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Week in Review, Secretary Zinke visits New England 6/12-6/16

NATIONAL COVERAGE:

WASHINGTON POST: *"Zinke argued the recent use of the Antiquities Act by presidents to create national monuments exceeded the intent of its creator President Theodore Roosevelt because they block development on too much land around the specific monument sites. Zinke later told Reuters he believed 'there are legitimate scientific endeavors and research that are recognized and important (around the site), but there are also recognized livelihoods, fishing jobs that are also important.'"*

REUTERS: *"U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke (ZIHN' kee) is sounding a positive note about the fate of a national monument in Maine that's under review. He said Wednesday that he's comfortable with Katahdin (kuh TAH' dihn) Woods and Waters National Monument remaining in 'public hands.' He also praised the forested scenery, calling it 'beautiful.'"*

THE HILL: *"Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke says federal ownership of a controversial national monument in Maine is 'settled,' but the management of it may not be. In a public meeting Thursday as part of his multi day tour of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, Zinke said the monument area's management might change to allow logging and other 'traditional uses.'"*

New Hampshire Coverage:

CONCORD MONITOR: *"Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke stood in front of a giant fish tank in Hooksett on Thursday and signed an even more giant check, doling out more than \$1.1 billion nationwide to support conservation and outdoor recreation projects. Gov. Chris Sununu said the money is 'vital' and that it helps pay for programs that teach young people how to fish, use firearms and hunt safely. The 'vast majority' of the money will go to the Fish and Game Department, he said."*

UNION LEADER: *"In New Hampshire, these dollars are used to pay some Fish and Game administrative costs (not for law enforcement), for the cost to manage habitat and for acquisition of property. States have to come up with the 25 percent match, but some programs allow that to be flexible. For example, the state uses Pittman Robertson money to pay for its hunter education program; federal rules allow the time of volunteer instructors to be counted as part of the state's match, Fish and Game officials said. This is Zinke's first trip to the state since he became Trump's interior secretary in April. A decorated Navy Seal commander, Zinke resigned his U.S. House seat in Montana to accept the cabinet post. Prior to Tuesday's news conference on the grants, Zinke will meet privately with a group of elected officials and sportsmen, Normandeau said."*

Maine Coverage:

BANGOR DAILY NEWS: *"Zinke shook a monument sign to ensure that it was planted well. He noted that park managers were barely into their three years of assembling the monument's management plan, but he seemed very interested in ensuring that everything about Katahdin Woods was in good working order. 'If it says 'Department of the Interior' on it, I expect the experience to be five star,' Zinke said. Building greater trust in the federal government is another goal, Zinke said. He said he didn't see any great divides between LePage's goal of sustaining jobs in the area and the St. Clair family's desire to preserve the land.'"*

MAINE PUBLIC: *"At the monument's scenic overlook with views of Mount Katahdin, Zinke stopped for lunch and told reporters "all options are on the table." He won't make a decision until he's talked to all parties. But, for now, he says he's comfortable with the property being in the public's hands. He just wants to ensure a visit is a good experience."*

Massachusetts Coverage:

BOSTON GLOBE: *"In a backroom at a waterfront Legal Seafoods, about 20 representatives from New England fisheries and fishermen's associations sought to persuade Zinke to shrink or eliminate the monument. Expressing unanimous disapproval of Obama's move to use the Antiquities Act to protect the area, they argued that fisheries incur substantial financial losses and fishermen risk their safety by having to steer clear of the protected area. Meghan Lapp, fisheries liaison for Seafreeze, Ltd., said the company has two vessels that had fished for squid, mackerel, and butterfish in the zone since the 1980s. After the area became a monument, Lapp estimated the company lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Fishermen around the table told similar stories."*

GLOUCESTER TIMES: *"Now the Trump administration is reviewing all of the national monument designations since 1996 that cover more than 100,000 acres with an eye toward potentially reversing some or all. On Friday, Zinke met with U.S Fish and Wildlife Service officials and officials from the New England Aquarium about marine wildlife around the monument. He then held a listening session with lobstermen and fishermen about the impact of the monument designation on their industry."*

TV Hits:

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New Hampshire \$1.1B Announcement
WMUR MAN (ABC) Manchester, NH
News 9 Daybreak

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Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument

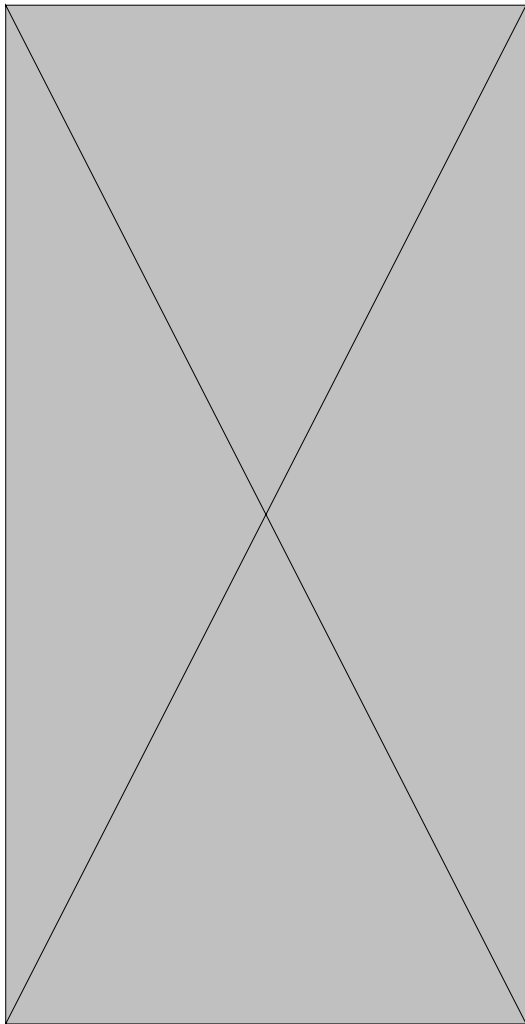
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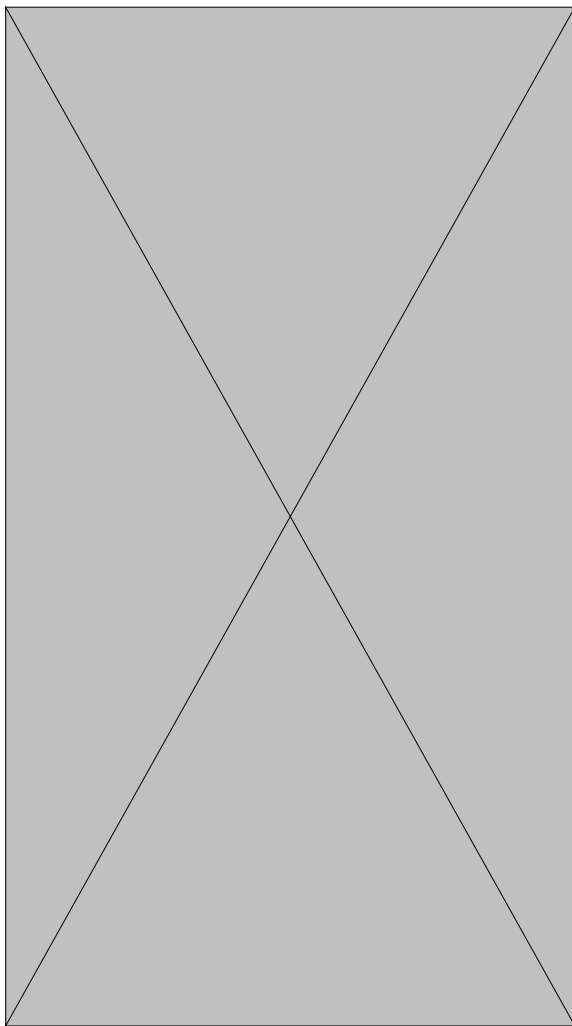
WAGM This Morning (1 duplicate)

Katahdin Review Segment

WLBZ (NBC) Bangor, ME

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GUNMAN OPENS FIRE ON REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS

Senior House member, three others hurt; shooter dead



A police officer guards the scene after a gunman opened fire on Republican members of Congress during a baseball practice in Alexandria, Virginia, on Wednesday.

BY SARAH N. LYNCH
AND ROSS COLVIN
REUTERS

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia — A man who had posted angry messages against President Donald Trump and other Republicans on social media opened fire on Republican lawmakers practicing for a charity baseball game on Wednesday, wounding a senior House member and three other people.

The gunman, identified by police as 66-year-old James Hodgkinson from the St. Louis suburb of Belleville, Illinois, fired repeatedly at the men playing on a baseball field in suburban Washington. Hodgkinson was wounded in a gunfight with Capitol Hill police who were at the scene, and police said he later died.



Scalise Hodgkinson

Steve Scalise, the No. 3 Republican in the House,

was shot in the hip. He was tended to by fellow lawmakers including Rep. Brad Wenstrup, who is a physician, before being taken to a hospital, where he was listed in critical condition.

Congressmen at the ballpark described hearing loud noises like the sound of firecrackers and 15 to 20 people lying on the ground and realizing they had only baseball bats to defend themselves against bullets.

"When he started shooting, he was shouting to kill people. And thank God he wasn't a very good shot,"

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Trump's conduct now part of probe

Mueller exploring obstruction of justice

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AND SARI HORWITZ
THE WASHINGTON POST

The special counsel overseeing the investigation into Russia's role in the 2016 election is interviewing senior intelligence officials as part of a widening probe that now includes an examination of whether President Donald Trump attempted to obstruct justice, officials said.

The move by Special Counsel Robert Mueller to investigate Trump's own conduct marks a major turning point in the nearly year-old FBI investigation, which until recently focused on Russian meddling during the presidential campaign and on whether there was any coordination between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin. Investigators have also been looking for any evidence of possible financial crimes among Trump associates, officials said.

Trump had received private assurances from former FBI Director James Comey starting in January

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'I am confident that there's a path forward'

Zinke says he's unlikely to push scaling back Maine monument

BY NICK SAMBIDES JR.
BDN STAFF

KATAHDIN WOODS AND WATERS NATIONAL MONUMENT — Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke on Wednesday hinted support for retaining federal control of Maine's national monument, but did not address whether he would recommend that President Donald Trump rescind its status or make major changes to it.

Zinke did not appear to favor turning the land over to private or state ownership — for which Gov. Paul LePage and U.S. Rep. Bruce Poliquin have pressed — saying that he was "not an advocate for the transfer of public lands."

Speaking atop a lookout at Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, Zinke also said that dividing the monument's assets into different classifications, like he recommended as part of shrinking the much larger Utah's Bears Ears National Monument, would not be wise.

"Scaling back, I don't think, makes a lot of sense from here," Zinke said Wednesday.



Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (second from left) listens as Lucas St. Clair (center) talks about Mount Katahdin during a tour of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument on Tuesday. At left is monument superintendent Tim Hudson.

Zinke is visiting Maine as part of his review of 27 national monuments designated by then-Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama to see if they violated the Antiquities Act or lacked adequate public input. He is expected to submit the final report in mid-August.

Among the issues is whether the Katahdin monument was created without adequate public input.

Critics say President Barack Obama ignored local

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Fredette: Special budget panel 'doomed to fail'

BY CHRISTOPHER COUSINS
BDN STAFF

The committee that is supposed to find a path out of the budget impasse in Augusta is "too little, too late," according to House Minority Leader Ken Fredette, R-Newport.



Fredette

who said the panel is "doomed to fail."

The six-member conference committee convened Tuesday with the ambitious goal of finding a budget compromise in time for the Legislature to enact it and send it to Gov. Paul LePage by Friday afternoon. That's a goal the Legislature's Appropriations Committee worked toward for more than five months until negotiations fell apart two weeks ago and the committee voted

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out split recommendations that have no chance of passage in the full Legislature.

On Tuesday, House Speaker Sara Gideon, D-Prepport, and Senate President Mike Thibodeau, R-Winterport, appointed themselves to the committee along with four others.

Mainer attacked by raccoon drowns animal in puddle

BY ALEX ACQUISTO
BDN STAFF

HOPE — While jogging on a familiar, overgrown, wooded trail near her home on a recent warm afternoon, Rachel Borch thought to herself, "What a beautiful day."

Little did she know she was about to be attacked by a rabid raccoon that she would end up killing with

her bare hands.

In the mist of appreciating the weather and scenery, she looked ahead of her and noticed a raccoon obstructing the narrow foot path, baring its



Borch

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Details, B6**Virginia gunman was angry over politics**

Police kill the Illinois man, 66, after he opens fire on a Republican baseball team, wounding a congressman and four others and rattling Washington.

By PETER HERMANN, AMBER PHILLIPS,
PAUL KANE and RACHA WEINER
The Washington Post

A man angry with President Trump unleashed a barrage of gunfire Wednesday morning at Republican members of Congress as they held a baseball practice at a park in Alexandria, Virginia, wounding House Majority Whip Steve Scalise and four others in a frenzied scene that included a long gun battle with police.

The gunman, James T. Hodgkinson, a 66-year-old unemployed home inspector from southern Illinois, was killed in the shootout. Two Capitol Police officers assigned to Scalise's security detail were wounded. Hodgkinson, who had been living in his van in Alexandria for the past few months, had posted anti-Trump



A police officer guards the field where a gunman opened fire on members of a Republican baseball team. Capitol Police serving as security for a congressman stopped the shooter as he advanced toward people hiding in a dugout.

WHO WAS THE SHOOTER? A LOOK AT HIS LIFE

James Hodgkinson often railed against Republicans and the 'super rich.' He had been visiting the site of the shooting for weeks. AS



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Cain to lead D.C. group that aims to elect women

The Orono Democrat will be the new CEO of a group with the motto: Early money is like yeast, it raises dough.

By ERIC RUSSELL
Staff writer

Former Maine House minority leader, state senator and two-time Democratic congressional candidate Emily Cain has been hired to lead Emily's List, the influential Washington, D.C.-based organization that supports pro-choice Democratic women.

As executive director, the 37-year-old from Orono will be tasked with recruiting and promoting female candidates at the national and state level ahead of the 2018 midterm elections. She replaces Jess O'Connell, now CEO of the Democratic National Committee.

"We are thrilled to welcome Emily Cain," Emily's List President Stephanie Schrock said in a statement. "Emily is a leader for progressive change at a moment when the rights, security and well-being of women and American families are under unprecedented assault by the radical and dangerous policies of the Trump administration and GOP. Emily knows how to fight back."

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Emily Cain co-founded Emerge Maine, a group similar to Emily's List that helps Democratic women pursue political office.

Secretary sees no need to shrink 'beautiful' Katahdin monument

Staff photo by Gregory Roe

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke offers comments during a tour of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Zinke has gathered opinions on the monument designation from business people, the governor and hikers, and will hear more views Thursday.

He visits the site as part of a federal review, noting it offers public access and jobs but stopping short of affirming the designation.

By KEVIN MILLER
Staff writer

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Wednesday that he does not envision reducing the size of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, but he stopped short of reaffirming the land's monument status.

"If this is an indicator, I'd be pretty happy," Zinke said while taking a lunch break at an overlook of Mount Katahdin, Maine's highest peak. "But we'll look at it. I'm not going to make a decision until we go through it."

During a daylong tour in summer-like but

baggy Maine weather, Zinke drove, walked and paddled sections of the 37,500-acre monument in Maine's Katahdin region as part of a controversial Trump administration review of several dozen national monuments nationwide. Katahdin Woods and Waters was included in the review at the behest of fierce monument opponent Sen. Paul LePage, reigniting a debate over jobs, tourism and federal ownership of land in Maine's North Woods. Zinke called Katahdin Woods and Waters "beautiful, country" and suggested he was comfortable with the land remaining in public

hands. He also said he was "not an advocate for sale or transfer of public land," appearing to quash a LePage suggestion that the land come under state management.

While Zinke said he was not prepared to make a recommendation on the status of Katahdin Woods and Waters, President Trump's top public lands official said he was "confident there's a path forward here."

"I'm an optimist," Zinke said. "From what I hear I think all sides love the land, everyone

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"(The proposed rules) will increase the burdens on caregivers, costing them more ... and that will eventually be passed on to the patients."

PAT PHILBROOK
nurse practitioner**Caregivers, patients decry proposed medical pot rules**By PENNELOPE OVERTON
Staff writer

Two years ago, doctors found a brain tumor in Michelle Gennies' 2-year-old son that persisted despite surgeries, radiation and chemo.

The Waterville higher education consultant was desperate when she asked the neurosurgeon about cannabis. He told her it would be "al-

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Trump being investigated for possible obstructionBy DEVILAN BARRETT,
ADAM ENTOLU,
ELLEN NAKASHIMA
and SARI HORVITZ
The Washington Post

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"I JUST GOT MORE AND MORE IRRITATED" Sen. Angus King on Trump aides

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Senator Cantwell, Ranking on Senate Energy wrote to the Secretary to complain an action taken by the Department to delay a last minute valuation rule put into place by the Obama administration (before Zinke arrived). As I understand, we will not be responding.

Secretary Meetings and Schedule

3/8: The Secretary will testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

3/8: The Secretary will meet with the President.

8/10-18: TRIP

Released today: Secretary Zinke to Visit Regional DOI Offices, Meet with Local Stakeholders (WASHINGTON) On Friday, March 10, 2017, thru Friday, March 17, Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will travel to Montana and Colorado to tour regional and local offices and facilities within the Department. Zinke will meet with leadership from the National Parks Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and other agencies, as well as local and Tribal governments and stakeholders.

Friday, March 10

Tribal Blessing by the Blackfeet Nation at Glacier National Park

Location: Glacier National Park (RSVP for more info)

Secretary Zinke will be honored with a traditional Tribal blessing by members of the Blackfeet Nation at Glacier National Park. Open to Press: RSVP to

interior_press@ios.doi.gov for more details

Meeting with Glacier National Park leadership and staff

Secretary Zinke will meet with GNP leadership and staff to learn about challenges, opportunities, and the maintenance backlog. Closed to press

Monday, March 11

Special Joint Session of the Montana State Legislature

Location: State Capitol in Helena, MT

Secretary Zinke will address a Special Joint Session of the Montana State Legislature

Open to Press: RSVP to interior_press@ios.doi.gov for more details.

Tuesday, March 12

Site visit to the BLM's Lewistown Field Office

Location: Lewistown, MT

Secretary Zinke will meet with employees at the BLM's Field Office. Closed to press.

Special announcement by Secretary Zinke

Location: BLM Montana/Dakotas Regional Office Billings, MT

Secretary Zinke will make important announcements regarding the future of coal

Open to Press: RSVP to interior_press@ios.doi.gov for more details

Wednesday, March 13

Secretary Zinke will travel to Colorado to make site visits

Further details pending

3/14: Fly to Denver. Visit Interior Denver Service Center.
3/15: Tenta Visit Denver BLM and FWS facilities. BUDGET media.
3/16: Fly to Bozeman. Press conference in front of arch announcing historic park visitation.
Meeting with Yellowstone National Park about maintenance backlog and bison management issues.
3/18: Meeting with Sen. Murkowski in Bozeman area.
3/19: Fly to DCA.

Further out.

3/31: Participate in the 100th Commemoration of the purchase of the Virgin Islands from Denmark. The Danish Prime Minister will participate. NOTE: Need to discuss this event with Cabinet Affairs.

Emergency Management

In North Dakota, a U.S. District Judge denied the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe motion for a preliminary injunction to stop construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. The court will make an additional ruling on the ultimate merits of the case at a future unspecified date. Demobilization of non-BIA law enforcement officers has begun; however, BIA Office of Justice Services will continue to provide additional officers for Standing Rock until March 31.

- A significant explosive eruption began at Bogoslof Volcano at 2:36 a.m. EST, as indicated by seismic, lightning, and infrasound data. The Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO) also noted ash cloud extending to 35,000 feet in satellite images and has raised the Volcano Alert and Aviation Color Code levels to Warning and Red, respectively. The National Weather Service has issued a Special Weather Statement for trace amounts (less than 1 mm) of ashfall on Unalaska Island, including the community of Dutch Harbor/Unalaska, based on ash fallout modeling by the AVO.

Media

Secretary Zinke Looking To Strike Balance.

The Huffington Post (3/7, D'Angelo) reports on the challenge facing Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to "strike a balance." According to the article, "with environmental activists becoming increasingly set against any development on public lands, a Republican Party with a platform that calls for transferring control of federal lands to states and a boss who enthusiastically promotes the fossil fuel industry, Zinke has his work cut out for him." Although "Zinke has largely managed to retain the support of sportsmen, who are hopeful he will follow through on his promises to protect and expand hunting, fishing and recreation access," the article says that "even his most loyal supporters say they plan to keep a close eye on how President Donald Trump's pick approaches the job."

Fishermen Sue Administration Over Obama-Era Marine Monument.

A coalition of fisherman sued the Administration Tuesday over the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, which was designated by President Obama last year. The Washington Times (3/7, Wolfgang) reports the fisherman argue that "the monument will crush the commercial fishing industry and devastate communities on the New England coast."

The Times says the case “will offer clues as to whether President Trump will revoke some of his predecessor’s most controversial national monuments.” While “conservative lawmakers and others” have pushed Trump “to revoke some of those more controversial designations, including the New England monument,” it is “unclear whether the administration is willing to go to court to defend Mr. Obama’s monuments.”

Secretary Zinke Urged To Address Illegal Border Crossings.

In an op-ed for the Washington Times (3/7), Ian Smith, an attorney with the Immigration Reform Law Institute, urges Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to tackle the problems created by illegal border crossing on public lands. According to Smith, “the trash, waste and discarded vehicles brought in” by “illegal border-crossers” is “so large federal land management agencies have admitted it has altered the ecological processes and degraded habitats in these areas.” Smith urges Zinke to “call on our immigration agencies to turn off the main magnets of illegal immigration (employment, welfare, birthright citizenship) and ensure that we have the strongest fence possible to keep out the cartels.”

White House Communications Report

DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (From Friday)

Inquiries

POLITICO (Anthony Adragna) REQUEST: I saw Secretary Zinke will testify tomorrow before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. Was hoping you might be able to share some of what he’d like to get across. Also, any additional deeds you can share on the personal items he mentions here? <https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/839181351538544645>

RESPONSE: Hold tight on the hearing, will get you something soon. On the personal items:

1. The sextant was a retirement gift from the Navy
2. The telescope was a gift when he left one of the SEAL Teams
3. The patches are each from different SEAL Teams he was on
4. The flag was the flag worn on his uniform
5. Teddy Roosevelt lithograph he found at an estate sale in Indiana
6. The infamous knives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cx4SSb-EPg>

□ Seattle Times (Hal Berton) REQUEST: The letter was sent today from Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell to Interior Secretary Zinke requesting that he lift the stay on a coal royalty valuation rule that was put in place during the final weeks of the Obama administration. RESPONSE: The Department is reviewing the letter.

□ Washington Times (Benjamin Wolfgang) REQUEST: Comment on a lawsuit that challenges the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, established last September by former President Obama. Interior Secretary Zinke is named in the suit. I’m trying to determine whether Interior intends to defend this monument in court? Why or why not? Just looking for some clarity here on how the administration may handle this. RESPONSE: Refer the matter to DOJ.

□ POLITICO (Esther Whieldon) REQUEST: Sen. Daines said Zinke has indicated he’s

mulling moving more DC staff/offices out West as part of his reorganization. Please confirm. Any additional details you can provide such as which offices and which agencies are under consideration and what could be gained by doing so would be helpful. Would appreciate a response by early tomorrow. RESPONSE: Will get back to her before deadline

☐ Law360 (Adam Lidgett) REQUEST: My name is Adam Lidgett and I'm a reporter with Law360. I'm doing a story on a Ninth Circuit panel today ruling that a district court was right to dismiss for lack of standing and ripeness a suit from the Desert Water Agency against the Department of the Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs challenging a federal regulation that DWA believed might preempt certain taxes and fees DWA assessed against non-Indians who leased lands within an Indian reservation. RESPONSE: Referred to DOJ

Top Stories

- ☐ Indianz: Interior Secretary Zinke focuses on tribes in first Capitol Hill appearance
- ☐ AL.com Feds opening 73 million acres off Alabama, Gulf states for oil and ...
- ☐ Daily Caller: Trump Opens 'All Available' Gulf Of Mexico Waters To Oil Drilling
- ☐ E&E News: Top Democrat urges Zinke to lift stay of Obama royalty rule

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- ☐ Tomorrow: Zinke will testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee at 2:15PM
- ☐ Travel to Montana and Colorado: Zinke at Glacier National Park on Friday 3/10, address to MT State Legislature on public lands/energy on 3/13, site visit at BLM Field Office in Billings, MT on 3/14, Denver DOI Service Center on 3/15 and 3/16, and Yellowstone National Park on 3/17

Federal Register Notices Cleared for Publishing (None Significant)

Items cleared for the Federal Register on Tuesday.

REG0006805 FWS Notice of Availability: Applications for American Burying-Beetle Amended Industry Conservation Plan Participation Under the Endangered Species Act, FWS invites the public to comment on an incidental take permit application for the federally listed American burying beetle in Oklahoma. 03/07/2017

REG0006807 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Department of Anthropology, The University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK N2723. Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this Notice announces the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the Department of Anthropology, The University of Tulsa, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006811 FWS Massasoit National Wildlife Refuge, Plymouth, MA; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 requires us to develop a CCP for each NWR. CCPs provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing

toward the Refuge System mission, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife conservation, legal mandates, and FWS policies. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006812 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, Hardeeville, SC N2732 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this is a notice of completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects removed from Limestone and Morgan Counties, Alabama, and Decatur County, Tennessee, between 1953 and 1997. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region (USFWS-SER) has control of the remains and objects. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006813 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Human Remains Repository, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY N2741 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this Notice announces the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, in Laramie, Wyoming. The remains were removed from Kodiak Island, Alaska, prior to 1991. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006814 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Human Remains Repository, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY N2746 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this Notice announces the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, in Laramie, Wyoming. The remains were removed from an unknown location near Julesburg, Sedgwick County, Colorado, prior to 1995. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006821 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, NE N2748 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this is a Notice that the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) has completed an inventory of human remains and determined that there is a cultural affiliation between the remains and a present-day Indian tribe. The remains were removed from the Linwood site in Butler County, Nebraska, at some time before 1973. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006823 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, NE N2747 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this Notice announces that the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) has completed an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects removed from the Woodcliff site in Saunders County, Nebraska, in the 1960s and in 2002. The site is a Native American village and cemetery complex that was occupied around 1700-1800. Notice 03/07/2017

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DOI DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 3/8/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Status of the Nominee

Today Secretary Ryan Zinke will:

- Meet with Justin Clark from WH IGA.
- Phone call with the Canadian Minister for the Environment
- Testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.
- Meet with the President and the Alaska Delegation.

In addition, the Secretary is planning to call Senators Portman, Gardner, Heitkamp, and Graham to ask support for the CRA on Venting and Flaring.

EO on Energy/Interior Related

The Media is reporting that the President is poised to sign an EO on energy.

NOTE: Interior has prepared 10 Secretarial Orders and announcements ready to react to the President's action. All depends on the content of the EO and whether you are OK with us releasing the other ones.

EO on National Monuments

An EO related to National Monuments Review appears to be eminent.

Congressional Action Under the CRA.

CRAs : Pending WH Action.

- BLM Planning 2.0 Rule. The Secretary would like to participate in any signing ceremony.

CRAs: Passed the House, Pending in the Senate.

- BLM Venting and Flaring Methane Rule
- FWS H.J.Res.69 - Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to "Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska".

Congressional Correspondence

Senator Cantwell, Ranking on Senate Energy wrote to the Secretary to complain an action taken by the Department to delay a last minute valuation rule put into place by the Obama administration (before Zinke arrived). As I understand, we will not be responding.

Secretary Meetings and Schedule

3/8: The Secretary will testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

3/8: The Secretary will meet with the President.

8/10-18: TRIP

Released today: Secretary Zinke to Visit Regional DOI Offices, Meet with Local Stakeholders (WASHINGTON) On Friday, March 10, 2017, thru Friday, March 17, Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will travel to Montana and Colorado to tour regional and local offices and facilities within the Department. Zinke will meet with leadership from the National Parks Service, Bureau of Land

Management, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and other agencies, as well as local and Tribal governments and stakeholders.

Friday, March 10

Tribal Blessing by the Blackfeet Nation at Glacier National Park

Location: Glacier National Park (RSVP for more info)

Secretary Zinke will be honored with a traditional Tribal blessing by members of the Blackfeet Nation at Glacier National Park. Open to Press: RSVP to interior_press@ios.doi.gov for more details

Meeting with Glacier National Park leadership and staff

Secretary Zinke will meet with GNP leadership and staff to learn about challenges, opportunities, and the maintenance backlog. Closed to press

Monday, March 11

Special Joint Session of the Montana State Legislature

Location: State Capitol in Helena, MT

Secretary Zinke will address a Special Joint Session of the Montana State Legislature

Open to Press: RSVP to interior_press@ios.doi.gov for more details.

Tuesday, March 12

Site visit to the BLM's Lewistown Field Office

Location: Lewistown, MT

Secretary Zinke will meet with employees at the BLM's Field Office. Closed to press.

Special announcement by Secretary Zinke

Location: BLM Montana/Dakotas Regional Office Billings, MT

Secretary Zinke will make important announcements regarding the future of coal

Open to Press: RSVP to interior_press@ios.doi.gov for more details

Wednesday, March 13

Secretary Zinke will travel to Colorado to make site visits

Further details pending

3/14: Fly to Denver. Visit Interior Denver Service Center.

3/15: Tenta Visit Denver BLM and FWS facilities. BUDGET media.

3/16: Fly to Bozeman. Press conference in front of arch announcing historic park visitation. Meeting with Yellowstone National Park about maintenance backlog and bison management issues.

3/18: Meeting with Sen. Murkowski in Bozeman area.

3/19: Fly to DCA.

Further out.

3/31: Participate in the 100th Commemoration of the purchase of the Virgin Islands from Denmark. The Danish Prime Minister will participate. NOTE: Need to discuss this event with Cabinet Affairs.

Emergency Management

In North Dakota, a U.S. District Judge denied the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe motion for a preliminary injunction to stop construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. The court will make an additional ruling on

the ultimate merits of the case at a future unspecified date. Demobilization of non-BIA law enforcement officers has begun; however, BIA Office of Justice Services will continue to provide additional officers for Standing Rock until March 31.

A significant explosive eruption began at Bogoslof Volcano at 2:36 a.m. EST, as indicated by seismic, lightning, and infrasound data. The Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO) also noted ash cloud extending to 35,000 feet in satellite images and has raised the Volcano Alert and Aviation Color Code levels to Warning and Red, respectively. The National Weather Service has issued a Special Weather Statement for trace amounts (less than 1 mm) of ashfall on Unalaska Island, including the community of Dutch Harbor/Unalaska, based on ash fallout modeling by the AVO.

Media

Secretary Zinke Looking To Strike Balance.

The Huffington Post (3/7, D'Angelo) reports on the challenge facing Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to "strike a balance." According to the article, "with environmental activists becoming increasingly set against any development on public lands, a Republican Party with a platform that calls for transferring control of federal lands to states and a boss who enthusiastically promotes the fossil fuel industry, Zinke has his work cut out for him." Although "Zinke has largely managed to retain the support of sportsmen, who are hopeful he will follow through on his promises to protect and expand hunting, fishing and recreation access," the article says that "even his most loyal supporters say they plan to keep a close eye on how President Donald Trump's pick approaches the job."

Fishermen Sue Administration Over Obama-Era Marine Monument.

A coalition of fisherman sued the Administration Tuesday over the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, which was designated by President Obama last year. The Washington Times (3/7, Wolfgang) reports the fisherman argue that "the monument will crush the commercial fishing industry and devastate communities on the New England coast." The Times says the case "will offer clues as to whether President Trump will revoke some of his predecessor's most controversial national monuments." While "conservative lawmakers and others" have pushed Trump "to revoke some of those more controversial designations, including the New England monument," it is "unclear whether the administration is willing to go to court to defend Mr. Obama's monuments."

Secretary Zinke Urged To Address Illegal Border Crossings.

In an op-ed for the Washington Times (3/7), Ian Smith, an attorney with the Immigration Reform Law Institute, urges Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to tackle the problems created by illegal border crossing on public lands. According to Smith, "the trash, waste and discarded vehicles brought in" by "illegal border-crossers" is "so large federal land management agencies have admitted it has altered the ecological processes and degraded habitats in these areas." Smith urges Zinke to "call on our immigration agencies to turn off the main magnets of illegal immigration (employment, welfare, birthright citizenship) and ensure that we have the strongest fence possible to keep out the cartels."

White House Communications Report

DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (From Friday)

Inquiries

POLITICO (Anthony Adragna) REQUEST: I saw Secretary Zinke will testify tomorrow before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. Was hoping you might be able to share some of what he'd like to get across.

Also, any additional deeds you can share on the personal items he mentions here?

<https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/839181351538544645>

RESPONSE: Hold tight on the hearing, will get you something soon. On the personal items:

1. The sextant was a retirement gift from the Navy
 2. The telescope was a gift when he left one of the SEAL Teams
 3. The patches are each from different SEAL Teams he was on
 4. The flag was the flag worn on his uniform
 5. Teddy Roosevelt lithograph he found at an estate sale in Indiana
 6. The infamous knives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3cx4SSb-EPg>
- Seattle Times (Hal Berton) REQUEST: The letter was sent today from Washington Sen. Maria Cantwell to Interior Secretary Zinke requesting that he lift the stay on a coal royalty valuation rule that was put in place during the final weeks of the Obama administration. RESPONSE: The Department is reviewing the letter.
 - Washington Times (Benjamin Wolfgang) REQUEST: Comment on a lawsuit that challenges the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, established last September by former President Obama. Interior Secretary Zinke is named in the suit. I'm trying to determine whether Interior intends to defend this monument in court? Why or why not? Just looking for some clarity here on how the administration may handle this. RESPONSE: Refer the matter to DOJ.
 - POLITICO (Esther Whieldon) REQUEST: Sen. Daines said Zinke has indicated he's mulling moving more DC staff/offices out West as part of his reorganization. Please confirm. Any additional details you can provide such as which offices and which agencies are under consideration and what could be gained by doing so would be helpful. Would appreciate a response by early tomorrow. RESPONSE: Will get back to her before deadline
 - Law360 (Adam Lidgett) REQUEST: My name is Adam Lidgett and I'm a reporter with Law360. I'm doing a story on a Ninth Circuit panel today ruling that a district court was right to dismiss for lack of standing and ripeness a suit from the Desert Water Agency against the Department of the Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs challenging a federal regulation that DWA believed might preempt certain taxes and fees DWA assessed against non-Indians who leased lands within an Indian reservation. RESPONSE: Referred to DOJ

Top Stories

- Indianz: Interior Secretary Zinke focuses on tribes in first Capitol Hill appearance
- AL.com Feds opening 73 million acres off Alabama, Gulf states for oil and ...
- Daily Caller: Trump Opens 'All Available' Gulf Of Mexico Waters To Oil Drilling
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Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Tomorrow: Zinke will testify before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee at 2:15PM

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Federal Register Notices Cleared for Publishing (None Significant)

Items cleared for the Federal Register on Tuesday.

REG0006805 FWS Notice of Availability: Applications for American Burying-Beetle Amended Industry Conservation Plan Participation Under the Endangered Species Act, FWS invites the public to comment on an incidental take permit application for the federally listed American burying beetle in Oklahoma. 03/07/2017

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REG0006811 FWS Massasoit National Wildlife Refuge, Plymouth, MA; Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 requires us to develop a CCP for each NWR. CCPs provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the Refuge System mission, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife conservation, legal mandates, and FWS policies. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006812 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, Hardeeville, SC N2732 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this is a notice of completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects removed from Limestone and Morgan Counties, Alabama, and Decatur County, Tennessee, between 1953 and 1997. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region (USFWS-SER) has control of the remains and objects. Notice 03/07/2017

REG0006813 NPS Notice of Inventory Completion - Human Remains Repository, Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY N2741 Pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), this Notice announces the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the Department of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, in Laramie, Wyoming. The remains were removed from Kodiak Island, Alaska, prior to 1991. Notice 03/07/2017

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