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**Subject:** Fwd: 410 REVIEW: Secretary Budget Briefing Papers - National Conservation Lands, Due 4/27 by 12:00pm eastern  
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[FY18 BLM BP - National Conservation Lands 4.27.17.docx](#)

Good morning:

The attached and saved document has been updated as requested. And the file is attached below and has been saved on the path listed below with a suffix ending in 04.27.17.

Thanks.

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On Thu, Apr 27, 2017 at 12:38 AM, Rachel Wootton <[rwootton@blm.gov](mailto:rwootton@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hi Mary,

I made the edits to the draft budget briefing paper for the National Conservation Lands. I put the paper on the S: Drive, but I just realized that I left it in email drafts on my computer. I meant to send it out before I left.

The briefing paper can be found on the S drive at WO400 > WO400 > BUDGET > 2018. It is located in that folder and called FY18 BP National Conservation Lands - something like that... Could you let me know if you can find it? It would be great if you could update the budget info or anything else that you notice?

It is due at 12pm tomorrow. I'll be out in the morning, but in in the afternoon. If you have any trouble, please let me know. It would be great if you could send it to Sally and Peter for their edits, prior to Sally sending it in.

Best,  
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On Apr 26, 2017, at 10:47 AM, Butts, Sally <[sbutts@blm.gov](mailto:sbutts@blm.gov)> wrote:

Rachel,  
Can you take the lead and include edits in track changes and then send back to Peter and I for review?

Thanks! Sally

On Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 10:13 AM, Wootton, Rachel <[rwootton@blm.gov](mailto:rwootton@blm.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Jamie!  
We'll get right on it and let you know if we have any questions!

Best,

Rachel

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On Wed, Apr 26, 2017 at 10:11 AM, Pool, Jamie <[jpool@blm.gov](mailto:jpool@blm.gov)> wrote:

Hi all,

As you may know, every year the Department asks the bureaus to identify topics and prepare briefing papers for the Secretary's budget hearings. Attached below is a briefing paper on the National Conservation Lands. WO Legislative Affairs has prepared the initial draft using some content from previous briefing papers provided to us on the subject.

Could you please have the appropriate WO-410 staff edit, update, and rearrange as you see fit, keeping the paper as succinct as possible. \*\*\*Note that the Department's guidance specifies that the papers must be **one page**

**or less**

, 12pt., Times New Roman, with 1" margins on all sides.

We have a quick turnaround from the Department so please send us your edits by

**tomorrow (4/27) at noon.** We will then send the papers to the ADs and WO-100 for surname.

Thanks and please let us know if you have any questions.

Jamie

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** National Conservation Lands

#### Key Points:

- The 2018 President's budget request for the National Monuments and National Conservation Areas Program is \$27,695,000 and 173 FTE, a program change of \$9,500,000 and 72 FTE from the 2017 enacted level.
- The 2018 President's budget request for the Wilderness Management Program is \$15,515,000 and 93 FTE, a program change of \$3,000,000 and 24 FTE from the 2017 enacted level.
- The funding level will support priorities throughout all 48 National Monuments and NCAs, including public access and safety; inventory of unit objects and values; development of unit science, interdisciplinary, and activity plans; travel management; wildlife habitat conservation and restoration; cultural resources protection; and critical facilities maintenance.
- The available program funding was increased by \$5,000,000 in the FY2016 Annual Work Plan.

#### Background:

- The BLM's National Conservation Lands include 876 units covering about 36 million acres of BLM administered lands (14.6% of all BLM lands).
- Specific BLM designations include:
  - Designated wilderness: 224 units, 8.8 million acres
  - National Monuments: 27 units, 9.5 million acres
  - National Conservation Areas (NCAs) and similar designations: 21 units, 4.1 million acres
  - Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs): 517 units, 12.6 million acres
  - Wild & Scenic Rivers: 69 rivers, 2,423 miles
  - National Scenic & Historic Trails: 18 trails, 5,761 miles
- Nearly 1 million recreational visits are made annually to BLM National Conservation Lands (one quarter of all recreational visits to BLM lands).
- Recent national monument designations or expansions on BLM lands include California Coastal (2017), Cascade Siskiyou in Oregon and California (2017), Gold Butte in Nevada (2016), Bears Ears in Utah (2016), Mojave Trails and Sand to Snow in California (2016), Browns Canyon in Colorado (2015), Basin and Range in Nevada (2015), and Berryessa Snow Mountain in California (2015).
- Since 1906, 16 Presidents out of 19 have used the Antiquities Act to expand or establish national monuments on federal lands.

#### Current Status:

- The National Conservation Lands are managed under BLM's multiple use mission. Other uses are permitted when they do not conflict with protection of the values outlined in the law or proclamation.
- The National Conservation Lands are places where you can explore, hike, hunt, fish, and enjoy the splendor of the American West. Ninety nine percent are open to fishing and hunting.
- 2018 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of the Wild and Scenic Rivers and National Trails System Acts.

Prepared by: Jamie Pool, BLM Legislative Affairs, 202 912 7138  
 Date: April 25, 2017

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