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Follow-Up From Secretary Zinke Roundtable With the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee

Secretary Commitment

- Offered to meet quarterly on an informal basis with the Subcommittee Members
- Offered to put together a trip for the Subcommittee Members to join him for a tour of the Mall to see underneath the Jefferson Memorial (some of the Members have already seen the bottom of the Lincoln Memorial which he offered).

Member Requests

Kaptur

- Would like to work together to improve interpretation services at the WWII Memorial.

Kilmer

- Extended an invitation to visit Puget Sound
- City of Port Angeles and National Park Service. NPS wants to hand over a water facility to the City but it doesn't work. Have been having conversations with NPS regarding upgrades. City is concerned they cannot afford the estimated \$1 million/year to operate the facility but need the facility. Asked the Secretary to continue to fund it – Congress cannot earmark funds. Rep. Kilmer gave the Secretary some material on it.
- Mentioned a situation with a tribe on the Lower Elwha River which lost hundreds of acres of trust lands associated with tearing down the Elwha dams. They were supposed to get additional lands in exchange for their agreement and nothing has happened. Rep. Kilmer indicated he would provide the Secretary with background information.

McCollum

- Indicated she wants a formal budget hearing on the FY 2018 budget.
- Expressed interest in working together on the Secretary's reorganization proposals.
- (After the hearing) Staff asked that DOI/USDA have another public meeting on the Twin Metals mining lease withdrawal in the twin cities area of Minnesota. One was held March 17 in Duluth, MN but the area is important to the region and Rep. McCollum would like another meeting to be scheduled near St. Paul/Minneapolis.

McCollum/Cole

- (After the hearing) Staff expressed Rep. McCollum's interest in getting a response to a joint letter sent to the Secretary on March 6 requesting he meet with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. (Contacted Rob Howarth for the status, Exec Sec #931).

Pingree

- Gave Secretary a packet of letters supporting the Katahdin Woods monument designation. Extended an invitation to visit Acadia.

Stewart

- Holding conversations with the Secretary until Secretary's visit next week.

Member Interests

Jenkins

- Expressed support for the Abandoned Mine Lands Development grants.

Joyce

- Would like to get a meaningful plan to address Asian Carp in the Great Lakes.

Kaptur

- Indicated there has been a problem getting a coherent response from FWS and NPS on an issue involving a wildlife refuge and Cuyahoga NP but did not provide background.
- Suggested leveraging the reserve troops and the Civilian Conservation Corps to do restoration work. Secretary responded with idea for "Trail Warriors."
- Suggested coming up with a market solution to Asian Carp to incentivize their harvest.

Lowey

- Expressed support for the Heritage Partnership Program.

Pingree

- Expressed support for ongoing research at DOI on ocean acidity and ticks which is very important to her area.

Simpson

- Wants the "Craters of the Moon" Monument left alone.

Stewart

- Expressed concern for the impact a Department of Labor overtime pay requirement is having on outfitters and guides. (FYI, DOI does not enforce this.)

Members of Congress in Attendance: Chairman Rep. Calvert, Rep. Simpson, Rep. Joyce, Rep. Stewart, Rep. Jenkins, Full Committee Ranking Member Rep. Lowey, Ranking Member McCollum, Rep. Pingree, Rep. Kilmer, Rep. Kaptur.