

# Conversation Contents

## Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 6/12/17

### Attachments:

/43. Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 6/12/17/1.1 DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS 6-12-17.docx

**"Domenech, Douglas" <douglas\_domenech@ios.doi.gov>**

---

**From:** "Domenech, Douglas" <douglas\_domenech@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jun 12 2017 13:50:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
Scott Hommel <scott\_hommel@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey\_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Caroline Boulton <caroline\_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, "Swift, Heather" <heather\_swift@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Rigas <laura\_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, James Cason <james\_cason@ios.doi.gov>, Daniel Jorjani <daniel\_jorjani@ios.doi.gov>, "Mashburn, Lori" <lori\_mashburn@ios.doi.gov>, Micah Chambers <micah\_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, "Bauserman, Christine" <christine\_bauserman@ios.doi.gov>  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Interior Cabinet Affairs Report for 6/12/17  
**Attachments:** DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS 6-12-17.docx

Attached and copied below.

## DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 6/12/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

-

### Status of the Secretary

The Secretary will be in DC Monday and then on travel the balance of the week.

TODAY MONDAY: The Secretary will:

Participate in the Cabinet Meeting.

Lunch with Secretary Ross at the Mess.

Hold a media call on Bears Ears National Monument.

Hold a call on the Colorado River Basin.

Host House Whip Scalise and the GOP Caucus at Interior for a Cajun Dinner.

#### TOMORROW TUESDAY:

Secretary will speak at the National Congress of American Indians at the Mohegan Sun Casino Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut.

The Secretary will announce \$1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire.

Meeting with NH Governor Chris Sununu.

Dinner with ME Governor LePage.

#### WEDNESDAY:

June 14: Review of the Katahdin National Monument. Driving and canoeing tour.

#### THURSDAY:

June 15: More on Katahdin Monument review. Meet with the Penobscot Indian Tribe.

Breakfast Meeting with Katahdin Chamber of Commerce & Local Councilmen.

Roundtable with Maine Woods Coalition.

Meeting with L.L. Bean.

#### FRIDAY:

June 16: Boston, MA discussions reviewing the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument.

Possible dinner with the Governor.

Fishermen Roundtable.

#### FURTHER OUT:

June 25: WH requested Secretary speak at Attorney General Association in Lake Tahoe

June 26: Possible event in Las Vegas

June 27: Speak at the Western Governors Association – there is a request pending to include POTUS for Energy week

June 27: Possible event in Gulf with POTUS for Energy Week

June 28: Speak at a Governors Roundtable in DC

June 29: DOE Energy Summit in DC; Tribal Energy Summit in DC

-

## **CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS**

-

### **APPROPRIATIONS HEARINGS:**

June 20: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hearing

June 21: Senate Interior Appropriations Hearing

June 22: House Natural Resources Committee Hearing

-

### **OTHER CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS**

This week:

6/14/17: SENR Rescheduled Water and Power Subcommittee Legislative Hearing on S.440, S.677, S.685, S.930, S.1012, S.1029, S.1030 in 366 Dirksen at 2:30 PM; Witness: Scott Cameron, Acting Assistant Secretary, Water and Science.

## **Media Today**

### **Secretary Zinke to Host Press Briefing on Bears Ears National Monument**

WASHINGTON - On Monday, June 12, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. EDT/12:30 p.m. MDT, U.S Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will host a press briefing call regarding the review of Bears Ears National Monument. The monument is under review in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017, Executive Order.

-

### **(Friday) BLM oil and gas lease sales in Colo., Okla., Texas net combined \$4.7 million**

WASHINGTON – In keeping with the Administration's goals of promoting America's energy independence, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico and Colorado state offices yesterday sold a combined 87 parcels at their quarterly oil and gas lease sales, totaling approximately 67,499 acres and netting \$4,735,508 including rentals and fees. The combined bids from the sales will be distributed between the federal government and the states of Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas.

-

## **Speaking Invitations**

-

### **Accepted**

6/13 National Conference of American Indians (Mohegan Sun, CT)

-

### Regretted

6/13 National Marine Sanctuary Foundations' Ocean Awards Gala (DC)

6/14 Western Farm Bureaus Meeting (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

6/16 Corps Day of Service (DC)

6/20 Conservation Fund's National Summit on Infrastructure and the Environment (DC)

6/21 Independent Petroleum Association of America (Laguna Niguel, CA)

6/21 Energy Exposition (Loveland, CO)

6/21 Congressional Travel & Tourism Summit (DC)

6/23 US Conference of Mayors (Miami, FL)

6/24 Outdoor Writers Association of America Annual Conference (Duluth, MN)

6/24 Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture Anniversary (Huntley, MT)

6/26 Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute Conference and Annual Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)

6/28 Aspen Ideas Festival for Climate (Aspen, CO)

6/28 Intertribal Timber Council's 41st Annual National Indian Timber Symposium (Yakima, WA)

-

### Outstanding Invitations in Process

None

-

### Emergency Management

The Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool was scheduled to be drained as of yesterday, June 11, in order to clean and treat the area in response to a water-borne parasite that has affected the local duck population. Chemical treatments alone are not sufficient to fully reduce the parasite or snail population which harbors the parasite. Humans, under conditions such as prolonged wading or swimming, may experience a condition known as "swimmer's itch," but this condition is not life-threatening and most often clears without medical attention. Cleaning is expected to begin tomorrow, and refilling of the pool is scheduled to begin on Friday, June 16.

In Arizona, the Freeze 2 Fire in San Carlos (BIA) began on June 1 and has burned 2,106 acres to date. The fire is 25-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 Incident Management Team with 337 personnel assigned, including 120 DOI personnel. The containment date is June 19. Recreation permits for San Carlos and Fort Apache have been temporarily suspended due to visitor safety concerns.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire, at 152,515 acres burned, is now 90 (+25)-percent contained.

-

### **Outside Media of Interest**

#### **Interior Secretary To Make Proposal On Bears Ears Monument In Test For Protected Land.**

Reuters (6/10, Volcovici) reports Interior Secretary Zinke on Saturday was expected “to make a recommendation to the White House...on whether to rescind or resize Utah’s Bears Ears monument, setting the tone for the administration’s broader study of which lands protected by past presidents should be reopened to development,” but “an Interior Department official did not say when the recommendation would be made public.” According to Reuters, “The 1.35 million-acre monument, created by former president Barack Obama at the end of his term and named after its iconic twin buttes, is the first of 27 national monuments that will be evaluated by the Department of the Interior after President Donald Trump ordered the review in April.”

***Utah Claims Bears Ears Monument Will Kill Uranium Industry....***

***Factbox: Review Of U.S. National Monuments Could Unlock New Energy Reserves....***

***Op-ed: Mormons Have A Responsibility To Protect Public Lands....***

#### **What Utah’s Canyon Country Can Tell Us About Donald Trump’s National Monuments Review.**

NPR (6/10, Dwyer, Siegler) reports that although “a looming decision on whether to abolish or shrink the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah should provide an early signal of how the Trump administration will deal with a long list of public lands issues,” the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument “offers a more comprehensive glimpse into the controversy that eddies around many of the monuments — and a revealing peek into what Zinke may ultimately recommend to the president.” The article provides “a tour of the national monument’s economic impact, the political cloud surrounding it — and what we can expect next, once that final call comes down.”

#### **Monumental Legal Dispute Surrounds Antiquities Act....**

#### **Fishermen Lawsuit Against Marine Monument To Progress Slowly....**

#### **City Council May Support Shrinking Sequoia Monument....**

#### **Trump’s Attack On National Monuments Reflects Disregard For America’s Diversity....**

-

#### **Sununu To Meet With Trump Administration Officials In DC, NH.**

WMUR-TV Manchester, NH (6/9, DiStaso) reports that Interior Ryan Zinke will visit New Hampshire Tuesday to meet with Gov. Chris Sununu “and other Granite Staters during a roundtable discussion at Bass Pro Shops in Hooksett.” According to the article, “the meeting will be closed to the media, but the Sununu and Zinke will hold a news conference afterward.”

#### **Mark Sanford, Environmental Groups In Race Against Clock To Stop Offshore Drilling.**

The Beaufort (SC) Gazette (6/9, Angst) reported that 60 organizations from South Carolina and along the Atlantic coast expressed support for Rep. Mark Sanford’s bill that would prevent offshore drilling and all related activities for 10 years in the Atlantic, Straits of Florida and

Eastern Gulf of Mexico. The coalition of groups wrote, "If passed, this legislation would give our businesses, communities and organizations the assurance needed to ensure the longevity of our livelihoods without the fear of impacts from offshore drilling and seismic airgun blasting." Sanford said in a statement, "The administration's latest action in opening the waters of the Atlantic to seismic testing is another in a string of decisions that is fundamentally at odds with the notion that the government closest to the people governs best."

### **Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool To Be Drained, Cleaned After Parasite Kills 80 Ducklings.**

The Washington Post (6/9, Moyer) reports that "the Lincoln Memorial's Reflecting Pool will be drained and cleaned next week after a waterborne parasite killed several ducklings, officials said." According to a statement by the National Park Service, "since May 20, about 80 ducklings have been found dead in the Reflecting Pool, and necropsies showed the likely cause of death to be parasites that grow in snails that live in the water." The NPS said that "chemical treatments cannot kill the parasites and snails, so the water must be drained and cleaned."

### **Federal Register Listings**

No items were cleared for the FR on Friday.

-

### **Wolf Trap Tickets**

Free tickets available in the Secretary's box for White House staff to the following shows.

6-16-17	St. Paul & The Broken Bones
6/17/17	Slightly Stoopid
6-20-17	Celtic Woman
6-20-17	Alex & The Kaleidoscope
6-21-17	Sheryl Crow

Doug Domenech  
Senior Advisor  
US Department of the Interior

## **DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 6/12/17**

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

### **Status of the Secretary**

The Secretary will be in DC Monday and then on travel the balance of the week.

TODAY MONDAY: The Secretary will:

Participate in the Cabinet Meeting.

Lunch with Secretary Ross at the Mess.

Hold a media call on Bears Ears National Monument.

Hold a call on the Colorado River Basin.

Host House Whip Scalise and the GOP Caucus at Interior for a Cajun Dinner.

TOMORROW TUESDAY:

Secretary will speak at the National Congress of American Indians at the Mohegan Sun Casino Resort in Uncasville, Connecticut.

The Secretary will announce \$1.1 billion in Pittman-Robertson funding to support wildlife conservation across the country at the Bass Pro Shop in Hooksett, New Hampshire.

Meeting with NH Governor Chris Sununu.

Dinner with ME Governor LePage.

WEDNESDAY:

June 14: Review of the Katahdin National Monument. Driving and canoeing tour.

THURSDAY:

June 15: More on Katahdin Monument review. Meet with the Penobscot Indian Tribe.

Breakfast Meeting with Katahdin Chamber of Commerce & Local Councilmen.

Roundtable with Maine Woods Coalition.

Meeting with L.L. Bean.

FRIDAY:

June 16: Boston, MA discussions reviewing the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument.

Possible dinner with the Governor.

Fishermen Roundtable.

FURTHER OUT:

June 25: WH requested Secretary speak at Attorney General Association in Lake Tahoe

June 26: Possible event in Las Vegas

June 27: Speak at the Western Governors Association – there is a request pending to include POTUS for Energy week

June 27: Possible event in Gulf with POTUS for Energy Week

June 28: Speak at a Governors Roundtable in DC

June 29: DOE Energy Summit in DC; Tribal Energy Summit in DC

### **CONGRESSIONAL MATTERS**

#### APPROPRIATIONS HEARINGS:

June 20: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hearing

June 21: Senate Interior Appropriations Hearing

June 22: House Natural Resources Committee Hearing

#### OTHER CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

This week:

6/14/17: SENR Rescheduled Water and Power Subcommittee Legislative Hearing on S.440, S.677, S.685, S.930, S.1012, S.1029, S.1030 in 366 Dirksen at 2:30 PM; Witness: Scott Cameron, Acting Assistant Secretary, Water and Science.

#### Media Today

##### **Secretary Zinke to Host Press Briefing on Bears Ears National Monument**

WASHINGTON - On Monday, June 12, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. EDT/12:30 p.m. MDT, U.S Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will host a press briefing call regarding the review of Bears Ears National Monument. The monument is under review in accordance with President Donald J. Trump's April 26, 2017, Executive Order.

##### **(Friday) BLM oil and gas lease sales in Colo., Okla., Texas net combined \$4.7 million**

WASHINGTON – In keeping with the Administration's goals of promoting America's energy independence, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico and Colorado state offices yesterday sold a combined 87 parcels at their quarterly oil and gas lease sales, totaling approximately 67,499 acres and netting \$4,735,508 including rentals and fees. The combined bids from the sales will be distributed between the federal government and the states of Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas.

#### Speaking Invitations

##### Accepted

6/13 National Conference of American Indians (Mohegan Sun, CT)

##### Regretted

6/13 National Marine Sanctuary Foundations' Ocean Awards Gala (DC)

6/14 Western Farm Bureaus Meeting (Coeur d'Alene, ID)

6/16 Corps Day of Service (DC)

6/20 Conservation Fund's National Summit on Infrastructure and the Environment (DC)

6/21 Independent Petroleum Association of America (Laguna Niguel, CA)

6/21 Energy Exposition (Loveland, CO)

6/21 Congressional Travel & Tourism Summit (DC)

6/23 US Conference of Mayors (Miami, FL)

6/24 Outdoor Writers Association of America Annual Conference (Duluth, MN)

6/24 Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture Anniversary (Huntley, MT)

6/26 Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute Conference and Annual Meeting (Colorado Springs, CO)

6/28 Aspen Ideas Festival for Climate (Aspen, CO)

6/28 Intertribal Timber Council's 41st Annual National Indian Timber Symposium (Yakima, WA)

##### Outstanding Invitations in Process

None

### **Emergency Management**

The Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool was scheduled to be drained as of yesterday, June 11, in order to clean and treat the area in response to a water-borne parasite that has affected the local duck population. Chemical treatments alone are not sufficient to fully reduce the parasite or snail population which harbors the parasite. Humans, under conditions such as prolonged wading or swimming, may experience a condition known as “swimmer’s itch,” but this condition is not life-threatening and most often clears without medical attention. Cleaning is expected to begin tomorrow, and refilling of the pool is scheduled to begin on Friday, June 16.

In Arizona, the Freeze 2 Fire in San Carlos (BIA) began on June 1 and has burned 2,106 acres to date. The fire is 25-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 Incident Management Team with 337 personnel assigned, including 120 DOI personnel. The containment date is June 19. Recreation permits for San Carlos and Fort Apache have been temporarily suspended due to visitor safety concerns.

In Georgia, the West Mims Fire, at 152,515 acres burned, is now 90 (+25)-percent contained.

### **Outside Media of Interest**

#### **Interior Secretary To Make Proposal On Bears Ears Monument In Test For Protected Land.**

Reuters (6/10, Volcovici) reports Interior Secretary Zinke on Saturday was expected “to make a recommendation to the White House...on whether to rescind or resize Utah’s Bears Ears monument, setting the tone for the administration’s broader study of which lands protected by past presidents should be reopened to development,” but “an Interior Department official did not say when the recommendation would be made public.” According to Reuters, “The 1.35 million-acre monument, created by former president Barack Obama at the end of his term and named after its iconic twin buttes, is the first of 27 national monuments that will be evaluated by the Department of the Interior after President Donald Trump ordered the review in April.”

#### ***Utah Claims Bears Ears Monument Will Kill Uranium Industry....***

#### ***Factbox: Review Of U.S. National Monuments Could Unlock New Energy Reserves....***

#### ***Op-ed: Mormons Have A Responsibility To Protect Public Lands....***

#### **What Utah’s Canyon Country Can Tell Us About Donald Trump’s National Monuments Review.**

NPR (6/10, Dwyer, Siegler) reports that although “a looming decision on whether to abolish or shrink the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah should provide an early signal of how the Trump administration will deal with a long list of public lands issues,” the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument “offers a more comprehensive glimpse into the controversy that eddies around many of the monuments — and a revealing peek into what Zinke may ultimately recommend to the president.” The article provides “a tour of the national monument’s economic impact, the political cloud surrounding it — and what we can expect next, once that final call comes down.”

#### **Monumental Legal Dispute Surrounds Antiquities Act....**

#### **Fishermen Lawsuit Against Marine Monument To Progress Slowly....**

#### **City Council May Support Shrinking Sequoia Monument....**

#### **Trump’s Attack On National Monuments Reflects Disregard For America’s Diversity....**

#### **Sununu To Meet With Trump Administration Officials In DC, NH.**

WMUR-TV Manchester, NH (6/9, DiStaso) reports that Interior Ryan Zinke will visit New Hampshire Tuesday to meet with Gov. Chris Sununu “and other Granite Staters during a roundtable discussion at Bass Pro Shops in Hooksett.” According to the article, “the meeting will be closed to the media, but the Sununu and Zinke will hold a news conference afterward.”

**Mark Sanford, Environmental Groups In Race Against Clock To Stop Offshore Drilling.**

The Beaufort (SC) Gazette (6/9, Angst) reported that 60 organizations from South Carolina and along the Atlantic coast expressed support for Rep. Mark Sanford's bill that would prevent offshore drilling and all related activities for 10 years in the Atlantic, Straits of Florida and Eastern Gulf of Mexico. The coalition of groups wrote, "If passed, this legislation would give our businesses, communities and organizations the assurance needed to ensure the longevity of our livelihoods without the fear of impacts from offshore drilling and seismic airgun blasting." Sanford said in a statement, "The administration's latest action in opening the waters of the Atlantic to seismic testing is another in a string of decisions that is fundamentally at odds with the notion that the government closest to the people governs best."

**Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool To Be Drained, Cleaned After Parasite Kills 80 Ducklings.**

The Washington Post (6/9, Moyer) reports that "the Lincoln Memorial's Reflecting Pool will be drained and cleaned next week after a waterborne parasite killed several ducklings, officials said." According to a statement by the National Park Service, "since May 20, about 80 ducklings have been found dead in the Reflecting Pool, and necropsies showed the likely cause of death to be parasites that grow in snails that live in the water." The NPS said that "chemical treatments cannot kill the parasites and snails, so the water must be drained and cleaned."

**Federal Register Listings**

No items were cleared for the FR on Friday.

**Wolf Trap Tickets**

Free tickets available in the Secretary's box for White House staff to the following shows.

6-16-17	St. Paul & The Broken Bones
6/17/17	Slightly Stoopid
6-20-17	Celtic Woman
6-20-17	Alex & The Kaleidoscope
6-21-17	Sheryl Crow