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Mark,

Can you update the attached briefing paper tomorrow morning to include the additions to the California Coastal NM and Cascade-Siskiyou NM?

Thanks so much, Sally

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Subject: Re: Transition briefing paper updates (DD: Jan 9th)

Hi,
Deb and Cathi reviewed the 50th and have no changes. I worked with Mark and Ilana and we've revised the new NM and NM/NCA program transition paper - attached.

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On Mon, Jan 9, 2017 at 8:28 AM, McAlear, Christopher <cmcalear@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi All,
Are we good with all the briefing updates and they have been uploaded?

On Wed, Jan 4, 2017 at 3:58 PM, Moore, Nikki <nmoore@blm.gov> wrote:

Will do!

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On Wed, Jan 4, 2017 at 3:56 PM, Hawks, Robin <rhawks@blm.gov> wrote:

Nikki and Sally,

Please take a look at the briefing paper on the 50th that we provided for the transition briefing book earlier this fall, and let me know if it needs any updates.

Also, please ask someone on your team to develop a briefing paper on the new monuments, using the format attached below.

Respond to Chris with an updated version of the 50th, if needed, and the new BP by COB Monday, Jan 9th, so he can meet the Jan 11 deadline.

Thanks for your help!

Robin

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Subject: Re: Transition update

Here is a timeline for updating the briefing books. The January version of the papers can have updated information that reflects potential decisions ahead of BLM. Please share with any of your folks who have been working on these papers previously. I know that some positions have changed so if more folks need access to the google site with the papers, please let Lark Adams or Kim Shropshire know.

I understand that the ART had its final "initial" briefing with BOR today so they may likely be coming back to us with additional questions.

Thanks
Janine

On Wed, Dec 28, 2016 at 2:07 PM, Velasco, Janine <jvelasco@blm.gov> wrote:

I don't have too much of an update, but thought I would share what I know:
The DOI ART team is still getting through all of the bureau briefings. They have not gotten the BIA, BIE and BOR done quite yet so a few bureaus haven't had any initial meetings yet. We may still get questions based on other briefings they are having.

They are working with the nominee on prep for confirmation. It is possible that we may get asked a few questions for that, but it is unclear if that will come via the transition folks, PMB or OCL, so be flexible.

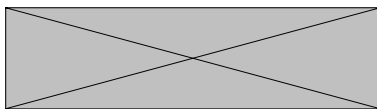
The overarching questions about workforce and budget and organization have been answered by PMB, but there may be a longer list of questions coming to the bureaus in mid-January.

PMB thought it would be fine to start turning our November "public info" briefing papers into the Jan 21 briefing papers since they anticipate having some high level folks starting then (not in PAS positions, obviously, but perhaps some of the other key advisor or DAS positions). We will work with 600 on a schedule for getting those updated.

For FY2018, we don't have specific information yet, but it is clear that the likely appointee is quite a budget hawk so there may be reductions under consideration in the future. Also, no clear direction on a stimulus initiative, but there have been some follow-up meetings with DOT and other DOI entities so the possibility is still there.

Tks,
Janine

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ISSUE: BLM'S NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS

NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREAS UPDATE

I. KEY POINTS

- On December 28, 2016 President Obama issued two Proclamations that designated the 1.35 million-acre Bears Ears National Monument in southeastern Utah and the 300,000-acre Gold Butte National Monument in southern Nevada.
- These new monuments encompass approximately 1.36 million acres managed by the BLM, and nearly 290,000 acres within the boundaries of the Manti-La Sal National Forest managed by the USFS. The two monuments will protect unique and irreplaceable sacred sites, spectacular scenery, and important desert landscapes.
- The designations preserve current uses of the land, including tribal access and traditional collection of plants and firewood, off-highway vehicle recreation, hunting and fishing, grazing, military training operations, utility corridors, and other valid and existing rights.
- BLM's National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations (NM/NCA) Program comprises some of the agency's most visited sites. Each year, millions of Americans and international tourists visit these areas to experience the fantastic range of recreational activities these lands provide.
- Some of the most popular activities on NMs/NCAs include hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, off-road vehicle use, horseback riding, target shooting, and boating.
- These areas provide great economic benefits to their surrounding communities. For every \$1 the NM/NCA program receives in funding, it generates approximately \$16 for local economies.¹
- These lands contribute over \$600 million to regional economies each year.
- Excluding Federal employees, the NM/NCA program supported 6,000 jobs as of 2016.

II. OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

- The current budget of the NM/NCA program is \$2.73 per acre. Comparatively, the National Park Service has a budget of \$35.71 per acre.²
- The program's budget has remained nearly flat for several years, despite the addition of millions of acres. This inadequate level of funding reduces the ability of the agency to

¹ See "Economic Report: National Conservation Lands," Feb. 2017.

² Determined using the NPS FY2016 total budget and total land acres figures.

properly manage these lands, resulting in fewer benefits for the public—decreased recreational opportunities, economic contributions, and community jobs supported.

III. BACKGROUND

National Conservation Lands

- The two monuments will become units of BLM’s National Conservation Lands system, which contains some of the West’s most spectacular landscapes.
- These lands include 876 federally recognized areas and approximately 36 million acres of NMs/NCAs, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails, and Conservation Lands of the California Desert.
- BLM’s NM/NCA program maintains 23 National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, and Similar Designations that have been legislated by Congress as well as 25 National Monuments that have been designated by Presidents.
- Like all BLM land, NMs/NCAs are multiple-use sites that are open to a wide variety of activities. These include recreation, scientific research, and energy development.
- Each NM/NCA is unique, encompassing landscapes as diverse as lush coastlines, colorful desert canyons, and mountainous tundra, as well as cultural treasures including remnants of America’s pioneer history and ancient tribal pueblos. These lands preserve the incredible cultural and recreational legacy of our country.
- The Bears Ears NM protects some of the most significant cultural landscapes in the U.S., including abundant rock art, ancient cliff dwellings, ceremonial sites, and other places important to Native American tribes. To reflect tribal expertise, the Bears Ears Commission has been created to enable tribes to share insight with federal land managers.
- The BLM and USFS will undertake a monument planning process for the two new monuments, including opportunities for public input, according to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and each agency’s planning regulations and policies.
- Both proclamations also establish local advisory committees made up of interested stakeholders including state and local governments, tribes, recreational users, local business owners, and private landowners.

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