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**Secretary Daily Schedule**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

**8:30 8:50am | Drive to DOI**

**9:00am 10:00am | Daily Senior Leadership Team**

Location: Secretary's Office

Attending: Scott Hommel, Jim Cason, Vincent Devito, Megan Bloomgren, Downey Magallanes, Laura Rigas, Dan Jorjani, Lori Mashburn, Doug Domenech, Micah Chambers, Dave Mihalic, Alan Mikkelsen, Kate MacGregor

**10:00 11:30am | Budget Rollout Walk Through**

Location: Secretary's Office

Attending: Jim Cason, Downey Magallanes, Laura Rigas, Heather Swift, Megan Bloomgren, Micah Chambers, Adrienne Moss, Denise Flanagan, Oliva Ferriter

**11:30 am | Briefing on the Everglades**

Location: Secretary's Office

Attending: Virginia Johnson, James Cason, Marshall Critchfield

**12:30 1:30pm | Lunch**

Location: Secretary's Office

**1:30 2:00pm | Daily Meeting with the Chief of Staff**

Location: Secretary's Office

Attending: Scott Hommel

**2:00 2:30pm | Alaska Federation of Natives**

Location: Secretary's Office

Attending: Julie Kitka, President; Ben Mallott, Vice President

Staffing: James Cason, Downey Magallanes

**2:30 3:00pm | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**

Location: Secretary's Office

Attending: Mark Lambrecht, Director of Government Affairs; Chuck Roady, RMEF Board Member; Blake Henning, RMEF Chief Conservation Officer

Staffing: Downey Magallanes

**3:00 3:30pm | OPEN**

**3:30 4:00pm | Meeting with Rep. Collins & Delaware North**

Location: Secretary's Office

Attending: Rep. Chris Collins; Jerry Jacobs, Jr., Co CEO, Delaware North; Jim Houser, Group President, Delaware North; Scott Socha, President of Parks and Resorts, Delaware North; Michael Hook, Chief of Staff, Rep. Collins

Staff: Dan Jorjani, Micah Chambers

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**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary -, 2017**

**FROM:** Christine Bauserman, 202-706-9330

**OVERVIEW:**

Today you have four/briefings:

**11:30 - 12:30 am: The Everglades**  
**02:00 - 02:30 pm Alaska Federation of Natives**  
**02:30 - 03:00 pm Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**  
**03:30 - 04:00 pm Meeting with Representative Collins & Delaware North**

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**TIME: 11:30 - 12:30 am**

**SUBJECT: The Everglades**

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To bring Secretary Zinke up to date about the history of the Everglades, the current political climate, and how it involves the Department of the Interior.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The State of Florida and the federal government have been trying to regulate water, conserve habitat, and accommodate one of the fastest and largest population growths in America.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Some of the decisions being made on behalf of the Everglades involve studies of legal and engineering complexity. It is advisable to have a general understanding of the history of the Everglades in order to help navigate some of the public business occurring within the region.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

1. Work with the Solicitor's office to get a better understanding of the consent decree - regarding the agreement between the state and the federal government.
2. Manifest working relationship with Florida Governor Rick Scott's office.
3. Understand the concerns regarding the Endangered Species Act and how it affects the Army Corps of Engineers' ability to redirect water supplies.

## INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### Briefing Daily Summary -, 2017

**TIME:** 02:00 - 02:30 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Alaska Federation of Natives

#### I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

You are meeting with the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) to discuss their organization and opportunities for collaboration between AFN and the Department.

#### II. BACKGROUND

AFN is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska. Its mission is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community. AFN membership includes 151 federally-recognized tribes, 134 village corporations, 12 regional corporations, and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortia that contract and compact to run federal and state programs.

The President of AFN is Julie Kitka (Chugach Eskimo). AFN is governed by a 38-member Board. AFN holds an annual convention every October which is the largest annual gathering of Native people in the United States. The 2017 convention is scheduled for October 19-21 in Anchorage.

#### III. DISCUSSION

AFN could discuss the following topics:

**Co-Management:** Alaska's fish and wildlife resources are vital to the food security of Alaska Natives. AFN seeks to expand the number of cooperative management agreements between tribes and the United States for the management of federal lands and resources.

In 2016, the Department entered into a cooperative management demonstration project with the Ahtna Intertribal Resources Commission regarding the allocation and harvest of moose and caribou on federal lands in the Ahtna region. Another example of co-management is the agreement between the Kuskokwim Inter-Tribal Fish Commission River and the Department regarding fishery management in the federal public waters of the Kuskokwim River drainage.

**Energy:** The high cost of fuel presents an issue for many rural Alaska communities, which rely on diesel oil for heating and generating electricity. The cost of fuel creates a crippling effect on rural economies and poses hardship on many families. There have been efforts to harvest energy from local renewable energy resources resulting in a more efficient, lower cost system.

**Public Safety:** Alaska is one of six "mandatory P.L. 280" states. This means the Federal government does not have criminal jurisdiction; rather, the State of Alaska has jurisdiction and enforces the State's criminal code using state and local law enforcement officers. Because it is a mandatory P.L. 280 state, BIA does not provide any funding for law enforcement officers in Alaska. Prior to 2016, BIA did not provide tribal court funding to tribes in Alaska and other mandatory P.L. 280 states. In many parts of Alaska, the absence of tribal courts means that there is no court to adjudicate civil cases, family court actions, and lower level crimes. Alaska Native women suffer from high rates of domestic violence and sexual assault, which often go unprosecuted due to limited court resources, among other reasons. In FY 16 and FY 17 Congress appropriated an additional \$10 million to address tribal court needs in P.L. 280 states and the BIA is working to provide funding to such courts.

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary -, 2017**

**TIME:** 2:30 - 3:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) Director of Government Affairs and board members would like to give input concerning our monument review, their partnership with BLM, and other local and legislative issues.

**II. BACKGROUND**

The RMEF is committed to: conserving, restoring and enhancing natural habitats; promoting the sound management of wild elk, which may be hunted or otherwise enjoyed; restoring elk to their native ranges; and educating members and the public about habitat conservation and our hunting heritage. RMEF has protected and enhanced 7.1 million acres of land, consists of 222,000+ members nationwide, and involved with 10,469 conservation/land protection projects around the country.

**III. DISCUSSION**

Topics of discussion may include the “Madison River” project receiving LWCF funding, legislative forestry reform, developing litigation reform, and potentially having Secretary Zinke speak at the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) conference held June 24-26 of 2017.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

- Future RMEF engagement with BLM, LWCF, or other DOI departments
- Possible speaking engagement in June for OWAA

**INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**Briefing Daily Summary -, 2017**

**TIME:** 3:30 - 4:00 pm  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting with Representative Collins & Delaware North

**I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The opening sentence should clearly state the purpose of the memo (i.e. to inform/update the Secretary (i.e. to inform the Secretary about an issue, topic, or event he has a need to be aware of). Briefing memos should NOT raise issues for decision.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Delaware North is headquartered in Buffalo, New York and is led by Chairman Jeremy M. Jacobs and his sons Jerry, Jr., Lou and Charlie, who serve as CEOs. The company includes food and retail operations at airports and sports venues, ownership of the Boston Bruins and TD Garden in Boston, operations of parks and major tourist attractions (Delaware North Parks & Resorts), hotel ownership and management, gaming operations, and Patina Restaurant Group, a premium restaurant and catering brand. Delaware North operates on four continents and employs 55,000 people.

Attendees:

- Congressman Chris Collins
- Jerry Jacobs, Jr. — Co-CEO, Delaware North
- Jim Houser – Group President, Delaware North
- Scott Socha – President of Parks and Resorts, Delaware North
- Michael Hook – Chief of Staff, Rep. Collins

**III. DISCUSSION**

Delaware North recommends the following NPS action in five areas – activities, maintenance backlog, bidding process, operating deficit, and Leaseholder Surrender Interest (LIS)– to help ensure a healthy and robust parks system for future generations. Delaware North does have pending litigation with the Dept. regarding trademark issues. They are aware, as is the Congressman's staff, that this issue should not be brought up in the meeting. DOI Solicitor's office will be in attendance as well.

**IV. NEXT STEPS**

This is just an overview from Delaware North regarding how NPS works with concessionaires. Best to listen and if good ideas are brought to attention, implement them.

**V. ATTACHMENTS**

Collins Delaware North - Secretary Zinke meeting background