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Looks great! Thanks

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On Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 11:13 AM, Webster, Sarah <swebster@blm.gov> wrote:

CALIFORNIA

[Highway Fire covering 1,500 acres, evacuation orders in place](#)

23 ABC, June 19

The Highway Fire, burning in the Kern River Canyon, is now 20 percent contained. New numbers released Tuesday morning show the fire is still covering 1,541 acres. The total number of fire personnel on scene has grown from about 400 to 729.

[Holcomb Fire at 950 acres, burning away from Big Bear](#)

Big Bear Grizzly, June 20

The Holcomb Fire grew overnight and is now at 950 acres and 10 percent contained. Nick Bruinsma of Big Bear Fire Department said the fire made a couple of significant flare ups and runs during the pre-dawn hours. Humidity in the morning hours has the fire and smoke laying low so smoke isn't as visible in Big Bear this morning. Bruinsma said the smoke will be more visible as the day goes on...Crews from Big Bear Fire Authority, Bureau of Land Management, San Bernardino County Fire, CalFire, and the California Department of Corrections are also on scene.

[PG&E Begins Daily Aerial Patrols To Spot Wildfires](#)

Sierra News, June 19

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) announced today that they have begun

daily aerial fire detection patrols across hundreds of miles of their service area. The patrols are intended to assist the U.S. Forest Service, Cal Fire and local fire agencies with early fire detection and response this summer. PG&E says they are launching the patrols this week due to an increase in fire danger from rising temperatures, coupled with the potential for winds. The patrols also will occur in time for the Independence Day holiday with its risk of fires sparked by illegal or misuse of "Safe and Sane" fireworks.

Cadiz Water Project Will Safeguard Environment

SCV News, opinion, June 19

...The Cadiz Project aims to provide a supplemental supply and storage opportunity in Southern California for local water agencies. It would conserve water presently lost to high-salinity and evaporation at dry lake playas that serve as the only outflow of the vast Cadiz-Fenner watershed, which is 1,300 square miles and contains 17 million to 34 million acre-feet of water in storage. The project would capture less than 1 percent of the water in storage, or 50,000 acre-feet per year, to minimize this ongoing loss and provide new water in Southern California.

Fish and Wildlife Service releases Central California tiger salamander recovery plan

Monterey Herald, June 19

The plan will help the local population of the threatened tiger salamander, which inhabits most of the pools at Fort Ord and was placed on the list because of a diluted gene pool brought about by the introduction in the 1950s of the barred salamander, according to a previously published report...The lake is one of about 45 vernal pools on Bureau of Land Management land at the former Army base.

NATIONAL

Zinke envisions cutting 4,000 full-time staff

GREENWIRE, June 20

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke indicated today that the department is looking at relocating more resources out West as part of a larger management reorganization. "We're looking at appropriately moving assets where they should be," and that's where the "preponderance of land is," Zinke told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee during a hearing on the administration's proposed fiscal 2018 budget. He noted that most of the acreage managed by the Bureau of Land Management is out West. "We're going to push the assets where the land is," said Zinke, adding that he'll need Congress' help to carry out certain aspects of the reorganization, though he did not elaborate. *See PDF for full story.*

Shrinking Utah's Bears Ears National Monument would be one more broken promise to Native Americans

LA Times, June 20

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke plans to advise President Trump to shrink Utah's Bears Ears National Monument to a scatter of isolated sites. The secretary's recommendation, announced last week, is one more act of disrespect and arrogance in a story that began in 1492.

Interior head says public lands can make U.S. a 'dominant' oil power

Reuters, June 16

Boosting drilling and mining on America's protected federal lands can help the United States become not just independent, but "dominant" as a global energy force, according to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, whose agency manages about one-fifth of U.S. territory. In an interview with Reuters, Zinke outlined his approach to development and conservation in America's wildest spaces, and discussed how that philosophy was guiding his review of which national monuments created by past presidents should be rescinded or resized to make way for more business.

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