands of comments and more than a decade of analysis. Both CEQ and OIG declined to participate in the review.
- The review panel was given access to all records and information associated with the planning, rulemaking and environmental review conducted on the Dog Management Plan. The NPS has received the report from the team and briefed Acting Assistant Secretary Willens. Following more than ten years of public engagement, including more than 4,100 comments, and investment in a process intended to balance the needs of all park users, the findings of this independent review team will help the NPS determine the best path forward to meet the needs of all park visitors at Golden Gate NRA.

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area Off-Road Vehicle Proposed Rule, FR publication, August

- The National Park Service has prepared a proposed rule governing off-road vehicle use at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The NPS is required to publish a special regulation pursuant to the terms of a court-approved 2008 Settlement Agreement. The rule would require a special use permit to operate a motor vehicle off-road in selected locations and designate routes and areas where motor vehicles may be used off-road. The rule would establish management prescriptions for off-road vehicle (ORV) use, including speed limits and quiet hours. The rule would allow the Superintendent to implement other closures or restrictions to maintain visitor safety, protect resources, and meet management objectives. The rule would allow certain types of ORVs on some paved and unpaved roads.
- The rule would comply with the terms of a 2008 Settlement Agreement between the NPS and Friends of the Earth, the National Parks Conservation Association, and Wildlands CPR, which required the NPS to develop an environmental impact statement and a special regulation for ORV use at the Recreation Area. This rule would conclude a 7-year planning process by implementing the preferred alternative in the January 2017 ORV Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement.

- The rule may be somewhat controversial. ORV user groups are likely to oppose any closures of existing routes and areas. Utah counties strongly favor vehicle access and local users have vocalized opposition to any limitations on ORV use. During alternatives development, public meetings were well attended by ORV enthusiasts. Environmental organizations oppose continued ORV use.
- The proposed rule has been reviewed and surnamed by ASFWP and is currently with the Office of the Executive Secretariat for final DOI review and approval.

U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September

- Public Law 114-196 established the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to "plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the history of the United States leading up to the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States." The Secretary of the Interior serves as an ex officio member to the Commission.
- This law directs the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a study of actions that could be taken to further preserve and develop historic sites and battlefields to ensure that appropriate observances and exhibits may be held during the 250th commemoration. The Secretary is to submit a report containing the results of the study to the Commission. The law also instructs the Commission to use the Secretary's study to develop a report with recommendations to the President and Congress within two years of its formation.
- The Secretary is directed to competitively seek a nonprofit partner who will provide financial and administrative support and serve as the secretariat to the Commission. The National Park Service is assisting with this effort.
- Brian Pavlik is the point of contact for the Commission until the Secretary appoints his representative.

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

- Secretarial event on deferred maintenance/backlog, August 25
- NPS
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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

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  - U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt
  - Visit to Yellowstone National Park, August 17
- Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens
  - Visit to San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, August 15
  - Speak at American Wildlife Conservation Partners, San Antonio, Texas, August 16
- Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith
  - Attend and speak at Wild Horses and Burro event, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 22-25
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Attend FWS leadership meeting in MIB/NoVa, August 15-16
  - Visit to Cape Romaine National Wildlife Refuge, South Carolina, with Representative Turner and Chairman Bishop, August 20-22
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - Attend solar eclipse events at Homestead National Monument of America, Nebraska, August 21
- Eclipse events at NPS and FWS sites across the United States, August 21

Bi-Weekly Policy Briefing for Secretary Zinke

August 30, 2017

Agenda

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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

Hurricane Harvey update

FWS

- Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Council teleconference, August 30
- Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on certain Indian reservations, tribal bag limits, use of electronic call, August 31
- Release of 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, September 5
- Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and FY2018 North American Conservation Act Grants, September 6 meeting
- August is National Sports Shooting Month

NPS

- North Shore Road and Swain County, North Carolina, $4 million payment
- Release of Great Smoky Mountains National Park fire report, August 31

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

FWS

- National Sportsmen's Day, September 23
- Expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges, Secretarial event
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NPS

- U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September
- Sexual harassment survey results, September
- Yellowstone bison transfer to Fort Peck

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens
  - Personal leave, August 31 and September 1
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Personal leave, September 8
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - Travel to New York City to meet with families of firefighters and WTC victims regarding the unidentified remains from World Trade Center, September 5

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Shasta Dam-Notice to Reopen Public Comment Period-requests from Winnemem Wintu Tribe
- Reclamation public summary of responses and themes from P3 Investor Day (May 9)
- Salton Sea-Quantification Settlement Agreement-CA State Water Resources Board-Sept. 7
- WaterSMART Water and Efficiency Grants will be announced-$20.9 million

U.S. Geological Survey

- Hurricane Harvey Response: Storm surge sensors, high water mark flagging and surveying
- USGS announce paper on climate, wildfire, and erosion in Western US
- Critical Minerals Report and Executive Order

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting September 6, possibly follow up Sept. 21
- Minute 323 – U.S. Mexico Cooperation Colorado River late September
- NOI to prepare Draft EIS and Scoping meetings for Reinitiation of Consultation on coordinated Long Term Operation of Central Valley Project and State Project

U.S. Geological Survey

- USGS release new Scientific Investigation Report
  - Three-dimensional hydrogeologic framework model constructed for Rio Grande
  - Transboundary region of New Mexico, Texas, northern Chihuahua, Mexico
- Sept 6-21 USGS will conduct paleoseismic investigation of the Teton Fault near Jackson Hole Mountain Resort to understand large earthquakes
  - Fault cuts across Grand Teton National Park and lies close to Reclamation's Jackson Lake Dam

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- September 11-13 Federal Columbia River Power System Meetings with CEQ/OMB/Hill
- Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group, Phoenix Sept. 20-21
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Sept. 21, Flagstaff, AZ
- September 27-29 Colorado River Symposium, Santa Fe

U.S. Geological Survey

- National Academies Meeting on Energy Resources Program, Sept. 5
- National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting, Sept. 6
- USGS Coalition Reception on Capitol Hill, Sept. 12
- Alaska Mapping Executive Committee Meeting, Oct. 26, Anchorage

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Draft plan to OMB on September 11, after Deputy Secretary review
  - Final plan due 1/20/18
  - Implications for SES performance standards
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - Budget goes to OMB on September 11
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
  - Passback/appeals after Thanksgiving
- Hurricane Harvey response
  - DOI responding to FEMA direction
  - No employee loss of life
  - Damage to DOI facilities not severe, as far as we can tell right now

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Avoiding conflict of interest between grantee/DOI employee
  - Implications of litigation status with prospective/current grantee
  - Focusing grants in support of Secretarial Top 10
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Synchronize with budget submission to OMB on 9/11
  - Synchronize with GPRA strategic plan draft to OMB on 9/11
  - Need to settle on the standard regions
  - Advice from LTG. Tom Spoehrs (ret.) at Heritage on Joint Management
  - Phasing and project plan for implementation of reorganization in FY18, FY19

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- FYI: Federal interagency UAS Executive Committee, meeting in Washington DC week of 9/11-15
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, New Orleans, 9/14 (in coordination with USDA)
- Partnership for Public Service's Annual Service to America awards, 9/17, Washington DC
- National Association of State Foresters, Charleston WV, 9/19, (in coordination with USDA/FS)
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Flagstaff AZ, 9/21 (in coordination with Water and Science, Indian Affairs)
- FYI: Royalty Policy Committee first meeting tentatively during week of October 4

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations

BSEE

- **BSEE offices closed as a result of Hurricane Harvey**
  - Texas: Angleton/Lake Jackson/Houston ETAC
  - Louisiana: Lake Charles/Lafayette/Houma
- **Harvey Operational Impacts**
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 98 of 737 (13.3%) manned production platforms
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 5 of 10 (50%) non-Dynamic Positioning (DP) rigs
  - All 21 DP rigs remain operational
  - 18.94% of daily production of oil (331,370 barrels) is shut-in
  - 18.12% of the daily production of gas (583.39 million cubic feet) is shut-in

OSMRE

- **National Academies of Science Study: Human Health Impacts of Coal Mining in Appalachia**
  - We have paused this study as part of our review on grants and cooperative agreements.
- **State and Federal Coal Regulatory Summit**
  September 19th-20th, 2017 in Main Interior's South Penthouse

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations (Continued)

BOEM

- **Gulf Sale 249:**
  - On August 16 the region-wide Gulf of Mexico lease sale generated $121,143,055 in high bids for 90 tracts covering 508,096 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 27 companies participated in the sale, submitting 99 bids totaling $137,006,181.
- **New Five Year Program:**
  - BOEM published the Request for Information, which began the public process for developing a new Five Year Program, in the Federal Register on July 3. The comment period closed on Aug. 17. As of Aug. 22, BOEM had received approximately 815,000 comments. BOEM has been holding virtual meetings on the development process and outreach continues with the states.

BLM

- BLM support for Hurricane Harvey
  - BLM is supporting efforts via: Incident Management Team, UAS pilots(3), 2 aviation managers (2), scientists and rangers
- Energy Independence
- Sage Grouse Report and Next Steps

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

BSEE

- **BSEE Regulatory Reform**
  - Conduct Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX on September 21. Rescheduled from September 7 because of storm damage; the purpose is to obtain input from stakeholders
  - Initiate rulemaking process for Production Safety Systems Rule

OSMRE

- **Restoring regulatory certainty:**
  - Clean Water Act Memorandum
  - Federal inspection frequencies

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook (Continued)

BOEM

- **Cape Wind:**
  - In response to the DC Circuit Court's remand order, BOEM prepared a supplement to the 2009 Final EIS. The Final Supplemental EIS and associated NOA published on Aug. 4. The Record of Decision needs to be published by Sept. 15 to meet the schedule DOJ has submitted to the Court. Separately, on June 22, 2017, CWA submitted a second request for a 2-year lease term and rent payment suspension. On July 24, 2017, CWA's approved lease suspension expired. BOEM is reviewing CWA's request for a second suspension.
- **Hill Briefing**
  - BOEM has scheduled a Hill staff briefing on Development of the Five Year Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program for Sept. 12. Topics will include the steps required for program development and the related NEPA analysis.

BLM

- Planning and NEPA Streamlining
- Coal Review
- Proposed Waste Prevention Rule – Out for Public Comment

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

- Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM:
  - On leave until September 4
  - Will speak at the 2017 Annual Nevada Mining Association Convention in Lake Tahoe on September 9
- Director Angelle will be in the Gulf of Mexico Region September 17-24 to:
  - Speak at a Society of Petroleum Engineers meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 18)
  - Speak at a Louisiana Oil and Gas Association meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 19)
  - Speak at a Center for Offshore Safety meeting in Houston, TX (September 20)
  - Deliver opening address at Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Meet with Executives from Walter Oil in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Conduct Stakeholder meetings in Houston, TX (September 22)

Insular Areas

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee* (JEMFAC) in which the approximately $112 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the FSM. Infrastructure completion and accreditation of schools will also be major topics for discussion.

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will meet with RMI Ambassador Zackios regarding the Pacific Islands trust fund meeting In Tuvalu.

August 29, 2017 (Washington DC) – Representatives of OIA and the Department of Treasury will meet to discuss insular financial stresses and solutions.

August 30, 2017 (Honolulu) – Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management Committee* (JEMCO) in which the approximately $77 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the Marshall Islands. Accreditation of schools will also be discussed.

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 31, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will attend (along with U.S. and FSM and RMI trust fund board members) and educational meeting for further familiarization with terms and glide paths relating to the trust funds.

September 1, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will chair the actual trust fund meetings of:

- The FSM Trust Fund Committee, where two new Trust Fund Committee members from the Federated States of Micronesia will be introduced, and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $500 million.
- The RMI Trust Fund Committee, where Vanguard will replace Mercer as the trust fund adviser and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $300 million.

Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

September 2017 - Requests for Meetings with Secretary Zinke:

- President Hilda Heine of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for sometime between September 12 and 17, and
- President Peter Christian of the Federated States of Micronesia for sometime between September 23 and 28.

Insular Areas

Major Events and Travel

September 5 through 7, 2017 – Samoa (the sovereign country) will host the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum.

CANCELLED by the National Invasive Species Council:

- **September 26 – 28, 2017** – the Second U.S. Territories Invasive Species Coordinating Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- **Relocation from South Interior**
- **Navajo Generating Station**
- **Trade and Commerce Regulations**
    1. Ongoing Macroeconomic Data Collection
    2. Consultation Process possibly extended
    3. White House Tribal Finance Roundtable follow-up
        a. CFPB is suing tribes, possible DOJ meeting
        b. New Market Tax Credits research
        c. Other items
            1) Accredited Investor Status for Tribes
            2) Securities Registration Exemption for Tribal Municipal Bonds
            3) Tax Code issues (Bonds, Sub S, and §17s)
- **Update of Land into Trust Regulations**
- **Development of Telework Management Policies**

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- **Complete Data Collection Consultation on Trade and Commerce**
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Processes
  - Measures
  - APG
    - By September 30, 2019 the DOI, through the coordinated efforts of BIA and other DOI bureaus, will eliminate/reduce the processing time disparity for energy projects between federal lands and Indian lands.

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (9/5)
  - National Intertribal Tax Alliance (9/12)
  - Indian Gaming mid-year (9/20)
  - Native American Finance Officers Association (10/3)
  - Global Gaming Expo (10/5)
- North American Energy Standards Board (9/6)
- Canadian Embassy Event (9/7)

Congressional and Legislative Affairs

Congressional Affairs

Current Operations

- Congressional August Recess through September 5, 2017
- Nominees
  - Burman, Domenech & Combs – Marked Up and awaiting floor vote
  - Nelson (Solicitor) & Balash (ASLM) – Hearing will be September 7, 2017
    - Invite letters for Ryan Nelson going to the Hill 8/30/17
- FY18 Budget QFR Approvals
- White River Bridge
- Jupiter Inlet

Congressional Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Hearings

- (9/7) Rescheduled: Cutting Through the Red Tape: Oversight of Federal Infrastructure Permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council
  - Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, HSGAC
- (9/13) Hearing to discuss progress made in implementing recommendations related to Indian Programs as identified in the 2017 GAO High Risk List Report. This is a follow up from the May 2017 hearing on the same subject.
  - Witness: TBD
  - Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- (9/27) Hearing on Encouraging the Next Generation to Visit National Parks
  - Witness: TBD
  - SENR

Legislative Agenda

- Eastern Gulf of Mexico/NDAA – Sen. Nelson
- Interior Appropriations Amendment Floor Schedule & Outlook
- Maintenance Backlog Fund Language

Congressional Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Meetings for Secretary Zinke
  - Majority/Minority meetings with HNRC as promised in hearing
  - Louisiana Coastal Tour – Sen. Cassidy
  - Everglades Tour – Sen. Rubio
- Congressional Meetings for Dep. Sec. Bernhardt
  - Chairman Bishop
  - Western Caucus
  - Chairman Calvert

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- BP America
- Wild Horse & Burro Summit
- Wyoming BLM
- Walk For Life
- Bear River Wildlife Refuge

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Continued outreach within the Sportsmen's community *(Utilizing our Natural Resources)*
- Strengthen Governor and Department cooperation *(Striking a regulatory balance)*
- Outreach within the Wild Horse & Burro Community *(Creating a stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt)*
- Outreach to the States Wildlife Agencies *(Modernizing our infrastructure)*
- Outreach to local governments *(Restoring trust within local communities)*
- Outreach to Industry *(Striking a regulatory balance)*

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Possible Wild Horse and Burro Summit
- National Fishing & Hunting Day

Travel

- TBD

Solicitor

Office of the Solicitor

Current Operations

- Swain County

Office of the Solicitor

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Sage Grouse Negotiating Position

Office of the Solicitor

Major Events and Travel

- **NO TRAVEL BY POLITICALS**

Communications

Office of Communications

Current Operations

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Policy, Management and Budget

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- FYI: Royalty Policy Committee first meeting tentatively during week of October 4

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Current Operations

BSEE

- **BSEE offices closed as a result of Hurricane Harvey**
  - Texas: Angleton/Lake Jackson/Houston ETAC
  - Louisiana: Lake Charles/Lafayette/Houma
- **Harvey Operational Impacts**
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 98 of 737 (13.3%) manned production platforms
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 5 of 10 (50%) non-Dynamic Positioning (DP) rigs
  - All 21 DP rigs remain operational
  - 18.94% of daily production of oil (331,370 barrels) is shut-in
  - 18.12% of the daily production of gas (583.39 million cubic feet) is shut-in

OSMRE

- **National Academies of Science Study: Human Health Impacts of Coal Mining in Appalachia**
  - We have paused this study as part of our review on grants and cooperative agreements.
- **State and Federal Coal Regulatory Summit**
  September 19th-20th, 2017 in Main Interior's South Penthouse

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations (Continued)

BOEM

- **Gulf Sale 249:**
  - On August 16 the region-wide Gulf of Mexico lease sale generated $121,143,055 in high bids for 90 tracts covering 508,096 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 27 companies participated in the sale, submitting 99 bids totaling $137,006,181.
- **New Five Year Program:**
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BLM

- BLM support for Hurricane Harvey
  - BLM is supporting efforts via: Incident Management Team, UAS pilots(3), 2 aviation managers (2), scientists and rangers
- Energy Independence
- Sage Grouse Report and Next Steps

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

BSEE

- **BSEE Regulatory Reform**
  - Conduct Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX on September 21. Rescheduled from September 7 because of storm damage; the purpose is to obtain input from stakeholders
  - Initiate rulemaking process for Production Safety Systems Rule

OSMRE

- **Restoring regulatory certainty:**
  - Clean Water Act Memorandum
  - Federal inspection frequencies

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook (Continued)

BOEM

- **Cape Wind:**
  - In response to the DC Circuit Court's remand order, BOEM prepared a supplement to the 2009 Final EIS. The Final Supplemental EIS and associated NOA published on Aug. 4. The Record of Decision needs to be published by Sept. 15 to meet the schedule DOJ has submitted to the Court. Separately, on June 22, 2017, CWA submitted a second request for a 2-year lease term and rent payment suspension. On July 24, 2017, CWA's approved lease suspension expired. BOEM is reviewing CWA's request for a second suspension.
- **Hill Briefing**
  - BOEM has scheduled a Hill staff briefing on Development of the Five Year Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program for Sept. 12. Topics will include the steps required for program development and the related NEPA analysis.

BLM

- Planning and NEPA Streamlining
- Coal Review
- Proposed Waste Prevention Rule – Out for Public Comment

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

- Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM:
  - On leave until September 4
  - Will speak at the 2017 Annual Nevada Mining Association Convention in Lake Tahoe on September 9
- Director Angelle will be in the Gulf of Mexico Region September 17-24 to:
  - Speak at a Society of Petroleum Engineers meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 18)
  - Speak at a Louisiana Oil and Gas Association meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 19)
  - Speak at a Center for Offshore Safety meeting in Houston, TX (September 20)
  - Deliver opening address at Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Meet with Executives from Walter Oil in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Conduct Stakeholder meetings in Houston, TX (September 22)

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Current Operations

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August 29, 2017 (Washington DC) – Representatives of OIA and the Department of Treasury will meet to discuss insular financial stresses and solutions.

August 30, 2017 (Honolulu) – Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management Committee* (JEMCO) in which the approximately $77 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the Marshall Islands. Accreditation of schools will also be discussed.

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 31, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will attend (along with U.S. and FSM and RMI trust fund board members) and educational meeting for further familiarization with terms and glide paths relating to the trust funds.

September 1, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will chair the actual trust fund meetings of:

- The FSM Trust Fund Committee, where two new Trust Fund Committee members from the Federated States of Micronesia will be introduced, and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $500 million.
- The RMI Trust Fund Committee, where Vanguard will replace Mercer as the trust fund adviser and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $300 million.

Insular Areas

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September 2017 - Requests for Meetings with Secretary Zinke:

- President Hilda Heine of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for sometime between September 12 and 17, and
- President Peter Christian of the Federated States of Micronesia for sometime between September 23 and 28.

Insular Areas

Major Events and Travel

September 5 through 7, 2017 – Samoa (the sovereign country) will host the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum.

CANCELLED by the National Invasive Species Council:

- **September 26 – 28, 2017** – the Second U.S. Territories Invasive Species Coordinating Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.

Indian Affairs

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Current Operations

- **Relocation from South Interior**
- **Navajo Generating Station**
- **Trade and Commerce Regulations**
    1. Ongoing Macroeconomic Data Collection
    2. Consultation Process possibly extended
    3. White House Tribal Finance Roundtable follow-up
        a. CFPB is suing tribes, possible DOJ meeting
        b. New Market Tax Credits research
        c. Other items
            1) Accredited Investor Status for Tribes
            2) Securities Registration Exemption for Tribal Municipal Bonds
            3) Tax Code issues (Bonds, Sub S, and §17s)
- **Update of Land into Trust Regulations**
- **Development of Telework Management Policies**

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- **Complete Data Collection Consultation on Trade and Commerce**
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Processes
  - Measures
  - APG
    - By September 30, 2019 the DOI, through the coordinated efforts of BIA and other DOI bureaus, will eliminate/reduce the processing time disparity for energy projects between federal lands and Indian lands.

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (9/5)
  - National Intertribal Tax Alliance (9/12)
  - Indian Gaming mid-year (9/20)
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- North American Energy Standards Board (9/6)
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Congressional and Legislative Affairs

Congressional Affairs

Current Operations

- Congressional August Recess through September 5, 2017
- Nominees
  - Burman, Domenech & Combs – Marked Up and awaiting floor vote
  - Nelson (Solicitor) & Balash (ASLM) – Hearing will be September 7, 2017
    - Invite letters for Ryan Nelson going to the Hill 8/30/17
- FY18 Budget QFR Approvals
- White River Bridge
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Congressional Affairs

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Hearings

- **(9/7) Cutting Through the Red Tape: Oversight of Federal Infrastructure Permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council**
  - Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, HSGAC
- **(9/13) Hearing to discuss progress made in implementing recommendations related to Indian Programs as identified in the 2017 GAO High Risk List Report.**
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  - Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
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  - Majority/Minority meetings with HNRC as promised in hearing
  - Louisiana Coastal Tour – Sen. Cassidy
  - Everglades Tour – Sen. Rubio
- Congressional Meetings for Dep. Sec. Bernhardt
  - Chairman Bishop
  - Western Caucus
  - Chairman Calvert

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- BP America
- Wild Horse & Burro Summit
- Wyoming BLM
- Walk For Life
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Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Major Events and Travel

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Office of the Solicitor

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Legislative Agenda

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  - Chairman Calvert

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- BP America
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Major Events and Travel

- Possible Wild Horse and Burro Summit
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Travel

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Solicitor

Office of the Solicitor

Current Operations

- Swain County

Office of the Solicitor

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- Sage Grouse Negotiating Position

Office of the Solicitor

Major Events and Travel

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Communications

Office of Communications

Current Operations

- Aug. 25 – editing Secretary video on his vision for reorg to be sent to all employees.
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- Aug. 29 – Secretary op-ed on Monument Review – with WH for approval. Waiting on WH for further roll-out options.
- Aug 30 – Secretary all-employee DOI message on DOI involvement in Hurricane Harvey/National Preparedness Month
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- Sept. 5 – DOI/FWS – Announcing 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, & Wildlife Associated Recreation prelim report (press release, op-ed)

Office of Communications

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- Themes: hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation that drive home our Conservation Stewardship message
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- Establish Communications rollout for Re-org.
- Working with WH on Critical Minerals report comms rollout.
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Personnel:

- Schedule C
  - 31 of 68 onboard
  - 4 in process
- SES
  - 19 of 44 onboard
  - 2 starting
  - 7 in process
- PAS
  - 5 of 17 Announced
  - 15 of 17 Submitted

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In Town Events:

- USGS Tour & All Hands Meeting (8/31)
- Lunch with Secretary James Mattis (9/1)
- Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation Annual Banquet Remarks (9/13)

Upcoming Trips for September / October

- Texas (9/2)
  - Potential Travel with POTUS to Hurricane Harvey Relief Areas in TBD, TX
- Maryland (9/9-9/10)
  - White House Cabinet Meeting at Camp David, MD
- Pennsylvania (9/10)
  - Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA
- New York (9/11-9/12)
  - Press & Tours in New York City, NY
- Missouri (9/20-9/21)
  - Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium Grand Opening Events in Springfield, MO
- Texas (9/21-9/22)
  - NRA Women's Leadership Events in Dallas, TX
- New Jersey / Pennsylvania (9/27-9/29)
  - Visits to Gateway National Recreation Area, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; & Valley Forge, PA
- Georgia / Florida (10/2-10/10)
  - Events in Atlanta, GA & Florida Everglades
- Arizona / Texas (10/12-10/16)
  - National Park Foundation Board Meeting at the Grand Canyon, AZ; Visit to Navajo Generating Station, AZ; Border Tour at Big Bend National Park, TX
- New York
  - Hunting Events in TBD Upstate, NY

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Key Executive Orders

- EO 13771: Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs (Jan 30)
  - Reduced planned regulations in Unified Agenda by 50%
  - Fall 2017 Draft Unified Agenda due September 5, Final September 18
- EO 13777 Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda (Feb 24)
  - Established Regulatory Reform Task Force
  - Incorporation into GPRA (government annual performance plan)
- EO 13781: Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch (Mar 13)
  - Reorganization plan submitted to OMB by September 9
- EO 13783: Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth (Mar 28)
  - Draft Energy Burdens Report Submitted July 26
  - Final Energy Burdens Report due September 24

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Key Executive Orders

- EO 13792: Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act (Apr 26)
  - Draft Report submitted August 23
  - Specific recommendations in progress
  - POTUS target travel for the Fall
  - DOI management plans review
- EO 13795: Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (Apr 28)
  - 5 year plan RFI in July 2017
  - Submitted energy data to Commerce for Marine Sanctuary Review
  - Regulatory burdens review in progress
- EO 13807: Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure (Aug 15)
  - Secretarial Order on NEPA Streamlining signed by Dep Sec
  - Energy Corridors on Federal Lands
  - Interior to submit Reorg plan to OMB
- Upcoming Executive Orders
  - Reorganization EO
  - Critical Minerals EO

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Current Operations

Hurricane Harvey update

FWS

- Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Council teleconference, August 30
- Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on certain Indian reservations, tribal bag limits, use of electronic call, August 31
- Release of 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, September 5
- Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and FY2018 North American Conservation Act Grants, September 6 meeting
- August is National Sports Shooting Month

NPS

- North Shore Road and Swain County, North Carolina, $4 million payment
- Release of Great Smoky Mountains National Park fire report, August 31

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FWS

- National Sportsmen's Day, September 23
- Expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges, Secretarial event
- *Federal Register* notice stating import permits can be issued for African elephant trophy animals taken in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016, through 2017, September
- Authorization of imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken in 2017-2019, September
- National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 8-14, 2017

NPS

- U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September
- Sexual harassment survey results, September
- Yellowstone bison transfer to Fort Peck

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- Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens
  - Personal leave, August 31 and September 1
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- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - Travel to New York City to meet with families of firefighters and WTC victims regarding the unidentified remains from World Trade Center, September 5

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Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Shasta Dam-Notice to Reopen Public Comment Period-requests from Winnemem Wintu Tribe
- Reclamation public summary of responses and themes from P3 Investor Day (May 9)
- Salton Sea-Quantification Settlement Agreement-CA State Water Resources Board-Sept. 7
- WaterSMART Water and Efficiency Grants will be announced-$20.9 million

U.S. Geological Survey

- Hurricane Harvey Response: Storm surge sensors, high water mark flagging and surveying
- USGS announce paper on climate, wildfire, and erosion in Western US
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- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting September 6, possibly follow up Sept. 21
- Minute 323 – U.S. Mexico Cooperation Colorado River late September
- NOI to prepare Draft EIS and Scoping meetings for Reinitiation of Consultation on coordinated Long Term Operation of Central Valley Project and State Project

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- USGS release new Scientific Investigation Report
  - Three-dimensional hydrogeologic framework model constructed for Rio Grande
  - Transboundary region of New Mexico, Texas, northern Chihuahua, Mexico
- Sept 6-21 USGS will conduct paleoseismic investigation of the Teton Fault near Jackson Hole Mountain Resort to understand large earthquakes
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- **(9/13) Hearing to discuss progress made in implementing recommendations related to Indian Programs as identified in the 2017 GAO High Risk List Report.**
  - Witness: TBD
  - Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- **(9/27) Hearing on Encouraging the Next Generation to Visit National Parks**
  - Witness: TBD
  - SENR

Legislative Agenda

- Eastern Gulf of Mexico/NDAA – Sen. Nelson
- Interior Appropriations Amendment Floor Schedule & Outlook
- Maintenance Backlog Fund Language

Congressional Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Meetings for Secretary Zinke
  - Majority/Minority meetings with HNRC as promised in hearing
  - Louisiana Coastal Tour – Sen. Cassidy
  - Everglades Tour – Sen. Rubio
- Congressional Meetings for Dep. Sec. Bernhardt
  - Chairman Bishop
  - Western Caucus
  - Chairman Calvert

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- BP America
- Wild Horse & Burro Summit
- Wyoming BLM
- Walk For Life
- Bear River Wildlife Refuge

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Continued outreach within the Sportsmen's community *(Utilizing our Natural Resources)*
- Strengthen Governor and Department cooperation *(Striking a regulatory balance)*
- Outreach within the Wild Horse & Burro Community *(Creating a stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt)*
- Outreach to the States Wildlife Agencies *(Modernizing our infrastructure)*
- Outreach to local governments *(Restoring trust within local communities)*
- Outreach to Industry *(Striking a regulatory balance)*

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Possible Wild Horse and Burro Summit
- National Fishing & Hunting Day

Travel

- TBD

Solicitor

Office of the Solicitor

Current Operations

- Swain County

Office of the Solicitor

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Sage Grouse Negotiating Position

Office of the Solicitor

Major Events and Travel

- **NO TRAVEL BY POLITICALS**

Communications

Office of Communications

Current Operations

- Aug. 25 – editing Secretary video on his vision for reorg to be sent to all employees.
- Aug. 25 – Ongoing - Hurricane Harvey Communications Coordination with IOC, FEMA, and WH, Sec. appearances on Fox & Friends, Varney & Co. , posting updates on Doi.gov/emergency and Bureaus (USGS, BSEE, FWS) posting on social media.
- Aug. 28 – National Shooting Sports Month Proclamation and Secretary Statement sent to sportsmen & stakeholders
- Aug. 29 – Secretary op-ed on Monument Review – with WH for approval. Waiting on WH for further roll-out options.
- Aug 30 – Secretary all-employee DOI message on DOI involvement in Hurricane Harvey/National Preparedness Month
- Aug. 31 – Secretary Participating in Great Smoky Mountain Chimney Tops Fire Report Press Conference
- Sept. 5 – DOI/FWS – Announcing 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, & Wildlife Associated Recreation prelim report (press release, op-ed)

Office of Communications

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Themes: hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation that drive home our Conservation Stewardship message
- Refine strategic comms plan around the policy priorities, ensuring all are aligned with our Top 10 priorities
- Establish Communications rollout for Re-org.
- Working with WH on Critical Minerals report comms rollout.
- Echoing and amplifying White House Tax Reform message.

White House Liaison

White House Liaison

Personnel:

- Schedule C
  - 31 of 68 onboard
  - 4 in process
- SES
  - 19 of 44 onboard
  - 2 starting
  - 7 in process
- PAS
  - 5 of 17 Announced
  - 15 of 17 Submitted

Scheduling and Advance

Scheduling and Advance

In Town Events:

- USGS Tour & All Hands Meeting (8/31)
- Lunch with Secretary James Mattis (9/1)
- Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation Annual Banquet Remarks (9/13)

Upcoming Trips for September / October

- Texas (9/2)
  - Potential Travel with POTUS to Hurricane Harvey Relief Areas in TBD, TX
- Maryland (9/9-9/10)
  - White House Cabinet Meeting at Camp David, MD
- Pennsylvania (9/10)
  - Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA
- New York (9/11-9/12)
  - Press & Tours in New York City, NY
- Missouri (9/20-9/21)
  - Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium Grand Opening Events in Springfield, MO
- Texas (9/21-9/22)
  - NRA Women's Leadership Events in Dallas, TX
- New Jersey / Pennsylvania (9/27-9/29)
  - Visits to Gateway National Recreation Area, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; & Valley Forge, PA
- Georgia / Florida (10/2-10/10)
  - Events in Atlanta, GA & Florida Everglades
- Arizona / Texas (10/12-10/16)
  - National Park Foundation Board Meeting at the Grand Canyon, AZ; Visit to Navajo Generating Station, AZ; Border Tour at Big Bend National Park, TX
- New York
  - Hunting Events in TBD Upstate, NY

Office of the Secretary

Office of the Secretary

Key Executive Orders

- EO 13771: Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs (Jan 30)
  - Reduced planned regulations in Unified Agenda by 50%
  - Fall 2017 Draft Unified Agenda due September 5, Final September 18
- EO 13777 Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda (Feb 24)
  - Established Regulatory Reform Task Force
  - Incorporation into GPRA (government annual performance plan)
- EO 13781: Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch (Mar 13)
  - Reorganization plan submitted to OMB by September 9
- EO 13783: Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth (Mar 28)
  - Draft Energy Burdens Report Submitted July 26
  - Final Energy Burdens Report due September 24

Office of the Secretary

Key Executive Orders

- EO 13792: Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act (Apr 26)
  - Draft Report submitted August 23
  - Specific recommendations in progress
  - POTUS target travel for the Fall
  - DOI management plans review
- EO 13795: Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (Apr 28)
  - 5 year plan RFI in July 2017
  - Submitted energy data to Commerce for Marine Sanctuary Review
  - Regulatory burdens review in progress
- EO 13807: Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure (Aug 15)
  - Secretarial Order on NEPA Streamlining signed by Dep Sec
  - Energy Corridors on Federal Lands
  - Interior to submit Reorg plan to OMB
- Upcoming Executive Orders
  - Reorganization EO
  - Critical Minerals EO

Bi-Weekly Policy Briefing for Secretary Zinke

November 8, 2017

Agenda

1. Insular Areas
2. Fish and Wildlife and Parks
3. Water and Science
4. Policy, Management, and Budget
5. Land and Minerals Management
6. Indian Affairs
7. Solicitor
8. Congressional and Legislative Affairs
9. External Affairs/ Intergovernmental
10. Communications
11. White House Liaison
12. Scheduling and Advance

Insular Areas

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Hurricane Recovery

- OIA continues to track hurricane recovery efforts in the USVI and Puerto Rico including DOI assets (NPS, FWS, and USGS).
- AS-IN Doug Domenech has been appointed to the FEMA Hurricane Recovery Support Function Leadership Group. DOI's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance leads the recovery effort.
- November 7, 2017 Virgin Islands Hurricane and Resiliency Advisory Group kick-off meeting. Governor Mapp created the group to help guide reconstruction and resiliency efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The Office of Insular Affairs was invited to participate and is represented.
- U.S. Virgin Islands Governor Kenneth Mapp and Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello are scheduled to testify before the House Committee on Natural Resources 11/14 regarding the recent Caribbean hurricanes Irma and Maria. They are to be the only witnesses.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Hurricane Recovery

- The National Park Service manages six parks in the Caribbean. One park in Puerto Rico and five the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages nine units in the Caribbean. Five refuges in Puerto Rico and three the U.S. Virgin Islands. (And one additional island.)
- Focus is on opening Parks and Refuges that serve as tourist attractions.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- GUAM and CNMI WORKER VISAS - President Trump reportedly told Guam Governor Eddie Calvo and CNMI Governor Ralph Torres in Hawaii that he would aid them on addressing their labor needs – i.e., the H2-B visa availability for Guam and CW visa availability for the CNMI. Participated in a DPC call on the issue.
- OIA will chair the U.S.- Marshall Islands Trust Fund Committee on November 15 at the MIB. The Fund as of this past June is $341, 576,000. In addition to the U.S. Government and Marshall Islands voting members, a representative of the Taiwan Government serves as well. Taiwan is a vital contributor to the Fund providing $2.4 million annually.
- DHS has agreed to open a Regional Immigration Center in American Samoa.
- This week the Brown Tree Snake Coordinating Committee will hold its meeting in Guam. OIA provides grant funding to prevent the spread of the invasive snake.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- **November 20-22 –** Domenech on personal leave.
- **December 3 – 8, 2017 –** AS-IN Domenech and OIA Director Nikolao Pula will travel to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for discussions with RMI President Hilda Heine, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Karen Stewart and visits to Majuro, and Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll.
- **December 9, 2017 –** AS-IN Domenech and Director Pula will meet with OIA Honolulu staff who aid in the administration of Compact grants to the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.
- **December 11, 2017 –** AS-IN Domenech and Director Pula will meet (tentatively) with Hawaii Governor David Ige and will separately be briefed on the United States' Pacific defense posture by the U.S. Pacific Command.
- **December 12 - 13, 2017 –**AS-IN Domenech will address the Island Government Finance Officers Association meeting in Maui.

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

- ASFWP
  - Everglades Restoration brief (Congressional)
  - RESTORE Council decision memo
- FWS
  - Alaska 1002 Area update
  - Utah prairie dog rule
  - Fever ticks in Texas
  - Comorants EA and rule
- NPS
  - Hurricane recovery in Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico
  - National Mall and Memorial Park permits, November 10-12
  - NPS leadership meeting, week of November 13
  - Upcoming events: Manassas National Battlefield, November 10; Memorial Bridge event, November 14-17; Iwo Jima/Marine Corps War Memorial, November 21

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- ASFWP
  - Everglades National Park land exchange with Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
- FWS
  - Priority Endangered Species items
    - Monito gecko proposed delisting due to recovery, on or around November 15
    - Panama City crayfish to publish by December 29
    - Black warrior waterdog to publish by January 4, 2018
  - Mexican Wolf recovery plan, November
  - Low Effect HCP process
- NPS
  - Anti-harassment work
  - Mountain Valley and Atlantic Coast pipeline update
  - National Christmas Tree lighting, President's Park, November 30
  - Golden Gate National Recreation Area dog plan termination notice
  - Herd culling at national parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Acting Assistant Secretary Jason Larrabee
  - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, November 9
  - National Parks Hospitality Association fall meeting, Denver, November 13-14
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Visits to Texas national wildlife refuges impacted by Hurricane Harvey, November 9
  - Travel to Tanzania to discuss lion and elephant management strategies, November 12-16
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - NPS leadership meetings, Washington, DC, November 14-16

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Department Review: Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the CVP & SWP and Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA)
- WIIN Operational Briefing-request of Majority Leader McCarthy 11/9
  - Re-consultation of Bio-Ops
  - Sections 4001, 4002, and 4003 of WIIN

U.S. Geological Survey

- Pre-assessment presentations being conducted: Resource Assessment of National Petroleum Reserve and Adjacent Areas-Alaska
  - Nanushuk and Torok Formations
- USGS Estimates Pounds of Potential Uranium Resources in Parts of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma-Press release 11/13

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- H.R. 875: Bill to facilitate and streamline Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs processes for creating or expanding water projects-November 30
- Klamath Basin: Potential Letter

U.S. Geological Survey

- Critical minerals
- Sage Grouse
- Continue to review projects and publications
- Coordination with DOI bureaus

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee, Sacramento, CA 11/13
- National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Annual Conference, Tucson, AZ 11/15-17
- Salton Sea Site Visits and Meetings with Water Districts, CA 11/15-17
- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference, Anaheim, CA 11/30
- Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) Conference, Las Vegas, NV 12/13-15

U.S. Geological Survey

- 20th William T. Pecora Memorial Remote Sensing Symposium, Sioux Falls, SD 11/14
- NASA-DOI Sustainable Land Imaging Joint Steering Group Meeting, DC 11/22
    - First meeting on Landsat 10

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- FY 2017 Financial Audit
  - DOI has had clean and on-time audit for 20 years
  - Next step: Bureau Directors need to sign Management Representation Letters to be dated 11/14 but signature/delivery to PMB by today
  - Due date for KPMG auditors and DOI IG to release FY17 audit is 11/15/17
- FY 2018 Budget
  - Continuing Resolution into December; hopefully an omnibus after that
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - OMB Passback expected late November; probably 4 day turnaround on any appeals
- Disasters
  - Awaiting decisions from OMB on our request for emergency supplemental appropriations; both funding and legislative initiatives are on the table

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Steve Howke has joined PMB as Senior Advisor
  - Memo in process to explain grant approval process for balance of FY 18 and beyond
  - Asst. Secy's and bureau directors being asked to focus grant eligibility criteria up front on Secretarial Top 10 Priorities
  - Departmental manual updates on grantmaking likely December 2017/January 2018
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Low-cost reprogrammings in FY 18
  - Decision made on the standard regions, map being finalized, next do related reprogramming
  - Awaiting OMB feedback on broader proposal with Passback in late November/early December
- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Expecting OMB feedback in early December; second opportunity for us to revise the plan
  - Final plan due for public release on 1/20/18
  - Plan's metrics need to be tied to SES performance standards

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Human Resource management
  - SES performance evaluations in November/December
  - Challenge: SES Grade Inflation; Not everyone can really be above average
  - Need to settle on FY 18 SES performance standards reflecting Secretarial priorities
  - Best Places to Work in Government report comes out early December; DOI was in eleventh place among large agencies in 2016
- January SES meeting
  - Honing in on January 10, 11 for 1½ day meeting
  - Agenda under refinement
  - JMA concept a focus
  - Invitees to include bureau regional directors

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- **Western Weed Coordinating Committee** presentation; coupled with visit to Lake Mead National Recreation Area to discuss state concerns with invasive mussels with NPS, WGA staff, State of Nevada, State of Idaho, in Las Vegas NV, November 29

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

BLM

Current Operations

- Surnaming-Nov 17
  - Venting and Flaring Delay
  - Hydraulic Fracturing Final
- Sage Grouse Scoping Meetings Nov 3-16
- Planning 2.0 Nullification
  - Currently in surnaming process (Exec Sec)

30-60 Day Outlook

- BLM will hold 8 Lease Sales throughout Dec
- December 6 BLM-AK will hold a lease sale for 900 tracts in the NPR-A. (bidding expected to be moderate, expected to be controversial.)
- Sage Grouse
  - Dec 1 End of Scoping Period

Land and Minerals Management

OSMRE

Current Operations

- Stream Protection Rule Rescission
  - Expected publication Nov 16
- Signal Peak Litigation
  - Oct 31 District Court modified injunction to allow underground mine development work limited to 170k tons of coal

30-60 Day Outlook

- State program amendments for approval (PA, WY, KY) remaining from past 8 years
- Upcoming Mine Plan Decisions
  - Dry Fork Mine - To ASLM Dec 6
  - Belle Ayr Mine - To ASLM Dec 27
  - Cordero Rojo Mine - To ASLM Jan 10
  - Bridger Mine - To ASLM Jan 24

Land and Minerals Management

BOEM

Current Operations

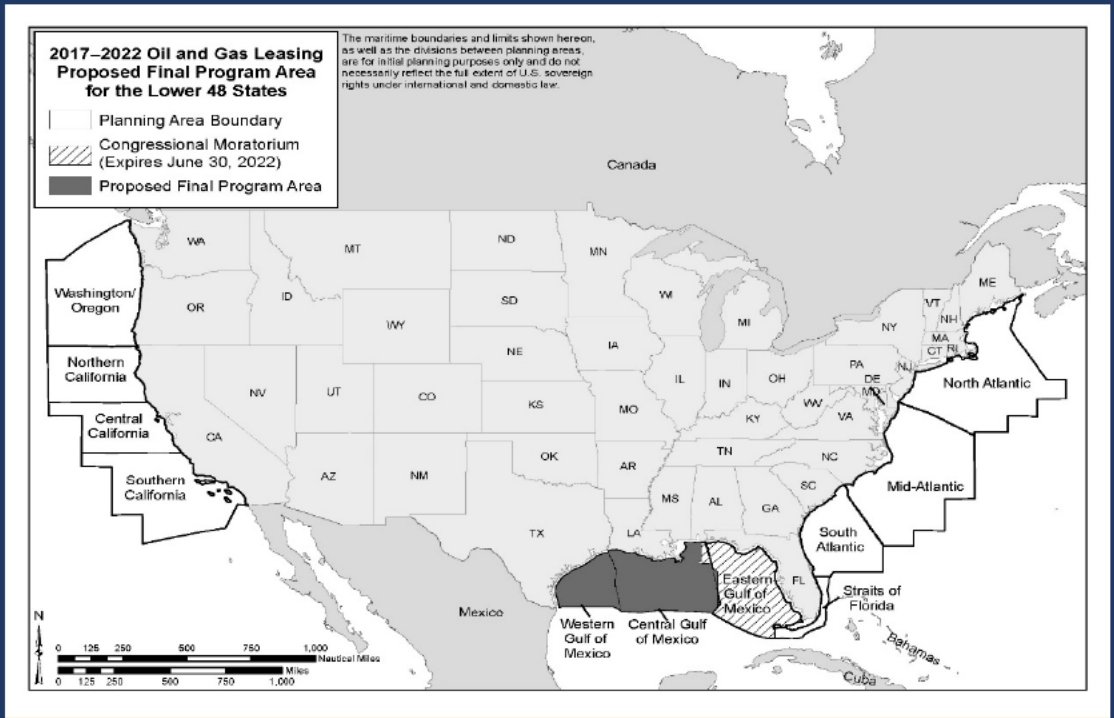
- NAS Workshop Nov 8 & 9th
  - Atlantic Offshore Renewable energy
  - Fisheries
- 5-Year DPP
  - Proposed publication of DPP Nov 17th
- Liberty Island DPP
  - Public comment period ends Nov 17
  - North Slope Borough Mayor and Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission requesting 30 day extension

30-60 Day Outlook

- Next milestone in 5-year plan- Publishing draft proposed program (DPP)
  - Publication starts 60 day public comment period
  - Preparing letters for all 50 governors
  - Jan 17 (tentatively) begin the Proposed Program

Land and Minerals Management

5 Year Plan Comparison



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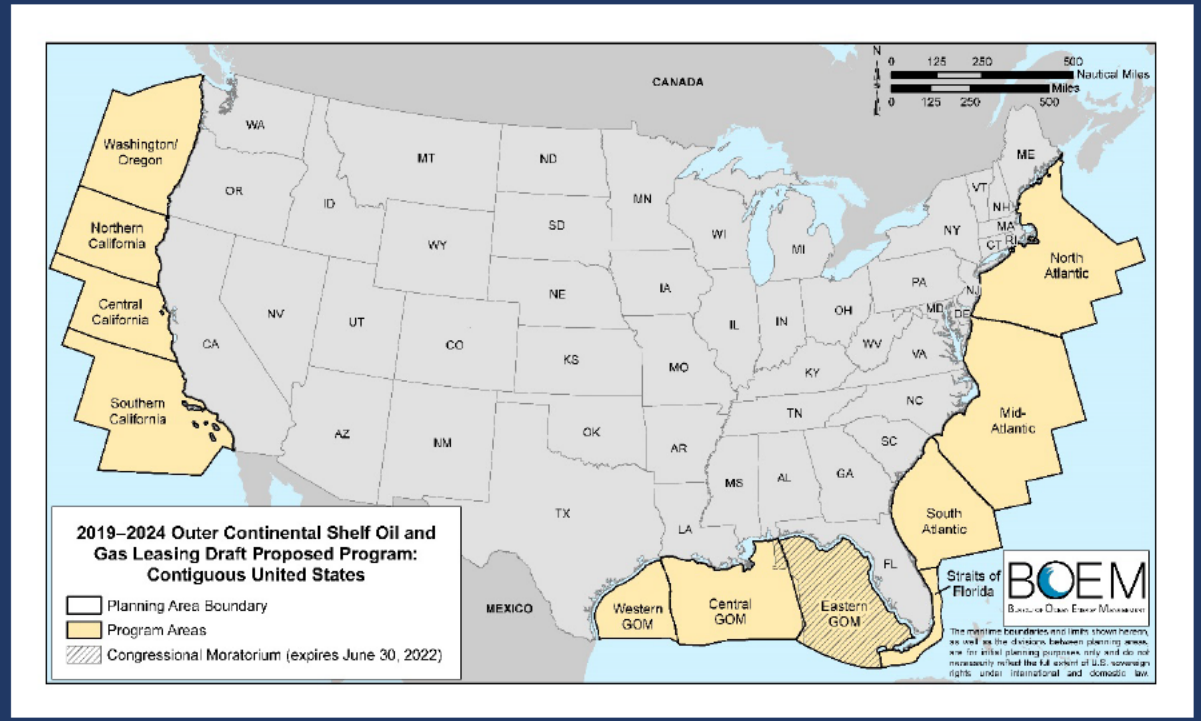

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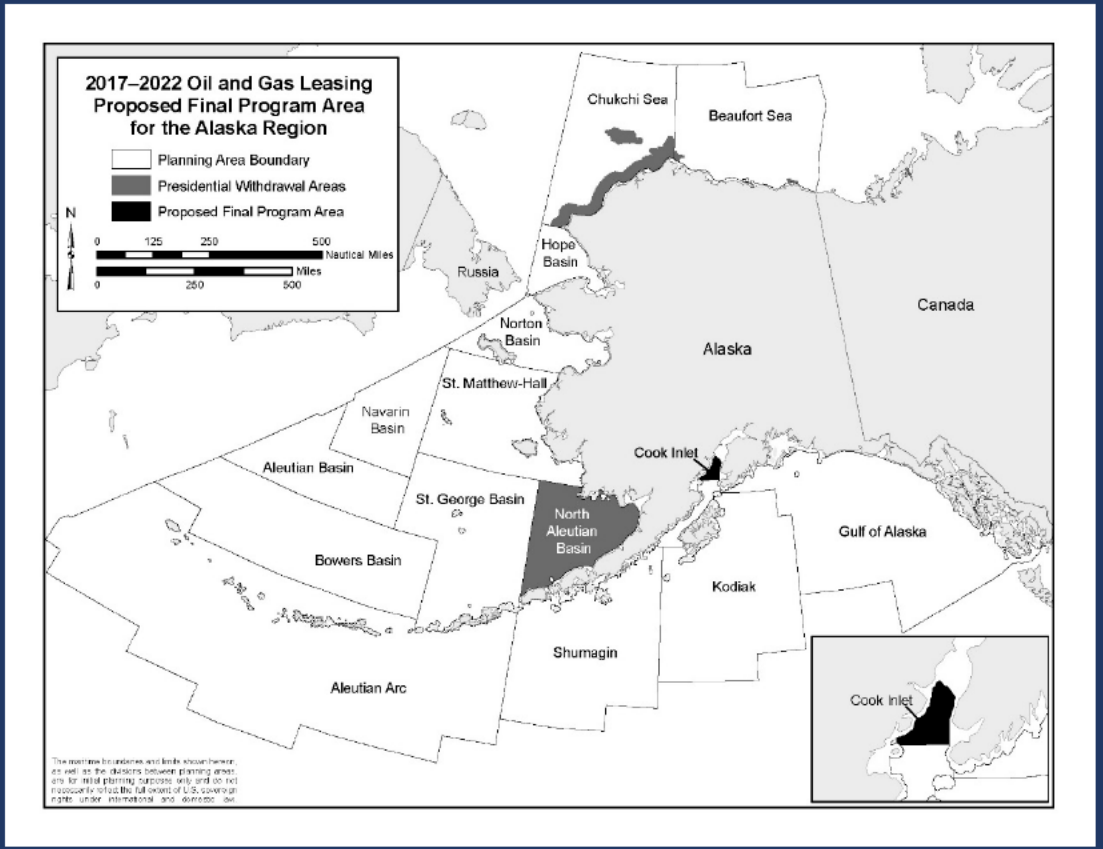
Land and Minerals Management

5 Year Plan Comparison



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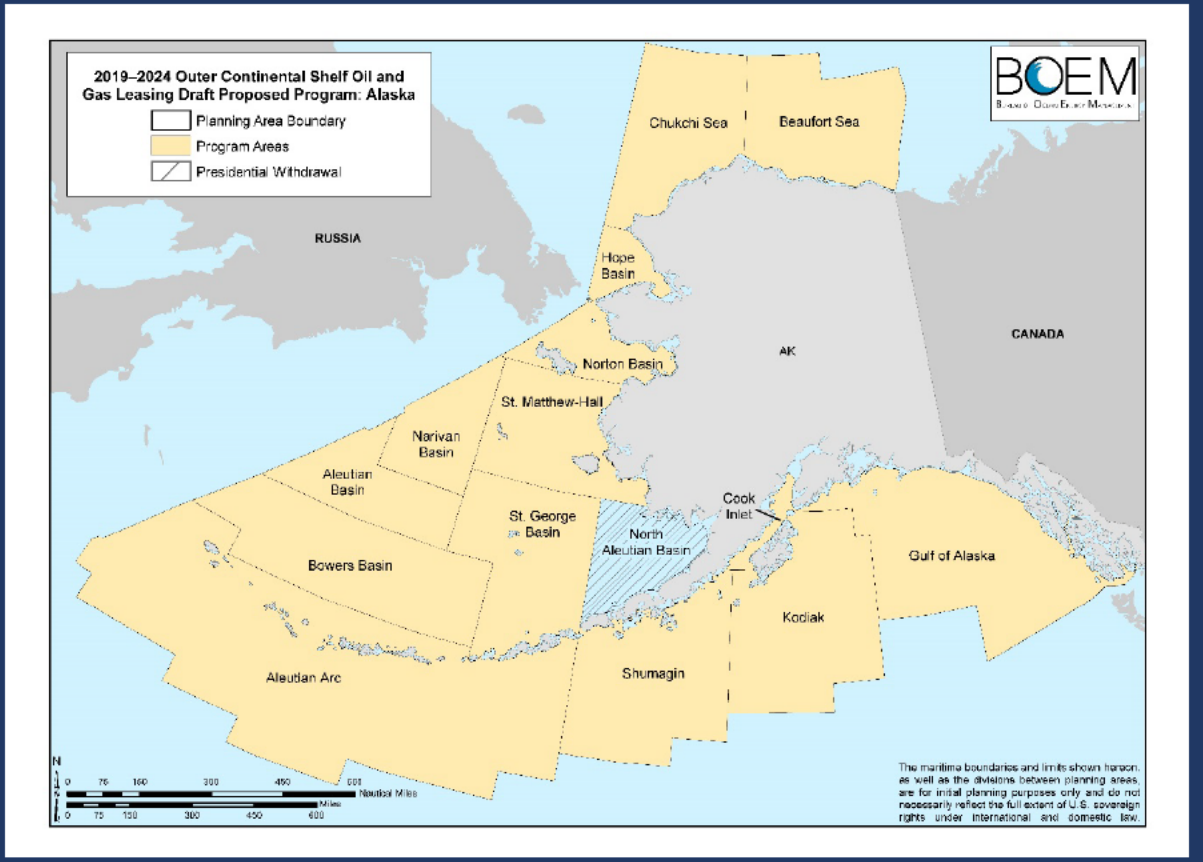

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Land and Minerals Management

BSEE

Current Operations

- Surnaming Nov 17
  - Well Control
  - Sub Part H
- Arctic Slope Regional Corp.
  - Requested a suspension of operations (SOO) for 21 leases previously held by shell
  - Decision on SOO is pending

30-60 Day Outlook

- Regulatory reform updates
  - BSEE has established teams to prepare Well Control Rule and Production Safety Systems Rule

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

From November 14-17 Acting Assistant Secretary, Kate MacGregor will be in Colorado for Petroleum and Mining presentations.

From November 14-17 Deputy Assistant Secretary, Casey Hammond will be in Utah for a series of Sage Grouse scoping meetings.

From November 6-9 BSEE Director Scott Angelle will be in Texas for meetings with industry groups.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- BIE negotiated rulemaking
- Update of Land into Trust Regulations
  - Upcoming Consultations
- Reviewing regulations and processes on titles and leases
  - 184 Mortgage effort with HUD
  - Short form leases for tribes engaged in commercial real estate development
- Reviewing lease fee collections
- Meeting with Tribal/Interior Budget Committee
  - Hear tribal views and priorities
- Land Buy Back Program

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Work on charter school policy proposals from NIEA
  - Expansion of grades and facility sharing
  - Eliminate prohibitions on charter schools as school choice options for BIE schools
  - Allow BIE schools to contract with charter management organizations
- Work on TIBC recommendations
  - Identifying Departmental vs. tribal priorities
  - Prepare responses to tribal views and priorities

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Testimony
  - PDAS Tahsuda potentially testifying at SCIA (11/8) on STOP Act
- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - Native American Contractors (Tahsuda, 11/7)
  - Potential visit to Chemewa Boarding School/Radio interview (Tahsuda, 11/14)
- Tribal Consultations
  - Land into Trust (January dates being considered)
  - BIE Strategic Plan (11/15, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/14)

Solicitor

Office of the Solicitor

Current Operations

- General Update

Office of the Solicitor

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- General Update

Office of the Solicitor

Major Events and Travel

None

Congressional and Legislative Affairs

Congressional Affairs

Current Operations

- Nominees
  - Burman (BOR), Combs (ASPMB), Nelson (Solicitor) & Balash (ASLM) – Marked Up and awaiting floor vote
  - Potential Upcoming Nominations: BLM, NPS
  - Tara Sweeney – AS-IA Nominated, OGE legal review
  - Steve Gardner – OSM, OGE legal review
- Maintenance Fund Language – On the Hill, awaiting rollout event with WH
  - Alexander, Gardner, Daines
- Nominee Letter to McConnell / Schumer
- HR624 - Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017
- Pending Colorado Mineral Leasing Act Announcement – Gardner/Tipton
- Floor Schedule:
  - Senate – Nominees for DOT, EPA, NLRB, Asst. AG
  - House - H.R. 3043 - Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017 / Tax Reform W&M Markup

Congressional Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Hearings

- **(11/8)** SCIA legislative hearing on S. 1400 (Sen. Heinrich), the Safeguarding Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017 and S. 465 (Sen. Rounds), the Independent Outside Audit of the Indian Health Service Act of 2017. The Department will only be providing testimony on S.1400.
    - **Witness: John Tahsuda, Acting Asst. Secretary for Indian Affairs**
- **(11/9) SCIA** is holding a roundtable entitled "Confronting the Crisis: the Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country."
    - **Participant: Charlie Addington, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Justice Services**
- (11/15) HNRC Hearings
    - **Indian Affairs Legislative Hearing**
    - **Federal Lands Legislative Hearing – Acadia**

Legislative Agenda

- Supplemental Disaster Relief bills - Delayed
- Senate Interior Appropriations – Delayed
- Senate Energy – 1002 Area – QFRs received, language to be introduced and marked up shortly by committee

Congressional Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Meetings for Secretary Zinke
  - Chairman Bishop – 11/7/17
  - SAC-I Member Meeting hosted at DOI – 11/16
  - Louisiana Coastal Tour – Sen. Cassidy – TBD
- Congressional Meetings for Dep. Sec. Bernhardt
  - Western Caucus – 11/14
  - Chairman Bishop – 11/15
  - Rep. Amodei Surname Tour – 11/15 or 16
- Western Caucus (12/8-12/9) – Working w/ External & Western Caucus to determine attendees

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- Timber Resources & Wildfire Roundtable
- FACA Board Outreach
- Monument Outreach

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

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Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Major Events

- None

Travel

- Todd Wynn: Heartland Institute (Houston: 11/7 -- 11/10)
- Ben Cassidy: NPHA Fall Meeting (Denver: 11/13 -- 11/15)
- Tim Williams: Sage Grouse Scoping Meeting (Colorado: 11/8)

Communications

Office of Communications

Current Operations

- Nov. 7 - DOI Veterans Ceremony
- Nov. 7 - Made in America Recreation Committee release
- Nov. 8 - International Wildlife Conservation Council release
- Nov. 8 - *Philly Inquirer* Veterans Day op-ed
- Nov. 9 - Veterans Day Video + op-ed, sent to all employees
- Nov. 10/11 - Veterans Day Events
- Nov. 13 - Release on draft Environmental Assessment on Cormorants
- Dec. 4 - Event with POTUS in Utah on Monuments

Office of Communications

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- *Themes: Native American Heritage Month/Veterans, Infrastructure*

To do:

- Critical Minerals Report, EO Communications Rollout
- DOI-Wide Harassment Survey Results
- Memorial Bridge Project/Rebuild Our Parks Initiative
- Wildland Fire Roundtable
- Zimbabwe Trophy Elephant Import Ruling
- Comms Rollout for announcement of draft proposed 5 yr Program for OCS Oil & Gas development

White House Liaison

White House Liaison Office

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- John Bockmier – Senior Advisor for Strategic Communications – 11/13
- John Tanner – Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs – 11/14
- Brandon Middleton – Deputy Solicitor for Water Resources – 11/27

Scheduling and Advance

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In Town Events:

- Cabinet Meetings (11/20)
- NFWF Board of Directors Meeting (11/8)
- Reading of Names at Vietnam Veterans Memorial (11/8)
- Washing of the Vietnam Memorial Walls w/ VPOTUS (11/11)
- World War II Memorial Veterans Day Celebration (11/11)
- Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11)
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11)
- Korean War Veterans Memorial Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11)
- U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial – Unveiling of engravings for wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (11/21)

Upcoming Trips

- Manassas National Battlefield Park (11/10)

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August 30, 2017

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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

Hurricane Harvey update

FWS

- Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Council teleconference, August 30
- Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on certain Indian reservations, tribal bag limits, use of electronic call, August 31
- Release of 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, September 5
- Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and FY2018 North American Conservation Act Grants, September 6 meeting
- August is National Sports Shooting Month

NPS

- North Shore Road and Swain County, North Carolina, $4 million payment
- Release of Great Smoky Mountains National Park fire report, August 31

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

FWS

- National Sportsmen's Day, September 23
- Expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges, Secretarial event
- *Federal Register* notice stating import permits can be issued for African elephant trophy animals taken in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016, through 2017, September
- Authorization of imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken in 2017-2019, September
- National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 8-14, 2017

NPS

- U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September
- Sexual harassment survey results, September
- Yellowstone bison transfer to Fort Peck

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens
  - Personal leave, August 31 and September 1
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Personal leave, September 8
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - Travel to New York City to meet with families of firefighters and WTC victims regarding the unidentified remains from World Trade Center, September 5

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Shasta Dam-Notice to Reopen Public Comment Period-requests from Winnemem Wintu Tribe
- Reclamation public summary of responses and themes from P3 Investor Day (May 9)
- Salton Sea-Quantification Settlement Agreement-CA State Water Resources Board-Sept. 7
- WaterSMART Water and Efficiency Grants will be announced-$20.9 million

U.S. Geological Survey

- Hurricane Harvey Response: Storm surge sensors, high water mark flagging and surveying
- USGS announce paper on climate, wildfire, and erosion in Western US
- Critical Minerals Report and Executive Order

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting September 6, possibly follow up Sept. 21
- Minute 323 – U.S. Mexico Cooperation Colorado River late September
- NOI to prepare Draft EIS and Scoping meetings for Reinitiation of Consultation on coordinated Long Term Operation of Central Valley Project and State Project

U.S. Geological Survey

- USGS release new Scientific Investigation Report
  - Three-dimensional hydrogeologic framework model constructed for Rio Grande
  - Transboundary region of New Mexico, Texas, northern Chihuahua, Mexico
- Sept 6-21 USGS will conduct paleoseismic investigation of the Teton Fault near Jackson Hole Mountain Resort to understand large earthquakes
  - Fault cuts across Grand Teton National Park and lies close to Reclamation's Jackson Lake Dam

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- September 11-13 Federal Columbia River Power System Meetings with CEQ/OMB/Hill
- Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group, Phoenix Sept. 20-21
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Sept. 21, Flagstaff, AZ
- September 27-29 Colorado River Symposium, Santa Fe

U.S. Geological Survey

- National Academies Meeting on Energy Resources Program, Sept. 5
- National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting, Sept. 6
- USGS Coalition Reception on Capitol Hill, Sept. 12
- Alaska Mapping Executive Committee Meeting, Oct. 26, Anchorage

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Draft plan to OMB on September 11, after Deputy Secretary review
  - Final plan due 1/20/18
  - Implications for SES performance standards
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - Budget goes to OMB on September 11
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
  - Passback/appeals after Thanksgiving
- Hurricane Harvey response
  - DOI responding to FEMA direction
  - No employee loss of life
  - Damage to DOI facilities not severe, as far as we can tell right now

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Avoiding conflict of interest between grantee/DOI employee
  - Implications of litigation status with prospective/current grantee
  - Focusing grants in support of Secretarial Top 10
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Synchronize with budget submission to OMB on 9/11
  - Synchronize with GPRA strategic plan draft to OMB on 9/11
  - Need to settle on the standard regions
  - Advice from LTG. Tom Spoehrs (ret.) at Heritage on Joint Management
  - Phasing and project plan for implementation of reorganization in FY18, FY19

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- FYI: Federal interagency UAS Executive Committee, meeting in Washington DC week of 9/11-15
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, New Orleans, 9/14 (in coordination with USDA)
- Partnership for Public Service's Annual Service to America awards, 9/17, Washington DC
- National Association of State Foresters, Charleston WV, 9/19, (in coordination with USDA/FS)
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Flagstaff AZ, 9/21 (in coordination with Water and Science, Indian Affairs)
- FYI: Royalty Policy Committee first meeting tentatively during week of October 4

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations

BSEE

- **BSEE offices closed as a result of Hurricane Harvey**
  - Texas: Angleton/Lake Jackson/Houston ETAC
  - Louisiana: Lake Charles/Lafayette/Houma
- **Harvey Operational Impacts**
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 98 of 737 (13.3%) manned production platforms
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 5 of 10 (50%) non-Dynamic Positioning (DP) rigs
  - All 21 DP rigs remain operational
  - 18.94% of daily production of oil (331,370 barrels) is shut-in
  - 18.12% of the daily production of gas (583.39 million cubic feet) is shut-in

OSMRE

- **National Academies of Science Study: Human Health Impacts of Coal Mining in Appalachia**
  - We have paused this study as part of our review on grants and cooperative agreements.
- **State and Federal Coal Regulatory Summit**
  September 19th-20th, 2017 in Main Interior's South Penthouse

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations (Continued)

BOEM

- **Gulf Sale 249:**
  - On August 16 the region-wide Gulf of Mexico lease sale generated $121,143,055 in high bids for 90 tracts covering 508,096 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 27 companies participated in the sale, submitting 99 bids totaling $137,006,181.
- **New Five Year Program:**
  - BOEM published the Request for Information, which began the public process for developing a new Five Year Program, in the Federal Register on July 3. The comment period closed on Aug. 17. As of Aug. 22, BOEM had received approximately 815,000 comments. BOEM has been holding virtual meetings on the development process and outreach continues with the states.

BLM

- BLM support for Hurricane Harvey
  - BLM is supporting efforts via: Incident Management Team, UAS pilots(3), 2 aviation managers (2), scientists and rangers
- Energy Independence
- Sage Grouse Report and Next Steps

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

BSEE

- **BSEE Regulatory Reform**
  - Conduct Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX on September 21. Rescheduled from September 7 because of storm damage; the purpose is to obtain input from stakeholders
  - Initiate rulemaking process for Production Safety Systems Rule

OSMRE

- **Restoring regulatory certainty:**
  - Clean Water Act Memorandum
  - Federal inspection frequencies

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook (Continued)

BOEM

- **Cape Wind:**
  - In response to the DC Circuit Court's remand order, BOEM prepared a supplement to the 2009 Final EIS. The Final Supplemental EIS and associated NOA published on Aug. 4. The Record of Decision needs to be published by Sept. 15 to meet the schedule DOJ has submitted to the Court. Separately, on June 22, 2017, CWA submitted a second request for a 2-year lease term and rent payment suspension. On July 24, 2017, CWA's approved lease suspension expired. BOEM is reviewing CWA's request for a second suspension.
- **Hill Briefing**
  - BOEM has scheduled a Hill staff briefing on Development of the Five Year Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program for Sept. 12. Topics will include the steps required for program development and the related NEPA analysis.

BLM

- Planning and NEPA Streamlining
- Coal Review
- Proposed Waste Prevention Rule – Out for Public Comment

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

- Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM:
  - On leave until September 4
  - Will speak at the 2017 Annual Nevada Mining Association Convention in Lake Tahoe on September 9
- Director Angelle will be in the Gulf of Mexico Region September 17-24 to:
  - Speak at a Society of Petroleum Engineers meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 18)
  - Speak at a Louisiana Oil and Gas Association meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 19)
  - Speak at a Center for Offshore Safety meeting in Houston, TX (September 20)
  - Deliver opening address at Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Meet with Executives from Walter Oil in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Conduct Stakeholder meetings in Houston, TX (September 22)

Insular Areas

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee* (JEMFAC) in which the approximately $112 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the FSM. Infrastructure completion and accreditation of schools will also be major topics for discussion.

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will meet with RMI Ambassador Zackios regarding the Pacific Islands trust fund meeting In Tuvalu.

August 29, 2017 (Washington DC) – Representatives of OIA and the Department of Treasury will meet to discuss insular financial stresses and solutions.

August 30, 2017 (Honolulu) – Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management Committee* (JEMCO) in which the approximately $77 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the Marshall Islands. Accreditation of schools will also be discussed.

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 31, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will attend (along with U.S. and FSM and RMI trust fund board members) and educational meeting for further familiarization with terms and glide paths relating to the trust funds.

September 1, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will chair the actual trust fund meetings of:

- The FSM Trust Fund Committee, where two new Trust Fund Committee members from the Federated States of Micronesia will be introduced, and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $500 million.
- The RMI Trust Fund Committee, where Vanguard will replace Mercer as the trust fund adviser and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $300 million.

Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

September 2017 - Requests for Meetings with Secretary Zinke:

- President Hilda Heine of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for sometime between September 12 and 17, and
- President Peter Christian of the Federated States of Micronesia for sometime between September 23 and 28.

Insular Areas

Major Events and Travel

September 5 through 7, 2017 – Samoa (the sovereign country) will host the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum.

CANCELLED by the National Invasive Species Council:

- **September 26 – 28, 2017** – the Second U.S. Territories Invasive Species Coordinating Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- **Relocation from South Interior**
- **Navajo Generating Station**
- **Trade and Commerce Regulations**
    1. Ongoing Macroeconomic Data Collection
    2. Consultation Process possibly extended
    3. White House Tribal Finance Roundtable follow-up
        a. CFPB is suing tribes, possible DOJ meeting
        b. New Market Tax Credits research
        c. Other items
            1) Accredited Investor Status for Tribes
            2) Securities Registration Exemption for Tribal Municipal Bonds
            3) Tax Code issues (Bonds, Sub S, and §17s)
- **Update of Land into Trust Regulations**
- **Development of Telework Management Policies**

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- **Complete Data Collection Consultation on Trade and Commerce**
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Processes
  - Measures
  - APG
    - By September 30, 2019 the DOI, through the coordinated efforts of BIA and other DOI bureaus, will eliminate/reduce the processing time disparity for energy projects between federal lands and Indian lands.

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (9/5)
  - National Intertribal Tax Alliance (9/12)
  - Indian Gaming mid-year (9/20)
  - Native American Finance Officers Association (10/3)
  - Global Gaming Expo (10/5)
- North American Energy Standards Board (9/6)
- Canadian Embassy Event (9/7)

Congressional and Legislative Affairs

Congressional Affairs

Current Operations

- Congressional August Recess through September 5, 2017
- Nominees
  - Burman, Domenech & Combs – Marked Up and awaiting floor vote
  - Nelson (Solicitor) & Balash (ASLM) – Hearing will be September 7, 2017
    - Invite letters for Ryan Nelson going to the Hill 8/30/17
- FY18 Budget QFR Approvals
- White River Bridge
- Jupiter Inlet

Congressional Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Hearings

- (9/7) Rescheduled: Cutting Through the Red Tape: Oversight of Federal Infrastructure Permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council
  - Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, HSGAC
- (9/13) Hearing to discuss progress made in implementing recommendations related to Indian Programs as identified in the 2017 GAO High Risk List Report. This is a follow up from the May 2017 hearing on the same subject.
  - Witness: TBD
  - Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- (9/27) Hearing on Encouraging the Next Generation to Visit National Parks
  - Witness: TBD
  - SENR

Legislative Agenda

- Eastern Gulf of Mexico/NDAA – Sen. Nelson
- Interior Appropriations Amendment Floor Schedule & Outlook
- Maintenance Backlog Fund Language

Congressional Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Meetings for Secretary Zinke
  - Majority/Minority meetings with HNRC as promised in hearing
  - Louisiana Coastal Tour – Sen. Cassidy
  - Everglades Tour – Sen. Rubio
- Congressional Meetings for Dep. Sec. Bernhardt
  - Chairman Bishop
  - Western Caucus
  - Chairman Calvert

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- BP America
- Wild Horse & Burro Summit
- Wyoming BLM
- Walk For Life
- Bear River Wildlife Refuge

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Continued outreach within the Sportsmen's community *(Utilizing our Natural Resources)*
- Strengthen Governor and Department cooperation *(Striking a regulatory balance)*
- Outreach within the Wild Horse & Burro Community *(Creating a stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt)*
- Outreach to the States Wildlife Agencies *(Modernizing our infrastructure)*
- Outreach to local governments *(Restoring trust within local communities)*
- Outreach to Industry *(Striking a regulatory balance)*

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Possible Wild Horse and Burro Summit
- National Fishing & Hunting Day

Travel

- TBD

Solicitor

Office of the Solicitor

Current Operations

- Swain County

Office of the Solicitor

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Sage Grouse Negotiating Position

Office of the Solicitor

Major Events and Travel

- **NO TRAVEL BY POLITICALS**

Communications

Office of Communications

Current Operations

- Aug. 25 – editing Secretary video on his vision for reorg to be sent to all employees.
- Aug. 25 – Ongoing - Hurricane Harvey Communications Coordination with IOC, FEMA, and WH, Sec. appearances on Fox & Friends, Varney & Co. , posting updates on Doi.gov/emergency and Bureaus (USGS, BSEE, FWS) posting on social media.
- Aug. 28 – National Shooting Sports Month Proclamation and Secretary Statement sent to sportsmen & stakeholders
- Aug. 29 – Secretary op-ed on Monument Review – with WH for approval. Waiting on WH for further roll-out options.
- Aug 30 – Secretary all-employee DOI message on DOI involvement in Hurricane Harvey/National Preparedness Month
- Aug. 31 – Secretary Participating in Great Smoky Mountain Chimney Tops Fire Report Press Conference
- Sept. 5 – DOI/FWS – Announcing 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, & Wildlife Associated Recreation prelim report (press release, op-ed)

Office of Communications

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Themes: hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation that drive home our Conservation Stewardship message
- Refine strategic comms plan around the policy priorities, ensuring all are aligned with our Top 10 priorities
- Establish Communications rollout for Re-org.
- Working with WH on Critical Minerals report comms rollout.
- Echoing and amplifying White House Tax Reform message.

White House Liaison

White House Liaison

Personnel:

- Schedule C
  - 31 of 68 onboard
  - 4 in process
- SES
  - 19 of 44 onboard
  - 2 starting
  - 7 in process
- PAS
  - 5 of 17 Announced
  - 15 of 17 Submitted

Scheduling and Advance

Scheduling and Advance

In Town Events:

- USGS Tour & All Hands Meeting (8/31)
- Lunch with Secretary James Mattis (9/1)
- Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation Annual Banquet Remarks (9/13)

Upcoming Trips for September / October

- Texas (9/2)
  - Potential Travel with POTUS to Hurricane Harvey Relief Areas in TBD, TX
- Maryland (9/9-9/10)
  - White House Cabinet Meeting at Camp David, MD
- Pennsylvania (9/10)
  - Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA
- New York (9/11-9/12)
  - Press & Tours in New York City, NY
- Missouri (9/20-9/21)
  - Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium Grand Opening Events in Springfield, MO
- Texas (9/21-9/22)
  - NRA Women's Leadership Events in Dallas, TX
- New Jersey / Pennsylvania (9/27-9/29)
  - Visits to Gateway National Recreation Area, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; & Valley Forge, PA
- Georgia / Florida (10/2-10/10)
  - Events in Atlanta, GA & Florida Everglades
- Arizona / Texas (10/12-10/16)
  - National Park Foundation Board Meeting at the Grand Canyon, AZ; Visit to Navajo Generating Station, AZ; Border Tour at Big Bend National Park, TX
- New York
  - Hunting Events in TBD Upstate, NY

Office of the Secretary

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Key Executive Orders

- EO 13771: Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs (Jan 30)
  - Reduced planned regulations in Unified Agenda by 50%
  - Fall 2017 Draft Unified Agenda due September 5, Final September 18
- EO 13777 Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda (Feb 24)
  - Established Regulatory Reform Task Force
  - Incorporation into GPRA (government annual performance plan)
- EO 13781: Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch (Mar 13)
  - Reorganization plan submitted to OMB by September 9
- EO 13783: Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth (Mar 28)
  - Draft Energy Burdens Report Submitted July 26
  - Final Energy Burdens Report due September 24

Office of the Secretary

Key Executive Orders

- EO 13792: Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act (Apr 26)
  - Draft Report submitted August 23
  - Specific recommendations in progress
  - POTUS target travel for the Fall
  - DOI management plans review
- EO 13795: Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (Apr 28)
  - 5 year plan RFI in July 2017
  - Submitted energy data to Commerce for Marine Sanctuary Review
  - Regulatory burdens review in progress
- EO 13807: Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure (Aug 15)
  - Secretarial Order on NEPA Streamlining signed by Dep Sec
  - Energy Corridors on Federal Lands
  - Interior to submit Reorg plan to OMB
- Upcoming Executive Orders
  - Reorganization EO
  - Critical Minerals EO

Bi-Weekly Policy Briefing for Secretary Zinke

November 8, 2017

Agenda

1. Insular Areas
2. Fish and Wildlife and Parks
3. Water and Science
4. Policy, Management, and Budget
5. Land and Minerals Management
6. Indian Affairs
7. Solicitor
8. Congressional and Legislative Affairs
9. External Affairs/ Intergovernmental
10. Communications
11. White House Liaison
12. Scheduling and Advance

Insular Areas

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Hurricane Recovery

- The Department continues to participate in the White House Principals Committee meetings on the hurricane recovery framework, as well as the weekly FEMA Recovery Support Function Leadership Group for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.
- On November 30, 2017, Deputy Secretary Bernhardt testified at the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior Environment and Related Agencies to discuss the Interior supplemental budget request.
- Interior is the lead federal agency on the Natural and Cultural Resource Recovery mission. Small teams have been deployed to PR and VI for this mission.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- **Guam Compact Impact Funding**: Authorized $14.9 million for Guam's 2018 portion of permanent Compact Impact funding: $6.7 million for schools and $8.2 million for general operations.
- **One Reporting System**: OIA and the U.S. Department of Education have signed an MOU to create a USG-wide comprehensive web-based reporting system on federal grants to the U.S. territories.
- **RMI and FSM Education**: Hawaii staff conducted visits with FSM and RMI to discuss current education sector issues. Also held discussions with Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) on data collection tools for implementing quality school accreditation systems in the RMI and FSM.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- **RMI Health Funding Issues**: Continuing Resolution Extensions threaten The Four Atoll Health Care Program in the RMI. OIA is considering awarding a portion of the FY18 funding within the next couple of months, for the program to continue its services without interruption.
- **CNMI Visit**: Governor Torres and others will be in DC week of Dec. 11 to advocate for a solution to the CW visa waiver foreign workers issue.
- **Sovereignty**: At their request, OIA transferred full decision-making powers for the Bikini Resettlement Trust Fund, currently valued at $59 million, to the Bikini Mayor and Council Leaders. The Trust Fund, first established in recognition of damage done to Bikini Atoll by nuclear testing, had been administered by Interior for 35 years.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- **Film**: On Friday, December 15, the Office of Insular Affairs will host a special screening of Island Soldier, a documentary on Micronesian soldiers in the United States Army. The Ambassador of Micronesia to the U.S. will give brief welcome remarks. The film producer and two D.C.-based U.S. Army soldiers from Micronesia will hold Q&A following the film.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

December 11 - 14, 2017 – Domenech & Dir. Pula Travel to Hawaii to:

- **Keynote the Island Government Finance Officers Association** meeting in Maui. Finance Officers from all seven Insular areas will report on the state of their respective areas. The IGFOA is funded by OIA to support fiscal responsibility, accountability, and best practices.
- Meet with **Hawaii Governor David Ige** on Compact Impact issues.
- Be Briefed by the **U.S. Pacific Command** on the United States' Pacific defense posture.
- Meet with OIA Honolulu staff who aid in the administration of Compact grants to the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

- **January 2017** – Travel to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), postponed from December, to meet with President Hilda Heine, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Karen Stewart and travel to Majuro, and Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll.
- **February 2017** – Senior Plenary Session of the Interagency Group on Insular Areas & Coral Reef Task Force in Washington, DC. Hope the Secretary will welcome group.

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

- ASFWP
  - Shutdown for FWS and NPS
- FWS
  - African trophies
  - New refuge access chiefs
- NPS
  - Mountain Valley pipeline
  - Isle Royale National Park wolves

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- FWS
  - Priority Endangered Species items
    - Delistings
    - Downlistings
- NPS
  - Anti-harassment work
  - Fee increase
  - 250th anniversary

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Jason Larrabee
  - In the office
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - In the office
- NPS Deputy Director Mike Reynolds
  - In the office

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Draft NOI on Central Valley Project and Bay Delta Operations
  - Comments due today
- Drought Contingency Plan
  - Seven Basin States Meet on 12/6

U.S. Geological Survey

- Resource Assessment of National Petroleum Reserve is Complete and ready for a late December release
- Meeting with NASA on Landsat 9, 12/6

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- Columbia River Treaty
- Title Transfer
- Klamath Basin: Potential Letter

U.S. Geological Survey

- Critical minerals
- Sage Grouse
- Continue to review projects and publications

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- Invasive Species Site Visit, Lake Mead, NV 12/6
- Senior Leadership Strategic Planning Meeting, Shepherdstown, WV 12/7-8
- Navajo Generating Station Meetings, Page, AZ 12/11-12
- Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) Conference, Las Vegas, NV 12/13-15

U.S. Geological Survey

- Tour of LAWDP Infrastructure to Assess Seismic Readiness, Los Angeles, CA 12/8
- American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA 12/11-15
- Urban Waters Federal Partnership Celebration of Success Event, Atlanta, GA 1/25/18

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- FY 2018 Budget
  - Continuing Resolution through 12/8; hopefully another CR through 12/22 after that
  - Contingency planning under way in case of government shutdown evening of 12/8; plan is to inconvenience the DOI visitor as little as possible, with emphasis on NPS and FWS
  - OMB expected to respond this week to our common regional boundaries reprogramming; concerned about timing of tribal consultation for BIA/BIE
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - OMB analyzing our appeal of their Passback, response expected later this week
  - Series of legislative initiatives in play to be rolled into President's budget
- Disasters
  - Awaiting Congressional action on our request for emergency supplemental appropriations

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Memo in process to explain grant approval process for balance of FY 18 and beyond
  - Asst. Secy's and bureau directors being asked to focus grant eligibility criteria up front on Secretarial Top 10 Priorities
  - Departmental manual updates on grantmaking likely January/February 2018
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Low-cost reprogrammings in FY 18, Congress' reaction expected in January
  - Awaiting OMB feedback on broader reorg plan; likely to be approved in part for February budget rollout, and part addressed later in the spring
- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Expecting OMB feedback in mid December; second opportunity for us to revise the plan
  - Final plan due for public release on 2/5/18 with budget
  - Plan's metrics need to be tied to SES performance standards

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Human Resource management
  - SES performance evaluations finalized in December
  - Need to settle on FY 18 SES performance standards reflecting Secretarial priorities
  - Best Places to Work in Government report comes out this week; DOI expected to remain in eleventh place among large agencies in 2016
- January SES meeting
  - January 10, 11 for 1½ day meeting
  - Agenda under refinement
  - JMA concept a focus
  - Secretary's telephone town hall on 12/6

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- Scott Cameron at Lake Mead National Recreation Area outside Las Vegas NV today to discuss state concerns with invasive mussels with NPS, FWS, Reclamation, WGA staff, State of Nevada, State of Idaho

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

BLM

Current Operations

- Regulatory Reform
  - Waste Prevention
    - Delay Rule (FRN Target 12/8)
    - Change Rule (FRN Target 12/8)
  - Hydraulic Fracturing
    - (OIRA requesting federal agency comments)
- Sage Grouse Scoping Period ended December 1
- December 6 BLM-AK will hold a lease sale for 900 tracts in the NPR-A.

30-60 Day Outlook

- BLM will hold 8 Lease Sales throughout Dec
  - New Mexico: 7 Parcels, 227 acres
  - Colorado: 10 Parcels, 1,227 acres
  - Nevada: 208 Parcels, 388,959 acres
  - Montana: 204 Parcels, 98,889 acres
  - Utah: 75 Parcels, 94,00 acres
  - Wyoming: 45 Parcels, 72,843 acres
  - Eastern States: 7 Parcels, 1,185 acres

Land and Minerals Management

OSMRE

Current Operations

- Rosebud Mine
  - Pending surnaming process
- AML Summit December 13-14

30-60 Day Outlook

- State program amendments for approval (PA, WY, KY) remaining from past 8 years
- Upcoming Mine Plan Decisions
  - Dry Fork Mine - To ASLM Dec 6
  - Belle Ayr Mine - To ASLM Dec 27
  - Cordero Rojo Mine - To ASLM Jan 22
  - Bridger Mine - To ASLM Jan 24

Land and Minerals Management

BOEM

Current Operations

- Lease Sale 250
  - Target publication of NOA in mid December
  - SEIS currently in surnaming
- Liberty Island
  - Extended comment period ends December 8

30-60 Day Outlook

- Next milestone in 5-year plan- Publishing draft proposed program (DPP)
  - Publication starts 60 day public comment period
  - Preparing letters for all 50 governors

Land and Minerals Management

BSEE

Current Operations

- Well Control & Subpart H
  - Expected to be sent to OMB Thursday
- Meeting with Taylor Energy
  - Taylor Energy, DOJ, NOAA , ASLM and SOL
  - Discuss field tests conducted at the MC-20 site

30-60 Day Outlook

- Change Management Initiatives
  - 50 priorities identified for BSEE in support of President & Secretary's priorities

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

On December 6, Kate MacGregor will be in New Orleans for a presentation to the Offshore Operators Committee.
From December 7-8 she will attend the DOI senior leadership meeting in West Virginia.

From December 5-9 Deputy Assistant Secretary, Casey Hammond will be in Nevada for meetings with mining industry stakeholders and the Western Caucus Foundation.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- BIE negotiated rulemaking continues…
- BIE review of charter school options continues…
- Update of Land into Trust Regulations
  - Dear Tribal Leader Letter
  - Upcoming Consultations planned
- Reviewing regulations and processes on titles and leases
  - 184 Mortgage effort with HUD
  - Short form leases for tribes engaged in commercial real estate development
- Land Buy Back Program
- Beginning work on planning on ITARA pilot project

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Work on charter school policy proposals from NIEA
  - Expansion of grades and facility sharing
  - Eliminate prohibitions on charter schools as school choice options for BIE schools
  - Allow BIE schools to contract with charter management organizations
- Work on Indian Trust Asset Reform Act – Title 2 – Indian Trust Asset Management Demonstration Project
  - Scheduling two tribal consultation session and 1 teleconference session for February 2018

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - Speak to National Indian Gaming Association (Tahsuda, 12/5)
- Tribal Consultations
  - Off-Reservation Land into Trust (January and February dates being considered)
  - BIE Strategic Plan (12/5, 12/12, 12/14)
- Navajo Generating Station/Peabody Mining
  - Joint meeting with Dr. Travnicek at Peabody in AZ (12/11-12)
- Osage Minerals Council
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Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs

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Insular Areas

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Hurricane Recovery

- The Department continues to participate in the White House Principals Committee meetings on the hurricane recovery framework, as well as the weekly FEMA Recovery Support Function Leadership Group for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.
- On November 30, 2017, Deputy Secretary Bernhardt testified at the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior Environment and Related Agencies to discuss the Interior supplemental budget request.
- Interior is the lead federal agency on the Natural and Cultural Resource Recovery mission. Small teams have been deployed to PR and VI for this mission.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- **Guam Compact Impact Funding**: Authorized $14.9 million for Guam's 2018 portion of permanent Compact Impact funding: $6.7 million for schools and $8.2 million for general operations.
- **One Reporting System**: OIA and the U.S. Department of Education have signed an MOU to create a USG-wide comprehensive web-based reporting system on federal grants to the U.S. territories.
- **RMI and FSM Education**: Hawaii staff conducted visits with FSM and RMI to discuss current education sector issues. Also held discussions with Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) on data collection tools for implementing quality school accreditation systems in the RMI and FSM.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- **RMI Health Funding Issues**: Continuing Resolution Extensions threaten The Four Atoll Health Care Program in the RMI. OIA is considering awarding a portion of the FY18 funding within the next couple of months, for the program to continue its services without interruption.
- **CNMI Visit**: Governor Torres and others will be in DC week of Dec. 11 to advocate for a solution to the CW visa waiver foreign workers issue.
- **Sovereignty**: At their request, OIA transferred full decision-making powers for the Bikini Resettlement Trust Fund, currently valued at $59 million, to the Bikini Mayor and Council Leaders. The Trust Fund, first established in recognition of damage done to Bikini Atoll by nuclear testing, had been administered by Interior for 35 years.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- **Film**: On Friday, December 15, the Office of Insular Affairs will host a special screening of Island Soldier, a documentary on Micronesian soldiers in the United States Army. The Ambassador of Micronesia to the U.S. will give brief welcome remarks. The film producer and two D.C.-based U.S. Army soldiers from Micronesia will hold Q&A following the film.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

December 11 - 14, 2017 – Domenech & Dir. Pula Travel to Hawaii to:

- **Keynote the Island Government Finance Officers Association** meeting in Maui. Finance Officers from all seven Insular areas will report on the state of their respective areas. The IGFOA is funded by OIA to support fiscal responsibility, accountability, and best practices.
- Meet with **Hawaii Governor David Ige** on Compact Impact issues.
- Be Briefed by the **U.S. Pacific Command** on the United States' Pacific defense posture.
- Meet with OIA Honolulu staff who aid in the administration of Compact grants to the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

- **January 2017** – Travel to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), postponed from December, to meet with President Hilda Heine, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Karen Stewart and travel to Majuro, and Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll.
- **February 2017** – Senior Plenary Session of the Interagency Group on Insular Areas & Coral Reef Task Force in Washington, DC. Hope the Secretary will welcome group.

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

- ASFWP
  - Shutdown for FWS and NPS
- FWS
  - African trophies
  - New refuge access chiefs
- NPS
  - Mountain Valley pipeline
  - Isle Royale National Park wolves

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- FWS
  - Priority Endangered Species items
    - Delistings
    - Downlistings
- NPS
  - Anti-harassment work
  - Fee increase
  - 250th anniversary

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Jason Larrabee
  - In the office
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - In the office
- NPS Deputy Director Mike Reynolds
  - In the office

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Draft NOI on Central Valley Project and Bay Delta Operations
  - Comments due today
- Drought Contingency Plan
  - Seven Basin States Meet on 12/6

U.S. Geological Survey

- Resource Assessment of National Petroleum Reserve is Complete and ready for a late December release
- Meeting with NASA on Landsat 9, 12/6

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- Columbia River Treaty
- Title Transfer
- Klamath Basin: Potential Letter

U.S. Geological Survey

- Critical minerals
- Sage Grouse
- Continue to review projects and publications

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- Invasive Species Site Visit, Lake Mead, NV 12/6
- Senior Leadership Strategic Planning Meeting, Shepherdstown, WV 12/7-8
- Navajo Generating Station Meetings, Page, AZ 12/11-12
- Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) Conference, Las Vegas, NV 12/13-15

U.S. Geological Survey

- Tour of LAWDP Infrastructure to Assess Seismic Readiness, Los Angeles, CA 12/8
- American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA 12/11-15
- Urban Waters Federal Partnership Celebration of Success Event, Atlanta, GA 1/25/18

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- FY 2018 Budget
  - Continuing Resolution through 12/8; hopefully another CR through 12/22 after that
  - Contingency planning under way in case of government shutdown evening of 12/8; plan is to inconvenience the DOI visitor as little as possible, with emphasis on NPS and FWS
  - OMB expected to respond this week to our common regional boundaries reprogramming; concerned about timing of tribal consultation for BIA/BIE
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - OMB analyzing our appeal of their Passback, response expected later this week
  - Series of legislative initiatives in play to be rolled into President's budget
- Disasters
  - Awaiting Congressional action on our request for emergency supplemental appropriations

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Memo in process to explain grant approval process for balance of FY 18 and beyond
  - Asst. Secy's and bureau directors being asked to focus grant eligibility criteria up front on Secretarial Top 10 Priorities
  - Departmental manual updates on grantmaking likely January/February 2018
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Low-cost reprogrammings in FY 18, Congress' reaction expected in January
  - Awaiting OMB feedback on broader reorg plan; likely to be approved in part for February budget rollout, and part addressed later in the spring
- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Expecting OMB feedback in mid December; second opportunity for us to revise the plan
  - Final plan due for public release on 2/5/18 with budget
  - Plan's metrics need to be tied to SES performance standards

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Human Resource management
  - SES performance evaluations finalized in December
  - Need to settle on FY 18 SES performance standards reflecting Secretarial priorities
  - Best Places to Work in Government report comes out this week; DOI expected to remain in eleventh place among large agencies in 2016
- January SES meeting
  - January 10, 11 for 1½ day meeting
  - Agenda under refinement
  - JMA concept a focus
  - Secretary's telephone town hall on 12/6

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- Scott Cameron at Lake Mead National Recreation Area outside Las Vegas NV today to discuss state concerns with invasive mussels with NPS, FWS, Reclamation, WGA staff, State of Nevada, State of Idaho

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

BLM

Current Operations

- Regulatory Reform
  - Waste Prevention
    - Delay Rule (FRN Target 12/8)
    - Change Rule (FRN Target 12/8)
  - Hydraulic Fracturing
    - (OIRA requesting federal agency comments)
- Sage Grouse Scoping Period ended December 1
- December 6 BLM-AK will hold a lease sale for 900 tracts in the NPR-A.

30-60 Day Outlook

- BLM will hold 8 Lease Sales throughout Dec
  - New Mexico: 7 Parcels, 227 acres
  - Colorado: 10 Parcels, 1,227 acres
  - Nevada: 208 Parcels, 388,959 acres
  - Montana: 204 Parcels, 98,889 acres
  - Utah: 75 Parcels, 94,00 acres
  - Wyoming: 45 Parcels, 72,843 acres
  - Eastern States: 7 Parcels, 1,185 acres

Land and Minerals Management

OSMRE

Current Operations

- Rosebud Mine
  - Pending surnaming process
- AML Summit December 13-14

30-60 Day Outlook

- State program amendments for approval (PA, WY, KY) remaining from past 8 years
- Upcoming Mine Plan Decisions
  - Dry Fork Mine - To ASLM Dec 6
  - Belle Ayr Mine - To ASLM Dec 27
  - Cordero Rojo Mine - To ASLM Jan 22
  - Bridger Mine - To ASLM Jan 24

Land and Minerals Management

BOEM

Current Operations

- Lease Sale 250
  - Target publication of NOA in mid December
  - SEIS currently in surnaming
- Liberty Island
  - Extended comment period ends December 8

30-60 Day Outlook

- Next milestone in 5-year plan- Publishing draft proposed program (DPP)
  - Publication starts 60 day public comment period
  - Preparing letters for all 50 governors

Land and Minerals Management

BSEE

Current Operations

- Well Control & Subpart H
  - Expected to be sent to OMB Thursday

30-60 Day Outlook

- Change Management Initiatives
  - 50 priorities identified for BSEE in support of President & Secretary's priorities

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

On December 6, Kate MacGregor will be in New Orleans for a presentation to the Offshore Operators Committee.
From December 7-8 she will attend the DOI senior leadership meeting in West Virginia.

From December 5-9 Deputy Assistant Secretary, Casey Hammond will be in Nevada for meetings with mining industry stakeholders and the Western Caucus Foundation.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- BIE negotiated rulemaking continues…
- BIE review of charter school options continues…
- Update of Land into Trust Regulations
  - Dear Tribal Leader Letter
  - Upcoming Consultations planned
- Reviewing regulations and processes on titles and leases
  - 184 Mortgage effort with HUD
  - Short form leases for tribes engaged in commercial real estate development
- Land Buy Back Program
- Beginning work on planning on ITARA pilot project

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Work on charter school policy proposals from NIEA
  - Expansion of grades and facility sharing
  - Eliminate prohibitions on charter schools as school choice options for BIE schools
  - Allow BIE schools to contract with charter management organizations
- Work on Indian Trust Asset Reform Act – Title 2 – Indian Trust Asset Management Demonstration Project
  - Scheduling two tribal consultation session and 1 teleconference session for February 2018

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - Speak to National Indian Gaming Association (Tahsuda, 12/5)
- Tribal Consultations
  - Off-Reservation Land into Trust (January and February dates being considered)
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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

Hurricane Harvey update

FWS

- Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Council teleconference, August 30
- Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on certain Indian reservations, tribal bag limits, use of electronic call, August 31
- Release of 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, September 5
- Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and FY2018 North American Conservation Act Grants, September 6 meeting
- August is National Sports Shooting Month

NPS

- North Shore Road and Swain County, North Carolina, $4 million payment
- Release of Great Smoky Mountains National Park fire report, August 31

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

FWS

- National Sportsmen's Day, September 23
- Expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges, Secretarial event
- *Federal Register* notice stating import permits can be issued for African elephant trophy animals taken in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016, through 2017, September
- Authorization of imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken in 2017-2019, September
- National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 8-14, 2017

NPS

- U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September
- Sexual harassment survey results, September
- Yellowstone bison transfer to Fort Peck

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens
  - Personal leave, August 31 and September 1
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Personal leave, September 8
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - Travel to New York City to meet with families of firefighters and WTC victims regarding the unidentified remains from World Trade Center, September 5

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Shasta Dam-Notice to Reopen Public Comment Period-requests from Winnemem Wintu Tribe
- Reclamation public summary of responses and themes from P3 Investor Day (May 9)
- Salton Sea-Quantification Settlement Agreement-CA State Water Resources Board-Sept. 7
- WaterSMART Water and Efficiency Grants will be announced-$20.9 million

U.S. Geological Survey

- Hurricane Harvey Response: Storm surge sensors, high water mark flagging and surveying
- USGS announce paper on climate, wildfire, and erosion in Western US
- Critical Minerals Report and Executive Order

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting September 6, possibly follow up Sept. 21
- Minute 323 – U.S. Mexico Cooperation Colorado River late September
- NOI to prepare Draft EIS and Scoping meetings for Reinitiation of Consultation on coordinated Long Term Operation of Central Valley Project and State Project

U.S. Geological Survey

- USGS release new Scientific Investigation Report
  - Three-dimensional hydrogeologic framework model constructed for Rio Grande
  - Transboundary region of New Mexico, Texas, northern Chihuahua, Mexico
- Sept 6-21 USGS will conduct paleoseismic investigation of the Teton Fault near Jackson Hole Mountain Resort to understand large earthquakes
  - Fault cuts across Grand Teton National Park and lies close to Reclamation's Jackson Lake Dam

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- September 11-13 Federal Columbia River Power System Meetings with CEQ/OMB/Hill
- Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group, Phoenix Sept. 20-21
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Sept. 21, Flagstaff, AZ
- September 27-29 Colorado River Symposium, Santa Fe

U.S. Geological Survey

- National Academies Meeting on Energy Resources Program, Sept. 5
- National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting, Sept. 6
- USGS Coalition Reception on Capitol Hill, Sept. 12
- Alaska Mapping Executive Committee Meeting, Oct. 26, Anchorage

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Draft plan to OMB on September 11, after Deputy Secretary review
  - Final plan due 1/20/18
  - Implications for SES performance standards
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - Budget goes to OMB on September 11
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
  - Passback/appeals after Thanksgiving
- Hurricane Harvey response
  - DOI responding to FEMA direction
  - No employee loss of life
  - Damage to DOI facilities not severe, as far as we can tell right now

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Avoiding conflict of interest between grantee/DOI employee
  - Implications of litigation status with prospective/current grantee
  - Focusing grants in support of Secretarial Top 10
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Synchronize with budget submission to OMB on 9/11
  - Synchronize with GPRA strategic plan draft to OMB on 9/11
  - Need to settle on the standard regions
  - Advice from LTG. Tom Spoehrs (ret.) at Heritage on Joint Management
  - Phasing and project plan for implementation of reorganization in FY18, FY19

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- FYI: Federal interagency UAS Executive Committee, meeting in Washington DC week of 9/11-15
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, New Orleans, 9/14 (in coordination with USDA)
- Partnership for Public Service's Annual Service to America awards, 9/17, Washington DC
- National Association of State Foresters, Charleston WV, 9/19, (in coordination with USDA/FS)
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Flagstaff AZ, 9/21 (in coordination with Water and Science, Indian Affairs)
- FYI: Royalty Policy Committee first meeting tentatively during week of October 4

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations

BSEE

- **BSEE offices closed as a result of Hurricane Harvey**
  - Texas: Angleton/Lake Jackson/Houston ETAC
  - Louisiana: Lake Charles/Lafayette/Houma
- **Harvey Operational Impacts**
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 98 of 737 (13.3%) manned production platforms
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 5 of 10 (50%) non-Dynamic Positioning (DP) rigs
  - All 21 DP rigs remain operational
  - 18.94% of daily production of oil (331,370 barrels) is shut-in
  - 18.12% of the daily production of gas (583.39 million cubic feet) is shut-in

OSMRE

- **National Academies of Science Study: Human Health Impacts of Coal Mining in Appalachia**
  - We have paused this study as part of our review on grants and cooperative agreements.
- **State and Federal Coal Regulatory Summit**
  September 19th-20th, 2017 in Main Interior's South Penthouse

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations (Continued)

BOEM

- **Gulf Sale 249:**
  - On August 16 the region-wide Gulf of Mexico lease sale generated $121,143,055 in high bids for 90 tracts covering 508,096 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 27 companies participated in the sale, submitting 99 bids totaling $137,006,181.
- **New Five Year Program:**
  - BOEM published the Request for Information, which began the public process for developing a new Five Year Program, in the Federal Register on July 3. The comment period closed on Aug. 17. As of Aug. 22, BOEM had received approximately 815,000 comments. BOEM has been holding virtual meetings on the development process and outreach continues with the states.

BLM

- BLM support for Hurricane Harvey
  - BLM is supporting efforts via: Incident Management Team, UAS pilots(3), 2 aviation managers (2), scientists and rangers
- Energy Independence
- Sage Grouse Report and Next Steps

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

BSEE

- **BSEE Regulatory Reform**
  - Conduct Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX on September 21. Rescheduled from September 7 because of storm damage; the purpose is to obtain input from stakeholders
  - Initiate rulemaking process for Production Safety Systems Rule

OSMRE

- **Restoring regulatory certainty:**
  - Clean Water Act Memorandum
  - Federal inspection frequencies

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook (Continued)

BOEM

- **Cape Wind:**
  - In response to the DC Circuit Court's remand order, BOEM prepared a supplement to the 2009 Final EIS. The Final Supplemental EIS and associated NOA published on Aug. 4. The Record of Decision needs to be published by Sept. 15 to meet the schedule DOJ has submitted to the Court. Separately, on June 22, 2017, CWA submitted a second request for a 2-year lease term and rent payment suspension. On July 24, 2017, CWA's approved lease suspension expired. BOEM is reviewing CWA's request for a second suspension.
- **Hill Briefing**
  - BOEM has scheduled a Hill staff briefing on Development of the Five Year Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program for Sept. 12. Topics will include the steps required for program development and the related NEPA analysis.

BLM

- Planning and NEPA Streamlining
- Coal Review
- Proposed Waste Prevention Rule – Out for Public Comment

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

- Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM:
  - On leave until September 4
  - Will speak at the 2017 Annual Nevada Mining Association Convention in Lake Tahoe on September 9
- Director Angelle will be in the Gulf of Mexico Region September 17-24 to:
  - Speak at a Society of Petroleum Engineers meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 18)
  - Speak at a Louisiana Oil and Gas Association meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 19)
  - Speak at a Center for Offshore Safety meeting in Houston, TX (September 20)
  - Deliver opening address at Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Meet with Executives from Walter Oil in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Conduct Stakeholder meetings in Houston, TX (September 22)

Insular Areas

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee* (JEMFAC) in which the approximately $112 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the FSM. Infrastructure completion and accreditation of schools will also be major topics for discussion.

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will meet with RMI Ambassador Zackios regarding the Pacific Islands trust fund meeting In Tuvalu.

August 29, 2017 (Washington DC) – Representatives of OIA and the Department of Treasury will meet to discuss insular financial stresses and solutions.

August 30, 2017 (Honolulu) – Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management Committee* (JEMCO) in which the approximately $77 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the Marshall Islands. Accreditation of schools will also be discussed.

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 31, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will attend (along with U.S. and FSM and RMI trust fund board members) and educational meeting for further familiarization with terms and glide paths relating to the trust funds.

September 1, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will chair the actual trust fund meetings of:

- The FSM Trust Fund Committee, where two new Trust Fund Committee members from the Federated States of Micronesia will be introduced, and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $500 million.
- The RMI Trust Fund Committee, where Vanguard will replace Mercer as the trust fund adviser and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $300 million.

Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

September 2017 - Requests for Meetings with Secretary Zinke:

- President Hilda Heine of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for sometime between September 12 and 17, and
- President Peter Christian of the Federated States of Micronesia for sometime between September 23 and 28.

Insular Areas

Major Events and Travel

September 5 through 7, 2017 – Samoa (the sovereign country) will host the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum.

CANCELLED by the National Invasive Species Council:

- **September 26 – 28, 2017** – the Second U.S. Territories Invasive Species Coordinating Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- **Relocation from South Interior**
- **Navajo Generating Station**
- **Trade and Commerce Regulations**
    1. Ongoing Macroeconomic Data Collection
    2. Consultation Process possibly extended
    3. White House Tribal Finance Roundtable follow-up
        a. CFPB is suing tribes, possible DOJ meeting
        b. New Market Tax Credits research
        c. Other items
            1) Accredited Investor Status for Tribes
            2) Securities Registration Exemption for Tribal Municipal Bonds
            3) Tax Code issues (Bonds, Sub S, and §17s)
- **Update of Land into Trust Regulations**
- **Development of Telework Management Policies**

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- **Complete Data Collection Consultation on Trade and Commerce**
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Processes
  - Measures
  - APG
    - By September 30, 2019 the DOI, through the coordinated efforts of BIA and other DOI bureaus, will eliminate/reduce the processing time disparity for energy projects between federal lands and Indian lands.

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (9/5)
  - National Intertribal Tax Alliance (9/12)
  - Indian Gaming mid-year (9/20)
  - Native American Finance Officers Association (10/3)
  - Global Gaming Expo (10/5)
- North American Energy Standards Board (9/6)
- Canadian Embassy Event (9/7)

Congressional and Legislative Affairs

Congressional Affairs

Current Operations

- Congressional August Recess through September 5, 2017
- Nominees
  - Burman, Domenech & Combs – Marked Up and awaiting floor vote
  - Nelson (Solicitor) & Balash (ASLM) – Hearing will be September 7, 2017
    - Invite letters for Ryan Nelson going to the Hill 8/30/17
- FY18 Budget QFR Approvals
- White River Bridge
- Jupiter Inlet

Congressional Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Hearings

- **(9/7) Cutting Through the Red Tape: Oversight of Federal Infrastructure Permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council**
  - Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, HSGAC
- **(9/13) Hearing to discuss progress made in implementing recommendations related to Indian Programs as identified in the 2017 GAO High Risk List Report.**
  - Witness: TBD
  - Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- **(9/27) Hearing on Encouraging the Next Generation to Visit National Parks**
  - Witness: TBD
  - SENR

Legislative Agenda

- Eastern Gulf of Mexico/NDAA – Sen. Nelson
- Interior Appropriations Amendment Floor Schedule & Outlook
- Maintenance Backlog Fund Language

Congressional Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Meetings for Secretary Zinke
  - Majority/Minority meetings with HNRC as promised in hearing
  - Louisiana Coastal Tour – Sen. Cassidy
  - Everglades Tour – Sen. Rubio
- Congressional Meetings for Dep. Sec. Bernhardt
  - Chairman Bishop
  - Western Caucus
  - Chairman Calvert

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- BP America
- Wild Horse & Burro Summit
- Wyoming BLM
- Walk For Life
- Bear River Wildlife Refuge

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Continued outreach within the Sportsmen's community *(Utilizing our Natural Resources)*
- Strengthen Governor and Department cooperation *(Striking a regulatory balance)*
- Outreach within the Wild Horse & Burro Community *(Creating a stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt)*
- Outreach to the States Wildlife Agencies *(Modernizing our infrastructure)*
- Outreach to local governments *(Restoring trust within local communities)*
- Outreach to Industry *(Striking a regulatory balance)*

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Possible Wild Horse and Burro Summit
- National Fishing & Hunting Day

Travel

- TBD

Solicitor

Office of the Solicitor

Current Operations

- Swain County

Office of the Solicitor

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Sage Grouse Negotiating Position

Office of the Solicitor

Major Events and Travel

- **NO TRAVEL BY POLITICALS**

Communications

Office of Communications

Current Operations

- Aug. 25 – editing Secretary video on his vision for reorg to be sent to all employees.
- Aug. 25 – Ongoing - Hurricane Harvey Communications Coordination with IOC, FEMA, and WH, Sec. appearances on Fox & Friends, Varney & Co. , posting updates on Doi.gov/emergency and Bureaus (USGS, BSEE, FWS) posting on social media.
- Aug. 28 – National Shooting Sports Month Proclamation and Secretary Statement sent to sportsmen & stakeholders
- Aug. 29 – Secretary op-ed on Monument Review – with WH for approval. Waiting on WH for further roll-out options.
- Aug 30 – Secretary all-employee DOI message on DOI involvement in Hurricane Harvey/National Preparedness Month
- Aug. 31 – Secretary Participating in Great Smoky Mountain Chimney Tops Fire Report Press Conference
- Sept. 5 – DOI/FWS – Announcing 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, & Wildlife Associated Recreation prelim report (press release, op-ed)

Office of Communications

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Themes: hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation that drive home our Conservation Stewardship message
- Refine strategic comms plan around the policy priorities, ensuring all are aligned with our Top 10 priorities
- Establish Communications rollout for Re-org.
- Working with WH on Critical Minerals report comms rollout.
- Echoing and amplifying White House Tax Reform message.

White House Liaison

White House Liaison

Personnel:

- Schedule C
  - 31 of 68 onboard
  - 4 in process
- SES
  - 19 of 44 onboard
  - 2 starting
  - 7 in process
- PAS
  - 5 of 17 Announced
  - 15 of 17 Submitted

Scheduling and Advance

Scheduling and Advance

In Town Events:

- USGS Tour & All Hands Meeting (8/31)
- Lunch with Secretary James Mattis (9/1)
- Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation Annual Banquet Remarks (9/13)

Upcoming Trips for September / October

- Texas (9/2)
  - Potential Travel with POTUS to Hurricane Harvey Relief Areas in TBD, TX
- Maryland (9/9-9/10)
  - White House Cabinet Meeting at Camp David, MD
- Pennsylvania (9/10)
  - Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA
- New York (9/11-9/12)
  - Press & Tours in New York City, NY
- Missouri (9/20-9/21)
  - Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium Grand Opening Events in Springfield, MO
- Texas (9/21-9/22)
  - NRA Women's Leadership Events in Dallas, TX
- New Jersey / Pennsylvania (9/27-9/29)
  - Visits to Gateway National Recreation Area, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; & Valley Forge, PA
- Georgia / Florida (10/2-10/10)
  - Events in Atlanta, GA & Florida Everglades
- Arizona / Texas (10/12-10/16)
  - National Park Foundation Board Meeting at the Grand Canyon, AZ; Visit to Navajo Generating Station, AZ; Border Tour at Big Bend National Park, TX
- New York
  - Hunting Events in TBD Upstate, NY

Office of the Secretary

Office of the Secretary

Key Executive Orders

- EO 13771: Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs (Jan 30)
  - Reduced planned regulations in Unified Agenda by 50%
  - Fall 2017 Draft Unified Agenda due September 5, Final September 18
- EO 13777 Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda (Feb 24)
  - Established Regulatory Reform Task Force
  - Incorporation into GPRA (government annual performance plan)
- EO 13781: Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch (Mar 13)
  - Reorganization plan submitted to OMB by September 9
- EO 13783: Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth (Mar 28)
  - Draft Energy Burdens Report Submitted July 26
  - Final Energy Burdens Report due September 24

Office of the Secretary

Key Executive Orders

- EO 13792: Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act (Apr 26)
  - Draft Report submitted August 23
  - Specific recommendations in progress
  - POTUS target travel for the Fall
  - DOI management plans review
- EO 13795: Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (Apr 28)
  - 5 year plan RFI in July 2017
  - Submitted energy data to Commerce for Marine Sanctuary Review
  - Regulatory burdens review in progress
- EO 13807: Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure (Aug 15)
  - Secretarial Order on NEPA Streamlining signed by Dep Sec
  - Energy Corridors on Federal Lands
  - Interior to submit Reorg plan to OMB
- Upcoming Executive Orders
  - Reorganization EO
  - Critical Minerals EO

Bi-Weekly Policy Briefing for Secretary Zinke

November 8, 2017

Agenda

1. Insular Areas
2. Fish and Wildlife and Parks
3. Water and Science
4. Policy, Management, and Budget
5. Land and Minerals Management
6. Indian Affairs
7. Solicitor
8. Congressional and Legislative Affairs
9. External Affairs/ Intergovernmental
10. Communications
11. White House Liaison
12. Scheduling and Advance

Insular Areas

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Hurricane Recovery

- OIA continues to track hurricane recovery efforts in the USVI and Puerto Rico including DOI assets (NPS, FWS, and USGS).
- AS-IN Doug Domenech has been appointed to the FEMA Hurricane Recovery Support Function Leadership Group. DOI's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance leads the recovery effort.
- November 7, 2017 Virgin Islands Hurricane and Resiliency Advisory Group kick-off meeting. Governor Mapp created the group to help guide reconstruction and resiliency efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The Office of Insular Affairs was invited to participate and is represented.
- U.S. Virgin Islands Governor Kenneth Mapp and Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello are scheduled to testify before the House Committee on Natural Resources 11/14 regarding the recent Caribbean hurricanes Irma and Maria. They are to be the only witnesses.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Hurricane Recovery

- The National Park Service manages six parks in the Caribbean. One park in Puerto Rico and five the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manages nine units in the Caribbean. Five refuges in Puerto Rico and three the U.S. Virgin Islands. (And one additional island.)
- Focus is on opening Parks and Refuges that serve as tourist attractions.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- GUAM and CNMI WORKER VISAS - President Trump reportedly told Guam Governor Eddie Calvo and CNMI Governor Ralph Torres in Hawaii that he would aid them on addressing their labor needs – i.e., the H2-B visa availability for Guam and CW visa availability for the CNMI. Participated in a DPC call on the issue.
- OIA will chair the U.S.- Marshall Islands Trust Fund Committee on November 15 at the MIB. The Fund as of this past June is $341, 576,000. In addition to the U.S. Government and Marshall Islands voting members, a representative of the Taiwan Government serves as well. Taiwan is a vital contributor to the Fund providing $2.4 million annually.
- DHS has agreed to open a Regional Immigration Center in American Samoa.
- This week the Brown Tree Snake Coordinating Committee will hold its meeting in Guam. OIA provides grant funding to prevent the spread of the invasive snake.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- **November 20-22 –** Domenech on personal leave.
- **December 3 – 8, 2017 –** AS-IN Domenech and OIA Director Nikolao Pula will travel to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for discussions with RMI President Hilda Heine, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Karen Stewart and visits to Majuro, and Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll.
- **December 9, 2017 –** AS-IN Domenech and Director Pula will meet with OIA Honolulu staff who aid in the administration of Compact grants to the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.
- **December 11, 2017 –** AS-IN Domenech and Director Pula will meet (tentatively) with Hawaii Governor David Ige and will separately be briefed on the United States' Pacific defense posture by the U.S. Pacific Command.
- **December 12 - 13, 2017 –**AS-IN Domenech will address the Island Government Finance Officers Association meeting in Maui.

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

- ASFWP
  - Everglades Restoration brief (Congressional)
  - RESTORE Council decision memo
- FWS
  - Alaska 1002 Area update
  - Utah prairie dog rule
  - Fever ticks in Texas
  - Comorants EA and rule
- NPS
  - Hurricane recovery in Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico
  - National Mall and Memorial Park permits, November 10-12
  - NPS leadership meeting, week of November 13
  - Upcoming events: Manassas National Battlefield, November 10; Memorial Bridge event, November 14-17; Iwo Jima/Marine Corps War Memorial, November 21

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- ASFWP
  - Everglades National Park land exchange with Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
- FWS
  - Priority Endangered Species items
    - Monito gecko proposed delisting due to recovery, on or around November 15
    - Panama City crayfish to publish by December 29
    - Black warrior waterdog to publish by January 4, 2018
  - Mexican Wolf recovery plan, November
  - Low Effect HCP process
- NPS
  - Anti-harassment work
  - Mountain Valley and Atlantic Coast pipeline update
  - National Christmas Tree lighting, President's Park, November 30
  - Golden Gate National Recreation Area dog plan termination notice
  - Herd culling at national parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Acting Assistant Secretary Jason Larrabee
  - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, November 9
  - National Parks Hospitality Association fall meeting, Denver, November 13-14
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Visits to Texas national wildlife refuges impacted by Hurricane Harvey, November 9
  - Travel to Tanzania to discuss lion and elephant management strategies, November 12-16
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - NPS leadership meetings, Washington, DC, November 14-16

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Department Review: Reinitiation of Consultation on the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the CVP & SWP and Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA)
- WIIN Operational Briefing-request of Majority Leader McCarthy 11/9
  - Re-consultation of Bio-Ops
  - Sections 4001, 4002, and 4003 of WIIN

U.S. Geological Survey

- Pre-assessment presentations being conducted: Resource Assessment of National Petroleum Reserve and Adjacent Areas-Alaska
  - Nanushuk and Torok Formations
- USGS Estimates Pounds of Potential Uranium Resources in Parts of Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma-Press release 11/13

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- H.R. 875: Bill to facilitate and streamline Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Indian Affairs processes for creating or expanding water projects-November 30
- Klamath Basin: Potential Letter

U.S. Geological Survey

- Critical minerals
- Sage Grouse
- Continue to review projects and publications
- Coordination with DOI bureaus

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee, Sacramento, CA 11/13
- National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Annual Conference, Tucson, AZ 11/15-17
- Salton Sea Site Visits and Meetings with Water Districts, CA 11/15-17
- Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference, Anaheim, CA 11/30
- Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) Conference, Las Vegas, NV 12/13-15

U.S. Geological Survey

- 20th William T. Pecora Memorial Remote Sensing Symposium, Sioux Falls, SD 11/14
- NASA-DOI Sustainable Land Imaging Joint Steering Group Meeting, DC 11/22
    - First meeting on Landsat 10

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- FY 2017 Financial Audit
  - DOI has had clean and on-time audit for 20 years
  - Next step: Bureau Directors need to sign Management Representation Letters to be dated 11/14 but signature/delivery to PMB by today
  - Due date for KPMG auditors and DOI IG to release FY17 audit is 11/15/17
- FY 2018 Budget
  - Continuing Resolution into December; hopefully an omnibus after that
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - OMB Passback expected late November; probably 4 day turnaround on any appeals
- Disasters
  - Awaiting decisions from OMB on our request for emergency supplemental appropriations; both funding and legislative initiatives are on the table

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Steve Howke has joined PMB as Senior Advisor
  - Memo in process to explain grant approval process for balance of FY 18 and beyond
  - Asst. Secy's and bureau directors being asked to focus grant eligibility criteria up front on Secretarial Top 10 Priorities
  - Departmental manual updates on grantmaking likely December 2017/January 2018
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Low-cost reprogrammings in FY 18
  - Decision made on the standard regions, map being finalized, next do related reprogramming
  - Awaiting OMB feedback on broader proposal with Passback in late November/early December
- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Expecting OMB feedback in early December; second opportunity for us to revise the plan
  - Final plan due for public release on 1/20/18
  - Plan's metrics need to be tied to SES performance standards

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Human Resource management
  - SES performance evaluations in November/December
  - Challenge: SES Grade Inflation; Not everyone can really be above average
  - Need to settle on FY 18 SES performance standards reflecting Secretarial priorities
  - Best Places to Work in Government report comes out early December; DOI was in eleventh place among large agencies in 2016
- January SES meeting
  - Honing in on January 10, 11 for 1½ day meeting
  - Agenda under refinement
  - JMA concept a focus
  - Invitees to include bureau regional directors

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- **Western Weed Coordinating Committee** presentation; coupled with visit to Lake Mead National Recreation Area to discuss state concerns with invasive mussels with NPS, WGA staff, State of Nevada, State of Idaho, in Las Vegas NV, November 29

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

BLM

Current Operations

- Surnaming-Nov 17
  - Venting and Flaring Delay
  - Hydraulic Fracturing Final
- Sage Grouse Scoping Meetings Nov 3-16
- Planning 2.0 Nullification
  - Currently in surnaming process (Exec Sec)

30-60 Day Outlook

- BLM will hold 8 Lease Sales throughout Dec
- December 6 BLM-AK will hold a lease sale for 900 tracts in the NPR-A. (bidding expected to be moderate, expected to be controversial.)
- Sage Grouse
  - Dec 1 End of Scoping Period

Land and Minerals Management

OSMRE

Current Operations

- Stream Protection Rule Rescission
  - Expected publication Nov 16
- Signal Peak Litigation
  - Oct 31 District Court modified injunction to allow underground mine development work limited to 170k tons of coal

30-60 Day Outlook

- State program amendments for approval (PA, WY, KY) remaining from past 8 years
- Upcoming Mine Plan Decisions
  - Dry Fork Mine - To ASLM Dec 6
  - Belle Ayr Mine - To ASLM Dec 27
  - Cordero Rojo Mine - To ASLM Jan 10
  - Bridger Mine - To ASLM Jan 24

Land and Minerals Management

BOEM

Current Operations

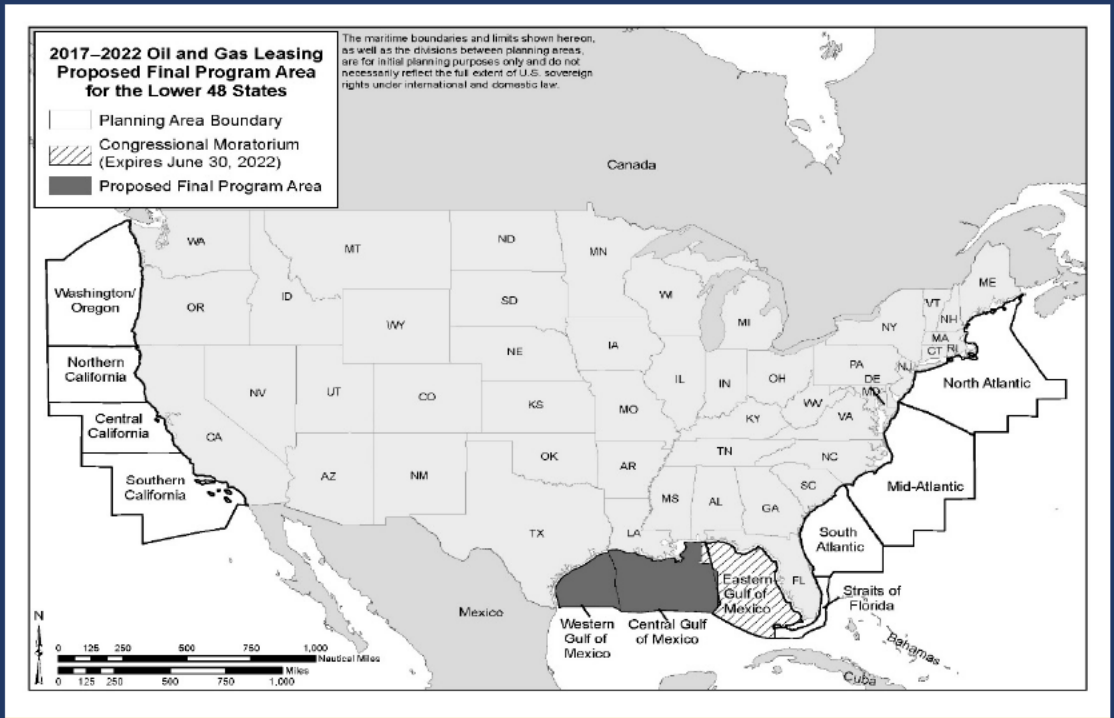
- NAS Workshop Nov 8 & 9th
  - Atlantic Offshore Renewable energy
  - Fisheries
- 5-Year DPP
  - Proposed publication of DPP Nov 17th
- Liberty Island DPP
  - Public comment period ends Nov 17
  - North Slope Borough Mayor and Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission requesting 30 day extension

30-60 Day Outlook

- Next milestone in 5-year plan- Publishing draft proposed program (DPP)
  - Publication starts 60 day public comment period
  - Preparing letters for all 50 governors
  - Jan 17 (tentatively) begin the Proposed Program

Land and Minerals Management

5 Year Plan Comparison



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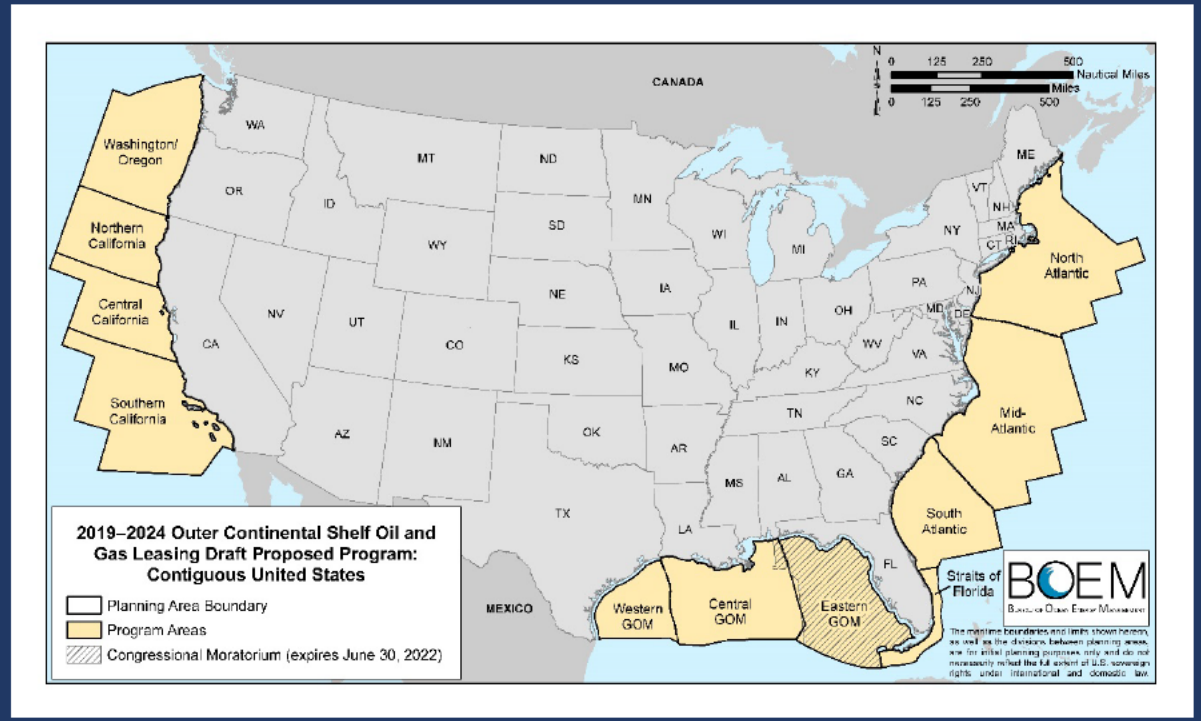

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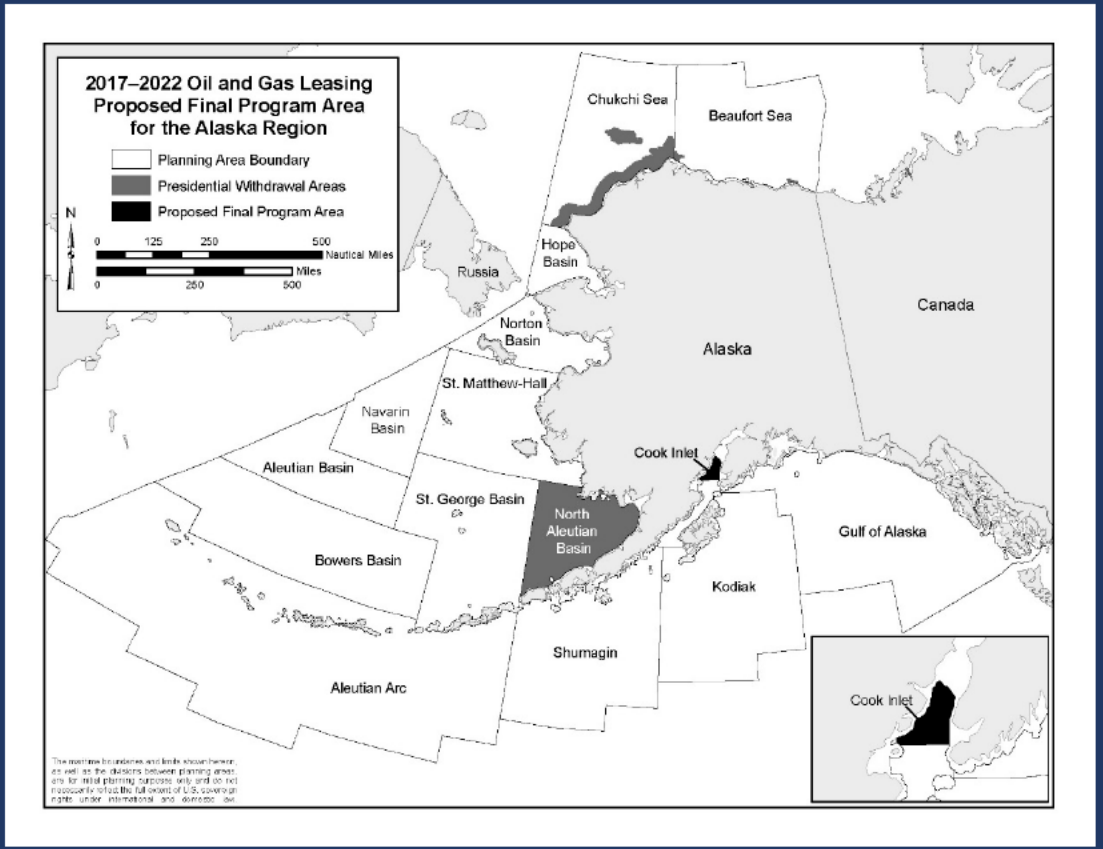
Land and Minerals Management

5 Year Plan Comparison



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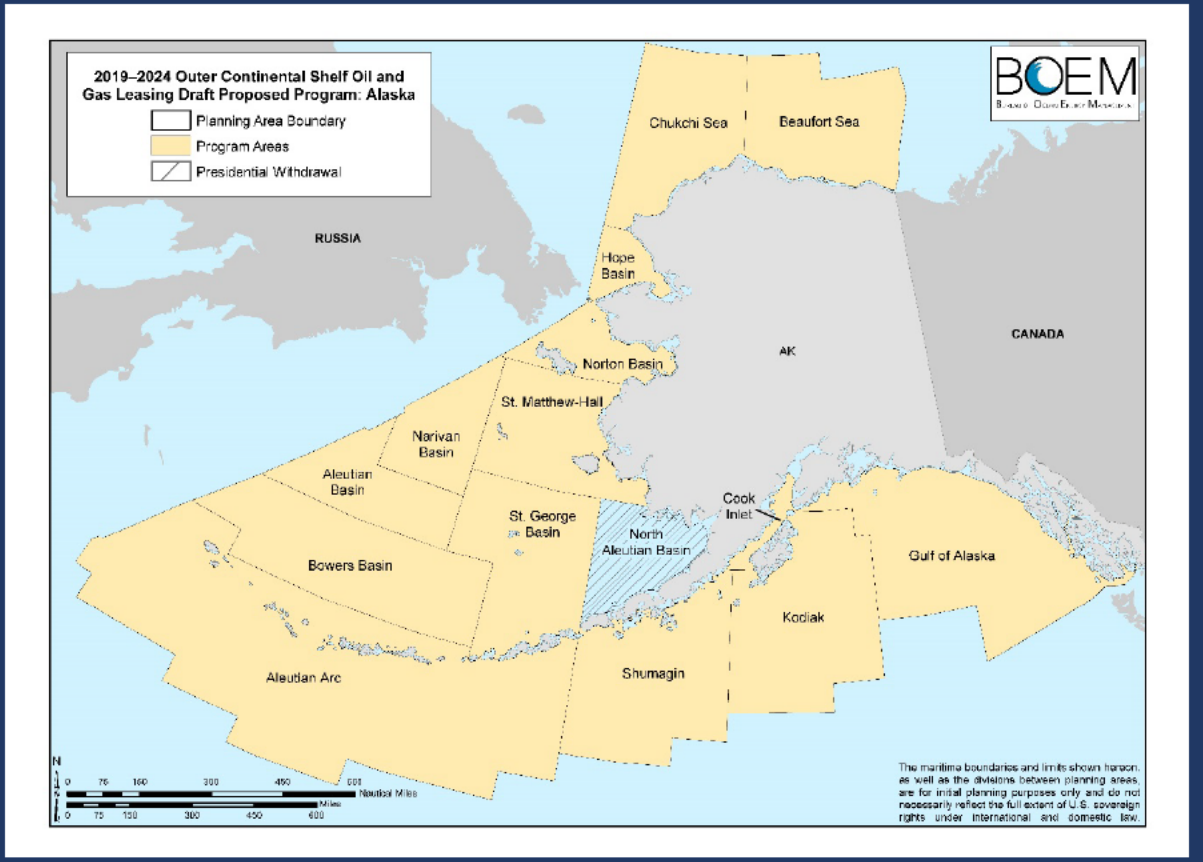

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Land and Minerals Management

BSEE

Current Operations

- Surnaming Nov 17
  - Well Control
  - Sub Part H
- Arctic Slope Regional Corp.
  - Requested a suspension of operations (SOO) for 21 leases previously held by shell
  - Decision on SOO is pending

30-60 Day Outlook

- Regulatory reform updates
  - BSEE has established teams to prepare Well Control Rule and Production Safety Systems Rule

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

From November 14-17 Acting Assistant Secretary, Kate MacGregor will be in Colorado for Petroleum and Mining presentations.

From November 14-17 Deputy Assistant Secretary, Casey Hammond will be in Utah for a series of Sage Grouse scoping meetings.

From November 6-9 BSEE Director Scott Angelle will be in Texas for meetings with industry groups.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- BIE negotiated rulemaking
- Update of Land into Trust Regulations
  - Upcoming Consultations
- Reviewing regulations and processes on titles and leases
  - 184 Mortgage effort with HUD
  - Short form leases for tribes engaged in commercial real estate development
- Reviewing lease fee collections
- Meeting with Tribal/Interior Budget Committee
  - Hear tribal views and priorities
- Land Buy Back Program

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Work on charter school policy proposals from NIEA
  - Expansion of grades and facility sharing
  - Eliminate prohibitions on charter schools as school choice options for BIE schools
  - Allow BIE schools to contract with charter management organizations
- Work on TIBC recommendations
  - Identifying Departmental vs. tribal priorities
  - Prepare responses to tribal views and priorities

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Testimony
  - PDAS Tahsuda potentially testifying at SCIA (11/8) on STOP Act
- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - Native American Contractors (Tahsuda, 11/7)
  - Potential visit to Chemewa Boarding School/Radio interview (Tahsuda, 11/14)
- Tribal Consultations
  - Land into Trust (January dates being considered)
  - BIE Strategic Plan (11/15, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/14)

Solicitor

Office of the Solicitor

Current Operations

- General Update

Office of the Solicitor

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- General Update

Office of the Solicitor

Major Events and Travel

None

Congressional and Legislative Affairs

Congressional Affairs

Current Operations

- Nominees
  - Burman (BOR), Combs (ASPMB), Nelson (Solicitor) & Balash (ASLM) – Marked Up and awaiting floor vote
  - Potential Upcoming Nominations: BLM, NPS
  - Tara Sweeney – AS-IA Nominated, OGE legal review
  - Steve Gardner – OSM, OGE legal review
- Maintenance Fund Language – On the Hill, awaiting rollout event with WH
  - Alexander, Gardner, Daines
- Nominee Letter to McConnell / Schumer
- HR624 - Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017
- Pending Colorado Mineral Leasing Act Announcement – Gardner/Tipton
- Floor Schedule:
  - Senate – Nominees for DOT, EPA, NLRB, Asst. AG
  - House - H.R. 3043 - Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017 / Tax Reform W&M Markup

Congressional Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Hearings

- **(11/8)** SCIA legislative hearing on S. 1400 (Sen. Heinrich), the Safeguarding Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017 and S. 465 (Sen. Rounds), the Independent Outside Audit of the Indian Health Service Act of 2017. The Department will only be providing testimony on S.1400.
    - **Witness: John Tahsuda, Acting Asst. Secretary for Indian Affairs**
- **(11/9) SCIA** is holding a roundtable entitled "Confronting the Crisis: the Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country."
    - **Participant: Charlie Addington, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Justice Services**
- (11/15) HNRC Hearings
    - **Indian Affairs Legislative Hearing**
    - **Federal Lands Legislative Hearing – Acadia**

Legislative Agenda

- Supplemental Disaster Relief bills - Delayed
- Senate Interior Appropriations – Delayed
- Senate Energy – 1002 Area – QFRs received, language to be introduced and marked up shortly by committee

Congressional Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Meetings for Secretary Zinke
  - Chairman Bishop – 11/7/17
  - SAC-I Member Meeting hosted at DOI – 11/16
  - Louisiana Coastal Tour – Sen. Cassidy – TBD
- Congressional Meetings for Dep. Sec. Bernhardt
  - Western Caucus – 11/14
  - Chairman Bishop – 11/15
  - Rep. Amodei Surname Tour – 11/15 or 16
- Western Caucus (12/8-12/9) – Working w/ External & Western Caucus to determine attendees

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- Timber Resources & Wildfire Roundtable
- FACA Board Outreach
- Monument Outreach

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

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Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Major Events

- None

Travel

- Todd Wynn: Heartland Institute (Houston: 11/7 -- 11/10)
- Ben Cassidy: NPHA Fall Meeting (Denver: 11/13 -- 11/15)
- Tim Williams: Sage Grouse Scoping Meeting (Colorado: 11/8)

Communications

Office of Communications

Current Operations

- Nov. 7 - DOI Veterans Ceremony
- Nov. 7 - Made in America Recreation Committee release
- Nov. 8 - International Wildlife Conservation Council release
- Nov. 8 - *Philly Inquirer* Veterans Day op-ed
- Nov. 9 - Veterans Day Video + op-ed, sent to all employees
- Nov. 10/11 - Veterans Day Events
- Nov. 13 - Release on draft Environmental Assessment on Cormorants
- Dec. 4 - Event with POTUS in Utah on Monuments

Office of Communications

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- *Themes: Native American Heritage Month/Veterans, Infrastructure*

To do:

- Critical Minerals Report, EO Communications Rollout
- DOI-Wide Harassment Survey Results
- Memorial Bridge Project/Rebuild Our Parks Initiative
- Wildland Fire Roundtable
- Zimbabwe Trophy Elephant Import Ruling
- Comms Rollout for announcement of draft proposed 5 yr Program for OCS Oil & Gas development

White House Liaison

White House Liaison Office

Personnel:

- Schedule C
  - 35 of 70 onboard
  - 1 starting
  - 10 in process
- SES
  - 26 of 44 onboard
  - 2 starting
  - 2 in process
- PAS
  - 3 out of 17 onboard
  - 6 of 17 announced
  - 14 of 17 submitted

- John Bockmier – Senior Advisor for Strategic Communications – 11/13
- John Tanner – Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs – 11/14
- Brandon Middleton – Deputy Solicitor for Water Resources – 11/27

Scheduling and Advance

Scheduling and Advance

In Town Events:

- Cabinet Meetings (11/20)
- NFWF Board of Directors Meeting (11/8)
- Reading of Names at Vietnam Veterans Memorial (11/8)
- Washing of the Vietnam Memorial Walls w/ VPOTUS (11/11)
- World War II Memorial Veterans Day Celebration (11/11)
- Arlington National Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11)
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11)
- Korean War Veterans Memorial Veterans Day Ceremony (11/11)
- U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial – Unveiling of engravings for wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (11/21)

Upcoming Trips

- Manassas National Battlefield Park (11/10)

Bi-Weekly Policy Briefing for Secretary Zinke

August 30, 2017

Agenda

1. Fish and Wildlife and Parks
2. Water and Science
3. Policy, Management, and Budget
4. Land and Minerals Management
5. Insular Areas
6. Indian Affairs
7. Congressional and Legislative Affairs
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10. Communications
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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

Hurricane Harvey update

FWS

- Wildlife Hunting and Heritage Council teleconference, August 30
- Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on certain Indian reservations, tribal bag limits, use of electronic call, August 31
- Release of 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, September 5
- Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and FY2018 North American Conservation Act Grants, September 6 meeting
- August is National Sports Shooting Month

NPS

- North Shore Road and Swain County, North Carolina, $4 million payment
- Release of Great Smoky Mountains National Park fire report, August 31

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

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FWS

- National Sportsmen's Day, September 23
- Expansion of hunting and fishing opportunities at 10 national wildlife refuges, Secretarial event
- *Federal Register* notice stating import permits can be issued for African elephant trophy animals taken in Zimbabwe on or after January 21, 2016, through 2017, September
- Authorization of imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken in 2017-2019, September
- National Wildlife Refuge Week, October 8-14, 2017

NPS

- U.S. Semiquincentennial (250th) Anniversary Commission establishment, September
- Sexual harassment survey results, September
- Yellowstone bison transfer to Fort Peck

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Acting Assistant Secretary Todd Willens
  - Personal leave, August 31 and September 1
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - Personal leave, September 8
- Acting NPS Director Mike Reynolds
  - Travel to New York City to meet with families of firefighters and WTC victims regarding the unidentified remains from World Trade Center, September 5

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Shasta Dam-Notice to Reopen Public Comment Period-requests from Winnemem Wintu Tribe
- Reclamation public summary of responses and themes from P3 Investor Day (May 9)
- Salton Sea-Quantification Settlement Agreement-CA State Water Resources Board-Sept. 7
- WaterSMART Water and Efficiency Grants will be announced-$20.9 million

U.S. Geological Survey

- Hurricane Harvey Response: Storm surge sensors, high water mark flagging and surveying
- USGS announce paper on climate, wildfire, and erosion in Western US
- Critical Minerals Report and Executive Order

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting September 6, possibly follow up Sept. 21
- Minute 323 – U.S. Mexico Cooperation Colorado River late September
- NOI to prepare Draft EIS and Scoping meetings for Reinitiation of Consultation on coordinated Long Term Operation of Central Valley Project and State Project

U.S. Geological Survey

- USGS release new Scientific Investigation Report
  - Three-dimensional hydrogeologic framework model constructed for Rio Grande
  - Transboundary region of New Mexico, Texas, northern Chihuahua, Mexico
- Sept 6-21 USGS will conduct paleoseismic investigation of the Teton Fault near Jackson Hole Mountain Resort to understand large earthquakes
  - Fault cuts across Grand Teton National Park and lies close to Reclamation's Jackson Lake Dam

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- September 11-13 Federal Columbia River Power System Meetings with CEQ/OMB/Hill
- Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group, Phoenix Sept. 20-21
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Sept. 21, Flagstaff, AZ
- September 27-29 Colorado River Symposium, Santa Fe

U.S. Geological Survey

- National Academies Meeting on Energy Resources Program, Sept. 5
- National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting, Sept. 6
- USGS Coalition Reception on Capitol Hill, Sept. 12
- Alaska Mapping Executive Committee Meeting, Oct. 26, Anchorage

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- Government Performance and Results Act revised strategic plan for DOI
  - Draft plan to OMB on September 11, after Deputy Secretary review
  - Final plan due 1/20/18
  - Implications for SES performance standards
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
- FY 2019 President's Budget
  - Budget goes to OMB on September 11
  - Needs to be coordinated with reorganization plan also due September 11
  - Passback/appeals after Thanksgiving
- Hurricane Harvey response
  - DOI responding to FEMA direction
  - No employee loss of life
  - Damage to DOI facilities not severe, as far as we can tell right now

Policy, Management and Budget

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Grants management
  - Avoiding conflict of interest between grantee/DOI employee
  - Implications of litigation status with prospective/current grantee
  - Focusing grants in support of Secretarial Top 10
- DOI reorganization for the next 100 years
  - Synchronize with budget submission to OMB on 9/11
  - Synchronize with GPRA strategic plan draft to OMB on 9/11
  - Need to settle on the standard regions
  - Advice from LTG. Tom Spoehrs (ret.) at Heritage on Joint Management
  - Phasing and project plan for implementation of reorganization in FY18, FY19

Policy, Management and Budget

Major Events and Travel

- FYI: Federal interagency UAS Executive Committee, meeting in Washington DC week of 9/11-15
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, New Orleans, 9/14 (in coordination with USDA)
- Partnership for Public Service's Annual Service to America awards, 9/17, Washington DC
- National Association of State Foresters, Charleston WV, 9/19, (in coordination with USDA/FS)
- Navajo Generating Station Stakeholder meeting, Flagstaff AZ, 9/21 (in coordination with Water and Science, Indian Affairs)
- FYI: Royalty Policy Committee first meeting tentatively during week of October 4

Land and Minerals Management

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations

BSEE

- **BSEE offices closed as a result of Hurricane Harvey**
  - Texas: Angleton/Lake Jackson/Houston ETAC
  - Louisiana: Lake Charles/Lafayette/Houma
- **Harvey Operational Impacts**
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 98 of 737 (13.3%) manned production platforms
  - Industry personnel evacuated from 5 of 10 (50%) non-Dynamic Positioning (DP) rigs
  - All 21 DP rigs remain operational
  - 18.94% of daily production of oil (331,370 barrels) is shut-in
  - 18.12% of the daily production of gas (583.39 million cubic feet) is shut-in

OSMRE

- **National Academies of Science Study: Human Health Impacts of Coal Mining in Appalachia**
  - We have paused this study as part of our review on grants and cooperative agreements.
- **State and Federal Coal Regulatory Summit**
  September 19th-20th, 2017 in Main Interior's South Penthouse

Land and Minerals Management

Current Operations (Continued)

BOEM

- **Gulf Sale 249:**
  - On August 16 the region-wide Gulf of Mexico lease sale generated $121,143,055 in high bids for 90 tracts covering 508,096 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 27 companies participated in the sale, submitting 99 bids totaling $137,006,181.
- **New Five Year Program:**
  - BOEM published the Request for Information, which began the public process for developing a new Five Year Program, in the Federal Register on July 3. The comment period closed on Aug. 17. As of Aug. 22, BOEM had received approximately 815,000 comments. BOEM has been holding virtual meetings on the development process and outreach continues with the states.

BLM

- BLM support for Hurricane Harvey
  - BLM is supporting efforts via: Incident Management Team, UAS pilots(3), 2 aviation managers (2), scientists and rangers
- Energy Independence
- Sage Grouse Report and Next Steps

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

BSEE

- **BSEE Regulatory Reform**
  - Conduct Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX on September 21. Rescheduled from September 7 because of storm damage; the purpose is to obtain input from stakeholders
  - Initiate rulemaking process for Production Safety Systems Rule

OSMRE

- **Restoring regulatory certainty:**
  - Clean Water Act Memorandum
  - Federal inspection frequencies

Land and Minerals Management

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook (Continued)

BOEM

- **Cape Wind:**
  - In response to the DC Circuit Court's remand order, BOEM prepared a supplement to the 2009 Final EIS. The Final Supplemental EIS and associated NOA published on Aug. 4. The Record of Decision needs to be published by Sept. 15 to meet the schedule DOJ has submitted to the Court. Separately, on June 22, 2017, CWA submitted a second request for a 2-year lease term and rent payment suspension. On July 24, 2017, CWA's approved lease suspension expired. BOEM is reviewing CWA's request for a second suspension.
- **Hill Briefing**
  - BOEM has scheduled a Hill staff briefing on Development of the Five Year Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program for Sept. 12. Topics will include the steps required for program development and the related NEPA analysis.

BLM

- Planning and NEPA Streamlining
- Coal Review
- Proposed Waste Prevention Rule – Out for Public Comment

Land and Minerals Management

Major Events and Travel

- Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM:
  - On leave until September 4
  - Will speak at the 2017 Annual Nevada Mining Association Convention in Lake Tahoe on September 9
- Director Angelle will be in the Gulf of Mexico Region September 17-24 to:
  - Speak at a Society of Petroleum Engineers meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 18)
  - Speak at a Louisiana Oil and Gas Association meeting in Lafayette, LA (September 19)
  - Speak at a Center for Offshore Safety meeting in Houston, TX (September 20)
  - Deliver opening address at Well Control Rule Forum in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Meet with Executives from Walter Oil in Houston, TX (September 21)
  - Conduct Stakeholder meetings in Houston, TX (September 22)

Insular Areas

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee* (JEMFAC) in which the approximately $112 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the FSM. Infrastructure completion and accreditation of schools will also be major topics for discussion.

August 29, 2017 (Honolulu) **–** Acting AS-IN Pula will meet with RMI Ambassador Zackios regarding the Pacific Islands trust fund meeting In Tuvalu.

August 29, 2017 (Washington DC) – Representatives of OIA and the Department of Treasury will meet to discuss insular financial stresses and solutions.

August 30, 2017 (Honolulu) – Acting AS-IN Pula will chair the *Joint Economic Management Committee* (JEMCO) in which the approximately $77 million in Compact of Free Association moneys for fiscal year 2018 will be allocated for the Marshall Islands. Accreditation of schools will also be discussed.

Insular Areas

Current Operations

August 31, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will attend (along with U.S. and FSM and RMI trust fund board members) and educational meeting for further familiarization with terms and glide paths relating to the trust funds.

September 1, 2017 (Honolulu) – Trust Fund Chairman Nikolao Pula will chair the actual trust fund meetings of:

- The FSM Trust Fund Committee, where two new Trust Fund Committee members from the Federated States of Micronesia will be introduced, and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $500 million.
- The RMI Trust Fund Committee, where Vanguard will replace Mercer as the trust fund adviser and financial actions taken based advice of the investment adviser. The trust fund is currently approximately $300 million.

Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

September 2017 - Requests for Meetings with Secretary Zinke:

- President Hilda Heine of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for sometime between September 12 and 17, and
- President Peter Christian of the Federated States of Micronesia for sometime between September 23 and 28.

Insular Areas

Major Events and Travel

September 5 through 7, 2017 – Samoa (the sovereign country) will host the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum.

CANCELLED by the National Invasive Species Council:

- **September 26 – 28, 2017** – the Second U.S. Territories Invasive Species Coordinating Committee meeting in Washington, D.C.

Indian Affairs

Indian Affairs

Current Operations

- **Relocation from South Interior**
- **Navajo Generating Station**
- **Trade and Commerce Regulations**
    1. Ongoing Macroeconomic Data Collection
    2. Consultation Process possibly extended
    3. White House Tribal Finance Roundtable follow-up
        a. CFPB is suing tribes, possible DOJ meeting
        b. New Market Tax Credits research
        c. Other items
            1) Accredited Investor Status for Tribes
            2) Securities Registration Exemption for Tribal Municipal Bonds
            3) Tax Code issues (Bonds, Sub S, and §17s)
- **Update of Land into Trust Regulations**
- **Development of Telework Management Policies**

Indian Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- **Complete Data Collection Consultation on Trade and Commerce**
- **Strategic Planning**
  - Processes
  - Measures
  - APG
    - By September 30, 2019 the DOI, through the coordinated efforts of BIA and other DOI bureaus, will eliminate/reduce the processing time disparity for energy projects between federal lands and Indian lands.

Indian Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Keynote Addresses / Presentations
  - National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (9/5)
  - National Intertribal Tax Alliance (9/12)
  - Indian Gaming mid-year (9/20)
  - Native American Finance Officers Association (10/3)
  - Global Gaming Expo (10/5)
- North American Energy Standards Board (9/6)
- Canadian Embassy Event (9/7)

Congressional and Legislative Affairs

Congressional Affairs

Current Operations

- Congressional August Recess through September 5, 2017
- Nominees
  - Burman, Domenech & Combs – Marked Up and awaiting floor vote
  - Nelson (Solicitor) & Balash (ASLM) – Hearing will be September 7, 2017
    - Invite letters for Ryan Nelson going to the Hill 8/30/17
- FY18 Budget QFR Approvals
- White River Bridge
- Jupiter Inlet

Congressional Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Hearings

- (9/7) Rescheduled: Cutting Through the Red Tape: Oversight of Federal Infrastructure Permitting and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council
  - Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, HSGAC
- (9/13) Hearing to discuss progress made in implementing recommendations related to Indian Programs as identified in the 2017 GAO High Risk List Report. This is a follow up from the May 2017 hearing on the same subject.
  - Witness: TBD
  - Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- (9/27) Hearing on Encouraging the Next Generation to Visit National Parks
  - Witness: TBD
  - SENR

Legislative Agenda

- Eastern Gulf of Mexico/NDAA – Sen. Nelson
- Interior Appropriations Amendment Floor Schedule & Outlook
- Maintenance Backlog Fund Language

Congressional Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Congressional Meetings for Secretary Zinke
  - Majority/Minority meetings with HNRC as promised in hearing
  - Louisiana Coastal Tour – Sen. Cassidy
  - Everglades Tour – Sen. Rubio
- Congressional Meetings for Dep. Sec. Bernhardt
  - Chairman Bishop
  - Western Caucus
  - Chairman Calvert

External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Current Operations

- BP America
- Wild Horse & Burro Summit
- Wyoming BLM
- Walk For Life
- Bear River Wildlife Refuge

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Continued outreach within the Sportsmen's community *(Utilizing our Natural Resources)*
- Strengthen Governor and Department cooperation *(Striking a regulatory balance)*
- Outreach within the Wild Horse & Burro Community *(Creating a stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt)*
- Outreach to the States Wildlife Agencies *(Modernizing our infrastructure)*
- Outreach to local governments *(Restoring trust within local communities)*
- Outreach to Industry *(Striking a regulatory balance)*

Office of External and Intergovernmental Affairs

Major Events and Travel

- Possible Wild Horse and Burro Summit
- National Fishing & Hunting Day

Travel

- TBD

Solicitor

Office of the Solicitor

Current Operations

- Swain County

Office of the Solicitor

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Sage Grouse Negotiating Position

Office of the Solicitor

Major Events and Travel

- **NO TRAVEL BY POLITICALS**

Communications

Office of Communications

Current Operations

- Aug. 25 – editing Secretary video on his vision for reorg to be sent to all employees.
- Aug. 25 – Ongoing - Hurricane Harvey Communications Coordination with IOC, FEMA, and WH, Sec. appearances on Fox & Friends, Varney & Co. , posting updates on Doi.gov/emergency and Bureaus (USGS, BSEE, FWS) posting on social media.
- Aug. 28 – National Shooting Sports Month Proclamation and Secretary Statement sent to sportsmen & stakeholders
- Aug. 29 – Secretary op-ed on Monument Review – with WH for approval. Waiting on WH for further roll-out options.
- Aug 30 – Secretary all-employee DOI message on DOI involvement in Hurricane Harvey/National Preparedness Month
- Aug. 31 – Secretary Participating in Great Smoky Mountain Chimney Tops Fire Report Press Conference
- Sept. 5 – DOI/FWS – Announcing 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, & Wildlife Associated Recreation prelim report (press release, op-ed)

Office of Communications

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- Themes: hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation that drive home our Conservation Stewardship message
- Refine strategic comms plan around the policy priorities, ensuring all are aligned with our Top 10 priorities
- Establish Communications rollout for Re-org.
- Working with WH on Critical Minerals report comms rollout.
- Echoing and amplifying White House Tax Reform message.

White House Liaison

White House Liaison

Personnel:

- Schedule C
  - 31 of 68 onboard
  - 4 in process
- SES
  - 19 of 44 onboard
  - 2 starting
  - 7 in process
- PAS
  - 5 of 17 Announced
  - 15 of 17 Submitted

Scheduling and Advance

Scheduling and Advance

In Town Events:

- USGS Tour & All Hands Meeting (8/31)
- Lunch with Secretary James Mattis (9/1)
- Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation Annual Banquet Remarks (9/13)

Upcoming Trips for September / October

- Texas (9/2)
  - Potential Travel with POTUS to Hurricane Harvey Relief Areas in TBD, TX
- Maryland (9/9-9/10)
  - White House Cabinet Meeting at Camp David, MD
- Pennsylvania (9/10)
  - Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA
- New York (9/11-9/12)
  - Press & Tours in New York City, NY
- Missouri (9/20-9/21)
  - Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium Grand Opening Events in Springfield, MO
- Texas (9/21-9/22)
  - NRA Women's Leadership Events in Dallas, TX
- New Jersey / Pennsylvania (9/27-9/29)
  - Visits to Gateway National Recreation Area, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; & Valley Forge, PA
- Georgia / Florida (10/2-10/10)
  - Events in Atlanta, GA & Florida Everglades
- Arizona / Texas (10/12-10/16)
  - National Park Foundation Board Meeting at the Grand Canyon, AZ; Visit to Navajo Generating Station, AZ; Border Tour at Big Bend National Park, TX
- New York
  - Hunting Events in TBD Upstate, NY

Office of the Secretary

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Key Executive Orders

- EO 13771: Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs (Jan 30)
  - Reduced planned regulations in Unified Agenda by 50%
  - Fall 2017 Draft Unified Agenda due September 5, Final September 18
- EO 13777 Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda (Feb 24)
  - Established Regulatory Reform Task Force
  - Incorporation into GPRA (government annual performance plan)
- EO 13781: Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch (Mar 13)
  - Reorganization plan submitted to OMB by September 9
- EO 13783: Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth (Mar 28)
  - Draft Energy Burdens Report Submitted July 26
  - Final Energy Burdens Report due September 24

Office of the Secretary

Key Executive Orders

- EO 13792: Review of Designations Under the Antiquities Act (Apr 26)
  - Draft Report submitted August 23
  - Specific recommendations in progress
  - POTUS target travel for the Fall
  - DOI management plans review
- EO 13795: Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy (Apr 28)
  - 5 year plan RFI in July 2017
  - Submitted energy data to Commerce for Marine Sanctuary Review
  - Regulatory burdens review in progress
- EO 13807: Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure (Aug 15)
  - Secretarial Order on NEPA Streamlining signed by Dep Sec
  - Energy Corridors on Federal Lands
  - Interior to submit Reorg plan to OMB
- Upcoming Executive Orders
  - Reorganization EO
  - Critical Minerals EO

Bi-Weekly Policy Briefing for Secretary Zinke

November 8, 2017

Agenda

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Insular Areas

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Hurricane Recovery

- The Department continues to participate in the White House Principals Committee meetings on the hurricane recovery framework, as well as the weekly FEMA Recovery Support Function Leadership Group for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.
- On November 30, 2017, Deputy Secretary Bernhardt testified at the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior Environment and Related Agencies to discuss the Interior supplemental budget request.
- Interior is the lead federal agency on the Natural and Cultural Resource Recovery mission. Small teams have been deployed to PR and VI for this mission.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- **Guam Compact Impact Funding**: Authorized $14.9 million for Guam's 2018 portion of permanent Compact Impact funding: $6.7 million for schools and $8.2 million for general operations.
- **One Reporting System**: OIA and the U.S. Department of Education have signed an MOU to create a USG-wide comprehensive web-based reporting system on federal grants to the U.S. territories.
- **RMI and FSM Education**: Hawaii staff conducted visits with FSM and RMI to discuss current education sector issues. Also held discussions with Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) on data collection tools for implementing quality school accreditation systems in the RMI and FSM.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- **RMI Health Funding Issues**: Continuing Resolution Extensions threaten The Four Atoll Health Care Program in the RMI. OIA is considering awarding a portion of the FY18 funding within the next couple of months, for the program to continue its services without interruption.
- **CNMI Visit**: Governor Torres and others will be in DC week of Dec. 11 to advocate for a solution to the CW visa waiver foreign workers issue.
- **Sovereignty**: At their request, OIA transferred full decision-making powers for the Bikini Resettlement Trust Fund, currently valued at $59 million, to the Bikini Mayor and Council Leaders. The Trust Fund, first established in recognition of damage done to Bikini Atoll by nuclear testing, had been administered by Interior for 35 years.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

- **Film**: On Friday, December 15, the Office of Insular Affairs will host a special screening of Island Soldier, a documentary on Micronesian soldiers in the United States Army. The Ambassador of Micronesia to the U.S. will give brief welcome remarks. The film producer and two D.C.-based U.S. Army soldiers from Micronesia will hold Q&A following the film.

Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

December 11 - 14, 2017 – Domenech & Dir. Pula Travel to Hawaii to:

- **Keynote the Island Government Finance Officers Association** meeting in Maui. Finance Officers from all seven Insular areas will report on the state of their respective areas. The IGFOA is funded by OIA to support fiscal responsibility, accountability, and best practices.
- Meet with **Hawaii Governor David Ige** on Compact Impact issues.
- Be Briefed by the **U.S. Pacific Command** on the United States' Pacific defense posture.
- Meet with OIA Honolulu staff who aid in the administration of Compact grants to the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

- **January 2017** – Travel to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), postponed from December, to meet with President Hilda Heine, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Karen Stewart and travel to Majuro, and Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site at Kwajalein Atoll.
- **February 2017** – Senior Plenary Session of the Interagency Group on Insular Areas & Coral Reef Task Force in Washington, DC. Hope the Secretary will welcome group.

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Current Operations

- ASFWP
  - Shutdown for FWS and NPS
- FWS
  - African trophies
  - New refuge access chiefs
- NPS
  - Mountain Valley pipeline
  - Isle Royale National Park wolves

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

- FWS
  - Priority Endangered Species items
    - Delistings
    - Downlistings
- NPS
  - Anti-harassment work
  - Fee increase
  - 250th anniversary

Fish and Wildlife and Parks

Major Events and Travel

- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Jason Larrabee
  - In the office
- FWS Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan
  - In the office
- NPS Deputy Director Mike Reynolds
  - In the office

Water and Science

Water and Science

Current Operations

Bureau of Reclamation

- Draft NOI on Central Valley Project and Bay Delta Operations
  - Comments due today
- Drought Contingency Plan
  - Seven Basin States Meet on 12/6

U.S. Geological Survey

- Resource Assessment of National Petroleum Reserve is Complete and ready for a late December release
- Meeting with NASA on Landsat 9, 12/6

Water and Science

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

Bureau of Reclamation

- Columbia River Treaty
- Title Transfer
- Klamath Basin: Potential Letter

U.S. Geological Survey

- Critical minerals
- Sage Grouse
- Continue to review projects and publications

Water and Science

Major Events and Travel

Bureau of Reclamation

- Invasive Species Site Visit, Lake Mead, NV 12/6
- Senior Leadership Strategic Planning Meeting, Shepherdstown, WV 12/7-8
- Navajo Generating Station Meetings, Page, AZ 12/11-12
- Colorado River Water Users Association (CRWUA) Conference, Las Vegas, NV 12/13-15

U.S. Geological Survey

- Tour of LAWDP Infrastructure to Assess Seismic Readiness, Los Angeles, CA 12/8
- American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA 12/11-15
- Urban Waters Federal Partnership Celebration of Success Event, Atlanta, GA 1/25/18

Policy, Management and Budget

Policy, Management and Budget

Current Operations

- FY 2018 Budget
  - Continuing Resolution through 12/8; hopefully another CR through 12/22 after that
  - Contingency planning under way in case of government shutdown evening of 12/8; plan is to inconvenience the DOI visitor as little as possible, with emphasis on NPS and FWS
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Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

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- On November 30, 2017, Deputy Secretary Bernhardt testified at the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior Environment and Related Agencies to discuss the Interior supplemental budget request.
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Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

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Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

Issues

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- **Sovereignty**: At their request, OIA transferred full decision-making powers for the Bikini Resettlement Trust Fund, currently valued at $59 million, to the Bikini Mayor and Council Leaders. The Trust Fund, first established in recognition of damage done to Bikini Atoll by nuclear testing, had been administered by Interior for 35 years.

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Assistant Secretary Insular Areas

30-60 Day Objectives and Policy Outlook

December 11 - 14, 2017 – Domenech & Dir. Pula Travel to Hawaii to:

- **Keynote the Island Government Finance Officers Association** meeting in Maui. Finance Officers from all seven Insular areas will report on the state of their respective areas. The IGFOA is funded by OIA to support fiscal responsibility, accountability, and best practices.
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- Be Briefed by the **U.S. Pacific Command** on the United States' Pacific defense posture.
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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

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  - Priority Endangered Species items
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- NPS
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Fish and Wildlife and Parks

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Bureau of Reclamation

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U.S. Geological Survey

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U.S. Geological Survey

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