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Thank you Sarah! Few suggestions:

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The Desert Sun, March 20

A prospective residential development in Desert Hot Springs, first proposed in 2007, is generating controversy, splitting the city between those who feel increasing density could threaten the natural environment surrounding the city and those who feel such projects could help promote the city and its natural features. ...The project site sits at the entrance to the Mission Creek Preserve, which serves as a gateway to the Sand to Snow National Monument...

Have we included these in previous issues? If not please include:

<http://scvnews.com/2017/03/16/knight-reintroduces-bill-to-prevent-cemex-from-mining-in-soledad-canyon/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/picture/2017/mar/16/travel-photo-of-the-week-rare-desert-super-bloom-in-california>

National:

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/324878-white-house-delays-release-of-climate-executive-action>

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On Tue, Mar 21, 2017 at 9:20 AM, Webster, Sarah <swebster@blm.gov> wrote:

CALIFORNIA

BLM opens oil lease hearings

The Californian, March 16

An orderly audience of about 50 people attended a rally and hearing on Thursday regarding the Bureau of Land Management's effort to resume leasing public land in California to oil companies. "The BLM has not held a single oil-lease sale in the state since 2013," a news release from the Center for Biological Diversity states, "when a federal judge ruled that the agency violated the law by issuing oil leases in Monterey County without considering the environmental risks of fracking."

Trump's BLM May Lease 700,000 Acres of California for Drilling - Several decisions and a local measure have already ruled that the Bureau of Land Management cannot sell leases to drill on public land.

telesur, March 15

California may lease out 700,000 acres of land across the state to exploit oil resources that the Bureau of Land Management has repeatedly failed to sell in the past.

Resist Trump's BLM' Rally at Salinas Hearing on Fracking on Public Land - Federal Plan Could Auction Off 700,000 Acres in California to Oil Industry

Center for Biological Diversity, March 15

Dozens of people will stage a "Resist Trump's BLM" rally on Thursday afternoon outside a Salinas hearing on the federal Bureau of Land Management's plan to open hundreds of thousands of acres of public land in California to oil drilling and fracking. The hearing is part of BLM's effort to resume leasing public land in California to oil companies.

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NATIONAL

The Antiquities Act and national monuments. A good idea gone bad

Idaho State Journal, March 18

That the President of the United States is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to declare by public proclamation historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States to be national monuments, and may reserve as a part thereof parcels of land, the limits of which in all cases shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected... I find the process of Monument designation, especially as it applied to Bears Ears, to be troubling. Especially so in light of the fact that it is entirely possible to create National Monuments, such as The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument (also designated by President Obama in 2015), with a great deal of buy in from nearly all stakeholders.

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