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PPA Overview for PMB Owners Manual Updated 20171005 JS BenS.docx

Hi Shawn,

Here is the document back to you.

Ben

On Thu, Oct 5, 2017 at 12:12 PM, Steele, Jonathan <jonathan_steele@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Suggestions attached.
Jonathan

On Thu, Oct 5, 2017 at 11:26 AM, Buckner, Shawn <shawn_buckner@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Gents,
Attached are a few updates to the PPA owner's manual from July. Please provide any comments or recommendations by 2 today.

Also, Ben, please add a bullet for the Royalty Committee working group and another for our recreation work.

Jonathan, please add a bullet for the Arctic.

Thank you,
Shawn

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OFFICE OF POLICY ANALYSIS

FROM: Shawn Buckner, Acting Director

I. SUMMARY OF OFFICE

The Office of Policy Analysis (PPA) is responsible for conducting policy and economic analysis, assisting in evaluating Departmental programs and policies, coordinating the implementation of interagency or multi bureau programs and policies, and analyzing potential new program and policy changes.

PPA provides:

- Analysis of issues and decision support;
- Policy, economic, and program analysis as requested;
- Coordination of Department wide activities as requested;
- Economic and policy support for the Office of Restoration and Damage Assessment;
- Program coordination and implementation of ocean, Great Lakes, and coastal activities, including providing representation and leadership on interagency bodies; and
- The annual DOI Economic Report, which provides detailed estimates of how DOI programs contribute to economic activity and employment.

II. MANAGEMENT AND KEY PERSONNEL

Leadership

Shawn Buckner, Acting Director (Deputy Director) (Career SES)

Benjamin Simon, Chief Economist (GS 15)

Total Staffing Complement: 17 (2017 Actual FTE)

III. CRITICAL POLICY, LEGAL, MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- DOI Annual Economic Report – Fall 2017. The annual Economic Report provides estimates of employment and economic contributions of DOI's programs and activities, including production of energy and minerals; use of water, timber and forage; support for recreation and tourism; administration of grants and payments; and support of tribal and insular governments.

- Energy Independence.

○ PPA is updating its *Energy Fact Sheet* as requested by DOI leadership. PPA is also investigating factors associated with the extent to which energy development occurs on federal or non federal lands. PPA also developed an economic impact estimate for a new coal mine located on private land in Virginia and West Virginia.

○ PPA briefed the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) on royalties collected for energy resources managed by Interior. PPA anticipates having an ongoing role with some of the subcommittees being established by the RPC.

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- Agricultural and Rural Prosperity. PPA is representing DOI on the Economic Development Work Group that has been established as part of the inter agency Agricultural and Rural Prosperity Task Force. PPA will assist in providing economic analysis to address the priorities identified by the Workgroup. Recreation. PPA is leading the preparation of the Triennial Recreation Fee report to Congress required by the Recreation Enhancement Act. PPA led a study on methods, and potential improvements, to methods used to estimate visitation to DOI managed recreation sites. PPA is also leading a follow up project that will evaluate the extent to which social media approaches can be used to estimate visitation. PPA also is the Department's lead for coordinating with the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis on the establishment of the pilot Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account. This account is a "satellite" account to the National Income and Product Accounts.
- Native American/Alaska Native (AIAN) data Issues. PPA is working in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the U.S. Census Bureau to address American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) data quality and availability issues, including: developing an inventory of AIAN data collected by federal agencies; and organizing a series of workshops to address AIAN data issues.
- Invasive Species. Invasive species non native plants, animals, and other organisms that cause harm significantly threaten the ecological, economic, and cultural integrity of America's lands and waters. PPA coordinates DOI activities regarding invasive species, supports broader DOI initiatives to improve its cooperation with other agencies, states, and tribes, and serves as liaison to the National Invasive Species Council, staffed by DOI.
- Bureau of Indian Education. At the request of senior DOI leadership, PPA is reviewing Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) programs and related activities, including BIE student and school performance, underlying factors of student performance, and academic indicators used in state education accountability systems. PPA is working with BIE staff to collect data and information for the review.
- Ocean, Great Lakes, and Coasts. Interior's Bureaus have a wide range of responsibilities related to ocean, Great Lakes and coastal resources. PPA provides coordination for the cross bureau Senior Ocean Policy Team. PPA also provides leadership and participation on behalf of the Department on several interagency working groups related to our ocean, Great Lakes and coast. PPA plans and supports biannual meetings that bring USCRTF members together, co chairs the Steering Committee, and coordinates DOI leadership and participation.
- Alaska and the Arctic. PPA provides cross cutting analysis and coordination to support decision making and policies across DOI for Alaska and Arctic issues. PPA represents DOI at the staff level and provides support to DOI leadership for the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coordination of Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska and the Interagency Arctic Research Policy working group, and provides coordination support for several other Alaska and Arctic federal working groups.
- Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Program. PPA provides economic analysis to support damage assessment cases and provides policy and economic

analysis support to the Office of Restoration and Damage Assessment (e.g., development of economic analysis tools, training, and review of ongoing NRDAR cases for budget allocation).