

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LANDS AND MINERALS VISIT

DATE: Thursday, October 26, 2017
LOCATION: State Director's Conference Room, Utah State Office
MEETING TIME: 9 a.m. to noon

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. On Wednesday, Mr. Hammond will attend a tour of the Green River District with a focus on BLM oil and gas developments and discussion of applications for permit to drill, including past and current backlogs. The Green River District tour will also include a visit to a wildlife-viewing area located within an area with active leases.

On Thursday, Mr. Hammond will attend a briefing at the BLM Utah State Office on current relevant BLM hot topics. He will then be offered a tour of the West Desert District, including a visit to the area affected by the Lake Mountain shooting closure and the Onaqui Herd Management Area. On Friday morning, we will give a tour of the Cerberus collection, with our museum collections manager and Law Enforcement on-site to discuss the collection.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Program Participants:

- Casey Hammond, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary Lands and Minerals.

UTSO Briefing Attendees:

- Ed Roberson, BLM-Utah State Director
- Kent Hoffman, Deputy State Director, Lands and Minerals
- Abbie Jossie, Deputy State Director, Natural Resources
- Joe Mendez, Deputy State Director, Support Services
- Allison Ginn, Acting BLM-Utah External Affairs Chief
- Aaron Curtis, Branch Chief for Outdoor & Heritage Resources
- Keelee Brooks, Human Resources Officer
- Jason Moore, State Chief Ranger
- Mike Johnson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge
- Brad Washa, Fuels Management Specialist
- Quincy Bahr, Sage-grouse Project Manager

****Hannah Cowan and Kevin Oliver on deck for Thursday afternoon field trip.**

III. AGENDA

Thursday, October 26

- 9:00 a.m. Mr. Hammond Arrives; Introductions to SD and DSDs (Ed, Abbie, Kent, Joe)
- 9:05 a.m. BLM Utah Overview, DOI/BLM priorities and hot topics powerpoint (Allison & DSDs) (Includes any Mineral Leasing and Development follow-up) (Kent)
- 9:45 a.m. Litigation, including Revised Statute 2477 and SUWA v. Schneider settlement (Aaron & DSDs)
- 10:15 a.m. BLM-Utah's Recreation Program (Aaron)
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Greater Sage-grouse (Quincy)
- 11:00 a.m. Staffing/Current vacancies and table of organization (Keelee & DSDs)
- 11:15 a.m. Law Enforcement (Jason)
- 11:30 a.m. 2017 fire season (Brad)
- 11:45 a.m. Closeout of any remaining questions/follow-ups on Utah Issues
- 12:00 p.m. Hannah & Kevin pick up Mr. Hammond - Tour of Lake Mountain shooting closure area (Lunch en route)
- 5:45 p.m. Hannah and Kevin to drop Mr. Hammond at UTSO
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner with Ed- depart from UT State Office