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1. 3 BLM state directors removed in reorganization — sources

Scott Streater, E&E News reporter

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The Bureau of Land Management is reassigning the directors of the Alaska, Colorado and New Mexico state offices to positions at other federal agencies as part of an Interior Department reorganization that sources say is only beginning.

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2. Can Zinke tout an unpopular budget and win over Congress?

Kellie Lunney, E&E News reporter

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All Cabinet secretaries must traverse Capitol Hill's thorny terrain during budget season. Their mission: Defend the president's priorities and simultaneously placate lawmakers from both parties upset about proposed cuts to their favorite programs.

<http://bit.ly/2siVbUP>

3. Zinke vows to restore 'breaches,' keep NPS despite reorg

Jennifer Yachnin, E&E News reporter

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WHITEFISH, Mont. — Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said today that his agency must "restore trust" in the federal government's ability to manage public lands — while slamming Obama-era policies on developers paying for harm to species and promising his overhaul of the department would be on a "100-year scale."

<http://bit.ly/2seDuKE>

4. BLM launches web tool to improve access to outdoor activities

Kellie Lunney, E&E News reporter

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As summer vacations kick off, the Bureau of Land Management has launched a tool on its website to improve the public's access to thousands of recreation sites across the country.

<http://bit.ly/2uf0G8g>

5. Western governors to push Zinke on his review

Jennifer Yachnin, E&E News reporter

Published: Tuesday, June 27, 2017

WHITEFISH, Mont. — When a cadre of Western governors meet with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke today, Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead (R) said the group will emphasize the decades of effort that led to the creation of current sage grouse conservation efforts — and will aim to influence the Interior Department's new review of whether those plans are hindering energy production on public lands.

<http://bit.ly/2sO838R>

6. Greens decry Zinke's 'sham review'; Sandoval discusses Nev. sites

Jennifer Yachnin, E&E News reporter

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WHITEFISH, Mont. — Conservationists yesterday railed against Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's pending assessment of national monuments, asserting the Trump administration is conducting a "sham review" as it considers whether to reduce or rescind dozens of sites nationwide.

<http://bit.ly/2ueBMph>

7. Zinke touts record PILT payments as Trump proposes deep cuts

Scott Streater, E&E News reporter

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Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke yesterday announced his department will distribute a record \$464 million to 1,900 counties as part of a program that pays rural areas with large tracts of federal land.

<http://bit.ly/2shXt6l>

8. Contentious forest, Izembek bills among 22 bills panel advances

Kellie Lunney and Dylan Brown, E&E News reporters

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The House Natural Resources Committee today approved 22 bills, including legislation to approve construction of a controversial road in Alaska and other measures related to water, recreation, mining cleanup and forest management.

<http://bit.ly/2rYfLKB>

9. Court to consider scrapping pipeline challenges

Ellen M. Gilmer, E&E News reporter

Published: Tuesday, June 27, 2017

A federal judge is set to hear arguments later this summer on whether legal challenges to the Keystone XL pipeline should proceed.

<http://bit.ly/2tTqZ4B>

10. Mountain Valley project would affect forests — FERC

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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission last week released its final environmental assessment for the proposed Mountain Valley pipeline, saying it would have a "significant" impact on West Virginia and Virginia forests but few other adverse effects.

<http://bit.ly/2ues7ir>

11. U.S. supply glut may end this fall

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Despite forecasts of cooler weather this summer, the supply glut weighing on the U.S. natural gas market could disappear by the fall, according to a new report by Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

<http://bit.ly/2thvW9P>

12. Greens, labor mobilize for modified reclamation bill

Dylan Brown, E&E News reporter

Published: Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Environmentalists, union workers and Appalachian advocacy groups yesterday threw their weight behind a \$1 billion coal mine cleanup bill ahead of a House markup today. But they are also pushing for changes to stress economic development.

<http://bit.ly/2ueX9Xs>

13. Navajo leaders strike deal to keep power plant open

Published: Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Navajo Nation leaders yesterday agreed to a deal that could keep one of the country's largest coal-fired power plants open until 2019.

<http://bit.ly/2tkgYAO>

14. Perry touts U.S. energy exports as 'force for peace'

Peter Behr and Emily Holden, E&E News reporters

Published: Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Energy Secretary Rick Perry said yesterday the Trump administration wants U.S. energy production to be a "force for peace," making exports of oil, gas, coal and nuclear technology key instruments of U.S. political as well as economic power.

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