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DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FROM: Heather Swift & Megan Bloomgren

SUBJECT: Communications Update

Inquiries

- E&E (Brittany Patterson) Request: want to interview on the monument management plan for the [Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument](#) and/or a scientist that does research in the area? I am working on a story about the sort of back door climate change policy benefits of the Antiquities Act and if that could be jeopardized if Congress alters the Antiquities Act. On a few occasions, including with this monument, President Obama cited climate change as a key reason why he designated the region as a monument. I know the monument management plans then have to take that into account. I know it's early in the process for this one, but I would love a little more context on how that might look (even generally how that plays out would be helpful). Similarly, it would be great to get some examples of the ways climate change is impacting or could impact this particular monument area from someone who has studied it. – Response: Collecting info, Deadline 4:00pm Thursday.
- Law360 (Andrew Westney) Request: sent to BIA regarding the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and BIA law enforcement officers helping clear out camps. – Response, BIA handing in consultation with DOI comms
- Arizona Republic (Ryan Randazzo) Request: Called a Bureau of Reclamation PHX

career official to get a statement about DOI/Rec opposing owners' plan to shut down the Navajo Generating Station (coal-fired plant that's in contract with a mine). – Response: DOI comms currently drafting a more complete statement to send to the reporter that stresses jobs and the economic impact of closing the NGS.

Top Stories

- Standing Rock Sioux want 'no forcible removal' of protesters from Dakota Access pipeline site. [The Washington Post](#).

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- FYI – 170 conservation groups oppose Zinke nomination
http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/public_lands/pdfs/Zinke_Opposition_letter.pdf
- Writing Day 1 content for various web platforms and finalizing Secretary's events
- Continuing to outline Days 1-100 and 1-year plan for Secretary