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- PRESS RELEASE: Secretary Zinke Announces \$34.9 Billion Added to U.S. Economy in 2016 due to National Park Visitation
- FYI: The U.S. Geological Survey will release a new report on "critical minerals" noting that the U.S. is 100% reliant on China for about half of all "critical minerals" and is reliant on Russia and Canada for many others. This could be a strong America First opportunity. We are working to ID messaging opportunities with upcoming rollout.
- TRAVEL Zinke is in California meeting with U.S. Park Police and staff at Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
- NEXT WEEK: On Monday, Zinke will participate in a business roundtable with outdoor recreation industry leaders about private investments into our national parks and public lands. Event will be held at Shenandoah NP. On Tuesday morning, Zinke will give a speech announcing the economic impact of outdoor recreation on the economy. Event will be at the Press Club in DC. Tuesday afternoon he will film a one-on-one with Brian Kilmeade of Fox and Friends on the National Mall. Focus is profile and on vision for Department. On Friday, Zinke will travel to Atlanta to speak at the NRA annual meeting.
- STILL AROUND: Secretaries Zinke, Carson, Chao, and DeVos will be profiled in Washington Post for the transition of power. Currently working with Juliet Elperin to shape the story. She is taking a lot of what we have to offer. Publishing next week.
- FYI: Wife and grandson of the founder of Merrell Boot Co went missing in the Grand Canyon over the weekend. Search teams are working. Lots of media attention.

Federal Register Notices Cleared for Publishing

Items cleared for the Federal Register on Wednesday.

REG0006947 BLM Notice of Mailing/Street Address Change for the BLM Challis Field Office.

The BLM is providing official notice of the new temporary physical location and mailing address of the BLM Challis Field Office in Challis, Idaho. Notice 04/19/2017.

REG0006929 BOE Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales - List of Restricted Joint Bidders. BOEM is publishing its semi-annual List of Restricted Joint Bidders for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sales. Each entity within one of eight listed groups is restricted from bidding with any entity in any of the other groups at such lease sales during the bidding period from May 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017. Notice 04/19/2017.

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- PRESS RELEASE: Secretary Zinke Announces \$34.9 Billion Added to U.S. Economy in 2016 due to National Park Visitation
- FYI: The U.S. Geological Survey will release a new report on "critical minerals" noting that the U.S. is 100% reliant on China for about half of all "critical minerals" and is reliant on Russia and Canada for many others. This could be a strong America First opportunity. We are working to ID messaging opportunities with upcoming rollout.
- TRAVEL Zinke is in California meeting with U.S. Park Police and staff at Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
- NEXT WEEK: On Monday, Zinke will participate in a business roundtable with outdoor recreation industry leaders about private investments into our national parks and public lands. Event will be held at Shenandoah NP. On Tuesday morning, Zinke will give a speech announcing the economic impact of outdoor recreation on the economy. Event will be at the Press Club in DC. Tuesday afternoon he will film

a one-on-one with Brian Kilmeade of Fox and Friends on the National Mall. Focus is profile and on vision for Department. On Friday, Zinke will travel to Atlanta to speak at the NRA annual meeting.

- STILL AROUND: Secretaries Zinke, Carson, Chao, and DeVos will be profiled in Washington Post for the transition of power. Currently working with Juliet Elperin to shape the story. She is taking a lot of what we have to offer. Publishing next week.

- FYI: Wife and grandson of the founder of Merrell Boot Co went missing in the Grand Canyon over the weekend. Search teams are working. Lots of media attention.

Federal Register Notices Cleared for Publishing

Items cleared for the Federal Register on Wednesday.

REG0006947 BLM Notice of Mailing/Street Address Change for the BLM Challis Field Office. The BLM is providing official notice of the new temporary physical location and mailing address of the BLM Challis Field Office in Challis, Idaho. Notice 04/19/2017.

REG0006929 BOE Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales - List of Restricted Joint Bidders. BOEM is publishing its semi-annual List of Restricted Joint Bidders for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sales. Each entity within one of eight listed groups is restricted from bidding with any entity in any of the other groups at such lease sales during the bidding period from May 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017. Notice 04/19/2017.

REG0006911 FWS Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Applications. This batched notice informs the public of the receipt of 13 applications for Endangered Species Act recovery permits in Region 3 (Midwest Region). Notice 04/19/2017.

REG0006912 FWS Endangered Species; Recovery Permit Applications. This batched notice informs the public of the receipt of 5 applications for Endangered Species Act recovery permits in Region 1 (Pacific Region). Notice 04/19/2017.

REG0006950 FWS Endangered Species; Issuance of Recovery Permits. This notice informs the public of the Endangered Species Act recovery permits issued for the second half of calendar year 2016. Notice 04/19/2017.