In the spring of 2016, I was selected as the permanent State Director for BLM Wyoming. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve the BLM Wyoming employees and the people of Wyoming in this capacity. I look forward to working with our terrific employees, our partners and our stakeholders in the years to come.

We manage a variety of resource programs, including livestock grazing, wild horses, recreation, wildlife habitat, cultural resources, paleontological resources and historic trails. At the same time, we have world class energy resources and their development places renewed focus on our natural and cultural resources. Finding the right balance between the two is critical.

This year, we hosted a series of internal and external stakeholder meetings to discuss the implementation of our plan revisions and Amendment, to benefit sage-grouse habitat in Wyoming. In addition, we continued to work closely with all stakeholders to outline management and mitigation processes and procedures.

BLM lands in Wyoming contain world-class energy and mineral resources that are crucial to the national interest. BLM is dedicated to providing energy as part of its multiple-use and sustained yield mandate and to maintain the quality of life that citizens of Wyoming and the rest of the United States enjoy. When combined, oil, gas and coal production provided over $900 million in royalty revenue to the state and federal government.

We completed the Environmental Impact Statements for the TransWest Express and Energy Gateway South transmission lines which resulted in the signing of the Records of Decision for both projects in December. Additionally, the Chokecherry Sierra-Madre wind project Environmental Assessment was finalized. We remain committed to expanding BLM's energy portfolio.

BLM Wyoming's public lands continue to be valued for our wide open spaces and the recreation opportunities they provide. Although the state's population is around a half a million, there were still almost two million visitor days spent on BLM-administered public land.

Another exciting development is the ongoing research at Natural Trap Cave. An international team of scientists wrapped up its third field season of cave study and excavation this summer. Natural Trap Cave is known internationally for its world-class deposits of Ice Age mammals, most of which fell into the cave during Pleistocene and Holocene time and typically died on impact with the cave floor. Researchers are using a broad range of skills and state-of-the-art methods of analysis to excavate, record, sample, catalogue and analyze these Ice Age fossils. Through their research, they hope to construct and refine a picture of how Ice Age animal populations adapted and responded to their environment and climate change, while analyzing major extinction events in the Pleistocene.

We can't do this job alone. Thanks to your interest, involvement and passion, we're coming up with innovative ways to look at the multitude of issues facing BLM Wyoming. We want to continue to work together to benefit the public lands.

- Mary Jo Rugwell
Recreation

- 880 volunteers expended 26,482 hours on Wyoming public lands
- 42 Wilderness Study Areas
- 3.25 million visitors to Wyoming public lands

Royalties and Production

- $418,511,817 in coal royalties
- $448,511,982 in oil and gas royalties
- 1.11 trillion cubic feet of natural gas produced

Wild Horse & Burro Program

- Estimated 2016 population of 6,535
- 159 horses and burros were adopted
$664 million royalties, rents, and bonuses transferred to the State of Wyoming

$28 million payments in lieu of taxes transferred to the State of Wyoming

$1.92 billion total mineral royalties/revenues

40.5 million total barrels of oil produced

253 million tons of coal produced

3.25 million visitors to Wyoming public lands

24,767 visitors to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center

1,400 miles of National Scenic and Historic Trails

1.3 million acres of forest

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BLM Wyoming Budget for 2016
$112,000,000

- Management of Land and Resources: 66%
- Wildland Fire Management: 17%
- Permit Processing: 5%
- Motorized Fleet: 5%
- Other: 3%
- Reimbursable Projects: 3%
- Rangeland Improvements: 1%

Salary and Operational Funding by Community 2016
$112,000,000
The BLM manages more than 17.5 million acres of public lands and 40.7 million acres of federal mineral estate in Wyoming. BLM-managed lands in Wyoming contain world-class energy and mineral resources that are crucial to the nation. We’re leading the way with coal, oil and gas, uranium, bentonite, and trona production. At the same time, these lands offer abundant opportunities for recreation.

**Direct Financial Transfers to the State of Wyoming**
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) $28,198,773
- Royalties, Rents and Bonuses $664,312,371

**Federal Collections from BLM-Managed Lands and Minerals**
- Recreation fees $206,335
- Lands and realty management $9,064,347
- Timber management $125,483
- Mining claim location/maintenance $5,506,949
- Mineral materials $1,386,366
- Mineral royalties/revenues $1,292,208,783

**Mineral royalties/revenues**
- Oil and gas royalties $448,511,982
- Coal royalties $418,511,817
- Trona ore royalties $32,911,335
- Fees, bonus bids, other mineral revenue and royalties $392,273,649
- Total $1,292,208,783

**Energy and Mineral Production**
- Barrels of oil produced 40,500,304
- Oil and gas leases 13,568
- Acres of oil and gas development 8.8 million
- Trillion cubic feet of natural gas produced 1.11
- Tons of coal produced 253,073,832

**Minerals and Lands Fast Facts**

**Coal:**
- Wyoming, the nation’s leading coal producer since 1986, provides about 40 percent of America’s coal through the top 10 producing mines located in the Powder River Basin.

**Uranium:**
- Wyoming continues to be America’s leader in uranium production with over 2.6 million pounds produced annually.

**Trona:**
- Wyoming has the world’s largest deposit of trona, supplying about 90 percent of the nation's soda ash. Trona is Wyoming’s top international export, and Wyoming's reserves will last over 2,000 years.

**Bentonite:**
- Wyoming continues to be America’s leader in bentonite production with almost 4 million tons produced in 2016, accounting for nearly 50% of the world’s total production.
- 57 authorized Plans of Operations for bentonite mining, 13 pending.

**Oil and Gas:**
- BLM Wyoming is number one in federal onshore gas production and number two in federal onshore oil production.

**Transmission:**
- Two major transmission line projects are proposed and EISs are being prepared.
- More than 1,200 miles of combined transmission lines; 4,500 Megawatt (MW) total capacity; targeted in-service dates by 2020.

**Renewable Energy:**
- 9 authorized projects are collecting wind data.
- 34 turbines operating on BLM-administered land at the Foote Creek Rim Wind Farm generate between 17 and 34 MW of electricity.

**Forestry**
- 1.3 million acres of forest
- Approximately $76,000 in vegetation/timber harvest sales collections
- 4.3 million board feet of timber sold
- 1,632 cords of firewood sold
- 2,775 green tons of biomass sold
- 821 Christmas trees sold
- 12,160 pounds of native seed sold
- 166 woody vegetation transplants sold
- 805 forest acres treated for forest health
- 586 Special Forest Products permits issued to the public
- 362 forested acres inventoried
Recreation Program

Milestones

• 3.25 million visitors on public lands in Wyoming; top 5 activities are camping/picnicking, hunting, fishing, non-motorized trail recreation, motorized trail/road recreation
• 24,767 visitors at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center
• 294 Special Recreation Permits administered
• $22,100 revenue was generated from pass sales
• One developed mountain bike trail
• 1,400 miles of National Scenic and Historic Trails
• 42 Wilderness Study Areas
• 42 Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) and Recreation Management Areas (RMAs)
• 1 National Recreation Trail
• 4 National Natural Landmarks
• 4 Backcountry Byways and Backways
• 3 Environmental Education Areas
• 1 developed climbing area
• 1 developed hang gliding area

Range and Weeds

• $1,857,360 range improvements fund with carryover
• Approximately 3,500 grazing allotments administered
• Approximately 2,900 grazing permits/leases administered
• 17.4 million acres of public land administered inside of grazing allotments
• 16,347 acres of weed treatments applied
• 182,771 acres of invasive weed inventory
• 5,854 acres of evaluated weed treatments
• 116 grazing permits/leases fully processed and issued
• 106 grazing preference transfers
• 1,907 inspections on livestock grazing allotments for permit/lease compliance
• 39 land health evaluation reports completed
• 200,000 acres of watersheds assessed

Wild Horse and Burro Program

• BLM Wyoming manages 16 herd management areas, three holding facilities, one preparation facility in Rock Springs, the Mantle Adoption and Training Facility in Wheatland, and the Wyoming Honor Farm in Riverton with a total wild horse holding capacity of 1,200.

Cultural and Paleontological Resources

• Over 63,799 acres surveyed at the Class III level (intensive inventory); 34,710 acres on BLM-administered lands and 29,089 acres on non-BLM surface
• Over 1,960 actions reviewed
• 816 sites recorded; 571 on BLM-administered lands and 245 on non-BLM surface
• 256 properties determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; 212 on BLM-administered lands and 44 on non-BLM surface
• 993 properties avoided potential adverse effects
• 192 monitored cultural properties in stable condition
• 6 anti-looting/anti-vandalism signs installed to protect cultural resources
• 76 permits for archaeological investigations in effect
• 28 consultation meetings with representatives and governments of federally-recognized Indian tribes
• 6,625 total number of paleo locations
• 450 paleo localities in good condition
• 6,170 paleo localities in unknown condition
• 68 paleo permits in effect