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See attached.

As discussed, there are some things that could be cleaned up a little more (you'll see some references to fiscal year rather than calendar year for example), but this should provide enough for Brian to talk about at the senior leadership retreat.

It's organized by the BLM Leadership Priorities with the overarching 5 themes from the Department, and BLM's specific sub-goals under that.

Thanks,

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Making America Safe through Energy Independence

Make additional lands available for “all of the above” energy development

- Prioritize the completion of environmental analyses, new planning efforts, RMP revisions, and amendments to maximize lands available for energy and minerals development.
- Evaluate existing and proposed withdrawals, and consider appropriate adjustments to support energy and minerals development.
- Support implementation of planning decisions that aim to increase energy and minerals development.
- Undertake geospatial analysis, data management, and land surveying to support planning and implementation efforts for energy and mineral development.
- Support multiple-uses on National Conservation Lands units consistent with Congressional/Presidential Designation.

Streamline oil and gas leasing and permitting while addressing backlog of Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs) and Expressions of Interest (EOIs)

- Implement Secretarial Order 3349 on American Energy Independence.
- Initiate the BLM Energy and Minerals Task Force to assist BLM state and field offices with expediting the leasing and permitting of energy and minerals.
- Establish performance standards and metrics for energy and mineral development, and incorporate into State Annual Work Plans.
- Ensure adequate resources are available to address backlog of APDs and EOIs.
- Use Memoranda of Agreement to streamline permitting and Communitization Agreements to ensure proper royalty distribution.
- Work closely with state and other agency partners to develop process, technology, and NEPA training and mentoring programs for staff, and education programs for applicants and the public.
- Continue to develop geospatial resources for APDs and EOIs, including updating surface and sub-surface data layers and Public Lands Survey System data.

Streamline rights-of-way processing for pipelines, transmission lines, and solar/wind projects

- Use National Project Support Team to expedite processing of large, national rights-of-way applications.
- Coordinate with Energy and Minerals Task Force to prioritize rights-of way processing and permitting of energy generation facilities including pipelines and renewables.
- Review Resource Management Plans to identify impacts to issuing rights-of-way in order to support timely and defensible project decisions.
- Expedite completion of Section 368 Energy Corridor studies and subsequent development of user guidebook to streamline transmission of energy resources across the U.S.
- Utilize workforce across BLM field and district boundaries to provide staff support as

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needed, including state and national project managers, for timely processing of ROW applications.

Streamline leasing and permitting for Federal coal and hardrock mining while addressing backlog of mining applications

- Ensure adequate resources are available to address backlog of coal applications, and to efficiently process new applications for coal and hardrock mining.
- Provide Federal coal streamlining recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior.
- Coordinate with Energy Task Force and begin implementing recommendations for streamlining Federal coal leasing and permitting and permitting of hardrock mines.
- Enhance coordination with other agencies involved in the coal leasing and permitting process on opportunities to maximize efficiencies.
- Develop and increase commercial availability of ecologically appropriate plant materials for coal and hardrock mining reclamation in order to streamline operator ability to meet State reclamation requirements.
- Enhance coordination with states, tribes, and other agencies to streamline review and approval of NEPA documents related to coal, other leasable minerals, and hardrock mining.
- Improve agency geospatial sub-surface data and standardize mineral resource data to expedite resource analysis and decision-making.

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Making America Great Through Shared Conservation Stewardship

Pursue all options to achieve appropriate management levels (AMLs) for the Wild Horse and Burro Program

- Work with Congress to re-introduce legislative flexibility that would allow the BLM to use all management tools Congress provided for in the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.
- Strengthen Federal/Private partnerships to reduce herd sizes through fertility control application and research, gather operations, adoptions, and sales in order to improve the health of public rangelands.
- Decrease reliance on long-term holding facilities by transferring more animals to private care through adoptions or sales. Increase adoption rates by:
 - Expanding relationships with correctional facilities and other relevant partner organizations to train more wild horses and burros to make them more desirable.
 - Developing a new internet adoption website that is more responsive and user-friendly.

Work with partners to develop and implement priority habitat monitoring and improvement projects

- Collaborate with state and local partners to identify priority work, conduct appropriate training, and complete essential projects that:
 - Ensure the health and safety of public lands through hazardous fuels reduction.
 - Improve rangeland health by removing or preventing the spread of invasive plants species.
 - Protect federally listed and other priority species through restoration efforts that enhance habitat connectivity and resiliency.
 - Support multiple-use opportunities on BLM managed public lands.
- Establish new Memorandums of Understanding with State and local governments and communities that promote training, education, and on-the-ground habitat improvement work that will help the BLM better meet the public's demand for access and diverse recreation opportunities.
- Develop and strengthen local, state, and national partnerships to manage and prevent the spread of invasive species to protect public lands and water resources.

Enhance opportunities for volunteer service and youth engagement on public lands

- Create opportunities to engage at least 25,000 volunteers annually by providing meaningful projects that directly support the BLM's multiple-use mission.
- Maximize the impact of national programs that engage youth, families, and local communities (i.e. National Public Lands Day, National Trails Day, Every Kid in a Park, etc.) by hosting local events and providing adequate financial support at the national level.

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Emphasize BLM's multiple-use mandate through strategic communication efforts and educational outreach

- Launch a national BLM multiple-use campaign to engage the public, academia, NGOs, and other stakeholder groups through increased activity on new media platforms, and by hosting a variety of education and outreach events at the local level.
- Expand BLM's communication and education outreach efforts to emphasize the variety of ways the public can access, enjoy, and benefit from BLM lands as a result of our multiple-use mandate.

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Making America Safe – Restoring Our Sovereignty

Direct agency law enforcement assets and efforts on BLM administered lands on or near the Southern border in a way that increases the safety of our visitors and employees, and the protection of public lands

- Develop and implement the three-State Law Enforcement Border Strategy Plan with the following components:

Coordination

- Maintain constant collaboration between BLM California, Arizona, and New Mexico; local partners; and the U.S. Border Patrol to support enforcement initiatives on our borderlands.
- Collaborate closely with state, tribal, and local governments to increase joint decision-making, and
- Develop decision support tools that address the needs of local communities and partners.

Operations

- Provide increased resources along BLM's borderlands, as appropriate, including hiring law enforcement rangers and K9 teams.
- Enhance and expand partnership projects such as Operation Reclaim Our Arizona Monuments (ROAM) on BLM-administered lands in California and New Mexico.
- Continue the ROAM surges with the Alliance to Combat Transnational Threats (ACTT). This results in a near-continuous law enforcement presence on public lands during the surges.

Communications

- Continue to improve signage on public lands and provide additional information at public access points and websites.
- Increase interactions with visitors through high-visibility law enforcement patrols.
- Enhance use and connectivity of the Federal Interagency Communications Center (FICC) to improve border security operations.
- Form agreements with federal, state, and local partners to increase use of Centralized Administrative Dispatch Offices for priority operations.

Fully deploy security and communications systems to enhance employee safety, emergency notification, and accountability

- Complete the initiative to improve physical security and related safety training at offices bureau-wide, including security cameras and Active Shooter training.
- Standardize Emergency Management templates and plans, and implement them bureau-wide.
- Fully roll out ROSS/IQCS program for identification of personnel with needed skills for emergency deployment.
- Ensure oversight of Radio infrastructure which continues to change as a result of emerging technology and reallocation of radio spectrum (by the Federal Communications Commission and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration).

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- Increase use of modern emergency notification systems including satellite phones, spot locators, Send Word Now, ShoutNano, and satellite communicators.
- Transfer to Radio over Internet Protocol (RoIP) to allow for digital communication that can be encrypted and dispatched from anywhere, and multiband radio to give law enforcement the capability to communicate with other Federal, state, and local agencies on their radio systems.
- Enhance vehicle tracking protocols to incorporate priority fire and resource vehicles.

Coordinate with the Department of Defense to ensure that public lands and resources are available to support the mission of our military

- Improve early coordination efforts with DOD related to land withdrawals that support military training and operations, and streamline the processing of withdrawal applications.
- Increase advanced coordination efforts with DOD on BLM actions that could encroach on the mission of the military.
- Increase coordination efforts with DOD to remediate Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) on BLM-administered land.
- Continue to provide cadastral and fire services to military lands, as needed.
- Review current agreements between the BLM and the DOD, and revise where necessary to improve coordination and communication.

Support agencies of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of the Interior in all border security actions.

- Coordinate with the DHS and other law enforcement agencies to provide needed support for deployment of border security infrastructure to include pedestrian and vehicle fencing and other technologies.
- Continue participation in intelligence sharing and operational support activities with the DHS through the Alliance to Combat Transnational Threats (ACTT), an organization which is comprised of more than 60 Federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.

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Getting America Back to Work

Improve and streamline land use planning to support energy and minerals development and other priority initiatives

- Decrease time to completion for priority Resource Management Plan revisions by using third-party contractors when appropriate, and coordinating with the Washington Office early and often on key management decisions.
- Modernize land use planning efforts by incorporating the best available information and changes associated with relevant technologies. Conduct a thorough review of existing court decisions and make the necessary changes in current planning documents to limit re-litigation of similar issues.
- Strengthen planning documents by allocating staff resources to ensure GIS data and land records are up-to-date and accurate, and that critical data (national, statewide, and local) is accessible to BLM employees and decision makers.
- Establish flexible leasing and permitting teams to augment local BLM teams during times of high-workload or low staffing.
- Complete programmatic analyses and comprehensive modeling efforts when possible to minimize the need for multiple, smaller scale studies and planning documents.

Streamline NEPA processes to achieve efficiencies and decrease time to completion

- Create templates from prior NEPA documents to use for Categorical Exclusions and Determinations of NEPA Adequacy when appropriate. Determine whether categorical exclusions can be done for coal permitting, energy and mineral development, and vegetation treatment projects.
- Prioritize completion of programmatic analyses for large-scale projects and/or projects of a repetitive nature in order to streamline subsequent, project-specific planning documents.
- Develop state-specific mitigation strategies in coordination with State agencies to support energy and minerals development and associated rights-of-way activities (i.e. roads, transmission lines).
- Develop new databases for digital data collection to ensure that the most common information required to complete NEPA analysis is available and in a format that is suitable for analysis.

Modernize critical information systems

- Enhance web-based public access to resource and geospatial data related to energy and minerals, grazing permit processing, recreation, and other BLM programs.
- Enhance use of electronic systems (e.g., eErmds, eGIS, and other systems) for energy and minerals, lands, fire, FOIA and litigation workload, and other areas to increase efficiency, supplement workforce needs, continue operations remotely in the event of an emergency or incident, and increase communication throughout the Bureau.
- Provide equipment and data management expertise in real-time data collection, database creation, and establishment of data-sharing agreements with partners to efficiently process NEPA documents.

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- Enhance the capacity of Network Attached Storage (NAS) servers to strengthen continuity of operations and offsite data backups.

Pursue maintenance and capital improvement projects that address infrastructure needs

- Prioritize Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvement projects emphasizing projects that create jobs in local communities, improve recreation access, and enhance visitor safety.
- Review BLM's inventory of office and other physical facilities to identify and implement efficiencies and cost-savings, whether through energy efficiency audits, economic analyses (government-owned versus leasing options), and use of other analytical tools.
- Increase environmental resistance and resilience to disasters by supporting commercial production of native plant materials and working with local partners to create jobs for habitat restoration.
- Work closely with Federal Highways on Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP), Federal Lands Access Programs (FLAP), and Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO) to accomplish high-priority projects in order to increase public access to BLM lands.
- Develop a 5-year strategy to address priority sites in the Abandoned Mine Lands Program to clean up hazardous materials and abandoned mines on Federal land and increase public safety.

Provide employment opportunities for veterans, youth, and others to work on public lands

- Maximize use of existing hiring authorities to strengthen the Bureau's diversity, including veterans, youth, and individuals with disabilities.
- Strengthen recruitment, outreach efforts, and partnerships with local stakeholder groups to promote employment opportunities for local tribes and other underrepresented communities.

Increase efficiency of compliance with other agencies authorities (e.g., ESA, NHPA, CWA)

- Enhance effective working relationships with state government, including State Historic Preservation Offices, Departments of Environmental Quality, and Departments of Wildlife.
- Produce decision support tools and processes that increase the efficiency of compliance activities.
- Develop new tools and technology to make data collection and validation more efficient. Make data more available to use to support energy development and grazing permit renewal compliance actions.
- Engage in informal consultation with stakeholders at the earliest opportunity for actions that trigger compliance with the NEPA process. This reduces the amount of time it takes to engage in formal consultation on those same actions.
- Review and revise, as necessary, the Memorandum of Agreement among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Marines Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Forest Service signed in 2000, which facilitates interagency cooperation to streamline ESA Section 7 consultations.

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Serving the American Family

Maintain a capable, ethical, and diverse professional workforce and an inclusive and motivating work culture that drives high productivity

- Implement the Human Resources Modernization Project to streamline and improve the BLM hiring process and related HR functions (staffing, classification, processing, security operations/on boarding, systems and benefits).
- Strengthen BLM's Work Culture bureau-wide to increase employee engagement, productivity, and retention; increase diversity and inclusion; and foster trust, efficiencies in the workplace, and a healthy work-life balance.
- Assess and improve BLM's leadership development programs, technical training (e.g., Lands and Realty Academy, energy and minerals-related coursework), the Employee Performance Plan and incentive award process, and course offerings at the National Training Center to align with national priorities.
- Demonstrate leadership accountability, commitment, and involvement regarding diversity and inclusion in the workplace.
- Enhance the future workforce by engaging a diverse cadre of youth in meaningful internship or service-learning programs.

Enhance our relationships with States and local communities

- Actively engage the public, local communities, and Resource Advisory Councils in decisions that may affect local public land resources, including economic opportunities, responsible development, recreational access, cultural sites, habitat management, and subsistence issues.
- Enhance Alaska Land Conveyance to the State of Alaska and Alaska Native Corporations to increase development opportunities.
- Expand outreach and education efforts with States and local communities (across diverse social, ethnic, and cultural settings) to increase awareness and appreciation of BLM's multiple-use mission and the public lands.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of BLM's public rooms across the agency, and establish benchmarks and milestones to improve their functionality and customer service to local communities.
- Develop county level metrics of socio-economic benefits from activities on public lands including energy and mineral development and National Conservation Lands. Develop annual economic contribution estimates associated with BLM activities and programs at a state and national level.
- Finalize and implement BLM Travel and Tourism Action Plans to increase economic opportunities, jobs, and recreational access in local communities.

Fulfill our trust responsibilities to tribal communities

- Implement the BLM 1780 Tribal Relations Manual and Handbook to improve and sustain meaningful consultation with federally recognized tribes (American Indians and Alaska Natives) on resources and issues of concern to tribes, including those related to the

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agency's trust responsibilities. Provide "Effective Tribal Consultation" classes, as well as state-specific training on the new 1780 Tribal Relations Manual.

- Fully utilize cooperative management agreements and collaborative partnerships with local tribes to foster strong relationships, facilitate coordination, and effectively address matters of mutual interest.
- Provide cadastral and boundary management consultation with tribal communities for their full enjoyment of land rights, resource use, and protection of cultural resources.
- Promote outreach with local tribal communities to enhance and protect subsistence resources.
- Act diligently and proactively in pursuing designations of Traditional Cultural Properties under the National Historic Preservation Act, thereby ensuring continuity of tribal traditions and support for indigenous ways of life.
- Continue to work with tribes in suppressing unwanted fires that threaten tribal communities and resources.

Protect life, critical infrastructure, and natural/cultural resources through BLM's Fire and Aviation Program.

- Utilize Mitigation, Education, and Community Assistance programs to partner with local entities, homeowners, and business owners on projects to protect homes and the public in and near wildland areas.
- Partner with Rangeland Fire Protection Associations and/or rural fire departments to protect livelihoods, working landscapes, and local economies.
- Conduct fuels management projects and collaborative efforts to create fuel breaks and reduce flammable vegetation to protect homes, communities, and the public in wildland-urban interface areas.
- Enhance partnerships with state and local governments, non-government organizations, private landowners, permittees, and other parties to improve habitat conditions through fuels management, rangeland improvements, and other conservation efforts.

Expand recreational, hunting, and wildlife conservation opportunities

- Implement Secretarial Order 3347 to enhance conservation stewardship, increase outdoor recreation, and improve the management of habitat, including for game species.
- Assess and improve BLM's recreation-related websites, including Rec.gov, to identify local opportunities for families to access and enjoy public lands; streamline trip planning and reservation services; and offer updated, engaging, and relevant visitor information.
- Continue developing Resource Management Plans to increase the focus on providing access, recreation, hunting, and wildlife conservation opportunities through designation of recreation management areas and consideration of Backcountry Conservation Areas.
- Collaborate with State, Tribal, county, local and Federal agencies, as well as other partners, to identify and secure opportunities for increased recreation access to public lands.
- Enhance opportunities for sustainable Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation by continuing to apply for OHV State Grants for Development, Restoration, Acquisition, Education and Law Enforcement.

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- Strengthen local and national partnerships to improve access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities and to enhance wildlife habitat, including for game species and migratory birds.
- Offer access to the public for critical resource and geospatial data by increasing the number of national data sets available, and providing data to show recreation, hunting, and fishing opportunities.

Enhance State and local law enforcement partnerships to increase safety and improve the visitor experience on public lands

- Continue to develop Memoranda of Understanding with local law enforcement to improve incident response, conduct cross-training, and address illegal activity on public land in support of public safety and resource management goals.
- Provide resources, as needed, to law enforcement to address public safety and resource protection, including drug trafficking, border issues, wildland interface fires, vehicle crashes, search and rescue, high use recreation areas, and oil field crimes.

Streamline the grazing permit process and provide more flexibility to the American rancher

- Review the livestock grazing permit process and determine where efficiencies can be made. Develop an action plan with metrics and milestones to implement identified streamlining actions and needed policy updates.
- Improve grazing permitting processes using geospatial technology and providing Public Land Survey System data in publication form.
- Continue incorporating flexible terms and conditions into permit renewals when fully processing grazing permit and lease renewals. Pursue categorical exclusion authority and/or programmatic NEPA when possible.
- Determine availability of common reserve allotments to provide alternative grazing for ranchers affected by drought, fire, and other disasters. Work with Public Lands Council (PLC) and other partners to develop recommendations.
- Work with permittees and stakeholders to develop options for targeted grazing (fuel breaks), outcome-based grazing pilot projects, and long-term formal guidance.



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Making America Safe through Energy Independence

Make additional lands available for “all of the above” energy development.

- **ALASKA** - Authorized the construction of the Greater Mooses Tooth 1 project in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, the first federal oil production project in the NPR-A and completing remediation of 19 legacy well sites of the 50 identified in BLM's 2013 Strategic Plan as needing remediation.
- **NEW MEXICO** - In July 2017, the Amarillo Field Office held the fourth annual helium auction, which generated nearly \$60 million. The subsequent sale of crude helium garnered over \$47 million. In total, the Federal helium program generated over \$107 million from the sale and auction of helium. Under the Helium Stewardship Act of 2013 this program is due to sunset in 2021.
- **WYOMING** – On July 7, 2017, the BLM issued the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Normally Pressured Lance natural gas development project. The draft EIS analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed development of up to 3,500 natural gas wells over the next 10 years in Sublette County, WY.
- **ENERGY, MINERALS & REALTY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE** - Between January and September 2017, the BLM held a total of 20 lease sales (19 of which were online). The September 2017 New Mexico sale generated a total of over \$130 million and the February 2017 Wyoming lease sale garnered nearly \$129 million. These are the second and third largest amounts generated from an onshore lease sale in the last 30 years. For the calendar year 2017 sales to date, the BLM has offered 874,070 acres, sold 506,226 acres, and generated over \$316 million in bonus bids. In comparison, for this same period in calendar year 2016, the BLM held 14 lease sales, offered only 412,487 acres, sold 239,207 acres, and generated a total of approximately \$161 million in bonus bids, which is significantly lower than calendar year 2017.



Making America Safe through Energy Independence

Streamline oil and gas leasing and permitting while addressing backlog of Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs) and Expressions of Interest (EOIs)

- **COLORADO** - Online oil and gas lease sales resulted in 118 of 143 parcels sold for a total of 99,215 acres and \$3,635,496 in FY 2017.
- **MONTANA/DAKOTA's** - Significantly reduced processing time for APDs.
- **NEW MEXICO** - In calendar year 2017, BLM-New Mexico held three successful oil and gas lease sales. The combined bids from the sales brought in \$137,316,316.50. The sales were comprised of parcels from Oklahoma/Texas, as well as the San Juan and Permian Basins, two of the most productive oil and gas basins in the county. The September sale in the Permian Basin had a highest bid/acre of \$37,599.00 for 640.00 acres in Eddy County for a total bonus of \$24,839,840.00. This is the highest bid per acre on record for the BLM. New Mexico's final oil and gas lease sale for the year will take place on December 7, 2017 and includes seven parcels in the Permian Basin.
- **WYOMING** – In FY 2017, the BLM WY received 1,198 APDs, approved 1,083 APDs, and had 292 APDs withdrawn by the proponents. This indicates that for the past year overall, Wyoming has processed APDs at the rate they are coming in. The approval rate has been fairly consistent for the last 5 years.
- **EASTERN STATES** - BLM Eastern States has implemented several policies to improve efficiencies in the Oil and Gas Leasing program including guidance for submitting lease nominations, establishing an MOU and Service First Agreement with Region 8 of the U.S. Forest Service, improved coordination with other Surface Management Agencies, reduced the EOI backlog by 15%, and finalized and implemented policies to improve management of Private Acquired Oil and Gas Leases (PAQs).
- **NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER** - The Division of Information Resource Management expanded the Collections and Billings System and implemented Automated Clearing House / Electronic Funds Transfer via pay.gov to allow Oil and Gas operators to submit payments online for multiple APDs and eliminated the restriction on the dollar amount that can be processed per day.



Making America Safe through Energy Independence

Streamline rights-of-way processing for pipelines, transmission lines, and solar/wind projects

- **ARIZONA** – The BLM oversaw the completion of the environmental review and permitting of the Sun Valley to Morgan high voltage transmission line. The Notice to Proceed was issued in March 2017. The 500-kV transmission line extends 38 miles and will provide improved reliability for the fast-growing Phoenix metro area, with a population expected to exceed six million residents by 2030. The approval of the project is the result of almost four years' worth of work between the BLM and Arizona Public Service.
- **IDAHO** – The BLM made a section of the Gateway West transmission line right-of-way available to Rocky Mountain Power. Further, the BLM is expediting the NEPA analysis and associated realty actions necessary to complete the remaining rights-of-way needed to complete the entire project in FY18.
- **OREGON** - The Pacific Connector LP has proposed to construct a 234-mile long, 36-inch-diameter, high-pressure natural gas transmission pipeline. In June 2017, FERC published its Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the project, which will include amendments to the BLM's Resource Management Plans. The BLM assisted the applicant in preparation of their FERC application and works closely with FERC as the NEPA process moves forward.



Making America Safe through Energy Independence

Streamline leasing and permitting for Federal coal and hardrock mining while addressing backlog of mining applications

- **UTAH** - In March 2017, the BLM issued a \$22 million coal lease to Bowie Resources on the Greens Hollow tract near Salina, Utah. The lease comprises 6,175 acres and is estimated to contain more than 55 million tons of recoverable, high-energy producing coal. The coal resources in the Greens Hollow tract could power up to 11.8 million homes.
- **ENERGY, MINERALS & REALTY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE** – The BLM and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) examined the Federal coal program and developed recommendations to streamline the leasing and permitting process. Changes to policy, promulgation of regulations, or new legislation, could decrease the processing times for leasing and permitting Federal coal and coal mines as well as remove administrative burdens to the industry. These proposals have been outlined in a draft coal recommendations report authored by the BLM and OSMRE.



Making America Great Through Shared Conservation Stewardship

Pursue all options to achieve appropriate management levels (AMLs) for the Wild Horse and Burro Program

- **RESOURCES AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE** – The BLM is developing a strategy to achieve AML on priority herd management areas. The strategy is in development and is due to Congress in November 2017. The BLM continues to provide jobs for hundreds of people each year through WH&B contract facilities, contract truckers, and partnerships.



Making America Great Through Shared Conservation Stewardship

Work with partners to develop and implement priority habitat monitoring and improvement projects

- **UTAH** - In working with the State of Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative, the BLM has completed myriad habitat improvement projects across 70,000 acres – restoring watersheds, rehabilitating wildlife habitat, reducing fuels, etc. This was accomplished through regular outreach with our partners at the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah's Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, as well as many local working groups in coordinating management, projects and habitat assessments.
- **FIRE & AVIATION DIRECTORATE** – By working cooperatively and collaboratively with multiple partners, including local public and private entities, the BLM completed fuels treatments on more than 650,000 acres in 2017 to protect communities and natural resources. The BLM also built upon and expanded its partnership with the ranching community through continued training and other support for Rangeland Fire Protection Associations. RFPAs are comprised primarily of ranchers who live and work in remote areas, have formed local fire response organizations, and can often respond to remote fire starts long before BLM crews can arrive. This partnership has repeatedly proven successful in protecting public and private land.



Making America Great Through Shared Conservation Stewardship

Enhance opportunities for volunteer service and youth engagement on public lands

- **NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIRECTORATE** - The Division of Education, Interpretation and Partnerships, WO-420, coordinated the BLM's National Public Lands Day celebrations on September 30. There were a record 282 projects at 140 sites in 14 states and 10,000 volunteers participated. The BLM also hosted an exhibit at the 2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree. The exhibit featured 3 education stations on Energy, Invasive Species, and Archeology. Over 5,000 scouts and others visited the BLM exhibit over the 9 day event. The BLM Jamboree team distributed more than 7,000 "Leave No Weed" hang tags. Three hundred fifty-nine scouts earned all 11 Archaeology merit badge requirements at the Jamboree. An additional 1,415 scouts, leaders, and parents were contacted in the Jamboree merit badge area.
- **HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE**— The BLM WO Human Capital staff supported 44 diverse Pathways Programs employees and provided employment opportunities to 87 summer interns from underrepresented groups.



Making America Great Through Shared Conservation Stewardship

Emphasize BLM's multiple-use mandate through strategic communication efforts and educational outreach

- **NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIRECTORATE** - The Division of National Conservation Lands prepared a report on all 18 National Monuments designated under the Antiquities Act since January 1, 1996 that are equal to or over 100,000 acres and responded to over 100 inquiries. The report provided information to decision-makers regarding the Monument boundaries with respect to the values for which they were designated and other potential land uses. The BLM had the largest number of National Monuments under review of any agency, and received feedback from the Department in appreciation of how responsive the agency was to inquiries and data requests. Over 35 staff members provided information for the Department during the relatively short review timeline.
- **BUSINESS, FISCAL, AND INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE**— In conjunction with the Department and ASLM, the BLM developed performance measures and metrics for the Department's new draft Strategic Plan. The draft was submitted to OMB along with the 2019 budget request. The measures and metrics included in the draft plan for the BLM closely aligns with bureau and Administration priorities.



Making America Safe – Restoring Our Sovereignty

Direct agency law enforcement assets and efforts on BLM administered lands on or near the Southern border in a way that increases the safety of our visitors and employees, and the protection of public lands

- **OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY** – The BLM supported projects in Arizona to remedy impacts of illegal activity on public lands related to human and drug smuggling. These projects were conducted by BLM staff and youth conservation crews, partners, and volunteers.



Making America Safe – Restoring Our Sovereignty

Fully deploy security and communications systems to enhance employee safety, emergency notification, and accountability

- **HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE** – The BLM WO issued an additional 614 (for a total of 1614) GPS satellite tracker/communicator devices and another 229 (for a total of 376) satellite phones, operating on the DoD network, to support the safety and accountability of field going employees.
- **BUSINESS, FISCAL, AND INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE** - In FY 2017, the BLM reduced 1,347 computers in our financial system. As a result, the future estimated savings from this effort to be over \$500K annually, largely from the reduction in per unit license costs and fees associated with programs such as Microsoft, BigFix, Google, Skype and EERDMS. Reducing the number of older machines that can access the network and bandwidth should also improve overall network security.
- **OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY** – BLM Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) filled a total of 99 Emergency Response Function positions. BLM LEOs were deployed to support recovery efforts from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. There are currently 8 BLM LEOs still deployed in Puerto Rico. BLM LEOs have not been deployed for this type of Emergency Response request since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.



Making America Safe – Restoring Our Sovereignty

Coordinate with the Department of Defense to ensure that public lands and resources are available to support the mission of our military

- **CALIFORNIA** - The BLM finalized the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of approximately 226,700 acres of public lands to Department of Defense for the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range in Imperial and Riverside counties. The transfer fulfills requirements in the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act.



Making America Safe – Restoring Our Sovereignty

Support agencies of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of the Interior in all border security actions

- **OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY** – The BLM completed four law enforcement surges in Arizona. Surges are staffed by 12-20 officers brought in on detail through a BLM Law Enforcement “National Detail Process”. BLM Law Enforcement coordinates with other agencies, typically resulting in an additional 50-100 law enforcement officers working on public lands.



Getting America Back to Work

Improve and streamline land use planning to support energy and minerals development and other priority initiatives

- **OREGON** – Timber production generated in 2017 will support around 2,600 local jobs, and introduce around \$128.2 million into local economies and is enough to frame around 12,500 residential family sized homes. BLM submitted biological assessment packages to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service. These assessments will programmatically streamline future timber sale projects. The BLM began ramping up for full implementation of the Western Oregon RMPs and within two years, BLM will be in a position to reach the projected annual harvest of 278 mmbf. (However, this may need to be adjusted due to the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument Expansion declared after the plan was signed. Secretary Zinke is currently reviewing the Expansion).
- **ENERGY, MINERALS & REALTY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE** - The BLM has made significant progress on reducing regulatory burdens. The BLM published a rule in the Federal Register on July 25, 2017 that would rescind, in its entirety, the 2015 Hydraulic Fracturing Rule. In addition, the BLM reviewed its Waste Prevention Rule, published on November 18, 2016, for consistency with the policy articulated in EO 13783 and SO 3349. The BLM published a Federal Register Notice on June 15, 2017, to postpone compliance dates for certain sections of the Waste Prevention Rule. The BLM also published a delay rule in the Federal Register on October 5, 2017, and the comment period closes on November 6, 2017.



Getting America Back to Work

Streamline NEPA processes to achieve efficiencies and decrease time to completion

- **RESOURCES AND PLANNING DIRECTORATE** – On October 10, 2017 the BLM submitted a report to the Secretary of the Interior on improving the planning and NEPA processes. The report emphasizes solutions that 1) increase efficiency, 2) reduce costs, and 3) focus on engaging state, local, and tribal government partners, as well as members of the public and other key stakeholders. To develop the report, the BLM worked with representatives from state and local governments, and other Federal agencies.



Getting America Back to Work

Modernize critical information systems

- **EASTERN STATES** - BLM Eastern States continues to be a leader in records management and records automation for BLM nationwide. This calendar year, BLM Eastern States helped support BLM offices across the nation in managing digital records during web transition, became the first state office to publish Public Land Survey System State Databases in Navigator, and developed the Land Catalog tool that links GLO and LR2000 records in a map based user interface for the public.
- **NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER** - The Division of Resources Services contributed to significant improvements in national data quality for 18 of our highest priority geospatial datasets. Data quality has improved from 83 percent in December of 2016 to 94 percent in September of 2017. This effort has also decreased the quality control timelines by 95 percent.
- **NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIRECTORATE** – The National Conservation Lands program worked with the States to complete 300+ recreation related websites that received 429,000 page views from over 200,000 unique users. In addition to building content, the BLM developed website templates in response to State and local needs. FY17 also included the release of the interactive map/visit portal and almost 1,500 visit pages, including many sites within the National Conservation Lands. Some of the most popular National Conservation Lands pages included: National Conservation Land's page, Grand Staircase-Escalante NM, Yaquina Head ONA, King Range NCA, Canyons of the Ancients NM, the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretative Center, Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks NM and Vermillion Cliffs NM.



Getting America Back to Work

Pursue maintenance and capital improvement projects that address infrastructure needs

- **NEVADA** – The BLM repaved the 13-Mile scenic drive at Red Rock National Conservation Area near Las Vegas. In addition to repaving the road, the BLM added more than 300 parking spaces by improving four parking areas and built two bridges over low-water crossings, reducing the frequency of road closures due to flash flooding. The project received the Federal Highway Administration 2017 Environmental Excellence Award and Roads & Bridges editorial staff selected the project for 3rd place in the Top 10 Roads Projects 2017. The project was funded by the Federal Highway Administration for \$12.4 million. Red Rock Canyon NCA has approximately 2.5 million visitors each year.



Getting America Back to Work

Provide employment opportunities for veterans, youth, and others to work on public lands

- **ARIZONA** - The Gila District Office partnered with the U.S. Army at Ft. Huachuca to house and support the new Aravaipa veteran-staffed wildland fire crew. The crew has a goal to complete Hotshot certification over the next 2-3 years, and be entirely comprised of veterans. Through the partnership, Ft. Huachuca provides quarters for the hand crew as well as a 7000-square foot operations facility, which opened in spring 2017.
- **COLORADO** – The BLM invested roughly \$400,000 in veteran and youth hires in 2017, resulting in employment opportunities for about 300 youth corps crew members, veterans and interns.
- **MONTANA/DAKOTAS** – The BLM executed timber sales, oil and gas lease sales, grazing lease renewals, and moved forward on coal projects which all contributed to the health of local economies and job creation.
- **FIRE & AVIATION DIRECTORATE**– The BLM is currently using several hiring authorities to select veterans for wildland fire positions. So far, the BLM has established 8 all-veterans crews. The BLM has formed partnerships with Team Rubicon, a non-profit disaster-relief organization managed by veterans; and Hire Heroes USA, a non-profit employment organization. Since 2015, the BLM and its partners have trained nearly 500 Team Rubicon members as wildland firefighters. Through a partnership with Conservation Legacy (a non-profit that supports work opportunities for disadvantaged youth, veterans, and minorities), the BLM developed a 10-week Women's Fire Corps crew program to deploy female crews on both fuels projects and active fire response.
- **BUSINESS, FISCAL, AND INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE** – The BLM met and in some cases exceeded DOI and BLM Small Business Goals for 2017. The DOI Goal for Small Business was 53% and the BLM achieved 63%. The DOI Goal for Small Disadvantaged was 5% and the BLM achieved 17.6%. The DOI goal for Woman Owned was 5% and the BLM achieved 11%. The DOI Goal for HubZone was 3% and the BLM achieved 3%. The DOI Goal for Service-Disabled Veteran was 3% and the BLM achieved 3.3%.



Getting America Back to Work

Increase efficiency of compliance with other agencies authorities (e.g.,
ESA, NHPA, CWA)

- **NEVADA** - The Interim Record of Decision for Operable Unit 8 (OU-8) for the Yerington Anaconda Mine was signed by the Assistant Secretary of Policy Management and Budget on July 12, 2017. The Anaconda Copper Mine (Anaconda) is an abandoned copper mine and extraction facility located in Lyon County, approximately two miles west of Yerington, Nevada. This action allows the BLM and EPA to pursue funding to start the Anaconda clean-up under CERCLA. The action also positions the BLM and Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to oversee a private funding option by Atlantic Richfield, potentially saving taxpayers over 9 million dollars and expediting clean-up of the entire mine site by 2029, should EPA decide that it can support deferral from listing as a Superfund site.



Serving the American Family

Maintain a capable, ethical, and diverse professional workforce and an inclusive and motivating work culture that drives high productivity

- **CALIFORNIA** – The BLM launched the Furthering Dignity and Respect “We Stand Together” campaign aimed to empower BLM-CA employees and create an inclusive and safe work environment. So far, BLM-CA has seen a dramatic reduction of 80 percent in formal EEO complaints as a result of the campaign, trainings, workshops and other EEO outreach efforts.
- **NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER** - The Division of Resources Services staff provided training to over 2,300 BLM staff and over 920 external operators in subjects ranging from ePlanning, the Automated Fluid Mineral Support System (AFMSS); the Assessment Inventory and Monitoring (AIM) Program; and Riparian, Aquatic and Grazing Management.
- **HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE**– The BLM offered 224 instructor led classes of 71 different courses, for a total of 4,476 students trained in classroom. An additional 15,000 students took one or more of the 97 online courses. Several key courses were developed or updated to align with Bureau priorities, including: National Lands Training for Line Officers, Managing Major Rights-of-Way, Beginning Lands and Realty, Advanced Cadastral Training, Environmental Site Assessment and Solid Minerals Line Officer Training. The BLM also consolidated its Ethics program and developed new EEO program courses. In the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, the BLM score for Diversity and Inclusion showed a 4% improvement from the previous year.



Serving the American Family

Enhance our relationships with States and local communities

- **ALASKA** – The BLM issued confirmatory patents for 1,174,073 acres to the State of Alaska and tentatively approved 487 acres for conveyance pending completion of a survey. This reduced the remaining conveyance workload by 3%. BLM Alaska survey crews completed field surveys for 2.3 million acres of state entitlement lands, which reduced BLM Alaska’s remaining state survey obligation by 14%.
- **ARIZONA** - The Kingman Field Office (KFO) collaborated with the University of Arizona, Extension Office to hold an annual Range Forum for area permittees. The forum focused on providing permittees with allotment maps that had inventoried routes for them to ground truth in support of the upcoming field office wide Travel Management Plan. These maps were distributed before the public scoping period began which made the permittees feel more like partners in this endeavor instead of being treated the same as the public.
- **CALIFORNIA** – The BLM is actively participating on the Governor’s Tree Mortality Task Force, comprised of more than 80 Federal and state agencies, local governments, utilities, and other stakeholders, to address epidemic levels of tree mortality driven by years of severe drought and a dramatic rise in bark beetle infestation in California. As part of this effort, the BLM recently completed the Vegetation Management Plan for Electrical Transmission and Distribution Lines and issued policy establishing an efficient and consistent process for hazard tree removal requests from utility companies.



Serving the American Family

Fulfill our trust responsibilities to tribal communities

- **ALASKA** – The BLM issued final patents for 1,098,620 acres to Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporations which reduced the amount of remaining confirmatory patents by 12.5% and remaining entitlement acres by 1.22%. The BLM supported the economic growth of Native Corporations by entering into \$3.4 million of contracts with ANSCA corporations for the survey of ANSCA lands.
- **EASTERN STATES** - Finalized the restoration of 60,000 acres of land to the Red Lake Band of the Chippewa meeting the Department's ongoing responsibility to tribes.



Serving the American Family

Protect life, critical infrastructure, and natural/cultural resources through
BLM's Fire and Aviation program

- **IDAHO** – Over half a million acres have burned in Idaho this year, with nearly 60% of those acres being on BLM lands. BLM Idaho had no major fireline accidents this summer, in spite of thousands of hours spent on fires. BLM worked closely with numerous partners during the 2017 fire season, including Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs), the State of Idaho firefighters, tribal firefighters, and other federal agencies. Idaho's newest RFPA, the Henry's Creek RFPA, was started this year and did an admirable job. Over the past year, BLM did fuel reduction treatments on approximately 142,000 acres including an estimated 150 miles of fuel breaks.
- **MONTANA/DAKOTAS** – The BLM experienced active and heightened level of staff participation in firefighting efforts. Post fire recovery work is currently underway on the Lodgepole Complex and July fires in Eastern Montana.
- **WYOMING** – The BLM combined the Rawlins and Casper fire dispatch centers into one consolidated center in Casper, Wyoming. As a result of this consolidation, the BLM is seeing increased effectiveness, cost savings, and increased interagency operational capabilities.
- **FIRE & AVIATION DIRECTORATE** - In 2017 so far, more than 2.5 million acres of BLM land have burned – including a record 1.9 million acres in the Great Basin. This year, the BLM maintained an above-average safety record with no fatalities or major injuries. Additionally, in response to past tragedies, the BLM developed and implemented a tire management system for wildland engines designed to prevent vehicle accidents due to tire failure and other tire-related issues.



Serving the American Family

Expand recreational, hunting, and wildlife conservation opportunities

- **COLORADO** – The BLM contributed to Colorado's outdoor industry and recreation economy by returning \$180 in economic benefits for every \$1 invested in BLM Colorado's recreation program.
- **NEVADA** - On July 30, 2017 the BLM issued Black Rock City, LLC a Special Recreation Permit for the 2017 Burning Man event. The 2017 Burning Man event drew close to 70,000 paid participants with 132 BLM employees on site for monitoring.
- **NEW MEXICO** - In coordination with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the BLM acquired the Alamocita Creek property. This acquisition opened access to 5,867 acres of prime wildlife habitat in west-central New Mexico and improved access to approximately 35,000 acres of surrounding public lands. The transaction also allows the BLM to consider rerouting 52 miles of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDT) off a highway shoulder and onto a scenic landscape.
- **UTAH** – The BLM developed over 50 georeferenced Adobe PDF maps highlighting recreation opportunities on Utah's public lands. The free, user-friendly maps provide real-time locations on any mobile device and can be used as a navigation tool in areas with no cellular coverage. The maps are available at <https://www.blm.gov/maps/georeferenced-PDFs>.
- **NATIONAL CONSERVATION LANDS & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIRECTORATE** - The BLM supported the acceptance of a donation allowing public access to the Sabinoso Wilderness for the first time. This land donation, accepted through the processes outlined in Section 6 of the Wilderness Act, was completed through coordination between the local, state, and national offices and supports the implementation of Secretarial Order 3356 to expand hunting opportunities and access to public land.



Serving the American Family

Enhance State and local law enforcement partnerships to increase safety and improve the visitor experience on public lands

- **OREGON** – Working with local, state and federal partners, as well as the media and the general public, the BLM was able to get the word out about enjoying the Solar Eclipse in a safe and reasonable way. Approximately 1 million visitors arrived early, had very little trouble getting to their eclipse viewing spots on over 1.5 million acres of public land -- and overall had an excellent experience. Despite the fact Oregon had so many visitors to view the eclipse at the height of fire season, there was no need to issue any citations for illegal campfires, and no human caused fires started related to the event. This was due in large part to the interagency fire prevention outreach prior to, and during the event.
- **HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE**– The BLM WO managed the BLM response to multiple hurricane events and the processing of the hundreds of BLM employees who have volunteered for relief efforts.



Serving the American Family

Streamline the grazing permit process and provide more flexibility to the American rancher

- **IDAHO** - On July 31, the BLM signed the Record of Decision to amend the Craters of the Moon Monument Management Plan (MMP). This plan amendment resulted from a U.S. District Court decision to re-examine the appropriate management of livestock grazing on BLM-administered lands within the Monument and Preserve (approximately 275,100 acres). The Proposed Plan Amendment maintains 99% of current livestock grazing levels and will provide BLM Idaho with greater flexibility in managing grazing on and adjacent to the Monument.
- **NEVADA** - The BLM is implementing targeted grazing using livestock to create and maintain strategically placed fuel breaks. Areas identified for targeted grazing are low elevation and areas dominated by fine annual invasive species. BLM plans to issue free-use grazing permits annually as needed to provide for attainment of fuel break objectives. Treatment areas selected are within four allotments on the Tuscarora Field Office: the T Lazy S, Hadley, Carlin Field, and Blue Basin Allotments.

Notes Summary:

No speaker notes are contained in this presentation.