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Topline Summary:

- OCL has been coordinating a series of proposed hearings and briefings on infrastructure priorities for DOI. Sec. Zinke is testifying on Indian priorities on Wednesday and Nik Pula is testifying in HNR on Thursday for Insular Affairs priorities.
- Main focus this week is SCIA Hearing. Prep both Monday and Tuesday scheduled. SCIA testimony made it through OMB and has been submitted to SCIA.
- Coordination is happening with Daines, Murkowski world for MT trip
- FWS will be testifying on hearing next week on the 15th at EPW: Examining Innovative Solutions to Control Invasive Species and Promote Wildlife Conservation. Official invite not out yet.
- Call was made to Rep. Amata staff regarding potential travel to Samoa. NO CODEL planned
- Following the Sec. Orders on Lead Ammo ban, DOI has released docs to OGR regarding relevant docs that lead to Dir. Ashe's decision to implement Order 219
- Prioritizing Mitigation Fund doc request for Congress now along with USGS doc request
- Anticipating OGR Interior hearing regarding BSEE director, no details yet

Hearings:

- Wed., Mar. 8, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (Hoeven)
Full Committee oversight hearing on Identifying Indian Affairs Priorities for the Trump Administration
2:30 p.m.; Room 628 Dirksen
DOI witness: Secretary Zinke
- Thurs., Mar. 9, House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs
Improving and Expanding Infrastructure in Tribal and Insular Communities
10:00 am; 1324 LHOB
Proposed DOI witness: Nik Pula, Acting Asst. Secretary of Insular Affairs
- Thurs., Mar. 9 House Transportation and Infrastructure S/C on Water Resources and Environment (Graves) / Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America: the Role of Federal Agencies in Water Infrastructure
10:00 a.m.; Room 2167 Rayburn
No request for DOI witness

Floor Update:

- House is set to pass a series of regulation and lawsuit reform bills this week and is planning on taking up the ONRR CRA (Tipton & Scalise), was removed from House schedule due to questions on Senate passage.
- Once nominations are done in the Senate, McConnell is expected to focus on a series of CRA votes including: BLM 2.0 (Murkowski), Venting & Flaring, ONRR, Predator Rule. Venting & Flaring was originally schedule for this week but is pending due to a group of Senators who are undecided. List of questionable Senators sent yesterday

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary
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March 7, 2017

**DAILY GUIDANCE AND PRESS SCHEDULE FOR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017**

In the morning, President Donald J. Trump will receive his daily intelligence briefing. The President will then meet with Laurene Powell Jobs. In the afternoon, the President will host a strategic affairs lunch regarding infrastructure. The President will then meet with Congressman Elijah Cummings. Later in the afternoon, the President will meet with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Senator Dan Sullivan. The President will then meet with conservative leaders about healthcare. In the evening, the President and the First Lady will have dinner with Senator and Mrs. Cruz.

In-Town Travel Pool

Wires: AP, Reuters, Bloomberg
Wire Photos: AP, Reuters, AFP
TV Corr & Crew: FOX
Print: Real Clear Politics
Radio: CBS

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9:00AM In-Town Travel Pool Call Time

10:30AM THE PRESIDENT receives his daily intelligence briefing

Oval Office
Closed Pres

11:00AM THE PRESIDENT meets with Laurene Powell Jobs

Oval Office
Closed Press

12:30PM THE PRESIDENT hosts a strategic affairs lunch regarding infrastructure

Cabinet Room
Closed Press

2:30PM THE PRESIDENT meets with Congressman Elijah Cummings

Oval Office Closed Press

4:00PM **THE PRESIDENT** meets with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, Senator Lisa Murkowski, and Senator Dan Sullivan

Oval Office
Closed Press

5:05PM **THE PRESIDENT** meets with conservative leaders about healthcare

Roosevelt Room
Closed Press

6:30PM **THE PRESIDENT** and **THE FIRST LADY** have dinner with Senator and Mrs. Cruz

Residence
Closed Press

Briefing Schedule

1:30PM **Press Briefing with Press Secretary Sean Spicer**

White House Briefing Room
On Camera

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**DAILY GUIDANCE AND PRESS SCHEDULE FOR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017**

Tomorrow afternoon, Vice President Mike Pence will join the President for a strategic affairs lunch to discuss infrastructure. Later in the day, he will conduct a radio interview with Sean Hannity followed by a series of regional satellite interviews focused on the American Health Care Act. In the evening, the Vice President will host a legislative affairs dinner at the Vice President's Residence.

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12:30PM THE VICE PRESIDENT joins the PRESIDENT for a strategic affairs lunch regarding infrastructure

Cabinet Room

Closed Press

2:35PM THE VICE PRESIDENT participates in a radio interview with Sean Hannity

White House

4:50PM THE VICE PRESIDENT participates in an interview with WJLA, Washington, DC

Vice President's Ceremonial Office

5:00PM THE VICE PRESIDENT participates in an interview with WOOD, Grand Rapids, MI

Vice President's Ceremonial Office

5:10PM THE VICE PRESIDENT participates in an interview with TMJ4, Milwaukee, WI

Vice President's Ceremonial Office

5:20PM THE VICE PRESIDENT participates in an interview with WEWS, Cleveland, OH

Vice President's Ceremonial Office

5:30PM **THE VICE PRESIDENT** participates in an interview with FOX53,
Pittsburgh, PA

Vice President's Ceremonial Office

5:40PM **THE VICE PRESIDENT** participates in an interview with WSOC,
Charlotte, NC

Vice President's Ceremonial Office

5:50PM **THE VICE PRESIDENT** participates in an interview with WFTV,
Orlando, FL

Vice President's Ceremonial Office

7:00PM **THE VICE PRESIDENT** hosts a legislative affairs dinner

Vice President's Residence
Closed Press

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WHITE HOUSE COMMS REPORT

DOI

WASHINGTON

03/07/2017

DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FROM: Heather Swift & Megan Bloomgren

SUBJECT: Communications Update

Inquiries

- POLITICO (Anthony Adragna) REQUEST: I saw Secretary Zinke will testify tomorrow before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. Was hoping you might be able to share some of what he'd like to get across. Also, any additional deets you can share on the personal items he mentions here?

<https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/839181351538544645>

RESPONSE: Hold tight on the hearing, will get you something soon. On the personal items:

- 1. The sextant was a retirement gift from the Navy
 - 2. The telescope was a gift when he left one of the SEAL Teams
 - 3. The patches are each from different SEAL Teams he was on
 - 4. The flag was the flag worn on his uniform
 - 5. Teddy Roosevelt lithograph he found at an estate sale in Indiana
 - 6. The infamous knives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cx4SSb-EPg>
- Seattle Times (Hal Berton) REQUEST: The letter was sent today from Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell to Interior Secretary Zinke requesting that he lift the stay on a coal royalty valuation rule that was put in place during the final weeks of the Obama administration. RESPONSE: The Department is reviewing the letter.
- Washington Times (Benjamin Wolfgang) REQUEST: Comment on a lawsuit that challenges the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, established last September by former President Obama. Interior Secretary Zinke is named in the suit. I'm trying to determine whether Interior intends to defend this monument in court? Why or why not? Just looking for some clarity here on how the administration may handle this. RESPONSE: Refer the matter to DOJ.
- POLITICO (Esther Whieldon) REQUEST: Sen. Daines said Zinke has indicated he's mulling moving more DC staff/offices out West as part of his reorganization. Please confirm. Any additional details you can provide such as which offices and which

agencies are under consideration and what could be gained by doing so would be helpful. Would appreciate a response by early tomorrow. RESPONSE: Will get back to her before deadline

- Law360 (Adam Lidgett) REQUEST: My name is Adam Lidgett and I'm a reporter with Law360. I'm doing a story on a Ninth Circuit panel today ruling that a district court was right to dismiss for lack of standing and ripeness a suit from the Desert Water Agency against the Department of the Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs challenging a federal regulation that DWA believed might preempt certain taxes and fees DWA assessed against non-Indians who leased lands within an Indian reservation. RESPONSE: Referred to DOJ

Top Stories

- Indianz: [Interior Secretary Zinke focuses on tribes in first Capitol Hill appearance](#)
- AL.com [Feds opening 73 million acres off Alabama, Gulf states for oil and ...](#)
- Daily Caller: [Trump Opens 'All Available' Gulf Of Mexico Waters To Oil Drilling](#)
- E&E News: [Top Democrat urges Zinke to lift stay of Obama royalty rule](#)

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- **Tomorrow:** Zinke will testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee at 2:15PM
- **Travel to Montana and Colorado:** Zinke at Glacier National Park on Friday 3/10, address to MT State Legislature on public lands/energy on 3/13, site visit at BLM Field Office in Billings, MT on 3/14, Denver DOI Service Center on 3/15 and 3/16, and Yellowstone National Park on 3/17

DAILY BRIEFING

MARCH 8, 2016

Announcements

- Hearing at Senate Indian Affairs
- Week ahead travel
- Possible SOs on Alaska priorities

Top News

- Zinke to testify before Indian Affairs Committee
- Trump to meet with Zinke, Alaska senators
- Senate Votes To Revoke BLM's Planning 2.0 Rule.

Daily Clips**SECRETARY ZINKE****Trump to meet with Zinke, Alaska senators**

President Trump is slated to meet this afternoon with newly minted Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Alaska's two Republican senators. Alaska's two Republican senators — Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan — are both influential on energy and environmental policy in the chamber. Murkowski is the chairwoman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee; Sullivan sits on the Environment and Public Works Committee. Murkowski "plans to discuss the wide array of federal regulations and restrictions — particularly those imposed over the past eight years by the last administration — that are harming Alaska's economy by preventing the state from responsibly accessing its lands and resources," said Murkowski spokeswoman Nicole Daigle.

Zinke to testify before Indian Affairs Committee

The new leader of the Department of the Interior is already living up to promises to keep Indian Country on the top of his agenda. Secretary Ryan Zinke is making his very first appearance on Capitol Hill since being confirmed to the Cabinet. He will be testifying on Wednesday before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to discuss the Trump administration's tribal priorities. "Sovereignty needs to mean something," a post on Zinke's Twitter account read on Monday. Zinke, an adopted member of the Fort Peck Tribes, is already well-versed in Indian Country's most pressing concerns. As a member of Congress between 2015 and 2017, he worked on bills affecting water rights, health care, federal recognition, economic development, protections for Native women and sovereignty.

OPINION: Secretary Zinke Urged To Address Illegal Border Crossings.

In an op-ed for the [Washington Times](#) (3/7), Ian Smith, an attorney with the Immigration Reform Law Institute, urges Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to tackle the problems created by illegal border crossing on public lands. According to Smith, "the trash, waste and discarded vehicles brought in" by "illegal border-crossers" is "so large federal land management agencies have admitted it has altered the ecological processes and degraded habitats in these areas." Smith

urges Zinke to “call on our immigration agencies to turn off the main magnets of illegal immigration (employment, welfare, birthright citizenship) and ensure that we have the strongest fence possible to keep out the cartels.”

INTERIOR NATIONAL NEWS

Senate Votes To Revoke BLM’s Planning 2.0 Rule.

In what [Reuters](#) (3/7, Volcovici) calls “the latest move by the Republican-led Congress to undo Obama administration environmental regulations it sees as a burden,” the Senate voted 51-48 Tuesday to revoke “a rule that aimed to give the public more input into federal land management decisions.” The resolution would “repeal the Bureau of Land Management’s Resource Management Planning rule, known as BLM 2.0, finalized in December by the Obama administration.”

Oil and gas industry applauds Planning 2.0 repeal

The Senate yesterday voted to erase updates to an Interior Department land management policy that would have opened up increased public participation on planning. In a 51-48 party-line vote, the upper chamber eliminated the Bureau of Land Management's Planning 2.0 rule, under the authority of the rarely used Congressional Review Act. Republicans in Congress are using the CRA to cut through swaths of Obama-era regulations. This is the third energy-related measure to be wiped from the slate. The House has already voted to strike down two BLM rules: Planning 2.0 and the Methane and Waste Prevention Rule. Though the House took up the methane rule before Planning 2.0, the Senate has yet to vote on the measure to curb flaring, venting and leaking of natural gas from extraction operations on public lands.

Statue Of Liberty Goes Dark After Unplanned Power Outage.

Fox and Friends and [USA Today](#) (3/8, Ventura) reports that “some of the lights at the Statue of Liberty went out for several hours Tuesdaynight.” The [AP](#) (3/8) reports that “the outage sparked conversation on social media that perhaps it was done deliberately for Wednesday’s ‘A Day Without Women’ protest of inequality.” However, National Park Service spokesman Jerry Willis “says the outage probably was related to a project for a new emergency backup generator.”

Willis “says the official cause will be determined Wednesday when crews return to work on the project, ‘part of our last remaining Hurricane Sandy recovery projects.’”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/8, Schmidt), [CNN](#) (3/8, Donastorg), [CBS News](#) (3/8), the [Boston \(MA\) Globe](#) (3/8, Ortiz), [ABC News](#) (3/8, Kutsch), the [Huffington Post](#) (3/8, Shapiro), [TIME](#) (3/8, Fernandez), [Business Insider](#) (3/7, Perkins), [BuzzFeed](#) (3/8, Koerner), and [WRAL-TV Raleigh \(NC\)](#) Raleigh, NC (3/8). Coverage by the AP was also picked up by [Philly \(PA\)](#) (3/8), [Business Insider](#) (3/8), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (3/8), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (3/7), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (3/8), [U.S. News & World Report](#) (3/8), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#), and the [Daily Mail](#) (3/8).

NATIVE NEWS

Judge Refuses To Block Dakota Access Pipeline.

The [Washington Times](#) (3/7, Richardson) reports that the Standing Rock Sioux tribe on Tuesday “lost another legal challenge to the Dakota Access pipeline, leaving the tribe with few remaining avenues as the project moves within days of being ready to deliver oil.” US District Judge James A. Boasberg turned down a request for a preliminary injunction filed by the tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux, “ruling that their claim based on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act was unlikely to succeed.” A status report filed by Energy Transfer Partners with the court “said the final ream pass at Lake Oahe is expected to be finished this week, meaning oil can begin flowing as early as March 13.” Standing Rock Chairman Dave Archambault II “called the ruling ‘disappointing, but not surprising,’ adding that he was confident that the tribe would prevail in its ongoing lawsuit. ‘Trump and his friends at Big Oil have not won,’ he said in a statement. [Bloomberg News](#) (3/7, Harris) reports Boasberg will still consider the Standing Rock Sioux’s claim that the US abrogated treaty rights and improperly canceled its commitment to conduct an environmental impact review, but no hearing date has been set. The [Washington Post](#) (3/7, Mufson) reports Jan Hasselman, a lawyer for the tribes, said in an email, “The ruling is disappointing but not surprising — it is very difficult to get an injunction under these circumstances. ... However, the Court has yet to hear our primary legal case that the Trump-issued permits were illegal. We think we have a strong case and look forward to our day in Court.”

[Reuters](#) (3/7, Gardner) reports that the tribes “had argued that the pipeline would render water they use for religious ceremonies spiritually impure even if the pipeline goes under Lake Oahe,” and they said “the pipeline was reminiscent of an ancient prophesy of a Black Snake that would harm natives and that they could not use other water supplies in the region because they had been polluted by decades of mining.” Judge Boasberg said in his ruling “that the Cheyenne tribe ‘remained silent as to the Black Snake prophesy and its concerns about oil in the pipeline under Lake Oahe’ during two years of legal disputes against the line.” The [AP](#) (3/7) reports Boasberg said in his review that he will likely allow the tribes to continue making the religious argument, but he does not think it likely to succeed. He said, “Although the tribe’s members may feel unable to use the water from Lake Oahe in their religious ceremonies once the pipeline is operational, there is no specific ban on their religious exercise.” [The Hill](#) (3/7, Henry) reports Craig Stevens, a spokesman for the Midwestern Alliance for Infrastructure Now, said, “Both Dakota Access and its parent company, Energy Transfer Partners, have continued to show a strong desire to accommodate landowner concerns and respect for culturally sensitive areas. ... Going forward, we continue to appreciate Judge Boasberg’s careful consideration of this case and remain hopeful that the construction and operation of this pipeline will be completed in a safe and timely manner.”

Former Interior Secretary Salazar Official Warns Connecticut Casino Revenue Deal At Risk.

The [AP](#) (3/7) reports that “a former U.S. Department of Interior secretary is warning Gov. Dannel P. Malloy that Connecticut’s current casino revenue sharing arrangement with two federally recognized tribes could end if those tribes are allowed to open a third casino in East Windsor.” In a letter sent Tuesday, Ken Salazar “says there’s ‘substantial risk’ the Department of Interior won’t approve amendments the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes will likely propose to the gambling agreement they now have with the state.” Salazar, who led the Interior

Department for five years during the Obama Administration, was “hired as a consultant by MGM Resorts International, which is building a casino in Springfield, Massachusetts.”

TELEPHONE CALL SHEET
CALL WITH MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
THE HONORABLE CATHERINE MCKENNA

MEMO FROM: Ryan Close, Office of International Affairs, 202-208-3004
CALL FROM: The Honorable Catherine McKenna, Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change
DATE: March 8, 2017 (time to be confirmed)

PURPOSE

The Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honorable Catherine McKenna, wishes to underscore her email of congratulations to you by scheduling a short call to introduce herself. This will be an opportunity to become acquainted with one of DOI's most important international partners.

The Minister has also requested an in-person meeting with you when she is in Washington DC March 15-16 for an event at the Canadian embassy. That in-person meeting would be an opportunity to follow-up on this introductory call.

TALKING POINTS

- Thank the Minister for her congratulations and for prioritizing this relationship.
- Congratulate Canada on the 150th anniversary of its confederation.
- Note the strong relationship between DOI and its Canadian counterparts, underscoring the special relationship with her agency, Environment and Climate Change Canada.
- Indicate that collaboration with Canada has always been and will continue to be a top priority for DOI (examples could include Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park and the protection of the Flathead River basin in the Crown of the Continent).
- [If meeting March 15-16 is confirmed: Share your pleasure to be able to meet Minister McKenna in person when she is in Washington DC next week.]

KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS

- 2017 marks Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation (the British colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick federally united into one Dominion on July 1, 1867).
- The Liberal Party of Canada won a majority government on October 19, 2015. The new Canadian government has made cooperation with the U.S. a priority. Prime Minister Trudeau visited Washington DC in March 2016 and again in February 2017.
- Catherine McKenna was sworn in as Minister of Environment and Climate Change on November 4, 2015. Her predecessor held the portfolio of Minister of Environment; Climate Change is a new addition to the title under the government that came into power in 2015. She herself made climate change a prominent issue during her parliamentary election campaign.
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) works to protect the environment, conserve renewable and water resources, and coordinate environmental policies and programs for the federal government. Among other entities, it houses both Parks Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS).
- Former Secretary Jewell met with Minister McKenna in February 2016 and April 2016.

- DOI cooperation with Environment Canada is very productive on a wide range of issues such as transboundary protected area management, migratory species conservation and watershed management. The most prominent source of disagreement is polar bear management, but even on this subject, constructive cooperation occurs.

BACKGROUND

Along with Mexico, Canada is DOI's most important international partner. The long and interactive border between the U.S. and Canada requires close collaboration to achieve domestic objectives and implement DOI policies. Since DOI does not have an exact equivalent in the Canadian Government, this cooperation occurs with a range of partners. The agencies that are most comparable to DOI are Environment and Climate Change Canada under Minister Catherine McKenna; Natural Resources Canada under Minister James Carr; and Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada under Minister Carolyn Bennett. Additionally, since provinces have jurisdiction over natural resources, significant collaboration occurs with provincial and local stakeholders. DOI cooperates with ECCC on a wide range of subjects, including the following:

Arctic. The Arctic looms large in Canadian politics and identity. Canada's Arctic encompasses about 40% of the nation's total land mass, is home to around 85,000 residents and contains about 65% of Canada's marine coastline. Canada considers the U.S. to be its key Arctic partner. DOI has considerable Arctic responsibilities (about a quarter of all DOI-managed land is within the U.S. Arctic, and DOI manages more U.S. Arctic land than any other agency or jurisdiction), and actively cooperates with Canada through the Arctic Council and on a bilateral basis.

Polar Bears. Canada is home to two-thirds of the world's polar bear population. The U.S. shares the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population with Canada. DOI works collaboratively with Canada on research and management of this shared population. Canada and the U.S. both signed the multilateral Agreement on the Conservation of Polar Bears in 1973, and have worked together with Norway, Greenland and the Russian Federation to develop a 2015 Conservation Action Plan for Polar Bears. A representative of the Canadian government served on the U.S. Recovery Team that recently released a Polar Bear Conservation Plan.

Water. DOI works closely with Canada on Great Lakes issues, including fisheries, restoration, water quality, and invasive species. Several bureaus, moreover, work with Canadian provinces and the International Joint Commission (IJC) – the international body which governs rivers that cross the U.S.-Canada border – on issues encompassed by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. DOI bureaus have extensive responsibilities and activities in the Red River Basin in North Dakota/Minnesota as well as in the Columbia River Basin. DOI is involved in the ongoing review of the Columbia River Treaty with a close eye towards ecosystem services and sustainable hydropower.

Invasive Species. The two countries recognize the need to control invasive species, for economic, human and animal health and environmental reasons. Our long shared border crisscrossed by substantial trade, travel, and transport, presents a substantial risk of biological invasion for both countries. High profile examples of invasive species of shared concern include Asian carps, zebra and quagga mussels, and gypsy moths. The National Invasive Species Council (NISC) Secretariat is working with Canada to explore means of strengthening

cooperation on invasive species, with a particular emphasis on multi-lateral frameworks and transboundary issues.

Transboundary Parks and Landscapes. NPS has an active partnership with Canada to cooperate on shared resources, and maintains a number of “sister park” relationships. This cooperation goes back at least to the establishment of the world’s first International Peace Park – Waterton-Glacier – in 1932. Other transboundary parks include the Klondike Gold Rush International Historical Park and the St. Croix Island International Historic Site. Canada and the U.S. share two jointly designated World Heritage Sites – Waterton Lakes-Glacier; and Tatshenshini-Alsek/Glacier Bay-Kluane/Wrangel-St.Elias.

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs). The 22 LCCs are a network of non-regulatory partnerships across North America that work across geographical and jurisdictional boundaries to conserve land, water, wildlife, and cultural resources in balance with the needs of people and economic progress. Seven of the 22 LCCs extend into Canada, and Canadian cooperation has been extremely helpful on various steering committees, in which territorial, provincial, federal, First Nations, and non-governmental organizations make up large portions of the LCC's steering committee. Multiple DOI bureaus play leading roles on these LCCs. An LCC of special note is the Great Northern LCC, where British Columbia collaborates with ECCC and DOI agencies, the state of Montana and local tribes and First Nations regarding migratory fish and protection of the North Fork of the Flathead River in British Columbia, which flows into the U.S. and forms the western boundary of Glacier National Park.

Migratory Birds. Beginning with the signing of the 1916 Migratory Bird Treaty, the U.S. and Canada have shared in the conservation of birds that cross our borders. Through our respective Migratory Bird Treaty acts, we implement the treaty, enforce wildlife laws, and establish and enforce harvest regulations. Numerous public-private partnerships across the U.S. and Canada, moreover, help enhance, conserve and restore habitat for birds.

Monarch Butterflies. The U.S., Canada, and Mexico are working to conserve the monarch butterfly and its long-distance migratory phenomenon from breeding grounds in Canada and the U.S. to overwintering sites in Mexico. The monarch is listed as a species of Special Concern under Canada’s Species at Risk Act. FWS received a petition to list the monarch under the Endangered Species Act with a court-ordered deadline to respond by June 30, 2019.

Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management. The Trilateral Committee, led by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Canadian Wildlife Service and Mexican Wildlife Service, addresses conservation priorities of continental significance. The three countries collectively promote the ecological integrity of the North America bioregion; foster integrated regional perspectives for biodiversity conservation and management; and facilitate regional cooperation to reduce and mitigate threats to species and ecosystems.

ATTACHMENTS

- Biography: Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Information Memo—Country Overview of Canada

Attachment 1: Biography

The Honorable Catherine McKenna Minister of Environment and Climate Change



Current Tenure: McKenna was named environment minister in the Liberal cabinet of Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau on November 4, 2015.

Professional Background: McKenna is trained as a human rights and social justice lawyer. She has practiced law in both Ottawa and Jakarta, Indonesia, focusing on international trade, competition, investment, and constitutional issues. She has worked internationally as a legal adviser for the UN in East Timor and on trade issues in Indonesia. She was senior counsel on the Rt. Hon. Antonio Lamer's review of Canada's military justice system. McKenna co-founded and was the Executive Director of Canadian Lawyers Abroad, a charitable organization based at the University of Ottawa. In 2013-2014, she was the Executive Director of the Banff Forum, a leading Canadian organization that brings together young leaders to discuss how to tackle key public policy challenges facing Canada. Since 2012, she has been a lecturer in Global Civil Society at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto and has been a board member of the Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies since 2010.

Educational Background: McKenna earned a Bachelor's degree in French and international relations at the University of Toronto, a graduate degree in international relations at the London School of Economics, and a law degree from McGill University.

Personal Details: McKenna was born in 1971 in Hamilton, Ottawa. Catherine is married and has three children. She enjoys coaching children's soccer and swimming with the National Capital Region YMCA Masters Swim Team.

DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 3/7/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Status of the Nominee

Today and tomorrow Secretary Ryan Zinke will be attending briefings at Interior. Yesterday he met with PPO, Cabinet Affairs, and with the Staff Secretary.

EO on Energy/Interior Related

The Media is reporting that the President is poised to sign an EO on energy.

- **Trump Executive Orders On Energy, Environment Expected Shortly.**

The Hill (3/6, Henry) reports that this week the White House could “release long-awaited climate change executive orders undoing much of the Obama administration’s work on the issue.” President Trump, according to several reports, “is set to sign an order calling for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to repeal the Clean Power Plan, the centerpiece of Obama’s climate change agenda.” In addition, the order could “lift an Interior Department moratorium on federal coal lease sales, something Obama’s team instituted during a review of the coal-leasing program.” The Hill notes that “one climate issue” President Trump may “not touch next week: the Paris deal.” The “Morning Energy” blog of Politico (3/6) reported a decision on the Paris climate change pact “might still be months off with an official position timed to the May G7 summit in Italy or the July G20 summit in Germany.” The Washington Examiner (3/6, Giaritelli) also reports.

EO on National Monuments

An EO related to National Monuments Review appears to be eminent.

- **Chaffetz Seeks To Block Funding For Bears Ears National Monument.**

The Deseret (UT) News (3/6, O'Donoghue) reports that “Utah’s elected leaders are pushing forward on their promise to fight the Bears Ears National Monument any way they can, with the latest battle cry a threat to withhold funding.” Rep. Jason Chaffetz, “asked a House Interior Appropriations subcommittee over the U.S. Department of Interior and other agencies to refrain from funding the Bears Ears as a national monument.” He told members of the Interior Subcommittee on Appropriations, “We, along with state and local officials, and the residents of San Juan County, are committed to ensuring that the Bears Ears region is protected and productive. We firmly believe that these decisions are best made locally, not by lame-duck presidents.”

Congressional Action Under the CRA.

CRA's : Passed the House

- BLM Planning 2.0 Rule (The Senate is scheduled to vote on this today.)
- BLM Venting and Flaring Methane Rule
- FWS H.J.Res.69 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to "Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska".

Secretary Meetings and Schedule

3/8: The Secretary will testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

3/8: The Secretary will meet with the President.

3/10: Travel to Glacier National Park to review maintenance backlog issues. He will also meet with the Blackfeet Tribal to receive a Blessing.

3/11-12: Personal time

3/13: Travel to Helena, MT. Speech to the MT Legislature. Meeting with the Governor. Possible political event (Brian Jack is aware).

3/14: Drive to Lewistown, MT. Visit BLM field office. Drive to Billings. Visit BLM MT/Dakotas regional office.

3/15: Fly to Denver. Visit Interior Denver Service Center.

3/16: Tenta Visit Denver BLM and FWS facilities. BUDGET media.

3/17: Fly to Bozeman. Press conference in front of arch announcing historic park visitation. Meeting with Yellowstone National Park about maintenance backlog and bison management issues.

3/18: Meeting with Sen. Murkowski in Bozeman area.

3/19: Fly to DCA.

3/31: Participate in the 100th Commemoration of the purchase of the Virgin Islands from Denmark. The Danish Prime Minister will participate. NOTE: Is it possible and/or appropriate for the President to issue a proclamation honoring the 100th Anniversary of the purchase of the Virgin Islands from Denmark? Can we get a letter or something that the Secretary can quote?

Emergency Management

Chevron Pipeline reported an approximately 1,200 barrel oil discharge from a 4-6 inch pipeline 7 miles west-northwest of Rangely, Colorado on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. Chevron Pipeline provided a response team, and the oil was stopped well above Shrinking Water Creek, which flows into the White River. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and BLM have been notified of the spill, and BLM personnel are investigating the incident. The Environmental Protection Agency will dispatch an On-Scene Coordinator today.

In North Dakota, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) reports that law enforcement officials continue to monitor the Cannonball Community area and Route 1806 checkpoints. Officers are also providing law enforcement support within the North Dakota and South Dakota Districts of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation. Cleanup of the Sacred Stone Camp is 23-percent complete.

In South Dakota, the Kyle Fire began on March 4 on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The fire has burned 1,151 acres and is being managed by a Type-4 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 18 personnel, including 10 DOI personnel. There are 7 residential structures threatened, and the fire is 90-percent contained. The containment date for this fire has been set as March 8. No further perimeter growth is expected.

White House Communications Report

DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (From Friday)

Inquiries

- Bloomberg (Jenn Dlouhy) and Washington Post (Darryl Fears) asked for details about the new offshore sale in the Gulf. – Response: I provided the press release and also added today's POTUS statement praising Exxon for offshore oil job creation.

- Fusion (Renee Lewis) Requested information about a 3/1 meeting about the future of the Navajo Generating Station (coal plant in AZ). Response: Provided them with a link to the press release issued on 3/1 by the Department.
- Biz Journals (Lauren Ohnesorge) Request: BOEM is offering 122,405 acres offshore of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina in a commercial wind lease sale this month. Is this the first such wind lease sale off of North Carolina's coast? And the list of nine companies BOEM initially deemed legally able to participate – is that still accurate? Also- what is the process? Is it an auction? Thanks for any assistance you can provide. – Response: Connected reporter with BOEM public affairs officer to answer.
- E&E (Scott Streeter) Request -- Does Interior or BLM have any comment on this legislation that was passed concerning a congressionally authorized outdoor economy study? Secretary Zinke was a cosponsor when it was approved by Congress in December. Carry this study called for in the legislation seems like something Secretary Zinke, just like Rep. Zinke four months earlier, would support. Basically these groups are just asking Zinke, Congress and the Trump administration to make the study a priority. Will it be? -- Response: Noted on background, nothing more to add on the budget. Secretary Zinke has demonstrated his commitment to outdoor rec jobs and all jobs on public lands. You can expect him to remain committed to creating and protecting all public lands jobs.

Top Stories

- Washington Post: GOPers say they want to punish alleged sexual predators in government, Ryan Zinke has a test case.
- Independent Journal Review: If You Visit Arlington Cemetery, You May Find This Navy SEAL Trump Appointee, Paying His Respects
- AOL: Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke keeps some environmentalists hopeful
- Lee Newspapers: New head of Interior, Ryan Zinke of Montana, sees to build trust
- Scout: Fishing Industry Applauds Public Access Expansion
- E&E: Western businesses, mayors push outdoor economy study

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- FYI – The National Parks Service put the inauguration photos online in the websites reading room due to updated FOIA requirements that mandate any FOIA case with a certain number of requests be made public on the website. Some national media inquiries including World News Tonight asked for the photos.
- Press Release: Secretary Zinke Announces Proposed 73-Million Acre Oil and Natural Gas Lease Sale for Gulf of Mexico
- Wednesday: Zinke will testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee at 2:30PM

- Planning: Zinke's trip to Glacier National Park, Yellowstone National Park, address to MT State Legislature, Denver DOI Service Center
- FYI – MT Dems selected VERY Liberal musician Rob Quist to run for Zinke's seat. MT GOP selecting candidate tonight.

Federal Register Notices Cleared for Publishing (None Significant)

Items cleared for the Federal Register on Monday.

REG0006803 OSM Proposed Rule; Proposed Amendment to Pennsylvania Regulatory Program. OSMRE announces receipt of and requests public comments on a proposed amendment to the Pennsylvania program under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The State seeks to revise its program to further define the implementation process for the reclamation of alternative bonding system "legacy sites" (mine sites with uncovered cleanup costs) and to clearly identify the current list of legacy sites, as well as sites that may qualify as legacy sites in the future. PR03/06/2017.

REG0006806 FWS Endangered Species Recovery Permit Applications (Ober and others). This is a batched notice of the receipt of recovery permit applications under the Endangered Species Act. Notice 03/06/2017.

REG0006808 FWS Endangered Species; Receipt of Applications for Permit. This is a batched notice of the receipt of permit applications under the Endangered Species Act. Notice 3/06/2017.

REG0006809 BLM Notice of Public Meeting: Bureau of Land Management Nevada Resource Advisory Councils. Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, BLM Nevada announces a joint meeting of its three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) from April 4-6, 2017. The Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC, the Northeastern Great Basin RAC, and the Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC will meet in Elko, Nevada, and the meeting will be open to the public. Notice 03/06/2017.