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**Subject:** Travel Briefing Binder June 13  
**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2017 11:47:26 PM  
**Attachments:** [0613 Pittman-Robertson Grants Round Table Memo.pdf](#)  
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All the attached documents are pdf versions of the contents of the Secretary's travel briefing binder for June 13.

best,  
Aaron



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Washington, D.C. 20240

**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**DATE:** June 13, 2017      **TIME:** 2:30pm - 3:30pm

**FROM:** Tim Williams, Deputy Director of External Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Pittman-Robertson Grants Round Table

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**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To hear and meet with State Wildlife Directors and Sportsmen. To listen to their successes interactions and challenges with the Department.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Facilitator: Ron Regan is the Executive Director with Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies. Ron has put together the round table and has invited several State Wildlife Directors to the meeting.

The Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies represents North America's fish and wildlife agencies to advance sound, science-based management and conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitats in the public interest.

Martin MacDonald is the Director of Conservation for Bass Pro shops and will be hosting the event. Bob Pope is the manager of the local store.

Bass Pro Shops Founded in 1972 by avid young angler Johnny Morris, Bass Pro Shops is a leading national retailer of outdoor gear and apparel, with 100 stores and Tracker Marine Centers across North America. Johnny started the business with eight-square-feet of space in the back of his father's liquor store in Springfield, Mo., the company's sole location for the first 13 years of business.

Johnny's passion for the outdoors and his feel for the products and shopping experiences desired by outdoor enthusiasts helped transform the industry. Bass Pro Shops locations are more than just stores — they are true destination experiences that draw more than 120 million visitors annually. Each location is heavily customized to reflect the character of the region. In addition to giant aquariums teeming with live fish and extensive wildlife mounts and dioramas, many locations feature unique restaurants and ocean-themed bowling alleys.



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### III. DISCUSSION

DOI will announce \$1.1 billion to states this year from excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, fishing tackle and some motor boat engines. This is the bulk of the funding that states use for their state wildlife agencies (along with hunting license fees). Money also goes towards hunter education, archery programs in schools and other education programs. The states love this, hunters love this (because they benefit directly from the taxes they pay), conservation community loves this (funds that benefit game species also benefit non-game species), and industry is mostly on board. One item to flag: Small mom-and pop ammunition and fishing tackle manufacturers don't like it because it's an additional tax and their margins are very fine.

### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

- The Wildlife Restoration program (enacted in 1937) and the Sport Fish Restoration Program (enacted in 1950) provide grants to State fish and wildlife agencies for conservation, recreation, and education projects.
- The programs have a long record of success in restoring wildlife (such as deer, elk, and turkey) and fish (such as striped bass, lake trout, and walleye) to benefit hunting and sport fishing.
- The programs are funded by Federal excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, archery gear, and fishing tackle. A portion of the Federal gasoline tax is also dedicated to the Sport Fish Restoration program.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) receives the funds from the Federal tax collecting agencies and disburses the funds to State agencies through grants.
- To date, the Wildlife Restoration program has provided \$10.7 billion, and the Sport Fish Restoration program has provided \$9 billion in grants to State agencies. States provide matching funds for 25% of the cost of each project.
- The programs are often referred to by the Congressional sponsors of the legislation: Wildlife Restoration is the “Pittman-Robertson” or P-R program, and Sport Fish Restoration is the “Dingell-Johnson” or D-J program. Sport Fish Restoration may also be called “Wallop-Breaux” in recognition of major changes made by Congress in 1984 amendments.
- The Federal laws that enacted the programs also protect revenues from State hunting and fishing licenses. In order to receive grants, a State must legally dedicate license revenues to operating the State fish and wildlife agency. License funds may not be diverted to other uses.
- The Wildlife Restoration program also funds Hunter Education projects to promote safe, responsible hunting.
- The Sport Fish Restoration program also funds projects for Boating Access and Aquatic Resource Education to provide access to public waters and to promote awareness and responsible use of aquatic resources.



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- For 2017 FWS has made available (“apportioned”) \$780 million from the Wildlife Restoration program and \$349.4 million from the Sport Fish Restoration program.
- The amount of funds for each State are calculated according to the law, using the area of the State and the number of hunting and fishing license holders. The laws set maximums and minimums that a State may receive, and set a specific percentage for each territory.
- The 50 States and 6 Territories eligible to receive grants have been formally notified of the amounts available to each of them in 2017.
- States and Territories are in the process of submitting their 2017 grant applications for eligible activities and once approved they will begin spending against those grants.

#### 2017 Allocations:

State	Wildlife Restoration	Sport Fish Restoration	Total by State
ALABAMA	\$19,083,685	\$6,116,273	\$25,199,958
ALASKA	\$32,969,429	\$17,472,142	\$50,441,571
AMERICAN SAMOA	\$1,299,808	\$1,164,810	\$2,464,618
ARIZONA	\$21,858,466	\$7,222,346	\$29,080,812
ARKANSAS	\$13,272,093	\$5,307,066	\$18,579,159
CALIFORNIA	\$25,602,136	\$16,639,859	\$42,241,995
COLORADO	\$19,418,582	\$8,904,070	\$28,322,652
CONNECTICUT	\$5,702,335	\$3,494,429	\$9,196,764
DELAWARE	\$4,652,531	\$3,494,429	\$8,146,960
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$0	\$1,164,810	\$1,164,810
FLORIDA	\$13,978,911	\$12,061,750	\$26,040,661
GEORGIA	\$22,240,949	\$7,739,368	\$29,980,317
GUAM	\$1,299,808	\$1,164,810	\$2,464,618
HAWAII	\$4,652,531	\$3,494,429	\$8,146,960



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IDAHO	\$15,029,712	\$6,306,913	\$21,336,625
ILLINOIS	\$16,115,520	\$6,638,177	\$22,753,697
INDIANA	\$13,302,902	\$4,618,560	\$17,921,462
IOWA	\$11,333,962	\$4,409,755	\$15,743,717
KANSAS	\$14,334,290	\$4,986,561	\$19,320,851
KENTUCKY	\$13,914,162	\$5,279,458	\$19,193,620
LOUISIANA	\$15,525,062	\$6,782,536	\$22,307,598
MAINE	\$7,964,547	\$3,494,429	\$11,458,976
MARYLAND	\$7,545,171	\$3,494,429	\$11,039,600
MASSACHUSETTS	\$7,664,947	\$3,494,429	\$11,159,376
MICHIGAN	\$24,198,482	\$10,655,795	\$34,854,277
MINNESOTA	\$22,971,924	\$12,435,934	\$35,407,858
MISSISSIPPI	\$11,956,397	\$3,977,456	\$15,933,853
MISSOURI	\$20,756,674	\$7,830,320	\$28,586,994
MONTANA	\$20,611,646	\$8,487,572	\$29,099,218
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	\$1,299,808	\$1,164,810	\$2,464,618
NEBRASKA	\$12,495,645	\$4,417,418	\$16,913,063
NEVADA	\$13,697,843	\$5,015,139	\$18,712,982
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$4,652,531	\$3,494,429	\$8,146,960
NEW JERSEY	\$7,664,947	\$3,494,429	\$11,159,376
NEW MEXICO	\$15,467,517	\$6,107,387	\$21,574,904
NEW YORK	\$20,341,226	\$7,789,942	\$28,131,168
NORTH CAROLINA	\$20,734,869	\$10,254,475	\$30,989,344
NORTH DAKOTA	\$11,170,517	\$4,109,507	\$15,280,024
OHIO	\$16,188,100	\$7,026,463	\$23,214,563
OKLAHOMA	\$17,845,424	\$7,132,510	\$24,977,934



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OREGON	\$17,345,633	\$7,859,652	\$25,205,285
PENNSYLVANIA	\$27,913,408	\$8,465,762	\$36,379,170
PUERTO RICO	\$3,397,357	\$3,494,429	\$6,891,786
RHODE ISLAND	\$4,652,531	\$3,494,429	\$8,146,960
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$10,497,258	\$4,982,441	\$15,479,699
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$13,394,017	\$4,446,667	\$17,840,684
TENNESSEE	\$22,484,134	\$7,521,206	\$30,005,340
TEXAS	\$35,981,845	\$17,472,142	\$53,453,987
UTAH	\$14,206,094	\$6,381,191	\$20,587,285
VERMONT	\$4,652,531	\$3,494,429	\$8,146,960
TENNESSEE	\$22,484,134	\$7,521,206	\$30,005,340
TEXAS	\$35,981,845	\$17,472,142	\$53,453,987
UTAH	\$14,206,094	\$6,381,191	\$20,587,285
VERMONT	\$4,652,531	\$3,494,429	\$8,146,960
VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$1,299,808	\$1,164,810	\$2,464,618
VIRGINIA	\$13,854,774	\$5,114,271	\$18,969,045
WASHINGTON	\$14,726,685	\$7,117,637	\$21,844,322
WEST VIRGINIA	\$8,126,275	\$3,494,429	\$11,620,704
WISCONSIN	\$23,095,485	\$11,363,809	\$34,459,294
WYOMING	\$13,588,772	\$5,236,112	\$18,824,884
TOTAL	\$780,031,696	\$349,442,840	\$1,129,474,536

#### IV. ATTACHMENTS

Hooksett, NH Bass Pro Shop meeting with Sec. Zinke

Attendees List 6/13/2017



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Paul Debow	Pres. NH Trappers Assoc.
Roland Turgeon	Pres. Androscoggin Valley F&G Assoc.
Kim Proulx	NH F&G Dept. Becoming an Outdoor Woman Coordinator
Allison Keating	NH F&G Dept. Assist. Federal Aid Coordinator, NH Turkey Federation
Mark Beauchesne	NH F&G Dept. Marketer / Event coordinator - Manager
Roscoe Blaisdell	NH Antler and Skull Trophy Club
Richard Simmons	Sportsman, Professional Fisheries Biologist, Normandeau Assoc., Inc.
William Carney	Sportsman, Outdoor Writer
Jim Morse	Pres. NH Wildlife Federation, Gun & Archery Shop Owner
Richard Olsen	Pres. Londonderry Fish & Game Club
Peter St. James	Sportsman, Radio Personality
Tom Caron	Pres. NH Guides Assoc., Owner Tall Timbers Lodge
Ted Tichy	Chair, NH F&G Commission, Forester
Krista Belanger	Sportswoman, Pointers F&G Club
Greg Belanger	Pres. Pointers F&G Club
Matt Dibona	National Wild Turkey Federation Regional Biologist
Fred Bird	National Wild Turkey Federation Regional Director
Steve White	Chair, NH Wildlife Heritage Foundation
Joe Judd	Quaker Boy Rep & Bass Pro Shops Pro Staff
Burr Tupper	Pres. International Federation of Fly Fishers
Ron Sowa	Pres. Trout Unlimited Merrimac Valley Chapter
Dean Vanier	Northwood's Common Scents owner, Ten Point, PSE & Whitetails
Unlimited Pro	
Alex Cote	Director, NH Quality Deer Management Assoc.
John Wimsatt	Sportsman, NH Fish & Game Major (ret.)
Steve Matulewicz	Ex. Director for Global Defense, Sig Sauer
Jessie Tichko	Becoming an Outdoor Woman Volunteer
Hope Eagleson	NH Guide, Bass Pro Shops Pro Staff
Bob Boilard	Defensive Strategies, Londonderry Fish & Game Club Director
Gregg Ritz	Professional Adventure Hunter
Wes Reed	Rise & Shine Retrievers
Gene Chandler	Sportsman, Deputy Speaker, NH House (if available pending Committee
of conf.)	

#### State Leaders

Nick Wiley, Florida (President of AFWA)  
Glenn Normandeau, New Hampshire (Chair of the AFWA Board)  
Cathy Sparks, Rhode Island  
Jack Buckley, Massachusetts  
Judy Camuso, Maine  
Alvin Taylor, South Carolina



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Larry Voyles, Arizona

Ron Regan, AFWA

Bass Pro

Martin MacDonald

Bob Pope

### **Conserving New Hampshire's Wildlife Legacy – Funding Wildlife Research & Connecting People with Nature**

Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration grants administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have provided a sustained funding source to New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for research, monitoring and management of many species of wild birds and mammals. The biological needs and habitat requirements for species such as black bear, white-tailed deer, wild turkey and moose have been researched and management programs implemented to ensure the sustainability of these species that are important to the people of New Hampshire. These funds are also important in the management of migratory ducks and geese, secretive species like river otter, bobcat and fisher. All these species populations have grown since the inception of the Wildlife Restoration Act decades ago. Some of these species provide opportunity for the public to harvest them for food statewide, with tens of thousands of people participating annually. New Hampshire Fish and Game Department expends more than \$840,000 in these Federal funds annually on this important work. Since its inception in 1937 the Wildlife Restoration Act has provided more than \$53.43 million in federal funds to New Hampshire Fish and Game to achieve its conservation mission. These projects embody the outstanding conservation programs that state fish and wildlife agencies bring to communities by conserving and managing important wildlife species, providing habitat for fish and wildlife, providing places for the public to connect with nature while participating in fish and wildlife oriented activities like hunting and angling. This work is supporting local communities whose economies benefit from these activities.

### **Aquatic Resources Education Programs in New Hampshire**

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department uses Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration grant funds administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fund their aquatic resources education program. In 2016 the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department delivered 60 Lets Go Fishing courses (Ice Fishing, Fly Tying, Kayak Fishing, Fly Fishing and Basic Fishing) to Schools, Parks and Recreation Departments, Scout Groups, 4H and Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program with nearly 2000 participants in total. In 2013, bass fishing became an official high school sport in New Hampshire and is supported by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, along with New Hampshire B.A.S.S. Nation, New Hampshire Bass Federation and Bass Pro Shops. The Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration program has





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provided funding to educate children in New Hampshire schools about fishing and aquatic resources, and to teach families to fish and enjoy the outdoors. As residents take up angling and boating they help fund the future of fishing in the United States.

### **Establishment and Management of Public Water Access Sites in New Hampshire**

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department uses Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Grant funds administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to create and operate 143 public boating and fishing water access facilities located on coastal waters and freshwater rivers, lakes and ponds. These access sites provide opportunities for the public to safely fish, boat and enjoy New Hampshire's waterways. In 2012, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department used \$755,000 in Sport Fish Restoration funds and \$433,750 in state funds to purchase Downing's Landing, an existing private boat access facility on Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton, NH. This acquisition created the first state-owned and controlled public boat ramp with on-site parking on New Hampshire's largest and arguably most popular lake. The public who use this facility enjoy free access to premier fishing for landlocked salmon, lake trout, rainbow trout, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass, and local businesses experience economic gains from increased tourism and spending by anglers and boaters.

### **Expansion of State Wildlife Management Areas in New Hampshire**

During the last five years, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department has used \$1,827,100 in Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration funds administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and \$883,200 in state funds to protect approximately 3,400 acres of land that provides new opportunities and access for hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation, and wildlife habitat protection. A specific example is the addition of a 97 acre parcel along the Upper Ammonoosuc River that provides public river access and is good habitat for the American woodcock. This location has been a favorite hunting spot for woodcock and white-tailed deer and, as with all Wildlife Management Areas held by the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game, is open to public access for hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife viewing, and other compatible uses. Many of these acquisitions have expanded public access in the southern portion of the state that previously contained only 25% of the state's protected lands, and where the density of hunters, anglers, and wildlife watchers is greatest. For example, the state expanded the Ellis Hatch and McDaniel's Marsh Wildlife Management Areas by 400 acres and 65 acres, respectively. In total, New Hampshire has 90 Wildlife Management Areas providing approximately 53,000 acres of public land. These projects embody the vision of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration



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Program by conserving wildlife populations and providing places for the public to hunt, fish, and connect with nature.

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Official Travel Schedule of the Secretary**

**Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts  
June 13 - June 16, 2017**

**Draft: 6/12/2017**



**TRIP SUMMARY**  
**THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO**  
Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts  
**June 13 - June 16, 2017**

**Weather:**

Uncasville, CT (Tuesday AM)	High 89°, Low 65°; Partly Cloudy; 80% Chance of PM Thunderstorms
Hooksett, NH (Tuesday PM)	High 88°, Low 55°; Partly Cloudy; 20% Chance of Precipitation
Augusta, ME (Tuesday PM)	High 85°, Low 53°; Cloudy; 40% Chance of AM Precipitation
Bangor, ME (Tuesday PM)	High 84°, Low 52°; Partly Cloudy; 50% Chance of AM Precipitation
Katahdin National Monument	High 91°, Low 67°; Mostly Sunny
Boston, MA	High 68°, Low 62°; Cloudy; 50% Chance of AM Precipitation

**Time Zone:**

New England Eastern Daylight Time

**Advance (Connecticut):**

Security Advance  
Advance

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Rusty Roddy

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**Advance (New Hampshire):**

Security Advance  
Advance

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Rusty Roddy

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**Advance (Katahdin National Monument):**

Security Advance  
Advance

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Caroline Boulton

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**Advance (Freeport, ME):**

Security Advance  
Advance

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**Advance (Boston, MA):**

Security Advance  
Advance

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**Traveling Staff:**

Agent in Charge  
Acting Deputy Secretary  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Communications Director  
Press Secretary  
Deputy Director of External  
Affairs  
Photographer  
Personal Aide

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Jim Cason  
Downey Magallanes  
Laura Rigas  
Heather Swift  
Tim Williams  
Tami Heilemann  
Aaron Thiele

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**Attire:**

Mohegan Sun, CT (Tuesday):	Business Attire
Hooksett, NH (Tuesday):	Business Casual

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

Washington, DC → Mohegan Sun, CT → Hooksett, NH → Bangor, ME

**5:45-6:15am EDT: Depart Private Residence en route Airport**

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RKZ

(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

Drive time: ~30 minutes

**7:05am EDT-**

**8:22am EDT:**

**Wheels up Washington, DC (DCA) en route Hartford, CT (Bradley)**

Flight: JetBlue 798

Flight time: 1 hour, 17 minutes

RZ Seat: 17B

AiC: (b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

Staff: Jim Cason

Aaron Thiele

Tami Heilemann

**8:22-8:35am EDT:**

**Wheels down Hartford, CT // Proceed to Vehicles**

Location: Schoepfoester Road

Windsor Locks, CT 06096

**8:35-9:35am EDT:**

**Depart Hartford, CT en route Mohegan Sun, CT**

Location: 1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard

Uncasville, CT 06382

Vehicle Manifest:

CT State Vehicle Lead:

Secretary's Vehicle: RZ

(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

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Jim Cason

Tami Heilemann

Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele (Driver)

Drive time: ~1 hour, 2 minutes

**9:35-9:40am EDT:**

**Arrive NCAI Conference & Proceed to Green Room**

Met by: Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

Kevin "Red Eagle" Brown, Chairman, Mohegan Tribe

Governor Dannel Malloy (Tentative)

Note: Rusty Roddy & Laura Regis will meet upon arrival

**9:40-9:55am EDT:**

**Hold in Green Room for Briefing**

Location: Conka Room

Staff: Jim Cason

Laura Regis

Note: If Governor Dannel Malloy is unable to greet upon arrival, he would  
Like to say hi to RKZ while he is holding

**9:55-10:00am EDT:**

**Depart Green Room for NCAI Conference**

Location: Uncas Ballroom A & B

Escorted by: Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI

**10:00-10:35am EDT:**

**National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference Remarks // Q & A**

**Session with NCAI Members**

Location: Uncas Ballroom A & B  
Participants:  
Attendees: 500 - 600  
Press: Open  
Staff: Jim Cason  
Laura Rigas  
Aaron Thiele  
Tami Heilemann  
Advance: Rusty Roddy  
Staging:: Black pipe & drape; NCAI Logo / NCAI Theme banner; Video screens to either sides of the stage; U.S. / CT / Tribal / NCAI Flags; podium & mic  
Format: RKZ introduced by Brian Cladoosby, Chairman - Swinomish Indian Tribal Community & President - NCAI Executive Board  
Remarks followed by Q&A  
For Q & A session, NCAI members will form lines at microphones  
Plenary session of tribal leaders; podium in center of the stage with board members on both sides; tribal delegates will be sitting in the tables in the front of the room  
Note: Upon arrival to stage & before giving remarks, RKZ should shake hands with all 17 stage participants

**10:35-10:40am EDT: NCAI Gift Presentation to RKZ**

Note: An Honor Song will be performed

**10:40-10:45am EDT: Depart NCAI Conference en route Photo Op****10:45-10:50am EDT: Photo Op with NCAI Youth Commission**

Location: Foyer  
Note: Group is made up of Leaders in Training Ages 16 - 24  
Note: Group will be preset for photo upon RZ's arrival

**10:50-1:05pm EDT: Depart Mohegan Sun en route Hooksett, NH**

Location:  
Vehicle Manifest:  
CT / NH State Vehicle Lead:  
Secretary's Vehicle: RZ  
(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)  
(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)  
Staff Vehicle: Rusty Roddy  
Laura Rigas  
Staff Vehicle 2: Aaron Thiele  
Tami Heilemann  
Drive time: ~2 hours, 15 minutes

**1:05-1:15pm EDT: Lunch at Subway**

Location: 3 Commerce Drive, Hooksett, NH 03106  
Note: Lunch to go, eat at hold room at Bass Pro Shop

**1:15-1:20pm EDT: Arrive Bass Pro Shop and Proceed to Bass Pro Shop**

Location: 2 Commerce Drive, Hooksett, NH 03106  
Note: Pull into rear loading dock  
Met by: Martin MacDonald, Director of Conservation, Bass Pro Shops  
Bob Pope, Store Manager, Bass Pro Shop Hooksett

**1:20-2:25pm EDT: Lunch and Briefing in Hold Room Bass Pro Shop Conference Room**

**2:25-2:30pm EDT: Depart Hold en route Sportsmen's Roundtable**  
Escorted by: Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director, NH Fish and Game Department

**2:30-3:15pm EDT: Sportsmen's Roundtable**  
 Location: Bass Pro Shop Warehouse  
 Participants: Sarah Holmes, State Director, Office of Senator Jeanne Shaheen  
 Mike Ollen, State Director, Office of Senator Maggie Hassan  
 Corey Garry, Deputy District Director, Office of Rep. Ann Kuster  
 Press: Closed  
 Format: - Welcome by Bob Pope  
 - MC - Glenn Normandeau invites participants to introduce themselves  
 - RZ brief Remarks and opens roundtable for discussion  
 Staff: Downey Magallanes  
 Tim Williams  
 Laura Rigas  
 Aaron Thiele  
 Tami Heilemann  
 Advance: Rusty Roddy  
 Note: Group photo opportunity at conclusion of roundtable

**3:15-3:30pm EDT: Meeting with Governor Chris Sununu**  
 Location: Bass Pro Shop  
 Participants: RZ  
 Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH)  
 Jayne Millerick, Chief of Staff  
 Press: Closed  
 Staff: Downey Magallanes  
 Tim Williams  
 Tami Heilemann  
 Advance: Rusty Roddy

**3:30-4:00pm EDT: Pittman-Robertson Grant Announcement & Media Availability**  
 Location: Bass Pro Shop in store Aquarium  
 Escorted by: Ron Regan, Executive Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
 Participants: Nick Wiley, President, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
 Sarah Holmes, State Director, Office of Senator Jeanne Shaheen  
 Mike Ollen, State Director, Office of Senator Maggie Hassan  
 Corey Garry, Deputy District Director, Office of Rep. Ann Kuster  
 Press: Open  
 Staff: Downey Magallanes  
 Tim Williams  
 Laura Rigas  
 Aaron Thiele  
 Tami Heilemann  
 Advance: Rusty Roddy  
 Format: Stage with podium/mic w/ DOI seal  
 Backdrop; huge fish aquarium, rock walls, trees  
 Program: - Glenn Normandeau introduces himself and Gov. Chris Sununu  
 - Gov. welcomes RZ to NH and introduces RZ

- RZ brief remarks
- RZ invites “A few friends,” two sportsmen who carry grant check onto stage
- RZ signs check
- Nick Wiley gives remarks regarding benefit of grants for outdoor groups
- Everyone exits stage except RZ, state directors, and Bass Pro Shop Leadership
- Press Avail

**4:00-6:45pm EDT:**

**Depart Hooksett, NH en route Augusta, ME**

Location: 192 State Street  
Augusta, ME 04330

**Vehicle Manifest:**

NH / ME State Vehicle Lead:

Secretary’s Vehicle: RZ

(b) (7)(C), (b) (6)

Staff Vehicle: Laura Rigas  
Aaron Thiele (Driver)  
Downey Magallanes  
Tami Heilemann

Drive time: ~2 hours, 30 minutes

**7:00-8:30pm EDT:**

**Dinner with Governor LePage**

Location: The Blaine House  
192 State Street  
Augusta, ME 04330

**Participants:**

Staff: Downey Magallanes  
Laura Rigas  
Heather Swift  
Aaron Thiele  
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Caroline Boulton

**8:30-9:45pm EDT:**

**Depart Augusta, ME en route Bangor, ME**

Location: (b) (7)(C)  
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**Vehicle Manifest:**

ME State Vehicle Lead:

Secretary’s Vehicle: RZ

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Staff Vehicle: Caroline Boulton (Driver)  
Downey Magallanes  
Laura Rigas  
Staff Vehicle 2: Heather Swift  
Aaron Thiele (Driver)  
Tami Heilemann

Drive time: ~1 hour, 15 minutes

**9:45pm EDT:**

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**ADVANCE MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017  
**LOCATION:** Washington → Connecticut → New Hampshire → Maine  
**TIME:** 5:45am - 9:45pm EST  
**FROM:** Aaron Thiele

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Fly from Washington, D.C. to Hartford, CT where we will travel to the Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT where you will address the National Congress of American Indian's Mid-Year Conference. Then drive to Hooksett, NH where you will announce \$1.13 billion in Pittman-Robertson Grants. Following the grant announcement the Secretary will travel to Augusta, Maine where he will have dinner with Governor LePage. Depart Augusta to RON in Bangor, ME.

**II. PROGRAM DETAILS**

ATTIRE: Suit and tie for NCAI, Business casual for grant announcement  
PRESS: Open, press avail at multiple times throughout day.

**III. NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS**

NH Gov. Chris Sununu  
ME Gov. Paul LePage  
NCAI President, Brian Cladoosby  
NCAI Executive Committee (Names included in background memo)

**IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS**

**Weather:** High 88F / Low 53F, chance of precipitation

**Time Zone:** Eastern Standard Time

5:45	am	Depart for Airport
8:35	am	Land Hartford, Depart en route to Mohegan Sun
9:35	am	Arrive NCAI, receive briefing in hold room
10:00	am	Remarks at NCAI with Q & A
10:50	am	Depart NCAI en route Hooksett, NH
1:05	pm	Lunch at Subway in Manchester
2:30	pm	Pittman-Robertson Grants Roundtable
3:15	pm	Meeting with Gov. Chris Sununu
3:30	pm	Pittman-Robertson Grant Announcement and Media Avail
4:00	pm	Depart Hooksett en route Augusta, ME
7:00	pm	Dinner with Gov. Paul LePage
8:30	pm	Depart Augusta en route Bangor, ME
9:45	pm	RON Hilton Garden Inn



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### INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**DATE:** June 13, 2017      **TIME:** 7:00pm - 8:30pm

**FROM:** Tim Williams, Deputy Director of External Affairs

**SUBJECT:** Dinner with Gov. LePage

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#### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Governor would like to share his views on the Katahdin National Monument.

#### II. BACKGROUND

Former President Obama designated Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Northern Main shortly before he left office. President Trump's Executive Order for the Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act called for a review of monuments over 100,000 acres or where designated "without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders". Katahdin Woods is 87,563 and as such the Governor has asked the Secretary to review the monument. The Governor supports rescission of the monument. In the alternative, assuming the land remains in federal ownership, the Governor believes that the land should be managed by the State of Maine. The Governor has submitted a letter in opposition, letters from opposition groups, individuals and industry in opposition the monument. Roxanne Quimby's Foundation donated more than 87,500 acres in the Katahdin region for the monument and the family continues its support.

#### III. DISCUSSION

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#### IV. ATTACHMENTS

##### Letter from the Governor

###### STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Paul R. LePage

GOVERNOR

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It was an honor to meet you and to attend the signing by President Trump of the Executive Order for the Review of Designations under The Antiquities Act.

As you know, the order calls for the review of monuments that are 100,000 acres or larger, as well as those the Secretary of the Interior determines were designated "without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders." Here in Maine, The Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument is 87,563 acres, so it is not listed as one of the 26 national monuments over 100,000 acres that are slated for review.

However, the Katahdin Woods designation was made in the face of significant opposition. In 2015, three local Communities impacted by Katahdin Woods voted overwhelmingly against designation as a National Park. The wealthy Ouimby family, who owned most of the land that would be used for a National Park, then immediately lobbied Washington, D.C. for the designation of a National Monument instead.

In response, the Maine Legislature in 2016 enacted bipartisan legislation-which submitted-requiring legislative approval for a National Monument designation in Maine. The people who live in the area, as well as their elected representatives in the Legislature, are certainly relevant stakeholders, but their Voices were ignored.

Since the public was not adequately heard, I am Writing to confirm that the Department of Interior will indeed review the designation of The Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage Governor

##### Secretary's Response Letter to the Governor

The Honorable Paul R. LePage Governor of Maine Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor LePage:

It was a pleasure to see you at the President's signing ceremony here at the Department of the Interior (Department) last week. I also want to thank you for your letter dated April 27, 2017, concerning the



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Katahdin  
thoughts.

Woods and Waters National Monument (Monument). I appreciate your

President Trump's "Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act" Executive Order (E.O.) directs me to conduct a review of all designations or expansions of designations made under the Antiquities Act since 1996 where the designation or expansion covers more than 100,000 acres. The E.O. also directs me to examine all designations made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders. As such, the review may extend to monuments smaller than 100,000 acres.

The E.O. makes clear that monuments should only be designated in accordance with the law and with adequate public consultation. Monuments can result in burdensome restrictions that limit traditional multiple-use purposes and public access on Federal lands. It is therefore critical that state, tribal, and local leaders and communities have a meaningful say in designations so that these burdens can be mitigated.

Your letter seeks to have the Department review the Monument in Maine. I invite you to provide the Department with a detailed description of the Monument, the unique values to be protected, and the process used to designate the Monument. In particular we would value your assessment regarding the degree of public support or opposition for the Monument.

I appreciate receiving your views and look forward to continued communication throughout this process. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Downey Magallanes at (202) 208-4105 or [Downey.Magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Downey.Magallanes@ios.doi.gov).

Sincerely,

Ryan K. Zinke Secretary of the Interior

### **Response from the Governor to the Secretary's Letter**

#### STATE OF MAINE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Paul R. LePage

GOVERNOR

May 24, 2017

Dear Mr. Secretary,

It was an honor meeting you last month during President Trump's signing of the "Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act" Executive Order. This letter is in response to your May 12 letter requesting my input regarding the process that led to the designation of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument by former President Obama. Many Maine citizens and I are pleased that the Department of the Interior will conduct a formal review of this monument and analyze the significant opposition to the designation.

The Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, which is comprised of about 87,500 noncontiguous acres of land just east of Baxter State Park in northern Maine, was a former working forest. The monument allows limited hunting opportunities on the lands east of the East Branch of the



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Penobscot River. Portions of the monument abut Maine's premier Baxter State Park. This state park is about 200,000 acres and includes Mt. Katahdin, which is over 5,200 feet in elevation.

As you know, the Antiquities Act was intended to be a tool to allow the president to protect areas that have "historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, or other objects of historic or scientific interest." The law addresses the size of such protected areas by stating the land must be the "smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected." I have yet to see evidence the designation of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument by former President Obama was needed to protect any imminent threats to historical structures or objects. I believe the designation of this monument was not in accordance with the intent of the Antiquities Act.

Public opposition to the designation of this monument was quite significant, and it goes back years. The public became very concerned when the owners of the land tried to lobby Congress to make approximately 150,000 acres of land in northern Maine a national park. This troubled many people in Maine who rely on the forest product and outdoor recreational industries about the possibility of strict laws and rules imposed by the federal government if they owned land in this area of the state. In response to this, the 125<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature passed a bipartisan joint resolution in 2011 opposing the creation of a national park in northern Maine. In 2015, three municipalities located close to the proposed national park held non-binding votes to gauge local support: all three voted overwhelmingly against designation. East Millinocket voted 63% to 37% against, Medway voted 71% to 29% against, and Patten voted 70% to 30% against the national monument. I also made my position to President Obama very clear by writing to him and expressing my opposition to any federal control of this land.

With local, state and congressional delegation support lacking for the designation of a national park, the Quimby family then decided to lobby President Obama to use his unilateral power under the Antiquities Act to declare the area a national monu The opposition to federal control of this land



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**DATE:** June 13, 2017 **TIME:** 3:00pm - 3:15pm

**FROM:** Aaron Thiele

**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Governor Chris Sununu

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**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

This is a quick 15 minute meeting with New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu regarding the USFWS proposal to acquire land for the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. The Governor would like to discuss New Hampshire's commitment to sensible land conservation and a request that USFWS not fund the acquisition of land in the Silvio Conte Refuge

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

Governor Chris Sununu  
Jayne Millerick, Chief of Staff

**III. ATTACHMENTS**



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**INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**DATE:** June 13, 2017      **TIME:** 10:00am - 10:50am EDT

**FROM:** Aaron Thiele

**SUBJECT:** National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference

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**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Secretary will give remarks at the National Congress of American Indians Mid-year Conference. NCAI is the oldest and largest American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities.

As a non-profit organization, NCAI advocates for a bright future for generations to come by taking the lead to gain consensus on a constructive and promising vision for Indian Country. The organization's policy issues and initiatives are driven by the consensus of our diverse membership, which consists of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments, tribal citizens, individuals, and Native and non-Native organizations.

**II. BACKGROUND**

NCAI is organized as a representative congress of American Indians and Alaska Natives that serves to develop consensus on national priority issues that impact tribal sovereignty. American Indian and Alaska Native governments pass resolutions to become members of NCAI, selecting official delegates to the NCAI Executive Council, Mid-Year Conference, and Annual Convention. During these events, delegates consider issues of pressing concern in accordance with their governments' policies, goals, and needs. NCAI members vote on and pass resolutions to determine NCAI's position on a broad range of issues.

**III. NCAI's EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**PRESIDENT:** Brian Cladoosby, Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community  
**1ST VICE PRESIDENT:** Fawn Sharp, President, Quinault Nation  
**SECRETARY:** Aaron Payment, Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
**TREASURER:** W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

**NCAI AREA VICE PRESIDENTS**

**ALASKA:** Jerry Isaac, CEO, Native Village of Tanacross  
**MIDWEST:** Roger Rader, Tribal Council, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi  
**PACIFIC:** Jack Potter, Jr., Chairman, Redding Rancheria  
**SOUTHERN PLAINS:** Liana Onnen, Chairwoman, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation  
**EASTERN OKLAHOMA:** Joe Byrd, Speaker of the Nation, Cherokee Nation  
**NORTHEAST:** Lance Gumbs, Shinnecock Indian Nation



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ROCKY MOUNTAIN: Darrin Old Coyote, Crow Nation

SOUTHWEST: Joe Garcia, Councilman, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo

GREAT PLAINS: Larry Wright, Chairman, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

NORTHWEST: Mel Sheldon, Jr., 1st V.P., Tulalip Tribe of Washington

SOUTHEAST: Larry Townsend, Lumbee Tribe

WESTERN: Bruce Ignacio, Councilman, Uintah and Ouray Ute Tribe