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Back to you with a few changes in track change.

Ben

On Fri, Aug 11, 2017 at 2:22 PM, Mayne, Chloe <[chloe\\_mayne@ios.doi.gov](mailto:chloe_mayne@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ben-

Can you take a look at the weekly report since Shawn isn't in this week. Just send back to me if you have any comments and I'll send to Steve Glomb.

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## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF POLICY ANALYSIS

Friday, August 18 – Monday, August 28

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

- Who: National Native Homeownership Coalition (NNHC)
- What: Coalition Meeting
- When: August 23
- Where: Teleconference
- Press: Closed
- Topic: PPA will participate in the NNHC meeting, which includes presentations of ongoing research and plans for a meeting sponsored by the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank's Center for Indian Country Development.

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

**DOI Economics Report.** ~~The remaining outstanding surname is~~ BLM has surnamed the report.  
PPA will finalize the report and discuss a release date with External Affairs.

**BLM Report on Hardrock Mineral Royalty.** PPA is assisting BLM in writing a report requested by OMB by September 11 for the 2019 budget cycle. The topic is the potential for assessing a royalty on federal hardrock mineral production. Under the Mining Law of 1872, no royalty is charged on locatable minerals mined on federal lands, and this is frequently an issue of interest in Congress. PPA has been involved in several similar efforts in the past. Data on the federal portion of US mineral production is very limited, as there is no requirement for miners to report production from federal lands.

**Assessing BIE Performance and Student Achievement.** PPA, in cooperation with BIE, is gathering data to evaluate BIE performance and student achievement in the 23 states in which BIE schools are located. PPA will also review how states use academic indicators to measure performance.

**Review of National Monuments.** Per EO 13792 (April 26, 2017) PPA is assisting with an effort led by Randall Bowman to gather data for a review of approximately 30 National Monuments designated or expanded since 1996 under the Antiquities Act. A final report is due within 120 days of the date of the EO. An interim report on Bears Ears NM was sent to the President on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Both reports are to include recommendations for Presidential actions, legislative proposals, or other actions to ensure that designations “made in accordance with the requirements and original objectives of the Act and appropriately balance the protection of

landmarks, structures, and objects against the appropriate use of Federal lands and the effects on surrounding lands and communities.”

**DOI Ethics Review.** Under the direction of Departmental leadership, the Office of Policy Analysis initiated a review of the Department’s ethics activities, including training, practices, and standards. Based on further clarification from the Ethics Office, the initial phase of the assignment will focus on answering two questions: 1) How do other agencies in the federal family implement ethics training activities, and 2) what resources, such as annual ethics training resources, are available for DOI use? The target date for having an initial response to these questions is July 21. PPA will then work with the Ethics Office to determine next steps.

**Regulatory Review.** PPA is assisting Exec Sec with their review of regulations under E.O. 13771, which requires a “regulatory budget” whereby costs of any newly proposed regulations must be offset by cost savings from withdrawn regulations.

**Agricultural and Rural Prosperity Task Force.** ~~PPA attended the Economic Development Work Group meeting of the Agricultural and Rural Prosperity Task Force on August 9.~~ PPA submitted recommendations to the Economic Development Work Group to be considered for inclusion in the task force report, which is currently being developed. The PPA attended the Economic Development Work Group is scheduled to meet on meeting of the Agricultural and Rural Prosperity Task Force on August 179.

**Strategic Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment.** PPA is assisting the Office of Emergency Management with their strategic hazard identification and risk vulnerability assessment, specifically in providing economic contribution information that could be used in determining the impact of hazards to DOI managed natural resources of economic value.

**Budget Process Recommendations to the Tribal/Interior Budget Council.** PPA participated in a meeting to improve ASIA budget processes. A final report documenting findings, recommendations and comments is due by December 31, 2017.

**Invasive Mussels Initiative.** PPA continues to support PMB and Water and Science in DOI’s initiative to address quagga and zebra mussels in western waters, and the Columbia River Basin in particular. The Secretary announced the package of DOI actions to prevent, eradicate, and control invasive mussels in June. PPA is now supporting Reclamation’s Pacific Northwest Director with tracking implementation of those actions.

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

**U.S. Census Bureau's American Indian and Alaska Native Data Workshop II (Sept 19).**

Census will hold a one day workshop on Tuesday, September 19. The workshop will explore service area boundaries and populations and data, data sharing, and data gaps.