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Good Afternoon,

Attached you will find the ASLM/BLM Agenda and Weekly Report for July 21, 2017. There are also three supplementary documents.

Best,
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BLM-ASLM Agenda

July 21, 2017

Internal Working Document

I. Executive Travel: July 23-July 29, 2017

BLM Acting Director, Michael Nedd:

- Monday, July 24 to Friday, July 28: In office to attend regularly scheduled meetings.

Acting Deputy Director for Operations, John Ruhs:

- Monday, July 24 and Tuesday, July 25: Out of office to attend Sage Grouse Task Force meetings.
- Wednesday, July 26 to Friday, July 28: In office to attend regularly scheduled meetings.

Acting Deputy Director for Policy and Programs, Kathleen Benedetto:

- Monday, July 24 to Wednesday, July 26: Out of office to attend Sage Grouse Task Force meetings.
- Thursday, July 27 and Friday, July 28: In office to attend regularly scheduled meetings.

II. Agenda Items

- Craters of the Moon ROD & Deputy Secretary Decision Memo: BLM0011498 (with WO-100 Orr)
- Draft Report on Energy Independence under E.O. 13783
- Energy Task Force
- Energy and Mineral-related *Federal Register* Notices with ASLM/DOI
 - Venting & Flaring Rule: BLMR001646 (with SIO-REGS)
 - Hydraulic Fracturing Rule: BLMR001546 (with SIO-REGS)
 - BNI Coal Ltd.'s Coal Lease-by-Application: BLMR001596 (with DeVito)
 - Gateway West Transmission Line: REG0006682 (with SIO-REGS)
 - Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line: BLMR001401 (with WO-630 REGS)
 - NPR-A sales announcement: BLMR001662 (with LM-ASLM CCU & LM-Analyst Moran)
- Military Lands Withdrawal-NDAA
- July 23-26 Sage Grouse Task Force Meetings
- Double R Ranch litigation-Cattlemen Association challenge to Western Oregon RMP; motion to dismiss (seeking ASLM approval)
- Interior Department's Comments on EPA's Proposed Financial Responsibility Requirements Under CERCLA § 108(b): BLM 0011079
- OIG/GAO Audits
- Approval of Grants greater than \$100k
- Ray Land Exchange
- SunZia, Martinez correspondence: BLM0010420
- Upcoming Legislative Hearings
 - On Wednesday, July 26, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining plans to hold a hearing on 12 public lands bills. John Ruhs, Acting BLM Deputy Director for Operations will be the BLM witness.

III. Briefings Requested by ASLM

- LWCF
- NEPA Streamlining
- Land Use Planning / RMP Plan Amendments
- DRECP
- Eastern Interior RMP Amendment

- NPR-A
- Cadiz

IV. Top-Priority Items with ASLM: *(Items in blue font require the template for ROD's and other Decision Documents)*

1. Sabinoso Land Donation: BLM0010930
2. Notice of Application for Withdrawal, Notice of Public Meeting, and Extension of Public Comment Period for Proposed Withdrawal in the Methow Valley; Washington: BLMR001550
3. Notice of Application for Withdrawal and Notification of Public Meetings; South Dakota and Wyoming Correction: BLMR001497
4. Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment to Reconsider the Record of Decision Approving Segments 8 and 9 for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project: BLMR001608
5. Alaska Native Claims Selection: BLMR001565
6. Notice of Survey suspension Red River: BLMR001588
7. Decision Memo to Deputy Secretary for approval, need clearance by Exec Sec July 24, 2017, Record of Decision (ROD) Proposed Monument Management Plan, Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho: and associated ROD: REG0007004
8. Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation; Delay and Suspension of Certain Requirements: BLMR001646
9. Final Idaho Statewide Supplementary Rules: BLMR001486

V. Items incoming to ASLM: *(Items in blue font require the template for ROD's and other Decision Documents)*

- BLM's Response to GAO -17-307, Oil and Gas Development: Improved Collection and Use of Data Could Enhance BLM's Ability to Assess and Mitigate Environmental Impacts: BLM0011041
- Notice of Availability Record of Decision for Gateway West Transmission Line Project, Idaho: BLMR001399
- SunZia Southwest Transmission Project: BLM0010420
- Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan, Gunnison County, Colorado: BLMR001241
- Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Greater Chapita Wells Natural Gas Infill Project, Uintah County, Utah: BLMR001514
- Interior Department's Comments on EPA's Proposed Financial Responsibility Requirements Under CERCLA § 108(b): BLM 0011079

VI. Pending Packages in ASLM:

1. **BLMR001583**- Automatic Adjustment of Minimum SRP Fee
2. **BLMR001569**- NOA Draft EIS Greater Phoenix Project, Lander Co., NV
3. **BLMR001588**- Notice of Filing Play of Survey – OK Suspended
4. **BLM0011290**- Meeting Waiver for Lincoln Co Land Act ART Meeting
5. **REG0007144**- Presidential Proclamation National Public Land Day 2017
6. **REG0007163**- Presidential Proclamation National Wilderness Month (Sept)
7. **BLMR001447**- NORA Proposed Non-Competitive Lease of Public Lands, WY
8. **BLMR001550** - Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Notice of Meeting – Extension Methow, Valley WA

9. **BLMR001609**-NORA R&PP Idaho
10. **BLMR001603**-Notice of Application Recordable Disclaimer of Interest, TX
11. **BLM00010609**- Response to Gyrnberg Petroleum Co. - Lease development
12. **BLMR001198**- Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands New Mexico
13. **BLMR001429**- Notice of Filing Plats of Survey; Utah
14. **BLMR001401**- NOA of ROD for B2H
15. **BLMR001486**- Final Idaho Supp Rules
16. **BLM0010822**- Response to America Rivers, et al, regarding concerns with SO 3349
17. **BLM0010215**- Response to Sen Paul regarding “energy opportunities at Ft Knox”
18. **BLMR001622**- Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil/Gas Lease

VII. Weekly Report:

Week Ahead Announcements and Actions

On June 30 - August 14, BLM-AK is continuing to hold public meetings and subsistence hearings as a cooperating agency on the supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed 733-mile Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline [natural gas]. BLM-AK prepared an analysis of subsistence impacts in accordance with Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). The Notice of Intent published June 30, starting the public comment period through August 14. The Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the lead Federal agency.

On July 7 - September 11, BLM-AK is continuing reviews of the Army Corps of Engineer's preliminary Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Donlin Gold Mine to support the BLM's Decision to issue a right-of-way grant for the proposed natural gas pipeline and with what stipulations, based on these reviews of the quality and analyses in the preliminary Final EIS. On July 28, the Corps plans to release three additional sections of the Donlin Gold Mine preliminary Final EIS. The Corps released the document on July 7 without three sections: subsistence, human health, and environmental justice. BLM-AK is reviewing the adequacy of the preliminary Final EIS. Comments are due to the Corps by Sept. 11.

On July 17 - 29, BLM's National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships will attend the National Scout Jamboree (held every four years) at the Boy Scouts of America's Summit Bechtel Reserve in Glen Jean, WV. The BLM's Education, Interpretation, and Partnerships Division and the Eastern States Office are co-coordinating BLM exhibit design, preparation, and participation on the Jamboree's Conservation Trail, with assistance from other BLM divisions. Acting Deputy Director John Ruhs has been invited to attend the Jamboree Conservation Committee's "VIP" luncheon on July 25. Acting Deputy Assistant Director for National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships Nikki Moore and Deputy Assistant Director for Resources and Planning Steve Tryon may also attend the luncheon.

On July 23 - 26, BLM-NV will host Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke as he visits ongoing fire incidents and national monuments as well as meetings with local government, tribes and interest groups.

On July 24, BLM-AZ will meet with young leaders from 19 African countries who are part of the State Department's Mandela Fellowship to discuss public land issues and challenges. State Director Raymond Suazo and Amber Cargile, Arizona's Deputy State Director-Communications, will give a general overview of the BLM's mission and purpose.

On July 24, BLM-WY Worland Field Manager Mike Phillips will attend a public meeting in Thermopolis to discuss viewing the 2017 solar eclipse on public land. Thermopolis lies within the eclipse path of totality and large crowds are expected in the area, including on public lands, during the days surrounding August 21. Other agencies that will attend include Hot Springs County, Wyoming State Parks, Wyoming Office of Tourism and local emergency services.

On July 24 - 28, BLM-CO Little Snake Field Office will announce a 30-day public scoping period for an environmental assessment (EA) evaluating a coal Lease by Application (LBA) from Peabody Energy's Twentymile Coal Foidel Creek Mine near Hayden. The LBA is for 640 acres of federal coal underneath private surface. The coal would be mined by underground methods with no surface disturbance. The mine estimates it could recover 4.1 million tons of coal, generating approximately \$13 million in royalties, half of which would go to the state. The lease would help the mine continue to employ 365 people. The mine accounts for more than 6 % of the property tax revenue in Routt County and is the top taxpayer in the county. Key issues in the EA include socioeconomics, surface water quality, and indirect effects to air quality and Colorado River fish from coal combustion. A final decision is expected in fall 2018.

On July 18 and 25, BLM-Eastern States, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, will hold public meetings in St. Paul, MN, and Virginia, MN, to solicit comments regarding the proposed 20-year withdrawal of 234,328 acres of Federal minerals from national forest system lands on the Superior National Forest within the Rainy River Watershed. Public comments received during project scoping will inform development of an EIS to study the proposed mineral withdrawal. The USFS is the lead agency for developing the EIS, and the BLM is a cooperating agency. BLM Northeastern States District Manager Dean Gettinger will attend.

On July 21-26, the sage-grouse task force team comprised of BLM, USGS, USFWS, USFS, and Western Governors' offices will work in four subgroups to review a draft plan in response to S.O. 3353. The subgroups pertain to plan and policy review, fire and invasive species, data and science and wildlife management.

On July 24-24, the Western Governor Association Sage Grouse Task Force and the DOI Sage Grouse Review Team will meet in Denver to discuss the group's draft report.

On July 25 - 26, BLM-MT North Dakota Field Manager Loren Wickstrom and staff have been invited to attend the First National Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Energy Symposium in Mandaree, North Dakota. Hosted by the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, the gathering will bring together Tribal Nations, industry representatives, and state and federal agencies to discuss common goals for oil and gas development in the Bakken and the protection of cultural and spiritual values. There is no agenda yet and the BLM has not been asked to give any presentations.

On July 25 - 26, BLM-WY Pinedale and Rock Springs field offices will hold two open houses to discuss the Normally Pressured Lance Natural Gas Development Project with local communities. Public comments will be collected on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement released last week.

On July 26, Acting BLM Nevada State Director Marci Todd will attend the Nevada Sheriffs' Association meeting and provide a "BLM 101" presentation.

On July 26, BLM-WY Worland Field Manager Mike Phillips will participate in an emergency preparedness exercise in Thermopolis with the intent of stimulating constructive dialogue between agencies and partners in preparation for large emergencies. The exercise will be conducted by Hot Springs County Emergency Management and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Many local agencies and partners will attend. The exercise will be a scenario involving an emergency at Boysen Dam.

On July 26, BLM-AK will participate in the annual Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) forum, focusing on issues that relate to potential sites within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska and contaminated lands and mine sites in Alaska. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executes these former site environmental restoration programs and BLM-AK will explore opportunities to use FUDS funding for legacy well rehabilitation.

On July 26, BLM-CA Bishop Field Office will meet with representatives from Mono County, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and a private landowner to discuss riparian habitat improvement for bi-state sage-grouse through alterations in county road maintenance and installation of culverts and drainage dips.

On July 27, BLM-AK's North Slope Science Initiative Executive Director Sara Longan will attend the Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna Working Group Alaska partners' meeting in Anchorage serving in her role as co-lead for the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program. Also expected to attend are representatives from the Arctic Council eight member states, permanent participants representing the six indigenous people's organizations of the circumpolar north, observer states, organizations and partners.

On July 28, BLM-CO Grand Junction Field Manager Katie Stevens will deliver a presentation about oil and gas development on public lands to Club 20's Energy Committee. Club 20 is an organization of counties, communities, tribes, businesses, individuals and associations in Western Colorado. The presentation will summarize the policy, legal and regulatory framework, as well as BLM-CO's objectives for streamlining oil and gas development on public lands.

On July 28, BLM-MT Acting State Director Jon Raby will meet with Chairman Fox of the Three Affiliated Tribes in Bismarck, ND to discuss ongoing oil and gas issues within the Fort Berthold Reservation.

On July 28, the BLM anticipates publishing proposed revisions to the Waste Prevention Rule ("Venting and Flaring") in the Federal Register.

On July 28, BLM-WY State Office will host a wild horse adoption as part of Cheyenne Frontier Days. Twenty horses will be available for adoption.

On July 28, BLM-OR Coos Bay District will hold an oral auction to sell the West Cunningham Commercial Thin. The sale includes 3.2 million board feet of conifer and will treat 244 timbered acres in the riparian reserve and late successional reserve land use allocations.

On July 29, one hundred mountain bikers will participate in a mountain bike race at the Lacks Creek Area managed by the BLM-CA Arcata Field Office. Members of the Redwood Coast Mountain Bike Association will use a 15-mile trail for the event.

On July 29, BLM-ID Boise District Manager Lara Douglas, Bruneau Field Manager Tanya Thrift, Owyhee Field Manager Michelle Ryerson, and Boise District Fuels Program Coordinator Lance Okeson will attend the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting in Silver City, Idaho. Okeson will likely speak about the Soda Fuel Break Project's targeted grazing effort this last spring, while the rest of the managers will be available for Q&As.

On July 29, BLM-WY in partnership with Wyoming Honor Farm and Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary, will hold a wild horse and burro adoption and traditional haying demonstration along with wagon tours to see the wild horses. The 900-acre ranch, which includes both private and leased lands, currently provides long-term care for 126 wild horses.

30 - 60 Day Look-Ahead

On July 30 – August 4, BLM-AK and BOEM will host acting Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Kate MacGregor. The tentative itinerary involves tours on Alaska's North Slope, including the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Pump Station 1, ConocoPhillips Alaska Alpine processing facility, Northstar Island offshore oil production facility, and overflight of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, as well as tours and briefings on the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, the legacy well program, and the BLM Alaska Fire Service.

On July 31, BLM-MT North Dakota Field Office staff will attend the Three Affiliated Tribes Natural Resource Committee Hearing held in New Town, ND at the Tribal Business Council Chambers. Hearing agenda is forthcoming and generally available on short notice. The North Dakota Field Office coordinates with the Tribal Energy and Natural Resource Departments on ongoing oil and gas issues within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.

On July 31, BLM-NV will issue a Temporary Closure and Temporary Restrictions of Specific Uses on Public Lands for the Burning Man event in Pershing County, NV. This is when setup for the event usually begins leading up to August 27, when Burning Man begins. The closure will remain in place until September 20. The event is the largest Special Recreation Permit managed by BLM.

In late July, BLM-CA anticipates the completion of the proposed Hester land exchange. The exchange will result in the BLM's acquisition of approximately 550 acres of non-Federal lands within the new Sand to Snow National Monument in Riverside County, in exchange for 40 acres of Federal mineral interests located on private property in San Diego County. The exchange finalizes restitution of a trespass settlement that began in 2013. Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA-5) has been a strong advocate for the exchange and the BLM is keeping him informed of its progress.

On August 1, BLM-AK Fairbanks District Manager Geoff Beyersdorf will host a meeting with the Federal Aviation Authority to discuss their proposed partial relinquishment of an FAA land withdrawal.

On August 1, BLM-AK contractor Olgoonik Construction Services, LLC, will begin summer work associated with the task order awarded for the Wolf Creek cluster of legacy wells consisting of Wolf Creek 1, 2, 3, Square Lake 1, and Titalkuk 1 wells near the Brooks Range foothills in the Southeast National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. BLM-AK plans legacy well site visits from August 5-8.

On August 2, BLM-WO staff will meet with an International Visitor Leadership Program group hosted by the University of Montana at Main Interior. The University has requested that Secretary Zinke greet the group. Timothy Fisher, BLM program management analyst from the National Conservation Landscape Program, will discuss the BLM's multiple use mission and priority programs.

On August 3, BLM-NV's Las Vegas Field Office will hold a land sale under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) in Las Vegas. The BLM proposes to offer for competitive sale 81.25 acres of public land in 17 parcels. In accordance with SNPLMA, funds generated by the sale will be used for projects such as the development of parks, trails, and natural areas, capital improvements on Federal lands, acquisition of environmentally sensitive land, and Lake Tahoe restoration projects.

On August 3, BLM-CA Bakersfield Field Office will hold its final meeting and dinner for the five participants it hosted as part of the 2017 MESA Mentoring Program. Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) claims it is changing the face of science, engineering, and math by developing a new generation of technology leaders fueled by diversity of historically underrepresented groups. The students were sponsored by a partnership between BLM, Bakersfield College, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Three of the five mentees, who attend Bakersfield College, became engineering interns through a program sponsored by the USDA. Each participant has been working on various engineering projects and will be making presentations to conclude their eight-week program.

On August 4, BLM-OR Roseburg District expects a statement of reasons for protest to be filed relating to the Semaphore Timber Sale. The Semaphore Timber Sale is a component of the Olalla-Camas Regeneration Harvest Plan Environmental Assessment (265 acres of Northwest Forest Plan Regeneration Harvest) and Camas Valley 2011 Harvest Plan Environmental Assessment (16 acres of thinning) on the South River Field Office. BLM-OR Roseburg District received four protests on February 28, 2017 and issued a response to Umpqua Watersheds on May 15, 2017. The District then received a notice to appeal

and request for stay from Umpqua Watersheds on July 6, 2017. BLM Roseburg District anticipates at least one additional appeal from another conservation organization, Cascadia Wildlands. The remaining two protests were from private citizens who live near the sale area.

On August 4, the DOI sage grouse review team will deliver its final report to the Secretary in response to SO 3353. The report will summarize a review of the existing 2015 Greater sage-grouse RMP amendments, a review of state plans and programs, examination of the Integrated Rangeland Fire Management Strategy, impact of individual States disproportionately affected by the large percent of Federal lands within their borders, and recommendations pertaining to (1) captive breeding, (2) opportunities to enhance State involvement, (3) efficacy of target populations on a State by State basis; and (4) additional steps that can be taken in the near term to maintain or improve current populations and habitats.

On August 4, BLM-NM leadership will attend the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico annual meeting in Albuquerque, NM and will provide an overview summarizing BLM leasing and production, as well as new rules/policies affecting oil and gas activities over the past year and going forward.

Through August 8, BLM-NV is accepting sealed, written bids for the commercial harvesting of pine nut units in the Battle Mountain, Elko and Ely districts. An oral auction will be held August 8 at the Ely District Office, in Ely.

On August 8, BLM-AK will attend the monthly cooperating agency meeting for the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed 211-mile controlled industrial access road in the southern foothills of the Brooks Range. The Northwest Arctic Borough is now a cooperating agency and memoranda of understanding with all cooperating agencies on the EIS. BLM-AK met with the proponent, Alaska Industrial Development Export Authority (AIDEA), on June 29 to coordinate the finalized statement of work for the third party contractor to conduct the NEPA analysis. The public scoping period ends January 31, 2018.

On August 8, BLM-CA Central Coast Field Manager Ben Blom will make a presentation at a meet-and-greet event on the agency's mission and ongoing projects to the Monterey Peninsula Sunrise Rotary Club. The event is not anticipated to be controversial.

Around mid-August, BLM-AK anticipates a week-long geotechnical analysis for the Campbell Tract entrance road realignment project. The geotechnical work will involve core sampling to determine wetlands and other unknowns to recommend the road subgrade, while archaeologists monitor the work for cultural artifacts/sites.

On August 18, the Vegas to Reno off-road race will take place in NV. The race is the longest off road event in the U.S. and the course runs 550 miles, including sections on BLM-NV managed public lands.

On August 14 - 15 (tentative), BLM-AK State Director Bud Cribley will participate in a Congressional staff visit to the North Slope of Alaska with U.S. Geological Survey Regional Director Aimee Devaris.

On August 19, BLM-NV Ely District will offer three saddle-trained wild horses and one burro for adoption at the White Pine County Fair. The horses were trained by inmates at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center and this auction will be their first in Nevada outside Carson City.

On August 22, BLM-CA will have a public outreach booth at the 2017 Lake Tahoe Summit hosted by Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA-D). The annual event began in 1996 to bring together leaders and stakeholders committed to the health of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Location and additional details TBD.

On August 22 – 24, BLM wild horse and burro program staff will participate in the National Wild Horse and Burro Summit in Salt Lake City, UT. Participants will discuss science, policy, resource impacts, and management options for on- and off-the-range populations. Secretary Zinke has been invited to speak. Other participants may include state partners and special interest groups.

On August 22 – 27, BLM paleontologists Gregory Liggett, Scott Foss, Greg McDonald, and Phil Gensler will travel to Calgary, Canada to attend the annual meeting of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology.

From September 1 to 4, increased visitation is expected at the BLM-CA Keysville Special Recreation Management Area, particularly at the campgrounds along the Kern River, near Lake Isabella. Keysville is an age-old mining area with a historic fort, the famous Walker Cabin, as well as other structures. It offers white-water rafting, fishing, recreational gold panning, and a network of more than 70 miles of trails for mountain biking, horseback riding, and off-highway vehicle use. The extra outdoor enthusiasts during the holiday weekend will give a boon to the local economy with added visitors from southern California. Extra law enforcement will be on hand working as a collaborative task force with the Kern County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Forest Service.

On September 6 - 7, BLM-AK State Director Bud Cribley and North Slope Science Initiative Executive Director Sara Longan and Deputy Director Mark Miller will attend the Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna first board meeting under US Chairmanship in Bethel, Alaska. Sara Longan will be serving in her role as co-lead for the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program, along with the Kingdom of Denmark. Also expected to attend are representatives from the Arctic Council eight member states, permanent participants representing the six indigenous people's organizations of the circumpolar north, observer states, organizations and partners.

On September 7, BLM-CO will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 10 parcels totaling 1,227 acres in Cheyenne, Baca, Kiowa, Yuma, Morgan, and Weld Counties, CO. The sale is not particularly controversial nor is it expected to receive robust bidding.

On September 7, BLM-NM will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 62 parcels totaling 15,731 acres in Eddy, Chaves, Quay, Curry, Roosevelt, and Lea Counties, NM. The sale is not particularly controversial nor is it expected to receive robust bidding.

On September 11, Sally Butts and Angela West of BLM's National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships. West will participate in the annual American Indian and Alaska Native Tourism Association's (AIANTA) meeting in Green Bay, Wisconsin. West, the BLM's National Travel and Tourism Program Lead, has been invited to present during the session on "Federal Partners: Resources and Programs." The new BLM Travel and Tourism Action Plan will be shared at the event. The Action Plan is now in the final stage of review and will be briefed to BLM leadership for final approval. There is an opportunity for a signing ceremony in which BLM leadership would sign a Letter of Intent that has been developed between the BLM and AIANTA. The letter provides direction on implementing an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the DOI and AIANTA specific to the BLM.

On September 18 - 21, BLM-AK State Director Bud Cribley will attend OCEANS 17 ANCHORAGE conference/exhibition, the first time OCEANS North America will be hosted in Alaska. With the theme "Our Harsh and Fragile Ocean," the event will address modern technology and traditional knowledge working together on issues including the diminishing Arctic ice pack, ocean acidification, increased vessel traffic in Arctic waters, and energy extraction. OCEANS hosts conferences/exhibits worldwide, with an average of two per year. Sponsored by the Marine Technology Society and the IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society, OCEANS conferences/exhibits draws an international audience of more than 2,000.

On September 19 - 21, BLM-AK Glennallen Field Office partners for the annual “Changing Seasons” outdoor learning stations that focus on animal and forest adaptations, changing weather patterns, and fall harvest activities. This "Hands on the Land" program began in 2003. The event is for Copper River elementary students in second and third grades. Partners include the Wrangell Institute for Science and Environment, Copper River School District, National Park Service, and State of Alaska agencies and local nonprofits.

On September 26, BLM-AK State Director Bud Cribley (tentative), North Slope Science Initiative Executive Director Sara Longan and Deputy Director Mark Miller will attend the Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna Working Group Alaska partners' meeting in Anchorage. Also expected to attend are representatives from the Arctic Council eight member states, permanent participants representing the six indigenous people's organizations of the circumpolar north, observer states, organizations and partners.

VIII. Major Federal Register Notices and Approval Packages:

BLM Federal Register Notices as of July 20, 2017, 2:00 p.m. ET

- **Notices in blue text were received by the Division of Regulatory Affairs during the past week.**
- **Notices in green text are managed by the Div. of Lands and Realty. Please contact Brenda Wilhight with questions about these notices.**
- **Notices in red text are energy- and mineral-related notices.**

Alaska State Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Call for Nominations and Applications, North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel, Alaska	4/14/17	7/10/17 Sent to WO 100. (DTS 1568)
Call for Nominations and Comments for the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale	7/3/17	7/19/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1662)
Proposed Supplementary Rules for Public Lands Managed by the Eastern Interior Field Office at the Fairbanks District Office Administrative Site, Fairbanks, Alaska	5/2/17	6/22/17 Sent to WO 200. (DTS 1591)
Alaska Native Claims Selection Village of Tuluksak	4/12/17	7/18/17 In WO 630. (DTS 1565)

Arizona State Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement for Recreational Target Shooting in the Sonoran Desert National Monument, AZ	5/16/17	7/19/17 On hold in WO 630 pending new court ordered deadline. (DTS 1600)
Notice of Availability of the Draft Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment Supplemental EIS, Arizona	3/28/17	6/15/17 Back in WO 100. (DTS 1526)
Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Noncompetitive Sale and Conveyance of Mineral Interests of Public Land in Maricopa and Pinal Counties, Arizona	7/14/16	8/18/16 Sent back to AZSO for edits. (DTS 1222)
Proposed Noncompetitive (Direct) Sale and Conveyance of Mineral Interests of Public Land in Gila County, AZ	6/19/15	9/12/16 Sent to Solicitor (Lands). (DTS 791)
Notice of Availability of the Sonoran Valley Parkway Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, Maricopa County, Arizona	4/10/15	4/22/2016 On hold with AZSO. (DTS 700)

California State Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Filing of Plats of Survey: California	6/29/17	Published in the Federal Register on 7/14/17. (DTS 1659)
Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report and Draft Land Use Plan Amendment for the Palen Solar Photovoltaic Project	6/27/17	7/19/17 Sent to WO 600. (DTS 1655)
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Land Use Plan Amendment for the OMYA Direct Land Sale Project, California	5/23/17	6/27/17 Sent to Solicitors (Lands). (DTS 1616)
Notice of Reopening of Public Comment Period and Schedule of Public Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Withdrawal of California Desert Conservation Area Lands; California	4/5/17	5/23/17 Sent to Exec Sec. (DTS 1544)
Notice of Intent to Amend the Resource Management Plan for the Ukiah Field Office, California and Prepare an Associated Environmental Assessment for the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument	4/4/17	5/12/17 On hold, per CASO request. (DTS 1542)
Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Decision for Proposed Land Exchange between the Bureau of Land Management and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, California	2/10/17	6/5/17 Returned to WO 100. (DTS 1449)
Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Fort Ord National Monument, California	1/18/17	6/21/17 Sent to WO 100. (DTS 1413)
Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Comment; Klamath National Forest, California	10/17/16	7/19/17 Cleared the Dept. Need sig pages. (DTS 1299)
Notice of Intent to Prepare a DRAFT Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed United States Gypsum Company Expansion/Modernization Project, Imperial County, California.	7/12/16	6/1/17 Sent to WO 100. (DTS 1217)

Colorado State Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules for Travel Management on Public Lands in Montrose, Delta, San Miguel and Ouray Counties, Colorado	12/23/16	6/14/17 Sent to COSO for edits. (DTS 1387)
Notice of Intent to Collect Fees on Public Lands in Chaffee County, Colorado (Cache Creek Placer Area)	11/3/16	11/10/16 On hold with Solicitors (Lands). (DTS 1325)
Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Guffey Gorge in Park County, Colorado	11/7/16	5/15/17 Sent to Exec Sec. (DTS 1330)
Notice of Intent to Collect Fees on Public Land in Park County, Colorado (Guffey Gorge Day Use Area)	11/3/16	3/31/17 Sent to Exec Sec. (DTS 1314)
Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan, Gunnison County, CO	8/5/16	7/19/17 Sent to WO 100. (DTS 1241)
Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in Montezuma and Dolores Counties, CO	4/18/16	11/17/16 Returned to COSO for edits. (DTS 1128)

Eastern States Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Notice of Realty Action; Application for Conveyance of Federally Owned Mineral Interests in Walton County, FL	6/20/17	7/13/17 In WO 320. (DTS 1645)
Notice of Filing of Plat Survey; Eastern States	6/20/17	7/19/17 Published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. (DTS 1641)
Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale ALES 55199, Alabama	12/22/16	3/16/17 Returned to ESO with Solicitor comments. (DTS 1383)
Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Associated Final Environmental Impact Statement for Southeastern States District	5/25/16	2/14/17 ESO is making edits. (DTS 1169)

Idaho State Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Notice of Public Meeting, Boise District Resource Advisory Council, Idaho	6/27/17	6/27/17 Sent to WO 640. (DTS 1654)
Notice of Public Meeting, Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council and Idaho	6/27/17	6/27/17 Sent to WO 640. (DTS 1652)
Notice of Public Meeting, Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council, Idaho (9/27/17)	6/19/17	6/20/17 Sent to WO 640. (DTS 1639)
Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification, Idaho	5/22/17	7/7/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1609)
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment to Reconsider the Record of Decision Approving Segments 8 and 9 for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project, ID	5/22/17	7/18/17 Sent to DOI Energy Counselor. (DTS 1608)
Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rule Revision for the Upper Snake Field Office, Idaho	5/22/17	6/2/17 Sent to Solicitors (Lands). (DTS 1606)
Notice of Temporary Closure on Public Lands in Shoshone County, Idaho	4/10/17	5/9/17 On hold, per IDSO request. (DTS 1559)
Final Idaho Statewide Supplementary Rules	3/7/17	7/7/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1486)
Notice of Intent to Prepare Two Great Basin Wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements to Support Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement	1/11/17	4/4/17 On hold in WO 100. (DTS 1407)
Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project and Approved Land Use Plan Amendments in Idaho	1/9/17	3/3/17 On hold in WO 100. (DTS 1399)

Montana State Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases NDM 98547 and NDM 104389, North Dakota	6/15/17	7/10/17 in WO 100. (DTS 1636)
Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases NDM 94704, NDM 94705 and NDM 94706, North Dakota	6/14/17	7/10/17 in WO 100. (DTS 1634)
Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, North Dakota (Falkirk)	6/12/17	6/26/17 in WO 100 (DTS 1632)

Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, South Dakota	6/7/17	Published in the Federal Register on 7/14/17. (DTS 1630)
Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease NDM 94112, North Dakota	5/25/17	7/6/17 in ASLM. (DTS 1622)
Initial Classification and Extension of the Proposed Classification and Segregation for State In Lieu Selection, Montana	5/25/17	7/10/17 in WO 100. (DTS 1621)
Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases NDM 106959 and NDM 106960, North Dakota	5/23/17	7/10/17 in WO 100. (DTS 1615)
Notice of Intent to Amend the Miles City Field Office 2015 Resource Management Plan and to Prepare an Associated Environmental Assessment, Montana	5/22/17	7/14/17 in WO 600. (DTS 1611)
Notice of Availability of the EA for BNI Coal Ltd.'s Coal Lease by Application NDM 102083, Oliver County, ND, Notice of Public Hearing, and Request for Comment on EA	5/8/17	7/17/17 with the Secretary's Energy Counselor. (DTS 1596)
Notice of Application for Withdrawal and Notification of Public Meetings; South Dakota and Wyoming; Correction	3/13/17	6/6/17 Back in ASLM after MTSO edits. (DTS 1497)
Legal Description of Limestone Hills Training Area Withdrawal, Montana	3/9/17	7/12/17 in WO 600. (DTS 1493).
Notice of Application for Withdrawal and Notification of Public Meeting; Montana Correction	12/30/16	3/15/17 In Exec. Sec. (DTS 1391)
Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan Revision and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Lewistown Field Office and a portion of the Butte Field Office, Montana.	6/23/16	3/9/17 In WO 100. (DTS 1197)

Nevada State Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Gold Bar Mine Project, Eureka County, Nevada	7/10/17	7/17/17 Sent to Solicitor's Office (Minerals). (DTS 1668)
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Project Environmental Impact Statement with a Proposed Plan Amendment to the 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Notice of Segregation for the Crescent Peak Wind	7/3/17	7/20/17 Sent to WO 301. (DTS 1663)
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Mount Hope Project, Eureka County, Nevada	5/5/17	6/26/17 Sent to Exec Sec. (DTS 1593)
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Greater Phoenix Project, Lander County, Nevada	4/14/17	7/6/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1569)
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplement to the Draft Resource Management Plan and Associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Nevada District Planning Area, comprising the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices and Gold Butte National Monument	1/6/17	6/19/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1397)

New Mexico State Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Public Land Order; Transfer of Administrative Jurisdiction, Secretary of the Army, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico and Fort Bliss, Texas	6/20/17	7/20/17 In WO 350. (DTS 1644)
Notice of Application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest: Harris County, Texas	5/18/17	7/13/17 In ASLM. (DTS 1603)
Notice of Closure, Kasha Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument	5/25/17	7/10/17 In WO 100.

		(DTS 1624)
Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey: Oklahoma, Suspended	4/26/17	7/19/17 On its way to the Federal Register. (DTS 1588)
Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the BLM Carlsbad Field Office, New Mexico	4/4/17	6/22/17 In WO 200. (DTS 1545)
Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Recreation and Public Purpose Act Classification for Conveyance of Public Lands in Sante Fe County, New Mexico	2/9/17	7/5/17 In WO 100. (DTS 1445)
Notice of Application for Recordable Disclaimer of Interest: New Mexico	12/22/16	7/7/17 In ASLM. (DTS 1380)
Notice of Application for Extension of Public Land Order No. 7296, and Opportunity for Public Meeting, Sacramento Peak Observatory, New Mexico	11/29/16	7/7/17 In SIO REGS. (DTS 1360)
Notice of Availability of the Rio Puerco Proposed RMP and Final EIS for the Rio Puerco Field Office, New Mexico	3/11/15	10/12/16 NMSO is revising the communication plan. (DTS 665)
Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands in New Mexico	6/23/16	7/17/17 In ASLM needs Katherine Macgregor's surname. (DTS 1198)

Oregon State Office		
Title	Date Revd.	Current Status
Final Supplementary Rules for the Table Rocks Area of Critical Environmental Concern in Jackson County, Oregon	6/5/17	7/11/17 Sent to WO 250. (DTS 1625)
Notice of Application for Withdrawal, Notice of Public Meeting, and Extension of Public Comment Period for Proposed Withdrawal in the Methow Valley; Washington	4/7/17	5/26/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1550)
Notice of Closure on Public Lands of Yellowstone Bridge in Linn County, OR	3/31/17	7/20/17 Sent to Exec Sec. (DTS 1597)
Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project and Approved Land use Plan Amendments, Oregon	1/9/17	7/17/17 ASLM working with SOL and WO 200. (DTS 1401)
Notice of Intent to Establish Recreation Fees on Public Lands in Clackamas County	12/6/16	6/23/17 Sent to WO 250. (DTS 1365)
Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands at Bastendorff Beach and the Associated Headlands in Coos County, Oregon	11/1/16	7/11/17 Returned to WO 100. (DTS 1337)
Notice of Temporary Emergency Road Closure for Public Lands in the Neal Creek Area of Linn County, Oregon	3/31/16	5/2/16 Returned to ORSO for revisions. (DTS 1103)
Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules on Public Lands in Oregon	2/24/15	7/17/17 Returned to ORSO with WO 250 edits. (DTS 644)
Notice of Temporary Closure on Public Lands in Douglas County, OR (White Castle)	8/22/13	11/19/2013 On hold. (DTS 74)

Utah State Office		
Title	Date Revd.	Current Status
Notice of Proposed Class II Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases, Utah	7/19/17	7/19/17 In WO 310. (DTS 1681)

Interim Final Supplementary Rule to Prohibit Target Shooting on 2,004 acres of Public Lands in the Eastern Lake Mountains, Utah County, Utah	4/7/17	7/19/17 UTSO is revising documents. (DTS 1554)
Notice of Availability for the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Cedar City Field Office Planning Area, Utah	3/28/17	6/28/17 In WO 200. (DTS 1527)
Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Greater Chapita Wells Natural Gas Infill Project, Uintah County, Utah	3/22/17	6/19/17 In BLM DD POL. (DTS 1514)
Notice of Availability of the Draft Monument Management Plan Amendment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Livestock Grazing for the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument	3/1/17	5/17/17 In SOL DLR BPL. (DTS 1471)
Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands in Moab Field Office, Utah	2/17/17	7/6/17 Published in the Federal Register on Thursday, July 6, 2017. (DTS 1456)
Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Utah	1/31/17	7/20/17 On its way to the Federal Register. (DTS 1429)

Wyoming State Office		
Title	Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Converse County Oil and Gas Project, Converse County, Wyoming.	7/19/17	7/20/17 Sent to DOI Solicitor. (DTS 1677)
Notice of Invitation to Participate; Coal Exploration License Application WYW185631, Wyoming	6/28/17	7/17/17 Sent to WO 100. (DTS 1657)
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Alkali Creek Reservoir Project, Big Horn County, Wyoming	3/14/17	7/17/17 Sent to WYSO with WO 100 edits. (DTS 1498)
Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meeting on a Federal Coal Lease by Application in the Decertified Powder River Federal Coal Production Region, WY	3/10/17	Will publish in the Federal Register on 7/28/17. (DTS 1495)
Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Non Competitive Lease of Public Land in Johnson County, WY	2/10/17	7/11/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1447)
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to Address Livestock Grazing in the Granite Mountain Open Common Allotment	11/29/16	3/24/17 Sent to WO 100. (DTS 1358)
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project, Big Horn County, Wyoming	10/7/16	6/16/17 Sent to WO 100. (DTS 1293)

Washington Office		Date Rcvd.	Current Status
Renewal of Approved Information Collection; OMB Control No. 1004 0137		7/10/17	7/19/17 in ASLM (DTS 1667)
Automatic Adjustment of Minimum Special Recreation Permit Fees and Assigned Site Fees		4/24/17	5/19/17 in ASLM (DTS 1583)
Gold Butte National Monument Advisory Committee Establishment; Call for Nominations, Nevada		1/13/17	4/4/17 in WO 640 (DTS 1409) On hold.
Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee Establishment; Call for Nominations, Utah		1/12/17	4/4/17 in WO 640 (DTS 1408) On hold.

IX. Congressional Activities:**BLM Congressional / Legislative Report****July 20, 2017****Hearings**

Oversight Hearing / Hardrock Minerals: On July 20, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Minerals plans to hold an oversight hearing on hardrock minerals. DOI witness is Dr. Murray Hitzman, Associate Director for Energy and Minerals, U.S. Geological Survey.

Confirmation Hearing: On July 20, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing to consider the following DOI nominations:

- Brenda Burman to be Commissioner of Reclamation;
- Susan Combs to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget;
- and
- Douglas Domenech to be Assistant Secretary of Interior for Insular Affairs.

Legislative Hearing / Public Lands Bills: On July 26, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining plans to hold a hearing on the following public lands bills:

- S. 32, California Desert Protection and Recreation Act (Sen. Feinstein, D-CA)
- S. 436, San Juan County Settlement Implementation Act (Sen. Heinrich, D-NM)
- S. 357, Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act (Sen. Feinstein, D-CA)
- S. 90, Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act (Sen. Cornyn, R-TX)
- S. 614, RPPA Commercial Recreation Concessions Pilot Program Act (Sen. Flake, R-AZ)
- S. 467, Mohave County Federal Land Management Act (Sen. Flake, R-AZ)
- S. 837, Southern Utah Open OHV Area Act (Sen. Hatch, R-UT)
- S. 468, Historic Routes Preservation Act (Sen. Flake, R-AZ)
- S. 785, Alaska Native Vietnam Veteran Allotment Act (Sen. Sullivan, R-AK)
- S. 884, Small Miner Waiver Act (Sen. Murkowski, R-AK)
- S. 1548, Oregon Wildlands Act (Sen. Wyden, D-OR)
- S. 1230, Water Rights Protection Act (Sen. Barrasso, R-WY)

John Ruhs, Acting BLM Deputy Director for Operations will be the BLM witness.

Congressional Visits in the Field

Arizona Veterans Fire Crew / Rep. McSally: Rep. McSally (R-AZ-2) plans to meet with BLM's Aravaipa veteran firefighting crew when she conducts a tour of Fort Huachuca sometime in August. Date and participants TBD.

WH&B Facility Tour / Sen. Cortez Masto: On August 21, Sen. Cortez Masto (D-NV) plans to tour the Wild Horse and Burro off range holding facility in Fallon, NV. BLM participants TBD.

X. Weekly Audit Report:

DTS#	Report Title	Comments	WO100 Review	ASLM Review	Due PFM	Due GAO, OIG, Congress
11041	Final Audit Report Oil and Gas Development: Improved Collection and Use of Data Could Enhance BLM's Ability to Assess and Mitigate Environmental Impacts (GAO 17 307) Link to the Report: http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO_17_307	The response is awaiting final signature.	5/18 5/23 (complete)	5/24 6/13 (complete)	6/14 (complete)	7/10/2017

XI. Packages in WO-100:

Line #	Sig Level	DCN	Doc. Type	Subject	Synopsis	Addressee	Received Date
1	Sig. Level	DCN	Doc. Type	Subject	Synopsis	Addressee	Received Date
2		BLM0011429	QFRs	QFRs 6/14 SENR/W&P Hearing Scott Cameron	These are QFRs from 6/14 SENR/W&P hearing. BOR was the Department's witness. BLM's QFRs will be combined with the larger QFR package. ***These were cleared through BLM WY, WO 620 and WO 600 before being uploaded into DTS	Flake, Jeff	
3		BLM0011089	CC SO	South Fork Band of Te Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone response to tribal consultation on Rossi Mine expansion	Tribe writes to Elko DM Jill Silvey requesting consultation at all future meetings on the project.	BLM NV ELDO	
4		BLM0011020	BP	IM on Lands Suitable for Disposal		BLM WO 210 PLAN DIVISION	
5	A/S	BLM0010880	CC ES	OHV access to Federal lands; national monument designations		Van Kleeck, Kathy; Ehnes, Russ; Amador, Don; Taylor, Duane; Wiley, Fred; Gosswein, Stuart D.; Smith, Larry; Jourdain, Christine;	05/02/2017

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						Yager, Tom; Zinke, Ryan; Gilles, Nicole N.; Egbert, Steve	
6	A/S	BLM0010716	CC ES	Constituent Robert Anderson re: Small Miner Program		Neimeyer, Sarah; Comstock, Barbara	04/21/2017
7	A/S	BLM0010933	GAO/OIG CLOSURE	Request to Close Rec. 2 in report (2016 WR 07) Referral of Mgmt. Advisory BLM's Wild Horse & Burro Program is not Maximizing Efficiencies or Complying with Federal Regulations	Request to Close Rec. 2 in report (2016 WR 07) Referral of Mgmt. Advisory BLM's Wild Horse & Burro Program is not Maximizing Efficiencies or Complying with Federal Regulations	LM Acting Assistant Sec Katharine Macgregor	
8	A/S	BLM0010139	GAO/OIG CLOSURE	Request to Close Recommendations 4 and 5 in GAO 15 520 Renewable Energy: BLM Has Limited Assurance that Wind and Solar Projects are Adequately Bonded	Request to Close Recommendations 4 and 5 in GAO 15 520 Renewable Energy: BLM Has Limited Assurance that Wind and Solar Projects are Adequately Bonded	Schneider, Janice M.	
9	A/S	BLM0010345	CP	Keystone XL Pipeline Communication Plan and Press Release		BLM WO 350 LAND TENURE STAFF	
10	A/S	BLML000149	PLO	Howell Canyon Recreation Complex Withdrawal Extension; Idaho, IDI 032319	This Public Land Order extends the duration of the withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 7306, which would otherwise expire on January 1, 2018, for an additional 20 year period. This extension is necessary to continue the protection of the 3,805.87 acre U.S. Forest Service Howell Canyon Recreation Complex located in Cassia County, Idaho. Due Date NLT 12/25/2017	Zinke, Ryan	
11	A/S	BLM0009514	LTR	Buffalo Horn Land Exchange Congressional Notification Letters	Congressional notification letters to the Committees to fulfill requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act pertaining to land exchanges where the	BLM CO SD	

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					Federal land value is over \$500,000.		
12	A/S	BLML000143	PLO	Public Land Order Revocation of Lighthouse Reservations; Turn Point, Washington	PLO to revoke Lighthouse Reservation in Turn Point, San Juan Islands, WA.	Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management	
13	A/S	BLML000123	PLO	BOR Withdrawal for the Brantley/Carlsbad Project (Avalon Reservoir)		Schneider, Janice M.	
14	A/S	BLMR001399	FRN	Notice of Availability Record of Decision for Gateway West Transmission Line Project, Idaho	Sent to OFR on 1/19/17 Withdrawn on 1/23/17 The combined notice announces the BLM Decision to grant rights of way on public lands in Idaho for two segments of the Gateway West electric transmission line project, and publishes the BLM Director's response to the Idaho Governor's appeal of the BLM Idaho State Director's determination regarding the Governor's review of the consistency between the land use plan amendments associated with the right of way grant and state and local laws		01/09/2017
15	A/S	BLML000116	PLO	Homestake Withdrawal Partial Revocation/CACA 051360	Partial revocation to accommodate a pending land exchange within the National Conservation Land and Wildlife Management Area (NCLWMA)	BLM CA 931 LANDS AND REALTY	
16	AA	BLMC000022	Other	Tuckup Allotment Permit	Senator Jeff Flake forwarded an inquiry from Jeanette Finicum, seeking Congressional assistance regarding the Tuckup Allotment grazing permit held by Ms. Finicum's late husband.	Flake, Jeff	
17	AD	BLM0011565	MTG/CONF	Wild Horse and Burro Program Congressionally Requested Plan Development	Congress requested that the BLM develop a plan for long term sustainable herds within the Wild Horse and Burro Program. This meeting is to develop	BLM WO 200	

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18	AD	BLM0011402	MEM	MEMO on Designation of Successors		MacGregor, Katherine	
19	AD	BLM0010645	MAN	5300 Timber Measurement		BLM WO 200	
20	AD	BLM0010693	IM	IM Surname process for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Records of Decision (CERCLA ROD)	IM for establishing the process, protocols, and documents required for the request for signature from the Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management, and Budget for the issuance of records of decision (ROD) for remedial actions managed by the BLM.	BLM WO 280 AML	
21	AD	BLM0011057	MEM	Request for approval of sponsorship for the 7th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress and 2nd Applied Fire Science Workshop		BLM WO 100	
22	D	BLMC000023	Other	Front Streeting Widening Project	Representative Paul Gosar received a letter from a constituent concerned about a possible widening of Front Street in Mohave County due to concerns over increase traffic speeds.	BLM AZ CONT CORRES; BLM AZ SD; Gosar, Paul	06/21/2017
23	D	BLM0011054	MOA/MOU	Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units MOU	*After WO 100 surnames, please have 400 prepare final	BLM WO 410 NLCS DIVISION	
24	D	BLM0010958	CC WO	NOIs to prepare EIS for Alkali Creek Reservoir and Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Projects		Barrasso, MD, John	05/10/2017
25	D	BLMR001568	FRN	Call for Nominations and Applications, North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel, Alaska	The NSSI announces a call for nominations and applications to serve a 3 year term on the 15 member Science Technical Advisory Panel. The panel meets three times per year to develop advice and recommendations concerning the coordination of monitoring and research activities related to energy development on Alaska's North Slope. Such		04/14/2017

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					coordination is important for reducing the costs of operating on the North Slope and in the adjacent marine environments through combining efforts and maximizing eff		
26	D	BLM0010294	BP	ACCCNRS Meeting Briefing		Nedd, Michael D	
27	D	BLM0011367	CC ES	ban on uranium mining near Arizona Strip		Watson, Gary; Zinke, Ryan	06/13/2017
28	D	BLM0011374	CC ES	Noxious weed control program in Beaverhead County MT		Zinke, Ryan; Rice, Tom; Wheat, Harris; Eddie, Jack	06/14/2017
29	D	BLM0011284	RPTCONG	Report to Congress detailing efforts to strategically incorporate public and private fire fighting assests into fighting wildland fire		McCollum, Betty; Murkowski, Lisa; Udall, Tom; Calvert, Ken	
30	D	BLM0011008	BP	AIANTA Letter of Intent		BLM WO 410 NLCS DIVISION	
31	D	BLM0011265	MEM	Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Financial Assistance Actions for Review		BLM WO 855 ACQ/FINANC E	
32	D	BLM0011415	MEM	Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Financial Assistance Actions for Review (Round 3		BLM WO 855 ACQ/FINANC E	
33	D	BLM0011316	LTR	Volunteer Award Winner Letters		BLM WO 420 EDU, INT, and PARTNER DIVISION	
34	D	BLM0011393	CC WO	Northern Vertex Mining Corp ROW permit applications for Moss Mine Gold Silver Project		Flake, Jeff	06/27/2017
35	D	BLML000148	LEXF	Rio Grande del Norte/Sabinoso BLM/State Land Exchange NM		Nedd, Michael D.; MacGregor, Katharine	
36	D	BLMR001621	FRN	Initial Classification and Extension of the Proposed Classification and Segregation for State In Lieu Selection, Montana	As required by the Taylor Grazing Act, this notifies the public that the BLM has classified 2,126.11 acres of Federal land as suitable for conveyance to the State of Montana in lieu of lands to which the		05/25/2017

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					State was entitled but did not receive under its Statehood Act. The public has 30 days to ask the Interior Secretary to conduct an administrative review of the BLM's suitability for conveyance classification. This notice also extends the segregation published in the Federal Register on October 1		
37	D	BLMR001632	FRN	Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale, North Dakota	<p>MTSO will provide lease sale date and time after this notice clears the Dept.</p> <p>This competitive sale is being held in response to a lease by application filed by the Falkirk Mining Company. The 320 acre tract, located in McLean County, North Dakota, contains an estimated 2.2 million tons of Federal in place coal reserves. The lease sale will take place on August 9, 2017, in Billings, Mont. The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount, provided that the high bid</p>		06/12/2017
38	D	BLMR001634	FRN	Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease NDM 94704, NDM 94705 and NDM 94706, North Dakota	This notice informs the public that, as allowed under the MLA, Emerald WB LLC and Continental Resources, Inc. filed a petition to have 3 expired oil and gas leases in North Dakota reinstated. Lessees paid up on rental fees going back to when the leases expired and will now pay higher rental and royalty rates, plus the cost of publishing this Federal Register notice.		06/14/2017
39	D	BLMR001636	FRN	Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases NDM 98547 and	This notice informs the public that, as allowed under the MLA, Oxy USA Inc. filed a petition to have 2 expired oil and gas leases		06/15/2017

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				NDM 104389, North Dakota	in North Dakota reinstated. Lessees paid up on rental fees going back to when the leases expired and will now pay higher rental and royalty rates, plus the cost of publishing this Federal Register notice.		
40	D	BLM0011379	RPTCONG	Sage Grouse Report to Congress Response to Request in FY 2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act	The report accompanying Division G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 included a requirement for the BLM to provide a report to the Committees: ?The Committees remind the Bureau of the concerns noted in the House and Senate reports and direct the Bureau to report within 60 days of enactment of this Act how it has addressed each issue.?	BLM WO 200	
41	D	BLMR001624	FRN	Notice of Closure, Kasha Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument	The upcoming closure date is July 13; therefore, it would be beneficial if the Federal Register notice is published prior to that date. If the closure does not occur, scheduled maintenance and cultural practices will be interrupted.		05/25/2017
42	D	BLM0010949	CC WO	Request for Silver Bar Mine and Regional Landfill ROW accounting information		Flake, Jeff	05/09/2017
43	D	BLMR001615	FRN	Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases NDM 106959 and NDM 106960, North Dakota	This notice informs the public that, as allowed under the MLA, Bakken Production Inc, AGRI Properties LLP, and Southfork Oil LLC filed a petition to have two expired oil and gas leases in North Dakota reinstated. Lessees paid up on rental fees going back to when the leases expired and will now pay higher rental and royalty rates, plus the cost of publishing this Federal Register notice.		05/23/2017

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44	D	BLMR001657	FRN	Notice of Invitation to Participate; Coal Exploration License Application WYW185631, Wyoming	Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Bridger Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis, in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.		06/28/2017
45	D	BLMR001449	FRN	Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Decision for Proposed Land Exchange between the Bureau of Land Management and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Calif	The BLM is announcing the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision approving a land exchange with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. The exchange includes roughly 4,000 acres.		02/10/2017
46	D	BLM0010513	RPTCONG	Draft Administrative Proposal BLM Concession Authority		BLM WO 620 LEG DIVISION	
47	D	BLMR001413	FRN	Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Fort Ord National Monument, California	The new rules allow off leash dog walking, provide BLM rangers the authority to assist with pet enforcement in the national monument, and clarify who has the right of way among bikers, equestrians, and hikers.		01/18/2017
48	D	BLMR001526	FRN	Notice of Availability of the Draft Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment Supplemental EIS, Arizona	This Draft Supplemental EIS documents additional analysis of potential environmental impacts of a proposed land exchange between the BLM and ASARCO (mining company) of approximately 10,976 acres of public lands and federally owned mineral estate in Arizona for acquisition by ASARCO in exchange for		03/28/2017

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					approximately 7,304 acres of private land in Arizona identified by the BLM as desirable for public ownership.		
49	D	BLMR001293	FRN	Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project, Big Horn County, Wyoming	The Cody Field Office, Cody, Wyoming, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project. The Wyoming Water Development Commission proposes to enlarge the water storage capacity of Leavitt Reservoir to a total capacity of 6,604 acre feet for the purposes of multiple use that include late season irrigation, flood attenuation and recreation.		10/07/2016
50	D	BLMR001197	FRN	Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan Revision and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Lewistown Field Office and a portion of the Butte Field Office, Montana.	Notice announces the start of the public comment period for the resource management plan and its associated EIS for public lands and resources located in Central Montana that are managed by the Lewistown Field Office and a portion of the Butte Field Office in northern Lewis and Clark County, Montana.		06/23/2016
51	D	BLMR001337	FRN	Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands at Bastendorff Beach and the Associated Headlands in Coos County, Oregon	These final rules will enable the BLM to continue necessary law enforcement action to protect public health and safety and curtail illegal activity at Bastendorff Beach in Coos County. The interim final supplementary rules, established April 1, 2016, changed the current 14 day stay limit to a 24 hour stay limit, and required campers to move at least 25 air miles from a previously occupied site after 24 hours of camping. Finalizing the new camping limits will help		11/14/2016

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					the BLM minimize damage to natural		
52	D	BLMR001217	FRN	Notice of Intent to Prepare a DRAFT Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed United States Gypsum Company Expansion/Modernization Project, Imperial County, California.	The BLM is announcing the beginning of a public comment period on a new supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Supplemental EIS will analyze potential alternatives, update technical information from the 2008 EIS, and incorporate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a partner agency.		07/12/2016
53	D	BLMR001241	FRN	Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan, Gunnison County, Colorado	Will need new signature pages. The BLM is announcing the release of the Record of Decision for the Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan, providing direction for the development of approximately 19,670 acres of federal and private mineral estate near Paonia, CO. The plan provides a framework for developing up to 146 natural gas wells, four water disposal wells and construction of associated access roads and pipelines for leases operated by SG Interests I, Ltd. The decision also approves on		08/05/2016
54	D	BLM0009613	RPT Report	Report to Congress on FY16 Stewardship Contracting	This report updates the Congress on the Stewardship Contracting program within the BLM. The FY16 report will be put into a graphic template similar to the included FY15 report provided. The FY15 report is attached for reference.	BLM WO 220 RANGE DIVISION	
55	D	BLMR001407	FRN	Notice of Intent to Prepare Two Great Basin Wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements to support	The notice will initiate a 60 day public scoping period to identify issues that will be analyzed in two programmatic environmental impact statements (EIS) the BLM		01/11/2017

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				wildlife habitat improvement	will prepare to analyze the effects of fuel breaks and fuels reduction projects designed to conserve and improve wildlife habitat on BLM managed lands in the Great Basin (southern Idaho, eastern Oregon, Nevada, northeastern California, western Utah and eastern Washington).		
56	DD	BLM0011166	CC ES	Expedite reconsideration of the Cadiz Valley Water Project		Zinke, Ryan; Buckman, Wendy	05/16/2017
57	DD	BLM0011141	CC ES	Western Montana RAC re: Public participation in the planning process		Zinke, Ryan; Holland, Koy	05/31/2017
58	DD	BLM0011235	MTG/CONF	Socioeconomics Workshop		BLM WO 210 PLAN DIVISION	
59	DD	BLM0010881	CC ES	Tule Wind Energy Project		Pinto, Robert; Zinke, Ryan	04/30/2017
60	DD	BLM0010671	MEM	New Members for the Bureau of Land Management Preservation Board	The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Preservation Board (Board) recommends and requests approval of two candidates to replace members whose terms will expire on May 31, 2017.	Assistant Director,	
61	DD	BLM0011104	CC ES	Off road big game retrieval for disabled individuals		Daines, Steve; Chambers, Micah	05/23/2017
62	DR	EST 00001665	GOV	Request for Meeting Greater sage grouse		Hickenlooper, John W.; Zinke, Ryan; Mead, Matt	04/19/2017
63	DR	EST 00002413	IND	Immediate Threat of Invasive Mussels in the Pacific Northwest region		Morrison, Matt; Zinke, Ryan; Roblan, Arnie; Cuffe, Mike	05/19/2017
64	DS	BLM0011460	DM	Decision Memo for the Deputy Secretary Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Associated Environmental Assessment for Visual Resources Management	The Rawlins Field Office (RFO) Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision (ROD) were completed in 2008; however, in response to multiple protests, the BLM remanded the Visual Resource Management	BLM WO 200	

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				in the Rawlins Field Office	(VRM) decisions until an updated Visual Resources Inventory (VRI) could be completed. A VRI for the RFO was completed in 2011. The RMP protest resolution also required that five proposed Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) be considered in accordance with BLM Manual 1613. The Deput		
65	DS	BLM0011498	DC	Summary of Proposed Decision for Craters RMP Amendment	Surnaming of a summary of BLM Idaho's proposed decision with regard to amending Craters of the Moon RMP. The ROD is under a court ordered deadline to be published by 7/31/2017.	BLM WO 210 PLAN DIVISION	
66	DSD	BLMR001445	FRN	Notice of Realty Action; Proposed Recreation and Public Purpose Act Classification for Conveyance of Public Lands in Santa Fe County, New Mexico	The proposed action conveys approx 470 acres of BLM land through the Recreation and Public Purpose Act (R&PP) to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. The proposed R&PP conveyance is for the construction of a multi use shooting range facility in the Sanfe Fe, New Mexico area.		02/09/2017
67	FM	BLM0010268	LTR	106 Consultation 2 CX's 2 Maps Monticello FO		BLM UT 930 RESOURCES	
68	S	BLM0011123	CC ES	BLM Master Leasing Program		Zinke, Ryan; Adams, Bruce B.	05/23/2017
69	S	BLM0011032	CC ES	Steps to ensure conservation of greater sage grouse		Bennet, Michael F.; Wyden, Ron; Zinke, Ryan	05/16/2017
70	S	BLM0011045	CC ES	Request notice to postpone venting and flaring rule compliance dates		Gerard, Jack; Zinke, Ryan	05/16/2017
71	S	BLM0011137	CC ES	Sage Grouse Task Force coordination between DOI and states		Hickenlooper, John W.; Zinke, Ryan; Mead, Matt	05/28/2017

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72	S	BLM0010971	CC ES	Badger Two Medicine area	Note that the 4/28 letter references the 4/13 letter that was not received by OES until now. Please draft single response to both letters, which are both contained in the incoming pdf.	Barnes, Harry; Zinke, Ryan	05/02/2017
73	S	BLM0011134	CC ES	Black Ridge Wilderness within McInnis Canyons National Recreation Area		Tipton, Scott; Zinke, Ryan	05/31/2017
74	S	BLM0010970	CC ES	Proposed mineral withdrawal, wild horses, and SNPLMA		Sandoval, Brian; Zinke, Ryan	05/09/2017
75	S	BLM0011181	CC ES	Cadiz water extraction project		Feinstein, Dianne; Zinke, Ryan	06/02/2017
76	S	BLM0011244	CC ES	Supports cancelling remaining leases in Badger Two Medicine Area		Bullock, Steve; Zinke, Ryan	06/07/2017
77	S	BLM0011183	CC ES	Request review of public lands withdrawn in designated Sagebrush Focal Areas		Barrasso, John; Enzi, Michael B.; Hatch, Orrin G.; Heller, Dean; Crapo, Michael D.; Risch, James F.; Daines, Steve; Zinke, Ryan	05/31/2017
78	S	BLM0010690	CC ES	Livestock grazing management guidance for approved RMP amendments		Mead, Matt; Zinke, Ryan	04/24/2017
79	S	BLM0010420	CC ES	SunZia Southwest Transmission Project		Martinez, Susana; Zinke, Ryan; Mattis, James	03/30/2017
80	S	BLM0011079	LTR	Interior Department's Comments on EPA's Proposed Financial Responsibility	On December 1, 2016, the Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency signed the proposed rule entitled	Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, Program	

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				Requirements Under CERCLA § 108(b)	"Financial Responsibility Requirements Under CERCLA § 108(b) for Classes of Facilities in the Hardrock Mining Industry". The comment period ended on July 11, 2017; however, as this is a significant rule, OMB will share the Department's comments with EPA outside of the comment period.	Implementation and Information Division	
81	S	BLM0011079	LTR	Interior Department's Comments on EPA's Proposed Financial Responsibility Requirements Under CERCLA § 108(b)	On December 1, 2016, the Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency signed the proposed rule entitled "Financial Responsibility Requirements Under CERCLA § 108(b) for Classes of Facilities in the Hardrock Mining Industry". The comment period ended on July 11, 2017; however, as this is a significant rule, OMB will share the Department's comments with EPA outside of the comment period.	Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, Program Implementation and Information Division	
82	S	BLM0011007	CC ES	Suspension of meetings and activities of committees and advisory boards/RACs	NOTE: Oregon Coastal and Southwest RACs have completed Secure Rural Schools business for the FY17. BLM is submitting a meeting waiver for Northwest Oregon RAC to complete SRS business prior to August 3, 2017.	Udall, Tom; Cantwell, Maria; Bennet, Michael F.; Merkley, Jeff; Heinrich, Martin; Wyden, Ron; Murray, Patty; Feinstein, Dianne; Zinke, Ryan	05/11/2017
83	S	BLM0010488	CC ES	Request for DOI acquisition of land near Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area		Titus, Dina; Zinke, Ryan	04/05/2017

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84	S	BLM0011079	LTR	Interior Department's Comments on EPA's Proposed Financial Responsibility Requirements Under CERCLA § 108(b)	On December 1, 2016, the Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency signed the proposed rule entitled "Financial Responsibility Requirements Under CERCLA § 108(b) for Classes of Facilities in the Hardrock Mining Industry". The comment period ended on July 11, 2017; however, as this is a significant rule, OMB will share the Department's comments with EPA outside of the comment period.	Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, Program Implementation and Information Division	
85	S	BLM0009754	RPTCONG	FY 2016 Annual Report to Congress on Helium Stewardship Act of 2013	The Helium Stewardship Act of 2013 (P. L. 113 40) Requires an Annual Financial Report to Congress on Helium from the Secretary of the Interior.	BLM WO 300	
86	S	BLMC000011	Other	Annual Helium Report of 2015		BLM NM SD	
87	S	BLM0010199	CC ES	Withdrawal of Inyo County lands from mining.		Zinke, Ryan; Kingsley, Matt	02/15/2017
88	SD	BLM0010459	CC SO	Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance request to be part of Bears Ears Monument Advisory Committee		Groene, Scott	
89	SD	BLM0011464	LTR	Wyoming Three Acre Land Disposal Governor's Consistency Review Letter	BLM Wyoming is issuing a Resource Management Plan Amendment in its Kemmerer Field Office to identify a three acre isolated parcel for disposal. The three acre parcel will ultimately be sold, most likely to the private land owner that owns all the land surrounding the small parcel.	BLM WY 912 COMMUNICATIONS	
90	SD	BLM0010431	CC ES	Constituent Noel Cousins re: Mining claim in Inyo County, CA		Flake, Jeff; Neimeyer, Sarah	04/03/2017
91	SD	BLM0010581	CC SO	Congressman Newhouse Gary Maughan	BLM/BOR land trade	Newhouse, Dan	

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92	SD	BLM0011275	CC WO	Timely processing of Riverside Reservoir leases	**Please Note: This letter was received (BLM 9501) and closed per the previous BLM Administration. The record is now re created and a response is needed.	Buck, Ken	12/01/2016
93	SD	BLM0009574	MOA/MOU	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service To Promote the Conservation of Migratory Birds	The purpose of this MOU is to strengthen migratory bird conservation by identifying and implementing strategies that promote conservation and avoid or minimize adverse impacts on migratory birds through enhanced collaboration between the Parties, in coordination with state, tribal, and local governments.	BLM WO 230 F/W DIVISION	
94	SD	BLM0010609	CC ES	BLM preventing Grynberg Petroleum Company from developing leases	*Potential active litigation with this company and BLM (Wyoming) Case No. 16 cv 289 J Please provide a very basic draft response	Domenech, Doug; Grynberg, Jack J.; Zinke, Ryan	04/17/2017
95	SD	BLMR001514	FRN	Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Greater Chapita Wells Natural Gas Infill Project, Uintah County, Utah	This notice will initiate a 45 day public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS analyzes EOG Resources Inc's (EOG) proposal to further develop their valid existing leases in the existing Greater Chapita Wells area, approx 25 miles south of Vernal UT.		03/22/2017
96	SD	BLMR001358	FRN	Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to Address Livestock Grazing in the Granite Mountain Open Common Allotment	The Notice of Intent starts the public notification of the Bureau of Land Management, Lander, Wyoming Field Office's analyzing the issuance of a permit for livestock grazing on approximately 80,000 acres of public land in Fremont County in West Central Wyoming.		11/29/2016

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97	SS	EST 00003086 00000000	Invasive mussels	Invasive mussels		McMorris Rodgers, Cathy; Smith, Adam; Schrader, Kurt; DeFazio, Peter A.; Simpson, Mike; Larsen, Rick; Labrador, Raul; Bonamici, Suzanne; Beutler, Jaime H; Heck, Denny; Kilmer, Derek; Blumenauer, Earl; Reichert, Dave; Newhouse, Dan; Zinke,	06/21/2017

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**INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM
LIAISONS TO THE COUNSELOR**

DATE: July 14, 2017

FROM: Vince DeVito, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy

SUBJECT: Counselor's Energy Task Force

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Department of Interior Energy (DOI) Task Force (Task Force). Consistent with Secretarial Order 3354 - Supporting and Improving the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program and Federal Solid Mineral Leasing Program, the purpose of the Task Force is to assist the Department with expediting the leasing and permitting of energy and minerals. This includes the processing of Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs), oil and gas leasing Expressions of Interest (EOIs), coal leasing actions, and energy-related rights-of-way (ROWs) applications.

BACKGROUND

The President believes that “a brighter future depends on energy policies that stimulate our economy, ensure our security, and protect our health.”¹ The Secretary also has made “Making America Safe through Energy Independence” a priority for the DOI. Accordingly, the DOI is actively moving towards a streamlined approval process for America's energy and minerals resources on Public Lands.

As of June 2017, within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) there was a backlog of approximately 2,885 APDs, 7,180,000 acres of nominated EOIs, 48 pending coal leasing actions, and 566 pending oil and gas ROW pipeline applications. There are various reasons for these backlogs. These reasons include shortages of resources (staffing), involvement of other surface management agencies, pending National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance actions, and ongoing tribal consultation. A Task Force will ensure coordination across the DOI bureaus and with other Federal agencies, states and stakeholders as necessary, to expedite energy and minerals development in an environmentally sound and balanced manner. A Task Force charter and accompanying Memorandum of Understanding, both currently in draft, are to provide the framework for this coordination.

DISCUSSION

In order to address the backlog of pending actions, the Interior Office of the Secretary (IOS) intends to expedite the completion of planning efforts, collaborate with all bureaus within DOI and agencies outside of DOI, and coordinate resource needs among relevant states.

To accomplish these goals, the IOS is establishing the Task Force to monitor significant actions and resource needs in the field, identify trouble spots, and solve resource shortages. Through

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working with appropriate Bureau Director or their representative, that may include Regional or State Directors, the Task Force will:

- Identify and coordinate resource needs and processes to gain efficiencies and address backlogs (for example, joint project offices and/or strike teams);
- Complete NEPA analyses and Resource Management Plans;
- Clear *Federal Register* notices;
- Identify required studies and surveys; and,
- Match existing capacity with resource needs required to process EOIs, APDs, oil and gas ROWs, and coal actions.

The Task Force will coordinate with outside agencies to expedite reviews and consent to leasing, and to address other roadblocks to permitting energy and minerals actions. The Task Force will also collaborate with existing cross-agency initiatives such as the Indian Energy Service Center.

The Task Force includes DOI employees, representatives of all relevant bureaus and eventually, outside agencies. The likely outside agencies are: United States Forest Service (USFS), United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

NEXT STEPS

- Finalize and adopt the Task Force charter.
- Ensure appropriate representation from all relevant bureaus and departments that will compose the Task Force.
- Finalize the draft umbrella Memoranda of Understanding at the Secretarial level with the USACE, NMFS and the USFS, coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency, to prioritize actions related to energy and minerals.
- Expand communication of the purposes, goals, and actions of the Task Force to the Department leadership, other Interior bureaus, and other departments.
- Assess and prioritize resource needs across the DOI and connect resource shortages with available existing capacity as possible to address the backlog of APDs, EOIs, coal actions, and ROW applications.
- Draft a Secretarial Order (SO) that prioritizes energy and minerals development for DOI agencies. It is envisioned that this SO would be similar in format to SO 3285 entitled "Renewable Energy Development by the Department of the Interior," dated March 11, 2009 (Attachment 1).

ATTACHMENT

1. SO 3285 (Renewable Energy Development by the Department of the Interior)

**INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM
FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY – LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT**

DATE: July 20, 2017

FROM: Michael D. Nedd, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

SUBJECT: Energy Task Force Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the accomplishments and direction of the Energy Task Force (Task Force). Consistent with Secretarial Order 3354 - Supporting and Improving the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program and Federal Solid Mineral Leasing Program, the purpose of the Task Force is to assist the Department of the Interior (DOI) with expediting the leasing and permitting of energy and minerals. This includes the processing of Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs), oil and gas leasing Expressions of Interest (EOIs), coal leasing actions, and energy-related right-of-way (ROW) applications on BLM land.

BACKGROUND

The President believes that “a brighter future depends on energy policies that stimulate our economy, ensure our security, and protect our health.”¹ The Secretary also has made “Making America Safe through Energy Independence” a priority for the DOI. Accordingly, the DOI is actively moving towards a streamlined approval process for America’s energy and minerals resources on Public Lands.

As of June 2017, within the BLM, there was a backlog of approximately 2,885 APDs, 7,180,000 acres of nominated EOIs, 48 pending coal leasing actions, and 566 pending oil and gas ROW pipeline applications.

DISCUSSION

In order to address the backlog of pending actions, the Interior Office of the Secretary intends to expedite the completion of planning efforts, collaborate with other bureaus within DOI and agencies outside of DOI, and coordinate resource needs among relevant states.

To date, the BLM has assisted the Task Force in accomplishing the following:

- Developed a method to identify and monitor BLM energy-related statistics (APDs, EOIs and lease sales, APD and lease sale acreage targets, energy-related ROWs, and coal lease applications).
- Created an approach to identify and monitor significant BLM energy-related National Environmental Policy Act efforts to assure adequate support and budget allocations.
- Developed a method to identify significant BLM energy-related Federal Register notices and to track them through surnaming for the purpose of accelerating the publishing of these notices.

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- For the five busiest BLM oil and gas offices, developed a method to identify and track oil and gas related positions, vacancies in these positions, and efforts to recruit and fill these vacancies.
- Identified the oil and gas adjudication process as the most significant choke point in BLM oil and gas permit processing.
- Developed a draft Task Force communication plan.
- Drafted the Task Force charter for Departmental review.
- Drafted an interagency umbrella Memoranda of Understanding at the Secretarial level for Departmental review.
- Drafted a Secretarial Order that prioritizes energy and minerals development for DOI agencies.
- Conducted energy-related outreach to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and to the Department of Defense (DOD) through the DOD/DOI liaison.
- Identified potential BLM members to serve on the Task Force.
- Identified potential Task Force representation from the participating bureaus and departments.
- Held initial discussions with the BLM Casper Field Office in Wyoming, the Colorado State Office, and the Eastern States State Office regarding resource needs in order to develop a process for providing potential temporary staff support from other BLM offices with available capacity.

Looking forward, the BLM anticipates assisting the Task Force with pursuing the following objectives based on direction from the Office of the Secretary:

- Finalize and adopt the Task Force charter and identify BLM members to serve on the Task Force.
- Enlist leadership representation from the participating bureaus and departments that will compose the Task Force.
- Finalize the draft umbrella Memoranda of Understanding at the Secretarial level with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service and the USFS, coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency, to prioritize actions related to energy and minerals.
- Develop a brief presentation and conduct outreach regarding the purpose, goals, and actions of the Task Force to the BLM leadership, other Interior bureaus, and other departments.
- Assess and prioritize resource needs for the five busiest BLM oil and gas offices and connect resource shortages with available capacity to address the backlog of APDs, EOIs, coal actions, and ROW applications.
- Develop a full understanding of the issues around the BLM APD adjudication process, including which offices have adjudicator vacancies and shortages and where adjudication support may be found.
- Assist with standing up the Task Force by determining executive membership participation, identifying the projects/issues to be considered, and helping to coordinate Task Force meetings.



SO 3353 Focus

- Making BLM Plans and Policies compatible with State Plans
 - Clarification, Training, Policies
 - Memoranda of Understanding
 - Plan changes
- Fire and Invasive Species
 - Prioritize on-the-ground actions to decrease the threat of fire & control invasives
 - Additional responses and actions to further address threats
- Wildlife Management Opportunities
 - Population Targets
 - Captive Breeding and Translocations
 - Predator Control
- Use of new Data and Science, including 3rd party information



Coordination with Sage Grouse Task Force

- Each BLM State Director has met with SGTF members, representing the 11 sage-grouse States to gather issues and recommendations specific to the state
- BLM and SGTF have also coordinated on wildlife management, fire and invasives, and data and science
- Coordination meeting with SGTF June 26
 - Ensure conservation and durability of sage-grouse
 - Provide more flexibility for development and uses
- Two day face-to-face meeting with SGTF on July 12-13
 - talk through issues
 - Consolidate recommendations
- Planned face-to-face meeting with SGTF on July 24-25 to review draft report



Major Topics identified with SGTF

- Identify Mechanisms for Ongoing Collaboration
- Sagebrush Focal Areas
 - Consider removal
 - Modify associated plan decisions
- Areas with use restrictions
 - Provide clarification, training on flexibility in applying restrictions as needed
 - Increase use of mitigation to provide more flexibility in authorizing uses
 - Evaluate size of area closures, other flexibilities based on conservation needs
- Provide additional training and policy on habitat assessment, grazing authorizations, and monitoring
- Provide additional flexibility in Adaptive Management to allow increased flexibility in authorizations when conditions improve
- Evaluate the net conservation gain compared to state mitigation approaches and increase consistency
- Allow for habitat boundary adjustments when habitat maps or new science identifies the need



Types of Recommendations

- Short term – clarification, policy, training, MOUs
 - Take advantage of existing flexibility in plans
 - Complete and apply quickly – 6 months or less in most cases
- Long-term – plan changes
 - Plan changes where no short-term solution exists or Short-term action is implemented and further review indicates plan level changes also needed
 - Work with SGTF to prioritize plan changes
 - Requires multi-year planning process to implement
 - Some plan changes may be simple and can be implemented more quickly



Next Steps in Collaboration with SGTF

- Complete SO3353:
 - 7/20: Draft Report for Sage-Grouse Review Team and SGTF
 - 7/24-26: SGTF meeting and comments on Draft Report due
 - 7/27-8/3: Incorporate comments and surname Report
 - 8/4: Deliver Report to Secretary
- Preliminary Next Steps with SGTF:
 - August-September – BLM/SGTF Joint Coordination with Counties and Tribes, Outreach to industry, ranchers, conservation groups, stakeholders;
 - August - Begin work on short-term actions and priority long-term actions
 - October – SGTF meeting to identify and resolve additional input, issues, recommendations
 - August-December – Develop and begin implementation of short-term actions (policies, clarifications, MOUs)
 - January – SGTF meeting – Review short-term actions, Identify remaining long-term actions including prioritization and timeline

Notes Summary:

No speaker notes are contained in this presentation.