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Hello,

Attached is the ASLM/BLM weekly report for March 26-April 1.

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**BLM-ASLM Agenda**  
**March 24, 2017**  
*Internal Working Document*

**I. Executive Travel: March 26- April 1, 2017**

BLM Acting Director Michael D. Nedd, Acting Deputy Director Jerry Perez, and Acting Deputy Director for Policy and Programs Kathleen Benedetto will be in the office attending regularly scheduled meetings.

**II. Agenda Items**

- Keystone Pipeline
- Planning 2.0
- Hiring Freeze
- Policy Expectations (IMs, Handbooks, Regulations)
- Status of Landing Team Data Requests
- OIG/GAO Reports
- Priority Packages:

*Items **with** ASLM:*

- SFA Withdrawal Extension
- Recapture Canyon EA & Press Release
- Eagle Crest EA & Press Release
- North Dakota Oil and Gas Sundry Notices EA
- BLM0008538: Request to Close Recommendation 2 in the U.S. Government Accountability Office Report, O&G: Interior Has Begun to Address Hiring and Retention Challenges but Needs to Do More (GAO-14-205)
- GAO-17-307: Oil and Gas Development: Improved Collection and Use of Data Could Enhance BLM's Ability to Assess and Mitigate Environmental Impacts
- BLMR001407: Notice of Intent to Prepare Two Great-Basin-Wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements to Support Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement
- BLMR001478: 2017 National Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils

*Items **incoming** to ASLM:*

- Report on SO 3347
- BLM0010139: Request to Close Recommendations 4 & 5 in GAO-15-520 - Renewable Energy: BLM Has Limited Assurance that Wind and Solar Projects are Adequately Bonded
- BLMR001401: Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project
- BLMR001399: Notice of Availability Record of Decision for Gateway West Transmission Line Project, Idaho

### III. Pending Packages in ASLM:

#### Packages with ASLM as of 03/23/2017

1. **BLMR001360** – Surname –Notice of Application Extension of PLO 7296 and Opportunity for Public Meeting, Sacramento Peak Observatory, New Mexico. PLO 7296 withdrew 2400+ acres from mineral entry. Existing withdrawal expires Nov. 2017. **BLMR001360** – Surname –Notice of Application Extension of PLO 7296 and Opportunity for Public Meeting, Sacramento Peak Observatory, New Mexico. PLO 7296 withdrew 2400+ acres from mineral entry. Existing withdrawal expires Nov. 2017.
2. **BLMR001308** – Surname –Notice of Proposed Extension of PLO No. 7322 (withdrew 20 acres of Nat'l Forest System lands within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest); Opportunity for Public Meeting; West Eagle Meadow.
3. **BLMR001299** – Surname – Notice of Proposed FS Withdrawal of the Schwartz and Leff Admin. Site/Pub. Comment; Klamath Nat Forest, CA - The U.S. Forest Service is seeking to remove an area of historic and cultural significance located in the Klamath National Forest from mineral entry, subject to valid existing rights. The withdrawal area is 39.60 acres, which is small relative to the land that remains open mineral entry.
4. **BLMR001429** – Surname –Notice of Filing Plats of Survey; Utah
5. **BLMR001314** – **Surname** Notice of Intent to Collect Fees on Public Land in Park County, Colorado (Guffey Gorge Day-Use Area)
6. **BLMR001407** – **Surname**- Notice of Intent to Prepare Two Great-Basin-Wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements to Support Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement.
7. **DTS 9819** – BLM New Mexico Letter to Rep Pearce-Sabinoso Wilderness Donation
8. **DTS BLM ROO1483** – Surname -Filing of Plats in California
9. **BLM0008538** – Surname - Request to Close GAO recommendation (Oil-Gas Hiring and Retention)
10. **BLMR001482** –Surname- 60 Day Notice Renewal of Approved Information Collection – OMB 1004-0041
11. **BLMR001487-Surname** - Notice of Mailing/Street Address Change for the BLM-Challis Field Office **BLMR001487-Surname** - Notice of Mailing/Street Address Change for the BLM-Challis Field Office
12. **BLMR001478-Surname** -2017 National Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils
13. **BLMR001330-Surname** - Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Guffey Gorge in Park County, Colorado
14. **BLMR001476-Surname** - Notice of Public Meeting for the John Day - Snake Resource Advisory Council
15. **BLMR001480-Surname**-Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area
16. **BLMR001490-Surname**-Notice of Public Meeting, Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, New Mexico

#### **IV. Weekly Report:**

##### **Week Ahead Announcements and Actions**

On **March 27**, BLM-NM State Director Amy Leuders will meet with Alexandra Sandoval, NM Department of Game and Fish, to discuss access to public lands.

On **March 28**, BLM-CA will host a public workshop on a proposed amendment to the Headwaters Forest Reserve Management Plan that would allow increased levels of forest restoration activities. The Headwaters Forest Reserve is a 7,400-acre tract near Eureka, containing stands of ancient redwood trees, some estimated to be 1,500 years old. The BLM and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife jointly manage the reserve to protect habitat for special status fish and wildlife species.

From **March 28-29**, Linda Schnee of BLM NCL and Community Partnerships will host a two-day meeting in Washington D.C. for “volunteer.gov” stakeholders to review the newly designed volunteer.gov platform and help test the site’s functionality. Volunteer.gov is the primary volunteer recruitment vehicle for Federal land management agencies.

On **March 29**, BLM-NV Las Vegas Field Manager Gayle Marrs-Smith will give a presentation at an outreach meeting of the Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board that explains how the new Gold Butte National Monument designation will not affect existing uses. Rural stakeholders in the area requested the meeting.

From **March 29** - April 1, the Project Archaeology National Meeting/Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting will take place in Vancouver, B.C. BLM-WO Archaeologist Jeanne Moe will chair a research symposium on archaeology education.

On **March 30**, BLM-UT will release their September Oil and Gas Lease Sale EA for a 30-day public review and comment period to analyze potential impacts. The comment period closes May 1, 2017. A total of 14,943 acres, comprised of nine parcels, were nominated for potential leasing in the Western Desert District.

On **March 30**, BLM-NM State Director Amy Leuders will address the NM Wildland Urban Interface Summit where partners meet to discuss wildfire preparedness. The summit is an annual collaborative event hosted by the BLM, USFS, NM State Land Office, NM State Forestry, Forest Stewards Guild, Northern AZ University-SW Fire Consortium, Grant County, and the NM Association of Counties. Attendees include fire management professionals, emergency responders, local government officials and residents.

On **March 30**, the 90-day public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Sagebrush Focal Area Proposed Mineral Withdrawal will close. This proposed mineral withdrawal was part of the Greater sage-grouse Land Use Plan Amendments. ID Governor Butch Otter, the National Mining Association and the American Exploration Mining Association have requested an extension of time for the review and comments on the Draft EIS.

On **March 31**, BLM-UT and the American Conservation Experience will launch a new mobile app called “WildSnap” for monitoring wilderness study areas. Members of the public that collect data through the app are considered “citizen scientists” and will be able to upload photographs, field notes and GPS locations within the app.

By **March 31**, BLM-UT Cedar City FO will complete the Kanarra Creek land acquisition (40.78 acres in Iron County) that will support recreation activities such as hiking, backpacking, sightseeing, and

canyoneering. The property is being purchased with Land and Water Conservation Fund money and is located adjacent to the Spring Creek Wilderness Study Area. The acquisition is supported by Iron County.

In **late March**, BLM-UT Moab FO will release an EA for public comment analyzing a proposal to renew a ten-year grazing permit in the Big Flat area east of Canyonlands National Park in Grand County, UT. The EA analyzes the potential impacts of issuing permits to three permittees to graze livestock on 131,939 acres of public lands grazed in three common allotments. The key issues addressed include wildlife, noxious weeds, recreation, soils, and vegetation.

In **late March**, BLM-UT Vernal FO will release an EA for public comment analyzing a proposal to reinstate three expired oil and gas leases totaling 3,312 acres in the Dragon Canyon area of Uintah County, UT. The leases issued to Vetruvian Exploration, LLC, expired October 1, 2012. The EA analyzes impacts and updates considerations for leasing based on new information and RMP decisions. The EA identifies the potential effects to lands found to have wilderness character within the Dragon Canyon wilderness characteristics inventory unit (completed May 2016). The proposed action includes stipulations and lease notices to help protect sensitive plants, air quality, fragile soils, wildlife and riparian resources. The proposal has drawn interest from the Southern UT Wilderness Alliance.

On **April 1**, BLM-CA will hold a dedication ceremony for the Luke Sheehy Memorial Fitness Park. The park is located in the BLM's Swasey Recreation Area, near Redding Point, CA, and was built in honor of Luke Sheehy, a smokejumper and former BLM hotshot firefighter who died in the line of duty.

### **30-60 Day Look-Ahead**

From **April 3-7 and 10-12**, Rich Estabrook, BLM Energy, Minerals and Realty Management, will participate in public/industry outreach meetings to answer questions on the new oil and gas rules in Salt Lake City, UT, Billings, MT, and Roswell and Farmington, NM.

On **April 4**, the 30-day public scoping period ends for the BLM-WY environmental assessment on a proposed wild horse gather in Salt Wells Creek, Adobe Town and Great Divide Basin Herd Management Areas (HMAs). The Rock Springs and Rawlins field offices propose to gather and remove wild horses to the low Appropriate Management Level (AML) from the three HMAs to comply with the 2013 Consent Decree that was entered in *Rock Springs Grazing Association v. Salazar*. An estimated 1,029 wild horses would be removed (584 from Salt Wells Creek, 210 from Adobe Town, and 235 from the Great Divide Basin HMA). The proposed gather is expected to take place in the fall of 2017.

On **April 4**, BLM-OR NW District will participate in "Rural OR Day" in Salem, OR. Sponsored by the OR Rural Development Council, the event will be attended by rural stakeholders and will bring awareness to BLM programs, providing information about how the BLM contributes to OR's rural economy.

From **April 4 - 5 and 11 - 12**, BLM-NV will hold open house meetings for the Piute-Eldorado Valley Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Management Plan to discuss the Plan and the subsequent EA. Mitigation fees for activities in BLM's Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone, located north of Las Vegas, will fund the plan, EA, and restoration actions.

On **April 8**, BLM-CA Bakersfield FO will dedicate a replica entrance gate at CA Coastal NM, Piedras Blancas Light Station. Past and present volunteers, as well as BLM staff, will take part in the event.

From **April 10-13**, Tami DeFries, BLM Fire and Aviation Program Advisor, and Jolie Pollet, Division Chief of Planning and Fuels Management at the National Interagency Fire Center, will travel to

Winnipeg, Canada to participate in the Canadian Wildland Fire Community's National Forum on Gender and Diversity Issues.

On **April 12**, BLM-CO Fire Management Officer Todd Richardson will participate in a panel discussion for a University Corporation for Atmospheric Research congressional briefing on fire weather, data and wildland fire coordination at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. The University Corporation for Atmospheric Research hosts congressional briefings on various issues throughout the year. Richardson routinely works with universities to provide insight on wildland fire operations and fire use.

On **April 13**, BLM-OR Northwest OR District will host a public meeting to obtain comments on the Thurston Hills Non-Motorized Trails and Forest Management project at the Willamalane Park and Recreation district office in Springfield, OR. The purpose of the event is to provide information about the proposed project being developed in partnership with Willamalane Park and Recreation District in Springfield, OR, and obtain public comments.

**April 15**, BLM plans to issue the Boardman to Hemingway Record of Decision (ROD). BLM received the Biological Opinion on February 28 from the National Marine Fisheries Service. OR plan amendments are being handled concurrently.

In **mid-April**, BLM-NV plans to issue the final Dixie Meadows Geothermal Project EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The project area consists of approximately 22,021 acres of public land within the Carson City District. The project proponent (Ormat) seeks approval to drill several types of wells (temperature gradient wells, test observation wells, and production wells) at up to 20 specific locations located approximately 75 miles northeast of the Fallon, NV.

On **April 21**, BLM and “fishingcommunity.org” (FCO) will co-host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fletcher’s Boathouse Shad Fishing Gala, an informal, shore and boat shad fishing event for disabled, wounded, and injured veterans and their families. This event is part of the BLM/FCO Fisheries for Veterans Project that uses America’s public lands and fishing resources to revitalize and reconnect American communities and heroes. All Fisheries for Veterans project activities are free of charge and open to all veterans and their family members.

From **April 21-23**, BLM-OR Burns District will participate in Central OR’s largest equine event, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual High Desert Horse Expo, known as the only horse expo east of the Cascades in OR and WA. There will be over 125 booths, clinicians, demonstrations, educational workshops and friendly competitions.

On **April 26**, BLM-CA groundwater monitoring and response implementation coordination meetings will begin with Ormat Technologies Inc., the Mammoth Community Water District, U.S. Geological Survey, Inyo National Forest, and the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District for the Casa Diablo IV geothermal development project. Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Rep. Paul Cook have expressed interest in the project. Ormat provides alternative and renewable energy technology and is located in Reno, Nevada.

In **mid-April**, the BLM-CA Ukiah FO will prepare an EA for special recreation permits in the Point Arena Stornetta Unit of the CA Coastal NM to establish locations, time periods and uses permissible for special recreation permits and commercial filming permits within the monument. The permits are needed to manage high public demand for events, as well as commercial filming.

From **May 4-10**, BLM’s National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships will participate in two important trail-related events, the National Trail Administrators’ Roundtable (May 4 - 6) and the

American Trails Biannual International Trails Symposium (May 7 - 10). Both events will take place in Dayton, Ohio.

In **mid-May**, BLM-UT anticipates issuing a ROD on an EA concerning mixed trail use in the Recapture Canyon area, located east of Blanding in San Juan County. The ROD would lift an 1871-acre closure order in Recapture Canyon that was issued in 2007 and designate certain trails for all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use, while protecting important riparian and cultural areas. This area became the focus of national media attention in May 2014 when a group staged an unauthorized ATV ride to protest the closure of Recapture Canyon to AVTs. The BLM is currently reviewing options regarding route designations.

#### V. Major Federal Register Notices and Approval Packages:

##### **BLM Federal Register Notices as of March 23, 2017, 2:00 p.m. ET**

- **Notices in blue text were received by the Division of Regulatory Affairs during the past week.**
- **Notices in green text are managed by the Div. of Lands and Realty. Please contact Vanessa Engle with questions about these notices.**
- **Notices in red text are renewable-energy-related notices.**

<b>Alaska State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Rcvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest for Lands Underlying the George River in Alaska	5/13/16	3/16/17 Returned to AKSO with WO 100 questions. (DTS 1154)

<b>Arizona State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Rcvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Noncompetitive Sale and Conveyance of Mineral Interests of Public Land in Maricopa and Pinal Counties, Arizona	7/14/16	8/18/16 Sent back to AZSO for edits. (DTS 1222)
Proposed Noncompetitive (Direct) Sale and Conveyance of Mineral Interests of Public Land in Gila County, AZ	6/19/15	9/12/16 Sent to Solicitor (Lands). (DTS 791)
Notice of Availability of the Draft Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Arizona	5/18/15	3/15/17 Exec. Sec. returned to WO 630 without clearance due to change in administrations and surnames no longer valid. Cancelled this with AZSO. (DTS 749)
Notice of Availability of the Sonoran Valley Parkway Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, Maricopa County, Arizona	4/10/15	4/22/2016 On hold with AZSO. (DTS 700)

<b>California State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Rcvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Filing of Plats of Survey: California	3/15/17	3/15/17 Sent to WO 100. (DTS 1500)

Filing of Plats of Survey: California	2/23/17	3/15/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1463)
Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Decision for Proposed Land Exchange between the Bureau of Land Management and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, California	2/10/17	3/15/17 Sent to WO 400. (DTS 1449)
Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Non Competitive (Direct) Sale of Public Land in Santa Barbara County, CA	1/18/17	2/13/17 Sent to Solicitors (Lands). (DTS 1412)
Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Fort Ord National Monument, California	1/18/17	3/8/17 Sent to Solicitors (Lands). (DTS 1413)
Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Comment; Klamath National Forest, California	10/17/16	2/17/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1299)
Notice of Intent to Prepare a DRAFT Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed United States Gypsum Company Expansion/Modernization Project, Imperial County, California.	7/12/16	3/3/17 Returned to CASO. (DTS 1217)

<b>Colorado State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Rcvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Joint Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting (Meeting Dates: June 19 21)	3/20/17	3/20/17 Sent to WO 640 (DTS 1509)
Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting for the Dominguez Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council (Meeting Date: 5/3/17)	3/7/17	3/22/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1480)
Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Colorado	2/28/17	3/6/17 Sent to WO 100. (DTS 1469)
Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules for Travel Management on Public Lands in Montrose, Delta, San Miguel and Ouray Counties, Colorado	12/23/16	3/22/17 Sent to Law Enforcement. (DTS 1387)
Notice of Intent to Collect Fees on Public Lands in Chaffee County, Colorado (Cache Creek Placer Area)	11/3/16	11/10/16 Sent to Solicitors (Lands). (DTS 1325)
Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Guffey Gorge in Park County, Colorado	11/7/16	3/21/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1330)
Notice of Intent to Collect Fees on Public Land in Park County, Colorado (Guffey Gorge Day Use Area)	11/3/16	3/20/17 Sent to ASLM. (DTS 1314)
Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Bull Mountain Unit Master Development Plan, Gunnison County, CO	8/5/16	1/19/17 Sent to WO 200. (DTS 1241)
Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in Montezuma and Dolores Counties, CO	4/18/16	11/17/16 Returned to COSO for edits. (DTS 1128)

<b>Eastern States Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Rcvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale ALES 55199, Alabama	12/22/16	3/7/17 Waiting for Departmental briefing paper. (DTS 1383)
Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Associated Final Environmental Impact Statement for Southeastern States District	5/25/16	2/14/17 ESO is making edits. (DTS 1169)

<b>Idaho State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Recvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Public Meetings, Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council, Idaho (Meetings on 5/31/17 and 9/11/17)	3/22/17	3/23/17 In WO 640. (DTS 1517)
Notice of Availability of Final EIS and Proposed Monument Management Plan, Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho	3/22/17	3/22/17 In WO 210. (DTS 1515)
Notice of Mailing/Street Address Change for the BLM Challis Field Office	3/7/17	3/23/17 In Exec. Sec. (DTS 1487)
Final Idaho Statewide Supplementary Rules	3/7/17	3/20/17 In WO 250. (DTS 1486)
Filing of Plats of Survey: Idaho	3/7/17	3/7/17 In WO 100. (DTS 1485)
Notice of Public Meeting, Boise District Resource Advisory Council, Idaho (Meeting Date: 4/5/17)	2/23/17	Will publish in the Federal Register on 3/24/17. (DTS 1465)
Notice of Intent to Prepare Two Great Basin Wide Programmatic Environmental Impact Statements to Support Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement	1/11/17	3/7/17 Back in ASLM. (DTS 1407)
Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project and Approved Land Use Plan Amendments in Idaho	1/9/17	3/3/17 In WO 100. (DTS 1399)
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Caldwell Canyon Mine and Reclamation Plan, Caribou County, Idaho	12/1/16	Published in the Federal Register on 3/22/17. (DTS 1362)
Notice of Application for Recordable Disclaimer of Interest in Lands, Kootenai County, Idaho	7/6/16	3/9/17 In Exec Sec. (DTS 1214)

<b>Montana State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Recvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Application for Withdrawal and Notification of Public Meetings; South Dakota and Wyoming; Correction	3/13/17	3/16/17 In Solicitor's Office. (DTS 1497)
Legal Description of Limestone Hills Training Area Withdrawal, Montana	3/9/17	3/9/17 In WO 350. (DTS 1493).
Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (Meeting Date: 3/29/17)	2/15/17	Published in the Federal Register on 3/17/17. (DTS 1452)
Notice of Application for Withdrawal and Notification of Public Meeting; Montana Correction	12/30/16	3/15/17 In Exec. Sec. (DTS 1391)
Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan Revision and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Lewistown Field Office and a portion of the Butte Field Office, Montana.	6/23/16	3/9/17 In WO 100. (DTS 1197)

<b>Nevada State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Rcvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Realty Action: Competitive Sale of 17 Parcels of Public Land in Clark County, NV	2/22/17	3/20/17 In WO 610. (DTS 1462)
Notice of Public Meeting: Bureau of Land Management Nevada Resource Advisory Councils (Meeting Date: 4/4/17)	2/17/17	Published in the Federal Register on 3/13/17. (DTS 1458)
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplement to the Draft Resource Management Plan and Associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern Nevada District Planning Area, comprising the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices and Gold Butte National Monument	1/6/17	1/24/17 On hold. (DTS 1397)
Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Land in Clark County, Nevada	11/17/16	3/14/17 In WO 100. (DTS 1347)
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Deep South Expansion Project Amendment, Lander and Eureka Counties, Nevada	10/28/16	3/9/17 Exec Sec. (DTS 1316)
Notice of Implementation of the Ely District Cave and Karst Management Plan Including a Cave Use Permit System, Frequency and Group Size Limits, Installation of Cave Gates, and Cave Closures.	8/19/16	3/15/17 In Exec Sec. (DTS 1258)

<b>New Mexico State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Rcvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey: New Mexico	3/8/17	3/15/17 In WO 100 (DTS 1491)
Notice of Public Meeting, Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, New Mexico (Meeting Date: 5/1/17)	3/8/17	3/9/17 In WO 640 (DTS 1490)
Notice of Crude Helium Auction and Sale for Fiscal Year 2018 Delivery	2/21/17	2/21/17 In WO 310. (DTS 1460)
Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Recreation and Public Purpose Act Classification for Conveyance of Public Lands in Santa Fe County, New Mexico	2/9/17	3/13/17 In WO 350. (DTS 1445)
Notice of Application for Recordable Disclaimer of Interest: New Mexico	12/22/16	3/10/17 In SOL DLR BPL. (DTS 1380)
Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification for Conveyance of Public Land in Cibola County, New Mexico	2/18/16	3/8/17 In SIO REGS. (DTS 1053)
Notice of Application for Extension of Public Land Order No. 7296, and Opportunity for Public Meeting, Sacramento Peak Observatory, New Mexico	11/29/16	3/8/17 In ASLM. (DTS 1360)
Notice of Availability of the Rio Puerco Proposed RMP and Final EIS for the Rio Puerco Field Office, New Mexico	3/11/15	10/12/16 NMSO is revising the communication plan (DTS 665)

Notice of Extension of the Current Qualification of the Designated Nine County Area of Oklahoma Federal Coal for Category 5 Royalty Rate Reductions	11/12/14	2/7/17 ON HOLD in WO 300/320 needs AD300 concurrence and policy review (DTS 552)
Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands in New Mexico	6/23/16	3/16/17 In WO 100 (DTS 1198)

<b>Oregon State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Revd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Public Meeting for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (Meeting on 5/17/17)	3/21/17	3/22/17 In WO 100. (DTS 1511)
Notice of Public Meeting for the John Day Snake Resource Advisory Council	3/3/17	3/22/17 In ASLM. (DTS 1476)
Notice of Public Meeting for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (Meeting on 4/10/17)	3/2/17	Published in the Federal Register on 3/24/17. (DTS 1473)
Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/Washington	2/24/17	3/15/17 In WO 100. (DTS 1467)
Notice of Public Meeting for the Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council Forest Resiliency Subcommittee (Meeting on 3/30/17)	2/15/17	3/6/17 In Exec Sec. (DTS 1454)
Notice of Public Meeting for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council Lands with Wilderness Characteristics Subcommittee (Meeting on 3/15/17)	2/7/17	Published in the Federal Register on 3/8/17. (DTS 1436)
Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project and Approved Land use Plan Amendments, Oregon	1/9/17	1/13/17 In Solicitor's office (Lands). (DTS 1401)
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Upper Lake Creek Management Plan in Lane County, Oregon	1/4/17	1/5/17 In WO 210. (DTS 1394)
Notice of Intent to Establish Recreation Fees on Public Lands in Clackamas County	12/6/16	1/25/17 In Solicitor's office (Lands). (DTS 1365)
Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands at Bastendorff Beach and the Associated Headlands in Coos County, Oregon	11/1/16	1/25/17 In Solicitor's office (Lands). (DTS 1337)
Notice of Proposed Extension of Public Land Order No. 7322; Opportunity for Public Meeting; West Eagle Meadow,	10/25/16	2/23/16 In ASLM. (DTS 1308)
Notice of Temporary Emergency Road Closure for Public Lands in the Neal Creek Area of Linn County, Oregon	3/31/16	5/2/16 Returned to ORSO for revision. (DTS 1103)
Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules on Public Lands in Oregon	2/24/15	03/16/2017 Returned to ORSO with WO 250 edits. (DTS 644)
Notice of Temporary Closure on Public Lands in Douglas County, OR (White Castle)	8/22/13	11/19/2013 On hold. (DTS 74)

<b>Utah State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Revd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Availability of the Draft Monument Management Plan Amendment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Livestock Grazing for the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument	3/1/17	3/1/17 In WO 210 (DTS 1471)

Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands in Moab Field Office, Utah	2/17/17	3/16/17 In WO 250 (DTS 1456)
Call for Nominations for GSENMAC	11/14/16	2/22/17 In SOL DLR BPL (DTS 1342)
Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Utah	1/31/17	3/9/17 In ASLM. (DTS 1429)

<b>Wyoming State Office</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Rcvd.</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Alkali Creek Reservoir Project, Big Horn County, Wyoming	3/14/17	3/14/17 In WO 210. (DTS 1498)
Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meeting on a Federal Coal Lease by Application in the Decertified Powder River Federal Coal Production Region, WY	3/10/17	3/15/17 Sent to DOI Solicitor (DMR). (DTS 1495)
Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Non Competitive Lease of Public Land in Johnson County, WY	2/10/17	3/21/17 In Solicitor's office. (DTS 1447)
Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming	2/8/17	Published in the Federal Register on 3/16/17. (DTS 1439)
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to Address Livestock Grazing in the Granite Mountain Open Common Allotment	11/29/16	2/28/17 Back in WO 200. (DTS 1358)
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project, Big Horn County, Wyoming	10/7/16	10/24/16 Sent to WO 280. (DTS 1293)

## VI. Congressional Activities:

**March 22, 2017**

### Hearings

**Oversight Hearing / Infrastructure & Minerals Production in Alaska:** On Mar. 30, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee plans to hold a hearing on “*Infrastructure Improvements to Create Jobs and Reduce the Cost of Living through All-of-the-Above Energy and Mineral Production in Alaska.*” No request for DOI witness.

**Legislative Hearing / Public Lands Bills:** On Apr. 5, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands plans to hold a legislative hearing on four public lands bills, including the following two of interest to the BLM:

- H.R. 497, the Santa Ana River Wash Plan Land Exchange Act (Rep. Cook, R-CA-8)
- H.R. , the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey Expansion Act (Rep. Simpson, R-ID-2)

DOI witness TBD.

### Congressional Meetings

**Senate Energy & Natural Resources Majority Staff / Infrastructure Project Priorities:** On Mar. 24, Assistant Director for Business, Fiscal, and Information Resources Janine Velasco, BLM Budget Officer Linda Smith, and representatives of NPS will meet with Senate Energy and Natural Resources majority staff to discuss infrastructure project priorities. NPS participation TBD.

**House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Majority Staff / Federal Lands Transportation Program:** On Mar. 28, Assistant Director for Business, Fiscal, and Information Resources Janine Velasco

and Branch Chief for Engineering & Asset Management Policy Marjorie Chiles will meet with majority staff for a briefing on the BLM's participation in the Federal Lands Transportation Program.

**Congressional Briefing / Fire, Weather, Data & Wildland Fire Coordination:** On Apr. 12, the Corporation for Atmospheric Research is hosting a congressional briefing on fire, weather, data and wildland fire coordination at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center in Washington, D.C. BLM Colorado State Fire Management Officer, Todd Richardson, will participate in the panel discussion.

**House Natural Resources Majority Staff / Infrastructure Project Priorities:** House Natural Resources majority staff has requested a meeting with the BLM to discuss infrastructure project priorities. Date and BLM participation TBD.

**House Natural Resources Minority Staff / Military Land Withdrawals:** House Natural Resources minority staff has requested a meeting with the BLM/DOI, DOD, and House Armed Services Committee and House Natural Resources majorities and minorities to discuss the military land withdrawal process. Date and BLM participation TBD.

**Rep. Yoho / Wild Horse & Burro Program:** Rep. Yoho (R-FL-3) has requested a meeting to discuss BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program. Date and BLM participation TBD.

#### BLM State Director Courtesy Visits

**Courtesy Visits / Colorado Congressional Delegation:** In late April, BLM Colorado State Director Ruth Welch plans to conduct visits with members and staff of the Colorado congressional delegation.

**Courtesy Visits / Wyoming Congressional Delegation:** In late April, BLM Wyoming State Director Mary Jo Rugwell plans to conduct visits with members and staff of the Wyoming congressional delegation.

**Courtesy Visits / Nevada Congressional Delegation:** In mid-May, BLM Nevada State Director John Ruhs plans to conduct visits with members and staff of the Nevada congressional delegation.

## **VII. Weekly Audit Report:**

DTS#	Report Title	Comments	WO100 Review	ASLM Review	Due PFM	Due GAO, OIG, Congress
10124	Draft Audit Report Oil and Gas Development: Improved Collection and Use of Data Could Enhance BLM's Ability to Assess and Mitigate Environmental Impacts (GAO 17 307)  Link to the Report: unpublished on GAO website	The proposed response is undergoing ASLM review.	3/10-3/13 (Done)	3/14-3/17 (Done)	3/17	3/31

## VIII. Packages in WO-100:

Line #	Sig Level	DCN	Doc. Type	Subject	Synopsis	Addressee	Received Date
1		BLM0010291	LTR	Spring Creek Coal Mine Project Proposals	The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Miles City Field Office (MCFO) received four project proposals from Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC for the Spring Creek Coal Mine (SCC) near Decker, Montana. The proposals are: Lease by Application (LBA) MTM 105485 with approximately 1,602.57 acres, lease modification to coal lease MTM 94378 (LMA) with approximately 150 acres, and proposal to amend existing land use lease (LUL) MTM 74913 and existing land use permit (LUP) MTM 96659. A map of the project are	Fox, Mark +14 Tribal Chairs	
2		BLM0010292	LTR	KXL Tribal Coordination Letter	TransCanada Keystone Pipeline L.P. has applied for a right of way (ROW) grant crossing BLM managed lands in the Malta, Glasgow, and Miles City Field Offices in Montana. According to the 2017 Plan of Development (POD) the project would cross 58.92 miles of BLM managed lands and impact 758.30 acres. The project includes the pipeline, 18 temporary access roads (used during pipeline construction) and three permanent access roads which will cross BLM managed lands.	Crows Breast, Elgin +30 Tribal Historic Preservation Officers	
3		BLMR001503	FRN STAT E	Notice of Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee Meeting			03/16/2017
4	A/S	BLM0010139	GAO/OIG CLOSURE	Request to Close Recommendations 4 & 5 in GAO 15 520 Renewable Energy: BLM Has Limited Assurance that Wind and	Request to Close Recommendations 4 & 5 in GAO 15 520 Renewable Energy: BLM Has Limited Assurance that Wind and Solar Projects are	Schneider, Janice M.	

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				Solar Projects are Adequately Bonded	Adequately Bonded		
5	A/S	BLM0007905	DM	ROD for Kelly Silver Mine (OU1) at the Randsburg Historic Mining District, CA	The ROD for the Kelly Silver Mine (OU1) at the Randsburg Historic Mining District requires the signature of the Director, Deputy Assistant Secretary, and the Assistant Secretary, PMB. The ROD	BLM WO 280 AML	
6	A/S	BLML000116	PLO	Homestake Withdrawal Partial Revocation/CACA 051360	Partial revocation to accommodate a pending land exchange within the National Conservation Land and Wildlife Management Area (NCLWMA)	BLM CA 931 LANDS AND REALTY	
7	A/S	BLMR001399	FRN	Notice of Availability Record of Decision for Gateway West Transmission Line Project, Idaho	Sent to OFR on 1/19/17  Withdrawn on 1/23/17		01/09/2017
8	AA	BLM0010297	INV	Invitation for the Secretary to attend the Tem Rubicon Veterans Wildland Fire Training on April 20, 2017, at Prince William Forest Park in Triangle, VA	POC: Tami DeFries 208 4147	Zinke, Ryan	
9	AA	BLM0009522	DM	Decision Memo; Affirmative Litigation re Wisteria Island		BLM WO 300 SENIOR ADV	
10	AD	BLM0010234	IM	2017 first National Call for RAC Nominations	PLEASE EXPEDITE	All Field and Washington Office Officials,	
11	AD	BLM0010184	MEM	Gregory House Foreign Travel Request for vehicle Transport through Canada	Foreign Travel Request for Gregory House	BLM FA100 AD	
12	AD	BLM0009929	IM	Sage Grouse Integrated POW FY 2018		State Directors,	
13	AD	BLM0008684	MEM	Concurrence that the Category 5 Area Royalty	The Washington Office Solid Minerals Division has reviewed	Nedd,	

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				Rate Reduction for the Oklahoma Federal Coal Area Should Continue as Provided in the BLM Royalty Rate Policy Guidance.	the Oklahoma Federal Coal Category 5 Area Royalty Rate Reduction (RRR) concurrence request.	Michael D.	
14	BC	BLMR001491	FRN STAT E	Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; New Mexico			03/09/2017
15	BC	BLMR001467	FRN	Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/Washington			02/24/2017
16	D	BLMR001500	FRN	Filing of Plats of Survey: California			03/15/2017
17	D	BLMR001485	FRN	Filing of Plats of Survey: Idaho	quarterly filing of survey plats completed in Idaho		03/07/2017
18	D	BLMR001469	FRN	Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Colorado			02/28/2017
19	D	BLM0009991	CC WO	Recommends Dr. Robert Taylor for the WH&B Advisory Board		Mead, Matthew	02/21/2017
20	D	BLM0009615	CC ES	Request extension of effective date of final venting and flaring rule		Stenehjem, Wayne; Kornze, Neil; Fox, Tim; Michael, Peter K; Jewell, Sally	12/09/2016
21	D	BLM0010294	BP	ACCCNRS Meeting Briefing		Nedd, Michael D	
22	D	BLM0009797	CC WO	Nomination of Susan McAlpine for appointment to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board		McCain, John	
23	D	BLM0010122	CC ES	Mining withdrawal in Superior National Forest/Boundary Waters Canoe Area re: Twin Metals	Cross Reference: 10122 Nolan, 10249 Dayton, 10129 Emmer, 10301 Emmer, 10233 Fedo, 10221 Loon	Nolan, Richard; Zinke, Ryan	03/02/2017

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24	D	BLM0009613	RPT Report	Report to Congress	This report updates the Congress on the Stewardship Contracting program within the BLM. The FY16 report will be put into a graphic template similar to the included FY15 report provided. The FY15 report is attached for reference.	BLM WO 220 RANGE DIVISION	
25	D	BLM0009790	CC WO	Conveyance of Gig Harbor Sand Spit to the City of Gig Harbor, WA		Cantwell, Maria; Kilmer, Derek	01/24/2017
26	D	BLMR001197	FRN	Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan Revision and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Lewistown Field Office and a portion of the Butte Field Office, Montana.			06/23/2016
27	D	BLM0008104	IM	Citizen Science Pilot Program		BLM WO 410 NLCS DIVISION	
28	DD	BLM0010232	MEM	Request for Approval to reorganize the Arctic Office as the Arctic District Office	Request for Approval to reorganize the Arctic Office as the Arctic District Office	BLM WO 100; Perez, Jerome E.	
29	DD	BLM0010290	FTVL	Shayne Banks international travel to Manilla Philippines	Shayne Banks is requesting to travel to Manila, Philippines from April 20 to 29 to work on DOI ITAPs Partnership for Biodiversity Conservation III. DOI ITAP is covering transportation and per diem.	Banks, Shayne	
30	DD	BLM0010223	FTVL	Strohmeyer foreign travel to Winnipeg, Canada	Jolie Strohmeyer is requesting to travel to Winnipeg Canada from April 10 13 to participate in the Canadian Wildland Fire Community's National Forum on Gender Diversity Issues. Tamala	Strohmeyer, Jolie p	

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					Defries is also requesting to travel on this trip.		
31	DD	BLM0010224	FTVL	Tamala Defries foreign travel request to Winnipeg Canada	Tamala Defries is requesting to travel to Winnipeg Canada from April 10-13 to participate in the Canadian Wildland Fire Community's National Forum on Gender Diversity Issues. Jolie Strohmeier is also requesting to travel on this trip.	Defries, Tamala	
32	DD	BLM0010207	FTVL	Sarah Lee Foreign travel to China	Sarah Lee is requesting to participate in a US Forest Service and USAID disaster training in Xi'an China from April 7-21.	Lee, Sarah	
33	DD	BLM0009661	DM	Organization Structure Changes for National Project Support Team	This Decision Memorandum (Memo), if approved as recommended directs the assignment of the National Transmission Support Team (NTST) from supervision by various Deputy State Directors (or Branch Chiefs if so assigned) to become a part of WO 350 assigned to supervision by the Branch Chief, Rights of Way. If the reassignment of the NTST is approved they will be combined with the National Project Managers into a National Realty Project Management Team (NRPMT) under a single manager for better and m	BLM WO 300	
34	DM	BLMR001511	FRN	Notice of Public Meeting for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council	Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017		03/21/2017
35	FM	BLMR001347	FRN	Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Land in Clark County, Nevada			11/17/2016
36	S	BLM0010147	CC ES	Oil and gas development near Chaco Culture NHP		Udall, Tom; Zinke, Ryan	03/07/2017
37	S	BLMC000011	Other	Annual Helium Report of		BLM NM	

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				2015		SD	
38	SD	BLM0010176	CC SO	Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) Commission Tribal Letter	Note: letter is going to the 5 tribal leaders listed as 'addressees'	Chapoose, Shaun; Honanie, Herman G; Begaye, Russell; Panteah, Val; Cuthair, Harold	
39	SD	BLM0010225	CC SO	Response to Congr. Young re constituent Joan Johnson, Denial of Native Allotment Unalakleet River	Response to incoming corresp. from AK Congr. Young re BLM denial of Native Allotment for constituent Joan Johnson.	Young, Don	
40	SD	BLM0009830	CC WO	Constituent Gene Thiermann re: BLM survey in Sawyer County, Wisconsin		Duffy, Sean P.	02/06/2017
41	SD	BLMR001198	FRN	Notice of Final Supplementary Rules for Public Lands in New Mexico			06/23/2016