

EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANDS AND MINERALS VISIT

DATE: Tuesday, October 24 - Saturday, October 28, 2017
LOCATION: Vernal and Salt Lake City, Utah
TIME: 7:30 pm Arrive in Vernal, Utah
FROM: Ed Roberson, BLM Utah State Director, (801) 641-3846 cell

I. PURPOSE

Casey Hammond, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, is attending a tour of BLM Utah with selected key BLM Utah leadership. The tour will begin at the Green River District Office in Vernal, Utah. The focus of the Green River District tour will be to view BLM oil and gas developments and discuss applications for permit to drill, including past and current backlogs. Green River District will also include a visit to a wildlife-viewing area located within an area with active leases.

Tour will also include a briefing at the BLM Utah State Office on current relevant BLM hot topics and wild horse and burro issues. A tour of the West Desert District will include a visit to the area affected by the Lake Mountain shooting closure, and Onaqui Herd Management Area. The Cerberus collection will be available for viewing and BLM Utah will have a curator on-site to discuss the collection.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Program Participants:

- Casey Hammond, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management

Other Notable Attendees:

- Ed Roberson, BLM-Utah State Director (Cell: 801-641-3846)
- Kent Hoffman, Deputy State Director, Lands and Minerals (Cell: 801-550-9859)
- Abbie Jossie, Deputy State Director, Natural Resources (Cell: 801-539-4183)
- Allison Ginn, Acting BLM-Utah External Affairs Chief (Cell: 385-315-6988)
- Kevin Oliver, West Desert District Manager (Cell: 801-450-3134)
- Tony Selle, Acting Green River District Manager (Cell: 303-503-2568)
- Gus Warr, Utah State Wild Horse & Burro Program Lead (Cell: 801-824-1632)

III. AGENDA

Please see your trip schedule for specific timing. If changes to the agenda should occur, your advance staff will update you on the ground.

Tuesday, October 24

- 8:00 a.m. Greater Sage Grouse Task Force Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn from Greater Sage Grouse Task Force Meeting
- 6:10 p.m. Depart Denver, CO for Vernal, UT via Olson Air Services, Inc. Flight 758
Confirmation # AAJXNI
- 7:30 p.m. Arrive in Vernal, UT – Pick up by Tony Selle Green River DM
- 8:00 p.m. Check into hotel- Holiday Inn 1515 US Highway 40, Vernal, UT 84078
Confirmation #: 66839706

POC for BLM Vernal: Tony Selle (303) 503-2568

Wednesday, October 25

- 8:00 a.m. Picked up at hotel by Tony Selle
- 8:30 a.m. Arrive at Vernal Office to attend meeting with District Manager/DSD
- 9:00 a.m. Oil/Gas update for Vernal with Tony Selle and Kent Hoffman
- 10:00 a.m. Depart for field trip- Map attached
- 4:00 p.m. Depart Vernal for Salt Lake City with Kent Hoffman
- 8:30 p.m. Check into Fairfield Inn- 230 Admiral Byrd Rd., SLC, UT 84116
Confirmation #: 866114681

Thursday, October 26

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast on own
- 9:00 a.m. Meet with Ed Roberson and Team at the Utah State Office (440 W 200 S)
 - Introductions
 - BLM Utah Overview, DOI/BLM priorities and hot topics
 - Leasing and development
 - Litigation, including Revised Statute 2477 and SUWA v. Schneider settlement
 - Recreation
 - Greater Sage-Grouse
 - Staffing/Current vacancies and table of organization
 - Law Enforcement
 - 2017 fire season
- 12:00 p.m. Tour of Lake Mountain shooting closure area with Kevin Oliver and Hannah Cowan (Lunch en route)
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner with Ed - depart from UT State Office

Friday, October 27

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast on own
- 8:00 a.m. Meet at Utah State Office
- 8:15 a.m. Travel to Cerberus Collection for tour
47 South Orange Street, Suite D-2
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
- 9:45 a.m. Travel to Onaqui Herd Management Area and Simpson Springs
Campground with Kevin Oliver, Hannah Cowan and Gus Warr (Coffee and Lunch en route)
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner with Kevin Oliver

IV. BIOGRAPHIES

Ed Roberson, BLM Utah State Director

Ed Roberson became the Utah BLM State Director on October 3, 2017. Ed previously served as the Director of the National Operations Center (BOC) starting in May 2015. The National Operations Center (NOC) focuses on national-level solutions and provides sound, technical expertise to BLM States, Field Offices, national Centers, the Washington Office, and external customers and stakeholders. The NOC organizes its expertise and services within four service areas: Human Resources Services, Information Resources Services, Resource Services and Business Services.



Abbie Jossie, Deputy State Director, Natural Resources

Jossie, a 30-year career employee with the BLM, joined BLM Utah in December 2016. She has worked for public lands throughout the west in Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon, and now Utah, with short assignments to Alaska and Washington DC. Jossie is married with two adult children, both in natural resource based fields, as was her husband before his retirement.



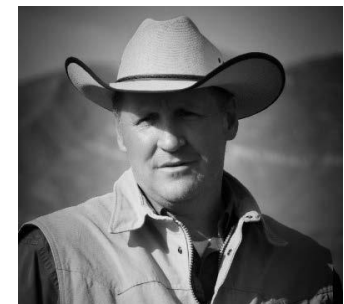
Kevin Oliver, West Desert District Manager

Kevin Oliver is the West Desert District Manager for the Bureau of Land Management in Utah, serving in this capacity since 2012. This BLM district covers about 7.4 million acres of public lands in northern Utah managed for multiple use. Highlights of the natural resource issues in his area include grazing, mining, recreation, urban interface and a complex wildland fire program.



Gus Warr, Utah State Wild Horse & Burro Program Lead

Gus is a 26-year career BLM employee and joined BLM Utah in 1991. He has been the Utah State Lead for the Wild Horse & Burro (WHB) Program for over 15 years. His duties afford him the opportunity to oversee all aspects of the WHB program in the state of Utah, and works nationally on many facets of the program. Gus started his BLM career as a Wild Horse & Range Management Specialist in Cedar City and spent a dozen years in that capacity.



Hannah Cowan, Utah West Desert District Public Affairs Specialist

Hannah received degrees in Biology and Geology, and a thesis in Paleontology from St. Lawrence University in northern New York. After backpack guiding along the Appalachian Trail and ski instructing on big mountain peaks, Hannah decided to settle in Utah. She came to the BLM-Utah State Office in 2014 as a Paleontology Permitting Intern through the American Conservation Experience (ACE). A born New Englander, Hannah got her first taste of BLM-Utah via paleontology excavations, cultural surveying, and historic trail filming. Hannah stayed on as an ACE intern rotating through the Archaeology, Cerberus, and Public Affairs programs until she accepted a full-time, permanent position in the Utah State Office as the Webmaster and Social Media Manager. Since joining the BLM, Hannah has assisted with photography, videography, public events, and media relations. She is currently the Acting Public Affairs Specialist with the BLM-Utah West Desert District. Hannah continues to explore her “backyard” through skiing, hiking, biking, and trail running.

**Tony Selle, Acting Green River District Manager**

Tony has been in government service for 26 years, the last 2.5 years with BLM as a branch chief at the National Operations Center (NOC) in Lakewood, CO managing national BLM support for GIS, Remote Sensing and data analysis. Prior to moving to BLM he served at EPA Region 8 in Denver CO first as a GIS specialist, then as section chief in the Superfund program and as a regional GIS manager. Early jobs in the private sector (ranching, farming, geophysical contracting) and at county and state levels helped prepare Tony for his federal service. Tony has been acting District Manager in Green River District UT for about 1 month. He holds a BS in Geography and an MS in Geosciences, both from Oregon State University. Tony has lived in the rural west most of his life, primarily Oregon, Washington state, and Colorado where he currently resides with his wife on a small hobby ranch. Outside of work, he enjoys fly-fishing, hiking and exploring public lands.



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