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Team Leaders,

Attached please see the Weekly Report to the White House submitted yesterday. If information in here is incorrect, please be advised that it was in most cases pulled straight from the Weekly Report to the Secretary (also we did a final scrub after this version to fix typos).

This report is due to the WH COB every Tuesday. Further, Scott H has a 10 am meeting with Chiefs from EPA and DOE as well as the NEC energy staff every Tuesday morning so your submission will also be used to inform him prior to that meeting.

As such, please give me your submissions for the report by **COB Friday**. In addition, for this Friday-please include:

- Edits to any submission in your area, including suggestions to remove any of these items reported (this report is 30-days out so will be repeated if not)
- The name of the person in your hallway who will be responsible for your submissions

Please let me know if you have questions. Below is a reminder of the WH guidance on this report.

#### WH Weekly Report

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the weekly look-ahead is to provide the White House with information necessary to plan effectively, prioritize key elements of the Administration's policy agenda, and ensure that the policy development process includes consideration of all relevant viewpoints and information.

**REPORT CONTENTS:** The weekly report contains two primary components: (1) policy items and (2) upcoming events. Please provide a 30-day look ahead for your Department or Agency. A template is attached for your review and convenience.

For policy items, please provide information for issues that will require a **Presidential decision**, as well as initiatives including reports to Congress, jobs reports or other Department/Agency reports that generate press interest, significant rulemakings, release of high-profile grants, and other similar initiatives.

For scheduling items, please provide information for major policy speeches, events, and travel by your Secretary, Director, or Administrator

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE STAFF SECRETARY AND CABINET SECRETARY  
May 16, 2017

FROM: Scott Hommel, Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of the Interior

SUBJECT: Interior Department Weekly Update for the Week of May 15, 2017

**DOI 30-Day Policy Look Ahead**

**Presidential Initiatives and Awareness**

*Energy*

1. **FINAL NOTICE OF SALE FOR COOK INLET OFFSHORE ENERGY LEASES IN ALASKA.** Later this month, the Department will announce its first sale in Alaska in years (since President Obama canceled the last two sales claiming lack of industry interest). This sale will be the last of the previous five year plan (2012-2017) and will be conducted online.  
**Timing:** May 18<sup>th</sup> (Notice of Sale), June 21<sup>st</sup> (Online Sale)  
**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals
2. **NEW FIVE YEAR OFFSHORE ENERGY PROGRAM.** In response to President Trump's Executive Order on Offshore Energy, Secretary Zinke will announce a request for information for a new five year offshore program that considers opening new areas of the Outer Continental Shelf for offshore exploration. Since the Administration took office, Bureau of Labor Statistics reporting shows that the number of workers in oil and gas extraction has steadily risen as Administration policies and rebounding of energy prices has driven employment higher.  
**Timing:** May 31, 2017  
**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals
3. **COAL PROGRAMS:** On May 15, the Department sent letters to 25 states and coal-producing tribes to solicit suggestions on improving the permitting process for coal. The Department is conducting an internal review of the coal programs managed and regulated by its bureaus to identify ways in which the leasing and permitting of our Nation's coal resources can be improved. The review encompasses both the leasing of Federal coal by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the regulation of surface coal mining operations conducted by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), which impacts both Federal and non-Federal coal. A report containing recommendations for improvement to the Secretary is expected in June.  
**Timing:** June 2017 (report)  
**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals
4. **REPEAL OF CONSOLIDATED FEDERAL OIL & GAS AND FEDERAL & INDIAN COAL REFORM:** The Office of Natural Resources Revenue is working to repeal the Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform Rule, having closed the NPR comment period on May 4. This will reduce the regulatory uncertainty and burden of changes to oil, gas, and coal royalty valuation. The result will maintain the status quo

for those that receive royalty revenues- States, Tribes, individual Indian mineral interest owners, and the Federal government. The Department continues to assess candidates for the recently reconstituted Royalty Policy Committee.

**Timing:** June 2017

**Contact:** Jim Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary

5. **VENTING AND FLARING RULE:** The Senate last week did not advance the Congressional Review Act bill repealing the Interior Department's "Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties and Resource Conservation" rule (aka Venting and Flaring rule). This was one of the regulations burdening energy development referenced in the President's March 2017 Executive Order on Energy Independence. The Department issued a statement from the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals that the Department will suspend, revise, or rescind the rule shortly after the vote.

**Timing:** June 2017 (anticipated action)

**Contact:** Vincent DeVito, Senior Counselor for Energy Policy.

6. **RECORD OF DECISION TO TRANSCANADA FOR KXL PIPELINE.** The Bureau of Land Management is awaiting action by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before issuing a Record of Decision allowing TransCanada right-of-way permission to construct the Keystone XL pipeline across federally-managed public land in Eastern Montana. Of the 285 miles of the KXL pipeline in Montana, the pipeline route crosses 1.5 miles of land managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers near Fort Peck, and about 46 miles on scattered parcels of public land administered by the BLM's Glasgow, Malta and Miles City Field Offices. The Department of State conducted an environmental analysis of the Keystone XL Project and after extensive review, the BLM has determined that all practicable means have been considered to avoid, minimize, and, if required, compensate for unavoidable impacts of the approved project route.

**Timing:** June 2017 (awaiting Corps of Engineers)

**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals.

### *Antiquities Act*

1. **MONUMENT REVIEW:** Secretary Zinke visited Utah last week to meet with tribal leaders, Congressional delegation and state and local officials to gather input on the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) and the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument to comply with the President's Executive Order. On May 11, the Department announced the first-ever public comment period on regulations.gov to solicit public input on monuments. The comment period will run for 15 days for BENM and 60 days for the other 26 monuments. The Intergovernmental and Congressional Affairs offices sent letters to the Hill and to Governors soliciting feedback on official position on monuments within their state or district. Secretary Zinke is on track to send the White House recommendations on the Bears Ears Monument early next month.

**Timing:** June- August 2017

**Contact:** Downey Magallanes, Senior Advisor and Counselor

## *Infrastructure*

1. **NEBRASKA POWER LINE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.** The R-Project is a 225 mile proposed transmission line that runs through the Nebraska footfills. It will be constructed and operated by the Nebraska Public Power District. Fish and Wildlife Service has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the project. NPPD is applying for an incidental take permit for the American burying beetle and developing the associated habitat conservation plan.  
**Timing:** May 2017  
**Contact:** James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary
2. **IDAHO POWER LINE RECORD OF DECISION.** The Boardman to Hemingway power line project is a 500 KV electric transmission line, which will run from Oregon to Idaho to provide capacity for exchanging energy between the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West. The ROD granting the right of way is expected to be finalized this month.  
**Timing:** Late May 2017  
**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals.
3. **CALIFORNIA WATER FIX RECORD OF DECISION.** The Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service are working with the State of California to reach federal environmental compliance on the \$16 billion California WaterFix construction project to construct tunnels to divert water from the Sacramento River to provide reliable water supplies to California residents, businesses and farmers. The federal and state environmental reviews are expected to be successfully completed in the next month or so, at which point the Secretary of the Interior will be asked to sign off on the associated federal Record of Decision. The cost of providing water to refuges is paid for by all Central Valley Project (CVP) customers and the State believes that no federal cost-sharing or funding will be necessary for the project to proceed.  
**Timing:** June 2017  
**Contact:** Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget

## *Requiring Presidential Attention*

1. **HALLMARK CHANNEL FOURTH OF JULY SPECIAL.** The Hallmark Channel in conjunction with the National Park Foundation would like to produce a one-hour TV program that will air in primetime on July 4<sup>th</sup> to showcase federal lands across the nation - including parks – that has an independence and freedom theme. Through the National Park Foundation, the Hallmark Channel is hoping that the President and/or Vice President would consider a pre-taped interview for the show – their participation would ensure the Hallmark Channel proceeds with the program. Timing is sensitive given logistics and Cabinet Communications has been alerted of this request.  
**Timing:** May/June 2017  
**Contact:** Laura Rigas, Communications Director

## **Reports to Congress and Congressional Testimony**

1. **SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS (SCIA) on GAO High Risk Report.** Full Committee oversight hearing on U.S. Government Accountability Office High Risk Report. SCIA will hold an oversight hearing on a GAO report that listed BIE and BIA energy programs as high risk. Tony Dearman (BIE) and Mike Black (Acting Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs) will be testifying on behalf of the Department.  
**Timing:** May 17, 2017  
**Contact:** Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs
2. **DEPUTY SECRETARY NOMINEE DAVID BERNHARDT TO TESTIFY BEFORE SENATE ENERGY COMMITTEE (SENR).** SENR will hold a morning hearing to hear the testimony of Dep. Sec. Nominee David Bernhardt. Meetings with SENR members have been happening for the past week and efforts have been coordinated with the WH OCL and SENR staff. Ranking Member Cantwell is having a meeting with Mr. Bernhardt today (5/16).  
**Timing:** May 18, 2017  
**Contact:** Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs
3. **STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD ON HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES WATER HEARING.** The Department will be providing a written statement on a draft bill from Rep. Tipton (R-CO) on a water rights bill dealing with private, state and local water permitting. DOI and USDA were invited to testify. Both declined but are providing written statements.  
**Timing:** May 18, 2017  
**Contact:** Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs
4. **HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES HEARING ON LAND BUYBACK PROGRAM.** The Department will be sending Jim Cason (Acting Dep. Sec.) to testify on the Cobell Land Consolidation Program (Land Buyback). The hearing is on the status and future of the program. It will be controversial with Indian Country as the majority of the set aside funds have been mismanaged with little progress to show for the roughly \$4b that have been spent. Mr. Cason is testifying because of his history with the program and because he will deliver a more direct message than any career employee within in the Department.  
**Timing:** May 23, 2017  
**Contact:** Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs
5. **SECRETARY ZINKE TO TESTIFY ON THE HILL FOR BUDGET HEARINGS.** The Secretary is tentatively scheduled to testify on the FY18 Budget before the House and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittees on June 8 and 21 respectively. He is also tentatively scheduled to testify before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on June 20 and the House Natural Resources Committee on June 22.  
**Timing:** June 2017  
**Contact:** Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs
6. **ASIAN CARP REPORT:** The 2016 Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) directs the Fish and Wildlife Service to develop and deliver a report to Congress summarizing all activities and expenditures (both federal and nonfederal) related to Asian carp prevention efforts in the Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River Basin two watersheds, including observed changes in the range of Asian carp in both basins. The report also outlines research that could

improve the ability to control the spread of Asian carp and quantitative measures proposed for use in documenting progress in controlling the spread of Asian carp. The report is potentially controversial due to the slight range expansion of silver carp.

**Timing:** June 2017

**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

## **Departmental Reports**

1. **USGS TO RELEASE REPORT ON CRITICAL MINERALS:** USGS will release a new report on critical minerals for the United States that presents resource and geologic information for 23 mineral commodities currently viewed as important to our national economy and national security, many of which are sourced entirely outside of the United States. The report provides an in-depth look at each commodity's use, distribution of deposit types, and current status of production, resources, and reserves. The individual commodity chapters serve as an update to the 1973 commodity chapters of USGS Professional Paper 820, United States Mineral Resources. The Acting Deputy Secretary Jim Cason has reached out to the Department of Commerce the Department of Defense, and the National Security Council to brief individuals on the report.  
**Timing:** May 2017  
**Contact:** Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy Management and Budget
2. **REPORT TO OMB DIRECTOR ON DOI PLAN TO REDUCE ENERGY BURDENS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.** As outlined in the President's Executive Order 13783 "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth," DOI will submit a plan to Director Mulvaney on the Department's approach to reduce burdens to responsible energy development.  
**Timing:** May 19, 2017  
**Contact:** James Cason, Associated Deputy Secretary
3. **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO ISSUE REPORT ON ANNUAL DEFERRED INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE ESTIMATE RELEASED.** In mid-May, the NPS plans to announce the end of fiscal year (FY) 2016 deferred maintenance (DM) estimate. Based on output from the NPS' Facility Management Software System (FMSS), the NPS estimates that the deferred maintenance of the NPS is approximately \$11.3 billion. This estimate is the total (net) DM associated with all assets in the FMSS and is updated annually.  
**Timing:** May 22, 2017  
**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
4. **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TO RELEASE ASSESSMENT OF CHIMNEY TOPS FIRE.** In early June, the NPS will release a fire assessment of the Great Smoky Mountain Chimney Tops 2 Fire that took place on November 23, 2016. The report assesses the facts surrounding the fire and makes recommendations to reduce future incidents. NPS has received tort claims related to this incident and expects additional lawsuits in the near future.  
**Timing:** Early June  
**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife & Parks

## **Other Significant Rulemakings and Actions**

1. **FINAL DETERMINATION ON YELLOWSTONE GRIZZLY BEAR POPULATION.** In late May, FWS plans to send to the Federal Register a final determination on the agency's March 11, 2016, proposal to identify the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) grizzly bear population of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming as a distinct population segment (DPS) and revise the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife by removing grizzly bears within the GYE DPS due to recovery.

**Timing:** Late May 2017

**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

2. **FWS REFUGE-SPECIFIC HUNTING AND SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS.** Fish and Wildlife Service will publish a proposed rule and open a 30-day comment period on the 2017-2018 Refuge Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations. The proposed rule would open various national wildlife refuges to hunting and/or sport fishing for the first time (new hunts) and expand hunting and fishing opportunities at others. The proposal also includes modifications to existing hunting and fishing regulations for refuges and wetland management districts.

**Timing:** Early June

**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

3. **ONSHORE OIL AND GAS PERMITTING ON FEDERAL LAND.** Throughout June, the Bureau of Land Management will hold online oil and gas lease sales.

- **Colorado.** On June 8, BLM will hold a sale of 86 parcels totaling 73,288 acres in Jackson, Routt, Rio Blanco and Moffat Counties.
- **Oklahoma and Texas.** On June 8, BLM will hold a sale for 18 parcels totaling 4,376 acres in Roger Mills, Ellis, Canadian, and Major Counties, OK; and Live Oak, McMullen, Washington, Burleson, and Jackson Counties, TX.
- **Nevada.** On June 12, BLM will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 106 parcels totaling 195,732 acres in Nye, Eureka, and Lander Counties.
- **Montana.** On June 13, BLM will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 156 parcels totaling 69,056 acres in Custer, Garfield, Fallon, Carter, Rosebud, Big Horn, and Powder River Counties
- **Utah.** On June 13, BLM will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 20 parcels covering 23,733 acres in Sevier, Piute, Garfield, and Sanpete Counties.
- **Arkansas.** On June 22, BLM-Eastern States will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 2 parcels totaling 160 acres in AR.

**Timing:** June 8 -22

**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals

## **Legal Decisions**

1. **ATLANTIC SEISMIC SURVEYS:** On May 15, the Interior Board of Land Appeals granted DOI's motion to remand the appeals of the previous Administration's denial of applications for geological and geophysical (G&G) seismic surveys in the Atlantic Ocean. This action allows

Interior to resume the evaluations of permits for G&G seismic surveys, in accordance with Secretarial Order 3350, which implements President Trump's America First Offshore Energy Strategy.

**Timing:** May 15 (decision), applications review ongoing

**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals

2. **EVERGLADES WATER QUALITY CONSENT DECREE REVISITED:** The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has informed the Department of Justice (DOJ) that it wishes to vacate the 25 year-old consent decree in this case, which governs water quality/pollution control efforts that affect Everglades National Park and A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. SFWMD has shared a draft motion to vacate, and DOJ has responded that the matter is under ongoing review, due to the transition of administrations. DOI's technical experts, working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, have prepared an analysis of facts relevant to SFWMD's arguments, and we are currently reviewing a draft. DOJ will need to decide the USG position on the case: U.S. v. South Florida Water Management District (S.D. Fla.) - Everglades Water Quality Consent Decree. The federal agencies expect to brief decision-makers in the upcoming weeks.

**Timing:** May 2017

**Contact:** Dan Jorjani, Acting Solicitor

### **Release of High-Profile Grants**

1. **\$23.6 MILLION FOR WATER PROJECTS:** The Department announced last week that the Bureau of Reclamation awarded \$23,619,391 to communities in California, Oklahoma, Kansas, Washington, Texas, and Utah for planning, designing and constructing water recycling and re-use projects; developing feasibility studies; and researching desalination and water recycling projects. The funding is part of the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse program.  
**Timing:** May 12 2017  
**Contact:** Alan Mikkelsen, Deputy Commissioner for Reclamation
2. **\$15.4 MILLION FOR 20 CLEAN WATER AND RECREATIONAL BOATING PROJECTS.** On May 17 at the American Boating Congress gathering in Washington, DC, DOI will announce \$15.4 million in Clean Vessel Act grants to 20 states for projects to support clean water and recreational boating, specifically for the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of pumpout stations and waste reception facilities for recreational boaters and also for educational programs that inform boaters of the importance of proper disposal of their sewage.  
**Timing:** May 17, 2017  
**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
3. **\$1.1 BILLION IN PITTMAN-ROBERTSON SPORTSMAN GRANTS TO STATES FROM HUNTING AND FISHING FEES.** The Department will announce \$1.1 billion in funding derived from fees paid for hunting and fishing licenses and firearms, bows and ammunition, tackle et al and distributed to states for state conservation and outdoor recreation projects. For eight decades, the nation's hunters and anglers have generated billions of dollars to



protect wildlife and habitat simply by purchasing items that help them engage in the outdoor activities they enjoy.

**Timing:** May 2017.

**Contact:** Scott Hommel, Chief of Staff

4. **\$15 MILLION TO SUPPORT RECREATIONAL BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE IN 40 STATES:** DOI plans to announce nearly \$15 million in grants to 40 states for projects to support recreational boating through the Boating Infrastructure Grant program. More than \$9 million of this will go to six states (California, Maine, Michigan, South Carolina, Texas and Washington) for competitive grants, and the remaining \$5 million will go to 39 states, commonwealths, territories and the District of Columbia for a smaller, non-competitive grant program. Funding is generated through the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund by excise taxes on sport fishing and boating equipment and tackle, motorboat fuels and import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft. Grants, which are matched by funding from project partners, support construction or renovation of tie-ups, utilities, fuel stations, pump-out and dump stations, restrooms and additional sanitary amenities such as laundry and showers for recreational boaters.

**Timing:** May 2017.

**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife & Parks

5. **\$1.75 MILLION FOR MARITIME HERITAGE AND PRESERVATION GRANTS.** The National Park Service will announce \$1.75 million in grants to be used for maritime heritage education and preservation projects related to the maritime heritage of the United States. The National Maritime Heritage Act established the National Maritime Heritage Grants Program within the Department of the Interior and provides funding for education and preservation projects designed to preserve historic maritime resources and is funded through a percentage of the proceeds from the sale or scrapping of obsolete vessels of the National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF). All grants awarded are matched on a 1-to-1 basis with non-Federal assets.

**Timing:** May 2017

**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

6. **\$3.6 MILLION FOR BATTLEFIELD RESTORATION GRANTS.** The National Park Service will announce \$3,623,162 in available grant funding to acquire land to protect nearly 1,000 acres of Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields in Virginia, Mississippi, New York, West Virginia, and Maryland.

**Timing:** May 2017.

**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

7. **\$15 MILLION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION LEGACY GRANTS.** The National Park Service will announce \$15 million in Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant funding for approximately 25 projects. This competitive program supplements the annual Land and Water Conservation Fund apportionment to states by supporting projects for disadvantaged populations in urban areas.

**Timing:** May 2017.

**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

8. **DOI TO MAKE \$464 MILLION IN PILT PAYMENTS TO 49 STATES.** In June, the Department will make \$464 million to over 1,900 local counties and units of government. Payment-in-lieu-of-taxes are used to help offset lost property taxes due to non-taxable federal lands within their jurisdiction (all 50 states except Rhode Island receive payments). PILT payments may be used for any government purposes, such as firefighting and police protection, public schools and roads and search and rescue operations.  
**Timing:** June 2017  
**Contact:** Jim Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary

### **Other/Awareness Only**

1. **DOI POSTPONES ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS.** The Department is continuing to review the charter and charge of the more than 200 boards, committees, and advisory panels ensure they are structured to receive maximum public input and comply with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Department spends more than \$10 million to facilitate these boards and many are not meeting their charter obligations, are not meeting regularly, and have little turnover or numerous unfilled positions. Meetings have been postponed until September 2017 following the Department's review unless justified on a case-by-case basis.  
**Timing:** May-September 2017  
**Contact:** Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison
2. **PENDING: SECRETARY ZINKE PROFILE IN GQ MAGAZINE.** Elaine Plott – a freelance reporter for Gentleman's Quarterly (GQ) who previously wrote for National Review and now writes for the Washingtonian – will conduct the first part of an interview on Thursday to profile Secretary Zinke and his role in the Administration in 2,800-3,500 word column. The profile will highlight Secretary Zinke's background and preparation to serve as Interior Secretary and shadow him in the office and out west to highlight how he works with the White House and how the Administration is taking action on energy and public lands issues. Megan Bloomgren received an approval from Cabinet Communications prior to approving the profile.  
**Timing:** May-June 2017  
**Contact:** Laura Rigas, Communications Director
3. **DOI FACILITATES NAVAJO GENERATING STATION MEETING.** The Department will meet in Phoenix, AZ with tribal nations, owners and stakeholders of the Navajo Generating Station next week to discuss a path forward for the coal power plant and mine, which support more than 800 local jobs. The meeting will focus on progress to-date on the action items identified at the March 1, 2017, and April 12, 2017, meetings and identify barriers to reaching an agreement this summer on the lease.  
**Timing:** May 15-19, 2017  
**Contact:** James Cason, Associate Deputy Secretary
4. **ALASKA TAPS PIPELINE INTERMITTENT MAINTENANCE SHUTDOWN.** BLM-AK anticipates planned intermittent maintenance shutdowns to the 800-mile Trans-Alaska Pipeline

System. Several short duration shutdowns throughout the summer are also expected, with an “emergency shutdown” test in September. BLM-AK’s Branch of Pipeline Monitoring will be on hand to observe the tests and repairs by pipeline manager Alyeska Pipeline Service Company.

**Timing:** May 6 to June 3

**Contact:** Kate MacGregor, Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals

5. **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE.** NPS plans to announce the end of fiscal year (FY) 2016 deferred maintenance (DM) estimate. Based on output from the NPS’ Facility Management Software System (FMSS), the NPS estimates that the deferred maintenance of the NPS is approximately \$11.3 billion. This estimate is the total (net) DM associated with all assets in the FMSS and is updated annually.

**Timing:** May 2017

**Contact:** Virginia Johnson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, & Parks.

## Key Events for Upcoming 30-Days

### Major Policy Speeches

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| May 31  | <b>Secretary Zinke to Deliver Keynote Remarks at Alaska Oil and Gas Association Conference.</b> (Anchorage, AK)  |
| June 8  | <b>Secretary Zinke Testifies before House Appropriations Committee:</b> On President’s FY 2018 Budget Request for Interior Department (tentative)        |
| June 20 | <b>Secretary Zinke Testifies before the Senate Natural Resources Committee:</b> On President’s FY2018 Budget Request for Interior Department (tentative) |
| June 21 | <b>Secretary Zinke Testifies before Senate Appropriations Committee:</b> On President’s FY 2018 Budget Request for Interior Department (tentative)       |
| June 22 | <b>Secretary Zinke Testifies before the House Natural Resources Committee:</b> On President’s FY2018 Budget Request for Interior Department (tentative)  |

### Events

### Travel by Secretary

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| May 27-31 | <b>Secretary &amp; Mrs. Zinke Travel to Norway, Greenland and Alaska</b> on Arctic Congressional Delegation with Senators Murkowski, Barrasso, Daines, Strange, Cornyn, and Heitkamp. |
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June 2-3

**Secretary Zinke and Secretary Perdue Visit National Interagency Fire Center (Boise, Idaho)** to brief media on joint preparedness for fire season and meet with key staff.