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## Continuing Monitor Breakfast Invitation for Secretary Jewell

3 messages

Cook, David <dave@csmonitor.com>

Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 11:15 AM

To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <Jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Kelly, Kate P" <Kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Jessica:

Just a quick note to renew our invitation for Secretary Jewell to be the guest speaker at a Monitor-hosted breakfast for reporters.

President Obama's announcement Sunday that he would ask Congress to designate large areas of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness would be a timely peg for such a visit as would the Interior Department's release of its five-year plan outlining where federal waters will be open to or protected from offshore drilling.

Another peg was the double page ad the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation ran in Sunday's Post on "The Tragedy of Broken Trust." A breakfast visit would give the Secretary an opportunity to update steps taken to fulfill the pledge she made in her 2013 speech in Reno to "make important progress" in relations between the federal government and Native Americans.

As you know from my earlier missives, we strive to provide our guest speakers with a venue characterized by civilized, in-depth conversation between newsmakers and journalists. The moderated nature of the discussion lends itself to exploring ideas without the "gotcha" aspects of a press conference.

Please let me know if you spot a morning in the Secretary's busy schedule when she could be our guest and we will quickly do the rest.

Thanks so much for keeping our invitation in mind.

All the best,

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Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 1:25 PM

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Hi Dave -

Thanks so much for reaching out with a reminder on your invitation to the Secretary. This is something we're very much still considering and haven't forgotten. Rest assured that we intend to work with you and your team and I'll circle back on that.

Also - glad you noticed the Post's piece on the Broken Trust special. It also aired on NBC after Meet the Press yesterday - a very moving piece, indeed.

Jessica

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Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 1:30 PM

Jessica

Thanks for the much appreciated speedy reply.

Cheers,

Dave

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**WHITTEN BURRAGE**

January 22, 2015

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**Re: Notice of Deposition of Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell in *The Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation v. The Department of the Interior, et al.*, No. Civ-05-01524-W**

Dear Ms. Tompkins,

I write to inform you of Plaintiffs' intent to take the deposition of Secretary Sally Jewell in the above referenced litigation. A copy of the Notice of Deposition for Secretary of Interior Jewell, which I am concurrently sending to all attorneys of record in this case, is attached. Secretary Jewell is a named defendant in the above referenced litigation in her official capacity as Secretary of the Interior. Secretary Jewell's testimony is of significant relevance to Plaintiffs, the Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to take Secretary Jewell's deposition.

As our discovery deadline is February 15, I have noticed the deposition for February 12, 2014. I also have set the location of the deposition as the offices of the Department of Interior in order to accommodate Secretary Jewell. However, given the Secretary's busy schedule, we are happy to work with you to change the date, time and location of the deposition to the extent that it is necessary, within the confines of the February 15 discovery deadline. Please let me know if there is a date and location that is preferable.

Please feel free to contact me at [mburrage@whittenburrage.com](mailto:mburrage@whittenburrage.com), or 405-516-7800 if you have any questions.

January 22, 2015  
Hilary Tompkins  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Burrage". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Burrage  
Former Chief United States District Court Judge

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, pursuant to Rules 26 and 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs, the Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation ("Plaintiffs"), by and through their attorneys, will take the oral deposition of Defendant, Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell, at the offices of the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, beginning on February 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., and continuing until

complete. The deposition will be taken before a certified shorthand reporter authorized by law to administer oaths and will be recorded stenographically and by videotape.

DATED: January 22, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bradley E. Beckworth

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*/s/ Bradley E. Beckworth*  
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**Fwd: At Hilary's request - letter 1/22/15 re: Chickasaw/Choctaw v DOI -**

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Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 4:13 PM

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If you have any questions, please call Jack Haugrud.

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Thanks. I'll watch the Chic Choc or record on Sunday.

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## For Review: Choctaw School Visit

9 messages

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Hello,

Attached and below is the draft Choctaw advisory we plan to issue at 1:30 p.m. ET today

**Please let me know by 12:30 a.m. today if you have any edits.**

Thanks,

Lauren

## Secretary Jewell to Visit Choctaw High School in Mississippi

*Secretary to continue discussion regarding educational reform;  
tribal control of BIE-funded schools*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to ensure all students attending Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools receive a high quality, culturally appropriate education, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Bureau of Indian Education Director Dr. Charles 'Monty' Roessel will visit Choctaw Central High School near Philadelphia, Mississippi on Wednesday, October 28, 2014, to discuss ongoing Indian education reform initiatives.

"I look forward to meeting with the teachers and students at Choctaw Central High School to hear about what's going well and to better understand where they may be facing challenges," said Secretary Jewell. "We have an enormous opportunity before us to improve educational outcomes for Native American youth and to ensure that students attending BIE-funded schools are provided an academically rigorous and culturally appropriate education, while at the same increase accountability throughout the BIE school system."

The Choctaw Tribal School System, located in the east central Mississippi counties of Neshoba, Leake and Newton, serves approximately 2,100 students in eight schools, including six elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Jewell will visit the high school and meet with school administrators and students to discuss educational strategies and ongoing reform efforts at BIE-funded schools.

In 2013, Jewell and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan organized an American Indian Education Study Group to assess systemic issues within BIE-funded schools and to propose a comprehensive Blueprint for Reform to ensure all students attending BIE-funded schools receive a high quality education.

The Secretary's visit builds on her Secretarial Order, released on the heels of President Obama's historic visit to Indian Country earlier this year that seeks to restructure and redesign the BIE, transforming the agency from solely a provider of education into a capacity-builder and service-provider to tribes that will control and operate BIE-funded schools.

**WHO:** Sally Jewell, U.S. Secretary of the Interior  
Monty Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education  
Phyllis Anderson, Tribal Chief, Choctaw Tribal School System  
Willa Brantley, Director, Division of Schools  
David Germany, Director, Department of Schools  
Rosie Davis, Associate Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Education Grant Schools

**WHAT:** Secretarial visit to the Choctaw School in Philadelphia, Mississippi

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at 8:00- 11:00 a.m. CDT

**WHERE:** Choctaw Central High School

150 Recreation Road

Choctaw MS 39350

**RSVP:** Credentialed members of the media interested in covering the visit are encouraged to RSVP HERE by October 28, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. CDT in order to receive logistical information for the multi-part visit, including a tour, discussions and media availability.

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Lauren Lambert

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It's ready for your further notifications under a 1:30 p.m. embargo.

Thanks,

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Apologies that I'm just catching this, but I was on a flight this morning. The media portion of the visit will start at 8:30 at pearl river elementary school, not at 8 at the high school.

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Team - not sure if EFB's earlier emails came through, but the press should plan on meeting at the Pearl River Elementary School for an 8:30am beginning of the tour. Address is 101 Industrial Road, Choctaw, MS. It's a difficult address to find, as you might imagine, so here are directions provided by the Tribe:

Here are the directions we give visitors:

- If you're flying in from out of state, the most convenient airport is the Jackson International Airport. Start by turning right out of the airport on MS-475 N and head North towards I-25 N (Lakeland Drive). Turn right on I-25 and drive for approximately 45-50 minutes, turn right onto Hwy 16 E and drive straight through Carthage (Hwy 16 E).
- Travel through Edinburg (about 5-10 miles outside of Carthage). About 10 miles outside of Edinburg the Hwy splits to a 4 lane. This is the Choctaw Indian Reservation. On this road you will see the Pow-Wow Gas station on your right, Geyser Falls Entrance to your left, you'll continue straight about ½ mile until you reach the Choctaw Central High School Baseball Stadium. Take the road immediately past the stadium (Recreation Road). There will be a sign that indicates Tribal Headquarters to your left.
- You will travel down Recreation Road approximately ½ mile and the Choctaw Tribal Headquarters will be on your right. There will be three flagpoles in front of the office building.

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Thanks, Booch. Looks like we should send out an updated media advisory out some time tomorrow w the right address (we can likely send just to Miss. press)

JK and LL, I defer to you two to work out details.

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One clarification from Heather - they should meet at the Tribal Council Offices, same address as below, at 8:15 to depart in their shuttle at 8:25.

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A couple more corrections from Heather and Misty:

Choctaw Tribal Council Offices  
101 Industrial Road

Bus departs promptly at 8:25

Phyliss Anderson, Tribal Chief, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
(Name spelled wrong and title correction)

Secretarial Visit to the Choctaw Tribal Schools in Philadelphia, Mississippi  
(Schools sometimes get confused for Choctaw Cty Schools)

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Huh - speaks to the importance of running our advisory past the tribe first... and it looks like we missed that step here, eh?

Jessica - we don't think any of these changes merit re-advising to the whole list. Rather, Lauren can updated online and we can send the new version to Mississippi tomorrow?

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Yep - LL, EFB and the tribal folks and I discussed this on another chain earlier after some of the logistics were flagged. I think we got jammed up on timing with this one but I agree, and we will make the changes online and I told LL to re advise to MS only tomorrow with the new/updated logistics.

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**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS CHOCTAW SCHOOLS.** The [AP](#) (10/30) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell praised the Choctaw tribal schools in Mississippi during her visit on Wednesday. Jewell said "much of the success of the Choctaw School System can be attributed to the tribe's hands-on approach, with the chief and tribal council virtually serving as the school board." Jewell said, "In many other communities we don't see that. We don't have engagement between tribal leaders and the schools. Sometimes we run the schools. We run them out of Albuquerque, New Mexico or Washington D.C., and the schools may be all the way across the country."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Times](#) (10/31, 373K), the [Hattiesburg \(MS\) American](#) (10/30, 34K), [KNOE-TV](#) Monroe, LA (10/31, 2K), [WKRQ-TV](#) Mobile, AL (10/31, 37K), [WSFA-TV](#) Montgomery, AL (10/31, 30K), and [WDBD-TV](#) Jackson, MS (10/31, 152K).

**MAITLAND ART CENTER DESIGNATED NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.** The [ARTFIXdaily](#) (10/30) reports that "the Art & History Museums – Maitland's (A&H's) Maitland Art Center – has become the first

National Historic Landmark in greater Orlando and the 44th in the state of Florida." According to the article, "awarded on September 30, 2014 by Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, the designation applies to places that 'exceptionally illustrate or interpret the heritage of the United States.'" The article notes that "an official plaque dedication ceremony at A&H's Maitland Art Center will take place Jan. 8, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. with details to follow."

**DEAL REPORTEDLY REACHED TO RECOGNIZE NATIVE HAWAIIANS AS INDIAN TRIBE.** The Examiner (10/31, 1.01M) reports that "a deal has been reached between the Department of the Interior and the Obama administration to give federal recognition to native Hawaiians as an Indian Tribe." According to Free Hawaii TV, "the deal is an attempt to do an end run around overwhelming native Hawaiian opposition to being recognized as an Indian Tribe."

**AUDIT OF FEDERAL OPEN DATA CATALOGS FINDS ISSUES WITH INTERIOR'S DATA.** The Sunlight Foundation (10/29, 3K) reports that it is "conducting a broad audit of agencies' sometimes-faithful attempts to comply with President Obama's open data executive order from 2013," but "while auditing the Department of the Interior's data catalog," it found that some data was inaccessible.

The Sunlight Foundation (10/30, 3K) reports that "the Department of the Interior's public data catalog is impressive." It notes that "there were 43,940 unique URL entries associated with these datasets, and quite a few of those point to geographic databases." However, "when we checked those URLs, we also found a variety of issues, from items that didn't exist at the provided URL to entries that pointed to local addresses, meaning the datasets are on agency computers rather than the Internet."

**REVIEW FINDS \$20 BILLION IN SECRET PURCHASES BY FEDERAL AGENCIES IN RECENT MONTHS.** WRC-TV Washington (10/31, 367K) reports that a "review of federal agency purchase records shows each major federal agency spends millions of dollars a year on 'micropurchases.'" It notes that the Interior Department "shared details about the 'micropurchase' items bought by their agency employees."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NAVAJO NATION AWARDED FUNDS TO CREATE SCHOOL SYSTEMS.** Additional coverage that "a \$200,000 check from the Interior Department will help jumpstart the Navajo Nation's efforts to take local control of Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools" was provided by the Navajo Times (AZ) (10/31, 66K).

**ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR WILDERNESS URGED.** For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (10/31, Molvar, 241K), Erik Molvar, who directs the Sagebrush Sea Campaign for WildEarth Guardians, writes that "additional wilderness preservation can be an integral part of solving the global biodiversity crisis by anchoring a network of protected reserves." However, he argues that "we need to be designing such networks at the scales of ecosystems and regions, along natural boundaries, rather than the traditional political borders of states, counties and agency jurisdictions." Molvar also notes that "with economic research pointing to greater job and business growth in rural Western counties with the greatest area of protected public lands, the best interests of jobs and the environment have come into alignment."

## America's Great Outdoors:

### *National Park Service:*

**GRAFFITI FOUND IN THREE MORE NATIONAL PARKS.** The AP (10/31) reports that the NPS says "it has found more graffiti in some of the West's most scenic locations in a case that sparked an uproar on social media last week." Rangers say "they've now confirmed images in Joshua Tree in California and at two more Colorado locations, bringing the total number of tagged parks to eight."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington Post (10/30, 4.9M), the Charlotte (NC) Observer (10/30, 572K), the Houston Chronicle (10/31, 2.47M), the Denver Post (10/31, 1.12M), the Salem (OR) Statesman Journal (10/30, 23K), Yahoo! Finance (10/31, 9.7M), WJBK-TV Detroit (10/31, 166K), KCNC-TV Denver (10/30, 74K), and KTVZ-TV Bend, OR (10/31, 1K).

Also reporting on the story is the Denver Post (10/31, Cotton, 1.12M).

Additional coverage of identification of the suspect was provided by Reuters (10/31, Gorman), the Deseret (UT) News (10/31, 538K), the Bend (OR) Bulletin (10/31, 94K), KSL-TV Salt Lake City (10/31, 1.07M), and WDIV-TV

Detroit (10/31, 172K).

**NPS INVESTING IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY, WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS AT WASHINGTON AREA NATIONAL PARKS.** The National Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 626K) reports that the NPS is "investing \$29 million in 81 individual energy efficiency and water conservation projects at national parks throughout the greater Washington region." According to the article, "the 23-year Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) awarded at the end of September to Siemens Government Technologies, will allow the NPS to conserve energy and water with no upfront costs and to accrue cost savings into the future." NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis said, "The National Park Service is committed to managing the future health and sustainability of our national parks proactively through this kind of ambitious energy and resource conservation program. The parks in the greater Washington region involved in this effort are demonstrating the kind of leadership that other parks and public lands across the country can follow to reduce our carbon footprint, energy consumption, and water usage."

**NEW WASHINGTON FLOOD BARRIER TO BE TESTED.** The Washington Post (10/30, Ruane, 4.9M) reports that "Washington's long-delayed 17th Street flood barrier is scheduled to be tested Friday when officials from the Army and the National Park Service install the metal apparatus across 17th Street, near Constitution Avenue." According to the article, "the temporary barrier is designed to block floodwaters surging north from the Tidal Basin and flowing into downtown Washington." The test is intended "to demonstrate how the post-and-panel barrier is put in place."

**ALL-SENSORY TRAIL IN MARYLAND'S PATAPSCO VALLEY STATE PARK OPENS.** The Baltimore Sun (10/29, 857K) reports that "the first All-Sensory Trail in Maryland state parks officially opened Oct. 16." According to the article, "located in the Hilton Area of Patapsco Valley State Park, it is designed for the visually impaired." The All-Sensory Trail is a partnership between the state Department of Natural Resources and the NPS.

#### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**SEN. MURKOWSKI SIDES WITH STATE OF ALASKA IN ANWR BOUNDARY DISPUTE.** The National Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 626K) reports that Sen. Lisa Murkowski is backing "a request from Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell that the federal government convey roughly 20,000 acres on the western boundary of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to the state." In a letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Murkowski urged the BLM "to quickly respond to the state's request for priority conveyance under the Alaska Statehood Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)." Murkowski wrote, "This issue centers on what waters are considered part of the Canning River, which has long been designated and reaffirmed as the western boundary of the Arctic coastal plain. The state believes that the US Fish and Wildlife Service has effectively re-designated the separate Staines River, which empties into the Beaufort Sea several miles west of the Canning River, as a channel of the Canning, thereby shifting nearly 20,000 acres of the coastal plain lying between the streams into the refuge."

**PHOTOGRAPHER TO PRESENT ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE PHOTOS AT ANASAZI HERITAGE CENTER.** The Cortez (CO) Journal (10/30, 646) reports that "photographer Wayne Keene took on the challenge of capturing the sacred landscapes of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument through the lens of his camera as an artist-in-residence for the Bureau of Land Management." On Sunday, Nov. 2, Keene will "showcase these images during a multimedia presentation at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores at 1 p.m." according to the article, "Keene's images, in black and white as well as color, capture the rustic landscapes of the monument while weaving elements of the archeological resources into many of the scenes." Marietta Eaton, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument/Anasazi Heritage Center Manager, said, "His keen eye for capturing lighting reveals the distinct contrasts between the landscape and the skyline. We're excited to share the images he captured with the public."

**BLM'S ROYAL GORGE FIELD OFFICE SEEKING INPUT ON RECREATION MANAGEMENT.** The Pueblo (CO) Chieftain (10/31, 79K) reports that the BLM's Royal Gorge Field Office is "seeking input on recreation management in the area and will host several focus group meetings."

**BLM PLANS SLASH BURNING IN GRAND COUNTY THROUGH DECEMBER.** The Sky-Hi Daily News (CO) (10/31, 728) reports that the BLM Kremmling Field Office is "planning to burn slash piles of lodgepole pine early November through December if weather conditions are favorable."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SCHOLARS CHALLENGE LEGAL BASIS OF UTAH'S PUBLIC LANDS**

**CAMPAIGN.** Additional coverage that "a new legal analysis asserts a successful Utah effort to claim federal land would fuel similar efforts among Western states and potentially end the public land system as it exists today, but it isn't likely to happen" was provided by the Deseret (UT) News (10/31, 538K) and KNRS-FM Salt Lake City (10/31).

**BLM CRITICIZED FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS.** In an op-ed for the High Country (CO) News (10/31, 74K), Ray Ring writes that the BLM's "main Freedom of Information Act office appears incompetent or overworked." According to Ring, "its response to our request for public records can only be described as dysfunctional." He encourages "the head of the BLM, Neil Kornze, and his boss, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, to fix the problems in the BLM's FOIA office."

***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**ANIMAL RESEMBLING GRAY WOLF REPORTED AT GRAND CANYON.** The AP (10/31, Fonseca) reports that "an animal resembling a gray wolf has been spotted roaming the far reaches of northern Arizona, officials said Thursday, and tests are planned to determine exactly what it is." According to the FWS, "the animal has been seen and photographed in Kaibab National Forest north of Grand Canyon National Park with a collar similar to those used in a wolf recovery effort in the Northern Rockies." Agency spokesman Jeff Humphrey said that "the animal could be from that population of about 1,700 or a wolf-dog hybrid." Humphrey said "the animal should be treated as endangered until more is known about it."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Inside Bay Area (CA) (10/31, 4K).

Also reporting on the story are Reuters (10/31), the Arizona Republic (10/31, 1.21M), the Tucson (AZ) Daily News (10/31), and the Cronkite News (10/31).

**WYOMING GOV. MEAD EYES CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON WOLF DELISTING.** The AP (10/31, Neary) reports that "Congressional action appears to offer Wyoming its best chance at regaining state management of wolves, Gov. Matt Mead said Thursday." He said "Wyoming's best chance at regaining wolf management authority appears to be seeking congressional action specifying its wolf plan wouldn't be challenged legally." Mead said "his administration is still considering whether to appeal S. District Judge Amy Berman's order."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington Times (10/31, Neary, 373K).

**SCIENTISTS WARN INFECTION THAT DEVASTATES AMPHIBIANS COULD SPREAD TO US.** The New York Times (10/31, Gorman, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that "an emerging infection similar to one that has caused the extinction of hundreds of frog and toad species around the world is killing salamanders in Europe and could easily spread to the United States, with disastrous effects, scientists reported Thursday." According to the article, "writing in the journal *Science*, an international team of 27 researchers blamed the spread of the disease on 'globalization and a lack of biosecurity' and said the importation of the fire-bellied newt in the pet trade with Asia was the likely cause." The article notes that "Karen R. Lips at the University of Maryland, one of the authors of the *Science* paper, met on Thursday with Fish and Wildlife Service officials to talk about the new fungus."

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS FILE LAWSUIT OVER CORMORANTS.** The Courthouse News (10/30, 7K) reports that "environmentalists say there is no scientific basis for the extension of US Fish and Wildlife's 'shoot-on-sight' order that has permitted the killing of an estimated half million double-crested cormorants in the last 10 years." The group "Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), and five biologists and birders sued the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Director Dan Ashe in federal court." The complaint claims that the FWS "re-authorized the killing of tens of thousands of double-crested cormorants without conducting a proper environmental assessment."

**WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE SUBMITS COMMENTS ON NEW FWS RULES.** The Farmington (NM) Daily Times (10/31, 47K) reports that "the Western Energy Alliance submitted formal comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service about changes expected to increase protections for critical wildlife habitats." According to the article, "the organization submitted comments about two rules and one policy 'that would considerably expand the Endangered Species Act (ESA) beyond congressional intent and assert new federal powers to control land and economic activity.'"

**FWS RELEASES DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR JAMES RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

The [Ammoland](#) (10/31, 4K) reports that the FWS has "released a draft plan to guide management of the James River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) for the next 15 years." Alternative B, the agency's preferred alternative, would "pursue Service administrative requirements to expand public deer hunting, open the refuge to spring and fall turkey hunting, open the refuge to limited waterfowl hunting by youth, and promote youth involvement in all hunting opportunities."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS PROPOSES LISTING AFRICAN LIONS.** Additional coverage that the FWS is "seeking to enhance protections for the African lion" was provided by the [AllAfrica](#) (10/31, 12K), the [Hagerstown \(MD\) Herald-Mail Media](#) (10/31), and the [Somerset County \(PA\) Daily American](#) (10/31, 40K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS SEEKS PROTECTIONS FOR SNAPPING TURTLES.** Additional coverage of the proposal by the FWS to place four kinds of freshwater turtle under the protection of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora was provided by [Reuters](#) (10/31, Liston).

**FWS NORTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR CALLS FOR STRONGER COASTAL PROTECTIONS.** For "The Blog" of the [Huffington Post](#) (10/31, Weber, 11.54M), Wendi Weber, Northeast Regional Director for the FWS, writes that for wildlife resource managers, Hurricane Sandy was "a wake-up call to the vulnerability of the beaches, sand dunes, and coastal marshes that not only provide habitat for fish and wildlife but also protect local communities from flooding." According to Weber, "in the aftermath of Sandy, we have an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen natural defenses along the Atlantic Coast to protect communities and wildlife against future storms." Weber is "confident the long-term benefits of building a stronger coast will far outweigh initial costs when it comes to protecting communities, sustaining wildlife and lessening the financial impact of damages resulting from future intense storms."

***US Geological Survey:***

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: USGS MONITORING LAVA FLOW FROM HAWAII VOLCANO.** coverage of the lava flow from a Hawaii volcano was provided by [CNN](#) (10/30, 14.29M), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (10/31, 479K), [TIME](#) (10/31, 23.35M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (10/30, 426K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (10/30, 426K), and [WDIV-TV](#) Detroit (10/31, 172K).

**Securing America's Energy Future:*****Renewable Energy:***

**SOUTH CAROLINA EYES NEXT STEPS FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY.** The [AP](#) (10/31) reports that "a new study and a proposed law are seen as the next steps in making offshore wind energy a reality in South Carolina." Paul Gayes with the Center for Marine and Wetland Studies at Coastal Carolina University says "the state will match a \$750,000 federal grant to study which areas offshore are the most promising for wind farms." The federal money comes from the BOEM. Meanwhile, Sen. Greg Hembree "plans to reintroduce a bill allowing utilities who want to build demonstration wind projects to apply for rate increases to pay for them."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#) (10/30, 572K), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/31, 2.47M), the [Greenfield \(IN\) Daily Reporter](#) (10/31, 31K), the [Florence \(SC\) Morning News](#) (10/31, 87K), and [WJCL-TV](#) Savannah, GA (10/30, 2K).

**WIND PROJECT PULLED FROM CALIFORNIA'S SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS.** [KQET-TV](#) Los Angeles (10/31, 15K) reports that "a proposal that would have placed 71 wind turbines on the north slope of the San Bernardino Mountains has been withdrawn by its owner, according to the Bureau of Land Management." According to the article, "the 126-megawatt North Peak Wind project, which would have occupied about 16 square miles of the Juniper Flats area between Lucerne Valley and Apple Valley in San Bernardino County, was pulled from consideration by the BLM by its Austin-based owner E.ON Climate and Renewables last Friday." The article notes that "the project had drawn fierce opposition, including from two San Bernardino County supervisors who blasted North Peak Wind's possible impact on wildlife."

**REPLACING SAFETY NETTING AT SOLAR PLANT COULD HAVE PREVENTED BIRD DEATHS.** The [Riverside \(CA\) Press Enterprise](#) (10/30, Danelski, 396K) reports that the death of 64 birds at the NextEra Energy's Genesis solar plant earlier this month "could have been prevented had safety netting been replaced"



after an August thunderstorm, according to officials with the California Energy Commission. The birds died "after getting mired in an oily chemical in the plant's waste-water evaporation ponds," according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The ponds "are being drained," according to the FWS, which is overseeing an investigation to determine "whether the company 'took reasonable measures' to protect the birds."

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**INTERIOR'S IG REPORT WARNS OF ILLEGAL DRILLING ON FEDERAL LAND.** The High Country (CO) News (10/31, 74K) reports that "a recent report from the Interior Department's inspector general highlighted the problem of illegal drilling on federal lands." The report, released late last month, "found that the increase in horizontal drilling means it's easier than ever for oil and gas companies to operate – inadvertently or not – in areas for which they don't have permission to drill." The article notes that "the unauthorized drilling means the government is losing out on royalty payments, and poses environmental risks." According to the report, the BLM has "a 'weak' policy for deterring lawbreakers and no reliable way of catching operators who drill illegally."

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS CALL ON BLM'S FARMINGTON FIELD OFFICE TO PAUSE ISSUING DRILLING PERMITS.** The Farmington (NM) Daily Times (10/31, 47K) reports that officials with the BLM say "they will organize an internal committee to respond to a letter from environmentalists that calls for the bureau to stop issuing oil and gas drilling permits until an environmental analysis is complete." The San Juan Citizens Alliance, the Chaco Alliance, WildEarth Guardians and the Western Environmental Law Center "sent a 34-page letter to the bureau on Monday outlining issues with BLM's Farmington Field Office and its approval of Mancos Shale drilling permits." A BLM spokeswoman, Donna Hummel, said the bureau "received the letter and will draft a formal response to its demands."

**TO HELP DEMOCRATS KEEP SENATE, ENVIRONMENTALISTS BACK CANDIDATES WHO OPPOSE THEIR GOALS.** The Wall Street Journal (10/31, Harder, Reinhard, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that in an effort to maintain Democratic control of the Senate, environmental groups are spending a record amount of money this year and are supporting Democrats who oppose some of their key goals, including blocking the Keystone XL pipeline and ending the practice of fracking for oil and natural gas.

**NEW STUDY FINDS HIGH LEVELS OF AIR TOXINS AT FRACKING SITES.** NPR (10/30, Phillips, 2.22M) reports that a new study reveals "dangerous levels of air toxins near fracking operations," particularly the carcinogen formaldehyde in levels that exceeded federal safety levels. The study, published Thursday in the journal Environmental Health, also found high levels of the "deadly chemical hydrogen sulfide," which is known to kill oil field workers. It is noted that a 2010 air monitoring study by the Department of Environment did not find dangerous levels of air toxins at fracking sites, which has spurred industry groups to "question the methodology used in this most recent report."

The Albany (NY) Times Union (10/31, Nearing, 465K) reports that toxins from air and gas sites surrounding fracking sites are "much more dangerous" than threats of water pollution, according to the study's lead author, David Carpenter. As a result of the study's findings, Carpenter recommended that "buffer zones around natural gas wells... need to be expanded."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BLM RELEASES ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON CONOCOPHILLIPS PROJECT IN ALASKA.** Additional coverage that the BLM "released its final supplemental environmental impact statement for the proposed Greater Mooses Tooth (GMT1) oil and gas project within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska" was provided by the Oil and Gas Journal (10/31, 1K) and the Summit County (CO) Citizens Voice (10/30, 506).

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT OFFSHORE FRACKING.** WWL-TV New Orleans (10/31, 107K) reports that "fracking is also expanding offshore, in the Gulf of Mexico, with hardly anyone noticing." However, "there are questions...about how well the procedures are being tracked by regulators." According to the article, "environmental nonprofits complain that they can't find out when and where acids and other fracking chemicals are being shot down into the bottom of Gulf wells." In response to a request from the station, the BSEE "reported that 115 Gulf oil or gas wells, or 15 percent of the 785 that were completed and prepared for production in 2013, employed a hydraulic fracturing technique known as a frac pack – the less-destructive of two fracking methods used offshore." BSEE spokeswoman Eileen Angelico said that "frac packs account for the vast majority of the offshore fracking work, but the agency could not provide any data for other types of fracking or

well-stimulation.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SHELL SEEKS MORE TIME TO ACT ON ARCTIC LEASES.** Additional coverage that Shell is asking the Obama Administration for five more years to explore for oil off Alaska's coast was provided by [Bloomberg BusinessWeek](#) (10/30, 2.52M) and [Bloomberg News](#) (10/30, Ward, 1.94M).

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION URGED TO BAR DRILLING IN ARCTIC OCEAN.** For the "Congress" blog of [The Hill](#) (10/31, Ritzman, 241K), Dan Ritzman, Alaska Program director for Sierra Club's Our Wild America campaign, writes that "in the US, the Obama administration has done more than any previous administration to reduce emissions, improving fuel economy, investing in clean, renewable energy, and working to set the first-ever carbon pollution standards for dirty power plants." However, he notes that "even as the administration is reducing carbon pollution, it continues to advance an 'all-of-the-above' energy plan that promotes greater fossil fuel production, exporting these polluting fuels abroad, and opening up millions of acres of our nation's most treasured lands and waters to dirty fuel extraction." According to Ritzman, as the administration "reconsiders leasing in the Chukchi Sea and develops its next five-year offshore leasing plan," it has "the opportunity to put the Arctic Ocean off-limits to oil and gas drilling."

### Tackling America's Water Challenges:

**BOR MAKES WATERSMART GRANTS AVAILABLE.** The [WaterWorld](#) (10/31, 96) reports that the BOR is "inviting states, tribes, water and irrigation districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery to apply for a funding opportunity to cost-share on projects that conserve and use water more efficiently, increase renewable energy use and improve energy efficiency."

**EPA QUESTIONS NORTHWEST AREA WATER SUPPLY PLAN.** [KXMC-TV](#) Minot, ND (10/31, 1K) reports that the EPA has "come out against a proposal for getting the Northwest Area Water Supply project finished." The agency "supplied comments this week saying it is not in support of the Bureau of Reclamation's plan for treating water from the Missouri River that will be used to supply NAWWS with water."

### Empowering Native American Communities:

**NATIVE YALE LAW STUDENTS HONOR BIA HEAD WASHBURN.** For the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (10/30, 78K), attorney Peter d'Errico writes that "the Native American Law Students Association at Yale Law School held its first ever Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner October 23, 2014." He notes that "the recipient, Kevin Washburn (Chickasaw), class of 1993, is Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the US Department of the Interior." In his piece, d'Errico explains why "Washburn well deserves the honor of receiving the Alumni Achievement Award."

**CASINOS PROLIFERATE UNDER OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.** The [Weekly Standard](#) (10/31, 519K) reports that the Obama Administration has "consciously made it easier for tribes to acquire the right to operate a casino on land far removed from their reservation." The article also notes that "since 1988, the Interior Department has approved 51 percent of applications to allow gaming on trust land. A third of those have been approved by the Obama administration."

### Top National News:

**OBAMA CAMPAIGNS FOR MICHAUD IN MAINE GUBERNATORIAL RACE.** Most reports on the President's visit to Maine, where he reportedly sought to energize the Democratic base by focusing on so-called pocketbook issues and cited evidence of recent improvements in the economy, focus on Obama's apparent unpopularity and his relatively limited campaign schedule, with Democrats cast as seeking to distance themselves from him and his policies. The President's trip was not mentioned on the network newscasts.

The Portland (ME) Press Herald (10/31, 140K) notes that the President's visit, as well as trips to the state by "other prominent Democrats, are designed more to motivate the Democratic base and ensure they show up on Election Day than to sway independent voters," adding that in a recent poll commissioned by the Portland Press Herald, "Obama's approval rating in Maine is just 39 percent," but "among voters who identified as Democrats, the president's approval rating was 75 percent." Similarly, the AP (10/31, Durkin) reports that Maine Democrats are hoping the President's visit "will energize their base and get supporters to get out and vote to unseat Republican Gov. Paul LePage." The President called on the approximately 3,000 [Mike] Michaud supporters in

attendance to "get everyone they know to the polls on Tuesday, saying the election is 'too important to stay home.'"

The Washington Post (10/30, Mufson, 4.9M) reported in its "Post Politics" blog that the President noted that "the last election was decided by an average of just 18 votes per precinct, and urged the avid Michaud supporters to bring others to the polls with them." Michaud campaign spokeswoman Lizzy Reinholt said that the President could help turn out "the voters most supportive of Michaud – seniors, women and young people," noting, "We are at a dead heat with Gov. LePage, and the outcome will be determined by who comes out for this election."

The Washington Times (10/31, Wolfgang, 373K) focuses on the President's criticism of Republicans, noting that he said that "he has no personal issues with Republicans — in fact, he said they're a lot like his own family members who simply 'have bad ideas' and aren't fit to be 'in charge.'" Arguing that Republican "economic principles have been tried and have failed," the President "urged voters to reject the GOP philosophy toward the economy and put Democrats in charge at both the state and federal levels."

The Bangor (ME) Daily News (10/31, Cousins, 166K) reports that while the President's visit "is sure to energize partisan Democrats...to some degree it gives Republicans a rallying point as well," given his "sinking national and state approval ratings."

Bloomberg News (10/31, Keane, 1.94M) reports that while the President has been "mostly limiting himself to raising money for Democratic candidates in the Nov. 4 midterm elections," he is "making a last-ditch effort five days before the mid-term elections to prod voters to the polls." However, with "an approval rating at 43 percent, according to the Gallup Poll, Obama is only scheduled to make one appearance before election day on behalf of a congressional candidate."

The New York Times (10/31, Davis, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that the President is seeking to "shift the public focus from his administration's handling of the Ebola crisis to pocketbook issues that his advisers said play to Democrats' advantage," but "world events were...threatening to drown out his closing arguments in the campaign." Reuters (10/31, Holland) reports that in an effort to blunt Democratic losses next week, the President cited new government figures showing that the economy grew at a rate of 3.5 percent in the third quarter as an indication that his policies are working and that middle class will benefit from electing Democrats. Reuters notes however, that the case he made may not be enough to convince voters who have voiced concerns about his leadership, adding that his approval rating of about 40 percent has kept him away from states where control of the Senate will be determined.

The New York Times (10/31, Davis, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) also notes that the President's "itinerary keeps him far from the main battlegrounds of this year's elections as Democrats fight to keep Senate seats in competitive states Mr. Obama carried — like Iowa, North Carolina and Colorado — and in Republican-leaning places he lost, including Alaska and Louisiana."

Likewise, USA Today (10/31, Jackson, 9.86M) reports that while the Maine stop was "the latest in a string of appearances on behalf of gubernatorial candidates," as Democrats battle for control of the Senate, he "is currently scheduled to appear with only one Senate candidate: Gary Peters, the Democratic nominee in Michigan." The Los Angeles Times (10/31, Lauter, 4M) also contrasts the President's appearances in gubernatorial races in several battleground states with "the races for the Senate, most of which are taking place in conservative states where the president is deeply unpopular."

The Hill (10/30, Sink, 241K) noted in its "Ballot Box" blog that the President "said he was "a little wistful" that this would be his last time working to rally voters as president," and described the comment as "telling for a president who has been largely sidelined during the 2014 campaign cycle." The Hill added that the President's campaign schedule "is a reflection of his perceived liability for Democratic candidates, many of whom have openly sought distance from the president as his approval ratings have steadily eroded throughout the year."

McClatchy (10/30, Lightman, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that during a Politico Playbook lunch Thursday, NRSC executive director Rob Collins said the President has been "the best surrogate" for Republican candidates in this election cycle. McClatchy added that to win control of the Senate, Republicans need a net gain of six seats, and the President's "sagging popularity has been a big boost." Collins and DSCC executive director Guy Cecil, who appeared with him at the lunch, "agreed...that a lot of races are too close to call."

**Todd: Democrats Are Running Toward The Clintons This Year.** Chuck Todd reported on NBC Nightly News (10/30, story 6, 1:50, Williams, 7.86M) that whatever the result of Tuesday's election "the Democratic Party is

going to be leaving Barack Obama behind and is about to become the party of the Clintons again, because that [is] who all of these Democrats are running toward this election year, Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton."

**Tapper Calls Obama An "Albatross" For Democrats.** The Daily Caller (10/30, Weaver, 475K) reported that in an interview with conservative radio host Laura Ingraham Thursday, CNN host Jake Tapper described the President as an "albatross" for Democrats in the final days before the midterm election. Taper said that the President is "very unpopular. He's an albatross on Democrats. No question."

**Landrieu: South Is A Tough Place For Obama To Campaign This Year.** In a report on the Louisiana Senate race on NBC Nightly News (10/30, story 6, 1:50, Williams, 7.86M), Chuck Todd noted that while he has not been doing a great deal of campaigning in this election cycle, "the most omnipresent person on the campaign trail" is the President, who Republicans see as the issue that "will get them control of the US Senate." That dynamic is "more acute here in the South and it was something that Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu told me has more to do than his policies." Landrieu: "To be very, very honest with you, the South has not always the friendliest place for African-Americans. It's been a difficult time for the President to present himself in a positive light as a leader."

**Rothenberg: Obama Likely To See Worst Losses For Incumbent Since Truman.** In a blog post for Roll Call (10/30, 90K), Stuart Rothenberg wrote that the President "is likely to have the worst midterm numbers of any two-term president going back to Democrat Harry S. Truman." Rothenberg added that the President is "at least partially to blame" for the losses "because he failed to show leadership on key issues and never successfully moved to the political center."

**Obama's Closed-Door Fundraisers Draw Criticism.** The Washington Times (10/31, Wolfgang, 373K) reports that the President's appearances at party fundraisers in this election cycle have frequently been "held in secret and away from the view of the press," noting that before his appearance for Michaud, he "spoke at a closed-door 'roundtable' for the Democratic National Committee, an event that essentially is a fundraiser with a different title." According to the Sunlight Foundation, about half of the 64 fundraisers the President has headlined this year "have been entirely closed to the press." Critics say the closed-door fundraisers "are just one example of...an unacceptable level of secrecy and censorship from the Obama White House."

### **THREE GOP SENATORS PRESS PRESIDENT TO HOLD OFF ON UNILATERAL IMMIGRATION MOVES.**

The AP (10/31, Cassata) reports that on Thursday, GOP Sens. Lindsey Graham, John McCain and Marco Rubio, who were "responsible for comprehensive immigration legislation," urged the President in a letter to "hold off on any steps to shield millions of people from deportation." They wrote, "Acting by executive order on an issue of this magnitude would be the most divisive action you could take — completely undermining any good-faith effort to meaningfully address this important issue, which would be a disservice to the needs of the American people."

Politico (10/30, Kim, 977K) reported that the three "also questioned whether Obama had the legal authority to take such a wide-scale executive action." They wrote, "In this regard, acting by executive order on an issue of this magnitude would be the most divisive action you could take — completely undermining any good-faith effort to meaningfully address this important issue, which would be a disservice to the needs of the American people."

The Washington Times (10/31, Dinan, 373K) reports that the bill the three senators wrote "as part of the Gang of Eight senators would have granted quick legal status to most of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants, with an eventual chance at citizenship." Obama "has repeatedly vowed to take unilateral action halting more deportations — but has delayed each time, under political pressure."

Meanwhile, The Hill (10/30, Lillis, 241K) reported that looking to "energize" Hispanic voters ahead of the elections, House Democrats "are making the case for bold executive action on immigration reform" but the message, rolled out on Univision.com on Thursday, "appears to be aimed as much at President Obama as it is the readers of the popular Spanish-language website."

**Grassley Questions Expensive Housing For Unaccompanied Minors.** The Washington Times (10/31, Dinan, 373K) reports that a contractor housing some of the unaccompanied minors from this summer "offers them a petting zoo with miniature ponies, a tilapia fish farm operation and guitar lessons," according to documents released Thursday by Sen. Chuck Grassley. He has "questioned whether the plush accommodations were a good use of taxpayers' money." In a letter to HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell, Grassley wrote, "It is disturbing that HHS is funding such expensive facilities despite claiming to be unable to meet basic needs for UACs."

**Kerlikowske Looks To Reform CBP.** USA Today (10/31, Gomez, 9.86M) reports that CBP Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske "is trying to get his agency back on track amid controversies that range from deadly shootings by agents to the handling of children flooding across the border from Central America." He has "changed rules that govern when agents can use deadly force, created a new review system to investigate abuses, and is pushing to get body cameras on all agents." In an interview with the paper, Kerlikowske "said those measures attempt to reverse what had become an institutional practice of secrecy when faced with questions from outside."

In a nearly-10,000 word piece for Politico Magazine (10/30, 6.67M), Garret M. Graff traces the rapid growth of Customs and Border Patrol since 9/11. He says that it has "become one of the nation's deadliest law enforcement agencies" during that time. He adds that "corruption and excessive force have also skyrocketed along with the massive hiring surge." Despite this, the agency's "response has been paralyzed by bureaucratic turf battles and the broken Senate confirmation process, which left CBP without a Senate-confirmed leader for five years." CBP "officials admitted during an internal meeting this past spring, that might take a generation to fix."

**ECONOMY GREW AT 3.5% RATE IN THIRD QUARTER.** The New York Times (10/31, Cohen, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that the US GDP rose at a 3.5% annual rate during the 3rd quarter, according to data released Thursday by the Department of Commerce, "offering a strong sign that the economy's plodding growth may be picking up speed." The growth "was driven in part by an unusual spurt of federal spending, concentrated in defense, combined with robust exports and investment in business equipment."

The CBS Evening News (10/30, story 6, 0:20, Pelley, 5.08M) reported, "Good news tonight on the economy" as the government said the GDP grew 3.5 percent during the 3rd quarter. That is "stronger than economists were expecting, but still a little bit slower than the 4.6 percent rate in the 2nd quarter."

Bloomberg News (10/31, Stilwell, 1.94M) says that the Q3 figure, was above economists' expectations of a 3.0 percent increase. Following the 2nd quarter's 4.6 percent rate, it caps the economy's "strongest six months in more than a decade, as gains in government spending and a shrinking trade deficit made up for a slowdown in household purchases."

USA Today (10/31, Davidson, 9.86M) reports that together, "the second and third quarters produced the best six-month stretch for the economy since 2013" and "growth has now exceeded 3% in four of the past five quarters." However, "after including the disappointing first quarter, the economy has expanded just 2% so far this year, in line with its performance for most of the 5-year-old recovery."

The Wall Street Journal (10/31, Timiraos, Morath, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) generally hails the new data as good news, but said that it suggests that there are questions about whether the strong growth can be maintained in the 4th quarter.

The Christian Science Monitor (10/30, Trumbull, 426K) reported that the GDP figure is "a sign of progress against a backdrop of concerns about slow wage growth and difficulties for the wider global economy." The CSM says that the number is also "significant because it's the final overview of the economy to come out before Americans cast ballots in elections next Tuesday."

The Los Angeles Times (10/31, Lee, 4M) reports that the economy's "resilience will be tested in the coming months." While the new report "was clearly positive," economists "at the moment see GDP growth in the last three months of the year coming in at less than 3%." The Times says that if "contributions from government spending and net exports" to the GDP "fade in the near term" from their strong Q3 levels, "that leaves consumers and businesses to pick up the slack, and their ability to do so are question marks at the moment."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the US economy remains resilient despite the heavy burdens imposed by the government. While the Journal hails the GDP numbers, it says that the Commerce report showed that private business investment remained muted, and for it to rise, Washington needs to reform.

**Stocks Up On GDP Report, Strong Corporate Earnings.** The AP (10/31) reports that the stock market climbed on Thursday "as investors were encouraged by better than expected economic growth and strong corporate earnings." The Dow Jones Industrial Average "surged" 221.11 points to 17,195.42, while the S&P 500 was up 12.35 points to 1,994.65. The Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 16.91 points to 4,566.14.

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. "The Prospect Of A Republican Senate."** In an editorial, the New York Times (10/31, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says that the intraparty flare-up regarding Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's suggestion that the ACA is unlikely to be repealed are a "pretty good indication of what life will be like in Congress" if the GOP takes the Senate. The Times says its not just that Republicans are "committed to time-wasting, obstructionist promises like repeal of health care reform," but that the party's leaders "have continually proved unable to resist pressure from the radical right."

**"Tunisia's Victory."** The New York Times (10/31, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorializes that while Tunisia "has made impressive progress," it requires "enlightened, constructive leaders and support from the West to continue" its path to a successful democracy.

**"Governor Cuomo's Power Play."** In an editorial, the New York Times (10/31, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says that in response to the Long Island Power Authority's poor performance in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Gov. Andrew Cuomo created a commission to improve the situation. However, "even before the commission got to work, it was clear that Mr. Cuomo was largely responsible for LIPA's failings, since he did not fill vacant positions on LIPA's board or appoint a permanent chief executive." With new reforms in place, Cuomo "can take some credit if the new hybrid arrangement works," but "must also accept responsibility for LIPA's failures if it doesn't."

**WASHINGTON POST. "Looking At You, Mr. Kim."** The Washington Post (10/31, 4.9M) editorializes that "no amount of damage control by North Korea" should prevent the UN Security Council from voting on the country's referral to the International Criminal Court for human rights abuses. The Post says "there is no justification for inaction."

**"Hitting The Snooze Button."**

**"For Arlington County."**

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "Hillary Rodham Warren."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that Hillary Clinton's botched comments last week about businesses not creating jobs is a sign that she is tracking her party's sharp move to the left on economic issues. However, the Journal says that Clinton will have to work hard to gloss over the relatively pro-business record amassed by her husband during his time in office.

**"Obama Belittles Israel."** The Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) editorializes the Obama Administration's public embarrassing of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon during the past week only serves to create further distance between the US and Israel and jeopardize the countries' relationship.

**"An Economy On The Verge."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the US economy remains resilient despite the heavy burdens imposed by the government. While the Journal hails the GDP numbers, it says that the Commerce report showed that private business investment remained muted, and for it to rise, Washington needs to reform.

**"David Cameron's Moral."** An editorial in the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) praises British Prime Minister David Cameron for advocating tax cuts to promote work as opposed to raising taxes to increase welfare.

**"Beijing Loses Friends On Hong Kong."** An editorial in the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) urges China to compromise with Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement, saying the current situation will make it impossible for Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying to govern the territory.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

Judge's Ruling Preserves City Pensions

Speakeasy Spills Secrets  
 Not Going Quietly  
 A Rich Irony In China  
 U.S. Plan To Fight Militants Imperiled

**Wall Street Journal:**

US Extends Solid Growth, Sidestepping Global Tumult  
 Big Banks Brace For Penalties In Probes  
 Apple CEO Cook Is 'Proud To Be Gay'  
 Democrats Lose Their Grip On Voters With Keys To The House

**New York Times:**

Campaigning To Extend, Or End, One-Party Rule  
 Liberia's Ebola Crisis Puts President In Harsh Light  
 Israel To Reopen Contested Holy Site In Jerusalem  
 A Winding Trail For Mitch McConnell To Lead The Senate  
 A Visit To Madison Bumgarner Country, And A Proud Father's Home  
 Apple Chief Tim Cook's Coming Out: 'This Will Resonate'

**Washington Post:**

Fighters Are Still Flocking To Syria  
 Brookings's New Reality  
 Hogan Was An Insider Before He Was An Outsider  
 Gay CEO Pulls Apple Into Advocacy Spotlight  
 Is It Time To Move Tots Beyond The Nuggets

**Financial Times:**

US Shakes Off Torpor With 3.5% Growth  
 Shadow Banking Nears Pre-Crisis Peak  
 Shell Taps Ex-BofA Banker To Be New Chairman  
 Citigroup Takes \$600m Hit On Legal Charge  
 StanChart Faces US Sanctions Probe  
 Fed Caveats Flag Greater Uncertainty

**Washington Times:**

Airstirks In Syria Hotly Debated In White House, Benefit Assad  
 Republican Allies Warn Obama On Amnesty  
 Depesrate Final Fund Please Full Of Shame  
 Unions Shift Money For Campaigns To State And Local Races  
 GOP Junket To China Postponed After Protests  
 Ray Rice, Drug Addicts And Ebola At The Door

**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

ABC: Kansas-Plane Crash; NASA-Rocket Explosion; Hawaii Lava Flow; Severe Weather; Ebola-US Quarantines; Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Apple CEO-Sexual Orientation Announcement; Boston Mayor Death; International Gambling Ring Busted; Solar Flares.

CBS: Kansas Plane Crash; Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Midterm Elections-Chris Christie; Colorado Election; Boston Mayor Death; Economy Improvement; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Domestic Violence-Police Strategy; Apple CEO-Sexual Orientation Announcement; Bankruptcy-Stockton California.

NBC: Kansas Plane Crash; Ebola-US Quarantines; Apple CEO-Sexual Orientation Announcement; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Severe Weather; Midterm Elections; Boston Mayor Death; International Gambling Ring Busted; Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

Ebola-US Quarantines – 7 minutes, 25 seconds  
 Kansas Plane Crash – 6 minutes, 40 seconds  
 Midterm Elections – 6 minutes, 35 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

ABC: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Kansas-Plane Crash; Halloween Parade-Train Accident; Ebola-

US Nurse Quarantined.

CBS: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Ebola-US Military Aid; Hawaii Lava Flow; Gerber-False Health Claims;

NPR: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Ebola-US Quarantines; Hawaii Lava Flow; California City-Debt Consolidation Plan; Washington-Boeing Plant Security; Florida A&M Former Student-Trial.

FOX: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Boeing Plant-Security; Ebola-US Quarantines; Kansas-Plane Crash.

## Washington Schedule:

### TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

White House:

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Holds a roundtable discussion at Rhode Island College; delivers remarks at Rhode Island College; departs Rhode Island; arrives at the White House; welcomes local children and children of military families to trick-or-treat at the White House.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Meets with senior advisors; travels to San Diego; attends an event for the Democratic National Committee.

**FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA** — join the President in welcoming local children and children of military families to trick-or-treat at the White House.

**US Senate: Oct. 31 – Dec. 17. SENATE GALLERY PERIODICAL PRESS ELECTIONS** — Elections for the seven members Executive Committee of Correspondents of the Congressional Periodical Press Galleries will take place in January of 2015.

**US House: Sept. 22 – Nov. 11. — The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.**

**Other: Oct. 30 – 31. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, EDA – MANUFACTURING SUMMIT** — The U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) will host a summit bringing together communities to discuss best practices for promoting American manufacturing. In May 2014, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced the 12 communities that were designated as Manufacturing Communities as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) initiative. At the IMCP Summit, representatives from each of the 12 designated communities will discuss their efforts and progress. Speakers include: Jason Miller, Deputy Director, National Economic Council and Special Assistant to the President for Manufacturing; Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce; Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce for Economic Development Administration. Closing remarks and special announcement delivered by Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce 11:45 a.m. U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Bruce Andrews will make an announcement. Deputy Secretary Andrews remarks are open to the media. To RSVP, please contact Sarah Horowitz at 202-482-4883 or shorowitz@doc.gov Location: Herbert C. Hoover Federal Building Auditorium, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW.

**SAIS – FOREIGN FIGHTERS – RUSSIAN MONEY** — 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Foreign Fighters, Russian Money, & Ethnic Tensions. The Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS will host Senator Chris Murphy (D – CT) for a discussion on the need for U.S. re-engagement in the Balkans. Senator Murphy recently returned from a trip to Kosovo, Serbia, Croatia, Albania, and Montenegro, where he met with government officials, local businesses, and members of the public to discuss U.S. relations in the region. Daniel S. Hamilton, Executive Director of SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations will moderate the discussion. Location: Kenney Auditorium, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Seth Meyers:** "Apple CEO Tim Cook wrote an article this week coming out as gay and saying that he's tried to maintain a basic level of privacy. After Cook came out as gay, a member of Russian Parliament has called for him to be banned from Russia for life. At which point, everyone in Ukraine came out as gay."

**Seth Meyers:** "North Korea released photos of Kim Jong-un sitting in the cockpit of a fighter jet. Said Kim Jong-un, 'I was standing!'"



**Seth Meyers:** "Michael Bay is reportedly in talks to direct a new film about the Benghazi scandal. Said Bay, 'It will be an honest depiction of the events as they happened. Also, Hillary Clinton will be played by Megan Fox.'"

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**Fwd: Story question**


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Melissa Schwartz &lt;melissa.schwartz@bromwichgroup.com&gt;

Fri, Oct 31, 2014 at 4:52 PM

To: "Washburn, Kevin" &lt;kevin.washburn@bia.gov&gt;

Cc: Jessica Kershaw &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Thanks Kevin - we try to leave me off communications with reporters to not advertise the use of consultants. I sent Jessica responses this afternoon and comms is working with Dep Sec on approval. Appreciate it

On Fri, Oct 31, 2014 at 4:51 PM, Washburn, Kevin <kevin.washburn@bia.gov> wrote:

No, the LBBP is not in my swim lane. I was nominally overseeing the BuyBack program when we were between Deputy Secretaries, but for awhile now it has been back in the Deputy Secretary's office. I will reach out again to their comms person, Melissa Schwartz (and in fact am cc'ing her here).

Bear with us. Thank you for your patience. Kevin

On Fri, Oct 31, 2014 at 4:22 PM, Sierra Crane Murdoch [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi, Kevin,

I thought I'd check in, since I've not yet heard from anyone with the BuyBack program. Is this something you're able to speak to yourself, or is there someone I should contact directly?

Thanks, and regards,  
Sierra

On Tue, Oct 21, 2014 at 9:02 AM, Sierra Crane Murdoch [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi, Kevin,

Thank you—this is helpful context. And I appreciate you sending along my questions and will look forward to hearing more; the best number for someone to reach me at is [REDACTED]

Regards,  
Sierra

On Mon, Oct 20, 2014 at 12:19 PM, Washburn, Kevin <kevin.washburn@bia.gov> wrote:

Hi Sierra - I am not terribly inclined to weigh in on the Tex Hall story because I do not know all of the facts, but you have identified a major challenge for tribal leaders that has become more acute in the age of tribal consultation.

We ask a lot of tribal leaders who are willing to engage with us. That said, there are a lot of tribal leaders who have done well as a tribal leader at home despite a lot of Washington engagement. Two come to mind immediately. First, one who has been doing both jobs well for a very long time is Chairman W. Ron Allen of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe in Washington state. And there is another person, a younger tribal leader, who is almost finished with his service and "termed-out" so that he cannot run again who might be helpful. That is Chairman Robert Shepherd of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate in South Dakota. Given Robert's situation, he might be more free to speak about the challenges of national leadership while serving a local community. He is nearing the end of his second 2-year term. There are many others as well, but those two have been very successful in different ways.

My own tribe, the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, has handled this challenge especially well. Governor, Bill Anoatubby has been our leader for more than 25 years. He has led our tribe well and presided over incredible growth by closely managing tribal affairs and serving as a first-rate CEO of our growing economic development efforts. While focusing on the core mission (very successfully), Gov Anoatubby has delegated a lot of national leadership to our Lieutenant Governor (and second in command) Jefferson Keel, who has served in numerous national roles and is the immediate past

President of the National Congress of American Indians. The way that Anoatubby and Keel have have split this workload seems, from my viewpoint at least, very productive. It has insured that our tribe is an active participant in national issues but without the cost of losing our leader for large periods of time. (For a bit of perspective, here at Interior, I oversee 7500 employees nationwide in the BIA, BIE and related offices. In contrast, Governor Anoatubby oversees more than 13,000 Chickasaw Nation employees. That is no small job.)

We will get back to you on the thoughtful Land BuyBack Program questions. We should be able to give you someone, but it likely will be someone more directly affiliated with the program. I have informed the LBBP staff, and the DepSec's office (to whom the LBBP reports) about your questions and underscored your looming deadline.

Kevin

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

## Washburn quote

Bergling, Timothy <timothy\_bergling@ios.doi.gov>  
 To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Nov 25, 2014 at 11:07 AM

This is his transcript... the closest thing I see is near the end:

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Hello, my name is Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior and a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma.

As part of the Cobell Settlement the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations was created. I want to explain how you and Indian tribes can benefit from the Buy-Back Program.

As you may know, land fractionation is a serious problem in Indian Country. Some relatively small parcels of land have hundreds of owners, each of whom owns only a tiny fraction of the parcel of land. For many of these owners, the land has very little value and some of these owners cannot even be found. The result is that we have land within Indian reservations that is virtually impossible to use for any purpose because we cannot get the owners together to make a decision about the land. There are more than 245,000 such owners in Indian Country. And there are more than 3 million of these fractionated interests, spanning 150 Indian reservations.

In the Cobell settlement, President Obama and Congress decided to do something about this serious problem afflicting Indian country. In the settlement, Congress allocated 1.9 billion dollars to buy back many of these fractional interests and to restore them to tribal ownership. Through the Buy-Back Program, we will be contacting many of the owners of fractionated interests and offering to buy their interests back to restore them to the Indian tribe that governs the reservation where the land sits. The dollars made available to purchase fractional interests are not available forever under the Cobell settlement, the money must go back to Treasury at the end of ten years if it cannot be spent. That's something we don't want to happen.

So what can you do to help?

If you are an individual Indian money account holder, you may be a fractionated interest owner. If so, I urge you to learn more about the program and consider participating. If you have a friend or family member who is an owner, you can also help us educate them about this program. Under the Buy-Back Program, we will be offering many individual landowners the chance to be paid fair market value for these interests.

The Program is purely voluntary, and that means that it is up to each owner

to decide whether to participate.

If the land is worth only pennies -- and some of them have little monetary value because the interests are so little -- we will nevertheless make a base payment of \$75 per offer, regardless of the value of the land. Numerous owners have received thousands of dollars, and a few have received more than \$100,000 for their interests.

Of course, most of the values are smaller than that and the amount will be based on actual certified appraisals of the land at issue.

Perhaps best of all, this program will restore tribal sovereignty over Indian reservations. Every fractionated interest of a parcel that we buy through this program will be returned to the Indian tribe that governs the reservation where the land is located.

Let me repeat that:  
the land purchased will not go to the benefit of the federal government.  
It will be used to restore land to the tribe and the reservation.

One other important thing:  
For each sale, a portion of money will result in a separate contribution to the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund, which could eventually total up to 60 million dollars to help Indian students with college.  
This contribution is in addition to the amounts paid to individual sellers, so it will not reduce the amount landowners receive for their interests.

If you are interested in getting more information and potentially selling your ownership interests in your land so that they can be returned to your tribe, please call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center today at (888) 678-6836.

Good information is also available on the Program's website:

[www.doi.gov/buybackprogram](http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram).

The success of this Program is vitally important to the future of Indian Country. Consolidating and returning these lands to tribes in trust has enormous potential to improve tribal community resources by increasing home site locations, improving transportation routes, spurring tribal economic development, and preserving traditional cultural or ceremonial sites.

I believe strongly that this work can and will succeed, but only with the help of Indian people. Let's work together to strengthen tribal sovereignty by restoring tribal land bases. Let's build stronger tribal economies by returning fractionated lands to tribes. Let's embrace this incredible opportunity to make a difference for generations to come.

Thank you for your help.

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## Update Secretary Jewell to Deliver Remarks, Lead Panel Discussions at 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference

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Hi Cary,

We can certainly work to get you a list of confirmed tribes later today, but in the meantime (since the RSVP deadline is 12pm ET) I'd note that in terms of speakers Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn and Deputy Interior Secretary Mike Connor are both native New Mexicans (their bios can be found here and here). Washburn is also a member of the Chickasaw Nation, and Connor claims Taos Pueblo.

Hopefully that's helpful for now. Thanks for checking in.

Emily

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For your awareness - here's a list of the reporters who were on the WH Background Briefing call with us today (see below).

We took questions from the following:

AP, Wash Post, Native News Online, AK Public Radio (re: land into trust proposed regs for AK tribes), CQ Quarterly.

Other outlets on the call for awareness:

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## News Release: Midwest Region Director Named

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## Midwest Region Director Named

WASHINGTON – National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis has named Cameron (Cam) Sholly as the Midwest Region director. As regional director, Sholly will oversee approximately 60 national park units in 13 states of the Midwest and a workforce of over 2,000 employees. The region headquarters is in Omaha.

"Cam has the right blend of experience to take the helm of the Midwest Region," Jarvis said. "He is a proven leader and collaborator, with a demonstrated performance record in managing large operations and partnering at all levels."

Sholly has served as the associate director for the National Park Service's (NPS) Visitor and Resource Protection Directorate since 2012, overseeing a national portfolio that includes 30 program areas, 850 employees, and a budget exceeding \$200 million. During his tenure, he has focused largely on improving the NPS safety program, interagency wilderness partnerships, and the quality and consistency of NPS law enforcement training. His team also completed a wide range of national policies reduced the NPS regulations backlog, and began a major realignment of the NPS wildland fire workforce to ensure better fiscal and operational effectiveness.

From 2009 to 2012, Sholly was the superintendent of the Natchez Trace Parkway, where he managed the eighth most-visited NPS unit in the country. As superintendent, he oversaw multiple partnership projects including a major rehabilitation of the Meriwether Lewis Death and Burial Site. He worked closely with Choctaw and Chickasaw nations on a variety of partnerships including completion of one of the largest Native American repatriations in the country. He also helped energize new economic, tourism, and conservation partnerships with the city of Nashville, and many other state and local partners along the three-state, 444-mile corridor. Sholly was named superintendent of the year for the Southeast Region in 2011.

From 2005 to 2009, Sholly was the deputy associate director for visitor and resource protection in Washington D.C. From 2002 to 2005, he was the chief of ranger operations in Yosemite National Park. In 2008, he served on detail as special assistant to the NPS director responsible for a major projects portfolio that included assisting with a new national monument designation and multiple other project areas.

"It's a privilege to be appointed to this position," Sholly said. "The Midwest Region has incredible people, parks, and partners. I look forward to working closely with the Midwest team as we move forward, together, toward the NPS centennial and beyond."

Sholly is a U.S. Army veteran and was deployed to Operation Desert Storm. He is also a six-year veteran of the California Highway Patrol.

Sholly received his master's degree from Duke University in environmental management with concentrations in economics and law and policy. He received his bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College of California in management. He is a graduate of the Harvard University Senior Executive Fellows Program and the FBI National Academy.

Sholly has been married for the past 19 years to Jill Sholly. They will relocate to Omaha in the spring of 2015.

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## Indian Country End of Year Story Highlights

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Team -

Several great Indian Country stories on progress for 2015 to share today - including BIE reforms and the WH initiatives announced for Native Youth at this year's Tribal Nations Conference as well as Kevin's outlook for Indian Country economic progress and child welfare.

A few of the highlights below,  
Jessica

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## Indian Country Today: 5 Ways Native American Education Is Getting Better Heading Into 2015

Tanya H. Lee  
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The 2014 Native Youth Report, prepared by the White House and released in December 2014, states, "Native youth and Native education are in a state of emergency." The report makes a series of recommendations intended to improve education for American Indian and Alaska Native children over the next decades.

But it is hopeful to note that some promising initiatives and trends are already underway, having been started or expanded in 2014.

### Improvements in Public School Curriculum

One part of this trend is providing culturally relevant education for Native students, which is happening—to a greater or lesser extent—in many public schools on or near reservations. The other is developing curriculum to teach all students about the history and contributions of Indigenous Peoples to our nation. For example, Kentucky is "working on a curriculum about Kentucky Native Americans geared to Common Core standards, which would enhance history curriculum already in place," says Helen Danser, Cherokee, chairwoman of the Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission.



*Pictured, from left, are Commission Member Anne Wood, Chair Helen Danser, and Kentucky Heritage Council Commission Coordinator Tressa Brown. (Kentucky Native American Heritage Council)*

Some school districts and states—the Marysville School District in Washington state, Montana, North Dakota and Maine, for example—mandate teaching Native American history and culture to all students in public schools, while in others the state department of education has been tasked with developing curriculum that schools and teachers may opt to use. For example, the Minnesota Office of Indian Education provides information, resources, and support to public schools for teaching Native American history and Utah is working on an Indian Curriculum Project.

**RELATED: Marysville School District Adopts Indigenous History Curriculum**

### **Bans on American Indian Related Mascots and Logos**

California, Colorado, Oregon, the District of Columbia, Oklahoma City and Houston are among the municipalities that have proposed or passed bans on the use of mascots and logos that are derogatory to American Indian tribes and individuals. When the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board passed such a ban in December, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief George Tiger, said, "As the Principal Chief of the fourth largest federally recognized Native American tribe in the United States, it is with great respect and appreciation that I commend the Board of the Oklahoma City Public Schools for their decision to terminate the use of racially offensive and demeaning mascots within their school system... I encourage the OKCPS Board to remain steadfast in your resolve to do the right thing, even in the face of adversity, for that is the true measure of a righteous decision. Disrespect and degradation should never be an outcome, even if it is unintended."

**RELATED: Houston School Board Votes To Ban Offensive Sports Mascots**

### **Broadband Initiatives**

Ensuring that American Indian communities, schools, colleges and universities have high-speed Internet access is critical to improving education and economic development opportunities in Indian country. U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced at the 2014 Tribal Nations Conference that 20 percent of the \$9.7 million in grants awarded through its 2501 program would go to Native American communities and institutions. The grants included a \$5.4 million loan to upgrade broadband service on New Mexico's Mescalero Apache Reservation.

**RELATED: USDA Announces Broadband and Infrastructure Support for Indian Country**

Through the White House ConnectED initiative, intended to bring next-generation broadband to 99 percent of America's students by 2018, Apple, Inc., just awarded a grant to provide every student at the remote Hoopa Valley High School on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation with an iPad, teachers and administrators with iPads and Macs and classrooms with Apple TVs, and to improve wifi at the school. Under the same initiative, Verizon is supplying network infrastructure for American Indian youth at 10 school-related dormitories on reservations across the West and Midwest.

### **President Obama's Generation Indigenous Initiative**



*The Houston Independent School District voted to change the Lamar High School Redskins mascot. A new mascot has not been announced.*



*Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.*

**Announced at the 2014 Tribal Nations Conference, President Obama's Generation**

Indigenous initiative is intended to improve opportunities for Native youth. Among the programs included are new Native Youth Community Projects that will support culturally relevant strategies to improve the college-and-career readiness; a National Tribal Youth Network to support leadership development; the release of the 2014 White House Native Youth Report mentioned above; a Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour; and the first White House Tribal Youth Gathering, a day-long convention in the summer of 2015.

RELATED: Tribal Nations Conference Will Emphasize Outreach to Native Youth

## New Tribal Colleges

Two new tribal colleges will expand efforts in Native American language revitalization and provide new, culturally-appropriate educational opportunities for Native youth. The San Carlos Apache Tribe is partnering with Arizona State University and Eastern Arizona College to build a tribal college on the reservation. And the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is spearheading efforts to build the California Tribal College to serve students from the state's 130 American Indian tribes and its large urban American Indian/Alaskan Native populations.



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*San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairman Terry Rambler, right, signs the historic agreement with Eduardo Pagan, ASU vice provost of academic excellence and inclusion, as members of the San Carlos Apache Tribal Council observe. (Lyonel Tso)*

at<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/01/01/5-ways-native-american-education-getting-better-heading-2015-158510>

## Indian Country Today: 'Ring Out the False, Ring in the True': Five Takes on 2015

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A federal government official, the president of a large tribal organization, the chairman of a landless federally recognized tribe that's waiting for approval of its land-into-trust application, the chief of a state-recognized tribe with a reservation established in 1736 whose federal recognition was rescinded under political pressure, and a Washington lobbyist were asked to answer the wide open questions: "What should we expect in 2015? And/or, what would be the best thing to happen in Indian country next year?" Here are their diverse answers.

### **Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn, Chickasaw Nation**

For 2015, the Department of the Interior will be continuing major efforts within the BIA and the BIE to improve education for Indian children. We will be taking a lot more land into trust for tribes to expand tribal homelands and working, through the Land Buy Back Program to consolidate fractionated interests to restore these lands to tribal control. We will continue to encourage tribes to take control of their own destinies through the HEARTH Act and other tribal self-governance mechanisms. We will work to strengthen Indian families by finalizing new Indian child welfare guidelines for state courts and embarking on an effort to develop regulations that carry the force of law. We will be reforming a host of regulations to improve tribal and federal governance in Indian country, involving rights of way, secretarial elections, housing and transportation. We will be distributing resources to tribes to help develop indigenous responses to climate change. We will be finalizing the reform of our federal acknowledgment regulations so that the recognition process is more transparent, fair and efficient.

On the operations side, Interior will work to improve performance of our routine, day-to-day work serving Indian country to deliver services to Indian country faster, better and cheaper. At the same time, we will be working to further institutionalize the White House Native American Affairs Council and further the Council's crucial mission of bringing an all-of-government approach to supporting Indian country. We will also continue to promote an all-of-the-above energy development strategy in Indian country so that Indian country remains a key partner in American energy independence. We also look forward to continuing a bipartisan working relationship with Congress to keep Indian country's legislative agenda moving forward.

Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/01/01/ring-out-false-ring-true-five-takes-2015-158518>

## **Indian Country Today: NCAI's Cladoosby Says 2015 Another Year of 'Breaking the Cycle'**

Vincent Schilling  
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*Brian Cladoosby (Swinomish Indian Tribal Community) is the 21st President of the National Congress of American Indians. According to Cladoosby 2014 was an exciting year for Indian country which is leading to an even more exciting 2015.*

*In an interview with Cladoosby, he shared his thoughts on what we could look forward to in 2015, things Indian country needs to consider and what we should all strive for in terms of a 2015 New Year's Resolution for all of Indian country.*

## **From your perspective, how did 2014 go for Indian country?**

In September we saw the GWE pass the House and Senate (the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act) with 100 percent Republican and Democratic Senator support. That was a big win for Indian country. When you have a do-nothing Senate and Congress, considering this is one of the most polarized congresses in the history of U.S. – to have tribes have success like this was very rewarding.

RELATED: Native Leaders Applaud Passage of Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act

We also saw the important Violence Against Women Act piece put into place for Alaskan Natives. It was also fortunate to have Alaska included in the land into trust process considering they were unfortunately left out of the original legislation. It was rewarding to see that our brothers and sisters up north had the same opportunities as the brothers and sisters in the lower 48.

## **Considering the support of the Obama administration through the White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, D.C. that took place in 2014, what do you see that Indian country can expect in 2015?**

The Tribal Conference in D.C. was amazing. And as I have said on record this is the greatest administration in the history of the United States for tribes. The commitment that they have made is second to none.

The President told us how affected he and the First Lady were in their visit to the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and that he returned to the White House with tears in his eyes. He has instructed his cabinet that it is their turn to visit Indian country. To have the president come out and tell us that he was going to make his cabinet get out to Indian country that is so very powerful.

Personally I encourage those senators and congressmen whether or not they have tribes in their state – to visit as well. They are our trustees.

During the White House Tribal Nations Conference – It was the only time in the history of the U.S. where the president has had his entire cabinet under one roof the whole year and the only group in the world that he does that with are the Native Americans. That speaks volumes.

Heads of state that come to the United States don't get that kind of attention, no groups in the U.S. get that kind of attention. For him to make that commitment to Indian country is second to none. The vice president was also a rock star.

## **I've had many discussions with officials at the Department of the Interior. For example, Nedra Darling at the BIA once said to me, the BIA is changing for the better, "We are not your grandparents BIA anymore." Do you see relations improving between tribes and the Interior as we venture into 2015?**

Without a doubt. She hit the nail on the head where she says this is not our grandparents BIA. The infrastructure that the tribes have now in the 21st century to create and accomplish change is amazing.

I also always say this is not our grandparent's generation. This is what they dreamed about. Our grandparents and elders that accessed Washington, D.C. did not quite have the infrastructure that we have now in as far as attorneys and lobbyists. Our elders dreamed of this day when tribes would have this type of access to the federal government. They dreamed and prayed we would be able to have these high level meetings with the president, the cabinet secretaries and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Now, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is not looking at us as their 'wards of the Federal Government," which was the term recently used by Arizona Congressman Paul Gosar.

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The BIA used to have a paternalistic view of tribes, and we were wards of the federal government.

Nedra is right; the BIA is looking at us like governments, as equals. To be able to sit down and have real and true government-to-government discussions with them – the time has come to change an outdated mindset.

**Having support of the Obama administration and these governmental agencies is one important aspect contributing to the lifeblood of Indian country – but on another side of this coin we have a continuously growing community on social media and the Internet, how do you see things faring in 2015 from this perspective?**

As we look at ourselves as 21st century tribes, they are definitely taking advantage of the tools that are available to us. Definitely one of these tools is social media and the Internet. When stories break in Indian country, online in emails or on Facebook or tweeted – we know about it immediately. Our grandparent's generation never had this type of instant access to this type of news.

When the Arizona congressman called us wards of the federal government – a generation ago we might not have ever heard that. Maybe 1 percent of the Native population might've heard – but with the access of social media it is safe to say a large majority of Native Americans across the U.S. heard it and were very offended. In return and immediately – they made their voices heard.

**What do you see in 2015 for the National Congress of American Indians?**

We look forward to continuing to work with the Obama administration with an emphasis on legacy, legacy, legacy. This president's legacy for Indian country is going to be second to none and we cannot get complacent or lazy in the next two years. We need to keep working very hard on that legacy in as far as legislation, and as far as taking these 19th and 20th century rules and regulations that we have been living under for the last 100-plus years that were paternalistic in nature and working with the BIA and other agencies to do a review the rules and regulations that hinder Indian country.

For example the EPA heard us loud and clear during the WHTNC. The EPA administrator came out with a very strong worded memo to her 12 regions about the importance of treaty rights when they make decisions.

Expanding self-governance has worked; we have shown that it has worked within the IHS and BIA. The EPA, DOJ, BIA – we have proven that we have the infrastructure to be able to take some of these pilot projects from some of these other agencies – who have always looked at things with a cookie-cutter approach what works in the Northwest might not work in Alaska or the Northeast.

The NCAI – which is nonpartisan with friends on both sides of the aisle – Native issues are nonpartisan and are based on treaty rights with the federal government – we need to be able to reach out to the leadership of the Republican Party in the Senate or the House just to show them what we've done in the last few years and we want to continue that.

**What should Indian country as a whole have as its New Year's resolution?**

Continuing to break the cycle. What I mean by that is that we continue to chip away at the

drug and alcohol abuse – we need to continue to chip away at the uneducated workforce through education. I am a firm believer that healthcare and education is a treaty-right not a line item.

I encourage the federal government to fund our healthcare at 100 percent. I believe we are at \$4 billion right now and our need is about \$29 billion. If they put that type of money into our health programs I guarantee in one generation we would save them twice or three times as much.

That is the same with education, if you give us one dollar to educate our children we will save you copy0 in a generation because those kids will be productive members of society. They will not be in the court system; they will not be on drugs because statistics show that if you get a 12th grade education and a two or four year degree, or a Masters and a PhD you will be a productive member of society.

If they would fund our education program at 100 percent we would be a generation filled with productive members of society.

Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/01/01/ncais-cladoosby-says-2015-another-year-breaking-cycle-158508>

### **Indian Country Today Op-Ed: Making American Indian Children a Priority**

In June of this year, President Barack Obama and the First Lady visited the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation in North Dakota. This was ya historic visit. He was only the fourth sitting President to visit Indian Country, joining Coolidge in 1927, Roosevelt in 1936, and Clinton in 1999.

The events that have happened since demonstrate that for this President, it wasn't a routine visit!

In the months after the visit he has made it a priority to reach out to Native American youth searching for ways to improve their lives.

Last week the President announced an initiative called "Generation – Indigenous", a new initiative including a series of efforts to improve the lives of our youngest First Americans.

It includes creating a partnership between the White House and the non-profit organization I created when I retired from the United States Senate - the Center for Native American Youth (CNAY). I created that organization because too many Native American children are being left behind.

Despite the efforts of parents and Tribes, too many Indian children are living in poverty and strife. They suffer the highest rates of suicide; they are the only population for which high school graduation rates decreased in the last decades; and they experience the highest mortality rates from many preventable diseases.

At CNAY we are working with parents and tribal authorities on issues related to teen suicide prevention, youth leadership development, increasing access to education opportunities, better health care and so much more. We are determined save lives and improve the lives of the children of the first Americans.



The invitation from the White House to create a partnership with the Center for Native American Youth is a wonderful opportunity to join forces and do more to help.

I have traveled to tribal communities all across the United States and I have met many young people who are doing inspiring things – we call them “Champions for Change.” But each visit also reminds me of our government’s failure to keep its many promises to the First Americans. It doesn’t have to remain that way. We can change that!

As I mentioned, the President’s visit to a North Dakota Indian Reservation was more than just a visit; it has led to positive action. I am grateful to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for hosting the President and First Lady. And I look forward to this partnership with the White House on new and expanded initiatives to address the urgent needs in Indian Country to help Indian children.

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Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/12/31/making-american-indian-children-priority>

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**DOI in the News:**

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS PARTICIPATE IN KING DAY SERVICE EVENTS.** The Washington Times (1/20, Boyer, 644K) reports that "many administration officials...participated in King Day events." The article notes that "Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and General Services Administrator Dan Tangherlini took part in the Student Conservation Association's annual King Day cleanup of Anacostia Park."

The Washington Informer (1/19, 55K) reports that "for the third consecutive year, IMPACT hosts the annual Beautification Project at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in conjunction with the US National Park Service on Saturday, January 17, 2015."

Additional coverage of the events marking MLK Day was provided by The Hill (1/20, Barron-Lopez, Cama, 224K), the Georgetown (DC) Dish (1/20), WJLA-TV Washington (1/19, 12K) and WRC-TV Washington (1/19, 613K).

**SECRETARY JEWELL INELIGIBLE TO BE "DESIGNATED SURVIVOR" FOR THE STATE OF THE UNION.** ABC Otus News (1/20) reports on "the designated survivor," a "cabinet-level official who spends the evening away from the Capitol, ready to take the reins if everyone above him in the presidential line of succession dies in a crisis at the House chamber." The article notes that "as secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell would normally be eighth in the line of presidential succession." However, "because she was born in the United Kingdom, she isn't eligible to be president and therefore would never be tapped as the designated survivor."

**POLITICO ANALYSIS: PROSPECTS FOR "AMBITIOUS" SENATE ENERGY AGENDA UNCLEAR.** Politico (1/18, Goode, 683K) reported that it is unclear whether Congress members will "have the stomach" for Senate Energy and Natural Resources chairman Lisa Murkowski's "ambitious agenda" for new oil and gas exploration, power grid enhancement, and energy efficiency "after an extended floor debate" on the Keystone pipeline and other energy amendments. Politico said the climate change amendments appended to the Keystone bill "are designed to unnerve moderate Republicans," while "fiery rhetoric from liberal stalwarts" may preclude the chances of passage.

**FEDERAL OFFICIALS DISCUSS CHALLENGES FACED BY WOMEN IN IT.** Interior Department CIO Sylvia Burns participated in a discussion by the Federal Computer Week (1/15, 263K) on "the challenges that still face women in IT."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN SOVEREIGNTY.** Additional coverage of the debate over Native Hawaiian sovereignty was provided by the Longview (TX) News-Journal (1/19, 64K), the Turtle Island News (CAN) (1/19), the Houston Chronicle (1/16, Bussewitz, 2.28M), the Charlotte (NC) Observer (1/16, 584K), the Houston Chronicle (1/16, Bussewitz, 2.28M), the Washington Post (1/16, 5.17M), the Washington Times (1/16, Bussewitz, 644K), The Nation (1/19, 524K), and KITV-TV Honolulu (1/19, 21K).

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SAYS FRACKING IS SAFE.** In an editorial, the U-T San Diego (1/17, 580K) notes that "in a Jan. 2 interview with KQED, the Northern California PBS station and website, Sally Jewell — the secretary of the interior for the greenest administration in US history — lambasted local fracking bans that have been adopted or are being considered around the state." She said, "There is a lot of misinformation about fracking. I think that localized efforts or statewide efforts in many cases don't understand the science behind it." The paper stands with the Obama Administration "in concluding that fracking is safe if properly regulated."

**RESTORATION OF EVERGLADES URGED.** In a piece for the South Dade (FL) News Leader (1/20), Stephen R. Shelley, City of Homestead Vice-Mayor, write about the 30th Annual Everglades Coalition Conference. He says that "one of the highlights of this year's conference was an appearance and keynote speech by United States Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell." Jewell "acknowledged the determination and hard work of the Everglades Coalition and congratulated them on their many successes including bringing Everglades restoration and preservation initiatives to the fore front."

**America's Great Outdoors:**

**National Park Service:**

**NPS SITES PLANNING FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY.** The AP (1/19) reports that the NPS is "looking for ideas on how to mark its 100th anniversary in 2016." The article notes that "three public sessions are planned in western South Dakota to take input on the centennial: Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the Black Hills National Forest Supervisor's Office in Custer; Wednesday, Jan. 28, at The Outdoor Campus in Rapid City; and Thursday, Jan. 29, at The Mueller Center in Hot Springs." Also, "people who can't attend can post ideas to Facebook sites run by area National Park Service units or send them to the parks."

Coverage was also provided by the Houston Chronicle (1/19, 2.28M), the Mitchell (SD) Daily Republic (1/19, 37K), the Houston Chronicle (1/19, 2.28M), and the Yankton (SD) Press & Dakotan (1/19, 25K).

**CANAVERAL NATIONAL SEASHORE WHISTLE-BLOWER WINS FEDERAL RULING.** The Florida Today (1/16, 178K) reports that "a former employee at Canaveral National Seashore who reported contracting violations, nepotism and other misconduct at the park has won a whistle-blower retaliation ruling against the US Department of Interior." According to the article, "while that ruling closes the loop on a 2011 investigation, federal officials have opened a new inquiry into similar allegations of improper purchases at the park." In December, "a federal civil service court judge in Atlanta ruled that Candace Carter, a former biological science technician at the park, had been subjected to assault, harassment and adverse personnel actions in retaliation for reporting the contracting violations."

**DRAKES BAY OYSTER COMPANY SHUTS DOWN.** Newsweek (1/19, 680K) reports on the closure of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company. The NPS and "wilderness advocates now say that the issue in Drakes Estero was environmental policy, not environmental science." Melanie Gunn, outreach coordinator for Point Reyes National Seashore, said, "Science will always be debated, like climate change. But the law and policy of the Wilderness Act is very clear."

Also providing coverage are the San Jose (CA) Mercury News (1/19, Prado, 936K) and the Inside Bay Area (CA) (1/19, 54K).

**CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK HONORED WITH OREGON FILM GOVERNOR'S AWARD.** The Oregonian (1/19, 950K) reports that "the staff at Crater Lake National Park has also been honored for its help with filming of the movie 'Wild.'" They were "presented the Film Advocate Governor's Award on Jan 6, during a banquet of the Oregon Film Board."

**NPS DEPLOYS HERD OF GOATS TO EAT INVASIVE PLANTS AT POINT REYES.** KPIX-TV San Francisco (1/18, 143K) reports that "officials with Point Reyes National Seashore will begin an experiment next week to reduce the invasive plant species on about 12 acres of national parkland, the officials said." The article notes that "the experiment involves allowing goats to eat invasive plant species at the Historic D Ranch to gain control over the species and help park service officials maintain the site." According to spokesman John Dell'Osso, "park service officials are using the goats for the project because the goats will eat a variety of plants that cattle, elk and deer will not eat."

**WOMAN SUES WHITE HOUSE AFTER PORTA-POTTY FALL.** The Washington Times (1/20, Noble, 644K) reports that a Virginia woman "has filed a \$4 million lawsuit over a tumble she took at the 2012 White House Easter Egg Roll, blaming her fall on wet flooring outside a group of portable toilets at the event." Monica Ellis, in a suit filed Thursday, "says she exited a porta-potty at the April 9, 2012 event and slipped on a wet set of stairs, shattering her foot when she fell."

**GARY ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER.** The AP (1/19, Mccollum) reports that "the first and only high school in Gary built exclusively for African-Americans, Theodore Roosevelt High School, recently was listed on the National Register of Historic Places."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF PROPOSAL TO INCREASE FEES AT NPS SITES.** Additional coverage of the proposal to increase fees at NPS sites was provided by The Oregonian (1/19, 950K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: 1882 WINCHESTER RIFLE FOUND IN GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK.** Additional coverage of the discovery of a Winchester rifle manufactured in 1882 in Grand Basin National Park was provided by the Arizona Republic (1/17, 1.14M), the Charlotte (NC) Observer (1/17, 584K), the Denver Post (1/19, Griffith, 804K), and the Daily Mail (UK) (1/19, 4.78M).

**PROFESSOR SUPPORTS NATIONAL PARK IN MAINE.** In an op-ed for the [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (1/19, 166K), Robert J. Lillholm, the E.L. Giddings Professor of Forest Policy at the School of Forest Resources at the University of Maine, writes that "in the Katahdin area, a national park can transform a region we take for granted." However, "what should be a great opportunity for an economically distressed region — a generous landowner willing to donate 150,000 acres for a new national park and national recreation area, along with a \$40 million endowment to cover operation costs — instead has become a polarized debate tainted by mistrust and misinformation." He argues that "a new national park and recreation area would be a milestone — creating new jobs, bringing new energy and vitality to the region and strengthening our economy in a way that builds on our outdoors heritage."

**WPOST: TIME TO CONSIDER REDESIGN OF WHITE HOUSE FENCE.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/18, 5.17M) editorializes that the "heightened security challenges of a changed world" make it "time for a new appraisal and possible redesign" of the White House fence. The Post says any change "should or need impinge any further on the White House's historic openness" and "any review should seek to restore some of the access that already has been sacrificed in the name of security even while improving actual security." According to the Post, "a taller fence might make unnecessary" some of the "unsightly restrictions" caused by "all the incremental militarization near the White House."

#### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM PLANS TO REMOVE JUNIPERS IN SOUTHWEST IDAHO.** The [AP](#) (1/19) reports that the BLM "plans to remove Western juniper from a 1.5 million-acre area of public land in southwest Idaho to conserve sage grouse habitat." BLM Boise District Manager Jim Fincher "in a statement Friday says conserving habitat for sage grouse is a key method for improving an entire rangeland ecosystem." The bureau is "hosting two public meetings to provide information about the plan in Owyhee County."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Houston Chronicle](#) (1/16, 2.28M) and [KIVI-TV](#) Boise, ID (1/19, 861).

**REP. THORNBERRY HOPES TO BLOCK FEDERAL CLAIMS TO RED RIVER LAND.** The [Dallas Morning News](#) (1/18, 1.13M) reports that Rep. Mac Thornberry "remains optimistic that Congress will block federal claims to land along the Red River." The House Natural Resources Committee "approved the bill before Thanksgiving." Thornberry is "hopeful that means a quick trip to the House floor for a vote in the new Congress."

**CONSERVATION GROUPS TRY TO STOP TIMBER SALE.** The [Oregonian](#) (1/19, 950K) reports that "conservation groups are trying to stop a 259-acre timber sale in Lane County, saying the federal government shut opposition voices out of the approval process and violated environmental law." According to the article, "a lawsuit filed in federal court by Cascadia Wildlands and Oregon Wild asks that a judge stop the sale, and force the Bureau of Land Management officials to re-do the reports on what impact the logging would have on the Second Show area outside of Springfield, near Shotgun Creek."

**BLM FINALIZES BAKERSFIELD RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.** The [Bakersfield Californian](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication, 127K) reports that the BLM has "finalized a plan balancing energy production, outdoor recreation, livestock grazing and other uses for 1.6 million acres of public land and mineral estate in an eight-county area including western Kern." The Bakersfield Resource Management Plan is "the result of six years of planning, public comment and official review. Released Friday, it replaces land-use documents published in 1984 and 1997." BLM Bakersfield Field Manager Gabriel Garcia said, "We developed the plan through close coordination with stakeholders and the public. It represents the best combination of management decisions to both sustain the valuable resources the BLM is entrusted to manage and meet the needs of the community for the next 20 years."

**NEWLY PAINTED YAQUINA LIGHTHOUSE ALMOST READY FOR TOURS.** The [AP](#) (1/19) reports that "the newly repainted Yaquina Lighthouse on the Oregon coast is getting ready to make its debut." The BLM says the "95-foot-tall lighthouse has been surrounded by scaffolding and wrapping since mid-October as old paint was removed and a natural cement wash was applied."

**PALM SPRINGS PREPARING RESPONSE TO PROPOSED LAND SWAP.** The [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (1/18, 85K) reports that "Palm Springs city leaders are preparing a response to a proposed exchange of federal and tribal lands that could place popular public hiking trails close to downtown Palm Springs under the

control of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians." According to the article, "the swap between the tribe and the federal Bureau of Land Management entered a new phase in late December with the release of a new BLM report outlining the possible impacts of several trade scenarios, including what trails may be affected."

### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FWS LAUNCHES REVIEW OF THREATENED CANADA LYNX.** The AP (1/17, Sharp) reports that the FWS is "starting a review of federally protected Canada lynx at a time when the largest population of the cats in the Lower 48 appears to be poised for a decline." According to Jim Zelenak, a biologist with the FWS in Montana, "the end of clear-cutting in Maine with the Forest Practices Act of 1989 has allowed forests to fill in, taking away some of the habitat preferred by snowshoe hares upon which lynx feed, potentially reducing populations of both species." The article notes that "the latest estimates from federal scientists put the number of Canada lynx in Maine at about 500; that's fewer than a state estimate of 750 to 1,000 lynx five years ago."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Lewiston (ME) Sun Journal (1/19, 20K), the Deseret (UT) News (1/19, 538K), the Houston Chronicle (1/17, Sharp, 2.28M), the Valley News (VT) (1/19, 11K), the Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review (1/19, 167K), the Times Colonist (CAN) (1/19, 1K), the Mississauga News (CAN) (1/19), and Yahoo! (CAN) (1/19, 171K).

Also reporting on the story are the Denver Post (1/20, Finley, 804K), the Helena (MT) Independent Record (1/19, 38K) and the Central Maine (1/17).

**GROUPS SUE OVER CHANGE TO REINTRODUCTION PROGRAM FOR MEXICAN WOLVES.** The AP (1/16) reports that "conservationists sued the federal government Friday over changes to a reintroduction program for the endangered Mexican gray wolf." The FWS "recently announced the first major changes to the program since 1998." The Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders of Wildlife say "limiting wolves that are reintroduced into the wild to 325 doesn't allow for recovery of the species."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington Post (1/16, 5.17M), the Houston Chronicle (1/16, 2.28M), the Daily Mail (UK) (1/19, 4.78M), and KOB-TV Albuquerque, NM (1/19, 46K).

Also reporting on the story is the Courthouse News (1/16, 7K).

The Arizona Republic (1/16, 1.14M) editorializes that the FWS' "new rules for Mexican gray wolf recovery offers a frustrating one-step-forward, two-steps-back approach." According to the editorial, the FWS would have been "wiser to do right by the wolves instead of bowing to those who have long opposed reintroduction."

**TIDAL WATER REINTRODUCED TO CULLINAN RANCH SITE.** The San Jose (CA) Mercury News (1/19, Raskin-Zrihen, 936K) reports that a ceremony Tuesday marked "the first time in more than a century that tidal water flowed into the Solano County marshland at Cullinan Ranch near Mare Island." According to FWS spokesman Doug Cordell, "the area is just off Highway 37, near Dutchman Slough, about 1½ miles west of Mare Island." Cordell said, "Cheers rang out as attendees celebrated a levee breach that reintroduced tidal water to the Cullinan Ranch site on the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge for the first time in more than 100 years. The breach caps a 1,500-acre wetland restoration project long supported by North San Francisco Bay Area conservation advocates."

**NORTHERN LONG-EARED BAT COULD IMPACT PIPELINE PROJECT.** The AP (1/19) reports that "a potentially endangered species of bat could become a major obstacle to the proposed Sandpiper oil pipeline in northern Minnesota." The FWS is "considering whether to declare the northern long-eared bat an endangered species because the spread of the white-nosed syndrome disease has reduced its population." According to the article, "in that case, Enbridge could be forced to postpone its pipeline project or chose a different route."

**TEXAS HUNTING CLUB WITHDRAWS PLAN TO AUCTION OFF ELEPHANT HUNT.** The AP (1/17, Schmall) reports that "a Texas hunting club has canceled plans to auction off a chance to kill an African elephant, the club's executive director said Saturday." Ben Carter of the Dallas Safari Club said that "the donor of the hunt withdrew his donation."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Arizona Republic (1/17, 1.14M), the Charlotte (NC) Observer (1/17, 584K), the Houston Chronicle (1/17, Schmall, 2.28M), the Washington Post (1/17, 5.17M), Newsday (1/19, 1.41M), the Huffington Post (1/17, Schmall, 11.54M), and WRC-TV Washington (1/19, 613K).

Also providing coverage are the [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (1/19, 4.78M), the [Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/17, 2.74M), and the [Independent \(UK\)](#) (1/19, Walker, 853K).

**CANADA TO STAGE HELICOPTER WOLF HUNT TO SAVE CARIBOU.** The [AP](#) (1/17) reports that "officials in British Columbia will use helicopter gunners to shoot up to 24 wolves just north of the Idaho border this winter in an effort to save the 18 remaining southern Selkirk Mountains woodland caribou in a herd from extinction." According to Canadian officials, "Idaho and Washington wildlife officials were consulted, as well as First Nations, the US Forest Service and the US Fish and Wildlife Service."

Also reporting on the story is [Yahoo! News](#) (1/16, 17.91M).

**POTENTIAL SAGE GROUSE LISTING CRITICIZED.** In an op-ed for the [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (1/19, 90K), Barry Russell, the president and CEO of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, writes that "while the recently passed funding bill by Congress may mean some good news for the greater sage grouse – preventing the federal government from potentially listing the bird until after September 2015 – the debate over this iconic bird in the West is far from over." He notes that "in Wyoming, a federal listing could also fuel unemployment in a still-struggling economy." Furthermore, "a listing of the greater sage grouse would also impact existing state-based conservation measures for the bird, while simultaneously ignoring the great strides America's energy industry has taken to reduce surface impacts." Russell concludes that "a one-size-fits-all approach from Washington, D.C., is the wrong choice for this iconic species, the economy, and our secure energy future."

**AUTHOR ARGUES FOR RETAINING FEDERAL PROTECTION FOR GRAY WOLVES.** Author Lydia Millet says in a [New York Times](#) (1/19, Subscription Publication, 9.97M) opinion piece that gray wolf sightings in California and Arizona, the first in "almost a century" and "almost three-quarters of a century," respectively, were "a result of their 40-year protection under the Endangered Species Act." Millet says the "fragile progress" in raising, releasing, and tracking wolves "has been undermined" by the Federal government's move to remove Federal protection in the species' two population centers, turning responsibility over to states that have "opened their doors to the killing of wolves." Millet advises President Obama to "direct the Fish and Wildlife Service to retain protection for wolves" lest they be "wiped off the face of the American landscape forever."

### ***US Geological Survey:***

**STUDY: DENSER CALIFORNIA FORESTS RAISE FIREFIGHTING QUESTIONS.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/20, Goldenstein, 3.49M) reports that "drought, fire-suppression techniques and changes in land use have made California forests denser with smaller trees and more susceptible to fast-moving wildfires, a study to be released Tuesday has found." Researchers at UC Berkeley, UC Davis and the USGS "compared tree surveys conducted between 1929 and 1936 with surveys conducted between 2001 and 2010." They "found that large tree density fell across California, with declines of as much as 50% in the Sierra Nevada highlands, the south and central Coast Ranges and Northern California," and "at the same time, the density of smaller trees increased dramatically."

**USGS SAYS EARTHQUAKE NEAR FOUNTAIN "WASN'T REAL".** The [Colorado Springs \(CO\) Gazette](#) (1/20, 140K) reports that the USGS says "a magnitude 3.0 earthquake reported early Monday morning near Fountain didn't actually happen." Don Blakeman, a geophysicist at the USGS' National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, said, "It turns out that wasn't real." Blakeman said "the earthquake report was the result of a faulty sensor and a newer geologic analyst."

### **Securing America's Energy Future:**

#### ***Renewable Energy:***

**SLIDING OIL PRICES COULD IMPACT WIND AUCTION.** The [New Bedford \(MA\) Standard-Times](#) (1/20, 50K) reports that "cheap carbon-based energy could deflate interest in wind power ahead of the Jan. 29 auction of leases in waters south of Martha's Vineyard." According to the article, "the biggest competitive auction yet of wind energy leases in federal waters will occur amid global plunges in oil prices and conventional energy costs that could lessen interest in renewable sources, a local industry-watcher said." John Miller, executive director of the Marion-based Marine Renewable Energy Collaborative, said, "Certainly, the low prices of energy make it



more difficult to convince people to invest in higher-priced energy sources like offshore wind. The drops this year are certainly an indication that there are unpredictable (fluctuations) in the market."

**BIRDS DYING AT IVANPAH SOLAR PLANT.** The Environment & Energy Publishing (1/19, 705) reports that the Mojave Desert's Ivanpah solar plant is "incinerating birds that fly into the 'flux field' between the mirrors and the towers." Ivanpah, "which opened a year ago, is testing new ways to prevent bird deaths, trying everything from anti-perching devices to spraying a bubble gum extract that birds hate."

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**OIL INDUSTRY SAYS FEDERAL METHANE EMISSIONS REGULATIONS THREATEN DOMESTIC GAS PRODUCTION.** The Hill (1/19, Cama, 224K) reported that "aggressive new rules" put forth by the Obama administration to cut methane emissions from oil and gas production have provoked the ire of the oil and gas industry, which claims the regulations would "threaten the very benefits that it has brought in recent years." Jack Gerard, the president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, believes "the administration's logic doesn't hold up," noting that further regulations "discourages the industry and adds unnecessary costs" that "will only undermine dramatic reductions in CO2 emissions made possible by an abundant and affordable domestic supply of clean-burning natural gas, while discouraging energy development that is the foundation of the American energy revolution."

Bloomberg New Energy Finance (1/19) reported that the API was critical of proposed methane emissions regulations. API president and CEO Jack Gerard said, "As oil and natural gas production has risen dramatically, methane emissions have fallen thanks to industry leadership and investment in new technologies." He warned, "Onerous new regulations could threaten the shale energy revolution."

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (1/19, 672K) in an op-ed noted that the API has warned that new methane emissions regulations "could actually slow down industry progress" on reducing methane emissions by adding "another layer of burdensome requirements."

**WPost Praises Administration's New Efforts To Reduce Greenhouse Gases.** In an editorial, the Washington Post (1/18, 5.17M) says while the Obama Administration's new rules to scale back greenhouse gases "aren't perfect," they "are welcome." The Administration "is right not to rely entirely on voluntary industry effort," according to the Post, "and it should not rule out expanding its regulatory reach beyond drilling sites."

A Bloomberg View (1/16) editorial urged Federal methane emissions regulations to "codify the best practices being followed now, which oil and gas companies have demonstrated are possible." The editorial said the oil and gas "industry's resistance to regulation isn't without merit," and that the API has warned that "one-size-fits-all rules could stymie the innovation that's allowed producers to reduce emissions so far, by preventing them from trying new techniques."

In a "Letter to the Editor" in the Washington Post (1/18, 5.17M) Bethesda, MD resident Steven J. Kalish noted the Jan. 14 article on White House plans to reduce methane emissions. Kalish took issue with comments in that article from American Petroleum Institute director of upstream and industry operations Erik Milito, who said, "Every company is strongly incentivized to capture methane and bring it to the market." Kalish called that "incorrect" because pipelines that transport natural gas "do not bear" the loss of methane during "transportation from the well to the user."

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by Bloomberg BNA (1/17, 8K), the Tyler (TX) Morning Telegraph (1/19, 7K), and the Washington Times (1/19, 644K).

**BLM CANCELS ROAN PLATEAU LEASES.** The AP (1/19) reports that the BLM has "officially canceled 17 of the 19 natural gas leases on top of the Roan Plateau west of Rifle as part of a landmark settlement agreement announced by Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell in November." The article notes that "the agreement includes refunding more than \$47 million in bonus bids and annual rental payments to leaseholder Bill Barrett Corp." In exchange, the bureau is "working on a plan to allow the two remaining Barrett leases and a dozen other leases near the base of the Roan to be developed."

Coverage was also provided by the Glenwood Springs (CO) Post Independent (1/19, 27K), the Greenfield (IN) Daily Reporter (1/19, 31K), KJCT-TV Grand Junction, CO (1/19, 1K), KKCO-TV Grand Junction, CO (1/19, 1K), and KMGH-TV Denver (1/19, 136K).

**OHIO EARTHQUAKE TIED TO FRACKING.** The Charlotte (NC) Observer (1/19, 584K) reports that a magnitude 3.0 earthquake in Ohio last March "is among the largest thought to be induced directly by hydraulic fracturing." The article says the "Ohio Department of Natural Resources halted nearby fracking activities" after the earthquake, speculating a link to fracking. The article adds that "scientists have now found more substantial evidence for this link," as published in the Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America.

**Kansas Earthquakes Linked To Fracking.** The Lawrence (KS) Journal World (1/17, Dillon, 58K) reports that officials in Kansas "have been reluctant to link the mysterious earthquakes in south central Kansas to fracking," but said last week for the first time that the earthquakes "are likely caused by disposal of the waste water that is a byproduct of the oil and gas extraction process." Rick Miller, geophysicist and senior scientist for the Kansas Geological Survey, is quoted saying, "We can say there is a strong correlation between the disposal of saltwater and the earthquakes." The article adds that the state's chapter of the Sierra Club wants Kansas to follow the lead of other state and local governments and "call a moratorium on fracking."

**North Texas' Seismic Hazard Potential To Be Reevaluated.** The Dallas Morning News (1/18, Kuchment, 1.13M) reports that North Texas, until now considered "one of the least likely places in the country to have an earthquake," will have its seismic hazard reevaluated by the US Geological Survey after over 120 quakes since 2008 were experienced in the Dallas area.

**SENATE TO TAKE ON KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE THIS WEEK.** Politico (1/19, Goode, 683K) reports that Sen. Lisa Murkowski, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources panel's chairwoman, "is already laying out an ambitious agenda to try to open new areas for oil and gas exploration, buttress the power grid and implement new energy efficiency policies." What is not "clear is whether lawmakers will have the stomach for it after an extended floor debate" on the Keystone XL pipeline "and a raft of other energy amendments." Many Democrats have complained "that Republicans chose to pick a fight over Keystone as their first energy issue instead of taking up what the Energy panel's new ranking member, Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), has referred to as a '21st Century energy policy.'" Politico says "the climate change amendments that Democrats hope to tag onto the Keystone bill that are designed to unnerve moderate Republicans, and the fiery rhetoric from liberal stalwarts like Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) could mean the messaging battle precludes the chances for major energy legislation to pass."

The National Journal (1/18, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 406K) reports the Keystone XL pipeline "will dominate the Senate schedule this week, while the House will focus on an abortion bill and both chambers gather Tuesday to hear President Obama deliver his State of the Union address."

**NEW POLL: AMERICANS WANT KEYSTONE XL, BUT NOT URGENTLY.** The Washington Post (1/19, Blake, 5.17M) reported in its "The Fix" blog that "poll after poll has shown overwhelming support" for Keystone XL construction. However, a new ABC-Washington Post poll "suggests that support for Keystone is softer – and less urgent – than previously thought." The new poll found that 61% of Americans "are happy to allow the review process" for the pipeline to run its course, while only 34% agree with the "build it now" sentiment. Among Republicans, only 53% "insist it's time to move forward," while 43% "want the review to run its course."

The Hill (1/20, Barron-Lopez, 224K) also notes that "a majority of Americans are in favor of completing the ongoing federal review of the Keystone XL pipeline before approving the project."

**NEBRASKA LANDOWNERS SUE TRANSCANADA OVER KEYSTONE PIPELINE PROJECT.** On Friday, seven Nebraska landowners sued TransCanada Corp., the company behind the Keystone XL pipeline, challenging a state law that allowed the project to move forward. Reuters (1/18) reports. In their suits, the landowners claimed that TransCanada used a Nebraska law to threaten their land with eminent domain, according to court documents. The Nebraskans are seeking an injunction against the company to keep it from building on their land. TransCanada spokesman Mark Cooper stated: "We recognize that some people will continue to oppose this project no matter what process is followed in order to put up roadblocks. We accept that."

**CREW CLEANING CRUDE SPILL AT MONTANA'S YELLOWSTONE RIVER.** The AP (1/19, Brown) reports that workers near the Yellowstone River in eastern Montana are cleaning a spill from Bridger Pipeline's crude line. The company said the 12-inch steel pipeline ruptured Saturday morning and "no more than 1,200 barrels" were spilled. Bridger spokesman Bill Salvin said, "Oil has made it into the river. We do not know how much at this point."

Reuters (1/19) reports that the Poplar pipeline transported 42,000 bpd of crude. The company estimates that the spillage was between 300 and 1,200 barrels of crude, and it is unclear how much went into the river.

**REP. LAMBORN URGES PASSAGE OF PIONEERS ACT FOR DRILLING ON FEDERAL LANDS.** In an op-ed in the Denver Post (1/19, Lamborn, 804K) Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) urged the passage of his PIONEERS Act, which would open additional Federal lands to both exploration and development. Lamborn addressed the argument that fracking on public lands would use too much water by noting that the American Petroleum Institute's best practices for fracking state that "whenever practicable operators should consider using non-potable water for drilling and hydraulic fracturing."

#### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**DROP IN OIL PRICES AFFECTS BP'S BOTTOM LINE AS FEDERAL OIL SPILL FINES LOOM.** The Wall Street Journal (1/19, Gilbert, Scheck, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) reported that BP PLC faces up to \$13.7 billion in Federal fines linked to the company's conduct in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, and BP has already set more than \$10 billion aside in anticipation of the fines. The Journal noted that immediately after the spill, oil prices surged and increased BP's cash flow, allowing it to put the money aside, but that the company now faces less advantageous economic circumstances with the dramatic decrease in oil prices.

Bloomberg News (1/20, Fisk, 2.94M) reports that BP Plc "faces a maximum fine of \$13.7 billion after a U.S. judge ruled that the company dumped 3.2 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico in 2010 – about 75 percent of what the U.S. calculated." The Federal government's 4.2 million-barrel "estimate of the spill size was rejected" by US District Judge Carl Barbier, "decreasing the potential maximum fine from \$18 billion." Judge Barbier "previously found BP's exploration unit acted with gross negligence in causing the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history," a ruling that "triggered BP's exposure to the maximum fines under the Clean Water Act."

Reuters (1/16) noted that Judge Carl Barbier found that the Deepwater Horizon spill released 3.19 million barrels of crude, far less than the Federal government estimate of 4.09 million barrels.

Bloomberg News (1/16, 2.94M) noted that the potential maximum fine was originally \$18 billion. Judge Barbier will begin determining the amount of the fine in court in New Orleans next week.

NPR (1/19, 1.58M) on "All Things Considered" interviewed several law professors, all of whom commented on Judge Barbier's pending decision on Deepwater Horizon fines. University of Alabama law professor Monte Carodine said, "When he's thinking about how much money ultimately to impose, he's going to be thinking about that testimony that led him to believe that BP acted with gross negligence."

The Examiner (1/19, 1.01M) notes that the final phase of the trial will begin on Tuesday in New Orleans.

FuelFix (1/19, 7K) reports that Barbier found that "contrary to plaintiffs' arguments, federal authorities in charge of the effort to stop the oil spill didn't rely on BP's low estimate on how much oil was flowing from the Macondo well." Barbier found that despite having "misled the government about how oil was flowing," BP's statements "didn't impede the source control effort."

The AP (1/19, McGill) reports that BP says "its costs already have hit \$42 billion, including a \$14 billion response and cleanup."

The Guardian (UK) (1/19, 2.74M) reports that once Barbier has ruled on a fine total, BP will be able to appeal. If so, "it could be many more years before the final bill gets paid."

***Gulf Spill Case Under New Supervision.*** NPR (1/19, Johnson, 1.58M) reports that as new Justice Department Environment Chief John Cruden starts overseeing the Gulf spill case, he notes, "It clearly ranks up there as one of the most significant environmental disasters of our lifetime and deserves the nation's attention to look and to watch and all of our energy to make sure nothing like this ever happens again." Cruden adds, "In most of our minds are those nearly three months of watching the impact of the spill but also a gigantic economic effect," as he heads to New Orleans in order to supervise the next phase of the spill case.

***Settlement Seen Probable In Oil Spill Penalty Trial.*** Bloomberg News (1/20, Fisk, Calkins, 2.94M) reports that Judge Barbier's ruling "may trigger a settlement before a decision on the amount it must pay after a trial set to begin this week." Judge Barbier "determined on Jan. 15 that the penalty will be based on the size of the spill

being 3.19 million barrels, about 25 percent less than estimated by the government," and that ruling, "reduced the potential maximum pollution fines for the 2010 spill to \$13.7 billion from \$18 billion and increased the incentives for a settlement. 'There's a very good chance – about 75 percent – that they'll settle,' said David Berg, a Houston trial attorney who has been following the litigation." Berg predicted that even if the case does not settle, BP probably won't face a maximum fine, and he predicted a fine in the range of \$8 billion to \$10 billion.

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by the Houma (LA) Courier (1/19, 39K), the Panama City (FL) News Herald (1/20, 93K), and the Houston Chronicle (1/20, 2.28M).

**ANADARKO TO CONTEST POSSIBLE DEEPWATER HORIZON FINES IN COURT.** The Wall Street Journal (1/19, Gilbert, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) reports that Anadarko Petroleum Corp. will begin a trial on January 20 alongside BP PLC to battle pollution penalties of upwards of \$3.5 billion, stemming from its partial stake in the Macondo well, site of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster. The article says Anadarko paid \$4 billion to BP to absolve itself of third-party liability and certain environmental fines in 2011, but judges have held that the company retains liability under the Clean Water Act.

**BSEE SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR OIL SPILL RESPONSE RESEARCH PROJECTS.** The Offshore Magazine (1/19, 143K) reports that the BSEE is "soliciting proposals for oil spill response research projects and will invest up to \$6 million to support these projects in 2015."

## Tackling America's Water Challenges:

**SAN JOAQUIN RIVER COULD RECONNECT WITH PACIFIC OCEAN THIS YEAR.** The Fresno (CA) Bee (1/17, 323K) reports that "if the drought breaks by spring," the San Joaquin River "should be ready to reconnect with the Pacific Ocean for the second time in the last six years, say federal officials who are working on restoring the San Joaquin." However, "it's never that easy with this ambitious, \$1 billion project to bring back water and chinook salmon to a river that has been dry for dozens of miles for more than 60 years." The BOR "still wrestles with potentially damaging river seepage along 23,000 acres of west San Joaquin Valley property," and "area farmers haven't been satisfied with the bureau's progress."

Additional coverage was provided by the Fresno (CA) Bee (1/16, 323K).

**BOR SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESERVOIR EXPANSION.** The Yakima (WA) Herald-Republic (1/19, 86K) reports that the BOR is "planning two major upgrades to the Kachess and Keechelus reservoirs near Snoqualmie Pass to provide more water supply for the Yakima Basin during times of drought and to improve fish habitat in the uppermost section of the Yakima River." According to the article, "the proposed projects are part of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan, and the federal agency is asking the public for opinions on the proposals as part of its environmental review process."

**OFFICIALS RELEASE "DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN".** The Sacramento (CA) Bee (1/20, 547K) reports that "with populations of numerous endangered Delta fish species at alarming lows, officials in California are planning a number of steps to help them survive if 2015 proves to be a fourth drought year." to the article, "DWR, the US Bureau of Reclamation, and three state and federal wildlife agencies last week released a 'Drought Contingency Plan' that outlines numerous steps to stretch water supplies and protect fish species this year."

**CALIFORNIA DEPENDENT ON ATMOSPHERIC RIVERS TO REPLENISH WATER.** The Los Angeles Times (1/19, Barboza, 3.49M) reports that California's drought may end "with a torrent of winter storms that stream across the Pacific" known as atmospheric rivers that dump "much of the year's rain and snow in a few fast-moving and potentially catastrophic downpours." The article cites research saying that atmospheric rivers "have broken 40% of California droughts since 1950." The article adds that, should the rivers fail to arrive, as was the case last winter, "California could be in serious trouble," though a series of atmospheric rivers in succession "could bring devastation."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN.** Additional coverage of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan was provided by the U-T San Diego (1/16, 580K).

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**OKLAHOMA TRIBE OPENS FIRST BUSINESS SINCE HEARTH ACT ENACTED.** The Indian Country

**Today Media Network** (1/19, 49K) reports that "a little more than a year after Secretary Sally Jewell traveled to central Oklahoma to announce regulations to promote self-determination and economic development through tribal trust land leases, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has opened its first business under the new guidelines." Jack Barrett of BDC Gun Room said, "I was poised for growth. My business had grown and grown quite a bit, and I knew the HEARTH Act was coming. I didn't know exactly when, but I wanted to take advantage of that."

**BIA PREPARES FOR REVIEW OF PROPOSED MEDFORD CASINO.** The **AP** (1/19) reports that the Coquille Indian Tribe's "proposal to build a casino in Medford is taking a step forward as the Bureau of Indian Affairs prepares for an environmental review of the plan." The bureau is "seeking public comment as it works to determine the extent of the review."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the **Seattle Post-Intelligencer** (1/19, 612K).

Also reporting on the story is **KOBI-TV Medford, OR** (1/19).

**MENOMINEE SAYS STATE, TRIBE HAVE AGREED ON NEW GAMING COMPACT.** **WBAY-TV Green Bay, WI** (1/19, 22K) reports that "a spokesman for the Menominee Tribe says the tribe and State will sign a new gaming compact this week that could clear the way for a new proposed casino in Southeast Wisconsin." According to the article, "the Menominee and the State have negotiated a new compact that will not force taxpayers to cover any budget shortfalls from the new casino instead the tribe would cover the costs."

Also reporting on the story is **WISN-TV Milwaukee** (1/19, 38K).

**FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY SUES BIA OVER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO KENOSHA CASINO.** The **Kenosha (WI) News** (1/19, 64K) reports that "the Forest County Potawatomi Community has sued the federal government over what it says is a pattern of withholding documents related to the Kenosha Casino project." The tribe "claims it has filed multiple records requests for documents related to the Menominee Tribe's efforts to build a casino in Kenosha, and that the government response has repeatedly fallen short."

**FORMER INTERIOR OFFICIAL DISCUSSES NATIVE AMERICAN ISSUES.** The **Rapid City (SD) Journal** (1/19, 101K) reports former US Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Carl J. Artman "addressed a crowd of about 70 people at this month's Morning Fill Up event hosted at The Garage-Rapid City on Friday Morning." According to the article, "one overarching theme he has seen in almost all reservations, from those booming with success, such as the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, to those suffering extreme poverty, such as Pine Ridge Indian Reservation south of Rapid City, is the necessity of showing Native Americans an example of success."

**NAVAJOS FACE LEADERSHIP CRISIS DUE TO LANGUAGE-FLUENCY REQUIREMENT.** The **New York Times** (1/17, Turkewitz, Subscription Publication, 9.97M) reports that the Navajo Nation "is now facing what many are calling its greatest political challenge in a generation: a power vacuum caused in part by a requirement that its president be fluent in the Navajo language." Chris Deschene, one candidate heading into the November election that many tribe members "thought could successfully lead the Navajo," was disqualified for not being fluent in the language. "prompting a fight that led the tribe to postpone its 2014 presidential election not once, but twice." As of now, the tribe is being led by Ben Shelly, who lost "his re-election bid and will serve only temporarily until the tribe resolves its leadership crisis."

**STUDY SUGGESTS TRIBAL GAMBLING REVENUES CAN MAKE POVERTY WORSE.** **The Economist** (1/19, 1.04M) reports that "a new study in the American Indian Law Journal suggests that growing tribal gaming revenues can make poverty worse." The study looked "at two dozen tribes in the Pacific north-west between 2000 and 2010," and "during that time, casinos owned by those tribes doubled their total annual take in real terms, to \$2.7 billion." But "the tribes' mean poverty rate rose from 25% to 29%."

## **Office of Insular Affairs:**

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY KIA'AINA RELEASES \$18 MILLION IN REMAINING OPERATIONAL SUBSIDIES TO AMERICAN SAMOA.** The **Marianas Variety** (1/19) reports that Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina "released \$18 million remaining in grant assistance for fiscal year 2015 to the American Samoa government through the Office of Insular Affairs' Operations Grant Program." The article notes that "these funds are what remained of the annual \$22.75 million subsidy needed to support the daily operations of

the American Samoa government, the LBJ Tropical Medical Center, the American Samoa Community College, and the High Court of American Samoa." Kia'aina said, "These funds are critical to supporting the operating costs of the judiciary, the hospital, and the public schools for the American Samoan government," said Assistant Secretary Kia'aina. "Interior has a long history with American Samoa and we are pleased to support Governor Lolo and the general public in this way."

## **Top National News:**

**OBAMA SET TO INTRODUCE "ROBIN HOOD" TAX PLAN ALREADY DISMISSED BY GOP.** Amid widespread reports indicating that nothing new will be announced by President Obama in his State of the Union address, and that because the audience for the speech has fallen significantly in recent years, analysts' expectations for the speech are very low. It is also widely accepted that virtually all of the previously announced initiatives that the President will detail have no chance of becoming law due to Republican opposition. Reports last night and this morning indicate that the President's goal for the speech is to take credit for the improving economy, and then contrast his economic agenda with that of Republicans in Congress, whom he will accuse of prioritizing the interests of the wealthy over the middle class.

On ABC World News (1/19, story 5, 1:10, Muir, 5.84M), for example, Jonathan Karl reported that in his SOTU address, the President "is going to play a little Robin Hood," and is "going to propose tax hikes on the rich," along with "help for the poor and middle class." Politico (1/19, Faler, 683K) has a piece titled, "5 Things About Barack Obama's Robin Hood Tax Plan," in which it is reported that the President wants to "take from the rich and give to everyone else." And at the opening of Fox News' Special Report (1/20, 1.53M), Bret Baier reported that "Republicans say the 'Robin Hood' act is getting old."

In a front-page article titled, "Ready To Move Past Hardship, Obama Resets Goals," the New York Times (1/20, A1, Baker, Subscription Publication, 9.97M) reports that the President "plans to...effectively declare victory over the economic hard times that dominated his first six years in office and advocate using the nation's healthier finances to tackle long-deferred issues like education and income inequality." According to the Times, the President "hopes to pivot finally from the politics of adversity and austerity that have frustrated him for much of his tenure." The Times goes on to say that the President previously had been "cautious in welcoming positive economic news by noting that more work needed to be done to recover from the financial crash of 2008," but "lately...has been pushing the nation's economic prospects more robustly and without as many caveats."

On NBC Nightly News (1/19, story 3, 2:05, Williams, 7.86M), Chris Jansing reported that on Tuesday evening, the President will "make the case that the American economic comeback is real." But Jansing added that while "there is good news," including the unemployment rate, which "has dropped significantly" since he took office, it is also true that "the average household is making about \$2,000 less than it was."

On the CBS Evening News (1/19, story 4, 2:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Major Garrett reported that the White House has "proposed \$320 billion in new taxes achieved by raising the tax rate on investments for the top one percent of earners and closing inheritance loopholes for the wealthy." Garrett noted that the White House "says the new tax revenue would pay for all the President's new spending plans," including "free tuition for community college students." Garrett went on to report that the President has also "called for six weeks of paid family leave for Federal workers, reductions to Federal mortgage insurance fee, new subsidies for rural broadband access and a new push for consumer cybersecurity protections." However, according to Garrett, Republicans are "still waiting for what they describe as serious ideas and signs of cooperation from the White House on trade, tax reform and energy."

Marc Thiessen, in his column for the Washington Post (1/20, 5.17M) says the President appears ready to "propose hundreds of billions of dollars in new taxes that will never be enacted, in order to fund a slew of new government programs that have no chance of being approved." Thiessen contends that if he does so, the President will "make it really, really clear that" he is "not serious about governing."

The Washington Post (1/20, Nakamura, 5.17M) reports that "the tone and tenor of the Obama White House since" the midterms, which "have been anything but conciliatory...have raised doubts about whether the president can — or wants to — break through partisan gridlock in Congress." But the Post adds that "White House aides said they see no contradiction in Obama's approach to dealing with the GOP-controlled Congress...and they point out that some of his proposals received Republican support in the past." According to the Post, the same aides "say Obama is eager to work with the GOP in areas where there is common ground, such as free trade and infrastructure."

In a front-page article titled, "Obama Plan Reignites Tax Fight," the Wall Street Journal (1/20, A1, Lee, Mckinnon, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) quotes Rep. Charles Boustany as saying: "If the president were really interested in tax reform, rather than making political statements, he would have approached Congress and members of the Ways and Means committee in thoughtful ways." Roll Call (1/19, Fuller, Subscription Publication, 102K) also says that since November, the President "has been on offense, pushing a more aggressive agenda while raining down veto threats on the new Congress." Roll Call adds that "even if many of his initiatives seem destined to become legislative cannon fodder, his pen-and-phone agenda has been in hyperdrive, most notably with his temporary executive amnesty for millions of immigrants."

In a piece for Politico Magazine (1/19, 683K), Michael Grunwald notes that in 2014, "the average wage for an employed American increased about two percent," and "the total number of employed Americans increased by about three million." And Grunwald argues that "ordinary people are absolutely sharing in the comeback," in part due to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Under the headline, "Obama To Gloat Over Resurgent US Economy In State Of The Union Address," the Washington Times (1/20, Boyer, 644K) reports that in recent weeks, the President "has recited the positive economic statistics so often that he undoubtedly can do it in his sleep," and "senior administration officials say Mr. Obama intends to use the improving economy as leverage to call on Congress to approve a wide range of new federal programs."

USA Today (1/20, Jackson, 10.32M) notes the President and other Administration officials have "spent the past two weeks promoting items he will highlight in Tuesday's address, including proposals for tax hikes on the wealthy, tax breaks for the middle class, community college, housing, manufacturing, cybersecurity and paid sick leave." On the CBS Evening News (1/19, story 4, 2:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Scott Pelley said that "if there are any surprises" in the President's address "that will be a surprise, because the White House has taken the unusual step of rolling out the President's ideas in advance."

However, according to Politico (1/19, Breitman, 683K), the President's "aides have suggested" that he "could still have a few political and policy surprises up his sleeve." Mark Penn, who served as an adviser to President Clinton and former secretary of state Clinton's 2008 campaign, suggests that the President might propose "a carbon tax." According to Penn, the President "might say that energy will never be lower so now is the time to place a carbon tax with the proceeds going to Social Security and take advantage of the windfall for the good of all."

The AP (1/20) reported that on Monday, the White House released a "brief video" of the President "talking about the annual address and the state of the union" in which he "says the US is now positioned to 'turn the page' after years of being weighed down by the fallout from the recession." The AP (1/20, Pickler) also looks back at how the President's proposals on immigration reform, minimum wage hikes and energy conservation in his 2014 SOTU address fared in the year since.

In an analysis titled, "Do We Even Need A State Of The Union Address Anymore?", Philip Bump of the Washington Post (1/20, 5.17M) writes that the President "knows that there's no utility to" giving the SOTU address, and notes that "his poll numbers haven't been helped by the speech; on average, his approval as measured by Gallup has been a point lower the week after his addresses, compared to the week prior."

**WPost, ABC's Karl Attribute Obama's Improved Polling To Falling Price Of Gas.** On ABC World News (1/19, story 5, 1:10, Muir, 5.84M), David Muir noted that whereas the President's approval rating stood at about 44% before the midterm election, it is now "up to 50%." Jonathan Karl went on to report that "there's no doubt that" the lower cost of gas across the US "is what's driving" the President's polling up, along with the declining unemployment rate. According to Karl, in his address to the nation, the President's "message" will be that "America is back" and "the economic resurgence is real." And Karl added that polling shows that "Americans are starting to feel it," and noted that "41% believe the economy is 'excellent' or 'good,'" which is "a big change from just three months ago when it was just 27%."

In an analysis of the same poll titled, "Rising Economy Boosts Obama's Standing On Eve Of The State Of The Union," the Washington Post (1/20, Clement, Balz, 5.17M) says the President is "enjoying rising approval ratings that have been strengthened by rapidly improving perceptions of the economy." The Post says the President's polling has "shown improvement since the November elections as" he "moved aggressively and unilaterally on issues such as immigration and climate change." But, according to the Post, "the bigger factor helping to boost his standing is a series of economic indicators that have shown steadily improving conditions," including "sharply lower gasoline prices." Nevertheless, the Post notes that "roughly 6 in 10 Americans describe the economy as 'not so good' or 'poor,'" which is "about the same percentage says that things have gotten pretty



seriously off-track when it comes to the overall direction of the nation."

Nate Cohn of the New York Times (1/20, Subscription Publication, 9.97M) also says "there is a well-established relationship between the pace of economic growth and a president's approval ratings," and President Obama is "clearly benefiting from signs of accelerating economic growth." However, Cohn also notes that the President's improved polling coincides with "a flurry of executive actions," including "on immigration," which "may be at least partly responsible for his rebound." According to Cohn, the President's "rating among Hispanic adults jumped decisively, perhaps by as much as 15 percentage points, in the weeks after his decision to defer deportation and offer work authorization for up to five million immigrants."

Gerald Seib, in his column for the Wall Street Journal (1/20, Subscription Publication, 5.67M), suggests that the President ought to keep in mind that his own party has been significantly weakened since he took office. For instance, now there are just 188 Democrats in the House, down from 257 when he was first inaugurated.

**Poll Finds Majority Of Republicans Support Raising Taxes On Those Making More Than \$1 Million A Year.** The Hill (1/19, Cirilli, 224K) reported that "according to a new GBA Strategies poll," 36% of Republicans support "raising the tax rate on personal income above \$1 million annually...and 47 percent of Republicans were opposed." However, The Hill noted that "when asked whether they supported raising the personal income tax on those earning \$1 million a year to 50 percent, 'the same rate taxed under President Reagan,'" 53% supported the idea and 33% were opposed. The Hill added that "overall, 54 percent of those polled support raising the tax rate on millionaires," and "31 percent are opposed."

Michael Hiltzik of the Los Angeles Times (1/20, 3.49M) praises the President's proposals to raise the capital gains tax from 20% to 28% and eliminate "the so-called trust fund loophole" that "allows capital assets to be passed on to one's heirs at their appreciated value." According to Hiltzik, "The beauty part of this proposal is that it's aimed surgically at the wealthiest taxpayers." The Los Angeles Times (1/20, 3.49M), in an editorial, also says the President is "right to focus on inherited wealth as one way to help narrow the widening gap between the wealthiest Americans and the rest of us."

**NYTimes Profile: Obama's Chief Speechwriter Keenan Produces "Everyman Prose," But Has Famous Friends.** In a profile of chief White House speechwriter Cody Keenan titled, "Obama's 'Hemingway' Draws On Friends, Empathy And A Little Whisky For State Of The Union," the New York Times (1/20, A14, Schmidt, Subscription Publication, 9.97M) reports that President Obama calls him "Hemingway" and that he sought help on the State of the Union address from Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes. According to the Times, the address is "certain to address the struggles of ordinary Americans in some of the gritty, Everyman prose that has become Mr. Keenan's trademark." The Times also reports that Keenan "has used his perch to befriend some of the many people who pass through" the White House, "including comedians like Zach Galifianakis and Stephen Colbert."

**White House's Increasing Reliance On Social Media Draws Attention.** According to the New York Times (1/20, Shear, Subscription Publication, 9.97M), the Administration "has revamped its digital communications strategy in an attempt to reach new audiences for the State of the Union speech," and has "drafted a team of Internet-savvy staff members to produce a series of videos, digital op-eds, Facebook and Twitter posts, and six-second animated GIFs to capture a larger audience than the mainstream media's shrinking number of viewers and readers." The Times also notes that "in recent announcements on college affordability, immigration and net neutrality, the president has relied on social media platforms including YouTube, Facebook, Medium, Vine, LinkedIn and Twitter."

The Wall Street Journal (1/20, Tau, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) has similar reporting in an article titled, "Obama Uses Social Media To Build Momentum For State Of Union Address." The Washington Post (1/20, Heil, 5.17M) notes that after giving his address, the President will be interviewed by YouTube celebrities Bethany Mota, who "posts lifestyle videos," Hank Green, "who focuses on current events," and comedian GloZell.

**Contractor Recently Released From Cuba Will Be Among Obama's SOTU Guests.** The AP (1/20) reports that Alan Gross, the "former federal subcontractor," who returned to the US in December "after spending five years imprisoned in Cuba will have a prime viewing spot for President Barack Obama's State of the Union address: a seat near first lady Michelle Obama." Reuters (1/20, Lynch) notes that Sen. Marco Rubio has announced he has invited Cuban dissident Rosa Maria Payá to be his guest.

The New York Times (1/20, Baker, Subscription Publication, 9.97M) reports that other guests of the President will include Scott Kelly, "an astronaut scheduled to leave soon for a year aboard the International Space



Station," a "wounded Afghanistan war veteran, a doctor fighting Ebola in Africa, the chief executive of CVS Health, a young immigrant allowed to stay in the country under an order by Mr. Obama, and several people who overcame difficult upbringings in places like Compton and the South Bronx." The Christian Science Monitor (1/19, Feldmann, 380K) provides a full list and brief profile of each of the President's guests.

**WTimes Analysis: Ernst Was Chosen To Deliver The GOP Response In Part Due To Her "Outsider's Perspective."** The Washington Times (1/20, McLaughlin, 644K) profiles Sen. Joni Ernst, who will deliver the Republican response to the President's address. According to the Times, it is Ernst's "outsider's perspective that Republican leaders said they hope to harness." The Times notes that Ernst "rose to prominence with a striking campaign ad highlighting how she 'grew up castrating hogs on an Iowa farm' and pledged to bring that pork-cutting talent to Capitol Hill, where she vowed to 'make 'em squeal.'"

**Brooks: Obama Should Address Extraordinarily High Dropout Rates At Community Colleges.** David Brooks, in his column for the New York Times (1/20, Subscription Publication, 9.97M), takes issue with President Obama's proposal to "make community college free." Brooks says that after a "similar program" was introduced in Tennessee, community college enrollment "surged," but, according to Brooks, "getting students to enroll is neither hard nor important," and, instead, "the important task is to help students graduate" from community colleges where "drop out rates now hover somewhere between 66 percent and 80 percent." Brooks also contends that community college is "already free for most poor and working-class students," which means that the President's plan "would largely be a subsidy for the middle- and upper-middle-class students who are now paying tuition."

**Bittman: Obama Ought To Defend Federal Food Labeling.** Mark Bittman, in his column for the New York Times (1/20, Subscription Publication, 9.97M), urges President Obama to address issues related to food policy in his address to the nation. Among other priorities for Bittman are "get[ting] antibiotics out of the food supply," "support[ing] the strongest front-of-package food labeling that the FDA can possibly develop," and "defend[ing] the menu-labeling program that's mandated under the Affordable Care Act."

#### **HOUSE HOMELAND SECURITY PANEL TO MARK UP BORDER SECURITY BILL ON WEDNESDAY.**

The Hill (1/19, Marcos, 224K) reported in its "Blog Briefing Room" blog that on Wednesday, the House Homeland Security Committee will "mark up legislation this week to enhance border security as the GOP debates how to respond to President Obama's immigration action." The bill, authored by committee chair Michael McCaul, would require DHS "to prevent all unlawful entries into the US along the entire southern border within five years, and high-traffic areas within two years." If those goals are not met, DHS political appointees "would be barred from travel using government aircraft, non-essential training and opportunities for salary bonuses."

**Moran, Warner Look To Boost Start-Ups With Immigration Reforms.** The Washington Post (1/20, Harrison, 5.17M) reports that Sens. Jerry Moran (R) and Mark Warner (D) last week introduced "the fourth version of their Startup Act — a piece of legislation they have been lobbying for and tinkering with for more than three years." In its latest form, it would "tweak the nation's tax code, immigration laws and regulatory system in ways intended to help revive America's entrepreneurial economy." The legislation "features changes to the immigration system, including the creation of an entrepreneur visa that would enable up to 75,000 non-citizens to start and attempt to grow a business" in the US. In addition, it would "create a new visa category for up to 50,000 foreign-born students who graduate from U.S. universities" with STEM degrees and would "eliminate caps on the number of work visas that can be granted to individuals from each country."

**Santa Barbara Paper Becomes Flash-Point For Referring To "Illegals."** The Los Angeles Times (1/20, Covarrubias, 3.49M) reports that in recent years, most news outlets have stopped using the terms "illegals" or "illegal immigrant." However, the decision by the Santa Barbara News-Press to use the term "illegals" in several headlines has become an "an unlikely flashpoint in the nation's immigration battles." The paper's use of the term prompted "protests" and a "message painted in red on the wall" of their office. However, the company is sticking by its choice of language, arguing that it is accurate.

#### **DESPITE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES, FED EXPECTED TO PUSH AHEAD WITH RATE HIKE LATER**

**THIS YEAR.** The Wall Street Journal (1/20, Hilsenrath, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) reports that Fed officials remain on track to being raising short-term interest rates later this year, despite growing concerns about low inflation, weak international growth and a drop in long-term rate. The Journal predicts that at the late January policy meeting, the Fed is likely to indicate that it won't raise rates for at least two more meetings, so increasing them in June at the earliest.

**Home Builders Optimistic About New Year.** The Wall Street Journal (1/20, Hudson, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) reports that while sales of new and existing homes was tepid in 2014, there remains a sense of optimism among home builders at the National Association of Home Builders' International Builders show in Las Vegas. For example, NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun predicts that new home sales will rise by 41% this year.

**California's Manufacturing Growth Not Keeping Up With Rest Of Nation.** The Los Angeles Times (1/20, Kirkham, 3.49M) reports that the US "has seen a remarkable turnaround in manufacturing employment" in recent years, but California has not. The state "has been among the slowest to recover jobs in an industry long viewed as a bastion of middle-class opportunity." Since February 2010, US manufacturing employment "has increased at a rate of 6.7%," while California manufacturing "has grown at about 1% over the same period."

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. "Nativist Lawsuit On The Texas Border."** In an editorial, the New York Times (1/20, Subscription Publication, 9.97M) says a lawsuit brought by two dozen states to block President Obama's executive actions on immigration is "a meritless screed wrapped in flimsy legal cloth and deposited on the doorstep of a federal district judge" in Texas. The Times cautions that the judge in the case, Andrew Hanen, "may well look kindly on the suit," but even if he "buys the plaintiffs' bogus line, the government still seems likely to win on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit or the Supreme Court. ... So things will likely be O.K., but they may get bumpy in the meantime."

**"A Perilous Year For Abortion Rights."** The New York Times (1/20, Subscription Publication, 9.97M) editorializes that later this week, the House is expected to vote on "the deceptively named Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" that would "prohibit almost all abortions 20 weeks after fertilization." While it remains to be seen whether the Senate Majority Leader McConnell "will be able to muster the 60 votes needed to pass the bill in his chamber," he has "vowed to try, notwithstanding President Obama's past veto threat." The Times says that while Republicans "scoff at accusations that they are waging a war against women," this "should not obscure a basic fact: The ability of women to control their reproductive lives is essential for their health, careers and equality."

**"A Legal Victory For Monetary Policy In Europe."** In an editorial, the New York Times (1/20, Subscription Publication, 9.97M) welcomes the decision to allow the ECB to buy government bonds to stimulate lending, and argues that now is the time for the bank to begin purchases.

**WASHINGTON POST. "Hacking Away At The IRS."** In an editorial, the Washington Post (1/20, 5.17M) says that the IRS, because of GOP-driven budget cuts, may have to cut services this year. The Post says that "no matter how therapeutic it may feel to hack away at the IRS, it is deeply irrational." The Post says that Congress "should restore IRS funding in the short term, then simplify the tax code in the long term so that it doesn't take a CPA to navigate the internal revenue system."

**"Don't Scale Back US Visa Waivers."** An editorial in the Washington Post (1/20, 5.17M) urges Congress not to "suspend or end the visa waiver program that allows nationals of 38 countries to travel to the United States without a temporary visitor's visa." Noting "the fear that visa waivers might allow the wrong one or two people into the country," the Post argues that the program "isn't about letting America's guard down," adding that "the nation's no-fly list system is a much more important line of defense," and leaders "should worry more about keeping it up to date and refrain from scaling back the visa waiver program."

**"Progress On Police Shootings."** The Washington Post (1/20, 5.17M) editorializes that Fairfax County, VA officials may soon "drop their stonewalling response to the death of John Geer, who was shot by a county police officer in 2013 as he stood unarmed in the doorway of his home," and the county police and county attorney's office "may produce the documents they've been ordered by a judge to turn over in a civil suit brought by Mr. Geer's family." According to the Post, after "nearly 17 months of foot-dragging and unwarranted obstructions mounted by the county, it's high time." The Post notes that after "a dispute between state prosecutors and county officials over the release of information, the Geer case was transferred to the Justice Department, where the civil rights division is investigating," but "county police have refused to budge from a policy of withholding information until a decision on whether to bring charges against" the officer involved in the shooting is made.

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "Obama, Congress And Iran."** A Wall Street Journal (1/20, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) editorial argues in favor of an Iran sanctions bill, arguing that it would send signal to Iran that

it cannot indefinitely drag out the talks without facing consequences.

**"Eric Holder's Good Deed."** The Wall Street Journal (1/20, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) editorializes in favor of the recent decision by Attorney General Eric Holder to partially suspend the practice of civil forfeiture, through which state and local officials seize property related to criminal activity and share the proceeds with the Federal government. The Journal urges Congress to permanently reform the process so that future attorneys general cannot re-institute it.

**"A Troubling Death In Argentina."** An editorial in the Wall Street Journal (1/20, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) said that in the wake of Argentine special Prosecutor Alberto Nisman's death, his investigation into the 1994 bombing of a Jewish center requires a leader who will not join the regime of President Cristina Fernandez in letting those responsible for the bombing avoid responsibility.

**"London Kowtow On Hong Kong."** An editorial in the Wall Street Journal (1/20, Subscription Publication, 5.67M) criticizes comments by British Foreign Office chief Hugo Swire, who said last week that Hong Kong is "on a journey to greater democracy and accountability," as well as what it describes as Britain's silence on the issue of freedom in Hong Kong.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

Fed On Track To Raise Rates Later In Year  
Obama Tax Plan Hits Bumps  
Regulatory Crackdown Hits China Shares

#### ***New York Times:***

US Signals Shift On How To End Syrian Civil War  
US Research Lab Lets Livestock Suffer In Quest For Profit  
On To Plan B As Oil Work Stalls In Texas  
Puzzling Death Of A Prosecutor Grips Argentina  
Ready To Move Past Hardship, Obama Resets Goals  
Sorority Anti-Rape Idea: Drinking On Own Turf  
Martin Luther King's Birthday Marked By Protests Over Deaths Of Black Men

#### ***Washington Post:***

EU Aims To End Exploitation Of Security Gaps  
Jeb Bush's Role At Fla Firm Grew Despite Signs Of Trouble  
Defiant Obama To Go On Offense In State Of The Union Address  
Clinton Aims To Avoid Repeating The Mistakes Of Her 2008 Campaign  
With Scherzer In Fold, What Happens To Zimmermann?  
Truck-Stop Medicine: Doctor Tries Unusual Effort To Keep Practice Afloat

#### ***Financial Times:***

Swiss Franc Fallout Takes More Casualties  
Argentine State Prosecutor Found Dead

#### ***Washington Times:***

Obama To Tee Up Culture, Class Clash  
Pope Plans A Historic Address To Congress On US Trip  
Scherzer Signing Makes Nats A World Series Favorite  
Senate Race Could Be Between Two Democrats

#### ***Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:***

ABC: Severe Weather-Travel; Weather Forecast; JFK Airport-Near Collision; Gas Prices; State Of The Union-Obama Approval Ratings; Global Income Inequality; Yemen-Palace Attacks; New England Patriots-Super Bowl; Kentucky Teenage Fugitives Captured; Pope Francis-Philippines Speech; Childhood Obesity-Pizza Consumption.  
CBS: Severe Weather-Travel; US Intelligence-North Korea Spyware; Biden Neighborhood Shooting; State Of

The Union Address; First Family-MLK Memorial; Belgium Terror Plot-Suspect Search; JFK Airport-Near Collision; Air Asia Crash-Investigation; Health-Sitting Risks; New England Patriots-Super Bowl. NBC: Europe Terror Attacks-Muslim Protests; US Intelligence-North Korea Spyware; State Of The Union Address; Pope Francis-US Itinerary; Severe Weather-Travel; New England Patriots-Super Bowl; Measles Outbreak; Global Income Inequality; Childhood Obesity-Pizza Consumption.

#### **Network TV At A Glance:**

Severe Weather-Travel – 5 minutes, 45 seconds  
 State Of The Union Address – 5 minutes, 15 seconds  
 New England Patriots-Super Bowl – 7 minutes, 05 seconds

#### **Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

ABC: Martin Luther King-Memorials; State Of The Union Address; KKK Flyers Found-Pittsburgh; Newark Passenger-Ebola Symptoms; Maryland-Large House Fire; JFK Airport-Near Collision; New England Patriots-Investigation.

CBS: State Of The Union Address-Tax Increases; Montana-Oil Pipeline Leak, Maryland-Large Home Fire; Colorado Movie Massacre Trial-Juror Selection; Air Asia Crash-Investigation.

NPR: State Of The Union Address-Tax Increases; Martin Luther King-Memorial Events; Montana-Oil Pipeline Leak; Cincinnati-Overpass Collapse; Boko Haram-Niger Meeting; Amazon Studios-Amazon Original Movies; New England Patriots-NFL Investigation.

FOX: Martin Luther King-Memorials; State Of The Union Address-Tax Increases; Colorado Movie Massacre Trial-Juror Selection; New England Patriots-Investigation.

### **Washington Schedule:**

#### **TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

White House:

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Delivers his report to Congress on the state of the union to a Joint Session of Congress.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Attends the state of the union address.

**FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA** — Attends the state of the union address.

**US Senate: 9 p.m. STATE OF THE UNION** — President Obama will deliver his report to Congress on the state of the union to a Joint Session of Congress.

10 a.m. — The Senate will convene and begin a period of morning business. Thereafter, resume consideration of S.1, the Keystone XL Pipeline Act.

10 a.m. **BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS** — Hearing on Perspectives on the Strategic Necessity of Iran Sanctions. Witnesses: The Honorable Antony J. Blinken, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of State; and The Honorable David S. Cohen, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, U.S. Department of the Treasury. The witnesses on Panel II will be: Mr. Mark Dubowitz, Director, Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies; and Dr. Patrick Clawson, Director of Research, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy. [http://www.banking.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.Hearing&Hearing\\_ID=3517e438-a846-4229-941c-4d2f05d3568b](http://www.banking.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.Hearing&Hearing_ID=3517e438-a846-4229-941c-4d2f05d3568b) Location: 538 Dirksen.

2:30 p.m. **COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION** — Organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 114th Congress. <http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/> Location: 253 Russell.

2:30 p.m. **INTELLIGENCE** — Closed Briefing on Intelligence Matters. <http://www.intelligence.senate.gov/hearings.cfm?hearingId=4979482fba8f2b2a53b70bd6fb198d49> Location: 219 Hart.

**US House: 11:15 a.m. DELAURO – TRADE – PRESS CALL** — Four members of Congress Representatives Rosa DeLauro, Bobby Scott, Ruben Gallego and Brendan Boyle will be holding a press conference call to discuss what they expect to hear from President Obama in that night's State of the Union address. Speakers: Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT); Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA); Congressman Ruben Gallego (D-AZ); Congressman Brendan Boyle (D-PA); Roger Johnson, President, National Farmers Union. DIAL IN: 1-877-366-0711. Passcode: 28065154

9 p.m. STATE OF THE UNION — President Obama will deliver his report to Congress on the state of the union to a Joint Session of Congress.

12 p.m. — The House will meet for Morning Hour debate and at 2:00 p.m. for legislative business. No votes are expected in the House. At approximately 5:30 p.m., the House will recess to allow for a security sweep of the House Chamber prior to the President's State of the Union address. The House will meet again at approximately 8:35 p.m. in a joint session with the Senate for the purposes of receiving an address from the President of the United States.

2 p.m. RULES — Full Committee. On H.R. 36 – Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, and H.R. 161 – Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act. Location: H-313 Capitol.  
Other: SENATOR HATCH – FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA — 9 a.m. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) will unveil his committees 2015 agenda in a speech at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Location: U.S. Chamber of Commerce Headquarters, 1615 H St. NW.

PURPLE HEART CEREMONY — 10 a.m. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno and Sergeant Major of the Army Raymond Chandler participate in the Purple Heart ceremony in honor of Maj. Jesse Baltazar. Location: Joint Base Henderson Hall, Comney Hall, Arlington, VA.

AEI – U.S. MILITARY – THORNBERRY — 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. A congressional roadmap for rebuilding our nations military: A conversation with House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry. The chairman will sit down with former Senator Jim Talent (R-MO) (AEI) to discuss the proper role of Congress in national security policymaking, the need for a strong US military, and the importance of a reformed defense process that quickly and agilely meets the needs of Americas troops. <http://www.aei.org/events/congressional-roadmap-rebuilding-nations-military-conversation-house-armed-services-committee-chairman-mac-thornberry/>  
Location: AEI, Twelfth Floor, 1150 Seventeenth Street, NW.

## **Last Laughs:**

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Jimmy Fallon:** "The other big story is tomorrow's State of the Union address. I read that during President Obama's speech, one cabinet member will be asked to stay behind to run the government, in case there's a crisis at the Capitol. At least that's what they're telling Biden."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "The Republican National Committee released its first presidential debate schedule, which includes at least nine debates in different states across the country. As opposed to the Democratic debates, which will just be Hillary staring at her opponents until they burst into flames."

**Seth Meyers:** "This weekend an unknown vehicle fired shots at Vice President Joe Biden's house in Delaware. The vehicle sped off before Biden could even load his finger guns and shoot back."

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**Re: Broken Trust - Choc-Chic Documentary**

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Adding Nedra.

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Good afternoon,

Per our hallway discussion, "Broken Trust", the documentary on the Choctaw-Chickasaw claims, is scheduled to be broadcast on NBC channel 4 in DC on Sunday, January 25, at 11:30am (preempting part of Meet the Press).  
<http://www.brokentrust.com/>

I have attached a few documents downloaded from the website.

Regards,

Nicky

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Thanks for the heads up - will watch.

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Sun, Jan 25, 2015 at 11:33 PM

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Not sure if you folks caught the special earlier today but I watched and it was really moving. Thank you for the early heads up - I think it was an important and interesting segment. Only wish we could have gotten the Secretary into it, and Kevin Washburn! I don't believe either were asked.

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**Hilary Tompkins** <hilary.tompkins@sol.doi.gov>

Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 7:44 AM

To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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There also was an ad in the wash post on Sunday. Full campaign in action.

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FYI we are mtg w secretary on the lawsuit this morning.

On Jan 25, 2015, at 11:33 PM, "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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## Request for Tom Cole to join Sally on Feb. 6 trip to school in OK?

Iacobucci, Francis <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 6:39 AM

To: "Sarri, Kristen (Kris)" <kristen\_sarri@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

+ Jessica

Part of the message/announcement is specific to a select few schools on broadband issues, so it's unlikely we'll be moving to another district in OK.

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 5:56 PM, Sarri, Kristen (Kris) <kristen\_sarri@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
any thing we could do to move to Cole's district or the Chickasaw Nation?

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 5:44 PM, Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
+ Booch.

Kris and I talked today, and I will reach out to Cole's office to issue the invitation, and also to the Senators. Since this is in Rep. Mullin's district, we'll have to invite him, too. I'll let you know what I hear back.  
Jeremy

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On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 7:51 AM, Kristen (Kris) Sarri <kristen\_sarri@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
Folks, I think this is a good idea and to also invite the Senators as well if possible, or at least Inhofe so we can work on the transpo angle too.

On Jan 23, 2015, at 5:48 PM, Yu, Donald <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov> wrote.

Jeremy, sounds good!

On Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 5:46 PM, Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
Don, please let Kris and OCL coordinate, and one of our offices will reach out to Rep. Cole's office about a potential trip, and we'll circle back. Thanks.  
Jeremy

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From: **Milakofsky, Benjamin** <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 4:54 PM

Subject: Fwd: Request for Tom Cole to join Sally on Feb. 6 trip to school in OK?

To: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

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## RELEASE: McCollum Responds to Administration Request for BIE School Construction Funding

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Jan 29, 2015 at 5:27 PM

To: "McCullough, Sam" <Sam.McCullough@mail.house.gov>

Thank you! Here are the outlets that were on the call in case you wanted to target send - I assume you know the main stream reporters:

AP - Kim Hefling

Indianz.com

Indian Country Today - Tanya Lee

Minneapolis Star Tribune - Jill Burkham

Navajo Times

Minnpost

CBS News (don't worry about this one, their package is set to air on Sunday)

Chickasaw Times

Native News One

Smoke Signals

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## Fwd: Interior Department Announces Draft Strategy for Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing: TEST

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Matulka, Rebecca &lt;rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 11:31 AM

To: Katherine Kelly &lt;kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Jessica Kershaw &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Emily Beyer &lt;emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Here's the test. Does this go to the same lists as the media advisory?

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Date: Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 11:23 AM

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**News Release**

Date: January 27, 2015

Contact: Jessica Kershaw, Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov

Connie Gillette (BOEM), 202-208-5387

### **Interior Department Announces Draft Strategy for Offshore Oil and Gas Leasing**

*Regionally-tailored plan continues balanced approach to leasing, development; Draft proposal would protect sensitive resources, makes available nearly 80% of estimated undiscovered technically recoverable oil and gas resources on U.S. Outer Continental Shelf*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – As part of President Obama's all-of-the-above energy strategy to continue to expand safe and responsible domestic energy production, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Director Abigail Ross Hopper today announced the next step in the development of the nation's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022.

The Draft Proposed Program (DPP) includes 14 potential lease sales in eight planning areas – 10 sales in the Gulf of Mexico, three off the coast of Alaska, and one in a portion of the Mid- and South Atlantic.

"The safe and responsible development of our nation's domestic energy resources is a key part of the President's efforts to support American jobs and reduce our dependence on foreign oil," said Secretary Jewell. "This is a balanced proposal that would make available nearly 80 percent of the undiscovered technically recoverable resources, while protecting

areas that are simply too special to develop.”

Release of the draft is an early step in a multi-year process to develop a final offshore leasing program for 2017-2022. Before the program is finalized, the public will continue to have multiple opportunities to provide input. Today’s draft proposal was informed by more than 500,000 comments from a wide variety of stakeholders and states.

“The draft proposal prioritizes development in the Gulf of Mexico, which is rich in resources and has well-established infrastructure to support offshore oil and gas programs,” added Jewell. “We continue to consider oil and gas exploration in the Arctic and propose for further consideration a new area in the Atlantic Ocean, and we are committed to gathering the necessary science and information to develop resources the right way and in the right places. We look forward to continuing to hear from the public as we work to finalize the proposal.”

The OCS Lands Act requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a five-year program that includes a schedule of potential oil and gas lease sales and indicates the size, timing and location of proposed leasing activity as determined to best meet national energy needs, while addressing a range of economic, environmental and social considerations

BOEM currently manages about 6,000 active OCS leases, covering more than 32 million acres – the vast majority in the Gulf of Mexico. In 2013, OCS oil and gas leases accounted for about 18 percent of domestic oil production and 5 percent of domestic natural gas production. This production generates billions of dollars in revenue for state and local governments and the U.S. taxpayer, while supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs.

### **A REGIONALLY TAILORED APPROACH**

The draft proposal reflects a continuation of the regionally tailored leasing strategies employed in the current 2012-2017 Program that are specific to each planning area. The options in the draft proposal involve sales in offshore areas that have the highest oil and gas resource potential, highest industry interest, or are off the coasts of states that expressed a strong interest in potential energy exploration, while still considering potential environmental impacts, stakeholder concerns, and competing uses of ocean and coastal areas.

#### **Gulf of Mexico:**

The draft proposal includes ten sales in the Gulf of Mexico, one of the most productive basins in the world and where oil and gas infrastructure is well established. The draft proposal includes a new approach to lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico by proposing two annual lease sales in the Western, Central, and the portion of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico that is not subject to Congressional moratoria. This shifts from the traditional approach of one sale in the Western and a separate sale in the Central Gulf each year.

“This new approach will allow for BOEM to more effectively balance the sales while providing greater flexibility to industry to invest in the Gulf, particularly given the significant energy reforms recently adopted by the Mexican government,” said BOEM Director Hopper.

#### **Alaska:**

In Alaska, the draft proposal continues to take a careful approach by utilizing the targeted leasing strategy set forth in the current program, which recognizes the substantial environmental, social and ecological concerns in the Arctic. The draft proposal proposes one sale each in the Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea, and Cook Inlet areas.

Also today, President Obama – using his authorities under the OCS Lands Act – designated portions of the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas as off limits from consideration for future oil and gas leasing in order to protect areas of critical importance to subsistence use by Alaska Natives, as well as for their unique and sensitive environmental resources. In December, President Obama used this same authority to place the waters of Bristol Bay off limits to oil and gas development, protecting an area known for its world-class fisheries and stunning beauty.

“We know the Arctic is an incredibly unique environment, so we’re continuing to take a balanced and careful approach to development,” said Jewell. “At the same time, the President is taking thoughtful action to protect areas that are critical to the needs of Alaska Natives and wildlife.”

Four of the five areas withdrawn today by President Obama were previously excluded from leasing in the current 2012-2017 oil and gas program; three of the five were also excluded by the prior administration. Those areas include the Barrow and Kaktovik whaling areas in the Beaufort Sea, and a 25-mile coastal buffer and subsistence areas in the Chukchi Sea. The withdrawal also includes the biologically rich Hanna Shoal area in the Chukchi Sea, which has not previously been excluded from leasing. Extensive scientific research has found this area to be of critical importance to

many marine species, including Pacific walruses and bearded seals.

The proposed Alaska sales would be scheduled late in the program to provide additional opportunity to gather and evaluate information regarding environmental issues, subsistence use needs, infrastructure capabilities, and results from any exploration activity associated with existing leases from previous sales.

#### **Atlantic:**

The draft proposal invites public comment on one potential lease sale late in the program for a portion of the Mid- and South Atlantic OCS, which includes areas offshore Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia.

"At this early stage in considering a lease sale in the Atlantic, we are looking to build up our understanding of resource potential, as well as risks to the environment and other uses," said Jewell.

The potential lease sale would require a 50-mile coastal buffer to minimize multiple use conflicts, such as those from Department of Defense and NASA activities, renewable energy activities, commercial and recreational fishing, critical habitat needs for wildlife and other environmental concerns.

The July 2014 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Atlantic Geological and Geophysical activities furthered the Atlantic area strategy by establishing a path forward to update information on the region's offshore oil and gas resources, which is more than 30 years old. Today's proposal is in line with comments received from adjacent states and reflects the Administration's thoughtful approach to potential lease sales in new areas, pending further public review and comment.

#### **Pacific:**

Areas off the Pacific coast are not included in this draft proposal, consistent with the long-standing position of the Pacific coast states opposed to oil and gas development off their coast.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

"Public input is a critical part of our process and we encourage citizens and groups to provide comments to help guide our decisions," said Hopper. "We anticipate robust dialogue with stakeholders in the coming months that will help us prepare a program that emphasizes protection of the marine environment and coastal economies and uses the best available science and technology to inform our decision-making."

In conjunction with the announcement of the DPP, the Department is also publishing a Notice of Intent to Develop a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Following significant public comment and environmental review, the Department will prepare a Draft EIS and Proposed Program, and a Final EIS with the Proposed Final Program (PFP).

The Request for Information, published on June 16, 2014, began a process of broad consideration of all 26 areas of the OCS that are available for leasing and gradually narrows as a result of many stages of public comment and environmental analysis. This DPP is the first such narrowing. Prior to any individual lease sale in the future, BOEM will continue to incorporate new scientific information and stakeholder feedback in its environmental reviews to further refine the geographic scope of the lease areas.

The Draft Proposed Program and the Notice of Intent to Develop a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available for public comment for 60 days following the publication of the documents in the Federal Register.

For more information, including maps, please visit: <http://www.boem.gov/Five-Year-Program/>

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**FOIA # OS-2015-00157**

On January 26, 2015, Michael Ravnitzky filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. A copy of the requester's letters are attached below for your reference.

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**Thanks,  
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Thu, Feb 12, 2015 at 11:03 AM

To: Kershaw Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Jeffrey Hunter <jeffrey\_hunter@ios.doi.gov>

Hey Jessica and Jeff,

Friendly reminder that responses are due tomorrow for this FOIA.

Thanks,

Emily

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**Androff, Blake** <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov> Mon, Feb 2, 2015 at 9:44 AM  
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FYI – letter requesting deposition from SJ on Chickasaw / Choctaw. Passing this along for your records - or in case someone was looking for this or knows more about it than I do.

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deposition of the Secretary in this litigation.

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#### President Obama Wants \$1 Billion for Indian Education

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#### Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program

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## AP: Administration to seek \$1 billion for tribal schools, target building repair and construction

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## Indian Country Today: President Obama Wants \$1 Billion for Indian Education

Tanya H. Lee  
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President Barack Obama's 2016 budget request includes copy billion to transform American Indian education, a copy38 million increase from the current funding level.

The transformation would change the Bureau of Indian Education into "an organization that serves as a capacity builder and service provider to support tribes in educating their youth and deliver a world-class and culturally appropriate education across Indian Country."

The copy38 million increase would include \$58.7 million for school repairs and replacement; an initial \$34.2 million to deliver broadband access to all BIE schools; an additional \$20 million for operations and maintenance at Indian school facilities; \$75 million (an increase of copy2.9 million) to fully fund tribal costs for running their own education programs; an additional copy0 million "to incentivize creative solutions to school transformation"; and \$2.6 million to improve school administration.

The increased American Indian/Alaska Native education funding request is part of the launch of the president's Generation Indigenous initiative intended to reduce barriers to success for Native American youth. The Gen I initiative also includes a small increase for scholarships and adult education, \$3 million to support 60 new tribal youth projects in natural resources, a copy5 million increase for the Tiwahe Initiative and \$4 million to establish a One-Stop Tribal Support Center. Funding for Native Youth Community Projects would increase by a whopping \$50 million (up from \$3 million) to improve college and career readiness among Native youth.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell; Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, Chickasaw; Education Secretary Arne Duncan; and Jodi Gillette, special assistant to the president for Native American affairs, held a teleconference on January 29 to begin to create public support for the education initiatives.

Jewell noted that the president's recommendations would provide the highest level of funding for AI/AN education since the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Duncan said, "The lack of opportunity [for Native American youth] is simply unacceptable... At every level, early childhood, K to 12, higher education, we have a lot of hard work ahead of us... Tribes need to play a meaningful leadership role in the education of their students. We know that tribes are best able to know their own students' needs and best able to build upon their strengths."

Asked what chance the AI/AN education proposals had to make it through the Congressional appropriations process, Jewell said, "There is strong bipartisan support for addressing the issues that we talked about and identified here today... There is no question that we are not serving Indian children well and I think there is a sense of appreciation that we are tackling these things head-on and we're not just kicking the can down the road as has been done by both Democratic and Republican administrations for many years. I am quite optimistic that we will get support for this budget."

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, Chickasaw, a Republican representing Oklahoma's 4th District, said in a statement: "Throughout President Obama's tenure, Native American issues have proven to be a source of bipartisan cooperation, particularly on the House Appropriations Committee... In the days ahead, as my colleagues in the House and Senate seek to find common ground with the Administration, I remain hopeful that we can make significant progress in Indian country during this session of Congress." Cole serves as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies and on the House Budget Committee.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum, D-Minnesota, said in a statement: "The Bureau of Indian Education has long been underfunded and meeting our trust and treaty responsibility for educating Native American children will not happen overnight... President Obama and Secretary Jewell have taken a significant action to set us on a path towards ensuring that all children in Indian Country have access to a safe place to learn." McCollum is the ranking Democratic member on the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee and the Democratic co-chair of the Native American Caucus.

In response to a question from ICTMN about whether other AI/AN programs would be cut in order to fund the education initiative, Washburn responded, "We have not made significant compromises" in developing the budget.

Jewell said the president's commitment to the American Indian community, based in part on his June visit to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota and December's White House Tribal Nations Conference, was instrumental in developing the FY16 budget requests for AI/AN education. She noted that the administration would launch a Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour next week to hear directly from AI/AN kids.

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**Further Reading:** "Findings and Recommendations Prepared by the Bureau of Indian Education Study Group Submitted to the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Education," June 27, 2014

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## Cronkite News: Feds fund Navajo schools 11 years after replacement was deemed a priority

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## Cronkite News: Feds fund Navajo schools 11 years after replacement was deemed a priority

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Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015

By Miranda Leo

Cronkite News



The kitchen building at Little Singer Community School in the Navajo Nation is plagued with mold and possible asbestos problems. It was first targeted for replacement more than 10 years ago.

WASHINGTON – Eleven years after it identified two deteriorating Navajo schools as priorities for replacement, the federal government could finally be ready to fully fund those projects. Next year.

Cove Day and Little Singer Community schools are the last two of 14 Indian schools across the country that were identified in 2004 as being in highest need of replacement. The fiscal 2016 budget proposal released this week includes \$45 million for school replacement construction in the Interior Department budget, said Secretary Sally Jewell, who conceded the allocation is long overdue.

"It's hard not to feel sad and angry when I look at the conditions of the facilities," Jewell said in a conference call last week announcing the funding.

Cove Day School was built more than 50 years ago and has asbestos in its insulation, according to an official with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Little Singer Community School, built more than 30 years ago, suffered water damage because of missing roof tiles that led to mold in the building, which in turn led to the

possible exposure of asbestos underneath the flooring of its kitchen building.

Ahniwake Rose, executive director of National Indian Education Association, said that tribal nations and their school systems are largely dependent on federal funding because of limitations on the way tribal governments can levy taxes.

"This system is flawed and needs to be fixed," Rose said. "No school should have to wait a decade for repairs."

She said the already-slow process of funding school construction was further sidetracked by the automatic cuts to the federal budget known as sequestration in 2013, which also stopped a new list from being made that year.

Quinton Roman Nose, executive director of the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly, said that he has dealt with the same gridlock in his work as president of a school board.

"By no means should it take as long as it takes," he said. "I don't like to think about it."

"Some of these situations with bureau schools could have been alleviated if they had processed the building in a timely manner with the amount of funding that was available," Roman Nose said.

While they wait, students have to continue trying to learn in those decaying buildings, some of which only meet the bare minimum to function, said Walter Phelps, a Navajo Nation Council delegate.

"If environmental health were to take a very close look, they might shut down some classrooms," he said.

Phelps said Cove Day and Little Singer Community schools are hardly the only Navajo schools in need. Like Rose, he emphasized the need for a new list.

Jewell agreed, and praised staffers in those schools who have had to work hard to make ends meet. She specifically cited a Hopi school, Moencopi Day School, where half the students are in portable classrooms that are more than 30 years old. Despite those shortcomings, the school is making strides due to the "dedicated principal, staff and students" there, Jewell said.

The White House plan still needs to be approved by Congress, but Jewell said she is confident that the funding for Indian education will be in any final budget.

"There's strong bipartisan support," she said. "There's no debate that we are not serving Indian children well."

On Monday, February 2, 2015, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote.

## **Indian Country Today: President Obama Wants \$1 Billion for Indian Education**

Tanya H. Lee  
2/2/15

President Barack Obama's 2016 budget request includes copy billion to transform American Indian education, a copy38 million increase from the current funding level.

The transformation would change the Bureau of Indian Education into "an organization that serves as a capacity builder and service provider to support tribes in educating their youth and deliver a world-class and culturally appropriate education across Indian Country."

The copy38 million increase would include \$58.7 million for school repairs and replacement; an initial \$34.2 million to deliver broadband access to all BIE schools; an additional \$20 million for operations and maintenance at Indian school facilities; \$75 million (an increase of copy2.9 million) to fully fund tribal costs for running their own

education programs; an additional copy0 million "to incentivize creative solutions to school transformation"; and \$2.6 million to improve school administration.

The increased American Indian/Alaska Native education funding request is part of the launch of the president's Generation Indigenou initiative intended to reduce barriers to success for Native American youth. The Gen I initiative also includes a small increase for scholarships and adult education, \$3 million to support 60 new tribal youth projects in natural resources, a copy5 million increase for the Tiwahe Initiative and \$4 million to establish a One-Stop Tribal Support Center. Funding for Native Youth Community Projects would increase by a whopping \$50 million (up from \$3 million) to improve college and career readiness among Native youth.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell; Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, Chickasaw; Education Secretary Arne Duncan; and Jodi Gillette, special assistant to the president for Native American affairs, held a teleconference on January 29 to begin to create public support for the education initiatives.

Jewell noted that the president's recommendations would provide the highest level of funding for AI/AN education since the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Duncan said, "The lack of opportunity [for Native American youth] is simply unacceptable... At every level, early childhood, K to 12, higher education, we have a lot of hard work ahead of us... Tribes need to play a meaningful leadership role in the education of their students. We know that tribes are best able to know their own students' needs and best able to build upon their strengths."

Asked what chance the AI/AN education proposals had to make it through the Congressional appropriations process, Jewell said, "There is strong bipartisan support for addressing the issues that we talked about and identified here today... There is no question that we are not serving Indian children well and I think there is a sense of appreciation that we are tackling these things head-on and we're not just kicking the can down the road as has been done by both Democratic and Republican administrations for many years. I am quite optimistic that we will get support for this budget."

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, Chickasaw, a Republican representing Oklahoma's 4th District, said in a statement: "Throughout President Obama's tenure, Native American issues have proven to be a source of bipartisan cooperation, particularly on the House Appropriations Committee... In the days ahead, as my colleagues in the House and Senate seek to find common ground with the Administration, I remain hopeful that we can make significant progress in Indian country during this session of Congress." Cole serves as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies and on the House Budget Committee.

Congresswoman Betty McCollum, D-Minnesota, said in a statement: "The Bureau of Indian Education has long been underfunded and meeting our trust and treaty responsibility for educating Native American children will not happen overnight... President Obama and Secretary Jewell have taken a significant action to set us on a path towards ensuring that all children in Indian Country have access to a safe place to learn." McCollum is the ranking Democratic member on the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee and the Democratic co-chair of the Native American Caucus.

In response to a question from ICTMN about whether other AI/AN programs would be cut in order to fund the education initiative, Washburn responded, "We have not made significant compromises" in developing the budget.

Jewell said the president's commitment to the American Indian community, based in part on his June visit to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota and December's

White House Tribal Nations Conference, was instrumental in developing the FY16 budget requests for AI/AN education. She noted that the administration would launch a Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour next week to hear directly from AI/AN kids.

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Further Reading: "Findings and Recommendations Prepared by the Bureau of Indian Education Study Group Submitted to the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Education," June 27, 2014

Read more at <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2015/02/02/president-obama-wants-1-billion-indian-education-158971>

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Updated with Rep Cole statement:

By KIMBERLY HEFLING, AP Education Writer

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The schools have a tainted legacy dating to the 19th century when Native American children were shipped to boarding schools. The federal government continues to have a treaty and trust responsibility to run them, but they've historically struggled with issues such as financial mismanagement, bureaucracy, poverty and attracting high-quality teachers.

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Mold, mice and leaky roofs are among the problems. More than 60 of the schools are listed in poor condition, and less than one-third have the Internet and the computer capability to administer new student assessments rolling out in much of the country.

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Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., a member of the House Appropriations Committee and a Native American, said in a statement that he appreciates the effort to put more money into tribal education.



"In the days ahead, as my colleagues in the House and Senate seek to find common ground with the administration, I remain hopeful that we can make significant progress in Indian country during this session of Congress," he said.

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Hi folks - attached and below is the final media advisory that DOI will issue at 10am this morning.  
Thanks for your edits and comments last night.

-Jessica

## White House and Interior, Education Officials to Preview President's Proposed FY2016 Budget Initiatives for Native Youth, Indian Education

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – TODAY, Thursday, January 29, 2015, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan and Interior Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn will join Jodi Gillette, President Obama's Special Assistant for Native American Affairs, in a 3:30 p.m. EST teleconference to preview the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2016 budget initiatives for Native Youth and Indian Education.

Today's preview discussion will focus on the Departments of the Interior and Education fiscal year 2016 budget portion of an integrative, comprehensive, and culturally appropriate approach across the federal government to help improve lives and opportunities for Native American youth.

**WHO:** Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior

Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education

Jodi Gillette, Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs

Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

**WHAT:** News media teleconference on President's FY 2016 Budget for Native Youth

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 29, 2015 3:30 p.m. EST

**MEDIA:** All credentialed news organizations are invited to participate in the news media teleconference by dialing 1-888-790-3248 and providing the access code INTERIOR. News media will have an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

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Thu, Feb 5, 2015 at 11:06 PM

Thanks. I've been working with Miranda. Good story. Good coverage so far.

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I was giving you a heads up. Yes it is good.

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## Fwd: HuffPo Interview Audio on Indian Ed

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**FACT SHEET: The White House Tribal Nations Conference**

On Wednesday, the White House will host the White House Tribal Nations Conference. Leaders from the 566 federally-recognized Native nations engaged with the President, Cabinet Officials, and the White House Council on Native American Affairs on key issues facing tribes including, respecting tribal sovereignty and upholding treaty and trust responsibilities, lack of access to capital and credit, and protecting Native women and youth.

This year's Conference builds on the President's visit in June of this year to the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, where he reaffirmed his commitment to education and economic development. Nearly half of Native American people (42 percent) are under the age of 24; more than one-third of Native children live in poverty; and Native youth have the lowest high school graduation rate of students across all schools. As part of the Conference, the White House will release a new Native Youth Report that explores the challenges facing Native youth and makes recommendations for a path forward. For the first time in these Conferences, the voice of Native youth will be represented by 36 White House Youth Ambassadors, who will join tribal leaders in the breakout sessions and panels, and participating in leadership development programming.

President Obama will also announce the launch of **Generation Indigenous (Gen I)**, a Native youth initiative focused on removing the barriers that stand between Native youth

and their opportunity to succeed. This initiative will take a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve the lives and opportunities for Native youth and will include:

- **New Native Youth Community Projects**, administered by the Department of Education (ED) through the existing Demonstration Grants Program to provide funding in a select number of Native communities to support culturally relevant coordinated strategies designed to improve the college-and-career readiness of Native children and youth.
- **New National Tribal Youth Network** program in partnership with the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth. The Youth Network will support leadership development, provide peer support through an interactive online portal that links resources and tools, and empowers youth to become leaders within their communities. The White House, in cooperation with the Aspen Institute, will also host a high-level convening on challenges facing Native youth in February 2015.
- The release of the **White House Native Youth Report** that acknowledges past failures of federal policy on the education of Native students, explores the breadth of the challenges facing Native children, and makes recommendations for a path forward.
- The launch of the **Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour**, which will begin next year as part of the President's call to hear directly from Native youth on how to bolster federal policies to improve youth outcomes. In addition, the Administration will expand federal outreach on youth internships and employment opportunities across the federal agencies.
- The first ever **White House Tribal Youth Gathering** to engage hundreds of Native youth in a day-long convening in the summer of 2015. This gathering builds on the November 2014 Native Youth Conference hosted by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the tribal youth visit with President Obama.

In addition to these efforts, the Department of the Interior (DOI) is making progress to transform the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). Since Secretary Jewell's Secretarial Order



(<http://www.doi.gov/news/upload/BIEsecOrder.pdf>) directing Indian Affairs to restructure the BIE to serve as a support network to schools rather than a direct education provider, DOI, along with ED has made steady progress towards implementing the Administration's vision of high-achieving tribally-controlled schools.

Below are additional announcements and commitments that support tribal nations:

### ***SUPPORTING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS***

**Promoting Educational Self-Determination for Tribal Nations through Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancements.** In October 2014, DOI took a critical step towards furthering tribal control over BIE-funded schools when it issued \$1.2M to six tribes to research, assess and develop implementation plans to establish tribally managed school systems.

**Building tribal capacity through State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) grants.** The STEP grant program is designed to strengthen Tribal Education Agencies (TEAs), and improve partnerships between tribes, states, and school districts so they can work together more effectively to meet the academic, cultural, and social needs of Native students. ED's Office of Indian Education (OIE) published a Notice of Proposed Priorities (NPP) for the STEP program on October 31, 2014.

**Expanding Access to STEM Programs.** In September 2014, ED entered into an agreement with the National Park Service at DOI, and the Hands on the Land program at the National Environmental Education Foundation, to develop a project around STEM skills at 17 Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) funded schools and one state funded school near 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center programs. The project will introduce students to STEM activities focused on natural and cultural resources to improve the retention of students in STEM activities during their middle and high school years.

**Convening Native Languages Summit.** Following the first Native Languages Summit in June 2014 which brought together 300 participants, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, and the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums have joined ED and the Departments of the Interior (DOI) and Health and Human Services, (HHS) to convene a second Native Languages Summit in the Fall of 2015. The Summit will discuss best practices in preserving and revitalizing Native languages.

**Improvements in ED's Special Programs for Indian Children.** On December 3, ED will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposes changes to the Demonstration grants program to add the **Native Youth Community Projects** mentioned above. It also makes substantial improvements to the Professional Development program, which funds the training of new American Indian/Alaska Native teachers and administrators.

## ***BUILDING STRONGER TRIBAL BUSINESSES AND ECONOMIES***

**Including Tribal Nations in Department of Labor (DOL) Grant Programs.** DOL will announce that the agency will treat federally-recognized tribal governments the same way it treats state and local governments when determining eligibility for employment and training grants. Following this announcement, DOL will consult with tribes, develop model grant language, incorporate the language into all relevant Funding Opportunity Announcements, and inform tribal leaders of upcoming funding opportunities.

**Supporting the Hiring of Tribal Members by Federal Contractors.** DOL's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' (OFCCP) Indian and Native American Employment Rights Program assists federal contractors that would like to use a tribal preference for work on or near tribal lands to do so consistent with existing law. OFCCP will sign an MOU with the Council on Tribal Employment Rights to formalize the agency's working relationship with the Council. In turn, the Council will work closely with Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TEROs) to ensure contractors are able to hire tribal members.

**Supporting Native CDFIs' Sustainability and Impact.** In October, the Department of Treasury announced a specialized training and technical assistance series to Native Community Development Financial Institutions (Native CDFIs) to foster their growth and sustainability, and enhance their ability to deliver financial services and financial products to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian nations, tribes, and communities.

**Improving Transportation and Infrastructure.** As part of a set aside to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) (<http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ttp/>) Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), DOT awarded \$8.5 million this year in Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds to 183 tribal nations for 195 projects that address safety needs in tribally identified areas of planning, engineering, education, and emergency response and enforcement. Similarly, under the discretionary component of the Tribal Transit Program (TTP) ([http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094\\_3553.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094_3553.html)), Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) funded 48 projects in 19 States totaling \$5.04 million for Indian tribes to enhance and expand their transit services.



and to support policies and innovative practices.

## ***PROMOTING CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES***

**Technical Assistance for Tribal Renewable Energy Projects.** Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy announced a new round of competition for the Alaska Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team Program (START), a technical assistance program that supports the development of clean energy, energy efficiency projects, capacity building and energy planning efforts for rural Alaska Native villages and corporations.

## ***ADVANCING THE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP***

**Restoring Tribal Homelands in Trust for Tribes.** DOI continues to prioritize placing tribal homelands in trust for tribes, and has placed more than 280,400 acres of land into trust since 2009. Interior Secretary Jewell's goal for DOI is to place at least 500,000 acres of land into trust by the end of the Obama Administration. In May of this year, DOI issued a proposed rule that would allow the Department to consider fee-to-trust applications from tribes in Alaska. Additionally, under DOI's Land Buy-Back Program (<http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/index.cfm>) for Tribal Nations, the Department is paying fair-market value to individuals who choose to sell fractional interests in trust or restricted land. Purchased interests are immediately transferred to tribal trust ownership, ensuring that land stays in trust.


**Resolving Longstanding Disputes.** Since President Obama took office, the Administration has established a new relationship with Native nations, increasing consultation with tribes on matters across the federal government that affect their interests, and the fair and expeditious settlement of litigation. The Administration settled the protracted *Cobell* litigation, several significant water rights cases, and lawsuits or claims brought by 80 Indian tribes, over the management of monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States, for a total of \$2.5 billion. These settlements mark an important milestone in the Obama Administration's commitment to upholding the federal trust responsibility and strengthening our partnerships with tribal nations.

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Nedra - the WH Fact Sheet and Native Youth Report are attached. These are good to send to your lists today.

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Notice they kept our 'topper' and SIE grants piece - a bit of a split the baby, but we're OK!

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Wanted to make sure you guys saw the section on the LBBP which was included in the WH Fact Sheet released today on embargo to reporters ahead of tomorrow's WH Tribal Nations Conf.

We decided to take out specific #'s here because they shift so often - hence the generalities.

John - apologies that we couldn't make the WH conf call work w/you too today! Turns out, we didn't get any ?'s on the LBBP but Jewell did plug it in her remarks. Thanks again for being willing to accommodate at the last minute, despite the outcome!

-Jessica

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President Obama will also announce the launch of **Generation Indigenous (Gen I)**, a Native youth initiative focused on removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed. This initiative will take a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve the lives and opportunities for Native youth and will include:

- **New Native Youth Community Projects**, administered by the Department of Education (ED) through the existing Demonstration Grants Program to provide funding in a select number of Native communities to support culturally relevant coordinated strategies designed to improve the college-and-career readiness of Native children and youth.
- **New National Tribal Youth Network** program in partnership with the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth. The Youth Network will support leadership development, provide peer support through an interactive online portal that links resources and tools, and empowers youth to become leaders within their communities. The White House, in cooperation with the Aspen Institute, will also host a high-level convening on challenges facing Native youth in February 2015.
- The release of the White House **Native Youth Report** that acknowledges past failures of federal policy on the education of Native students, explores the breadth of the challenges facing Native children, and makes recommendations for a path forward.

- The launch of the **Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour**, which will begin next year as part of the President's call to hear directly from Native youth on how to bolster federal policies to improve youth outcomes. In addition, the Administration will expand federal outreach on youth internships and employment opportunities across the federal agencies.
- The first ever **White House Tribal Youth Gathering** to engage hundreds of Native youth in a day-long convening in the summer of 2015. This gathering builds on the November 2014 Native Youth Conference hosted by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the tribal youth visit with President Obama.

In addition to these efforts, the Department of the Interior (DOI) is making progress to transform the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). Since Secretary Jewell's Secretarial Order (<http://www.doi.gov/news/upload/BIEsecOrder.pdf>) directing Indian Affairs to restructure the BIE to serve as a support network to schools rather than a direct education provider, DOI, along with ED has made steady progress towards implementing the Administration's vision of high-achieving tribally-controlled schools.

Below are additional announcements and commitments that support tribal nations:

### ***SUPPORTING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS***

**Promoting Educational Self-Determination for Tribal Nations through Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancements.** In October 2014, DOI took a critical step towards furthering tribal control over BIE-funded schools when it issued \$1.2M to six tribes to research, assess and develop implementation plans to establish tribally managed school systems.

**Building tribal capacity through State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) grants.** The STEP grant program is designed to strengthen Tribal Education Agencies (TEAs), and improve partnerships between tribes, states, and school districts so they can work together more effectively to meet the academic, cultural, and social needs of Native students. ED's Office of Indian Education (OIE) published a Notice of Proposed Priorities (NPP) for the STEP program on October 31, 2014.

**Expanding Access to STEM Programs.** In September 2014, ED entered into an agreement

with the National Park Service at DOI, and the Hands on the Land program at the National Environmental Education Foundation, to develop a project around STEM skills at 17 Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) funded schools and one state funded school near 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center programs. The project will introduce students to STEM activities focused on natural and cultural resources to improve the retention of students in STEM activities during their middle and high school years.

**Convening Native Languages Summit.** Following the first Native Languages Summit in June 2014 which brought together 300 participants, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, and the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums have joined ED and the Departments of the Interior (DOI) and Health and Human Services, (HHS) to convene a second Native Languages Summit in the Fall of 2015. The Summit will discuss best practices in preserving and revitalizing Native languages.

**Improvements in ED's Special Programs for Indian Children.** On December 3, ED will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposes changes to the Demonstration grants program to add the **Native Youth Community Projects** mentioned above. It also makes substantial improvements to the Professional Development program, which funds the training of new American Indian/Alaska Native teachers and administrators.

### ***BUILDING STRONGER TRIBAL BUSINESSES AND ECONOMIES***

**Including Tribal Nations in Department of Labor (DOL) Grant Programs.** DOL will announce that the agency will treat federally-recognized tribal governments the same way it treats state and local governments when determining eligibility for employment and training grants. Following this announcement, DOL will consult with tribes, develop model grant language, incorporate the language into all relevant Funding Opportunity Announcements, and inform tribal leaders of upcoming funding opportunities.

**Supporting the Hiring of Tribal Members by Federal Contractors.** DOL's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' (OFCCP) Indian and Native American Employment Rights Program assists federal contractors that would like to use a tribal preference for work on or near tribal lands to do so consistent with existing law. OFCCP will sign an MOU with the Council on Tribal Employment Rights to formalize the agency's working relationship with the Council. In turn, the Council will work closely with Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TEROs) to ensure contractors are able to hire tribal members.

**Supporting Native CDFIs' Sustainability and Impact.** In October, the Department of

Treasury announced a specialized training and technical assistance series to Native Community Development Financial Institutions (Native CDFIs) to foster their growth and sustainability, and enhance their ability to deliver financial services and financial products to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian nations, tribes, and communities.

**Improving Transportation and Infrastructure.** As part of a set aside to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) (<http://fh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ttp/>) Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), DOT awarded \$8.5 million this year in Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds to 183 tribal nations for 195 projects that address safety needs in tribally identified areas of planning, engineering, education, and emergency response and enforcement. Similarly, under the discretionary component of the Tribal Transit Program (TTP) ([http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094\\_3553.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094_3553.html)), Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) funded 48 projects in 19 States totaling \$5.04 million for Indian tribes to enhance and expand their transit services.

**Improving Tribal Water Infrastructure.** This year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) distributed \$29 million to initiate the construction of 77 wastewater infrastructure projects for tribal nations to address the desperate need for basic sanitation services on tribal lands. Additionally, EPA distributed over \$18 million for the construction of drinking water infrastructure projects for tribes to improve access to safe drinking water.

## **IMPROVING TRIBAL JUSTICE**

**Disseminating Reports and Recommendations on Tribal Justice.** In November, the Department of Justice (DOJ) disseminated a report titled *Ending Violence So Children Can Thrive* (<http://www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood/cev-rpt-full.pdf>) that outlines policy and practice recommendations on the issue of children's exposure to violence in Indian Country. The report is the culmination of the work of DOJ's Task Force Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence, which conducted four public hearings and several listening sessions across the country to gather information on these important issues. Additionally, DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime's National Coordination Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Sexual Assault Response Team released a report titled *Improving Federal Agency Response to Sexual Violence in Tribal Nations: Issues and Recommendations*.

## **SUPPORTING HEALTHY, STRONG NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES**

**Expanding Access to Health Care.** HHS plans to announce the publication of a proposed rule for Medicare like rates for Indian Health Service (IHS) payments for purchased/referred care for non-hospital based and provider services. Additionally, HHS/CMS and Treasury/IRS have developed a new streamlined process for American

Indian and Alaska Native citizens and family members who are eligible for health services from an Indian health-care provider to claim an exemption from the Affordable Care Act's individual shared responsibility payment through the tax filing process. CMS also issued approximately \$4 million for Connecting Kids to Coverage American Indian and Alaska Native Grants to increase participation in Medicaid and CHIP. In November, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced new flexibility concerning the participation of tribal employers that will make it easier for them to enroll their employees in the FEHB Program (<http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/tribal-employers/>).

**Improving Behavioral Health.** In November, HHS's SAMHSA hosted a Native Youth Conference focused on improving the health and well-being of Native youth. At the conference, youth shared their views on federal policies, programs, and activities; contributed to the national tribal behavioral health agenda; and learned about best practices supported by SAMHSA's tribal grants. In August, SAMHSA also announced the creation of a new Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy (<http://www.usetinc.org/news/samhsa-office-of-tribal-affairs-and-policy-otap/>) to serve as the point of contact on behavioral health issues and to support policies and innovative practices.

### *PROMOTING CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES*

**Technical Assistance for Tribal Renewable Energy Projects.** Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy announced a new round of competition for the Alaska Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team Program (START), a technical assistance program that supports the development of clean energy, energy efficiency projects, capacity building and energy planning efforts for rural Alaska Native villages and corporations.

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**Resolving Longstanding Disputes.** Since President Obama took office, the Administration has established a new relationship with Native nations, increasing consultation with tribes

on matters across the federal government that affect their interests, and the fair and expeditious settlement of litigation. The Administration settled the protracted *Cobell* litigation, several significant water rights cases, and lawsuits or claims brought by 80 Indian tribes, over the management of monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States, for a total of \$2.5 billion. These settlements mark an important milestone in the Obama Administration's commitment to upholding the federal trust responsibility and strengthening our partnerships with tribal nations.

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Hi Laurel,

Thanks for checking in. Below and attached are the White House Fact Sheet and 2014 Native Youth Report, which are a good place to start. If you have any other specific questions, or need additional info, please let us know.

Thanks again,

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To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Dec 3, 2014 at 1:45 PM

Should we refer to ED on questions about the initiative?

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Thank you! This is helpful. Do you have any idea which tribes will be involved in the native youth community projects? Thank you again!

Laurel Morales  
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**This event has been changed.**

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**Changed:** Participants: SJ  
Phylliss Anderson, Chief, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

**Attendees:** up to 250 conference attendees

**Press:** Closed

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**Advance:** Erin Frautschy Barrows

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**Where** Capital Hilton - Congressional Room (map)

**Calendar** Jessica Kershaw

- Who**
- [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov - organizer
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Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 11:22 PM

To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Don't share this with anyone, but our construction funding is going to the top tomorrow :) You won't be with Sally for this, right?

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Date: Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 11:09 PM

Subject: Re: Re:

To: "Ayoob, Edward" <Edward.Ayoob@btlaw.com>

I think that is perfect! Right tone – respectful, but still a hard ask!

On Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 11:07 PM, Ayoob, Edward <Edward.Ayoob@btlaw.com> wrote:

Thoughts?

Mr. President. Thank you for Secretary Jewell's visit to Mississippi in October.

Her visit to Choctaw enforced your commitment to our Native youth, as did your historic visit to Standing Rock.

We agree with you that economic development in Indian Country starts with quality education.

One of the things we discussed was the state of Indian schools at Mississippi Choctaw and around the country.

Some of our schools are fifty years old and in desperate need of repair or replacement, and I know you saw some schools and conditions that are far worse than ours.

Your support of Indian Country is unprecedented, but on school construction I hope that we can work together toward improving results.

For example, President Bush dramatically increased school construction dollars starting in 2001, with a

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However, the total amount of replacement school construction dollars during the first six years of your Administration– if you do not count Recovery Act dollars – adds up to less than half of what it was during the first year of the Bush Administration.

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So my question is this:

Knowing how important quality education is to our youth, especially if we want to improve economic development and create jobs, how do we make Indian School Construction a greater priority in these next two years?

**From:** Yu, Donald [mailto:donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 01, 2014 10:48 PM  
**To:** Ayoob, Edward  
**Subject:** Re: Re:

I would! Also, about bullet point seven, I wouldn't mention the \$100M because taken out of context, that might sound like a lot when in reality it's been cut drastically since the previous administration.

On Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 10:44 PM, Ayoob, Edward <Edward.Ayoob@btlaw.com> wrote:

So I used the words "previous Administration" You think I should say "President Bush" or "Bush Administration"

**From:** Yu, Donald [mailto:donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 01, 2014 10:40 PM  
**To:** Ayoob, Edward  
**Subject:** Re:

Eddie, thanks for sharing! I think all of the bullet points look good except for bullet number 7 – I think it would be a more effective comparison to highlight funding under Obama against under Bush. That's just my suggestion. If you do decide to keep the \$100M, I would clarify that funding is for major repairs, etc., and replacement schools haven't been built since the Recovery Act under this Administration. Again, I think it's more effective to compare against Bush.

On Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 10:30 PM, Ayoob, Edward <Edward.Ayoob@btlaw.com> wrote:

Any thoughts on this (trying to find the right balance between gratitude and need). Please don't hesitate to flag if you have an issue or concern...

- Mr. President. Thank you for Secretary Jewell's visit to Mississippi in October.
- Her visit to Choctaw enforced your commitment to our Native youth, as did your historic visit to Standing Rock.
- We agree with you that economic development in Indian Country starts with quality education.
- One of the things we discussed was the state of Indian schools at Mississippi Choctaw and around the country.
- Some of our schools are fifty years old and in desperate need of repair or replacement, and I know you saw some schools and conditions that are far worse than ours.
- Your support of Indian Country is unprecedented, but on school construction I hope that we can work together toward improving results.
- For example, in your budget requests for FY14 and FY15, for the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Bureau of Indian Education (with 183 schools), construction was at approximately \$100 million over both years.
- Compare that to Department of Defense schools (with 193 schools), where your budget request was over \$1 billion for those same two years – ten times more than Indian schools.
- Furthermore, while the previous Administration dramatically increased school construction dollars starting in 2001, funding since 2009 has been less than half of what it was from 2001-2008 if you don't

include Recovery Act dollars.

- So my question is this:

- Knowing how important quality education is to our youth, especially if we want to improve economic development and create jobs on our reservations, how do we make Indian School Construction a greater priority in these next two years?

**From:** Yu, Donald [mailto:donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, December 01, 2014 1:34 PM

**To:** Ayoob, Edward

**Subject:**

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Yu, Donald" <dona1d\_yu@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 11:26 PM

Going to the top meaning, we're going to get full funding?

And what do you mean by "going to be with Sally for this?"

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Jessica Kershaw  
Press Secretary, U.S. Dept of the Interior  
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**Yu, Donald** <dona1d\_yu@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 11:29 PM

Sorry for not giving you any context at all – these are TPs for Chief Anderson. She's going to ask POTUS about BIE school construction tomorrow when she meets him in the Roosevelt Room. Sally is going to be there, but I don't know who's staffing her.

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Yu, Donald" <dona1d\_yu@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Dec 2, 2014 at 12:32 AM

Oh!!!! Got it. I'm not staffing her for that meeting. Those TPs are awesome.

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Native Youth Report for Photo Clearance

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Nov 28, 2014 at 9:06 PM

To: Heather Knight <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

Heather -

Hello - and happy belated Thanksgiving!

The WH would like to use some of our photos from the visit to MS Band of Choctaw in their Native Youth report to be published in conjunction with the White House Tribal Nations Conference.

Since the kids all had photo releases and our official photographer was there too taking photos, it's understood that the photos are usable and shareable in the public domain without re-checking each time of use. However, I want to make sure that's consistent with your understanding.

Would you let me know if there are any concerns here? It's awfully exciting that some of the photos from the visit will be featured in a White House report!

Jessica



Kershaw, Jessica &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: VP**


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Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
 To: jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov

Thu, Nov 27, 2014 at 8:13 PM

**Draft Talking Points for Secretary Sally Jewell  
 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference  
 Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

*Suggested length: 8-10 minutes*

- **WELCOME!** (2 mins)

- Honored to **welcome** you to 6<sup>th</sup> annual **White House Tribal Nations Conference!**

- - o **Thank you** for traveling from near and far to share your voice with us

- Different look this year (Interior Bldg. under construction), but it's **still the same underlying principal** bringing us together: a **nation-to-nation relationship**

- - o President Obama wanted opportunity for all 566 federally recognized tribes to come together and have **face-to-face dialogues** with him and his cabinet

- - o **Conference is true reflection of the spirit & strength of the Obama Administration's commitment to Indian Country**

- Proud that this year's Conference has a **special focus – Supporting Native Youth** – our next generation of tribal leaders

- - o Hope you'll recognize we've **worked to incorporate your feedback from last year** to make this year's conference even more meaningful (Ex: double break outs sessions, separated panel discussions, multiple days of program)

- **Importantly, we all understand that it's not just Conference Day** that we need to focus on the health, success and future of tribal communities – **it's every day.**

Special focus:

- President established White House Council on Native American Affairs last year

- As chair, held **4 meetings** – convening high number of cabinet members and senior White House officials - interagency work is starting to pay off

- **Shared Commitment to Indian Country** (1 min)

- In past 20 some months, honored to visit over **20 tribes** around the nation

- Every visit, every day in this job – has **deepened my respect and admiration for you, the First Americans** – your spirit, wisdom and resilience

- -Visits to:

- spotlight Indian education (Bug School, Wind River w/Duncan, MS Band of Choctaw)
- highlight efforts to combat the effects of climate change (Inuit, Suquamish)
- stand up important energy projects (Moapa Band, NV solar)
- promote economic growth and trust reform (Navajo - tribal trust; CSKT - land buy back to bring lands back to useful propose)

- Time spent in Indian Country **deepens my commitment** to making sure Interior is doing everything we can to **support your vision for a strong and prosperous future**

- Commitment I share with the President

- **Historic visit to Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation**

- o At 5<sup>th</sup> annual **White House Tribal Nations Conference**, made a promise to visit Indian Country this year – **he delivered**

- o I know he looks forward to addressing you later today on his reflections from that special trip.

- **UPDATE: White House Council on Native American Affairs (6 mins)**

- Obama Administration has made incredible **strides** in strengthening our **government-to-government** relationship ... but **more work to be done**

- President established White House Council on Native American Affairs last year

- As chair, held **4 meetings** – convening high number of cabinet members and senior White House officials

- o Continually refining council work to **respond to tribal concerns**
- o Can attest **Cabinet is fully and personally engaged** on issues

- Has already **increased interagency cooperation**

- **Example: Education (one of my top priorities as Secretary)**

- o Working w/**Sec. Duncan** to transform/redesign **BIE**
- o This fall **announced \$1.2 million** to several tribes to begin researching, assessing and developing a plan to **establish a tribally managed school system, if that's what you want to do**
- o Using **whole-of-government** approach to respond to **multifaceted problem** - housing, healthcare, transportation



- o **Suggested Tribal Visits to Highlight:** CrystalBoarding School (Navajo), Mississippi Band of Choctaw, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Bug O Ne Gay Shig, MN)

#### Example: Economic Development

- o **Tribal Trust Management:** More than **80 lawsuits** resolved under this Administration for a total of **\$2.5 billion** (*Navajo Visit*)
- o **Land into Trust:** Taken over **280,000 acres into trust since 2009** - more than half way toward the Department's goal of 500,000 acres before the end of the President's term
- o **Land Buy-Back Program:** First full year this year—made more than \$740 million in offers, restoring more than 410,000 acres of land back to tribes (*CSKT – WY Visit*)
- o **Hearth Act:** Continue to encourage applications for this important program on tribal leasing regs. to spur investment and commercial development (*Citizen Band Potawatomi- OK Visit*)

#### Example: Climate

- o Tribes at pointy end of spear on climate change
- o Example of where you've seen it (*Inuit-AK, Suquamish- WA, Seminole or Miccosukee Tribes – FL*)
- o Working with White House on **Climate Action Plan**

#### Example: Energy

- o Working w/ **Sec. Moniz** to unlock energy development
- o New Mexico
- o Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> **solar project** on tribal lands: 200-MW project, Moapa Band, NV

#### CONCLUSION (1 min)

All the actions we are taking now – whether it's on education, tackling climate change, or trust reforms – are with an eye toward the **health and prosperity** of the next generation

**Thank you for your leadership on behalf of our young people** – you are a **tested vehicle for delivering positive change** to Indian Country

I hope you'll continue to share your wisdom throughout today – **but also throughout the year** - so that we can do our jobs better to serve you and our next generation of Tribal leaders.

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## For Review by 12:30 Today: WHTNC Video Script

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Androff, Blake <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Nov 25, 2014 at 11:29 AM

To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

Removing Frank and Tim B for an initial discussion first.

I know we are trying to keep this short and sweet, and I hope I'm not too late to the party here, but I had envisioned something that was a bit more comprehensive of our actions this year that was geared toward tribal leaders and Indian Country specifically. (ie a bit more of a victory lap of how much the Secretary has been personally invested in these efforts -- I think we have a fairly compelling story to tell her so I would be looking for more anecdotes of her travels and her specific visits).

Feel free to overrule me here if resources don't allow us to quickly turn this around.

We could also keep this short by ticking through these in a rather quick manner. ("In October, the Department announced it was investing \$X million to help tribal communities adapt to the impacts of climate change. In June, the Secretary unveiled new efforts to spur economic activities in Indian Country," etc.)

To that end, I think we should discuss including the following -- and would note that this is rather inclusive so not everything needs to be added but wanted to provide a host of ideas from which we can discuss:

-HEARTH Act signings (I know we traveled for one in Nov 2013 but can't remember if we did any in 2014)

-The package of regulatory reforms to spur economic development (<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/on-the-heels-of-historic-presidential-visit-to-indian-country-secretary-jewell-announces-interior-initiatives-to-support-tribal-led-economic-development.cfm>)

-Since we make a reference to climate change but don't have any specifics, we might consider using the tribal grants for climate change (<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/secretary-jewell-announces-new-tribal-climate-resilience-program.cfm>)

-For education reform, I think it's worth noting the schools she visited and with whom.

(Choctaw: <http://www.doi.gov/news/mediaadvisories/secretary-jewell-to-visit-choctaw-high-school-in-mississippi.cfm>) (Maine and Minnesota: <http://www.doi.gov/news/mediaadvisories/secretary-jewell-secretary-duncan-to-visit-indian-school-in-maine.cfm>) (Laguna in Dec 2013: <http://www.doi.gov/news/mediaadvisories/secretary-jewell-to-visit-laguna-pueblo-school-discuss-american-indian-education-initiatives.cfm>) (Navajo: <http://www.doi.gov/news/mediaadvisories/secretary-jewell-to-kick-off-multi-state-swing-promoting-major-department-priorities.cfm>)

-Joined DAS Roberts to discuss the Administration's budget priorities tribal summit in April (<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/secretary-jewell-underscores-presidents-commitment-to-build-strong-resilient-tribal-communities-at-pacific-northwest-tribal-summit.cfm>)

-Her participation (and that of the Cabinet) hosting the White House Council on Native American Affairs meetings (<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/secretary-jewell-convenes-fourth-meeting-of-the-white-house-council-on-native-american-affairs.cfm>)

-Her participation at the National Congress of American Indians, if there is anything to note from her participation here (<http://www.doi.gov/news/mediaadvisories/secretary-jewell-to-deliver-keynote-remarks-at-national-congress-of-american-indians-annual-convention-in-atlanta.cfm>)

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Elizabeth Klein <elizabeth\_klein@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Nov 15, 2014 at 11:25 AM

To: Kevin Washburn <kevin.washburn@bia.gov>, Larry Roberts <lawrence\_roberts@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Hi there! See email chain below. Did Nikki reach out to you all by chance about this document (below) that's being prepared for the White House? As you'll see from the email below, there's particular interest in some language and anecdotes illustrating our efforts around Indian Ed. Jessica - have copied you too in the event that you have any stories off the top of your head or language that might be useful.

Thanks!

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Beaudreau, Tommy" <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>

**Date:** November 15, 2014 at 9:12:53 AM EST

**To:** Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <Blake\_Androff@ios.doi.gov>, Elizabeth Klein <elizabeth\_klein@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Greenberger <sarah\_greenberger@ios.doi.gov>, Elizabeth Washburn <elizabeth\_washburn@ios.doi.gov>, Michael Connor <michael\_connor@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Here is the word attachment again

In particular, we need some material concerning Indian Country and, if possible, schools. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] but if we weren't going to use the kid with the solar car (which Sally mentioned) we were going to check with Monty about other possible examples of the hope and success that self-determination combined with proper resources and support provide to Indian children.

I'm not sure what folks are up to this morning, but we need to get the document squared away by early afternoon so that Sally has it and can take a look during her downtime and on the flight.

TPB

On Sat, Nov 15, 2014 at 9:00 AM, Beaudreau, Tommy <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
Hey, gang. I'm sorry - I never received any of the emails or attachments that were circulated on this. Bizarre and very frustrating.

Ben just forwarded me the document. It has a lot of good stuff, but is also missing several of the items that Sally mentioned - the Choctaw school, her trip to Idaho, etc. Can we work those in quickly?

On Sat, Nov 15, 2014 at 8:35 AM, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Did it work this time?

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**From:** "Milakofsky, Benjamin" <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>  
**Date:** November 14, 2014 at 6:01:34 PM EST  
**To:** Tommy Beaudreau <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>  
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Here is a word version of the document.

Sarah and I added something quick on wildfire.

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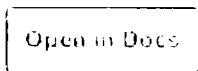
 Facts & Anecdotes



Hi Team - Attached is a first crack at facts and anecdotes, which we will eventually share with the WH. Please edit and provide comments by tomorrow at 3pm.

I can provide more background by phone. 219-3861

many thanks,  
Nikki



2/13/2015

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Fwd: Here is the word attachment again

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## baby sea otter

1 message

Kelly, Katherine &lt;kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Thu, Nov 6, 2014 at 10:26 AM

To: OS\_OCO &lt;os\_oco@ios.doi.gov&gt;

I don't want to misuse the email list, but if you haven't clicked through to this article (and its five pictures...) about the sea otter at the Shed Aquarium, you're missing out: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-baby-sea-otter-rescued-20141105-story.html>

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From: **Bulletin Intelligence** <Interior@bulletinintelligence.com>

Date: Thu, Nov 6, 2014 at 7:00 AM

Subject: U.S. Department of the Interior News Briefing for Thursday, November 6, 2014

To: Interior@bulletinintelligence.com

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**IDAHO CONFERENCE SEEKS SOLUTIONS FOR SAGE GROUSE.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports "some of the nation's top public lands officials and rangeland scientists have gathered in Boise to try to figure out what can be



done to avoid a listing of the sage grouse on the federal Endangered Species Act." According to the article, "the three-day conference, called The Next Steppe: Sage-grouse and Rangeland Wildfire in the Great Basin, opened Wednesday with keynote remarks" by Mike Connor, deputy secretary of the Interior Department. Connor said, "Just seeing this grow from primarily a federal agency discussion to a broad-based, diverse level of participation from states and local communities is very encouraging, because that diversity of participation is what we're going to need to make progress over the next year on an important set of issues."

Also, the Idaho Statesman (11/5, 150K) reports that the conference "opened Wednesday with remarks from US Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe and US Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze." The article notes that "early remarks focused on finding collaboration among federal, state and private entities as massive wildfires and invasive species threaten a fragmented sage grouse habitat."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington Times (11/6, Ridler), the Houston Chronicle (11/6, Ridler, 2.47M), the Twin Falls (ID) Times-News (11/6, 54K), the Seattle Post-Intelligencer (11/6, 1.06M), the San Francisco Chronicle (11/6, 2.24M), the Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review (11/5, 169K), KSL-TV Salt Lake City (11/6, 1.07M), and KIVI-TV Boise, ID (11/6, 861).

**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS CHOCTAW TRIBAL SCHOOLS.** The Neshoba (MS) Democrat (11/6, 21K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell took a tour of the Choctaw Indian Reservation on October 29. She was joined by Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn and Bureau of Indian Education Director Dr. Charles 'Monty' Roessel "to tour the three facilities and discuss ongoing Indian education reform initiatives." According to the article, "in a press conference at the end of the visit, Jewell said the Choctaw school system functioning at such a high level can be used as a model to other Tribal school systems that are struggling." She "identified the involvement of Tribal leadership as something that puts them ahead of the pack." Jewell said, "We got a challenge in Indian education across the country. We under-perform other students, part of my job as Secretary of the Interior is overseeing the bureau of Indian education. We're reforming it, because it's not working well for Indian children, but right here in Mississippi we see a really highly functional school system, we see tribal leadership with the chief engaged deeply in the schools, the school system and the future for these kids and we know that there are lessons that we can learn here, that we can apply elsewhere to Indian country but we also know that there are things that the tribe needs from us to a better job in supporting their needs, so that's why we're here."

**INTERIOR AWARDS GRANTS TO LGBT HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SITES.** The Out In Jersey (11/6, 104) reports that the NPS has "given a \$49,999 grant to the LGBT Sites in New York City Project, which seeks to survey and document 'historic and cultural sites associated with LGBT heritage' in the five boroughs." Also, "a second grant for \$25,000 was given to the LGBT Heritage of Kentucky Project, a group supporting the addition of Louisville's Henry Clay Hotel and the Whiskey Row Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, "Our American heritage is a tapestry made up of threads from many nations and communities, and we are working with public and private partners to help ensure that our National Register of Historic Places reflects this remarkable diversity."

**US WATER USE DROPS TO LOWEST LEVEL IN 40 YEARS.** The Environment News Network (11/6, 260) reports that "water use across the country reached its lowest recorded level in nearly 45 years." According to a new USGS report, "about 355 billion gallons of water per day (Bgal/d) were withdrawn for use in the entire United States during 2010." The article notes that "this represents a 13 percent reduction of water use from 2005 when about 410 Bgal/d were withdrawn and the lowest level since before 1970." Mike Connor, deputy secretary of the Interior, said, "Reaching this 45-year low shows the positive trends in conservation that stem from improvements in water-use technologies and management. Even as the US population continues to grow, people are learning to be more water conscious and do their part to help sustain the limited freshwater resources in the country."

Also reporting on the story is the Huffington Post (11/6, Gleick, 11.54M).

**SECRETARY JEWELL TO ATTEND WORLD PARKS CONGRESS.** The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (11/6, 20K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will be "in Sydney attending the World Parks Congress."

**SEN. MURKOWSKI POISED TO REINS OF SENATE ENERGY.** The Washington Examiner (11/6, 346K) reports that "with Republicans taking control of the Senate on Tuesday, Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma are now in line to hold committee chairmanships in the upper chamber." Murkowski has "largely laid out her policy agenda for the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in a 121-page report she

titled "Energy 2020." The article notes that "chief among her policy aims will be expanding oil and gas drilling in federal onshore and offshore lands, including the Arctic."

The New York Times (11/5, Schwartz, Krauss, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that Murkowski and "other Republicans also oppose any new stringent rules governing hydraulic fracturing in shale oil and gas fields." According to the article, "they may also try to obstruct or weaken any Interior Department actions to use the Endangered Species Act to slow drilling and other energy development."

The Hill (11/6, Barron-Lopez, 241K) reports that "Murkowski's new power will allow her to fight for a proposed Alaskan road through a federal wildlife refuge."

Also providing coverage are the Washington Examiner (11/6, 346K), the Anchorage (AK) Dispatch News (11/5, 146K), the FuelFix (11/5, 7K), and Reuters (11/6).

**PROFESSOR CLAIMS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CAN RESTORE HAWAII KINGDOM.** The Examiner (11/6, 1.01M) reports that "a video was released today of a lecture by Professor Francis Boyle where he advocated that Kanaka Maoli (indigenous Hawaiians) go to a proposed 2015 Constitutional Convention to restore the Kingdom of Hawaii." According to the article, "the lecture was sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and contains Boyles' current analysis of the overthrown Kingdom's status under international law." Boyle, a professor of international law at the University of Illinois College of Law, "claims that US Federal and State control over the Hawaiian Islands are little more than military and civilian facets of an illegal occupation regime that has not extinguished the sovereignty of the Hawaii Kingdom despite over a century of US rule."

Also providing coverage is the Scoop (11/6, 1K).

**CONGRESS URGED TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS.** Roll Call (11/6, Subscription Publication, 90K), Dave Richins, a city council member from Mesa, Arizona, writes that "whatever the next Congress brings us, let's hope it brings a fresh perspective on how to balance the management of our public lands, and a renewed push to actually get things done." He argues that "whether we're talking about congressional action on public land conservation, public/private partnerships, or community investments that a private company like Resolution Copper makes, outdoor recreation is a leading economic driver in today's American West, and the 114th Congress should remember that when they get to work next year."

## America's Great Outdoors:

### ***National Park Service:***

**FBI INVESTIGATING EXPLOSIVE DEVICE FOUND AT NATIONAL PARK IN GEORGIA.** The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (11/6, Stevens, 1.21M) reports that the FBI is searching for evidence after a backpack containing explosive materials was found at the Vickery Creek Park in Roswell, Georgia. According to an FBI spokesman, the backpack was found Tuesday by "A mother and daughter walking in the park" who then contacted authorities. The Cobb County police bomb squad responded to the scene and the items were detonated, according to police. .

WXIA-TV Atlanta (11/5, 42K) reports on its website that the FBI was called into the investigation because "Vickery Creek Trail is a national park." The FBI spokesman said that the backpacks contents could have been used to make an improvised explosive device and were detonated to "render them safe." He added that the materials will be sent to the FBI's labs and analyzed and WXIA notes that "It's unclear whether the device was active and set to go off."

**YELLOWSTONE, GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARKS PROPOSES FEE INCREASES.** The Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle (11/6, 54K) reports that "Yellowstone National Park is proposing to raise entrance fees for the first time in eight years and to create a backcountry camping permit in order to keep the park running at its current level."

The County 10 (11/5) reports that Grand Teton National Park is "proposing to update its entrance fees and invites public input on this prospect."

**MARIJUANA USE STILL ILLEGAL ON FEDERAL PROPERTY.** The New Republic (11/6, 195K) reports that "the ballot measure to legalize marijuana in the District of Columbia handily passed yesterday," but "although the

local pot laws in D.C. might change, just as they did in Colorado and Washington, the federal law hasn't." Federal employers including the NPS "issued staff-wide memos reminding workers that all pot use is considered unacceptable." The article notes that "marijuana use also remains illegal on federal property, and in D.C., that means legalization won't touch places like the National Mall and Rock Creek Park, a wooded recreational area that covers a large part of the city's northwestern quadrant."

**GOV. MCAULIFFE SUPPORTS AN EXPANSION OF FORT MONROE NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The Newport News (VA) Daily Press (11/6, 181K) reports that Gov. Terry McAuliffe "wants the National Park Service monument at Fort Monroe expanded to connect the two federally protected parcels in the North Beach and Inner Moat areas." Brian Coy, McAuliffe's press secretary, said, "Governor McAuliffe believes a contiguous national monument at Fort Monroe would be an enormous historical and economic asset to Hampton Roads and the commonwealth as a whole." Fort Monroe National Park Superintendent Kirsten Talken-Spaulling said "she couldn't comment on changes to the monument boundary without knowing more details, although she pointed to a section of the federal code dealing with park boundary adjustments."

**MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE RANCH PLAN.** The Marin (CA) Independent Journal (11/6, 67K) reports that "the future of ranches in the Point Reyes National Seashore will be the focus of meetings later this month." This week the NPS "announced two sessions to look at ranching practices and tule elk on pasturelands." The article notes that "the meetings are part of a larger look at ranchlands dubbed the 'Ranch Comprehensive Management Plan/Environmental Assessment.'"

**YELLOWSTONE BISON TO BE MOVED TO FORT PECK.** The AP (11/6) reports that "Montana wildlife officials say a group of about 140 bison captured from Yellowstone National Park will be re-located to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation next week." The animals "went through a lengthy quarantine to ensure they don't carry the animal disease brucellosis."

**REVIEW FINDS ISSUES SURROUNDING LAVA ALTERNATE ROUTE AT HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK.** The AP (11/6) reports that "an environmental review for constructing an emergency access route along a lava-covered section of Chain of Craters Road identifies concerns including the spread of invasive species and possible harm to endangered nene." The NPS has "agreed to accommodate two-way traffic on an alternate route to Puna to prepare for lava flowing over the district's main road." The article notes that "the review released Tuesday says a potential impact is spread of invasive species such as little fire ants and coqui frogs hitching rides on vehicles from Puna."

**GATES BEING INSTALLED TO PROTECT NEW RIVER GORGE'S BATS.** The AP (11/6) reports that "gates are being installed on abandoned mine openings in the New River Gorge National River to protect bat habitat." The NPS said Wednesday that "the old mines provide habitat for 10 species of bats." The article notes that "two species are endangered, the Virginia big-eared bat and the Indiana bat." The gates "allow bats to enter the mines while preventing humans from entering."

**RESEARCHERS STUDYING BLACK BEAR POPULATION IN ALABAMA.** The AP (11/6, Edgemon) reports that this week, an Auburn University team will "begin catching and tagging bears in and near Little River Canyon National Preserve and on private property in the Saraland area far to the south, in Mobile County." According to the article, "ten bears in each area will be outfitted with GPS collars, which cost \$2,500 each." Researchers are "conducting a statewide study of black bears, their population viability and their movements." The article notes that "thanks to grant funding from the National Park Service, Little River Canyon is also installing game cameras and bear-hair snares."

**NPS OFFERING YELLOWSTONE SNOWMOBILE COURSE ONLINE.** The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (11/6, 90K) reports that the NPS is "offering a Yellowstone Snowmobile Education Certification course for free online."

**TIMBERLAND PARK OPENS ON NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY.** The Tennessean (11/5, 386K) reports that Timberland Park has "opened in Williamson County on the historic Natchez Trace Parkway."

**MOUNT RAINIER FEATURED ON TUMBLR.** The Tacoma (WA) News Tribune (11/5, 228K) reports that the Interior Department featured Mount Rainier in its "America's Great Outdoors" Tumblr update.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS INVESTIGATING VANDALISM AT NATIONAL PARKS.** Additional coverage of the vandalism in national parks was provided by the Fort Collins (CO) Coloradoan (11/5, 59K).

**PREDATOR CONTROL MEASURES SUPPORTED.** In an op-ed for the Anchorage (AK) Dispatch News

(11/5, Stratton, 146K), Jim Stratton, the deputy vice president of regional operations for the National Parks Conservation Association, supports the NPS' "proposed wildlife regulations to end unbearable hunting methods on Alaska's national preserve lands." He writes that "hunting will continue on our national preserve lands, as it should, but some of the methods must change." Stratton concludes that "predator control and national park lands just don't mix."

#### **Bureau of Land Management:**

**PROSECUTORS OBJECT TO RETRIAL IN FEDERAL VANDALISM CASE.** The AP (11/6) reports that "prosecutors are objecting to a radio host's request for a new trial after he was convicted of vandalism for tearing down barricades on federal land in Montrose County." The US Attorney's Office argues that "David Justice's motion for a new trial is based on an inaccurate statement of the law." Justice, "whose given name is Stanley Hugh Anderson, was convicted in September after damaging Bureau of Land Management property at the Cushman Creek Trail."

**ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS.** The Leadville (CO) Herald Democrat (11/6) reports that "the public is invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service." According to the article, "festivities will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 7, at the Salida SteamPlant Ballroom, courtyard and the nearby Salida boat ramp."

**BLM EMPLOYEE KILLED BY FALLING TREE IN COOS COUNTY.** The Eugene (OR) Register-Guard (11/6, 172K) reports that "a falling tree killed a Bureau of Land Management employee in her car at noon Tuesday near Blue Ridge east of Coos Bay." According to the article, "Estella Morgan, 55, was found unresponsive but breathing when medics arrived on land management property off of Blue Ridge Road." Authorities said that "while crews were on scene, she died."

#### **Fish and Wildlife Service:**

**COURT STRIKES DOWN PRAIRIE DOG RULES IN UTAH TOWN.** The AP (11/6) reports that "a judge is striking down federal regulations that prohibit Cedar City residents from controlling prairie dogs on private property." Federal Judge Dee Benson says the FWS "can't regulate the Utah prairie dog population on private land because the species is only found inside the state."

The Washington Post (11/5, Adler, 4.9M) reports that "this decision is significant if for no other reason that it is the first time that a federal court has held that the regulation of private land use exceeds the scope of Congress's enumerated powers."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the St. George (UT) Spectrum (11/5, 45K).

**COURT UPHOLDS FWS' REMOVAL OF EAGLES FROM ENDANGERED LIST.** The Law 360 (11/6, 18K) reports that "an Arizona federal judge on Wednesday upheld the US Fish and Wildlife Service's decision not to give Endangered Species Act protection to the Sonoran Desert bald eagle population, finding the analysis used by the agency was not flawed and took adequate scientific evidence into consideration." US District Judge David G. Campbell "granted a motion for summary judgment filed by the FWS, saying that the Center for Biological Diversity and other environmental groups had failed to provide evidence showing the agency's decision runs contrary to scientific and legal conclusions."

**CHICAGO'S SHEDD AQUARIUM WELCOMES ABANDONED SEA OTTER PUP RESCUED OFF CALIFORNIA.** The Los Angeles Times (11/6, Rocha, 4M) reports that "a 5-week-old sea otter pup rescued along the Central California coast will get a second chance at life in Chicago after getting fattened up at Monterey Bay Aquarium, experts announced Tuesday." According to the article, "after receiving around-the-clock care at the aquarium for four weeks, 'Pup 681' – a member of the threatened Southern Sea otter species – was shipped to the Shedd's Abbott Oceanarium in Chicago for continued rehabilitation."

Also reporting on the story are KSBW-TV Monterey, CA (11/6, 7K), WGN-TV Chicago (11/5, 141K), and WTVR-TV Richmond, VA (11/5, 47K).

**FWS OFFERS TOUR OF GREAT BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The Seacoast Online (NH) (11/5, 6K) reports that the FWS is "offering a limited number behind the scenes tours this month of its Great Bay

National Wildlife Refuge on a portion of the former Pease Air Force Base."

**FWS FORENSICS LABORATORY DIRECTOR INTERVIEWED.** In an interview with the [Al Jazeera America](#) (11/6, 177K) FWS Forensics Laboratory Director Ken Goddard discussed "the lab's early beginnings, why he thinks rhinos are nearing extinction, and what it's like wading through walrus guts in the Arctic."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ANIMAL RESEMBLING GRAY WOLF REPORTED AT GRAND CANYON.** Additional coverage of an animal that could be a gray wolf that has been seen at Grand Canyon National Park was provided by the [Washington Post](#) (11/5, Lanimer, 4.9M).

### ***US Geological Survey:***

**USGS, CANADA DEVELOP NORTH AMERICA WATERWATCH.** The [WaterWorld](#) (11/6, 96) reports that "in an international collaboration, the US Geological Survey (USGS) and the Water Survey of Canada (WSC) have officially produced the North America WaterWatch (NAWW), a new online website that displays streamflow conditions throughout much of North America." According to the article, "NAWW provides a fast, easy-to-use, cartographically-based, central web interface for users to access real-time streamflow conditions for both Canada and the United States." Jerad Bales, USGS chief scientist for water, said, "North America WaterWatch delivers easily understandable maps and graphics of streamflow conditions and, simultaneously, provides access to real-time and past streamflow data at thousands of streamgages in both nations. The portal demonstrates the value of free exchange of water-data through interoperable web services, which is a major strategic focus of the USGS through open-water data activities."

**USGS REPORT DESCRIBES TRACKING NITRATE PULSE TO THE GULF OF MEXICO.** The [Water Technology Online](#) (11/6) reports that "a new report released by the US Geological Survey (USGS) describes how advanced optical sensor technology is being employed in the Mississippi River basin to accurately track the nitrate pulse to the Gulf of Mexico." According to the report, "excessive springtime nitrate runoff, from agricultural land and other sources in the Mississippi drainage, flows into the Mississippi River and then downstream into the Gulf of Mexico." USGS Researcher Brian Pellerin said, "High frequency data from these sensors has revealed considerable variability in nitrate concentrations in small rivers and streams. However, we were surprised to see nitrate concentrations vary by as much as 20 percent in a week in a river as large as the Mississippi River without similar changes in streamflows."

**USGS MODEL SIMULATES HOW SEDIMENT MOVES.** The [Dredging Today](#) (11/5) reports that "for the first time ever, scientists have simulated the movement of sediment throughout the San Antonio River Basin with a new US Geological Survey model, created in cooperation with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA)." According to the article, "the new model simulates how water and suspended sediment flowed through the San Antonio River Basin from 2000-2012." Aarin Teague, SARA Sustainability Stormwater Specialist, said, "The San Antonio River Authority will be utilizing this model and the study findings as part of a holistic watershed master planning effort. With the study results, SARA management strategies will be targeted to efficiently address sources of pollutants."

## **Securing America's Energy Future:**

### ***Renewable Energy:***

**RESEARCHERS TO STUDY MARINE MAMMALS TO MINIMIZE EFFECTS OF WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT.** The [reNews](#) (11/6) reports that "researchers will begin a study of marine mammals off the coast of Ocean City, Maryland this fall to help minimize the affects of wind farm development." According to the article, "a new study led by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science will help state and federal decision-makers better understand where whales, dolphins and porpoises occur and how they use this habitat." The article notes that "beginning this fall, underwater microphones will be affixed on buoys anchored to the ocean floor to continuously record sounds produced by large whales and other marine mammals."

**PUBLIC HEARING ON DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN SCHEDULED THURSDAY.** The [Inland Valley \(CA\) Daily Bulletin](#) (11/5, Steinberg, 99K) reports that "there will be a public hearing Thursday night on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, a historic planning effort covering more than 22 million acres of the California desert."

**Onshore Energy Development:**

**DENTON, TX VOTERS PASS ANTI-FRACKING BAN; INDUSTRY RESPONDS WITH INJUNCTION REQUEST.** Bloomberg News (11/5, Olson, Polson, 1.94M) reports that on Tuesday the "small college town" of Denton, TX passed a measure banning fracking. The mandate passed with 14,881 votes for 59% of the total vote.

Reuters (11/5, Richter) reports that Denton's vote was considered key because fracking is a widely-used practice in Texas. This is the first anti-fracking measure to pass in the state. In response, Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter said the ban should be cast aside. He argued, "Bans based on misinformation – instead of science and fact – potentially threaten this energy renaissance and as a result, the well-being of all Texans."

The AP (11/5) reports that in response to Tuesday's vote, the Texas Oil and Gas Association on Wednesday "responded quickly" by filing suit "for an injunction to stop" the anti-fracking ban from taking effect.

The Dallas Morning News (11/5, Miller, 1.16M) reports that in a Wednesday statement, Texas Oil and Gas Association attorney Thomas R. Phillips argued, "A ban on hydraulic fracturing is inconsistent with state law and therefore violates the Texas Constitution."

In "The Two Way" blog NPR (11/5, 2.22M) reports that Denton, TX Mayor Chris Watts vowed to fight for the fracking ban. He said Wednesday, "Hydraulic fracturing, as determined by our citizens, will be prohibited in the Denton city limits." The ban is set to take effect Dec. 2.

The Dallas Morning News (11/5, Heinkel-Wolfe, 1.16M) reports that since July Denton Taxpayers for a Strong Economy, the main group opposed to the fracking ban, raised nearly \$700,000 to defeat it, the bulk of which came from the energy producers including Chesapeake, XTO, and Chevron. In that time, Frack Free Denton raised \$75,000.

**Results Mixed For Local Anti-Fracking Measures.** The New York Times (11/6, Krauss, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that across the nation "local initiatives to ban or restrict the oil and gas production process lost as many elections as were won. Voters in Youngstown, Ohio, a Rust Belt city sitting atop vast deposits of natural gas, sent a proposed ban to a landslide defeat." Overall "on Election Day, the oil industry and fracking opponents split eight local races, three in California, four in Ohio and the one in Denton."

The Hill (11/6, Cama, 241K) notes "Denton, Texas; Athens, Ohio; and San Benito and Mendocino counties in California passed ballot measures to restrict fracking, the controversial method of injecting fluid into wells to extract more oil and gas." According to the Natural Resources Defense Council "the passed measures show a growing trend of localities opposing fracking."

**OSMRE HONORS ACKERMAN COAL MINE WITH AWARD.** WTVA-TV Columbus, MS (11/6, 7K) reports that "a lignite surface mining operation in Choctaw County has been honored for its work to reclaim areas affected by their operations." The OSMRE "named Mississippi Lignite Mining Company Red Hills Mine as a winner of the 2014 National Award." The agency "selected Red Hills for the honor for work done to reclaim the McIntire Branch of Little Byway Creek."

**MINE OPERATOR RECOGNIZED WITH AWARD.** The Logan (WV) Banner (11/6, 574) reports that "Alpha Natural Resources Elk Run Coal Company, Inc., was given the 'Good Neighbor Award' by the USDI, an award given to mine operators for successfully working with the surrounding land owners and the community while completing mining and reclamation." According to the article, "Elk Run received the award for 'its significant contributions each year to communities near Elk Run Coal Company.'"

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CONTEST MOAB PIPELINE DECISION.**

Additional coverage that environmentalists are challenging the BLM's Moab pipeline decision was provided by the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (11/6, 479K).

**Offshore Energy Development:**

**LAWSUIT CLAIMS NATIONAL OFFSHORE TRAINING AND LEARNING CENTER SCUTTLED.** WWL-TV New Orleans (11/5, 107K) reports that "a training center – touted as central to the federal government's efforts to

improve offshore drilling safety after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion – failed to get off the ground, and its former director blames Gulf of Mexico regulators for undermining reforms.” Chris Barry, the former head of the National Offshore Training and Learning Center, is “suing the Interior Department, alleging hostile working conditions from senior agency management, who, Barry alleges, called him and his staff ‘idiots’ and used homophobic slurs to refer to Barry.” The article notes that “more importantly, though, Barry says that the safety bureau’s Gulf of Mexico regional office undercut” Michael Bromwich’s plans and “hijacked funds and staff intended for the training center.”

**ANNIVERSARY OF END OF FIRST SEMS AUDIT CYCLE APPROACHING.** The Penn Energy (11/6, 128) reports that “it has been almost four years since the Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS) regulations were promulgated and on November 15, 2014, it will be one year since the end of the first SEMS Audit Cycle.” According to the BSEE, “86 percentage of the regulated operators successfully demonstrated that they met required SEMS program requirements,” and “in August 2014 only three operators were still out of compliance.”

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BOEM RELEASES ARCTIC DRILLING REVIEW.** Additional coverage of the release of the BOEM’s new environmental analysis in the Chukchi Sea was provided by the Offshore Magazine (11/6, 143K) and the Penn Energy (11/6, 128).

**BOR TO DISCUSS BIGHORN RESERVOIR DURING PUBLIC MEETING.** The Billings (MT) Gazette (11/6, 236K) reports that the BOR will “present water supply conditions in the Bighorn Basin and discuss the agency’s proposed fall/winter operating plan for Yellowtail Dam/Bighorn Reservoir at a public meeting on Wednesday.” Also, “the Bighorn River System Issues Group will discuss the river and reservoir aquatic health and operating criteria for Yellowtail Dam.”

**BIA BACKS HOPI’S IMPOUNDING OF NAVAJO SHEEP.** The Indian Country Today Media Network (11/5, 78K) reports that “the deep Southwestern drought has pitted tribe against tribe, as Hopi authorities backed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) impound hundreds of sheep and other livestock owned by Navajo who are grazing the animals on Big Mountain, which lies on Hopi Partition Land.” However, “Navajo ranchers in the area, many of them lifelong, elderly, pastoral people, are crying foul on methods that they say are harsh and unfair, even though the activity fits Hopi regulations’ definition of overgrazing.”

## **Top National News:**

**OBAMA DECLINES TO TAKE BLAME FOR DEMOCRATS’ MIDTERM LOSSES.** Almost all the coverage of President Obama’s press conference on Wednesday afternoon describes it as evidence that he does not blame his relative unpopularity for the Democrats’ losses on Tuesday and does not intend to make any major changes, either in staffing or policymaking, in the wake of the Republican wave. On NBC Nightly News (11/5, story 3, 1:35, Williams, 7.86M), Chuck Todd said Democrats told him they believe the President “made a mistake not accepting more responsibility...at that press conference.” Todd added, “What’s amazing here is that this was a horrendous night for the Democratic Party, and the President is not talking about changing either his style or the White House staff.”

Also on NBC Nightly News (11/5, story 2, 2:45, Williams, 7.86M), correspondent Chris Jansing said the midterms were “widely viewed as a repudiation of” the President. But Jansing added that “if the election results left him chastened, the President is not showing it,” and, on Wednesday, he “didn’t accept responsibility” for his party’s defeats.

In the lead story for the CBS Evening News (11/5, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Major Garrett reported that “after another midterm election drubbing, President Obama pledged no fundamental changes in his White House team or its tactics.” On ABC World News (11/5, lead story, 3:05, Muir, 5.84M), Jonathan Karl also reported that the President “offered no sign that he has...a desire to change course” nor any “apologies.” According to Karl, the President “suggested Democrats lost primarily because most people didn’t bother to vote.”

Just after the President finished his press conference, MSNBC’s (11/5, 111) Alex Wagner said, “If you wanted contrition...from the President, you certainly did not get it.” Under the headline, “Obama Defiant After GOP Wave,” Politico (11/5, Epstein, 977K) reported that the President “sounded a defiant tone on Wednesday, arguing that Democrats’ big losses...were more about dysfunction in Washington than about his policies and

leadership." Politico also reported that the President "repeatedly resisted reporters' efforts to extract political analysis from him," but "offered a broader political takeaway: that Americans are still hungry for the change he promised as a candidate six years ago."

The Hill (11/5, Barron-Lopez, Ferris, 241K) reported that on Wednesday, the President "suggested he's going full steam ahead with plans to take executive action on immigration and made a point of noting that two-thirds of voters didn't take part in the midterms – a swipe at any GOP suggestions that the election gave their party a mandate."

Charles Blow of the New York Times (11/6, Blow, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says the President "was not contrite or cowed" on Wednesday, which Blow says "could actually stiffen the spines of some staunch progressives who are already...feeling some commingling of betrayal, buyer's remorse and battle fatigue." But the Washington Times (11/5, Wolfgang, 373K) describes the President as "humbled" and reports that he said he is "fully prepared to work with Republicans."

McClatchy (11/5, Clark, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that the President "declined to take blame for the [Democrats'] showing, though he had said...that his policies would be on the ballot." McClatchy says the President "sought to strike an upbeat, conciliatory tone," and while he "memorably characterized Democratic losses in 2010 as a 'shellacking,'" he "studiously avoided any word like it on Wednesday." USA Today (11/5, Korte, Jackson, Today, 9.86M) also notes that the President "steered clear of using similarly vivid language," and "declined to analyze" the "causes" of the Democrats' losses."

In a column titled, "Obama Seems Numb To This Latest 'shellacking' Of Democrats," Dana Milbank of the Washington Post (11/5, Milbank, 4.9M) writes that on Wednesday, the President "spoke as if Tuesday had been but a minor irritation," and "acknowledged no fault or error and expressed no contrition or regret."

In USA Today (11/5, Goldberg, 9.86M), National Review's Jonah Goldberg writes that "contrary to a lot of spinning early election night, this wasn't an 'anti-incumbent wave'; it was...an anti-Obama wave." Neil Munro of the Daily Caller (11/5, Munro, 475K) said that during his "painful" press conference, the President "declined to promise any staffing changes or trim his progressive goals."

USA Today (11/5, Board, 9.86M) editorializes that "again and again when he was" campaigning, the President said he "would be the peacemaker," but "when that turned out to be harder than he thought, he publicly fumed and finally seemed to lose interest." But the New York Times (11/6, Board, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), in an editorial, praises the President for having "refused on Wednesday to submit to the Republican narrative that his presidency effectively ended with the midterm elections." The Times says the President was "right to ignore" reporters' "demands that he take personal responsibility for the Democratic losses, or exhibit public contrition."

**OBAMA PLEDGES TO WORK WITH REPUBLICANS TO FIND COMMON GROUND.** On Wednesday, both President Obama and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's remarks on their willingness to cooperate on bipartisan initiatives were met with a great deal of skepticism from media analysts. On NBC Nightly News (11/5, story 2, 2:45, Williams, 7.86M), White House Correspondent Chris Jansing reported that on Wednesday, the President "suggested the bitter campaign season could give way to compromise." In the lead story for the CBS Evening News (11/5, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Scott Pelley reported that Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and the President "both...said they will try to work together to get things done – try." Also on the CBS Evening News (11/5, story 2, 2:25, Pelley, 5.08M), Nancy Cordes said McConnell's "assertion that he wants to work with the President was met with skepticism from Democrats who say he was a key contributor to the gridlock...and that the few times he did try to meet the President half way, conservatives in his party yanked him back."

Under the headline, "After Midterm Rout, Obama Says He Got Nation's Message," the Washington Post (11/5, Eilperin, Sullivan, Nakamura, 4.9M) reports that the President said he "accepts the American public's message in the midterm elections that Washington needs to break its political gridlock." The Post notes that the President spoke after speaking with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who has "sounded a bipartisan note" since Tuesday night. According to the Post, the President "cited investments in infrastructure and multi-nation trade pacts as areas of potential compromise." The Wall Street Journal (11/6, O'Connor, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) details the history between the President and McConnell in an article titled, "Testy Obama-McConnell Relationship Takes The Spotlight."

The Wall Street Journal (11/5, Sparshott, Schwartz, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) covers the President's press conference in an article titled, "Obama Open To Striking Deals With GOP Congress." Reuters (11/5,



Mason, Rampton) quotes the President as saying, "As president, I have a unique responsibility to try and make this town work. ... So, to everyone who voted, I want you to know that I hear you."

The Hill (11/5, Barron-Lopez, Ferris, 241K) says the President "made a point of complimenting" McConnell, and "defended his relationships with members of Congress, which he said have largely been 'cordial' and 'constructive.'" In an article titled, "Obama Vows To 'Get The Job Done' With Republicans," the AP (11/5, Espo, Pace) says the President and McConnell both "pledged to try and turn divided government into a force for good rather than gridlock...yet warned of veto showdowns as well." According to the AP, "Trade legislation loomed as one possibility for quick compromise, and immigration as an early irritant."

USA Today (11/5, Korte, Jackson, Today, 9.86M) reports that the President "put two new items on the agenda for the lame-duck Congress: A \$6.2 billion emergency spending bill that would pay for efforts to fight Ebola and, in a turnaround from his previous stance, explicit congressional authorization for his war against the Islamic State."

In an op-ed for USA Today (11/5, Robbins, 9.86M), author James Robbins writes that despite claims from Democrats, including the President, "Republicans have not been the obstructionists." Robbins notes that the House "has passed dozens of bills that Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid refused to bring up for a vote."

**Republicans Intend To Focus On Trade Deals, Tax Reform And Energy.** According to Major Garrett, on the CBS Evening News (11/5, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M), the President is "hopeful" that he can "cut deals with Republicans on trade, infrastructure, and tax reform," while McConnell says Republicans "are looking to compromise on trade and tax reform, too."

The Washington Post (11/6, Montgomery, Costa, 4.9M) reports McConnell and Speaker Boehner "are both eager to shed the party's image as an unruly collection of obstructionists," and "the remedy, they have decided" is to "act quickly to send President Obama bills with bipartisan support to fast-track international trade agreements, repeal an unpopular tax on medical devices and approve the Keystone XL pipeline."

According to the New York Times (11/6, Hulse, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), the GOP's Congressional leadership intend to "focus on balancing the budget, restoring an orderly process for spending bills, revising if not repealing the health care law and enacting a major overhaul of the tax code." The Times says "approving the Keystone XL oil pipeline...could be fertile ground for agreement with Democrats who have differed with the White House on the issue," and "combining the pipeline with new energy exports, expanded exploration and added efficiency could build a bipartisan consensus."

According to Politico (11/6, Sherman, Raju, 977K), McConnell and Speaker Boehner "are sending subtle warnings to the right wing of their party: The days of crisis-dominated Washington are over." Politico adds that "top Republicans in both chambers have even showed a new eagerness to cut deals with the White House" while "vowing not to repeat the errors of past years, when messy fiscal fights eroded public confidence in Washington and became the hallmark of the GOP-controlled House."

In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (11/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) titled, "Now We Can Get Congress Going: Reform The Tax Code, Redefine 'Full Time' As Working 40 Hours A Week, Move On The Keystone XL Pipeline." McConnell and Boehner lay out their agenda for the next Congress. In an editorial, the Christian Science Monitor (11/5, Board, 426K) says the White House and Congressional Republicans "should...strike a deal to expand trade with Asia and Europe."

**New Senate Appears To Have Votes To Pass Keystone Bill.** The Huffington Post (11/5, Sheppard, 11.54M) reports that the incoming GOP Senate majority "creates an opportunity" for "likely" Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell "to force a vote on the proposed Keystone XL pipeline he's been waiting years to hold." By the HuffPo's count, "the new Senate will have at least 61 votes in favor of a measure forcing the pipeline's approval – a filibuster-proof majority."

The Wall Street Journal (11/5, Harder, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that beyond Keystone, the new Senate GOP majority is likely to oppose many of the President's top energy and environmental policies. McConnell has vowed to hold votes on Keystone and legislation trimming the Administration's proposed carbon limits. However, it remains unclear how much success the GOP will have.

**EXIT POLLS: "ANGER" OVER ECONOMY DROVE GOP SENATE GAINS.** Bloomberg News (11/5, Doming, Allen, 1.94M) reports that on Tuesday, Republicans "seized on voter anger" over the President's handling of the

economy to take control of the Senate. The economy "was voters' most pressing concern," with "with seven of 10 rating conditions poor, preliminary exit polls showed."

The CBS Evening News (11/5, story 5, 2:25, Pelley, 5.08M) reported that the economy was "a major issue" in the elections. CBS (Mason) adds that "the overwhelming majority of voters feel it's in bad shape. Nearly eight in 10 in our exit poll told us they're worried about where the economy is headed." CBS (Mason) adds that the "stock market may be at record highs, and the unemployment rate may finally have fallen below six percent but household incomes have yet to recover from the recession and are now back at levels we last saw in the mid-1990s."

Bloomberg News (11/5, Torres, 1.94M) reports that there are "signs" emerging that incomes are beginning to rise. Wages and salaries of civilian workers "climbed 2.1 percent in the third quarter from the same time last year, the most since the first three months of 2009, Labor Department data showed last week." However, the increase "failed to pay dividends at the polls for Democrats, as voter perceptions of the economy tend to be locked in about six months before Election Day," political analysts say.

In his column for the Washington Post (11/5, Meyerson, 4.9M), Harold Meyerson writes that Democrats lost "catastrophically" because of "their inability to deliver broadly shared prosperity as they used to do." Democrats were unable to "take advantage" of "populist sentiments" among the electorate.

**Businesses Prepare To Push For Priorities In New Congress.** The New York Times (11/5, Schwartz, Krauss, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that following "years of gridlock," businesses are "gearing up for a major push on long-sought goals like an overhaul of the corporate tax system, building the Keystone XL oil pipeline, lighter environmental and financial regulation" and advance major trade deals. However, "despite plenty of public talk of more aggressive action," the Times says that lobbyists, political veterans and Wall Street experts "say the actual legislative agenda will be much more limited."

**Fisher Warns Senate GOP Against Compromising Fed's Independence.** Bloomberg News (11/5, Boesler, Mckee, 1.94M) reports that Dallas Fed President Richard Fisher said in an interview on Wednesday that Senate Republicans "should resist the temptation to erode Federal Reserve independence after victory in mid-term elections." Fisher said, "Think about this: Here's a Congress that can't even get its own budget together. Do you want them running the central bank?"

**More Commentary.** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that at his press event on Tuesday, the President gave no indication that he was interested in driving the economic agenda, so the paper says it will be up to the GOP. The Journal argues that the Republicans should push an economic reform and growth agenda. The papers suggests that the GOP focus on issues that could draw at least some Democratic support, including approving Keystone XL, expanding energy drilling and exports, dumping the ACA's medical device tax, pushing free-trade legislation, and considering tax reform.

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## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES. "Mr. Obama's Offer To Republicans."** The New York Times (11/6, Board, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), in an editorial, praises the President for having "refused on Wednesday to submit to the Republican narrative that his presidency effectively ended with the midterm elections." The Times says the President was "right to ignore" reporters' "demands that he take personal responsibility for the Democratic losses, or exhibit public contrition."

**"In Red And Blue States, Good Ideas Prevail."** A New York Times (11/6, Board, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorial argues that Republican victories were "driven by ideological hatred for President Obama," and when voters had "a choice on an actual policy, rather than between candidates with a D or R next to their names," they "made notably liberal decisions in both red and blue states."

**WASHINGTON POST. "Give Republicans Time."** An editorial in the Washington Post (11/5, Board, 4.9M)

says that while the President "promised to take unilateral action on immigration before the end of the year," he should wait and "give Mr. McConnell the opportunity to make good on some of the lofty promises he has made since the Republican victory." The President, the Post argues, should "seize the moral high ground and test GOP leaders' seriousness about cooperating by offering them time to show they can act, including on immigration."

**"Leaving Yazidis Exposed."** The Washington Post (11/6, 4.9M) editorializes that President Obama's plan to take a "multiyear" approach to the war against ISIL has "advantages," but "also has some big upfront risks." The Post says "one" risk is that the "strategy "is leaving the Yazidis and other vulnerable populations...exposed" to ISIL's "aggression and unspeakable brutality toward non-Muslims."

**"Larry Hogan's Stunning Win."** In an editorial, the Washington Post (11/5, Board, 4.9M) calls Republican Larry Hogan's victory in the Maryland gubernatorial race "a direct repudiation of the administration of Gov. Martin O'Malley." Because Hogan cast the race "as a referendum on Mr. O'Malley and his tax-and-spend policies," he "was able to avoid putting forward an agenda of his own." As a result, "Maryland has a governor-elect who has yet to put forward an implementable agenda."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "A Growth And Reform Congress."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that at his press event on Tuesday, the President gave no indication that he was interested in driving the economic agenda, so the paper says it will be up to the GOP. The Journal argues that the Republicans should push an economic reform and growth agenda. The papers suggests that the GOP focus on issues that could draw at least some Democratic support, including approving Keystone XL, expanding energy drilling and exports, dumping the ACA's medical device tax, pushing free-trade legislation, and considering tax reform.

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## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

Parties Vow to Seek Common Ground After Election  
Democratic Coalition Frays Around The Edges  
GOP Sets Its Path Following Big Win  
Money-Laundering Probe Touches Putin Inner Circle

#### **New York Times:**

Obama Vows To Work With, And Without, Republicans  
In States Seen To Be Tilting Left, Voters Defy Democrats' Forecast  
Outside Groups With Deep Pockets Lift GOP  
Fall Of The Banner Ad. The Monster That Swallowed The Web

#### **Washington Post:**

Going Against Stream, Swift Aims To Save CDs  
Despite Win, Old Playbook May Have Cost Warner  
Hogan "Got The Right Message" On Economy, Taxes  
Obama To Voters: "I Hear You"  
McConnell, Boehner Drawing A Road Map  
FBI Agent Suspected Of Evidence Tampering

#### **Financial Times:**

Republicans Push For Pro-Business Reform  
Plunging Rouble Loses Central Bank Prop

#### **Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

ABC: Midterm Elections; Midterm Elections-Iowa; Midterm Elections-Wall Street; Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive; NFL-Ray Rice Case; Severe Weather; Israel-Terrorist Attack; Ebola Outbreak; Pennsylvania-Eric Frein Case; Houston-SUV Crashes Into Restaurant; Auto Repairs.

CBS: Midterm Elections-Obama; Midterm Elections; Midterm Elections-Analysis; Midterm Elections-Gubernatorial Races; Economy-Exit Polls; Midterm Elections-Women; Ballot Measures-Marijuana; Alex Rodriguez-PED Confession; Heroin Pipeline; Antares Rocket Crash Investigation; Washington-Pizzeria Robbery; London-WWI Poppy Memorial.

NBC: Midterm Elections; Midterm Elections-Obama; Midterm Elections-Analysis; Midterm Elections-Ballot Measures; Israel-Terrorist Attack; Philadelphia-Abducted Women Found Alive; Alex Rodriguez-PED Confession; Health-Cervical Cancer Screenings; Antares Rocket Crash Investigation; Distracted Driving Report.

#### **Network TV At A Glance:**

Midterm Elections – 21 minutes, 20 seconds

Alex Rodriguez-PED Confession – 4 minutes, 20 seconds

Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive – 2 minutes, 25 seconds

Israel-Terrorist Attacks – 1 minute, 45 seconds

Midterm Elections-Ballot Measures – 1 minute, 35 seconds

#### **Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

ABC: Syria-US Airstrikes; Senator McConnell-Obama Relationship; Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive; NFL-Ray Rice Case.

CBS: Midterm Elections-Obama; Senator McConnell-Immigration; Obama-Ebola Funding Request; Missouri-Gay Marriage Ban Overturned; Honda-Air Bar Recall Investigation; Navy SEAL Sues Ex-Lawyers.

FOX: Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive; Oregon-Murder Case; Midterm Elections-Obama; Missouri-Gay Marriage Ban Overturned; Obama-Ebola Funding Request; Spain-Ebola Victim Cured; Asian Stock Market.

NPR: Midterm Elections-Senator McConnell; Texas-Denton Fracking Ban; Missouri-Gay Marriage Ban Overturned; Kerry-Iranian Nuclear Program; Obama-Ebola Funding Request; NTSB-Alaska Helicopter Crash Investigation; Maine-Shrimp Season Canceled.

## **Washington Schedule:**

### **TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

White House:

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — The President and the Vice President receive the Presidential Daily Briefing. The President awards Army First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing the Medal of Honor, Roosevelt Room, pooled press. The President and the First Lady host "A Salute to the Troops: In Performance at the White House"; the Vice President and Dr. Biden also attend, south Lawn, pooled press. Notes: Press Briefing by Press Secretary Josh Earnest.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Unavailable.

**MICHELLE OBAMA** — As part of the Joining Forces initiative and in recognition of Veterans Day, First Lady Michelle Obama will host a special daytime workshop for high school students from military communities in the greater Washington, DC, area. The workshop, "The Stars and Stripes Forever: A History of Music and the Military," will feature Robert Santelli, Executive Director of The GRAMMY Museum, Willie Nelson, Common, U.S. Army SGT Christiana Ball and U.S. Navy veteran Ted Peterson. The workshop will be livestreamed on [WhiteHouse.gov/live](http://WhiteHouse.gov/live). This event will be open press. The First Lady will join President Obama as he awards the Medal of Honor to Army First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for conspicuous gallantry. Cushing will receive the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions while serving as commanding officer of Battery A, 4th United States Artillery, Artillery Brigade, 2nd Corps, Army of the Potomac during combat operations in the vicinity of Cemetery Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1863. The First Lady will join the President, music legends, members of the U.S. military, veterans, and their families, at the White House for a celebration of the men and women who serve the United States. "A Salute to the Troops: In Performance at the White House" will take place on the South Lawn with a live audience including hundreds of military service members, veterans, and their families. The President's remarks will be pooled press and the entire event will be streamed live at [WhiteHouse.gov/live](http://WhiteHouse.gov/live).

**US Senate: SENATE GALLERY PERIODICAL PRESS ELECTIONS** — Oct. 31 – Dec. 17. Elections for the seven members Executive Committee of Correspondents of the Congressional Periodical Press Galleries will take place in January of 2015. Nominating petitions are being accepted now through 5:00 PM Wednesday.

December 17, 2014 by Senate Periodical Gallery Director Edward V. Pesce. Contact Edward V. Pesce at 202-224-0265 for instructions and blank nominating petitions.

US House: Sept. 22 – Nov. 11. — The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

**SPEAKER BOEHNER** — 1:15 p.m. Holds on-camera press briefing. Location: Capitol Visitor Center HVC Studio A, located in HVC 114. Contacts: Kevin Smith, Michael Steel, 202-225-0600

Other: **PRINCESS ANNE – ARLINGTON CEMETERY** — 12:45 p.m. HRH The Princess Royal will pay formal respects to the sacrifice of America's veterans in foreign wars by placing a wreath before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Additionally, as part of the UK's First World Centenary Programme, Princess Anne will unveil a bronze memorial plaque for those Americans awarded Britain's highest military honour, the Victoria Cross, for service in the First World War. ALL registered media must report to Memorial Avenue at 12:45 p.m. to be escorted to the ceremony. Register for additional details by COB Nov. 3, 2014 with Kelly Hysan at 202-518-7521 or [kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk](mailto:kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk). Location: Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Amphitheater, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Contacts: Kelly Hysan [kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk](mailto:kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk) ((202) 518-7521)

**HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SUMMIT** — Nov. 5 – 7. Third annual Healthcare Workforce Summit on pressing workforce issues that confront today's acute and non-acute healthcare facilities. Contact: Jim Gogek, Corporate Communications, AMN Healthcare, (858) 350-3209, [jim.gogek@amnhealthcare.com](mailto:jim.gogek@amnhealthcare.com). Location: Renaissance Washington, D.C., Dupont Circle Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Ave. NW.

**WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCILS NATIONAL CONFERENCE** — Nov. 5 – 7. The World Affairs Councils of America will host its 2014 National Conference, America and the World 2015. The 2014 National Conference Agenda will examine: China, the U.S., and Asia; Russia/Eurasia; Cybersecurity; Future of Education; Youth, Jobs, and Social Unrest; Food and Water; Global Economic Realignment; Future of Energy; Africa; and Climate Change. [http://www.worldaffairscouncils.org/2011/main/home.cfm?Database=programs&Category=natl\\_conf&SectionMain](http://www.worldaffairscouncils.org/2011/main/home.cfm?Database=programs&Category=natl_conf&SectionMain). Location: The Fairfax at Embassy Row, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue.

**ABA NATIONAL SECURITY LAW CLE CONFERENCE** — Nov. 6 – 7. The American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security hosts their 24th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law CLE Conference. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_services/law\\_national\\_security.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/law_national_security.html). Highlights: Assistant Attorney General John P. Carlin for the National Security Division will deliver remarks. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs at 202-514-2007. Location: Capital Hilton, 1001 16th K Streets NW.

**ANNUAL REVIEW – NATIONAL SECURITY LAW** — Nov. 6 – 7. 24th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law. Panel include an 8:30 a.m. panel on Panel I – Executive Branch Updates on Developments in National Security Law. Moderator: Benjamin Powell, Partner, WilmerHale. Discussants: Caroline Krass, General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency; Robert Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Gen. Richard C. Gross, Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army; Rajesh De, General Counsel, National Security Agency; Cynthia Ryan, General Counsel, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; John Carlin, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law\\_national\\_security/LW1114\\_prog.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law_national_security/LW1114_prog.authcheckdam.pdf). Highlights: 1 p.m. NPPD Under Secretary Suzanne Spaulding will deliver remarks on cybersecurity for critical infrastructure. Location: Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St. NW. Contacts: [www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org) Jennifer Kildee (202-662-1732)

**JPAC – CLIMATE CHANGE** — Nov. 6 – 7. The Joint Public Advisory Committee presents "North America's Coasts in a Changing Climate." Location: Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S Orme Street, Arlington VA. Contacts: Fritz Schneider, 301-728-4811. Notes: [http://www.cec.org/Page.asp?PageID=1209&ContentID=25808&SiteNodeID=215&BL\\_ExpandID=&AA\\_SiteLanguageID1](http://www.cec.org/Page.asp?PageID=1209&ContentID=25808&SiteNodeID=215&BL_ExpandID=&AA_SiteLanguageID1)

**NATIONAL SECURITY LAW** — Nov. 6 – 7. 24th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law CLE Conference. Sponsored by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security; Cosponsored by the Center for National Security Law, University of Virginia School of Law; Center on Law, Ethics and National Security, Duke University School of Law Center on National Security and the Law, Georgetown Law. Speakers include: Suzanne E. Spaulding, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (luncheon keynote on the 6th); Sir James D. Wolfensohn, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Wolfensohn Fund Management; Fmr. President, World Bank (Dinner keynote on the 6th). [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law\\_national\\_security/LW1114\\_prog.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law_national_security/LW1114_prog.authcheckdam.pdf). Location: Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th Street, N.W.

**CQ – ELECTION IMPACT CONFERENCE** — 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Keynote (8:30 a.m.) with Rob Collins, Executive Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and Guy Cecil, Executive Director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee will participate in a panel discussion moderated by Roll Call's Christina Bellantoni. Keynote Panel: Gov. Ted Strickland & Congressman Tom Davis. Stu Rothenberg On the Midterm Elections. For additional panel information: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1561470>. Location: Liaison Capitol Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave. NW.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR** — 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fish and Wildlife Service Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting. Must register by October 30th. CONTACT: Laura Norcutt, Acting Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, by telephone at (703) 358-2398, or by email at [Laura\\_Norcutt@fws.gov](mailto:Laura_Norcutt@fws.gov). <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-09/html/2014-24067.htm>. Location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lucille Stickel Conference Room (1W108), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

**FEDSCOOP'S FEDTALKS 2014** — 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Fedscoop's FedTalks 2014 event. <http://fedscoop.com/events/fedtalks/agenda.html> Highlights: 10:15 a.m. NPPD CS&C Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity Strategy and Emergency Communications Roberta Stempfley will participate in a panel discussion on women in technology. 1:20 p.m. Acting Department of Defense Chief of Information Officer Terry Halvorsen delivers remarks. Location: Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW. Contacts: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS – MAGNA CARTA – PRINCESS ANNE, SCALIEA, GRAVES** — 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Library of Congress will open the exhibition "Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor" to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta and to illustrate the great charter's influence on laws and liberties throughout the centuries. The centerpiece of the 10-week exhibition will be Magna Carta on loan from Lincoln Cathedral in England, one of only four surviving copies issued in 1215. The rare document and 76 items drawn from the collections at the Library of Congress will be on display from Thursday, Nov. 6, through Monday, Jan. 19, 2015. HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne and Sir Peter Westmacott, the British Ambassador to the United States, will open the Library of Congress exhibition "Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor" during a morning public ceremony in the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building. The Choir of the Temple Church in London and the Howard University Choir will perform. Fanfare and procession music will be provided by U.S. Army Herald Trumpets. In addition, on the evening of Nov. 6, HRH Princess Anne will take part in a program for invited guests in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Thomas Jefferson Building. The program will feature Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Antonin Scalia as the keynote speaker and opera mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves. Location: second level of the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First St. S.E. Contacts: Donna Urschel [durschel@loc.gov](mailto:durschel@loc.gov) ((202) 707-1639). Notes: Media interested in covering the events need to register in advance with Donna Urschel, at 202-707-1639 or [durschel@loc.gov](mailto:durschel@loc.gov). Upon registration, specific times and arrival details will be given.

**OECD – G20 PROJECTIONS** — 5 a.m. The OECD will present its latest economic projections for G20 countries. The presentation will also provide analysis of the outlook facing the world economy in the run-up to the G20 Leaders' Summit, to be held on November 15-16 in Brisbane, Australia. OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría and Chief Economist Catherine Mann will present the projections (in English with French interpretation) at the OECD in Paris, France. Contacts: n/a, 202-785-6323 Notes: Webcast at <http://video.oecd.org/>

**AIR FORCE BREAKFAST – HOOG** — 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. The Air Force Association November AFA Air Force Breakfast Series with Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff. <http://www.afa.org/AFA/EVENTS/AFAAFBreakfastProgram>. Location: Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209. Contacts: Mary Ellen Dobrowolski ([Mdobrowolski@afa.org](mailto:Mdobrowolski@afa.org))

**OPEN WATER DATA – NIMMICH** — 8:30 a.m. Federal Emergency Management Agency Deputy Administrator Joe Nimmich will deliver remarks entitled "Open Water Data: Assessment of National Priorities at the American Water Resources Association annual meeting. Open press. Location: Sheraton Tysons Hotel, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Va. Contacts: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010

**CSIS – UPCOMING EAST ASIA SUMMITS** — 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Speakers: Ernest Z. Bower, Senior Adviser and Sumitro Chair for Southeast Asia Studies, CSIS, Former President of U.S.-ASEAN Business Council; Matthew P. Goodman, William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy, CSIS, Former director for international economics, National Security Council, Former White House director for the East Asia Summit; Michael J. Green, Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair, CSIS, Former Senior Director of Asia, National Security Council. Moderator: H. Andrew Schwartz, Senior Vice President of External Relations CSIS. Location: First Floor Conference Room, CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW.

**DOJ – LITIGATION LESSONS AND TRENDS – GELFAND — 9:45 a.m.** Deputy Assistant Attorney General David Gelfand for the Antitrust Division will participate on the "Agency Litigation Lessons and Trends panel and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brent Snyder for the Antitrust Division will participate on the "Criminal Antitrust Outlook panel at the 2014 Antitrust Fall Forum. Location: National Press Club, Floor 13, 529 14th St NW. Contacts: (202) 514-2007. Notes: Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Robert Robison at Robert.Robinson@americanbar.org.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION — 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Federal Aviation Administration Twenty-Eighth Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 224, Airport Security Access Control Systems. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-23/html/2014-25159.htm>. Location: RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street, NW., Suite 910. Contacts: (202) 833-9339.

**WILSON CENTER – FINDING COMMON CAUSE — 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Scholars, Policymakers and International Affairs: Finding Common Cause. Welcome remarks: Dr. Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary for Political Affairs, Organization of American States. Introductory remarks: H. E. Jose Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, Organization of American States. Book presentation: "Scholars, Policymakers and International Affairs: Finding Common Cause; Dr. Abraham Lowenthal, Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California. Panel: How Can Scholars Contribute More Effectively to Policy-Making?; Dr. Cynthia J. Amson (Moderator), Director, Latin American Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Dr. C. Fred Bergsten, Senior Fellow and Director Emeritus, Peterson Institute for International Economics; Ambassador Thomas Shannon, Counselor, U.S. Department of State; Dr. Santiago Levy, Vice-President for Sectors and Knowledge, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Location: Hall of the Americas, 17th St. & Constitution Ave. NW. Contacts: RSVP to SER-DIA@oas.org. On the Net: [www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org)

**ATLANTIC COUNCIL – ISLAMIC STATE – GEN. AUSTIN — 11 a.m.** The Islamic State and Beyond: US Military Strategy in the Middle East. Commanders Series event with General Lloyd J. Austin III, commander of US Central Command, to discuss the US-led coalition campaign against the Islamic State and the broader role the US military will play in the Middle East in the coming years. <http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/events/upcoming-events/detail/us-military-strategy-in-the-middle-east>. Location: 1030 15th Street, NW, 12th Floor (West Tower).

**IMMIGRANT RIGHTS – EXECUTIVE ACTION — 11 a.m.** National leaders from all segments of the pro-immigrant rights movement will hold a press conference to urge President Barack Obama to seize the moment and use his authority to take administrative action to expand immediate relief from deportations for millions of workers and families. Participants include Mary Kay Henry, Int'l President, SEIU; Rich Trumka, Int'l President, AFL-CIO; Marielena Hincapii, Executive Director, Natl Immigration Law Center. Location: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW. Contacts: Beatriz Lopez, [beatriz.lopez@seiu.org](mailto:beatriz.lopez@seiu.org), 202-412-7396.

**NASA TELECONFERENCE – ROCKET EXPERIMENT — 2 p.m.** NASA will host a news teleconference to announce discoveries from a sub-orbital rocket experiment "that are redefining what we think of as galaxies." The briefing participants are: Michael Garcia, program scientist, NASA Headquarters, Washington; James Bock, astronomer, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California; Michael Zemcov, astronomer, Caltech and JPL; Karoline Gilbert, assistant astronomer, Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland. Contacts: Felicia Chou, [felicia.chou@nasa.gov](mailto:felicia.chou@nasa.gov), 202-358-0257. Notes: For dial-in information, media representatives should e-mail their name, affiliation and telephone number to Felicia Chou at [felicia.chou@nasa.gov](mailto:felicia.chou@nasa.gov) by noon on Thursday. Audio of the teleconference will be streamed live at: <http://www.nasa.gov/newsaudio>.

**NATURALIZATION CEREMONY – SCIALABBA – CHILDREN — 3 p.m.** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Deputy Director Lori Scialabba will participate in a special naturalization ceremony for 20 children citizenship candidates in recognition of National Adoptions Month. Location: USCIS Washington District Office, 2675 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, Va. Contacts: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010.

## **Last Laughs:**

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Yesterday was, of course, Election Day. There were a number of pot-related items on state ballots. Alaska, Oregon, and Washington, D.C. voted to legalize recreational marijuana. Vice President Joe Biden celebrated quietly at home, contemplating the infinite nature of the universe."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Imagine Washington, D.C. – if you thought Congress didn't get a lot of work done before, just wait until they get legal pot."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "In Florida, a measure to legalize medical marijuana did not pass. Which, that's probably for the best, right? People in Florida are weird enough already."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Remarkably, the very liberal state of California still has not legalized marijuana for recreational use. Though, due to the drought we are having here, we are considering making it legal to drink bong water."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "As you probably know, Republicans picked up a lot of seats and won control of both chambers of Congress yesterday, which is key because whoever controls Congress controls the lunch menu at the cafeteria."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Republicans have a majority in the Senate and House of Representatives for the first time in eight years. I guess when it was all said and done, the Republicans just had the better lawn signs."

**David Letterman:** "Boy, it was a big night for the Republicans, big night for the conservatives. Rush Limbaugh broke out the OxyContin. ... Even the Washington Redskins are demanding the Democrats change their name."

**David Letterman:** "The governor's race in Florida – very close. They had to wait all night to count the crooked ballots."

**David Letterman:** "The new senator from Iowa, Jodi Ernst, says we're heading to Washington and we're going to make them squeal. I said to myself, 'Lady, it's the United States Senate. It's not a bachelor's party.'"

**David Letterman:** "You know what happened today? When is this going to stop? There was another fence-jumper at the White House. Yeah, this time it was Obama trying to get out."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Huge night for the Republicans across the country. They won everything – the Senate majority, the bigger House majority, tight governor's races, and a giraffe from one of those claw machines."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "The big news, of course, is the mid-term elections. Last night, Republicans picked up a dozen seats in the House to give them their biggest majority since World War II. Or, as they put it, 'Time to party like it's 1939!'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "'They also took control of the Senate, after gaining another seven seats. I haven't seen the GOP get this many seats since Chris Christie made an airline reservation.'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "I saw that Republican Scott Brown lost his bid for Senate in New Hampshire last night, two years after he was voted out as senator in Massachusetts. When asked what he was planning to do next, he said, 'Are they still looking for a mayor in Toronto?'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Yesterday, Republicans won enough seats to gain a majority in the Senate and increase their majority in the House. For those Democratic candidates who wanted to distance yourselves from Obama, congratulations, you did. You don't ever have to worry about seeing him again."

**Conan O'Brien:** "But, history was made. For the first time ever, a Black Republican woman has been elected to Congress. President Obama gave her a congratulatory call and told her, 'You're all set. This country never turns against the first black anything.'"

**Conan O'Brien:** "Yesterday, Washington D.C. voted to legalize recreational marijuana. President Obama said, 'And after these midterms, thank God.'"

**Conan O'Brien:** [Referring to Clay Aiken] "The former 'American Idol' star lost his election to Congress. Apparently, his supporters thought they could vote by texting Ryan Seacrest."

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**IDAHO CONFERENCE SEEKS SOLUTIONS FOR SAGE GROUSE.** The *AP* (11/6) reports "some of the nation's top public lands officials and rangeland scientists have gathered in Boise to try to figure out what can be done to avoid a listing of the sage grouse on the federal Endangered Species Act." According to the article, "the three-day conference, called The Next Steppe: Sage-grouse and Rangeland Wildfire in the Great Basin, opened Wednesday with keynote remarks" by Mike Connor, deputy secretary of the Interior Department. Connor said, "Just seeing this grow from primarily a federal agency discussion to a broad-based, diverse level of participation from states and local communities is very encouraging, because that diversity of participation is what we're going to need to make progress over the next year on an important set of issues."

Also, the *Idaho Statesman* (11/5, 150K) reports that the conference "opened Wednesday with remarks from US Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe and US Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Komze." The article notes that "early remarks focused on finding collaboration among federal, state and private entities as massive wildfires and invasive species threaten a fragmented sage grouse habitat."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington Times (11/6, Ridler), the Houston Chronicle (11/6, Ridler, 2.47M), the Twin Falls (ID) Times-News (11/6, 54K), the Seattle Post-Intelligencer (11/6, 1.06M), the San Francisco Chronicle (11/6, 2.24M), the Spokane (WA) Spokesman-Review (11/5, 169K), KSL-TV Salt Lake City (11/6, 1.07M), and KIVI-TV Boise, ID (11/6, 861).

**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS CHOCTAW TRIBAL SCHOOLS.** The Neshoba (MS) Democrat (11/6, 21K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell took a tour of the Choctaw Indian Reservation on October 29. She was joined by Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn and Bureau of Indian Education Director Dr. Charles 'Monty' Roessel "to tour the three facilities and discuss ongoing Indian education reform initiatives." According to the article, "in a press conference at the end of the visit, Jewell said the Choctaw school system functioning at such a high level can be used as a model to other Tribal school systems that are struggling." She "identified the involvement of Tribal leadership as something that puts them ahead of the pack." Jewell said, "We got a challenge in Indian education across the country. We under-perform other students, part of my job as Secretary of the Interior is overseeing the bureau of Indian education. We're reforming it, because it's not working well for Indian children, but right here in Mississippi we see a really highly functional school system, we see tribal leadership with the chief engaged deeply in the schools, the school system and the future for these kids and we know that there are lessons that we can learn here, that we can apply elsewhere to Indian country but we also know that there are things that the tribe needs from us to a better job in supporting their needs, so that's why we're here."

**INTERIOR AWARDS GRANTS TO LGBT HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SITES.** The Out In Jersey (11/6, 104) reports that the NPS has "given a \$49,999 grant to the LGBT Sites in New York City Project, which seeks to survey and document 'historic and cultural sites associated with LGBT heritage' in the five boroughs." Also, "a second grant for \$25,000 was given to the LGBT Heritage of Kentucky Project, a group supporting the addition of Louisville's Henry Clay Hotel and the Whiskey Row Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, "Our American heritage is a tapestry made up of threads from many nations and communities, and we are working with public and private partners to help ensure that our National Register of Historic Places reflects this remarkable diversity."

**US WATER USE DROPS TO LOWEST LEVEL IN 40 YEARS.** The Environment News Network (11/6, 260) reports that "water use across the country reached its lowest recorded level in nearly 45 years." According to a new USGS report, "about 355 billion gallons of water per day (Bgal/d) were withdrawn for use in the entire United States during 2010." The article notes that "this represents a 13 percent reduction of water use from 2005 when about 410 Bgal/d were withdrawn and the lowest level since before 1970." Mike Connor, deputy secretary of the Interior, said, "Reaching this 45-year low shows the positive trends in conservation that stem from improvements in water-use technologies and management. Even as the US population continues to grow, people are learning to be more water conscious and do their part to help sustain the limited freshwater resources in the country."

Also reporting on the story is the Huffington Post (11/6, Gleick, 11.54M).

**SECRETARY JEWELL TO ATTEND WORLD PARKS CONGRESS.** The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (11/6, 20K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will be "in Sydney attending the World Parks Congress."

**SEN. MURKOWSKI POISED TO REINS OF SENATE ENERGY.** The Washington Examiner (11/6, 346K) reports that "with Republicans taking control of the Senate on Tuesday, Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma are now in line to hold committee chairmanships in the upper chamber." Murkowski has "largely laid out her policy agenda for the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in a 121-page report she titled 'Energy 2020.'" The article notes that "chief among her policy aims will be expanding oil and gas drilling in federal onshore and offshore lands, including the Arctic."

The New York Times (11/5, Schwartz, Krauss, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that Murkowski and "other Republicans also oppose any new stringent rules governing hydraulic fracturing in shale oil and gas fields." According to the article, "they may also try to obstruct or weaken any Interior Department actions to use the Endangered Species Act to slow drilling and other energy development."

The Hill (11/6, Barron-Lopez, 241K) reports that "Murkowski's new power will allow her to fight for a proposed Alaskan road through a federal wildlife refuge."

Also providing coverage are the Washington Examiner (11/6, 346K), the Anchorage (AK) Dispatch News (11/5, 146K), the FuelFix (11/5, 7K), and Reuters (11/6).

**PROFESSOR CLAIMS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CAN RESTORE HAWAII KINGDOM.** The Examiner (11/6, 1.01M) reports that "a video was released today of a lecture by Professor Francis Boyle where he advocated that Kanaka Maoli (indigenous Hawaiians) go to a proposed 2015 Constitutional Convention to restore the Kingdom of Hawaii." According to the article, "the lecture was sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and contains Boyles' current analysis of the overthrown Kingdom's status under international law." Boyle, a professor of international law at the University of Illinois College of Law, "claims that US Federal and State control over the Hawaiian Islands are little more than military and civilian facets of an illegal occupation regime that has not extinguished the sovereignty of the Hawaii Kingdom despite over a century of US rule."

Also providing coverage is the Scoop (11/6, 1K).

**CONGRESS URGED TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS.** Roll Call (11/6, Subscription Publication, 90K), Dave Richins, a city council member from Mesa, Arizona, writes that "whatever the next Congress brings us, let's hope it brings a fresh perspective on how to balance the management of our public lands, and a renewed push to actually get things done." He argues that "whether we're talking about congressional action on public land conservation, public/private partnerships, or community investments that a private company like Resolution Copper makes, outdoor recreation is a leading economic driver in today's American West, and the 114th Congress should remember that when they get to work next year."

## America's Great Outdoors:

### *National Park Service:*

**FBI INVESTIGATING EXPLOSIVE DEVICE FOUND AT NATIONAL PARK IN GEORGIA.** The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (11/6, Stevens, 1.21M) reports that the FBI is searching for evidence after a backpack containing explosive materials was found at the Vickery Creek Park in Roswell, Georgia. According to an FBI spokesman, the backpack was found Tuesday by "A mother and daughter walking in the park" who then contacted authorities. The Cobb County police bomb squad responded to the scene and the items were detonated, according to police. .

WXIA-TV Atlanta (11/5, 42K) reports on its website that the FBI was called into the investigation because "Vickery Creek Trail is a national park." The FBI spokesman said that the backpacks contents could have been used to make an improvised explosive device and were detonated to "render them safe." He added that the materials will be sent to the FBI's labs and analyzed and WXIA notes that "It's unclear whether the device was active and set to go off."

**YELLOWSTONE, GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARKS PROPOSES FEE INCREASES.** The Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle (11/6, 54K) reports that "Yellowstone National Park is proposing to raise entrance fees for the first time in eight years and to create a backcountry camping permit in order to keep the park running at its current level."

The County 10 (11/5) reports that Grand Teton National Park is "proposing to update its entrance fees and invites public input on this prospect."

**MARIJUANA USE STILL ILLEGAL ON FEDERAL PROPERTY.** The New Republic (11/6, 195K) reports that "the ballot measure to legalize marijuana in the District of Columbia handily passed yesterday," but "although the local pot laws in D.C. might change, just as they did in Colorado and Washington, the federal law hasn't." Federal employers including the NPS "issued staff-wide memos reminding workers that all pot use is considered unacceptable." The article notes that "marijuana use also remains illegal on federal property, and in D.C., that means legalization won't touch places like the National Mall and Rock Creek Park, a wooded recreational area that covers a large part of the city's northwestern quadrant."

**GOV. MCAULIFFE SUPPORTS AN EXPANSION OF FORT MONROE NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The Newport News (VA) Daily Press (11/6, 181K) reports that Gov. Terry McAuliffe "wants the National Park Service monument at Fort Monroe expanded to connect the two federally protected parcels in the North Beach and Inner Moat areas." Brian Coy, McAuliffe's press secretary, said, "Governor McAuliffe believes a contiguous national monument at Fort Monroe would be an enormous historical and economic asset to Hampton Roads and

the commonwealth as a whole." Fort Monroe National Park Superintendent Kirsten Talken-Spaulling said "she couldn't comment on changes to the monument boundary without knowing more details, although she pointed to a section of the federal code dealing with park boundary adjustments."

**MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE RANCH PLAN.** The [Marin \(CA\) Independent Journal](#) (11/6, 67K) reports that "the future of ranches in the Point Reyes National Seashore will be the focus of meetings later this month." This week the NPS "announced two sessions to look at ranching practices and tule elk on pasturelands." The article notes that "the meetings are part of a larger look at ranchlands dubbed the 'Ranch Comprehensive Management Plan/Environmental Assessment.'"

**YELLOWSTONE BISON TO BE MOVED TO FORT PECK.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports that "Montana wildlife officials say a group of about 140 bison captured from Yellowstone National Park will be re-located to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation next week." The animals "went through a lengthy quarantine to ensure they don't carry the animal disease brucellosis."

**REVIEW FINDS ISSUES SURROUNDING LAVA ALTERNATE ROUTE AT HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports that "an environmental review for constructing an emergency access route along a lava-covered section of Chain of Craters Road identifies concerns including the spread of invasive species and possible harm to endangered nene." The NPS has "agreed to accommodate two-way traffic on an alternate route to Puna to prepare for lava flowing over the district's main road." The article notes that "the review released Tuesday says a potential impact is spread of invasive species such as little fire ants and coqui frogs hitching rides on vehicles from Puna."

**GATES BEING INSTALLED TO PROTECT NEW RIVER GORGE'S BATS.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports that "gates are being installed on abandoned mine openings in the New River Gorge National River to protect bat habitat." The NPS said Wednesday that "the old mines provide habitat for 10 species of bats." The article notes that "two species are endangered, the Virginia big-eared bat and the Indiana bat." The gates "allow bats to enter the mines while preventing humans from entering."

**RESEARCHERS STUDYING BLACK BEAR POPULATION IN ALABAMA.** The [AP](#) (11/6, Edgemon) reports that this week, an Auburn University team will "begin catching and tagging bears in and near Little River Canyon National Preserve and on private property in the Saraland area far to the south, in Mobile County." According to the article, "ten bears in each area will be outfitted with GPS collars, which cost \$2,500 each." Researchers are "conducting a statewide study of black bears, their population viability and their movements." The article notes that "thanks to grant funding from the National Park Service, Little River Canyon is also installing game cameras and bear-hair snares."

**NPS OFFERING YELLOWSTONE SNOWMOBILE COURSE ONLINE.** The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (11/6, 90K) reports that the NPS is "offering a Yellowstone Snowmobile Education Certification course for free online."

**TIMBERLAND PARK OPENS ON NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY.** The [Tennessean](#) (11/5, 386K) reports that Timberland Park has "opened in Williamson County on the historic Natchez Trace Parkway."

**MOUNT RAINIER FEATURED ON TUMBLR.** The [Tacoma \(WA\) News Tribune](#) (11/5, 228K) reports that the Interior Department featured Mount Rainier in its "America's Great Outdoors" Tumblr update.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS INVESTIGATING VANDALISM AT NATIONAL PARKS.** Additional coverage of the vandalism in national parks was provided by the [Fort Collins \(CO\) Coloradoan](#) (11/5, 59K).

**PREDATOR CONTROL MEASURES SUPPORTED.** In an op-ed for the [Anchorage \(AK\) Dispatch News](#) (11/5, Stratton, 146K), Jim Stratton, the deputy vice president of regional operations for the National Parks Conservation Association, supports the NPS' "proposed wildlife regulations to end unbearable hunting methods on Alaska's national preserve lands." He writes that "hunting will continue on our national preserve lands, as it should, but some of the methods must change." Stratton concludes that "predator control and national park lands just don't mix."

#### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**PROSECUTORS OBJECT TO RETRIAL IN FEDERAL VANDALISM CASE.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports that "prosecutors are objecting to a radio host's request for a new trial after he was convicted of vandalism for tearing

down barricades on federal land in Montrose County." The US Attorney's Office argues that "David Justice's motion for a new trial is based on an inaccurate statement of the law." Justice, "whose given name is Stanley Hugh Anderson, was convicted in September after damaging Bureau of Land Management property at the Cushman Creek Trail."

**ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS.** The Leadville (CO) Herald Democrat (11/6) reports that "the public is invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service." According to the article, "festivities will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 7, at the Salida SteamPlant Ballroom, courtyard and the nearby Salida boat ramp."

**BLM EMPLOYEE KILLED BY FALLING TREE IN COOS COUNTY.** The Eugene (OR) Register-Guard (11/6, 172K) reports that "a falling tree killed a Bureau of Land Management employee in her car at noon Tuesday near Blue Ridge east of Coos Bay." According to the article, "Estella Morgan, 55, was found unresponsive but breathing when medics arrived on land management property off of Blue Ridge Road." Authorities said that "while crews were on scene, she died."

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**COURT STRIKES DOWN PRAIRIE DOG RULES IN UTAH TOWN.** The AP (11/6) reports that "a judge is striking down federal regulations that prohibit Cedar City residents from controlling prairie dogs on private property." Federal Judge Dee Benson says the FWS "can't regulate the Utah prairie dog population on private land because the species is only found inside the state."

The Washington Post (11/5, Adler, 4.9M) reports that "this decision is significant if for no other reason that it is the first time that a federal court has held that the regulation of private land use exceeds the scope of Congress's enumerated powers."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the St. George (UT) Spectrum (11/5, 45K).

**COURT UPHOLDS FWS' REMOVAL OF EAGLES FROM ENDANGERED LIST.** The Law 360 (11/6, 18K) reports that "an Arizona federal judge on Wednesday upheld the US Fish and Wildlife Service's decision not to give Endangered Species Act protection to the Sonoran Desert bald eagle population, finding the analysis used by the agency was not flawed and took adequate scientific evidence into consideration." US District Judge David G. Campbell "granted a motion for summary judgment filed by the FWS, saying that the Center for Biological Diversity and other environmental groups had failed to provide evidence showing the agency's decision runs contrary to scientific and legal conclusions."

**CHICAGO'S SHEDD AQUARIUM WELCOMES ABANDONED SEA OTTER PUP RESCUED OFF CALIFORNIA.** The Los Angeles Times (11/6, Rocha, 4M) reports that "a 5-week-old sea otter pup rescued along the Central California coast will get a second chance at life in Chicago after getting fattened up at Monterey Bay Aquarium, experts announced Tuesday." According to the article, "after receiving around-the-clock care at the aquarium for four weeks, 'Pup 681' – a member of the threatened Southern Sea otter species – was shipped to the Shedd's Abbott Oceanarium in Chicago for continued rehabilitation."

Also reporting on the story are KSBW-TV Monterey, CA (11/6, 7K), WGN-TV Chicago (11/5, 141K), and WTVR-TV Richmond, VA (11/5, 47K).

**FWS OFFERS TOUR OF GREAT BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The Seacoast Online (NH) (11/5, 6K) reports that the FWS is "offering a limited number behind the scenes tours this month of its Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge on a portion of the former Pease Air Force Base."

**FWS FORENSICS LABORATORY DIRECTOR INTERVIEWED.** In an interview with the Al Jazeera America (11/6, 177K) FWS Forensics Laboratory Director Ken Goddard discussed "the lab's early beginnings, why he thinks rhinos are nearing extinction, and what it's like wading through walrus guts in the Arctic."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ANIMAL RESEMBLING GRAY WOLF REPORTED AT GRAND CANYON.** Additional coverage of an animal that could be a gray wolf that has been seen at Grand Canyon National Park was provided by the Washington Post (11/5, Larimer, 4.9M).

## ***US Geological Survey:***

**USGS, CANADA DEVELOP NORTH AMERICA WATERWATCH.** The WaterWorld (11/6, 96) reports that "in an international collaboration, the US Geological Survey (USGS) and the Water Survey of Canada (WSC) have officially produced the North America WaterWatch (NAWW), a new online website that displays streamflow conditions throughout much of North America." According to the article, "NAWW provides a fast, easy-to-use, cartographically-based, central web interface for users to access real-time streamflow conditions for both Canada and the United States." Jerad Bales, USGS chief scientist for water, said, "North America WaterWatch delivers easily understandable maps and graphics of streamflow conditions and, simultaneously, provides access to real-time and past streamflow data at thousands of streamgages in both nations. The portal demonstrates the value of free exchange of water-data through interoperable web services, which is a major strategic focus of the USGS through open-water data activities."

**USGS REPORT DESCRIBES TRACKING NITRATE PULSE TO THE GULF OF MEXICO.** The Water Technology Online (11/6) reports that "a new report released by the US Geological Survey (USGS) describes how advanced optical sensor technology is being employed in the Mississippi River basin to accurately track the nitrate pulse to the Gulf of Mexico." According to the report, "excessive springtime nitrate runoff, from agricultural land and other sources in the Mississippi drainage, flows into the Mississippi River and then downstream into the Gulf of Mexico." USGS Researcher Brian Pellerin said, "High frequency data from these sensors has revealed considerable variability in nitrate concentrations in small rivers and streams. However, we were surprised to see nitrate concentrations vary by as much as 20 percent in a week in a river as large as the Mississippi River without similar changes in streamflows."

**USGS MODEL SIMULATES HOW SEDIMENT MOVES.** The Dredging Today (11/5) reports that "for the first time ever, scientists have simulated the movement of sediment throughout the San Antonio River Basin with a new US Geological Survey model, created in cooperation with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA)." According to the article, "the new model simulates how water and suspended sediment flowed through the San Antonio River Basin from 2000-2012." Aarin Teague, SARA Sustainability Stormwater Specialist, said, "The San Antonio River Authority will be utilizing this model and the study findings as part of a holistic watershed master planning effort. With the study results, SARA management strategies will be targeted to efficiently address sources of pollutants."

## **Securing America's Energy Future:**

### ***Renewable Energy:***

**RESEARCHERS TO STUDY MARINE MAMMALS TO MINIMIZE EFFECTS OF WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT.** The reNews (11/6) reports that "researchers will begin a study of marine mammals off the coast of Ocean City, Maryland this fall to help minimize the affects of wind farm development." According to the article, "a new study led by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science will help state and federal decision-makers better understand where whales, dolphins and porpoises occur and how they use this habitat." The article notes that "beginning this fall, underwater microphones will be affixed on buoys anchored to the ocean floor to continuously record sounds produced by large whales and other marine mammals."

**PUBLIC HEARING ON DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN SCHEDULED THURSDAY.** The Inland Valley (CA) Daily Bulletin (11/5, Steinberg, 99K) reports that "there will be a public hearing Thursday night on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, a historic planning effort covering more than 22 million acres of the California desert."

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**DENTON, TX VOTERS PASS ANTI-FRACKING BAN; INDUSTRY RESPONDS WITH INJUNCTION REQUEST.** Bloomberg News (11/5, Olson, Polson, 1.94M) reports that on Tuesday the "small college town" of Denton, TX passed a measure banning fracking. The mandate passed with 14,881 votes for 59% of the total vote.

Reuters (11/5, Richter) reports that Denton's vote was considered key because fracking is a widely-used practice in Texas. This is the first anti-fracking measure to pass in the state. In response, Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter said the ban should be cast aside. He argued, "Bans based on misinformation –



instead of science and fact – potentially threaten this energy renaissance and as a result, the well-being of all Texans.”

The AP (11/5) reports that in response to Tuesday's vote, the Texas Oil and Gas Association on Wednesday “responded quickly” by filing suit “for an injunction to stop” the anti-fracking ban from taking effect.

The Dallas Morning News (11/5, Miller, 1.16M) reports that in a Wednesday statement, Texas Oil and Gas Association attorney Thomas R. Phillips argued, “A ban on hydraulic fracturing is inconsistent with state law and therefore violates the Texas Constitution.”

In “The Two Way” blog NPR (11/5, 2.22M) reports that Denton, TX Mayor Chris Watts vowed to fight for the fracking ban. He said Wednesday, “Hydraulic fracturing, as determined by our citizens, will be prohibited in the Denton city limits.” The ban is set to take effect Dec. 2.

The Dallas Morning News (11/5, Heinkel-Wolfe, 1.16M) reports that since July Denton Taxpayers for a Strong Economy, the main group opposed to the fracking ban, raised nearly \$700,000 to defeat it, the bulk of which came from the energy producers including Chesapeake, XTO, and Chevron. In that time, Frack Free Denton raised \$75,000.

**Results Mixed For Local Anti-Fracking Measures.** The New York Times (11/6, Krauss, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that across the nation “local initiatives to ban or restrict the oil and gas production process lost as many elections as were won. Voters in Youngstown, Ohio, a Rust Belt city sitting atop vast deposits of natural gas, sent a proposed ban to a landslide defeat.” Overall “on Election Day, the oil industry and fracking opponents split eight local races, three in California, four in Ohio and the one in Denton.”

The Hill (11/6, Cama, 241K) notes “Denton, Texas; Athens, Ohio; and San Benito and Mendocino counties in California passed ballot measures to restrict fracking, the controversial method of injecting fluid into wells to extract more oil and gas.” According to the Natural Resources Defense Council “the passed measures show a growing trend of localities opposing fracking.”

**OSMRE HONORS ACKERMAN COAL MINE WITH AWARD.** WTVA-TV Columbus, MS (11/6, 7K) reports that “a lignite surface mining operation in Choctaw County has been honored for its work to reclaim areas affected by their operations.” The OSMRE “named Mississippi Lignite Mining Company Red Hills Mine as a winner of the 2014 National Award.” The agency “selected Red Hills for the honor for work done to reclaim the McIntire Branch of Little Bywy Creek.”

**MINE OPERATOR RECOGNIZED WITH AWARD.** The Logan (WV) Banner (11/6, 574) reports that “Alpha Natural Resources Elk Run Coal Company, Inc., was given the ‘Good Neighbor Award’ by the USDI, an award given to mine operators for successfully working with the surrounding land owners and the community while completing mining and reclamation.” According to the article, “Elk Run received the award for ‘its significant contributions each year to communities near Elk Run Coal Company.’”

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CONTEST MOAB PIPELINE DECISION.**

Additional coverage that environmentalists are challenging the BLM's Moab pipeline decision was provided by the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (11/6, 479K).

#### **Offshore Energy Development:**

**LAWSUIT CLAIMS NATIONAL OFFSHORE TRAINING AND LEARNING CENTER SCUTTLED.** WWL-TV New Orleans (11/5, 107K) reports that “a training center – touted as central to the federal government's efforts to improve offshore drilling safety after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion – failed to get off the ground, and its former director blames Gulf of Mexico regulators for undermining reforms.” Chris Barry, the former head of the National Offshore Training and Learning Center, is “suing the Interior Department, alleging hostile working conditions from senior agency management, who, Barry alleges, called him and his staff ‘idiots’ and used homophobic slurs to refer to Barry.” The article notes that “more importantly, though, Barry says that the safety bureau's Gulf of Mexico regional office undercut” Michael Bromwich's plans and “hijacked funds and staff intended for the training center.”

**ANNIVERSARY OF END OF FIRST SEMS AUDIT CYCLE APPROACHING.** The Penn Energy (11/6, 128) reports that “it has been almost four years since the Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS)

regulations were promulgated and on November 15, 2014, it will be one year since the end of the first SEMS Audit Cycle." According to the BSEE, "86 percentage of the regulated operators successfully demonstrated that they met required SEMS program requirements," and "in August 2014 only three operators were still out of compliance."

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BOEM RELEASES ARCTIC DRILLING REVIEW.** Additional coverage of the release of the BOEM's new environmental analysis in the Chukchi Sea was provided by the [Offshore Magazine](#) (11/6, 143K) and the [Penn Energy](#) (11/6, 128).

**BOR TO DISCUSS BIGHORN RESERVOIR DURING PUBLIC MEETING.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (11/6, 236K) reports that the BOR will "present water supply conditions in the Bighorn Basin and discuss the agency's proposed fall/winter operating plan for Yellowtail Dam/Bighorn Reservoir at a public meeting on Wednesday." Also, "the Bighorn River System Issues Group will discuss the river and reservoir aquatic health and operating criteria for Yellowtail Dam."

**BIA BACKS HOPI'S IMPOUNDING OF NAVAJO SHEEP.** The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (11/5, 78K) reports that "the deep Southwestern drought has pitted tribe against tribe, as Hopi authorities backed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) impound hundreds of sheep and other livestock owned by Navajo who are grazing the animals on Big Mountain, which lies on Hopi Partition Land." However, "Navajo ranchers in the area, many of them lifelong, elderly, pastoral people, are crying foul on methods that they say are harsh and unfair, even though the activity fits Hopi regulations' definition of overgrazing."

## **Top National News:**

**OBAMA DECLINES TO TAKE BLAME FOR DEMOCRATS' MIDTERM LOSSES.** Almost all the coverage of President Obama's press conference on Wednesday afternoon describes it as evidence that he does not blame his relative unpopularity for the Democrats' losses on Tuesday and does not intend to make any major changes, either in staffing or policymaking, in the wake of the Republican wave. On NBC Nightly News (11/5, story 3, 1:35, Williams, 7.86M), Chuck Todd said Democrats told him they believe the President "made a mistake not accepting more responsibility...at that press conference." Todd added, "What's amazing here is that this was a horrendous night for the Democratic Party, and the President is not talking about changing either his style or the White House staff."

Also on NBC Nightly News (11/5, story 2, 2:45, Williams, 7.86M), correspondent Chris Jansing said the midterms were "widely viewed as a repudiation of" the President. But Jansing added that "if the election results left him chastened, the President is not showing it," and, on Wednesday, he "didn't accept responsibility" for his party's defeats.

In the lead story for the CBS Evening News (11/5, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Major Garrett reported that "after another midterm election drubbing, President Obama pledged no fundamental changes in his White House team or its tactics." On ABC World News (11/5, lead story, 3:05, Muir, 5.84M), Jonathan Karl also reported that the President "offered no sign that he has...a desire to change course" nor any "apologies." According to Karl, the President "suggested Democrats lost primarily because most people didn't bother to vote."

Just after the President finished his press conference, MSNBC's (11/5, 111) Alex Wagner said, "If you wanted contrition...from the President, you certainly did not get it." Under the headline, "Obama Defiant After GOP Wave," Politico (11/5, Epstein, 977K) reported that the President "sounded a defiant tone on Wednesday, arguing that Democrats' big losses...were more about dysfunction in Washington than about his policies and leadership." Politico also reported that the President "repeatedly resisted reporters' efforts to extract political analysis from him," but "offered a broader political takeaway: that Americans are still hungry for the change he promised as a candidate six years ago."

The Hill (11/5, Barron-Lopez, Ferris, 241K) reported that on Wednesday, the President "suggested he's going full steam ahead with plans to take executive action on immigration and made a point of noting that two-thirds of voters didn't take part in the midterms – a swipe at any GOP suggestions that the election gave their party a mandate."

Charles Blow of the New York Times (11/6, Blow, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says the President "was not

contrite or cowed" on Wednesday, which Blow says "could actually stiffen the spines of some staunch progressives who are already...feeling some commingling of betrayal, buyer's remorse and battle fatigue." But the Washington Times (11/5, Wolfgang, 373K) describes the President as "humbled" and reports that he said he is "fully prepared to work with Republicans."

McClatchy (11/5, Clark, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that the President "declined to take blame for the [Democrats'] showing, though he had said...that his policies would be on the ballot." McClatchy says the President "sought to strike an upbeat, conciliatory tone," and while he "memorably characterized Democratic losses in 2010 as a 'shellacking,'" he "studiously avoided any word like it on Wednesday." USA Today (11/5, Korte, Jackson, Today, 9.86M) also notes that the President "steered clear of using similarly vivid language," and "declined to analyze" the "causes" of the Democrats' losses."

In a column titled, "Obama Seems Numb To This Latest 'shellacking' Of Democrats," Dana Milbank of the Washington Post (11/5, Milbank, 4.9M) writes that on Wednesday, the President "spoke as if Tuesday had been but a minor imitation," and "acknowledged no fault or error and expressed no contrition or regret."

In USA Today (11/5, Goldberg, 9.86M), National Review's Jonah Goldberg writes that "contrary to a lot of spinning early election night, this wasn't an 'anti-incumbent wave'; it was...an anti-Obama wave." Neil Munro of the Daily Caller (11/5, Munro, 475K) said that during his "painful" press conference, the President "declined to promise any staffing changes or trim his progressive goals."

USA Today (11/5, Board, 9.86M) editorializes that "again and again when he was" campaigning, the President said he "would be the peacemaker," but "when that turned out to be harder than he thought, he publicly fumed and finally seemed to lose interest." But the New York Times (11/6, Board, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), in an editorial, praises the President for having "refused on Wednesday to submit to the Republican narrative that his presidency effectively ended with the midterm elections." The Times says the President was "right to ignore" reporters' "demands that he take personal responsibility for the Democratic losses, or exhibit public contrition."

**OBAMA PLEDGES TO WORK WITH REPUBLICANS TO FIND COMMON GROUND.** On Wednesday, both President Obama and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's remarks on their willingness to cooperate on bipartisan initiatives were met with a great deal of skepticism from media analysts. On NBC Nightly News (11/5, story 2, 2:45, Williams, 7.86M), White House Correspondent Chris Jansing reported that on Wednesday, the President "suggested the bitter campaign season could give way to compromise." In the lead story for the CBS Evening News (11/5, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Scott Pelley reported that Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and the President "both...said they will try to work together to get things done – try." Also on the CBS Evening News (11/5, story 2, 2:25, Pelley, 5.08M), Nancy Cordes said McConnell's "assertion that he wants to work with the President was met with skepticism from Democrats who say he was a key contributor to the gridlock...and that the few times he did try to meet the President half way, conservatives in his party yanked him back."

Under the headline, "After Midterm Rout, Obama Says He Got Nation's Message," the Washington Post (11/5, Eilperin, Sullivan, Nakamura, 4.9M) reports that the President said he "accepts the American public's message in the midterm elections that Washington needs to break its political gridlock." The Post notes that the President spoke after speaking with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who has "sounded a bipartisan note" since Tuesday night. According to the Post, the President "cited investments in infrastructure and multi-nation trade pacts as areas of potential compromise." The Wall Street Journal (11/6, O'Connor, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) details the history between the President and McConnell in an article titled, "Testy Obama-McConnell Relationship Takes The Spotlight."

The Wall Street Journal (11/5, Sparshott, Schwartz, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) covers the President's press conference in an article titled, "Obama Open To Striking Deals With GOP Congress." Reuters (11/5, Mason, Rampton) quotes the President as saying, "As president, I have a unique responsibility to try and make this town work. ... So, to everyone who voted, I want you to know that I hear you."

The Hill (11/5, Barron-Lopez, Ferris, 241K) says the President "made a point of complimenting" McConnell, and "defended his relationships with members of Congress, which he said have largely been 'cordial' and 'constructive.'" In an article titled, "Obama Vows To 'Get The Job Done' With Republicans," the AP (11/5, Espo, Pace) says the President and McConnell both "pledged to try and turn divided government into a force for good rather than gridlock...yet warned of veto showdowns as well." According to the AP, "Trade legislation loomed as one possibility for quick compromise, and immigration as an early irritant."

USA Today (11/5, Korte, Jackson, Today, 9.86M) reports that the President "put two new items on the agenda for the lame-duck Congress: A \$6.2 billion emergency spending bill that would pay for efforts to fight Ebola and, in a turnaround from his previous stance, explicit congressional authorization for his war against the Islamic State."

In an op-ed for USA Today (11/5, Robbins, 9.86M), author James Robbins writes that despite claims from Democrats, including the President, "Republicans have not been the obstructionists." Robbins notes that the House "has passed dozens of bills that Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid refused to bring up for a vote."

**Republicans Intend To Focus On Trade Deals, Tax Reform And Energy.** According to Major Garrett, on the CBS Evening News (11/5, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M), the President is "hopeful" that he can "cut deals with Republicans on trade, infrastructure, and tax reform," while McConnell says Republicans "are looking to compromise on trade and tax reform, too."

The Washington Post (11/6, Montgomery, Costa, 4.9M) reports McConnell and Speaker Boehner "are both eager to shed the party's image as an unruly collection of obstructionists," and "the remedy, they have decided" is to "act quickly to send President Obama bills with bipartisan support to fast-track international trade agreements, repeal an unpopular tax on medical devices and approve the Keystone XL pipeline."

According to the New York Times (11/6, Hulse, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), the GOP's Congressional leadership intend to "focus on balancing the budget, restoring an orderly process for spending bills, revising if not repealing the health care law and enacting a major overhaul of the tax code." The Times says "approving the Keystone XL oil pipeline...could be fertile ground for agreement with Democrats who have differed with the White House on the issue," and "combining the pipeline with new energy exports, expanded exploration and added efficiency could build a bipartisan consensus."

According to Politico (11/6, Sherman, Raju, 977K), McConnell and Speaker Boehner "are sending subtle warnings to the right wing of their party: The days of crisis-dominated Washington are over." Politico adds that "top Republicans in both chambers have even showed a new eagerness to cut deals with the White House" while "vowing not to repeat the errors of past years, when messy fiscal fights eroded public confidence in Washington and became the hallmark of the GOP-controlled House."

In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (11/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) titled, "Now We Can Get Congress Going: Reform The Tax Code, Redefine 'Full Time' As Working 40 Hours A Week, Move On The Keystone XL Pipeline." McConnell and Boehner lay out their agenda for the next Congress. In an editorial, the Christian Science Monitor (11/5, Board, 426K) says the White House and Congressional Republicans "should...strike a deal to expand trade with Asia and Europe."

**New Senate Appears To Have Votes To Pass Keystone Bill.** The Huffington Post (11/5, Sheppard, 11.54M) reports that the incoming GOP Senate majority "creates an opportunity" for "likely" Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell "to force a vote on the proposed Keystone XL pipeline he's been waiting years to hold." By the HuffPo's count, "the new Senate will have at least 61 votes in favor of a measure forcing the pipeline's approval – a filibuster-proof majority."

The Wall Street Journal (11/5, Harder, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that beyond Keystone, the new Senate GOP majority is likely to oppose many of the President's top energy and environmental policies. McConnell has vowed to hold votes on Keystone and legislation trimming the Administration's proposed carbon limits. However, it remains unclear how much success the GOP will have.

**EXIT POLLS: "ANGER" OVER ECONOMY DROVE GOP SENATE GAINS.** Bloomberg News (11/5, Doming, Allen, 1.94M) reports that on Tuesday, Republicans "seized on voter anger" over the President's handling of the economy to take control of the Senate. The economy "was voters' most pressing concern," with "with seven of 10 rating conditions poor, preliminary exit polls showed."

The CBS Evening News (11/5, story 5, 2:25, Pelley, 5.08M) reported that the economy was "a major issue" in the elections. CBS (Mason) adds that "the overwhelming majority of voters feel it's in bad shape. Nearly eight in 10 in our exit poll told us they're worried about where the economy is headed." CBS (Mason) adds that the "stock market may be at record highs, and the unemployment rate may finally have fallen below six percent but household incomes have yet to recover from the recession and are now back at levels we last saw in the mid-1990s."

Bloomberg News (11/5, Torres, 1.94M) reports that there are "signs" emerging that incomes are beginning to rise. Wages and salaries of civilian workers "climbed 2.1 percent in the third quarter from the same time last year, the most since the first three months of 2009, Labor Department data showed last week." However, the increase "failed to pay dividends at the polls for Democrats, as voter perceptions of the economy tend to be locked in about six months before Election Day," political analysts say.

In his column for the Washington Post (11/5, Meyerson, 4.9M), Harold Meyerson writes that Democrats lost "catastrophically" because of "their inability to deliver broadly shared prosperity as they used to do." Democrats were unable to "take advantage" of "populist sentiments" among the electorate.

**Businesses Prepare To Push For Priorities In New Congress.** The New York Times (11/5, Schwartz, Krauss, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that following "years of gridlock," businesses are "gearing up for a major push on long-sought goals like an overhaul of the corporate tax system, building the Keystone XL oil pipeline, lighter environmental and financial regulation" and advance major trade deals. However, "despite plenty of public talk of more aggressive action," the Times says that lobbyists, political veterans and Wall Street experts "say the actual legislative agenda will be much more limited."

**Fisher Warns Senate GOP Against Compromising Fed's Independence.** Bloomberg News (11/5, Boesler, Mckee, 1.94M) reports that Dallas Fed President Richard Fisher said in an interview on Wednesday that Senate Republicans "should resist the temptation to erode Federal Reserve independence after victory in mid-term elections." Fisher said, "Think about this: Here's a Congress that can't even get its own budget together. Do you want them running the central bank?"

**More Commentary.** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that at his press event on Tuesday, the President gave no indication that he was interested in driving the economic agenda, so the paper says it will be up to the GOP. The Journal argues that the Republicans should push an economic reform and growth agenda. The paper suggests that the GOP focus on issues that could draw at least some Democratic support, including approving Keystone XL, expanding energy drilling and exports, dumping the ACA's medical device tax, pushing free-trade legislation, and considering tax reform.

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## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. "Mr. Obama's Offer To Republicans."** The New York Times (11/6, Board, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), in an editorial, praises the President for having "refused on Wednesday to submit to the Republican narrative that his presidency effectively ended with the midterm elections." The Times says the President was "right to ignore" reporters' "demands that he take personal responsibility for the Democratic losses, or exhibit public contrition."

**"In Red And Blue States, Good Ideas Prevail."** A New York Times (11/6, Board, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorial argues that Republican victories were "driven by ideological hatred for President Obama," and when voters had "a choice on an actual policy, rather than between candidates with a D or R next to their names," they "made notably liberal decisions in both red and blue states."

**WASHINGTON POST. "Give Republicans Time."** An editorial in the Washington Post (11/5, Board, 4.9M) says that while the President "promised to take unilateral action on immigration before the end of the year," he should wait and "give Mr. McConnell the opportunity to make good on some of the lofty promises he has made since the Republican victory." The President, the Post argues, should "seize the moral high ground and test GOP leaders' seriousness about cooperating by offering them time to show they can act, including on immigration."

**"Leaving Yazidis Exposed."** The Washington Post (11/6, 4.9M) editorializes that President Obama's plan to take a "multiyear" approach to the war against ISIL has "advantages," but "also has some big upfront risks." The Post says "one" risk is that the "strategy" is leaving the Yazidis and other vulnerable populations...exposed" to ISIL's "aggression and unspeakable brutality toward non-Muslims."

**"Larry Hogan's Stunning Win."** In an editorial, the Washington Post (11/5, Board, 4.9M) calls Republican Larry Hogan's victory in the Maryland gubernatorial race "a direct repudiation of the administration of Gov. Martin O'Malley." Because Hogan cast the race "as a referendum on Mr. O'Malley and his tax-and-spend policies," he "was able to avoid putting forward an agenda of his own." As a result, "Maryland has a governor-elect who has yet to put forward an implementable agenda."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "A Growth And Reform Congress."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that at his press event on Tuesday, the President gave no indication that he was interested in driving the economic agenda, so the paper says it will be up to the GOP. The Journal argues that the Republicans should push an economic reform and growth agenda. The papers suggests that the GOP focus on issues that could draw at least some Democratic support, including approving Keystone XL, expanding energy drilling and exports, dumping the ACA's medical device tax, pushing free-trade legislation, and considering tax reform.

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## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

Parties Vow to Seek Common Ground After Election  
Democratic Coalition Frays Around The Edges  
GOP Sets Its Path Following Big Win  
Money-Laundering Probe Touches Putin Inner Circle

#### ***New York Times:***

Obama Vows To Work With, And Without, Republicans  
In States Seen To Be Tilting Left, Voters Defy Democrats' Forecast  
Outside Groups With Deep Pockets Lift GOP  
Fall Of The Banner Ad: The Monster That Swallowed The Web

#### ***Washington Post:***

Going Against Stream, Swift Aims To Save CDs  
Despite Win, Old Playbook May Have Cost Warner  
Hogan "Got The Right Message" On Economy, Taxes  
Obama To Voters: "I Hear You"  
McConnell, Boehner Drawing A Road Map  
FBI Agent Suspected Of Evidence Tampering

#### ***Financial Times:***

Republicans Push For Pro-Business Reform  
Plunging Rouble Loses Central Bank Prop

#### ***Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:***

ABC: Midterm Elections; Midterm Elections-Iowa; Midterm Elections-Wall Street; Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive; NFL-Ray Rice Case; Severe Weather; Israel-Terrorist Attack; Ebola Outbreak; Pennsylvania-Eric Frein Case; Houston-SUV Crashes Into Restaurant; Auto Repairs.

CBS: Midterm Elections-Obama; Midterm Elections; Midterm Elections-Analysis; Midterm Elections-Gubernatorial Races; Economy-Exit Polls; Midterm Elections-Women; Ballot Measures-Marijuana; Alex Rodriguez-PED Confession; Heroin Pipeline; Antares Rocket Crash Investigation; Washington-Pizzeria Robbery; London-WWI Poppy Memorial.

NBC: Midterm Elections; Midterm Elections-Obama; Midterm Elections-Analysis; Midterm Elections-Ballot Measures; Israel-Terrorist Attack; Philadelphia-Abducted Women Found Alive; Alex Rodriguez-PED Confession; Health-Cervical Cancer Screenings; Antares Rocket Crash Investigation; Distracted Driving Report.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

Midterm Elections – 21 minutes, 20 seconds  
 Alex Rodriguez-PED Confession – 4 minutes, 20 seconds  
 Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive – 2 minutes, 25 seconds  
 Israel-Terrorist Attacks – 1 minute, 45 seconds  
 Midterm Elections-Ballot Measures – 1 minute, 35 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

ABC: Syria-US Airstrikes; Senator McConnell-Obama Relationship; Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive; NFL-Ray Rice Case.  
 CBS: Midterm Elections-Obama; Senator McConnell-Immigration; Obama-Ebola Funding Request; Missouri-Gay Marriage Ban Overturned; Honda-Air Bar Recall Investigation; Navy SEAL Sues Ex-Lawyers.  
 FOX: Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive; Oregon-Murder Case; Midterm Elections-Obama; Missouri-Gay Marriage Ban Overturned; Obama-Ebola Funding Request; Spain-Ebola Victim Cured; Asian Stock Market.  
 NPR: Midterm Elections-Senator McConnell; Texas-Denton Fracking Ban; Missouri-Gay Marriage Ban Overturned; Kerry-Iranian Nuclear Program; Obama-Ebola Funding Request; NTSB-Alaska Helicopter Crash Investigation; Maine-Shrimp Season Canceled.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

White House:

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — The President and the Vice President receive the Presidential Daily Briefing. The President awards Army First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing the Medal of Honor, Roosevelt Room, pooled press. The President and the First Lady host "A Salute to the Troops: In Performance at the White House"; the Vice President and Dr. Biden also attend, south Lawn, pooled press. Notes: Press Briefing by Press Secretary Josh Earnest.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Unavailable.

**MICHELLE OBAMA** — As part of the Joining Forces initiative and in recognition of Veterans Day, First Lady Michelle Obama will host a special daytime workshop for high school students from military communities in the greater Washington, DC, area. The workshop, "The Stars and Stripes Forever: A History of Music and the Military," will feature Robert Santelli, Executive Director of The GRAMMY Museum, Willie Nelson, Common, U.S. Army SGT Christiana Ball and U.S. Navy veteran Ted Peterson. The workshop will be livestreamed on [WhiteHouse.gov/live](http://WhiteHouse.gov/live). This event will be open press. The First Lady will join President Obama as he awards the Medal of Honor to Army First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for conspicuous gallantry. Cushing will receive the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions while serving as commanding officer of Battery A, 4th United States Artillery, Artillery Brigade, 2nd Corps, Army of the Potomac during combat operations in the vicinity of Cemetery Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1863. The First Lady will join the President, music legends, members of the U.S. military, veterans, and their families, at the White House for a celebration of the men and women who serve the United States. "A Salute to the Troops: In Performance at the White House" will take place on the South Lawn with a live audience including hundreds of military service members, veterans, and their families. The President's remarks will be pooled press and the entire event will be streamed live at [WhiteHouse.gov/live](http://WhiteHouse.gov/live).

**US Senate: SENATE GALLERY PERIODICAL PRESS ELECTIONS** — Oct. 31 – Dec. 17. Elections for the seven members Executive Committee of Correspondents of the Congressional Periodical Press Galleries will take place in January of 2015. Nominating petitions are being accepted now through 5:00 PM Wednesday, December 17, 2014 by Senate Periodical Gallery Director Edward V. Pesce. Contact Edward V. Pesce at 202-224-0265 for instructions and blank nominating petitions.

**US House: Sept. 22 – Nov. 11.** — The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

**SPEAKER BOEHNER** — 1:15 p.m. Holds on-camera press briefing. Location: Capitol Visitor Center HVC Studio A, located in HVC 114. Contacts: Kevin Smith, Michael Steel, 202-225-0600

**Other: PRINCESS ANNE – ARLINGTON CEMETERY** — 12:45 p.m. HRH The Princess Royal will pay formal respects to the sacrifice of America's veterans in foreign wars by placing a wreath before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Additionally, as part of the UK's First World Centenary Programme, Princess Anne will unveil a bronze memorial plaque for those Americans awarded Britain's highest military honour, the Victoria Cross, for

service in the First World War. ALL registered media must report to Memorial Avenue at 12:45 p.m. to be escorted to the ceremony. Register for additional details by COB Nov. 3, 2014 with Kelly Hysan at 202-518-7521 or [kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk](mailto:kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk). Location: Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Amphitheater, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Contacts: Kelly Hysan [kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk](mailto:kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk) ((202) 518-7521)

**HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SUMMIT** — Nov. 5 – 7. Third annual Healthcare Workforce Summit on pressing workforce issues that confront today's acute and non-acute healthcare facilities. Contact: Jim Gogek, Corporate Communications, AMN Healthcare, (858) 350-3209, [jim.gogek@amnhealthcare.com](mailto:jim.gogek@amnhealthcare.com). Location: Renaissance Washington, D.C., Dupont Circle Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Ave. NW.

**WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCILS NATIONAL CONFERENCE** — Nov. 5 – 7. The World Affairs Councils of America will host its 2014 National Conference, America and the World 2015. The 2014 National Conference Agenda will examine: China, the U.S., and Asia; Russia/Eurasia; Cybersecurity; Future of Education; Youth, Jobs, and Social Unrest; Food and Water; Global Economic Realignment; Future of Energy; Africa; and Climate Change. [http://www.worldaffairscouncils.org/2011/main/home.cfm?Database=programs&Category=natl\\_conf&SectionMain](http://www.worldaffairscouncils.org/2011/main/home.cfm?Database=programs&Category=natl_conf&SectionMain). Location: The Fairfax at Embassy Row, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue.

**ABA NATIONAL SECURITY LAW CLE CONFERENCE** — Nov. 6 – 7. The American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security hosts their 24th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law CLE Conference. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_services/law\\_national\\_security.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/law_national_security.html). Highlights: Assistant Attorney General John P. Carlin for the National Security Division will deliver remarks. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs at 202-514-2007. Location: Capital Hilton, 1001 16th K Streets NW.

**ANNUAL REVIEW – NATIONAL SECURITY LAW** — Nov. 6 – 7. 24th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law. Panel include an 8:30 a.m. panel on Panel I – Executive Branch Updates on Developments in National Security Law. Moderator: Benjamin Powell, Partner, WilmerHale. Discussants: Caroline Krass, General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency; Robert Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence Brig. Gen. Richard C. Gross, Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army; Rajesh De, General Counsel, National Security Agency; Cynthia Ryan, General Counsel, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; John Carlin, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law\\_national\\_security/LW1114\\_prog.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law_national_security/LW1114_prog.authcheckdam.pdf). Highlights: 1 p.m. NPPD Under Secretary Suzanne Spaulding will deliver remarks on cybersecurity for critical infrastructure. Location: Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St. NW. Contacts: [www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org) Jennifer Kildee (202-662-1732)

**JPAC – CLIMATE CHANGE** — Nov. 6 – 7. The Joint Public Advisory Committee presents "North America's Coasts in a Changing Climate." Location: Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S Orme Street, Arlington VA. Contacts: Fritz Schneider, 301-728-4811. Notes: [http://www.cec.org/Page.asp?PageID=1209&ContentID=25808&SiteNodeID=215&BL\\_ExpandID=&AA\\_SiteLanguageID1](http://www.cec.org/Page.asp?PageID=1209&ContentID=25808&SiteNodeID=215&BL_ExpandID=&AA_SiteLanguageID1)

**NATIONAL SECURITY LAW** — Nov. 6 – 7. 24th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law CLE Conference. Sponsored by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security; Cosponsored by the Center for National Security Law, University of Virginia School of Law; Center on Law, Ethics and National Security, Duke University School of Law Center on National Security and the Law, Georgetown Law. Speakers include: Suzanne E. Spaulding, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (luncheon keynote on the 6th); Sir James D. Wolfensohn, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Wolfensohn Fund Management; Fmr. President, World Bank (Dinner keynote on the 6th). [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law\\_national\\_security/LW1114\\_prog.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law_national_security/LW1114_prog.authcheckdam.pdf). Location: Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th Street, N.W.

**CQ – ELECTION IMPACT CONFERENCE** — 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Keynote (8:30 a.m.) with Rob Collins, Executive Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and Guy Cecil, Executive Director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee will participate in a panel discussion moderated by Roll Call's Christina Bellantoni. Keynote Panel: Gov. Ted Strickland & Congressman Tom Davis. Stu Rothenberg On the Midterm Elections. For additional panel information: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1561470>. Location: Liaison Capitol Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave. NW.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR** — 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fish and Wildlife Service Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting. Must register by October 30th. CONTACT: Laura Norcutt, Acting Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, by telephone at (703) 358-2398, or by email at [Laura\\_Norcutt@fws.gov](mailto:Laura_Norcutt@fws.gov).



<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-09/html/2014-24067.htm>. Location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lucille Stickel Conference Room (1W108), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

**FEDSCOOP'S FEDTALKS 2014** — 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Fedcoop's FedTalks 2014 event.

<http://fedcoop.com/events/fedtalks/agenda.html> Highlights: 10:15 a.m. NPPD CS&C Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity Strategy and Emergency Communications Roberta Stempfley will participate in a panel discussion on women in technology. 1:20 p.m. Acting Department of Defense Chief of Information Officer Terry Halvorsen delivers remarks. Location: Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW. Contacts: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS – MAGNA CARTA – PRINCESS ANNE, SCALIEA, GRAVES** — 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Library of Congress will open the exhibition "Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor" to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta and to illustrate the great charter's influence on laws and liberties throughout the centuries. The centerpiece of the 10-week exhibition will be Magna Carta on loan from Lincoln Cathedral in England, one of only four surviving copies issued in 1215. The rare document and 76 items drawn from the collections at the Library of Congress will be on display from Thursday, Nov. 6, through Monday, Jan. 19, 2015. HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne and Sir Peter Westmacott, the British Ambassador to the United States, will open the Library of Congress exhibition "Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor" during a morning public ceremony in the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building. The Choir of the Temple Church in London and the Howard University Choir will perform. Fanfare and procession music will be provided by U.S. Army Herald Trumpets. In addition, on the evening of Nov. 6, HRH Princess Anne will take part in a program for invited guests in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Thomas Jefferson Building. The program will feature Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Antonin Scalia as the keynote speaker and opera mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves. Location: second level of the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First St. S.E. Contacts: Donna Urschel [durschel@loc.gov](mailto:durschel@loc.gov) ((202) 707-1639). Notes: Media interested in covering the events need to register in advance with Donna Urschel, at 202-707-1639 or [durschel@loc.gov](mailto:durschel@loc.gov). Upon registration, specific times and arrival details will be given.

**OECD – G20 PROJECTIONS** — 5 a.m. The OECD will present its latest economic projections for G20 countries. The presentation will also provide analysis of the outlook facing the world economy in the run-up to the G20 Leaders' Summit, to be held on November 15-16 in Brisbane, Australia. OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría and Chief Economist Catherine Mann will present the projections (in English with French interpretation) at the OECD in Paris, France. Contacts: n/a, 202-785-6323 Notes: Webcast at <http://video.oecd.org/>

**AIR FORCE BREAKFAST – HOOG** — 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. The Air Force Association November AFA Air Force Breakfast Series with Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff. <http://www.afa.org/AFA/EVENTS/AFAAFBreakfastProgram>. Location: Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209. Contacts: Mary Ellen Dobrowolski ([Mdobrowolski@afa.org](mailto:Mdobrowolski@afa.org))

**OPEN WATER DATA – NIMMICH** — 8:30 a.m. Federal Emergency Management Agency Deputy Administrator Joe Nimmich will deliver remarks entitled "Open Water Data: Assessment of National Priorities at the American Water Resources Association annual meeting. Open press. Location: Sheraton Tysons Hotel, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Va. Contacts: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010

**CSIS – UPCOMING EAST ASIA SUMMITS** — 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Speakers: Ernest Z. Bower, Senior Adviser and Sumitro Chair for Southeast Asia Studies, CSIS, Former President of U.S.-ASEAN Business Council; Matthew P. Goodman, William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy, CSIS, Former director for international economics, National Security Council, Former White House director for the East Asia Summit; Michael J. Green, Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair, CSIS, Former Senior Director of Asia, National Security Council. Moderator: H. Andrew Schwartz, Senior Vice President of External Relations CSIS. Location: First Floor Conference Room, CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW.

**DOJ – LITIGATION LESSONS AND TRENDS – GELFAND** — 9:45 a.m. Deputy Assistant Attorney General David Gelfand for the Antitrust Division will participate on the "Agency Litigation Lessons and Trends panel and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brent Snyder for the Antitrust Division will participate on the "Criminal Antitrust Outlook panel at the 2014 Antitrust Fall Forum. Location: National Press Club, Floor 13, 529 14th St NW. Contacts: (202) 514-2007. Notes: Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Robert Robison at [Robert.Robinson@americanbar.org](mailto:Robert.Robinson@americanbar.org).

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** — 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Federal Aviation Administration Twenty-Eighth Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 224, Airport Security Access Control Systems.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-23/html/2014-25159.htm>. Location: RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street, NW., Suite 910. Contacts: (202) 833-9339.

**WILSON CENTER – FINDING COMMON CAUSE — 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Scholars, Policymakers and International Affairs: Finding Common Cause. Welcome remarks: Dr. Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary for Political Affairs, Organization of American States. Introductory remarks: H. E. Jose Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, Organization of American States. Book presentation: "Scholars, Policymakers and International Affairs: Finding Common Cause; Dr. Abraham Lowenthal, Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California. Panel: How Can Scholars Contribute More Effectively to Policy-Making?; Dr. Cynthia J. Arson (Moderator), Director, Latin American Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Dr. C. Fred Bergsten, Senior Fellow and Director Emeritus, Peterson Institute for International Economics; Ambassador Thomas Shannon, Counselor, U.S. Department of State; Dr. Santiago Levy, Vice-President for Sectors and Knowledge, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Location: Hall of the Americas, 17th St. & Constitution Ave. NW. Contacts: RSVP to [SER-DIA@oas.org](mailto:SER-DIA@oas.org). On the Net: [www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org)

**ATLANTIC COUNCIL – ISLAMIC STATE – GEN. AUSTIN — 11 a.m.** The Islamic State and Beyond: US Military Strategy in the Middle East. Commanders Series event with General Lloyd J. Austin III, commander of US Central Command, to discuss the US-led coalition campaign against the Islamic State and the broader role the US military will play in the Middle East in the coming years. <http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/events/upcoming-events/detail/us-military-strategy-in-the-middle-east>. Location: 1030 15th Street, NW, 12th Floor (West Tower).

**IMMIGRANT RIGHTS – EXECUTIVE ACTION — 11 a.m.** National leaders from all segments of the pro-immigrant rights movement will hold a press conference to urge President Barack Obama to seize the moment and use his authority to take administrative action to expand immediate relief from deportations for millions of workers and families. Participants include Mary Kay Henry, Int'l President, SEIU; Rich Trumka, Int'l President, AFL-CIO; Marielena Hincapii, Executive Director, Natl Immigration Law Center. Location: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW. Contacts: Beatriz Lopez, [beatriz.lopez@seiu.org](mailto:beatriz.lopez@seiu.org), 202-412-7396.

**NASA TELECONFERENCE – ROCKET EXPERIMENT — 2 p.m.** NASA will host a news teleconference to announce discoveries from a sub-orbital rocket experiment "that are redefining what we think of as galaxies." The briefing participants are: Michael Garcia, program scientist, NASA Headquarters, Washington; James Bock, astronomer, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California; Michael Zemcov, astronomer, Caltech and JPL; Karoline Gilbert, assistant astronomer, Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland. Contacts: Felicia Chou, [felicia.chou@nasa.gov](mailto:felicia.chou@nasa.gov), 202-358-0257. Notes: For dial-in information, media representatives should e-mail their name, affiliation and telephone number to Felicia Chou at [felicia.chou@nasa.gov](mailto:felicia.chou@nasa.gov) by noon on Thursday. Audio of the teleconference will be streamed live at: <http://www.nasa.gov/newsaudio>.

**NATURALIZATION CEREMONY – SCIALABBA – CHILDREN — 3 p.m.** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Deputy Director Lori Scialabba will participate in a special naturalization ceremony for 20 children citizenship candidates in recognition of National Adoptions Month. Location: USCIS Washington District Office, 2675 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, Va. Contacts: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010.

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Yesterday was, of course, Election Day. There were a number of pot-related items on state ballots. Alaska, Oregon, and Washington, D.C. voted to legalize recreational marijuana. Vice President Joe Biden celebrated quietly at home, contemplating the infinite nature of the universe."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Imagine Washington, D.C. – if you thought Congress didn't get a lot of work done before, just wait until they get legal pot."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "In Florida, a measure to legalize medical marijuana did not pass. Which, that's probably for the best, right? People in Florida are weird enough already."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Remarkably, the very liberal state of California still has not legalized marijuana for recreational use. Though, due to the drought we are having here, we are considering making it legal to drink bong water."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "As you probably know, Republicans picked up a lot of seats and won control of both chambers of Congress yesterday, which is key because whoever controls Congress controls the lunch menu at the cafeteria."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Republicans have a majority in the Senate and House of Representatives for the first time in eight years. I guess when it was all said and done, the Republicans just had the better lawn signs."

**David Letterman:** "Boy, it was a big night for the Republicans, big night for the conservatives. Rush Limbaugh broke out the OxyContin. ... Even the Washington Redskins are demanding the Democrats change their name."

**David Letterman:** "The governor's race in Florida – very close. They had to wait all night to count the crooked ballots."

**David Letterman:** "The new senator from Iowa, Jodi Ernst, says we're heading to Washington and we're going to make them squeal. I said to myself, 'Lady, it's the United States Senate. It's not a bachelor's party.'"

**David Letterman:** "You know what happened today? When is this going to stop? There was another fence-jumper at the White House. Yeah, this time it was Obama trying to get out."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Huge night for the Republicans across the country. They won everything – the Senate majority, the bigger House majority, tight governor's races, and a giraffe from one of those claw machines."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "The big news, of course, is the mid-term elections. Last night, Republicans picked up a dozen seats in the House to give them their biggest majority since World War II. Or, as they put it, 'Time to party like it's 1939!'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "They also took control of the Senate, after gaining another seven seats. I haven't seen the GOP get this many seats since Chris Christie made an airline reservation."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "I saw that Republican Scott Brown lost his bid for Senate in New Hampshire last night, two years after he was voted out as senator in Massachusetts. When asked what he was planning to do next, he said, 'Are they still looking for a mayor in Toronto?'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Yesterday, Republicans won enough seats to gain a majority in the Senate and increase their majority in the House. For those Democratic candidates who wanted to distance yourselves from Obama, congratulations, you did. You don't ever have to worry about seeing him again."

**Conan O'Brien:** "But, history was made. For the first time ever, a Black Republican woman has been elected to Congress. President Obama gave her a congratulatory call and told her, 'You're all set. This country never turns against the first black anything.'"

**Conan O'Brien:** "Yesterday, Washington D.C. voted to legalize recreational marijuana. President Obama said, 'And after these midterms, thank God.'"

**Conan O'Brien:** [Referring to Clay Aiken] "The former 'American Idol' star lost his election to Congress. Apparently, his supporters thought they could vote by texting Ryan Seacrest."

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BY DUNCAN DENT

"Do you kids know who my boss is?" Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell asked a class at Choctaw Central High School last week.

"Barack Obama," a student answered shyly.

Choctaw Tribal Chief Phyliss J. Anderson hosted Interior Secretary Sally Jewell for a tour of the Choctaw Indian Reservation last Wednesday, Oct. 29.

It was the second such visit by a sitting Secretary in almost three decades, the last in 1987 during the Reagan administration.

Chief Anderson and Secretary Jewell visited Pearl River Elementary, Choctaw Central High School and the Occupational Training Center.

Jewell, joined by Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn and Bureau of Indian Education Director Dr. Charles 'Monty' Roessel, were in Choctaw to tour the three facilities and discuss ongoing Indian education reform initiatives.

"We are honored to have had Secretary Jewell visit with us on the Reservation," Anderson said. "Since taking office, I have made considerable efforts to improve and strengthen government-to-government relations between our tribe and the United States. The fact that Secretary Jewell, a cabinet member, came here personally to learn more about our educational system means that the tribe is getting noticed in Washington."



Chief Phyliss Anderson and U.S. Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell

Anderson showed Jewell many aspects of what the Choctaw school system offers, including classes in the Choctaw language, a mobile bus that visits each elementary school in the Choctaw Tribal School System, a science class at the high school and the Tushka Hashi Solar Car team. Jewell got to talk to students and teachers in classes.

Jewell, Washburn, Anderson and Vice-Chief Ronnie Henry participated in a small informal meeting with some CCHS students. Both Chief Anderson and Secretary Jewell felt it was important the students' voices were heard during the visit.

In a press conference at the end of the visit, Jewell said the Choctaw school system functioning at such a high level can be used as a model to other Tribal school systems that are struggling.

Jewell identified the involvement of Tribal leadership as something that puts them ahead of the pack.

"We got a challenge in Indian education across the country. We under-perform other students, part of my job as Secretary of the Interior is overseeing the bureau of Indian education.

"We're reforming it, because it's not working well for Indian children, but right here in Mississippi we see a really highly functional school system, we see tribal leadership with the chief engaged deeply in the schools, the school system and the future for these kids and we know that there are lessons that we can learn here, that we can apply elsewhere to Indian country but we also know that there are things that the tribe needs from us to a better job in supporting their needs, so that's why we're here"

Jewell said she appreciated how well the culture was worked into the classes and programs at all levels of education in the Choctaw school system.

Anderson said that cultural immersion for the children is "not a tough job" because it is something they instinctively "do everyday." She also said she appreciates that federal government is concerned about their needs.

Jewell issued a Secretarial order on June 12 , based on recommendations by American Indian Education Study Group, to promote Tribal control and improve achievement in Tribal schools.

"The future of Indian Country rests on ensuring American Indian children receive a world-class education that honors their cultures, languages and identities as Indian people," said Jewell, who chairs the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

"The redesign of the BIE reflects President Obama's commitment to promoting tribal self-governance and self-determination, enabling the BIE to more effectively support tribal educators who best understand the unique needs of their communities."

This was not the first visit by a Secretary of Interior. Secretary of the Interior Donald P. Hodel visited in May 1987.

Hodel toured three plants on the Reservation. He saw Chahta Electronics radio assembly line and the greeting card and wire harness assemble plants. He also visited Choctaw Elementary which lost almost 30 percent of its building to a fire shortly before the visit.

Secretary Hodel gave a similar report 27 years ago. "I am tremendously impressed with what Chief Martin and the Choctaw Tribe have accomplished here," Hodel said.

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## native american child

2 messages

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Fri, Oct 31, 2014 at 3:06 PM

To: [REDACTED], Cheryl Branum &lt;cheryl.branum@bia.gov&gt;

Cc: Interior Press &lt;interior\_press@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Debra Burton &lt;debra.burton@bia.gov&gt;

Hi Lisa,

Thanks so much for reaching out. Your letter was referred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs – Division of Tribal Government Services office. I am looping in my colleague Cheryl Branum who can assist you with this matter.

Thanks,

Lauren

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From: [REDACTED] via Interior Press &lt;interior\_press@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Date: Fri, Oct 31, 2014 at 1:09 PM

Subject: native american child

To: "Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov" &lt;Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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and special-ed teacher at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] which is just down the road from his foster mom and dads, [REDACTED] house, to see if I could have lunch with my child just like I always have in the past. And man I kid you not they were there in like a matter of a few minutes. And Detective [REDACTED] always said she was there to help me in my time of trouble, but it was like she turned on a dime against me or something because she showed up and started throwing her weight around like she was a sumo wrestler or something and stated that if I go there and have lunch with my son she would take me and put me in jail. And my mom will swear that is so, she was there she what happened. So would you please tell the crisis intervention team that they are not needed or something please. They [REDACTED] me. It is like they are CYFD henchmen out to get me. [REDACTED] recently had my son removed from my pharmacist house, why he did this now is beyond my wildest imagination. He offered to give me their address like he was daring me to go kidnap my child or something. They live at [REDACTED] go there and ask them for you self if you don't believe me. She has been my family pharmacist for about 4 years now so we know each other pretty well, she has a great sense of humor. Ask her husband what was causing the water to be grey a few months ago to while you are there too, ok. The cyfd is like a very bad case of the coach roaches or something.

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Ms. Lambert, I will forward the correspondence to Ms. Sandra McCook, Southwest Regional Social Worker since the constituent resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Thank you

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## For Awareness: Link to Choctaw Video

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Just click the last option to download - lots of great shots of Kevin in here:

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Fri, Oct 31, 2014 at 10:08 AM

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this was great! thanks!!

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Fri, Oct 31, 2014 at 10:12 AM

To: "Cave, Rodina" <rodina\_cave@ios.doi.gov>

I know - it was really great - and I thought you all would appreciate it too.

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**MAITLAND ART CENTER DESIGNATED NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.** The [ARTFIXdaily](#) (10/30) reports that "the Art & History Museums – Maitland's (A&H's) Mailland Art Center – has become the first

National Historic Landmark in greater Orlando and the 44th in the state of Florida." According to the article, "awarded on September 30, 2014 by Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, the designation applies to places that 'exceptionally illustrate or interpret the heritage of the United States.'" The article notes that "an official plaque dedication ceremony at A&H's Maitland Art Center will take place Jan. 8, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. with details to follow."

**DEAL REPORTEDLY REACHED TO RECOGNIZE NATIVE HAWAIIANS AS INDIAN TRIBE.** The Examiner (10/31, 1.01M) reports that "a deal has been reached between the Department of the Interior and the Obama administration to give federal recognition to native Hawaiians as an Indian Tribe." According to Free Hawaii TV, "the deal is an attempt to do an end run around overwhelming native Hawaiian opposition to being recognized as an Indian Tribe."

**AUDIT OF FEDERAL OPEN DATA CATALOGS FINDS ISSUES WITH INTERIOR'S DATA.** The Sunlight Foundation (10/29, 3K) reports that it is "conducting a broad audit of agencies' sometimes-faithful attempts to comply with President Obama's open data executive order from 2013," but "while auditing the Department of the Interior's data catalog," it found that some data was inaccessible.

The Sunlight Foundation (10/30, 3K) reports that "the Department of the Interior's public data catalog is impressive." It notes that "there were 43,940 unique URL entries associated with these datasets, and quite a few of those point to geographic databases." However, "when we checked those URLs, we also found a variety of issues, from items that didn't exist at the provided URL to entries that pointed to local addresses, meaning the datasets are on agency computers rather than the Internet."

**REVIEW FINDS \$20 BILLION IN SECRET PURCHASES BY FEDERAL AGENCIES IN RECENT MONTHS.** WRC-TV Washington (10/31, 367K) reports that a "review of federal agency purchase records shows each major federal agency spends millions of dollars a year on 'micropurchases.'" It notes that the Interior Department "shared details about the 'micropurchase' items bought by their agency employees."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NAVAJO NATION AWARDED FUNDS TO CREATE SCHOOL SYSTEMS.** Additional coverage that "a \$200,000 check from the Interior Department will help jumpstart the Navajo Nation's efforts to take local control of Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools" was provided by the Navajo Times (AZ) (10/31, 66K).

**ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR WILDERNESS URGED.** For the "Pundits" blog of The Hill (10/31, Molvar, 241K), Erik Molvar, who directs the Sagebrush Sea Campaign for WildEarth Guardians, writes that "additional wilderness preservation can be an integral part of solving the global biodiversity crisis by anchoring a network of protected reserves." However, he argues that "we need to be designing such networks at the scales of ecosystems and regions, along natural boundaries, rather than the traditional political borders of states, counties and agency jurisdictions." Molvar also notes that "with economic research pointing to greater job and business growth in rural Western counties with the greatest area of protected public lands, the best interests of jobs and the environment have come into alignment."

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### ***National Park Service:***

**GRAFFITI FOUND IN THREE MORE NATIONAL PARKS.** The AP (10/31) reports that the NPS says "it has found more graffiti in some of the West's most scenic locations in a case that sparked an uproar on social media last week." Rangers say "they've now confirmed images in Joshua Tree in California and at two more Colorado locations, bringing the total number of tagged parks to eight."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington Post (10/30, 4.9M), the Charlotte (NC) Observer (10/30, 572K), the Houston Chronicle (10/31, 2.47M), the Denver Post (10/31, 1.12M), the Salem (OR) Statesman Journal (10/30, 23K), Yahoo! Finance (10/31, 9.7M), WJBK-TV Detroit (10/31, 166K), KCNC-TV Denver (10/30, 74K), and KTVZ-TV Bend, OR (10/31, 1K).

Also reporting on the story is the Denver Post (10/31, Cotton, 1.12M).

Additional coverage of identification of the suspect was provided by Reuters (10/31, Gorman), the Deseret (UT) News (10/31, 538K), the Bend (OR) Bulletin (10/31, 94K), KSL-TV Salt Lake City (10/31, 1.07M), and WDIV-TV

Detroit (10/31, 172K).

**NPS INVESTING IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY, WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS AT WASHINGTON AREA NATIONAL PARKS.** The National Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 626K) reports that the NPS is "investing \$29 million in 81 individual energy efficiency and water conservation projects at national parks throughout the greater Washington region." According to the article, "the 23-year Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) awarded at the end of September to Siemens Government Technologies, will allow the NPS to conserve energy and water with no upfront costs and to accrue cost savings into the future." NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis said, "The National Park Service is committed to managing the future health and sustainability of our national parks proactively through this kind of ambitious energy and resource conservation program. The parks in the greater Washington region involved in this effort are demonstrating the kind of leadership that other parks and public lands across the country can follow to reduce our carbon footprint, energy consumption, and water usage."

**NEW WASHINGTON FLOOD BARRIER TO BE TESTED.** The Washington Post (10/30, Ruane, 4.9M) reports that "Washington's long-delayed 17th Street flood barrier is scheduled to be tested Friday when officials from the Army and the National Park Service install the metal apparatus across 17th Street, near Constitution Avenue." According to the article, "the temporary barrier is designed to block floodwaters surging north from the Tidal Basin and flowing into downtown Washington." The test is intended "to demonstrate how the post-and-panel barrier is put in place."

**ALL-SENSORY TRAIL IN MARYLAND'S PATAPSCO VALLEY STATE PARK OPENS.** The Baltimore Sun (10/29, 857K) reports that "the first All-Sensory Trail in Maryland state parks officially opened Oct. 16." According to the article, "located in the Hilton Area of Patapsco Valley State Park, it is designed for the visually impaired." The All-Sensory Trail is a partnership between the state Department of Natural Resources and the NPS.

***Bureau of Land Management:***

**SEN. MURKOWSKI SIDES WITH STATE OF ALASKA IN ANWR BOUNDARY DISPUTE.** The National Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 626K) reports that Sen. Lisa Murkowski is backing "a request from Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell that the federal government convey roughly 20,000 acres on the western boundary of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to the state." In a letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Murkowski urged the BLM "to quickly respond to the state's request for priority conveyance under the Alaska Statehood Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)." Murkowski wrote, "This issue centers on what waters are considered part of the Canning River, which has long been designated and reaffirmed as the western boundary of the Arctic coastal plain. The state believes that the US Fish and Wildlife Service has effectively re-designated the separate Staines River, which empties into the Beaufort Sea several miles west of the Canning River, as a channel of the Canning, thereby shifting nearly 20,000 acres of the coastal plain lying between the streams into the refuge."

**PHOTOGRAPHER TO PRESENT ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE PHOTOS AT ANASAZI HERITAGE CENTER.** The Cortez (CO) Journal (10/30, 646) reports that "photographer Wayne Keene took on the challenge of capturing the sacred landscapes of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument through the lens of his camera as an artist-in-residence for the Bureau of Land Management." On Sunday, Nov. 2, Keene will "showcase these images during a multimedia presentation at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores at 1 p.m." according to the article. "Keene's images, in black and white as well as color, capture the rustic landscapes of the monument while weaving elements of the archeological resources into many of the scenes." Marietta Eaton, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument/Anasazi Heritage Center Manager, said, "His keen eye for capturing lighting reveals the distinct contrasts between the landscape and the skyline. We're excited to share the images he captured with the public."

**BLM'S ROYAL GORGE FIELD OFFICE SEEKING INPUT ON RECREATION MANAGEMENT.** The Pueblo (CO) Chieftain (10/31, 79K) reports that the BLM's Royal Gorge Field Office is "seeking input on recreation management in the area and will host several focus group meetings."

**BLM PLANS SLASH BURNING IN GRAND COUNTY THROUGH DECEMBER.** The Sky-Hi Daily News (CO) (10/31, 728) reports that the BLM Kremmling Field Office is "planning to burn slash piles of lodgepole pine early November through December if weather conditions are favorable."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SCHOLARS CHALLENGE LEGAL BASIS OF UTAH'S PUBLIC LANDS**

**CAMPAIGN.** Additional coverage that "a new legal analysis asserts a successful Utah effort to claim federal land would fuel similar efforts among Western states and potentially end the public land system as it exists today, but it isn't likely to happen" was provided by the Deseret (UT) News (10/31, 538K) and KNRS-FM Salt Lake City (10/31).

**BLM CRITICIZED FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS.** In an op-ed for the High Country (CO) News (10/31, 74K), Ray Ring writes that the BLM's "main Freedom of Information Act office appears incompetent or overworked." According to Ring, "its response to our request for public records can only be described as dysfunctional." He encourages "the head of the BLM, Neil Komze, and his boss, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, to fix the problems in the BLM's FOIA office."

***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**ANIMAL RESEMBLING GRAY WOLF REPORTED AT GRAND CANYON.** The AP (10/31, Fonseca) reports that "an animal resembling a gray wolf has been spotted roaming the far reaches of northern Arizona, officials said Thursday, and tests are planned to determine exactly what it is." According to the FWS, "the animal has been seen and photographed in Kaibab National Forest north of Grand Canyon National Park with a collar similar to those used in a wolf recovery effort in the Northern Rockies." Agency spokesman Jeff Humphrey said that "the animal could be from that population of about 1,700 or a wolf-dog hybrid." Humphrey said "the animal should be treated as endangered until more is known about it."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Inside Bay Area (CA) (10/31, 4K).

Also reporting on the story are Reuters (10/31), the Arizona Republic (10/31, 1.21M), the Tucson (AZ) Daily News (10/31), and the Cronkite News (10/31).

**WYOMING GOV. MEAD EYES CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON WOLF DELISTING.** The AP (10/31, Neary) reports that "Congressional action appears to offer Wyoming its best chance at regaining state management of wolves, Gov. Matt Mead said Thursday." He said "Wyoming's best chance at regaining wolf management authority appears to be seeking congressional action specifying its wolf plan wouldn't be challenged legally." Mead said "his administration is still considering whether to appeal .S. District Judge Amy Berman's order."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington Times (10/31, Neary, 373K).

**SCIENTISTS WARN INFECTION THAT DEVASTATES AMPHIBIANS COULD SPREAD TO US.** The New York Times (10/31, Gorman, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that "an emerging infection similar to one that has caused the extinction of hundreds of frog and toad species around the world is killing salamanders in Europe and could easily spread to the United States, with disastrous effects, scientists reported Thursday." According to the article, "writing in the journal Science, an international team of 27 researchers blamed the spread of the disease on 'globalization and a lack of biosecurity' and said the importation of the fire-bellied newt in the pet trade with Asia was the likely cause." The article notes that "Karen R. Lips at the University of Maryland, one of the authors of the Science paper, met on Thursday with Fish and Wildlife Service officials to talk about the new fungus."

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS FILE LAWSUIT OVER CORMORANTS.** The Courthouse News (10/30, 7K) reports that "environmentalists say there is no scientific basis for the extension of US Fish and Wildlife's 'shoot-on-sight' order that has permitted the killing of an estimated half million double-crested cormorants in the last 10 years." The group "Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), and five biologists and birders sued the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Director Dan Ashe in federal court." The complaint claims that the FWS "re-authorized the killing of tens of thousands of double-crested cormorants without conducting a proper environmental assessment."

**WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE SUBMITS COMMENTS ON NEW FWS RULES.** The Farmington (NM) Daily Times (10/31, 47K) reports that "the Western Energy Alliance submitted formal comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service about changes expected to increase protections for critical wildlife habitats." According to the article, "the organization submitted comments about two rules and one policy 'that would considerably expand the Endangered Species Act (ESA) beyond congressional intent and assert new federal powers to control land and economic activity.'"

**FWS RELEASES DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR JAMES RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

The [AmmoLand](#) (10/31, 4K) reports that the FWS has "released a draft plan to guide management of the James River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) for the next 15 years." Alternative B, the agency's preferred alternative, would "pursue Service administrative requirements to expand public deer hunting, open the refuge to spring and fall turkey hunting, open the refuge to limited waterfowl hunting by youth, and promote youth involvement in all hunting opportunities."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS PROPOSES LISTING AFRICAN LIONS.** Additional coverage that the FWS is "seeking to enhance protections for the African lion" was provided by the [AllAfrica](#) (10/31, 12K), the [Hagerstown \(MD\) Herald-Mail Media](#) (10/31), and the [Somerset County \(PA\) Daily American](#) (10/31, 40K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS SEEKS PROTECTIONS FOR SNAPPING TURTLES.** Additional coverage of the proposal by the FWS to place four kinds of freshwater turtle under the protection of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora was provided by [Reuters](#) (10/31, Liston).

**FWS NORTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR CALLS FOR STRONGER COASTAL PROTECTIONS.** For "The Blog" of the [Huffington Post](#) (10/31, Weber, 11.54M), Wendi Weber, Northeast Regional Director for the FWS, writes that for wildlife resource managers, Hurricane Sandy was "a wake-up call to the vulnerability of the beaches, sand dunes, and coastal marshes that not only provide habitat for fish and wildlife but also protect local communities from flooding." According to Weber, "in the aftermath of Sandy, we have an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen natural defenses along the Atlantic Coast to protect communities and wildlife against future storms." Weber is "confident the long-term benefits of building a stronger coast will far outweigh initial costs when it comes to protecting communities, sustaining wildlife and lessening the financial impact of damages resulting from future intense storms."

***US Geological Survey:***

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: USGS MONITORING LAVA FLOW FROM HAWAII VOLCANO.** coverage of the lava flow from a Hawaii volcano was provided by [CNN](#) (10/30, 14.29M), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (10/31, 479K), [TIME](#) (10/31, 23.35M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (10/30, 426K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (10/30, 426K), and [WDIV-TV Detroit](#) (10/31, 172K).

**Securing America's Energy Future:*****Renewable Energy:***

**SOUTH CAROLINA EYES NEXT STEPS FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY.** The [AP](#) (10/31) reports that "a new study and a proposed law are seen as the next steps in making offshore wind energy a reality in South Carolina." Paul Gayes with the Center for Marine and Wetland Studies at Coastal Carolina University says "the state will match a \$750,000 federal grant to study which areas offshore are the most promising for wind farms." The federal money comes from the BOEM. Meanwhile, Sen. Greg Hembree "plans to reintroduce a bill allowing utilities who want to build demonstration wind projects to apply for rate increases to pay for them."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#) (10/30, 572K), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/31, 2.47M), the [Greenfield \(IN\) Daily Reporter](#) (10/31, 31K), the [Florence \(SC\) Morning News](#) (10/31, 87K), and [WJCL-TV Savannah, GA](#) (10/30, 2K).

**WIND PROJECT PULLED FROM CALIFORNIA'S SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS.** [KCEI-TV](#) Los Angeles (10/31, 15K) reports that "a proposal that would have placed 71 wind turbines on the north slope of the San Bernardino Mountains has been withdrawn by its owner, according to the Bureau of Land Management." According to the article, "the 126-megawatt North Peak Wind project, which would have occupied about 16 square miles of the Juniper Flats area between Lucerne Valley and Apple Valley in San Bernardino County, was pulled from consideration by the BLM by its Austin-based owner E.ON Climate and Renewables last Friday." The article notes that "the project had drawn fierce opposition, including from two San Bernardino County supervisors who blasted North Peak Wind's possible impact on wildlife."

**REPLACING SAFETY NETTING AT SOLAR PLANT COULD HAVE PREVENTED BIRD DEATHS.** The [Riverside \(CA\) Press Enterprise](#) (10/30, Danelski, 396K) reports that the death of 64 birds at the NextEra Energy's Genesis solar plant earlier this month "could have been prevented had safety netting been replaced"

after an August thunderstorm, according to officials with the California Energy Commission. The birds died "after getting mired in an oily chemical in the plant's waste-water evaporation ponds," according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The ponds "are being drained," according to the FWS, which is overseeing an investigation to determine "whether the company 'took reasonable measures' to protect the birds."

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**INTERIOR'S IG REPORT WARNS OF ILLEGAL DRILLING ON FEDERAL LAND.** The High Country (CO) News (10/31, 74K) reports that "a recent report from the Interior Department's inspector general highlighted the problem of illegal drilling on federal lands." The report, released late last month, "found that the increase in horizontal drilling means it's easier than ever for oil and gas companies to operate – inadvertently or not – in areas for which they don't have permission to drill." The article notes that "the unauthorized drilling means the government is losing out on royalty payments, and poses environmental risks." According to the report, the BLM has "a 'weak' policy for deterring lawbreakers and no reliable way of catching operators who drill illegally."

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS CALL ON BLM'S FARMINGTON FIELD OFFICE TO PAUSE ISSUING DRILLING PERMITS.** The Farmington (NM) Daily Times (10/31, 47K) reports that officials with the BLM say "they will organize an internal committee to respond to a letter from environmentalists that calls for the bureau to stop issuing oil and gas drilling permits until an environmental analysis is complete." The San Juan Citizens Alliance, the Chaco Alliance, WildEarth Guardians and the Western Environmental Law Center "sent a 34-page letter to the bureau on Monday outlining issues with BLM's Farmington Field Office and its approval of Mancos Shale drilling permits." A BLM spokeswoman, Donna Hummel, said the bureau "received the letter and will draft a formal response to its demands."

**TO HELP DEMOCRATS KEEP SENATE, ENVIRONMENTALISTS BACK CANDIDATES WHO OPPOSE THEIR GOALS.** The Wall Street Journal (10/31, Harder, Reinhard, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that in an effort to maintain Democratic control of the Senate, environmental groups are spending a record amount of money this year and are supporting Democrats who oppose some of their key goals, including blocking the Keystone XL pipeline and ending the practice of fracking for oil and natural gas.

**NEW STUDY FINDS HIGH LEVELS OF AIR TOXINS AT FRACKING SITES.** NPR (10/30, Phillips, 2.22M) reports that a new study reveals "dangerous levels of air toxins near fracking operations," particularly the carcinogen formaldehyde in levels that exceeded federal safety levels. The study, published Thursday in the journal *Environmental Health*, also found high levels of the "deadly chemical hydrogen sulfide," which is known to kill oil field workers. It is noted that a 2010 air monitoring study by the Department of Environment did not find dangerous levels of air toxins at fracking sites, which has spurred industry groups to "question the methodology used in this most recent report."

The Albany (NY) Times Union (10/31, Nearing, 465K) reports that toxins from air and gas sites surrounding fracking sites are "much more dangerous" than threats of water pollution, according to the study's lead author, David Carpenter. As a result of the study's findings, Carpenter recommended that "buffer zones around natural gas wells... need to be expanded."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BLM RELEASES ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON CONOCOPHILLIPS PROJECT IN ALASKA.** Additional coverage that the BLM "released its final supplemental environmental impact statement for the proposed Greater Mooses Tooth (GMT1) oil and gas project within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska" was provided by the Oil and Gas Journal (10/31, 1K) and the Summit County (CO) Citizens Voice (10/30, 506).

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT OFFSHORE FRACKING.** WWL-TV New Orleans (10/31, 107K) reports that "fracking is also expanding offshore, in the Gulf of Mexico, with hardly anyone noticing." However, "there are questions...about how well the procedures are being tracked by regulators." According to the article, "environmental nonprofits complain that they can't find out when and where acids and other fracking chemicals are being shot down into the bottom of Gulf wells." In response to a request from the station, the BSEE "reported that 115 Gulf oil or gas wells, or 15 percent of the 785 that were completed and prepared for production in 2013, employed a hydraulic fracturing technique known as a frac pack – the less-destructive of two fracking methods used offshore." BSEE spokeswoman Eileen Angelico said that "frac packs account for the vast majority of the offshore fracking work, but the agency could not provide any data for other types of fracking or



well-stimulation."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SHELL SEEKS MORE TIME TO ACT ON ARCTIC LEASES.** Additional coverage that Shell is asking the Obama Administration for five more years to explore for oil off Alaska's coast was provided by [Bloomberg BusinessWeek](#) (10/30, 2.52M) and [Bloomberg News](#) (10/30, Ward, 1.94M).

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION URGED TO BAR DRILLING IN ARCTIC OCEAN.** For the "Congress" blog of [The Hill](#) (10/31, Ritzman, 241K), Dan Ritzman, Alaska Program director for Sierra Club's Our Wild America campaign, writes that "in the US, the Obama administration has done more than any previous administration to reduce emissions, improving fuel economy, investing in clean, renewable energy, and working to set the first-ever carbon pollution standards for dirty power plants." However, he notes that "even as the administration is reducing carbon pollution, it continues to advance an 'all-of-the-above' energy plan that promotes greater fossil fuel production, exporting these polluting fuels abroad, and opening up millions of acres of our nation's most treasured lands and waters to dirty fuel extraction." According to Ritzman, as the administration "reconsiders leasing in the Chukchi Sea and develops its next five-year offshore leasing plan," it has "the opportunity to put the Arctic Ocean off-limits to oil and gas drilling."

## Tackling America's Water Challenges:

**BOR MAKES WATERSMART GRANTS AVAILABLE.** The [WaterWorld](#) (10/31, 96) reports that the BOR is "inviting states, tribes, water and irrigation districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery to apply for a funding opportunity to cost-share on projects that conserve and use water more efficiently, increase renewable energy use and improve energy efficiency."

**EPA QUESTIONS NORTHWEST AREA WATER SUPPLY PLAN.** [KXMC-TV](#) Minot, ND (10/31, 1K) reports that the EPA has "come out against a proposal for getting the Northwest Area Water Supply project finished." The agency "supplied comments this week saying it is not in support of the Bureau of Reclamation's plan for treating water from the Missouri River that will be used to supply NAWA with water."

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**NATIVE YALE LAW STUDENTS HONOR BIA HEAD WASHBURN.** For the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (10/30, 78K), attorney Peter d'Errico writes that "the Native American Law Students Association at Yale Law School held its first ever Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner October 23, 2014." He notes that "the recipient, Kevin Washburn (Chickasaw), class of 1993, is Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the US Department of the Interior." In his piece, d'Errico explains why "Washburn well deserves the honor of receiving the Alumni Achievement Award."

**CASINOS PROLIFERATE UNDER OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.** The [Weekly Standard](#) (10/31, 519K) reports that the Obama Administration has "consciously made it easier for tribes to acquire the right to operate a casino on land far removed from their reservation." The article also notes that "since 1988, the Interior Department has approved 51 percent of applications to allow gaming on trust land. A third of those have been approved by the Obama administration."

## Top National News:

**OBAMA CAMPAIGNS FOR MICHAUD IN MAINE GUBERNATORIAL RACE.** Most reports on the President's visit to Maine, where he reportedly sought to energize the Democratic base by focusing on so-called pocketbook issues and cited evidence of recent improvements in the economy, focus on Obama's apparent unpopularity and his relatively limited campaign schedule, with Democrats cast as seeking to distance themselves from him and his policies. The President's trip was not mentioned on the network newscasts.

The Portland (ME) Press Herald (10/31, 140K) notes that the President's visit, as well as trips to the state by "other prominent Democrats, are designed more to motivate the Democratic base and ensure they show up on Election Day than to sway independent voters," adding that in a recent poll commissioned by the Portland Press Herald, "Obama's approval rating in Maine is just 39 percent," but "among voters who identified as Democrats, the president's approval rating was 75 percent." Similarly, the AP (10/31, Durkin) reports that Maine Democrats are hoping the President's visit "will energize their base and get supporters to get out and vote to unseat Republican Gov. Paul LePage." The President called on the approximately 3,000 [Mike] Michaud supporters in

attendance to "get everyone they know to the polls on Tuesday, saying the election is 'too important to stay home.'"

The Washington Post (10/30, Mufson, 4.9M) reported in its "Post Politics" blog that the President noted that "the last election was decided by an average of just 18 votes per precinct, and urged the avid Michaud supporters to bring others to the polls with them." Michaud campaign spokeswoman Lizzy Reinholt said that the President could help turn out "the voters most supportive of Michaud – seniors, women and young people," noting, "We are at a dead heat with Gov. LePage, and the outcome will be determined by who comes out for this election."

The Washington Times (10/31, Wolfgang, 373K) focuses on the President's criticism of Republicans, noting that he said that "he has no personal issues with Republicans — in fact, he said they're a lot like his own family members who simply 'have bad ideas' and aren't fit to be 'in charge.'" Arguing that Republican "economic principles have been tried and have failed," the President "urged voters to reject the GOP philosophy toward the economy and put Democrats in charge at both the state and federal levels."

The Bangor (ME) Daily News (10/31, Cousins, 166K) reports that while the President's visit "is sure to energize partisan Democrats...to some degree it gives Republicans a rallying point as well," given his "sinking national and state approval ratings."

Bloomberg News (10/31, Keane, 1.94M) reports that while the President has been "mostly limiting himself to raising money for Democratic candidates in the Nov. 4 midterm elections," he is "making a last-ditch effort five days before the mid-term elections to prod voters to the polls." However, with "an approval rating at 43 percent, according to the Gallup Poll, Obama is only scheduled to make one appearance before election day on behalf of a congressional candidate."

The New York Times (10/31, Davis, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that the President is seeking to "shift the public focus from his administration's handling of the Ebola crisis to pocketbook issues that his advisers said play to Democrats' advantage," but "world events were...threatening to drown out his closing arguments in the campaign." Reuters (10/31, Holland) reports that in an effort to blunt Democratic losses next week, the President cited new government figures showing that the economy grew at a rate of 3.5 percent in the third quarter as an indication that his policies are working and that middle class will benefit from electing Democrats. Reuters notes however, that the case he made may not be enough to convince voters who have voiced concerns about his leadership, adding that his approval rating of about 40 percent has kept him away from states where control of the Senate will be determined.

The New York Times (10/31, Davis, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) also notes that the President's "itinerary keeps him far from the main battlegrounds of this year's elections as Democrats fight to keep Senate seats in competitive states Mr. Obama carried — like Iowa, North Carolina and Colorado — and in Republican-leaning places he lost, including Alaska and Louisiana."

Likewise, USA Today (10/31, Jackson, 9.86M) reports that while the Maine stop was "the latest in a string of appearances on behalf of gubernatorial candidates," as Democrats battle for control of the Senate, he "is currently scheduled to appear with only one Senate candidate: Gary Peters, the Democratic nominee in Michigan." The Los Angeles Times (10/31, Lauter, 4M) also contrasts the President's appearances in gubernatorial races in several battleground states with "the races for the Senate, most of which are taking place in conservative states where the president is deeply unpopular."

The Hill (10/30, Sink, 241K) noted in its "Ballot Box" blog that the President "said he was "a little wistful" that this would be his last time working to rally voters as president," and described the comment as "telling for a president who has been largely sidelined during the 2014 campaign cycle." The Hill added that the President's campaign schedule "is a reflection of his perceived liability for Democratic candidates, many of whom have openly sought distance from the president as his approval ratings have steadily eroded throughout the year."

McClatchy (10/30, Lightman, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that during a Politico Playbook lunch Thursday, NRSC executive director Rob Collins said the President has been "the best surrogate" for Republican candidates in this election cycle. McClatchy added that to win control of the Senate, Republicans need a net gain of six seats, and the President's "sagging popularity has been a big boost." Collins and DSCC executive director Guy Cecil, who appeared with him at the lunch, "agreed...that a lot of races are too close to call."

**Todd: Democrats Are Running Toward The Clintons This Year.** Chuck Todd reported on NBC Nightly News (10/30, story 6, 1:50, Williams, 7.86M) that whatever the result of Tuesday's election "the Democratic Party is

going to be leaving Barack Obama behind and is about to become the party of the Clintons again, because that [is] who all of these Democrats are running toward this election year, Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton."

**Tapper Calls Obama An "Albatross" For Democrats.** The Daily Caller (10/30, Weaver, 475K) reported that in an interview with conservative radio host Laura Ingraham Thursday, CNN host Jake Tapper described the President as an "albatross" for Democrats in the final days before the midterm election. Taper said that the President is "very unpopular. He's an albatross on Democrats. No question."

**Landrieu: South Is A Tough Place For Obama To Campaign This Year.** In a report on the Louisiana Senate race on NBC Nightly News (10/30, story 6, 1:50, Williams, 7.86M), Chuck Todd noted that while he has not been doing a great deal of campaigning in this election cycle, "the most omnipresent person on the campaign trail" is the President, who Republicans see as the issue that "will get them control of the US Senate." That dynamic is "more acute here in the South and it was something that Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu told me has more to do than his policies." Landrieu: "To be very, very honest with you, the South has not always the friendliest place for African-Americans. It's been a difficult time for the President to present himself in a positive light as a leader."

**Rothenberg: Obama Likely To See Worst Losses For Incumbent Since Truman.** In a blog post for Roll Call (10/30, 90K), Stuart Rothenberg wrote that the President "is likely to have the worst midterm numbers of any two-term president going back to Democrat Harry S. Truman." Rothenberg added that the President is "at least partially to blame" for the losses "because he failed to show leadership on key issues and never successfully moved to the political center."

**Obama's Closed-Door Fundraisers Draw Criticism.** The Washington Times (10/31, Wolfgang, 373K) reports that the President's appearances at party fundraisers in this election cycle have frequently been "held in secret and away from the view of the press," noting that before his appearance for Michaud, he "spoke at a closed-door 'roundtable' for the Democratic National Committee, an event that essentially is a fundraiser with a different title." According to the Sunlight Foundation, about half of the 64 fundraisers the President has headlined this year "have been entirely closed to the press." Critics say the closed-door fundraisers "are just one example of...an unacceptable level of secrecy and censorship from the Obama White House."

### **THREE GOP SENATORS PRESS PRESIDENT TO HOLD OFF ON UNILATERAL IMMIGRATION MOVES.**

The AP (10/31, Cassata) reports that on Thursday, GOP Sens. Lindsey Graham, John McCain and Marco Rubio, who were "responsible for comprehensive immigration legislation," urged the President in a letter to "hold off on any steps to shield millions of people from deportation." They wrote, "Acting by executive order on an issue of this magnitude would be the most divisive action you could take – completely undermining any good-faith effort to meaningfully address this important issue, which would be a disservice to the needs of the American people."

Politico (10/30, Kim, 977K) reported that the three "also questioned whether Obama had the legal authority to take such a wide-scale executive action." They wrote, "In this regard, acting by executive order on an issue of this magnitude would be the most divisive action you could take — completely undermining any good-faith effort to meaningfully address this important issue, which would be a disservice to the needs of the American people."

The Washington Times (10/31, Dinan, 373K) reports that the bill the three senators wrote "as part of the Gang of Eight senators would have granted quick legal status to most of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants, with an eventual chance at citizenship." Obama "has repeatedly vowed to take unilateral action halting more deportations — but has delayed each time, under political pressure."

Meanwhile, The Hill (10/30, Lillis, 241K) reported that looking to "energize" Hispanic voters ahead of the elections, House Democrats "are making the case for bold executive action on immigration reform" but the message, rolled out on Univision.com on Thursday, "appears to be aimed as much at President Obama as it is the readers of the popular Spanish-language website."

**Grassley Questions Expensive Housing For Unaccompanied Minors.** The Washington Times (10/31, Dinan, 373K) reports that a contractor housing some of the unaccompanied minors from this summer "offers them a petting zoo with miniature ponies, a tilapia fish farm operation and guitar lessons," according to documents released Thursday by Sen. Chuck Grassley. He has "questioned whether the plush accommodations were a good use of taxpayers' money." In a letter to HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell, Grassley wrote, "It is disturbing that HHS is funding such expensive facilities despite claiming to be unable to meet basic needs for UACs."

**Kerlikowske Looks To Reform CBP.** USA Today (10/31, Gomez, 9.86M) reports that CBP Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske "is trying to get his agency back on track amid controversies that range from deadly shootings by agents to the handling of children flooding across the border from Central America." He has "changed rules that govern when agents can use deadly force, created a new review system to investigate abuses, and is pushing to get body cameras on all agents." In an interview with the paper, Kerlikowske "said those measures attempt to reverse what had become an institutional practice of secrecy when faced with questions from outside."

In a nearly-10,000 word piece for Politico Magazine (10/30, 6.67M), Garret M. Graff traces the rapid growth of Customs and Border Patrol since 9/11. He says that it has "become one of the nation's deadliest law enforcement agencies" during that time. He adds that "corruption and excessive force have also skyrocketed along with the massive hiring surge." Despite this, the agency's "response has been paralyzed by bureaucratic turf battles and the broken Senate confirmation process, which left CBP without a Senate-confirmed leader for five years." CBP "officials admitted during an internal meeting this past spring, that might take a generation to fix."

**ECONOMY GREW AT 3.5% RATE IN THIRD QUARTER.** The New York Times (10/31, Cohen, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that the US GDP rose at a 3.5% annual rate during the 3rd quarter, according to data released Thursday by the Department of Commerce, "offering a strong sign that the economy's plodding growth may be picking up speed." The growth "was driven in part by an unusual spurt of federal spending, concentrated in defense, combined with robust exports and investment in business equipment."

The CBS Evening News (10/30, story 6, 0:20, Pelley, 5.08M) reported, "Good news tonight on the economy" as the government said the GDP grew 3.5 percent during the 3rd quarter. That is "stronger than economists were expecting, but still a little bit slower than the 4.6 percent rate in the 2nd quarter."

Bloomberg News (10/31, Stilwell, 1.94M) says that the Q3 figure, was above economists' expectations of a 3.0 percent increase. Following the 2nd quarter's 4.6 percent rate, it caps the economy's "strongest six months in more than a decade, as gains in government spending and a shrinking trade deficit made up for a slowdown in household purchases."

USA Today (10/31, Davidson, 9.86M) reports that together, "the second and third quarters produced the best six-month stretch for the economy since 2013" and "growth has now exceeded 3% in four of the past five quarters." However, "after including the disappointing first quarter, the economy has expanded just 2% so far this year, in line with its performance for most of the 5-year-old recovery."

The Wall Street Journal (10/31, Timiraos, Morath, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) generally hails the new data as good news, but said that it suggests that there are questions about whether the strong growth can be maintained in the 4th quarter.

The Christian Science Monitor (10/30, Trumbull, 426K) reported that the GDP figure is "a sign of progress against a backdrop of concerns about slow wage growth and difficulties for the wider global economy." The CSM says that the number is also "significant because it's the final overview of the economy to come out before Americans cast ballots in elections next Tuesday."

The Los Angeles Times (10/31, Lee, 4M) reports that the economy's "resilience will be tested in the coming months." While the new report "was clearly positive," economists "at the moment see GDP growth in the last three months of the year coming in at less than 3%." The Times says that if "contributions from government spending and net exports" to the GDP "fade in the near term" from their strong Q3 levels, "that leaves consumers and businesses to pick up the slack, and their ability to do so are question marks at the moment."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the US economy remains resilient despite the heavy burdens imposed by the government. While the Journal hails the GDP numbers, it says that the Commerce report showed that private business investment remained muted, and for it to rise, Washington needs to reform.

**Stocks Up On GDP Report, Strong Corporate Earnings.** The AP (10/31) reports that the stock market climbed on Thursday "as investors were encouraged by better than expected economic growth and strong corporate earnings." The Dow Jones Industrial Average "surged" 221.11 points to 17,195.42, while the S&P 500 was up 12.35 points to 1,994.65. The Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 16.91 points to 4,566.14.

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. "The Prospect Of A Republican Senate."** In an editorial, the New York Times (10/31, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says that the intraparty flare-up regarding Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's suggestion that the ACA is unlikely to be repealed are a "pretty good indication of what life will be like in Congress" if the GOP takes the Senate. The Times says its not just that Republicans are "committed to time-wasting, obstructionist promises like repeal of health care reform," but that the party's leaders "have continually proved unable to resist pressure from the radical right."

**"Tunisia's Victory."** The New York Times (10/31, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorializes that while Tunisia "has made impressive progress," it requires "enlightened, constructive leaders and support from the West to continue" its path to a successful democracy.

**"Governor Cuomo's Power Play."** In an editorial, the New York Times (10/31, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says that in response to the Long Island Power Authority's poor performance in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Gov. Andrew Cuomo created a commission to improve the situation. However, "even before the commission got to work, it was clear that Mr. Cuomo was largely responsible for LIPA's failings, since he did not fill vacant positions on LIPA's board or appoint a permanent chief executive." With new reforms in place, Cuomo "can take some credit if the new hybrid arrangement works," but "must also accept responsibility for LIPA's failures if it doesn't."

**WASHINGTON POST. "Looking At You, Mr. Kim."** The Washington Post (10/31, 4.9M) editorializes that "no amount of damage control by North Korea" should prevent the UN Security Council from voting on the country's referral to the International Criminal Court for human rights abuses. The Post says "there is no justification for inaction."

**"Hitting The Snooze Button."**

**"For Arlington County."**

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "Hillary Rodham Warren."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that Hillary Clinton's botched comments last week about businesses not creating jobs is a sign that she is tracking her party's sharp move to the left on economic issues. However, the Journal says that Clinton will have to work hard to gloss over the relatively pro-business record amassed by her husband during his time in office.

**"Obama Belittles Israel."** The Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) editorializes the Obama Administration's public embarrassing of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon during the past week only serves to create further distance between the US and Israel and jeopardize the countries' relationship.

**"An Economy On The Verge."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the US economy remains resilient despite the heavy burdens imposed by the government. While the Journal hails the GDP numbers, it says that the Commerce report showed that private business investment remained muted, and for it to rise, Washington needs to reform.

**"David Cameron's Moral."** An editorial in the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) praises British Prime Minister David Cameron for advocating tax cuts to promote work as opposed to raising taxes to increase welfare.

**"Beijing Loses Friends On Hong Kong."** An editorial in the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) urges China to compromise with Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement, saying the current situation will make it impossible for Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying to govern the territory.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

Judge's Ruling Preserves City Pensions

Speakeasy Spills Secrets  
 Not Going Quietly  
 A Rich Irony In China  
 U.S. Plan To Fight Militants Imperiled

**Wall Street Journal:**

US Extends Solid Growth, Sidestepping Global Tumult  
 Big Banks Brace For Penalties In Probes  
 Apple CEO Cook Is 'Proud To Be Gay'  
 Democrats Lose Their Grip On Voters With Keys To The House

**New York Times:**

Campaigning To Extend, Or End, One-Party Rule  
 Liberia's Ebola Crisis Puts President In Harsh Light  
 Israel To Reopen Contested Holy Site In Jerusalem  
 A Winding Trail For Mitch McConnell To Lead The Senate  
 A Visit To Madison Bumgarner Country, And A Proud Father's Home  
 Apple Chief Tim Cook's Coming Out: 'This Will Resonate'

**Washington Post:**

Fighters Are Still Flocking To Syria  
 Brookings's New Reality  
 Hogan Was An Insider Before He Was An Outsider  
 Gay CEO Pulls Apple Into Advocacy Spotlight  
 Is It Time To Move Tots Beyond The Nuggets

**Financial Times:**

US Shakes Off Torpor With 3.5% Growth  
 Shadow Banking Nears Pre-Crisis Peak  
 Shell Taps Ex-BofA Banker To Be New Chairman  
 Citigroup Takes \$600m Hit On Legal Charge  
 StanChart Faces US Sanctions Probe  
 Fed Caveats Flag Greater Uncertainty

**Washington Times:**

Airstirks In Syria Hotly Debated In White House. Benefit Assad  
 Republican Allies Warn Obama On Amnesty  
 Depserate Final Fund Please Full Of Shame  
 Unions Shift Money For Campaigns To State And Local Races  
 GOP Junket To China Postposned After Protests  
 Ray Rice, Drug Addicts And Ebola At The Door

**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

ABC: Kansas-Plane Crash; NASA-Rocket Explosion; Hawaii Lava Flow; Severe Weather; Ebola-US Quarantines; Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Apple CEO-Sexual Orientation Announcement; Boston Mayor Death; International Gambling Ring Busted; Solar Flares.  
 CBS: Kansas Plane Crash; Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Midterm Elections-Chris Christie; Colorado Election; Boston Mayor Death; Economy Improvement; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Domestic Violence-Police Strategy; Apple CEO-Sexual Orientation Announcement; Bankruptcy-Stockton California.  
 NBC: Kansas Plane Crash; Ebola-US Quarantines; Apple CEO-Sexual Orientation Announcement; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Severe Weather; Midterm Elections; Boston Mayor Death; International Gambling Ring Busted; Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

Ebola-US Quarantines – 7 minutes, 25 seconds  
 Kansas Plane Crash – 6 minutes, 40 seconds  
 Midterm Elections – 6 minutes, 35 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

ABC: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Kansas-Plane Crash; Halloween Parade-Train Accident; Ebola-

US Nurse Quarantined.

CBS: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Ebola-US Military Aid; Hawaii Lava Flow; Gerber-False Health Claims;

NPR: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Ebola-US Quarantines; Hawaii Lava Flow; California City-Debt Consolidation Plan; Washington-Boeing Plant Security; Florida A&M Former Student-Trial.

FOX: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Boeing Plant-Security; Ebola-US Quarantines; Kansas-Plane Crash.

## **Washington Schedule:**

### **TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

White House:

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Holds a roundtable discussion at Rhode Island College; delivers remarks at Rhode Island College; departs Rhode Island; arrives at the White House; welcomes local children and children of military families to trick-or-treat at the White House.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Meets with senior advisors; travels to San Diego; attends an event for the Democratic National Committee.

**FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA** — join the President in welcoming local children and children of military families to trick-or-treat at the White House.

**US Senate: Oct. 31 – Dec. 17. SENATE GALLERY PERIODICAL PRESS ELECTIONS** — Elections for the seven members Executive Committee of Correspondents of the Congressional Periodical Press Galleries will take place in January of 2015.

**US House: Sept. 22 – Nov. 11.** — The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

**Other: Oct. 30 – 31. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, EDA – MANUFACTURING SUMMIT** — The U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) will host a summit bringing together communities to discuss best practices for promoting American manufacturing. In May 2014, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced the 12 communities that were designated as Manufacturing Communities as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) initiative. At the IMCP Summit, representatives from each of the 12 designated communities will discuss their efforts and progress. Speakers include: Jason Miller, Deputy Director, National Economic Council and Special Assistant to the President for Manufacturing; Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce; Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce for Economic Development Administration. Closing remarks and special announcement delivered by Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce 11:45 a.m. U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Bruce Andrews will make an announcement. Deputy Secretary Andrews remarks are open to the media. To RSVP, please contact Sarah Horowitz at 202-482-4883 or shorowitz@doc.gov Location: Herbert C. Hoover Federal Building Auditorium, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW.

**SAIS – FOREIGN FIGHTERS – RUSSIAN MONEY** — 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Foreign Fighters, Russian Money, & Ethnic Tensions. The Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS will host Senator Chris Murphy (D – CT) for a discussion on the need for U.S. re-engagement in the Balkans. Senator Murphy recently returned from a trip to Kosovo, Serbia, Croatia, Albania, and Montenegro, where he met with government officials, local businesses, and members of the public to discuss U.S. relations in the region. Daniel S. Hamilton, Executive Director of SAIS's Center for Transatlantic Relations will moderate the discussion. Location: Kenney Auditorium, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

## **Last Laughs:**

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Seth Meyers:** "Apple CEO Tim Cook wrote an article this week coming out as gay and saying that he's tried to maintain a basic level of privacy. After Cook came out as gay, a member of Russian Parliament has called for him to be banned from Russia for life. At which point, everyone in Ukraine came out as gay."

**Seth Meyers:** "North Korea released photos of Kim Jong-un sitting in the cockpit of a fighter jet. Said Kim Jong-un, 'I was standing!'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Michael Bay is reportedly in talks to direct a new film about the Benghazi scandal. Said Bay, "It will be an honest depiction of the events as they happened. Also, Hillary Clinton will be played by Megan Fox."

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Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 6:14 PM

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#### Interior Secretary Nominee **Sally Jewell** And President Obama Susan Picture

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#### Secretary of the Interior visits Choctaw schools

SunHerald.com

 PHILADELPHIA, Miss. — U.S. Secretary of the Interior **Sally Jewell** has praise for the Choctaw tribal schools in Mississippi. Jewell visited the school ...





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## FW: Interior Secretary Sally Jewell Visits Choctaw

10 messages

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Dreifuss, Misty <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 5:04 PM

To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

Just as an FYI. So you can see what we sent out.

Jessica, the video for you will come tomorrow. That will be a fully edited piece.

Thanks!

Misty

Misty Brescia Dreifuss

Director, Office of Public Information

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

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**From:** Dreifuss, Misty

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014 4:02 PM

**Subject:** Interior Secretary Sally Jewell Visits Choctaw

Attached is the Press Release and ftp information to photos and video from the Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's visit to the Choctaw Reservation today.

The video includes B-roll and footage of an interview with Secretary Jewell and Chief Anderson. It is not a prepared news piece. Editing will need to be done.

Direction to ftp site:

<ftp://www.choctaw.org/>

username: [REDACTED]

Password: [REDACTED]

Click on the Choctaw Video folder – Click on Sec. Jewell Visit – video and photos included.

If you have any problems or questions please feel free to email or contact me at 601.504.7957.

Thank you!

Misty

Misty Brescia Dreifuss

Director, Office of Public Information

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>  
Cc: "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 6:02 PM

Misty and Team - this is really, really great! I'm sorry I wasn't able to respond sooner with a quote for the press release - we were in the air and then running to our next flight because the Jackson flight took off so late and we got jammed on our connection! Anyway - we look forward to the video and will plan to use parts for our "This Week at Interior" feature I was mentioning earlier today.

The press release is great.

I imagine you saw the WTOK piece that Lauren in our office flagged earlier - that turned out well too - and photos were great!

Thanks again for such a well organized couple of days. We had a great time in the Magnolia State!

Jessica  
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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 6:05 PM

To: Sally Jewell <[REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>, "Roessel, Charles" <charles.roessel@bie.edu>, Kevin Washburn <kevin.washburn@bia.gov>, Donald Yu <dona1d\_yu@ios.doi.gov>

A great press release from the tribe after today's visit that I think is worth sharing. It's accompanied by some raw video that they will edit and we will feature in our This Week at Interior series this Friday.

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**Dreifuss, Misty** <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 5:42 PM

To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Jessica,

We finished producing the video we will post on our YouTube and FB page.

You can follow the directions below in the original email to get that video. It is saved as Update.jewellvisit.

We are posting tomorrow morning.

Thanks!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 5:45 PM

To: Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, Frank Quimby <Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>

As discussed in today's 1:30 mtg - this is the release and link to video from the Choctaw visit.

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From: **Dreifuss, Misty** <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>

Date: Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 5:04 PM

Subject: FW: Interior Secretary Sally Jewell Visits Choctaw

To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 5:47 PM

Excellent! Thanks for the heads up, Misty - I'll download to watch now.

We usually post our "This Week at Interior" video around 11 EDT - will that get out ahead of your post or will the video be posted on your end prior to that time?

Thanks for clarifying,  
Jessica

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**Dreifuss, Misty** <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 5:51 PM

I can schedule to post at same time so 10am central.

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 5:54 PM

Excellent! Thanks very much - I'm downloading now. Have you seen the Nishoba article yet? I haven't seen it pop quite yet.

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**Dreifuss, Misty** <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 6:13 PM

It may not since it's a weekly. Let me ask Debbie if she plans on posting an online article.

I was at a Pan Flu table top exercise for my ESF-15 status and quite a few people asked me about the visit. :)

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 6:21 PM

Neat-o! Thanks, Misty - appreciate you checking in on the article. And thanks again for a really wonderful visit to MS!

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

**Fwd: Video: Interior Secretary Sally Jewell Visits Choctaw**

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Timothy Bergling <timothy\_bergling@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Tim Fullerton <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 5:48 PM

Tim-

The video link below includes B-roll and footage of an interview with Secretary Jewell and Chief Anderson.

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Click on the Choctaw Video folder – Click on Sec. Jewell Visit – video and photos included.

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### Secretary of the Interior Visits Choctaw Schools

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Choctaw, Miss. U.S. Secretary of the Interior **Sally Jewell** visited Choctaw tribal schools in Mississippi Wednesday. The purpose for the visit was to ...



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### Mayan Revival-Style Artist Studio in Florida Named National Historic Landmark

ArtfixDaily

Awarded on September 30, 2014 by Secretary of the Interior **Sally Jewell**, the designation applies to places that "exceptionally illustrate or interpret the ...



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## Thursday PAO mtg

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Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 1:12 PM

To: "Androff, Blake" <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Joan did the release for Monday but I completely rewrote... Frank worked with ASIA on the first draft of NCAI remarks but Kate didn't use them... I decided not to provide talkers for the NCAI or Choctaw pressers - and got no complaints there - just not needed - and I didn't ask for drafts either.

Advisories were fairly well done (Lauren wrote and Frank edited lightly).

Frank wrote a great release for NCAI but we decided not to use - shelved for Tribal Nations.

So.. I'd say we made a conscious decision to provide less and we didn't get complaints

Except for NCAI where she felt she went long and didn't have enough room for anecdotes but that's more for Kate

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## ThisWeekOct31\_2014 - Invitation to edit

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Kelly, Katherine <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 6:46 PM

To: "Tim Fullerton (via Google Docs)" <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Androff, Blake J" <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, emily\_beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>

Made my edits. JK there's a few sections just waiting for your thoughts (I think the choctaw one could use some more life to be more in line with her messaging there).

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Bulletin Intelligence &lt;Interior@bulletinintelligence.com&gt;

Thu, Oct 30, 2014 at 6:59 AM

To: Interior@bulletinintelligence.com

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**DOI in the News:**

**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS CHOCTAW SCHOOLS.** WTOK-TV Meridian, MS (10/30, 642) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell "visited Choctaw tribal schools in Mississippi Wednesday" to "examine the Choctaw education system." Jewell "rates the Choctaw School System as one of the best." According to the article, "she credits much of that to the tribe's hands-on approach, with the chief and tribal council virtually serving as the school board." Jewell said, "In many other communities we don't see that. We don't have engagement between tribal leaders and the schools. Sometimes we run the schools. We run them out of Albuquerque, New Mexico or Washington D.C., and the schools may be all the way across the country."

**GROUP WANTS BLM TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS BEFORE RENEWING GRAZING PERMITS.** The AP (10/30, Ridler) reports that "a conservation organization is requesting the US Bureau of Land Management conduct environmental reviews before renewing 453 grazing permits that contain areas designated as important sage grouse habitat." In a letter sent last week to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Western Watersheds Project said that the grazing permits expire in March. The article notes that "the letter followed a ruling in US District Court in Boise last month that found the BLM improperly used a congressional grazing rider to renew grazing permits in Idaho without necessary environmental reviews."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Houston Chronicle (10/30, Ridler, 2.47M), the Idaho Statesman (10/29, 150K), the San Antonio Express-News (10/30, 904K), the Seattle Post-Intelligencer (10/30, 1.06M), The Oregonian (10/30, 690K), and KIVI-TV Boise, ID (10/30, 861).

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### ***National Park Service:***

**NPS IDENTIFIES SUSPECT IN VANDALISM AT WESTERN SITES.** The Flathead (MT) Beacon (10/29, 19K) reports that "a 21-year-old New York woman has been identified as the primary suspect in recent vandalism cases that affect eight national parks in the western United States." NPS investigators say Casey Nocket "painted images on rocks and boulders in Yosemite National Park, Death Valley National Park, and Joshua Tree National Park, all in California; Rocky Mountain National Park and Colorado National Monument, both in Colorado; Crater Lake National Park, in Oregon; Zion National Park and Canyonlands National Park, both in Utah." According to the article, "investigators continue to collect evidence of the crimes, conduct interviews, and are consulting with the US Attorney's Office about potential charges."

Also reporting on the story are CNN (10/30, Hetter, Yan, 14.29M) and the San Francisco Chronicle (10/30, 2.24M).

***Yosemite Vandalism Criticized.*** In an editorial, the Marysville (CA) Appeal-Democrat (10/30, 68K) urges the NPS to "throw the book at CreepyTings when they find and arrest her." It argues that "drawing on them isn't art. It's theft."

**GAO: NPS AMONG AGENCIES NOT MEETING CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS.** The Fierce Government (10/30, 224) reports that the NPS is among the five agencies that the Government Accountability Office surveyed that didn't meet "all key elements of the government's customer service standards, an Oct. 24 report says." The NPS lacks "guidance for when to elevate customer comments from the local level up to the agency level." However, "steps are being taken to make agencies compliant, GAO says."

**AMPHITHEATER AT LAKE BARKLEY RECEIVES LWCF FUNDING.** The SurfKy (10/30, 1K) reports that Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear on Wednesday "came to Lyon County to ceremonially deliver funding for two projects that will bring lasting benefits to the Lake Barkley region, a multi-use 'bike/ped' trail along the lake front and a new amphitheater located on the northern shore." Beshear "ceremonially presented a check for a \$70,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund to city of Kuttawa for the construction of a new amphitheater on the northern shores of Lake Barkley."

Also reporting on the story is the Lane Report (10/30, 4K).

**NPS' PROPOSES CHANGES FOR SPORT HUNTING, TRAPPING IN ALASKA.** KNOM-FM Nome, AK (10/29) reports that the NPS is "proposing changing regulations for sport hunting and trapping on Alaska's national preserves—but while the changes mostly impact a variety of predator species like wolves and bears, new regulations on caribou hunting are drawing concern from local hunters." The article notes that "the new regulations would prohibit taking wolf and coyote pups and adults during the summer denning season; to taking of brown bears over bait stations; and the use of artificial light to take black bear cubs—or sows with cubs—at their den sites." Also, one of the proposals would "prohibit hunting caribou in the water."

**REPORT: GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE CREATED \$39M IN ECONOMIC GROWTH.** The Bloomberg BusinessWeek (10/30, 2.52M) reports that "a group of coastal leaders toured natural resource sites across Jackson County early Tuesday morning to observe how to grow the nature tourism industry." Dan Brown, superintendent of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, said, "We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities." The article notes that "a National Park Service report showed 944,004 visitors toured the Mississippi portion of the park in 2013 and spent \$39 million in the surrounding area."

**CRATER LAKE SEES RECORD NUMBER OF VISITORS.** The Klamath Falls (OR) Herald And News (10/30, 45K) reports that "visitors have been making the trip to Crater Lake National Park in record numbers this year, but touring the park will be more challenging next summer." The article notes that "as of Sept. 31, the park had counted 536,749 visitors this calendar year." Superintendent Craig Ackerman says that "means it's likely the total number of visitors from all of 2013, 572,527, will likely be surpassed this year."

**LOTTERY OPENS FOR SKIERS WHO WANT TO STAY IN YOSEMITE BACKCOUNTRY HUT.** The Los Angeles Times (10/30, Forgiione, 4M) reports that "the lottery has opened for those who want to bunk down this winter in the Ostrander Ski Hut in Yosemite National Park's backcountry." The lottery opened Tuesday and

continues until Nov. 19,

**RIVERVIEW CEMETERY ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** The Wilmington (DE) News Journal (10/30, 291K) reports that Wilmington's Riverview Cemetery has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS REVIEWING POLICY FOR VIP STAYS AT GRAND TETON LODGE.** Additional coverage that the NPS is "reviewing its policy for the use of a lakeside lodge in the Grand Tetons after Vice President Joe Biden and his family spent some time there in August" was provided by the Alabama Live (10/30, 497K), Fox Business (10/29, 448K), the Newser (10/30, 383K), the Daily Mail (UK) (10/30, 4.35M), and WDIV-TV Detroit (10/30, 172K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS RELEASES INVENTORY OF ITEMS DESTROYED IN FLIGHT 93 FIRE.** Additional coverage that the NPS has "completed its inventory of items lost in the Pennsylvania fire that destroyed the flag flown above the Capitol on Sept. 11, 2001" was provided by Roll Call (10/30, 90K).

**LATIMES URGES MORE PROTECTIONS FOR SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS.** The Los Angeles Times (10/30, 4M) argues that President Obama did not go far enough when he created a national monument to protect the San Gabriel Mountains, noting that the "final map leaves out the entire southwest portion of the Angeles National Forest, which is close to foothill cities and contains some of the most popular and damaged facilities." The Times opines that the monument status should not be seen as "the endgame" and calls on Rep. Judy Chu and the Los Angeles-area congressional delegation to "continue to push for greater protection and funding for the entire range."

#### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA CELEBRATES 25TH YEAR.** The Chaffee County (CO) Times (10/30, 9K) reports that "Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area celebrated its 25th year Monday." The article notes that "plans are being finalized for AHRA's 25th anniversary celebration, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 7 with activities for kids and adults alike in the area around the AHRA Visitors Center and Salida SteamPlant." The event will "include a reception, followed by guest speakers who will review the accomplishments of the past quarter-century."

**BLM AUTHORIZES TRAIL CONNECTIONS NEAR LANDER.** The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (10/30, 90K) reports that the BLM Lander Field Office "decided to authorize the construction and maintenance of 1.17 miles of connecting trail in the Johnny Behind the Rocks Area." According to the article, "studies were completed to address connectivity problems between the Johnny-On-Top and Red Ridge Trails."

**SCHOLARS CHALLENGE LEGAL BASIS OF UTAH'S PUBLIC LANDS CAMPAIGN.** The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (10/30, 479K) reports that "University of Utah legal scholars released a white paper Wednesday concluding the state has no legal basis to demand the federal government turn over title to public lands." According to John Ruple, a research fellow with the U. law school's Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources and the Environment, "suing would not only be a waste of money, but also set back efforts to resolve conflicts over public land management." Ruple said, "We recognize there are legitimate questions about how federal lands are managed and there is room for disagreement, but demanding the federal government give those lands to the state is legally untenable."

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FEWER GRIZZLY BEARS DYING IN YELLOWSTONE AREA.** The AP (10/30, Brown) reports that "fewer threatened grizzly bears are being killed in and around Yellowstone National Park, and scientists said Wednesday their numbers appear to be holding stable as officials consider lifting protections for the animals." According to the article, "during a Wednesday meeting of state and federal wildlife agencies in Montana, scientists said a new counting method indicates roughly 1,000 grizzlies in the Yellowstone region, with the population growing zero to 2 percent annually." If the FWS "eliminates protections, it would open the door to limited hunting in the Yellowstone region of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming."

Also reporting on the story is the AP (10/30).

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by ABC News (10/30, 5.02M), the Boston Herald (10/30, 640K), the

Charlotte (NC) Observer (10/29, 572K), the Daily Inter Lake (MT) (10/30, 57K), the Sacramento (CA) Bee (10/30, 646K), the US News & World Report (10/29, 661K), the Washington Post (10/29, 4.9M), the Washington Times (10/30, Brown, 373K), and Yahoo! (10/30, Brown, 65.94M) .

**FWS SEEKS FEDERAL PROTECTIONS FOR SNAPPING TURTLES.** The Hill (10/30, Devaney, 241K) reports that "snapping turtles would be protected under new federal rules proposed Wednesday." The FWS is "considering placing common snapping turtles, along with Florida softshell turtles, smooth softshell turtles and spiny softshell turtles, on an international endangered species list." The agency said "snapping turtles are in danger of being harvested for their meat as well as collected as pets."

Also reporting on the story are the Washington Times (10/30, Chumley, 373K) and Reuters (10/30, Krasny).

**MARKETING TECHNIQUES DRAW NEW VISITORS TO J.N. 'DING' DARLING NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The Sanibel (FL) Island Reporter (10/30) reports that "using social media, direct marketing to local radio and other outreach tools, officials with the J.N. 'Ding' Darling National Wildlife Refuge are reporting a sharp uptick in the number of Hispanics visiting the parkland."

**FWS SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE.** NBC (10/30, 441K) reports that on Thursday, the FWS is "publishing a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement that will assess the natural and human effects of issuing a permit to authorize the take of the federally endangered American burying beetle." The Nebraska Public Power District has requested that the FWS "issue this permit because the construction, operation, and maintenance of its proposed 220-mile long, 345 kV transmission line is likely to impact the American burying beetle."

**NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT FWS RULE.** WNAX-AM Yankton, SD (10/30) reports that the Nebraska Farm Bureau has submitted comments to the FWS "on a proposed rule that would change critical habitat for endangered species." The Farm Bureau's Vice President of Government Relations Jay Rempe says "the change in the proposed rule would cover a lot of area not now covered." Rempe says "another problem is that the rule would not only expand the regulatory overreach of the Fish and Wildlife Agency, it also would severely limit farming and ranching."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SOUTHERN PINE BEETLES INVADE LONG ISLAND.** Additional coverage of the discovery of the southern pine beetle on Long Island was provided by Newsday (10/30, 1.38M).

### ***US Geological Survey:***

**CRITIC QUESTIONS ARTIFICIAL SPAWNING REEFS IN DETROIT RIVER.** The Port Huron (MI) Times Herald (10/29, 75K) reports that a recent report from the USGS and the FWS "about the Fighting Island reef project in the Detroit River shows the reef is producing lake sturgeon eggs and larvae." However, Kathy Johnson, "who co-owns Gregory A.D. and is a documentary filmmaker, said she believes man-made reefs are not as important in the St. Clair River to maintaining sturgeon numbers." Johnson "estimates 50,000 sturgeon spawn in the St. Clair River, which would be the largest free-range spawning population in the Great Lakes basin." She said "her estimate is based on combined results from the Ontario Natural Resources Department and the US Department of Natural Resources."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: USGS MONITORING LAVA FLOW FROM HAWAII VOLCANO.** Additional coverage of the lava flow from a Hawaii volcano was provided by the Salem (OR) Statesman Journal (10/28, 23K), the Concord (NH) Monitor (10/30, 47K), the Albany (NY) Times Union (10/30, 465K), the International Business Times (10/29, Varandani, 655K), and Yahoo! (10/30, Mcavoy, Kelleher, 65.94M).

## **Securing America's Energy Future:**

### ***Renewable Energy:***

**SOUTH CAROLINA EYES NEXT STEPS FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY.** The Myrtle Beach (SC) Online (10/29, 5K) reports that "the next step in North Myrtle Beach's years-long drive to become the offshore wind energy capital of South Carolina will begin next month, when Coastal Carolina University, the University of South Carolina and others begin the work to label areas in the Atlantic Ocean off South Carolina as good and not-so-good for the development of wind energy farms." Paul Gayes, director of the Burroughs & Chapin Center

for Marine and Wetland Studies at Coastal Carolina University, said Wednesday "the study will use \$750,000 from the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management with a match from the state to narrow down a broad swath of ocean to areas that can then be studied further by private companies that might build the farms." The article notes that "the step after that will come early next year when Sen. Greg Hembree, R-North Myrtle Beach, reintroduces a bill that would allow utility companies that wanted to build a demonstration wind tower offshore to apply to the state's Public Service Commission to raise rates to fund the project "

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**BLM RELEASES ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON CONOCOPHILLIPS PROJECT IN ALASKA.** The [FuelFix](#) (10/29, 7K) reports that "ConocoPhillips' plans for the first oil production facilities from federal lands in Alaska moved one step closer to reality Wednesday, as the Interior Department released a key environmental study on the project." The article notes that "although it is not a final verdict, the assessment by Interior's Bureau of Land Management sets the stage for approval later this year by outlining steps ConocoPhillips would have to take to mitigate environmental effects while boring up to 33 wells at its Greater Mooses Tooth site." BLM director Neil Kornze said, "Reaching this stage of permitting is a major milestone for the project and for the future of balanced, responsible federal oil production in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska."

Also reporting on the story is the [Delta \(AK\) News Web](#) (10/29).

**USGS STUDY SAYS WASTEWATER DISPOSAL LIKELY TRIGGER 2011 COLORADO EARTHQUAKE.** Reuters (10/30, Zuckerman) reports that the US Geological Survey claims that underground disposal of wastewater from natural gas production was likely responsible for a moderate earthquake in Colorado in 2011. The study is expected to "fuel debate over the impact of the US energy boom," as it bolsters previous studies linking wastewater disposal with earthquakes in other energy producing states, particularly Texas and Oklahoma.

**TENSIONS MOUNT AS DENTON FRACKING BAN NEARS.** The Dallas Morning News (10/30, Osborne, 1.16M) reports that the vote to ban fracking in Denton has "turned into a flash point for a national debate on the oil and gas drilling boom." More locally, it has created tensions as rival groups in Denton "work to undermine each other." Business owners are reported to avoid talking about the ban "for fear of alienating customers," while opposing sides of the ban accuse one other of "misleading voters on everything from how hydraulic fracturing works to how to vote for the ban."

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**NEW DOCUMENTARY DELVES INTO DEEPWATER HORIZON EXPLOSION.** The Los Angeles Times (10/29, Tsai, 4M) reports that the documentary "The Great Invisible," investigates the aftermath of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, and "gives voice to many of the previously nameless and faceless victims of the disaster," such as those who suffered from its environmental and economic consequences.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SHELL SEEKS MORE TIME TO ACT ON ARCTIC LEASES.** Additional coverage that "Royal Dutch Shell is asking the Obama administration for five more years to explore for oil off Alaska's coast, saying setbacks and legal delays may push the start of drilling past the 2017 expiration of some leases" was provided by The [Fairbanks \(AK\) News-Miner](#) (10/30, 44K).

**ALABAMA'S PLAN FOR CONVENTION CENTER SUPPORTED.** In an editorial, the Montgomery (AL) Advertiser (10/30, 2K) supports "bringing a hotel and convention center" back to Gulf State Park because it "would be a boon for Alabama's economy and would allow the state to draw tourist and convention business that it has been losing for years to Florida facilities only a few miles down the road." However, it notes that "the latest effort to get such a project underway has been challenged in court by a New Orleans-based environmental group that seeks to block the use of funds from the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill recovery program." It also notes that "despite the expenditure's having the blessing of four different federal agencies — the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency — the Gulf Restoration Network claims the approval violates the law."

## **Tackling America's Water Challenges:**



**BOR AREA MANAGER PROVIDES UPDATE ON DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA.** The Weaverville (CA) Trinity Journal (10/30, 12K) reports, Area Manager Brian Person of the Northern California Area Office of the BOR "recently offered a historic overview on how the Trinity River Division of the Central Valley Project came to be back in 1955 as he updated Trinity County supervisors on current operations and challenges presented by severe drought conditions." Person "noted that while the vast majority of precipitation occurs in the northern part of the state, the vast majority of people settled in the southern part 'which creates disparity. California has the most complex system of water distribution in the world with state, federal and some local projects. The state is very well-plumbed.'"

**PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT ON PROJECT TO RAISE LAKE CLE ELUM RESERVOIR.** The Ellensburg (WA) Daily Record (10/30, 16K) reports "people have until Nov. 25 to comment on a proposed project that would raise the Lake Cle Elum reservoir by 3 feet." According to the article, "raising the water level by 3 feet would allow for an additional 14,600 acres-feet of water to be stored and released from the reservoir." The project involves the BOR and the Department of Ecology.

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**BIA HEAD WASHBURN INTERVIEWED.** In part two of an interview with the Indian Country Today Media Network (10/29, 78K), Kevin Washburn, the Interior Department's Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, discussed the role of the National Congress of American Indians, possible federal recognition for Native Hawaiians, as well as changes to the federal recognition process.

**SEN. TESTER INTERVIEWED ON INDIAN EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE AND ENVIRONMENT.** In an interview with the Indian Country Today Media Network (10/29, 78K), Sen. Jon Tester "outlined his plans for introducing new, comprehensive legislation in November that is designed to address a variety of problems and gaps in Native school districts." Tester said, "We saw some amazing teachers and students on this trip, but there are some things that need our immediate attention. We want to address the needs of Indian students from early childhood development to post secondary education, so it's important that we get the tribes on board, because it will improve education in Indian Country in a positive way."

**CONTINUING COVERAGE: FEDERAL OFFICER ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY THREATENING UBER DRIVER AT GUNPOINT.** In continuing coverage of the arrest of Byron Keith McDonald, a lieutenant for the BIA Office of Justice Services, KSL-TV Salt Lake City (10/30, 1.07M) reports that in a statement, the Interior Department said, "The incident is being investigated by our Internal Affairs Division, which will make use of the investigation being conducted by the Salt Lake City Police Department. Senior managers in the BIA are aware of the decision and are taking steps to investigate the matter properly and then make appropriate decisions in accord with law and policy."

Also providing coverage are the Washington Post (10/29, Phillip, 4.9M) and the Deseret (UT) News (10/30, 538K).

## Top National News:

**OBAMA URGES AMERICANS TO REJECT CALLS FOR MANDATORY QUARANTINES.** Even as controversy continued to grow regarding the implementation of mandatory quarantines, coverage of the Ebola crisis continues to level off from where it was last week. On Wednesday, for the first time in many days, none of the network newscasts led with a report on Ebola. All three networks did mention President Obama's remarks from earlier Wednesday regarding his opposition to imposing quarantine restrictions on medical workers returning from West Africa. But the President's appearance was overshadowed by the news that Kaci Hickox, the nurse who had been involuntarily quarantined in New Jersey this weekend, will not abide by the voluntary restrictions she agreed to when she was allowed to travel to her home in Maine.

Despite the generally positive coverage the President has garnered this week as he makes the case for allowing the free movement of those without symptoms of Ebola, coverage of Hickox and new polling indicate that the President is taking an unpopular stand on the matter. On the CBS Evening News (10/29, story 6, 2:30, Pelley, 5.08M), Scott Pelley noted that a new CBS News poll found that "80% of Americans support the quarantine idea" even though the President has made the case that mandatory quarantines are counterproductive. McClatchy (10/29, Subscription Publication, 27K) similarly says polls show "Americans...overwhelmingly supported quarantine for travelers arriving from West Africa," while Politico (10/29, Epstein, 977K) reported that on Wednesday, "even as he stressed the need for American leadership on Ebola," the President "conceded that

he understands Americans' worries."

On NBC Nightly News (10/29, story 2, 2:55, Williams, 7.86M), after showing a Maine public health official pleading with Hickox to accede to the state's "reasonable request" that she stay at home for a few weeks, correspondent Kate Snow reported that "many Americans agreed," and "some say [Hickox] is putting her self-interest ahead of everybody else."

On ABC World News (10/29, story 5, 1:45, Muir, 5.84M), David Muir reported that President Obama is "calling for 'dignity and respect' for those healthcare workers fighting the disease on the front lines in west Africa, calling them 'heroes.'" On NBC Nightly News (10/29, story 2, 2:55, Williams, 7.86M), Kate Snow reported that the President is "worried quarantine rules will discourage volunteering," but "despite the President's concern about mandatory quarantines, the US military is doing just that" and California "became the latest state to enact some kind of quarantine."

USA Today (10/30, Jackson, 9.86M) reports that on Wednesday, the President "thanked health care professionals...for fighting Ebola on the front lines in West Africa, while criticizing officials who would put restrictions on these 'heroes' who are helping secure the United States." USA Today adds that in reference to "unnamed state officials who want to confine or quarantine health care workers," the President "decried 'policies that would avoid leadership and have us running in the opposite direction and hiding under the covers.'" According to USA Today, the President and White House aides "criticized New Jersey, New York and Illinois over quarantine policies for returning workers."

The Hill (10/29, Sink, 241K) reported that the President "also pushed back against those who have recommended a travel ban against the three African countries where the outbreak is concentrated," and "suggest[ed] doing so would be counterproductive." The Huffington Post (10/29, Delaney, 11.54M) noted that the President, "who has repeatedly sought to show he is unafraid of catching the virus...shook hands with each of the workers after his speech."

The Los Angeles Times (10/30, Hennessey, 4M) calls the President's appearance on Wednesday, in which he delivered a "campaign-friendly riff on American patriotism," was "his most choreographed event on the topic in weeks," and notes that it took place in the White House's East Room, which is "typically used for policy announcements and formal ceremonies." The Times says the appearance "seemed to mark an evolution of the White House public relations push" following "weeks of unscripted reassurances, photo ops and hastily arranged briefings."

The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Sparshott, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) covers the President's remarks in an article titled, "Obama Urges US Leadership To Stem Ebola Outbreak." Sen. Chris Coons, in an op-ed for the Washington Post (10/30, 4.9M), echoes the President's rhetoric when he writes: "Instead of demonizing those who volunteer for service, through stigmatizing mandatory quarantines or the imposition of a travel ban, we should be honoring them."

Bloomberg News (10/30, Olorunnipa, Keane, 1.94M) reports that the President's "appearance was part of a strategy to head off a patchwork of responses by state and local officials, while easing public concern about his administration's response a week before mid-term elections." But Bloomberg notes that earlier on Wednesday, Defense Secretary Hagel "ordered all US troops to be held for 21 days for monitoring after their duty in the Ebola region," which Bloomberg says "add[ed] to conflicting messages about the government's response." Bloomberg notes that the CDC and the President "have advocated against a blanket quarantine for those who don't show any symptoms of the deadly virus."

The Washington Times (10/30, Howell, 373K) reports that the Administration has "had to play catch-up at times, as missteps in Dallas exposed cracks in US preparedness and the administration appeared a step behind states itching to put tough rules in place to stem a potential outbreak within their borders."

The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), in an editorial, warns that the Administration's criticism of quarantining measures could come back to haunt them if there is a wider outbreak and it becomes necessary to separate Ebola patients and those they have been in contact with from the general public.

**Klain Has Not Spoken Publicly Since Being Named "Ebola Czar."** The New York Daily News (10/29, Warren, Friedman, Siemaszko, 3.52M) reports that as the President "heaped praise on the medics gathered with him at the White House, his enigmatic Ebola czar Ron Klain watched from a front row seat" and then "quickly split after Obama finished speaking." According to the Daily News, White House press secretary Josh Earnest

"hinted strongly they may trot out Klain to talk with reporters soon."

**Doctors Without Borders' Criticism Of Obama's Support For Drug Companies Noted.** The Huffington Post (10/29, Carter, 11.54M) reports that although the President "was celebrating...Doctors Without Borders volunteers" on Wednesday, and Ambassador Samantha Power has praised the group repeatedly, "the recent executive branch acclaim for Doctors Without Borders obscures a long-running struggle between the humanitarian group and the White House over global drug prices." According to the Huffington Post, "the Obama administration has aggressively pursued policies that prevent poor countries from accessing low-cost generic versions of expensive name-brand medications, despite persistent calls from Doctors Without Borders for the White House to reverse course."

**AS EXPECTED, FED WINDS DOWN BOND-BUYING, CITING STRONGER ECONOMY.** The Federal Reserve's announcement that it will wind down its bond-buying stimulus program as the end of this month was widely expected, but still generated significant media coverage, including a mention on the CBS Evening News. A prominent theme was that the Fed saw the labor market improving, while another is that the central bank will still keep interest rates near zero for the foreseeable future.

The CBS Evening News (10/29, story 8, 0:15, Pelley, 5.08M) calls the end of the stimulus program "a major milestone today in the long climb out of the great recession" but adds that the Fed "said it will keep short-term interest rates near zero for a considerable time."

The New York Times (10/30, Appelbaum, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that in a statement following a two-day meeting, an "upbeat" Fed said on Wednesday that the "economic recovery was chugging along and that it would end its latest-bond buying campaign on schedule at the end of the month." The Fed also "upgraded its appraisal of labor market conditions," stating that "underutilization of labor market resources is gradually diminishing." However, it "added that it still planned to keep short-term interest rates near zero for a 'considerable time.'"

Reuters (10/30, Schneider, Flaherty) reports that the Fed said, "On balance, a range of labor market indicators suggests that underutilization of labor resources is gradually diminishing," a change from previous statements which focused on weakness in the labor market.

USA Today (10/30, Davidson, 9.86M) reports that while the Fed "has said for months" that its bond-buying would end this month, "the move was thrown into doubt by reports two weeks ago of weak euro zone growth and disappointing U.S. retail sales that sent stock and bond markets reeling." However, since then, domestic economic news "has been generally encouraging, with factory output and consumer confidence surging, and at least partly recovering."

The Wall Street Journal (10/30, A1, Hilsenrath, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the Fed's actions are a sign that the central bank has confidence in the trajectory of the US economy. Similarly, the Washington Times (10/30, Hill, 373K) says that by ending the bond-buying program, Fed officials "signaled that they believe the economy is returning to normal after more than five years of convalescence from the worst recession and financial crisis since the 1930s."

McClatchy (10/30, Hall, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that only one member of the Fed's Open Market Committee voted against ending the bond-buying program. The bond-buying program, formally known as quantitative easing, had been "blasted by critics," who were concerned by inflation or a weakened dollar, which didn't materialize. However, the Fed "still has all those bonds on its books, so ending the bond buying is just a first step in a drawn-out wind-down."

The Christian Science Monitor (10/30, Velasco, 426K) reports that the "tone shifts" in the Fed's statement "led to a shift in voting for the new policy," which drew the backing of "known hawks" Richard Fisher and Charles Plosser, who had dissented on several previous policies. The only dissenter "was the Fed's most dovish member, Narayana Kocherlakota, who wanted the \$15 billion a month pace in bond buying to continue."

In one of the only negative pieces of coverage, the Huffington Post (10/30, Gongloff, 11.54M) says that by "pulling away support for the economy, the Fed is taking a chance that recent signs of economic strength are more reliable than recent signs of weakness." While unemployment is down and recent GDP growth has been strong, "wages have stayed stubbornly flat, and much of the drop in unemployment has been due to workers checking out of the labor market, meaning they're no longer counted as unemployed." In addition, financial markets "have been turbulent lately, and economies around the world seem to be teetering on the edge of

recession."

Bloomberg News (10/30, Kearns, Condon, 1.94M) says that Fed Chair Janet Yellen must now "chart a course toward the first interest-rate increase since 2006." The FOMC "repeated it will consider a wide range of information in deciding when to raise the federal funds rate, which has been held near zero since December 2008."

The Washington Post (10/30, Mui, 4.9M) says in its "Wonkblog" section that "debate over when to raise rates, which has already begun, will prove tricky for the Fed — and likely the biggest challenge of Janet Yellen's tenure" so far. Fed officials, "who have suggested that the move could come in the middle of next year, hope that it causes little disruption."

**Stocks Down Slightly After Fed Action.** Reuters (10/30, Vlastelica) reports that US stock indexes drop a bit on Wednesday following the Fed's move. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 31.44 points to 16,974.31, while the S&P 500 dropped 2.75 points to 1,982.3. The Nasdaq Composite Index dropped 15.07 points to 4,549.23.

**WSJournal Doesn't See QE As Success.** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that it has been skeptical of quantitative easing, and says that it has not accomplished all of its goals. In particular, the Journal says that the drop in the jobless rate has been primarily due to workers exiting the workforce, while economic growth has still been tepid.

**Samuelson: "Wage Gains Are Meager."** In his column for the Washington Post (10/30, 4.9M), Robert J. Samuelson writes that despite the drop in unemployment, there are still "too many potential workers must be chasing too few openings" so "wage gains are meager, and the recovery suffers." He says that the issue isn't only the large number of workers that have exited the workforce; another issue is that "workers are so insecure that they're afraid to abandon their present jobs for something better, therefore, companies don't have to pay higher wages to retain them." Overall, "bargaining power has shifted to employers, based on workers' fears of permanent job loss."

**ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS CRITERIA FOR EXPEDITED ACTION ON IMMIGRATION.** The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Meckler, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that in a move that could potentially provide protection to as many as four million people who are in the country illegally, the Administration is considering an immigrant's minimum length of time in the country and his or her familial ties in the country to determine which illegal immigrants will be granted protection through an expedited executive action.

**Cato Analyst Urges GOP To Reject Nativist Views On Immigration.** In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (10/30, Nowrasteh, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), Alex Nowrasteh, an immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute, argues that the Republican Party should turn away from its nativists, who see opposition to immigration reform as the future of the party, arguing that pursuing nativist policies could have long-term negative political consequences for the party.

**Greenhouse Decries New York School Officials' Demands For Proof Of Residency.** In a column for the New York Times (10/30, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), Linda Greenhouse writes that New York State school officials "know they can't demand proof of legal immigration status, thanks to Plyler v. Doe, a 1982 decision in which the Supreme Court ruled that states can't exclude undocumented children from the free public education provided to all other children," so instead they "have been demanding proof of residency in the district, which families who are trying to make the best of patchwork and last-minute arrangements often can't provide." The "bureaucratic impasse has left these children, finally safe from the gang violence that led to their long journeys north, languishing in their new homes."

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. "California Leads On Justice Reform."** The New York Times (10/30, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorializes that studies have found that "crime has gone down faster in states that have reduced their prison populations," and it points to California as an "encouraging example" of a state with "some the worst excesses of the mass incarceration era, but also some of the more innovative responses to it." California voters in 2012 "overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure to scale back the state's notorious 'three-strikes' law, leading to the release, so far, of more than 1,900 prisoners who had been serving life in prison — in some cases, for petty theft." The Times notes that it is "very rare for lawmakers anywhere to approve legislation

to shorten sentences for people already in prison; it is virtually unheard-of to do it by ballot measure," and it sees California's "continuing experiment on sentencing" as "a valuable lesson to states around the country looking for smart and safe ways to unravel America's four-decade incarceration binge."

**"The SEC And Political Spending."** An editorial in the New York Times (10/30, Times, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) accuses the SEC of being "complicit in the corrupting system of unlimited campaign donations from unnamed donors," and argues that as the "presumed guardian of investors' right to know how corporate executives spend shareholder money," the SEC should impose a political disclosure rule.

**"Unfinished Business On Press Freedom."** The New York Times (10/30, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorializes that Attorney General Holder "bears responsibility for undermining robust journalism by his overzealous leak investigations and his opposition to recognizing a reporter's constitutional or common law privilege to protect sources." The Times notes that Holder "issued new guidelines in February concerning prosecutors' use of subpoenas and search warrants to obtain information from reporters," which include "some valuable changes, but they also contain a central flaw that requires prompt correction, as a group of media representatives will be urging at a meeting with Justice Department officials scheduled for Thursday." The Times argues that the guidelines call for "avoiding the issuance of subpoenas that 'might unreasonably impair ordinary news gathering.'" This change "could invite prosecutors in the future to claim that news gathering that entails the disclosure of classified information (as national security reporting typically does) is out of the 'ordinary' and, therefore, exempted from the guidelines."

**WASHINGTON POST. "Will Congress Compromise?"** An editorial in the Washington Post (10/29, Board, 4.9M) notes a "spreading sense that national political institutions, beset with partisanship, no longer work well," and expresses hope that lawmakers who "quietly prefer governing to posturing" will take the opportunity "to stand up and prove it after the election."

**"Children And Handguns."** In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/29, Board, 4.9M) laments "the sickening ease with which children can get their hands on guns," citing 15-year-old Jaylen Fryberg's "murderous rampage at Marysville-Pilchuck High School in Washington state" last week. The Post notes that "it is important to know what was behind the actions of this seemingly popular high school freshman and whether signs of trouble went undetected," but "we can't help but wonder whether the outcome would have been different if not for his ability to get a gun."

**"Maryland And Isolation."** A Washington Post (10/29, Board, 4.9M) editorial calls on Maryland's General Assembly to revise rules on the use of solitary confinement instate prisons, arguing that the practice "can be expensive and counterproductive, deepening the psychosis that led to bad behavior."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "The QE Record."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that it has been skeptical of quantitative easing, and says that it has not accomplished all of its goals. In particular, the Journal says that the drop in the jobless rate has been primarily due to workers exiting the workforce, while economic growth has still been tepid.

**"Chow Yun-Fat Beats Jackie Chan."** The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) editorializes that pro-democracy Hong Kong celebrities unwillingness to be silenced by threats to their income shows the high level of discontent with China's rule of their home.

**"The Science' vs. Ebola."** The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), in an editorial, warns that the Administration's criticism of quarantining measures could come back to haunt them if there is a wider outbreak and it becomes necessary to separate Ebola patients and those they have been in contact with from the general public.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

County Fire Chief Vows Hiring Fixes

Union Leader Durazo To Step Down

Pot Measures Looking Shaky

Fed Says Economy Strong Enough For Stimulus To End

## An E-Peon, At Your Service

### **Wall Street Journal:**

Fed Closes Chapter On Easy Money  
 NATO Tracks Large-Scale Russia Air Activity In Europe  
 Energy Boom Can Withstand Steeper Oil-Price Drop

### **New York Times:**

National Concerns Drain Color From Politics In Louisiana  
 Prosecutors See Repeat Offenses On Wall Street  
 Egypt Flattens Neighborhoods To Create A Buffer With Gaza  
 Madison Bumgarner Rises To The Moment, And Jaws Drop  
 Southern Democrats, Courting Black Voters, Focus Senate  
 Obama Could Swap Out Aides Bruised By A Cascade Of Crises

### **Washington Post:**

New Cases Of Ebola Declining, WHO Says  
 US Sees Its Long Alliance With Turkey Crumble  
 Goodbye To A Good Life  
 Fed Concludes Bond Buying, Turns To Question Of Raising Rates  
 Brown's Role: "The Backroom Guy"

### **Financial Times:**

Fed Eyes First Rate Rise After End To QE  
 How The Fed Got From Eternity To Here  
 Saudi Businessman Sues Barclays For \$10Bn

### **Washington Times:**

Firestorm After "Friendly Fire"  
 Thousands Of Veterans Tripple-Dip On Benefits  
 Ebola Nurse In Maine To Test Stength Of Quarantine Laws  
 Moran's Pressure On VA Helped Contractor  
 Even \$76 Million Can't Heat Up Voters Over Climate Change

### **Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

ABC: NASA-Rocket Explosion; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Severe Weather; White House Computers Hacked; Ebola-Obama Comments; Sexual Assault-Air Force Academy; Colorado-Missing Father Found; Chris Christie-Super Storm Sandy Anniversary; Holiday Package Theft; Crash Test Dummies-Remodeled.  
 CBS: NASA-Rocket Explosion; Florida-Rocket Launch; Hawaii-Lava Flow; White House Computers Hacked; Obama-Netanyahu Relationship; Ebola-US Quarantines; Drones-Security; Economy Stimulus Program; Midterm Elections.  
 NBC: NASA-Rocket Explosion; Ebola-US Quarantines; Chris Christie-Super Storm Sandy Anniversary; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Missouri-Officer Ruling; Common Core-Poll; Washington Post Editor Memorial; Amelia Earhart-Piece Of Plane Found; Crash Test Dummies-Remodeled.

### **Network TV At A Glance:**

NASA-Rocket Explosion – 9 minutes, 15 seconds  
 Ebola-US Quarantines – 7 minutes, 10 seconds  
 Hawaii Lava Flow – 6 minutes, 20 seconds

### **Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

ABC: MLB-World Series Winner; Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Christie-Super Storm Sandy.  
 CBS: MLB-World Series Winner; Ebola-Quarantined Nurse Lawsuit Threats; Ebola-US Quarantines; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Chrysler-Recalls; NASA-Rocket Explosion.  
 NPR: MLB-World Series Winner; Midterm Election-Campaign Ads; NASA-Rocket Explosion; Ebola-US Quarantines; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Coast Guard-Immigrant Rescue; Military Pilot Death-California Base.  
 FOX: Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Military Pilot Death-California Base; Hawaii-Lava Flow; MLB-World Series.

## **Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.****White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Receives the Presidential Daily Briefing, Oval Office; departs Joint Base Andrews; arrives in Portland, Maine; attends a DNC Roundtable; delivers remarks at a campaign event for Mike Michaud and other Maine Democrats; departs Maine; arrives in Rhode Island.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Attends the Presidential Daily Briefing; travels to New York City; attends an event for Bruce Braley.

**FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA** — Headlines a GOTV Rally to Rebuild the Middle Class in support of Gina Raimondo, Democratic candidate for Rhode Island governor; participates in a grassroots campaign rally with Governor Dan Malloy and Connecticut Democrats.

**US Senate:** No scheduled events.

**US House:** Sept. 22 – Nov. 11. — The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

**Other:** Oct. 29 – 30. 9 a.m. **THE ATLANTIC – WASHINGTON IDEAS FORUM** — Sixth Annual Washington Ideas Forum. Political leaders, including Secretary of State John Kerry, National Security Advisor Susan Rice, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, Attorney General Eric Holder and Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker will join more than 70 entrepreneurs and innovators who will share their ideas at the sixth annual "Washington Ideas Forum" October 29 and 30. Presented by the Aspen Institute and The Atlantic at the Harman Center for the Arts, the Forum will convene those who are changing our world and the way we livewhether by shaping U.S. policy on the Middle East or Ebola, or pushing action in their fields of business, education, energy, technology, science, and the arts. The Washington Ideas Forum expects to draw an audience of more than 1,500 people across the two days. <https://usaive.ap.org/live/events/washington-ideas-forum/2014/> DanaInfowww.theatlantic.com+ 8:45 a.m. Debbie Stabenow, Senator, State of Michigan. 9:35 a.m. Jeremy Stoppelman, CEO, Yelp! Inc.. 9:50 a.m. John Kerry, Secretary, U.S. Department of State. 10:20 a.m. Ernest Moniz, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy. 11 a.m. Mike Froman, U.S. Trade Representative. 11:15 a.m. Anthony Fauci, Director, NIAID; David Nabarro, Senior UN Systems Coordinator for Ebola Virus Disease, United Nations. 12:25 p.m. Walter Robb, CEO, Whole Foods. 2 p.m. Fred Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States. Forum Stage. Location: Harman Center for the Arts, 610 F Street, NW.

**Oct. 30 – 31. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, EDA – MANUFACTURING SUMMIT** — The U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) will host a summit bringing together communities to discuss best practices for promoting American manufacturing. In May 2014, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced the 12 communities that were designated as Manufacturing Communities as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) initiative. At the IMCP Summit, representatives from each of the 12 designated communities will discuss their efforts and progress. Speakers include: Jason Miller, Deputy Director, National Economic Council and Special Assistant to the President for Manufacturing; Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce; Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce for Economic Development Administration. Closing remarks and special announcement delivered by Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce Location: Herbert C. Hoover Federal Building Auditorium, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW.

**FEDERAL RESERVE DIVERSITY SUMMIT** — 8:15 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. The National Summit on Diversity in the Economics Profession, hosted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in partnership with the American Economic Association. <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/conferences/national-summit-diversity-economics-profession-program.htm> 9 a.m. Remarks by Fed Chair Janet Yellen. Location: William McChesney Martin Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C streets, NW.

**CANCER POLICY BRIEFING** — 9:30 a.m. Cancer leaders hosts host Special Policy Forum to Inform Development of New Legislation in 2015. Speakers: Rep. Robert "Bobby" Scott (D-VA); Hampton, VA; Edith P. Mitchell, MD, Clinical Professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology, Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University; Philadelphia, PA; John Harrington, retired Chief Commercial Officer for Sanofi Global Oncology; Cambridge, MA; Heather Follweiler, a cancer survivor alive today due to cancer innovation; Windsor Mill, MD; Nancy Davenport-Ennis, Founder of the National Patient Advocate, Foundation (NPAF) and Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) and Chair, Project Innovation; Washington, DC. The forum will also feature taped remarks from leading cancer scientists and clinicians. Location: 2168 Rayburn.

**DUNCAN – SCHOOL PRINCIPALS – DAY IN THE LIFE** — 4 p.m. Secretary Duncan will join U.S. Department of Education staff for a Debriefing on the Principal Shadowing Day. The Secretary and ED staff will discuss observations from the day in the life of a school principal and how important principals are in making a

school environment that supports high-quality teaching and learning. Location: Barnard Auditorium, 400 Maryland Ave. SW.

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION – CLINTON — 6:45 p.m.** Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will be honored for her global work by The Executive Leadership Foundation (ELF). <https://www.elcinfo.com/information/what-we-do/foundation> Location: Gaylord National Harbor Hotel, Potomac Ballroom, 201 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Md.

## **Last Laughs:**

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Jimmy Fallon:** "I saw that next month Joe Biden is scheduled to make international stops in Turkey, Ukraine, and Morocco to discuss foreign policy issues. While his advisers are learning how to say, 'We're sorry' in all three languages."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "The man in charge of investigating the 2012 Secret Service prostitution scandal has quit after he himself was caught with a prostitute. Which explains why President Obama just appointed an irony czar."

**Seth Meyers:** "Former President George W. Bush will be going on a promotional tour for his new book '41.' Bush says he's excited about the book, and he had a great time coloring it."

**Seth Meyers:** "After being threatened with a lawsuit from the nurse who was quarantined in New Jersey this week, Governor Christie said, 'I've been sued lots of times before. Get in line.' Then he added, 'Oh, not this line. This is the line for cronuts. That line. It's over there.'"

**David Letterman:** "Well, I mean, it keeps happening – the White House computers. You know what happened – they were hacked. Yeah, and they stole all of Michelle Obama's secret kale recipes. And then, then they uploaded to the computer naked photos of Joe Biden."

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## Video from Choctaw

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 6:34 PM


To: Timothy Bergling <timothy\_bergling@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>, Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Bergling - we will have a fully edited video from the tribe from which you can cut from for TWAI as well - will have tomorrow to share.

This is just too cute not to share now!

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**Kelly, Katherine** <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 7:50 PM

To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 8:50 PM

To: Frank Quimby <Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>


Meant to share with you too, Frank!

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## Re: Secretary Jewell's visit to Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation

25 messages

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**Frautschy Barrows, Erin** <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 3:24 PM

To: "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Heather,

Thanks for reaching out! I'm copying in our Press Secretary, Jessica Kershaw, for advice on your question. Jessica will also be traveling with the Secretary for this visit.

Thank you,  
Erin

On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 3:14 PM, Knight, Heather <heather.knight@choctaw.org> wrote:

Hi Erin,

Another quick question please. Will we be able to do media photo-ops with our tribal news publication and local media outlets. It would be 1 tribal pub, 2 newspapers and a TV station. I know the time is limited and we can instruct them video footage and photos only for the Secretary. No interviews. We can make time for Chief Anderson to conduct interviews later if required. What are your thoughts?

Thanks!

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**From:** Frautschy Barrows, Erin [mailto:erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2014 12:39 PM

**To:** Knight, Heather

**Subject:** Re: Secretary Jewell's visit to Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation

Hello Heather,

One more note - we would like to schedule a time on Friday to get on the phone with you (and anyone else you think appropriate) to run through the visit and answer any questions on both ends. When you meet today, could you think through a few times that would work for you? I can coordinate schedules on our end.

Thank you,

Erin

On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 1:25 PM, Frautschy Barrows, Erin <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hello Heather,

Francis forwarded me your message below. Thank you for your thoughtful e-mail! I will answer your questions as best as I can over e-mail, but perhaps it would be easiest for us to arrange a time to get on the phone this afternoon or tomorrow morning to talk through more details. Let me know if that might work for you.

My responses below:

**Tour Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014

\*\*\* correct \*\*\*

**Arrival/ Depart Date:** When will Secretary Jewell arrive?

When will Secretary Jewell depart?

\*\*\* We are hoping that the Secretary could visit the school and surrounding area from 8:00am-11:00am, but I wanted to get a sense of your school schedule and see how we could work that in. \*\*\*

**Number of Party:** How many people will travel with the Secretary? Will you provide names and titles?

\*\*\* We are still finalizing the traveling party, but it will likely be one staff person in advance (that will be me), two security detail and a group of 3-6 other staff. Once it's finalized, I will be happy to share names and titles with you. \*\*\*

**Transportation:** Will the Secretary require transportation from the airport? (JAN is approximately 1.5 hours from Choctaw.)

\*\*\* Thank you, but we've already arranged for transportation. \*\*\*

**Lodging:** Will the Secretary stay overnight with us? If so, may we help with your lodging arrangements? What are her rooming preferences? What support staff shall we accommodate and what are their rooming preferences?

\*\*\* Thank you again! But we're already set with hotel arrangements for Tuesday night. \*\*\*

**Timeframes:** What is the timeframe for the Secretary's visit? What time will she have available to tour?

\*\*\* We would like to visit the school and surrounding area from 8-11am. More details on that below under "Goals."  
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**Goals for the Visit:** What are the primary goals for the visit?

Are there any special request for the tour?

What materials can we prepare in advance for Secretary Jewell?

Ideally, we would like to accomplish the following pieces in the visit:

- Tour of the co-located buildings and Choctaw Central High School (1 hour)
- Roundtable discussion with Tribal Education Department Officials and School Officials (1 hour, at Choctaw Central High School)
- Meeting/round table/class with High School Students (we would like to explore what this could look like - the Secretary would appreciate an opportunity to interact with the students, either in a student leaders round table, in a class if appropriate, etc.) (1 hour)

**Special Accommodations:** Are there any special accommodations we sball make?

Will she be available for breakfast, lunch, dinner? Are there any specific requests or food allergies?

\*\*\* Thank you so much, but because of her limited time there, she won't be eating a meal. \*\*\*

I know this is a very tight schedule, and we're hoping to accomplish a lot, but I'm very interested in your thoughts as we start to put this together. I look forward to working with you!

Thanks in advance,

Erin

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Knight, Heather** <heather.knight@choctaw.org>  
 Date: Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 12:17 PM  
 Subject: Secretary Jewell's visit to Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation  
 To: "francis\_jacobucci@ios.doi.gov" <francis\_jacobucci@ios.doi.gov>  
 Cc: "Anderson, Phyliss" <PAnderson@choctaw.org>

Greetings, Mr. Jacobucci, from the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation.

My name is Heather Knight and I serve under Chief Phyliss J. Anderson's administration as the Deputy Director of Special Projects. I am contacting you on behalf of Chief Anderson to coordinate details for an upcoming visit with Secretary Sally Jewell. We are so honored that the Secretary will visit Choctaw and we want to ensure her visit is productive and provides a comprehensive overview of the tribal schools. I would like to flesh out the limited details I have right now so we may adequately prepare for this visit. Here are a few of the items where I need feedback:

**Tour Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014

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What materials can we prepare in advance for Secretary Jewell?

**Special Accommodations:** Are there any special accommodations we shall make?

Will she be available for breakfast, lunch, dinner? Are there any specific requests or food allergies?

I appreciate you taking time to help plan a successful visit. I am listing my contact information below. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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To: "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>  
Cc: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 3:52 PM

Hi Heather -

Yes, we are absolutely committed to media opportunities with the Secretary and publications/local media, etc. In fact, the Secretary would prefer to be able to do some interviews at the end of the tour and meetings, and would likely want to do that with Chief Anderson - so a joint media gaggle makes sense to me. We are already sort of planning on that anyway.

To that end, can you share - even if just a list in the body of an email - the names out of the outlets and or reporters that you're envisioning would be interested in this school visit?

Thanks, Heather,  
Jessica

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Cc: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>

Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 1:45 PM

Hi Jessica,

Misty Brescia Dreifuss, Director of Public Information for MBCI, is preparing a list of media contacts for your review. She will have them to you shortly. I am looping her in on this email. Misty will work our media that day.

Thanks!

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**From:** Kershaw, Jessica [jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2014 2:52 PM

**To:** Knight, Heather

**Cc:** Frautschy Barrows, Erin

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 1:49 PM

To: "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

Cc: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Heather - that's excellent and I'll stand by. I'm including my colleagues Lauren Lambert and Emily Beyer herein who will be helping me with this piece of this visit as well.

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**Dreifuss, Misty** <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>

Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 4:02 PM

To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

Cc: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

The media list we have in mind is below.

Choctaw Community News (paper Choctaw) – Brian Willis, Editor, brian.willis@choctaw.org

Choctaw News (TV Choctaw) – Jeremy Willis, Producer, willisj@choctaw.org

Neshoba Democrat (paper Philadelphia) – Debbie Myers, Managing Editor, dmyers@neshobademocrat.com

The Carthaginian (paper Carthage) – Waid Prather, Editor, thekid@netdoor.com

WTOK (TV Meridian) – Sheila McClain, News Manager, sheila.mclain@wtok.com

WLBT (TV Jackson) – Wilson Stribling, News Director, wstribling@wlbt.com

Clarion Ledger (paper Jackson) – Jerry Mitchell, Reporter, jmitchell@jackson.gannett.com

We will have an updated media list that shows all media in our surrounding area but for now this is the small group that Heather and I thought would be the group we invite. I am working on an invite and will send once reviewed.

Thanks!

Misty



Misty Brescia Dreifuss

Director, Office of Public Information

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

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**From:** Kershaw, Jessica [mailto:jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2014 12:50 PM  
**To:** Knight, Heather  
**Cc:** Frautschy Barrows, Erin; Dreifuss, Misty; Emily Beyer; Lauren Lambert

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**Beyer, Emily** <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 4:57 PM  
To: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>  
Cc: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Thanks Misty! Does the tribe have a radio station/is there a station you'd recommend off the top of your head?

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**Dreifuss, Misty** <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org> Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 5:07 PM  
To: "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

We do not have a radio station... yet. Heather can chime in as well. Our Philadelphia Station is WWSL. However, I would suggest if you want to have a radio station here we should invite The Radio People from Meridian. The Radio People have five different stations and we have a great relationship with them all.

WWSL (Radio, Philadelphia) – Joe Vines, joevines@bellsouth.net

The Radio People (Radio, Meridian) – Scott Stevens, scott@wokk.com

Misty Brescia Dreifuss

Director, Office of Public Information

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

**From:** Beyer, Emily [mailto:emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:57 PM

**To:** Dreifuss, Misty

**Cc:** Kershaw, Jessica; Knight, Heather; Frautschy Barrows, Erin; Lauren Lambert

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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 5:38 PM

To: "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Jessica and Emily,

Just wanted to let you both know that this is also on my radar to pitch the story to the TVs in this media market on Monday to ensure they received the advisory. I will do the same for NCAI in the Atlanta, GA media market.

But for Chocktaw, I did additional research on TVs in Jackson as well.

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WLBT and WDBD (TV Jackson) – Wilson Stribling, News Director, wstribling@wlbt.com  
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WAPT (TV Jackson)  
ABC  
Phone: 601-922-1652  
Email: news@wapt.com

WJTV (TV Jackson)  
CBS  
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**Beyer, Emily** <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 6:38 PM

To: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>

Cc: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Gotcha, thanks.

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**Knight, Heather** <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 7:27 PM

To: "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

The Radio People have the highest listenership around here but I would also consider Supertalk out of Jackson. Syndicated throughout Mississippi....News and state politics

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Gotcha, thanks.

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Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 8:14 PM

To: "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

Cc: "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

All of this information is excellent - thanks very much for pulling the resources together.

We plan to advise the Secretary's travel to Choctaw on Monday afternoon and will plan to follow up with calls to the local TV assignment desks. Would that be the Jackson, MS market? Lauren L in our shop will take the lead here.

As Emily pointed out, we would very much like to have a radio present and Emily usually takes the lead for us on this front. We will defer to your recommendation on which of the two options you presented is best and please let Emily know if you'd like her to make the pitch.

Emily also reaches out to the local AP for us and will certainly plan to do so in this case as well. She will take the lead there.

I think it's ok for you folks to reach out to the balance of the reporters you listed below tomorrow for an off the record heads up and invitation to join for the visit. Is that possible? If so, you can say we'd plan to fold them into the tours, meetings and provide time on the back end for questions with Jewell.

I plan to reach out to Suzette Brewer from Indian Country Today and who writes on education issues tomorrow to invite her to travel with us.

Let's keep this chain going for awareness on responses and feedback through Monday when we advise the trip.

Jessica

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Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 8:37 PM

Hello,

TV readout.

WTOK (TV Meridian)  
ABC and FOX  
Phone: 601-693-6397  
Email: news@wtok.com  
Notes: Advisory received; Will discuss in planning meeting tomorrow

WLBT and WDBD (TV Jackson) – Wilson Stribling, News Director, wstribling@wlbt.com  
NBC and FOX  
Phone: 601-960-4426  
Email: news@wlbt.com  
Notes: Advisory received; have not had the opportunity to look at it thoroughly yet

WAPT (TV Jackson)  
ABC  
Phone: 601-922-1652  
Email: news@wapt.com  
Notes: Advisory received; Will consider in planning meeting

WJTV (TV Jackson)  
CBS  
Phone: 601-944-4925  
Email: wjtvnews@wjtv.com  
Notes: Sent advisory

Will follow up with these folks tomorrow as well.

Thank you,

Lauren

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Lauren Lambert

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Beyer, Emily <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 2:36 PM

AP is checking with their editor. Will let us know.

WWSL - Spoke with Joe, they asked for a copy of the media advisory and are going to see about sending

someone.

The Radio People / WOKK - left a message for Scott Stevens and forwarded him the media advisory.

I spoke to the News Director at Mississippi Public Broadcasting (the NPR affiliate) and forwarded them the media advisory. No word yet.

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Lambert, Lauren <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 3:05 PM

To: "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

TV Readout:

WTOK (TV Meridian)

ABC and FOX

Phone: 601-693-6397

Email: news@wtok.com

**Notes: On the assignment sheet, but is not assigned to anyone yet; but more than likely will attend; sent updated advisory just in case**

WLBT and WDBD (TV Jackson) – Wilson Stribling, News Director, wstribling@wlbt.com

NBC and FOX

Phone: 601-960-4426

Email: news@wlbt.com

**Notes: Staff was in an editorial meeting at the time of my call; I left a message for the editorial director and also sent the updated advisory just in case**

WAPT (TV Jackson)

ABC

Phone: 601-922-1652

Email: news@wapt.com

**Notes: Spoke with John Parker at the news desk who said he would give me a call after the station's planning meeting (happening at 3:00) to let me know whether the station would attend**

WJTV (TV Jackson)

CBS

Phone: 601-944-4925

Email: wjtvnews@wjtv.com

**Notes: Sent advisory again; said that the visit would be considered in the assignment meeting**

I should have more updates soon.

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Lauren Lambert

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Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 3:08 PM

To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Nice. Thanks Lauren.

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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 5:23 PM  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Last TV readout:

WTOK (TV Meridian)  
ABC and FOX  
Phone: 601-693-6397  
Email: news@wtok.com

**Notes: It is on the assignment sheet and as of now, still thinking to attend. I reiterated that they must RSVP.**

WLBT and WDBD (TV Jackson) – Wilson Stribling, News Director, wstribling@wlbt.com  
NBC and FOX  
Phone: 601-960-4426  
Email: news@wbt.com

**Notes: Will not attend**

WAPT (TV Jackson)  
ABC  
Phone: 601-922-1652  
Email: news@wapt.com

**Notes: Will not attend**

WJTV (TV Jackson)  
CBS  
Phone: 601-944-4925  
Email: wjtvnews@wjtv.com

**Notes: Will forward the advisory again to staff; Can't give me a definitive answer right now**

RSVP'd so far on our end:

10/27/2014				Moonshine		
22:25:29	Angie	Barker	Producer	Productions,	601-616-	
				LLC	8767	angiebarker@live.com

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 6:21 PM  
To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Thanks Lauren - nice work following up.

Heather - as we discussed - do you have insight into this one below?

Angie                      Barker                      Producer                      Moonshine  
 Productions, LLC                      601-616-8767                      angiebarker@live.com

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**Emily Beyer** <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>                      Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 8:47 PM  
 To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
 Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

WTOK-TV has RSVP'd for two reporters

Emily Beyer  
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**Dreifuss, Misty** <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>                      Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 9:24 PM  
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 Cc: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Neshoba Democrat is sending a reporter. They emailed me.

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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>                      Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 4:27 PM  
 To: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, "Knight, Heather" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

## Secretary of the Interior Visits Choctaw Schools

WTOK // Andrea Williams // October 29, 2014

Choctaw, Miss. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell visited Choctaw tribal schools in Mississippi Wednesday.

The purpose for the visit was to examine the Choctaw education system.

Jewell oversees education for all tribal schools in the nation. She says, compared to most tribal schools around the nation, Mississippi's tribal schools have a lot to offer.

"We have a challenge with Indian education across the country," said Jewell. "We are under-performing compared to other students."

Jewell rates the Choctaw School System as one of the best.

She credits much of that to the tribe's hands-on approach, with the chief and tribal council virtually serving as the school board.

"In many other communities we don't see that. We don't have engagement between tribal leaders and the



schools," said Jewell. "Sometimes we run the schools. We run them out of Albuquerque, New Mexico or Washington D.C., and the schools may be all the way across the country."

With the only culinary arts program for students and a competitive solar car contest, which students compete on an international basis, Jewell says the Choctaw education model is now being examined by other tribal schools nationwide.

"We just did grants for a number of schools to learn about these models, to see if they want to mirror the kinds of things that are going on," Jewell said.

"Although we have advanced programs here on the Choctaw Reservation, we will have needs and those needs need to be met in many ways, such as expanding our system and repairing the buildings that we do have," said Choctaw Chief Phyliss Anderson. "And it takes funding for that. We look forward to working with the federal government to see what we can do."

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "interior-editors@bulletinnews.com" <interior-editors@bulletinnews.com>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 4:57 PM

please plan to include in tomorrow's Secretarial clips - thank you!

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From: **Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2014  
Subject: Re: Secretary Jewell's visit to Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation  
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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 4:57 PM

Another great find - thank you!  
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**Val Markovic** <vmarkovic@bulletinintelligence.com>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, interior-editors@bulletinnews.com

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 4:58 PM

Thanks, Jessica – will do!

**From:** Kershaw, Jessica [mailto:jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014 4:57 PM  
**To:** interior-editors@bulletinnews.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Secretary Jewell's visit to Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation

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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 4:59 PM

No problem. See you tomorrow!  
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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 5:04 PM

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Kershaw, Jessica &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

## Tuesday/Wednesday Readout of Jewell Travel

3 messages

**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 3:42 PM  
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Team -

Catching up again with a delayed readout from yesterday and another one for today.

Yesterday's remarks at NCAI were seemingly well received - a really nice outline of progress for Indian Country during the Obama Admin so far with an appropriate pause on Indian Ed. The understanding is that Kevin W. would tee up the narratives for the Secretary to expand upon in her remarks - which worked well. The morning speaking time was early - and might have been why the room wasn't full when the Secretary entered it but it eventually filled and she spent 25 minutes discussing work done, work to be done and progress made.

The media availability afterward was rather hijacked by tribal members who were encouraged to join the Secretary and Kevin in the media room by the moderator (who announced Jewell would take questions afterward - but didn't specify that those questions should come from accredited media). So aside from Indian Country Today who was in the room, it was hard to tell if anyone else was from media and in any case, they couldn't get a word in edgewise with the tribal members present. A few lessons learned there.

Nikki and Sarah or Kevin/Larry can provide a sense for how yesterday's meetings with NIEA folks and the Trust Modernization Taksforce went, both those meetings bookended the speech and media availability well.

Yesterday afternoon's roundtable with tribal leaders and school administrators at the Mississippi Choctaw schools was informative and extremely well run. Erin and I worked to provide them somewhat of an outline to consider for operating the discussion and they worked really well with us to keep the time, provide organized remarks and appropriate discussion. Moving the roundtable to Tuesday and keeping it off the record made sense, provided the discussion points, and subsequently kept today's message appropriately focused on the kids at the schools themselves.

What we found at MBCI is that they have very strong, consistent tribal leadership, well managed revenue from some 10,000 enrolled members and extremely good legal and political representation to make their case where it make sense. It clearly helps - the staff was escorted by trolley around the main parts of the reservation and we saw their wraparound services like IHS and others that are within close proximity for members and students. The reservation is really like no other that the team has seen so far - it felt hopeful, successful (they have a water park for example and a tech manufacturer, etc) and their tribal leadership is strong. They are not without challenges, and they made that clear as well. They'd like new buildings for kids, more housing for families, etc. Others can weigh in here as needed but overall, the Secretary made the case for understanding, propping them up as a model in some cases and making sure they understand that there are other tribes that are struggling much more than MBCI - but that doesn't mean they don't deserve attention as well.

We had a manageable media entourage follow along today to join us in classroom after classroom of students of varying ages so they were able to see the Secretary's connection with kids and the questions she asked, etc. After a short media availability with the tribal chief after the tours, the tribe exchanged gifts with the Secretary

and we were off.

We're headed back to DC now.

Jessica

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Jessica Kershaw  
Press Secretary, U.S. Dept of the Interior  
@DOIPressSec  
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**Yu, Donald** <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 3:45 PM

Thank you for this, Jessica! These readouts are so helpful.  
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**John Blair** <john\_blair@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 3:45 PM

Great readout! Safe travels home!! 😊

**From:** Kershaw, Jessica [mailto:jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014 3:43 PM  
**To:** Kate Kelly; Blake Androff; Emily Beyer; Tim Fullerton; Lauren Lambert; Sarah Harris; Kevin Washburn; Lawrence Roberts; Roessel, Charles; Donald Yu; Nikki Buffa; Tami Heilemann; Francis Iacobucci; Kerry McNellis; Erin Frautschy Barrows; John Blair; Sarah Neimeyer; Jeremy Bratt; Tommy Beaudreau; Elizabeth Klein; Nedra Darling  
**Subject:** Tuesday/Wednesday Readout of Jewell Travel

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Secretary Jewell Quote

1 message

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**Dreifuss, Misty** <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 3:12 PM

Jessica,

I am finishing up our Press Release to go along with the pics and video we will send out to those media outlets that didn't come today.

We have a quote from Chief but would love to include a quote from Secretary Jewell if you have a minute to give one.

Thanks and I hope you enjoyed your visit here in Choctaw!

Misty

Misty Brescia Dreifuss

Director, Office of Public Information

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians



Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Out of Office on Official Travel Re: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

1 message

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 16, 2014 at 8:39 AM

To: donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov

Hello, I'm out of the office on official travel today.

If you're a reporter on deadline, please email  
interior\_press@ios.doi.gov for a more immediate response.

Thank you,  
Jessica

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Jessica Kershaw  
Press Secretary, U.S. Dept of the Interior  
@DOIPressSec  
O: 202-208-6416  
C: 202-669-0968



Kershaw, Jessica &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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**Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians**

4 messages

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**Iacobucci, Francis** <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 15, 2014 at 8:13 AM  
 To: Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>  
 Cc: EFB <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Hi team -

Last we spoke we envisioned having the Secretary travel to Mississippi to meet with the Choctaw and visit a school on October 29th, after her travel to NCAI.

Don - you had some concerns about whether Choctaw would necessarily want the attention, but would follow up; any news on that front?

We're hoping to include OMB on this travel, so would be great to nail down by the end of this week so we can reach out Monday to the appropriate contacts on the ground in Mississippi and at OMB.

Thanks, all.

Booch

—  
 Francis Iacobucci  
 Director | Scheduling and Advance  
 Department of the Interior  
 202.208.5723 (direct)  
 202.304.4166 (cell)

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**Yu, Donald** <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 15, 2014 at 9:30 AM  
 To: "Iacobucci, Francis" <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>  
 Cc: Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, EFB <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

My bad -- I will ask right now and get back to you all soon!

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**Yu, Donald** <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Oct 16, 2014 at 8:39 AM  
 To: "Iacobucci, Francis" <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>  
 Cc: Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, EFB <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Booch, I got in touch with a representative from the tribe and they said they would welcome a visit from Sally. Let me know what else you need me to do!

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**Francis Iacobucci** <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Oct 16, 2014 at 9:02 AM  
 To: "Yu, Donald" <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>  
 Cc: Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, EFB <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Nikki Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Great news.

We have an internal discussion next week about the trip. We won't have a ton of time on the ground, and it looks like there a multiple schools to potentially visit, so we'll need to prioritize what we want to accomplish while there.

Francis Iacobucci  
Director | Scheduling & Advance  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Out of Office on Official Travel Re: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

1 message

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 16, 2014 at 9:02 AM

To: francis\_jacobucci@ios.doi.gov

Hello, I'm out of the office on official travel today.

If you're a reporter on deadline, please email  
interior\_press@ios.doi.gov for a more immediate response.

Thank you,  
Jessica

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Jessica Kershaw  
Press Secretary, U.S. Dept of the Interior  
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O: 202-208-6416  
C: 202-669-0968



Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Fwd: Briefing Assignment: Internal Prebrief for Travel to NCAI and BIE School - 10/22

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Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Beetso, Derrick" <derrick\_beetso@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Elizabeth Ossowski <elizabeth\_ossowski@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 20, 2014 at 3:51 PM

Hi Derrick and EO-

Thanks for checking in on this.

Derrick- I think if you have updates to the logistical portions of the memo, that's what EO is referring to for your part.

OCO will certainly have updates to the talking points but those will take some time to adjust. We will work with the briefing team directly to make those updates.

EO - we have a briefing with the Secretary on Weds to review remarks so we should have another draft for you around that time.

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Secretary Jewell potential visit

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Iacobucci, Francis <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 20, 2014 at 11:50 AM

To: cbrogers@nmlawgroup.com

Cc: EFB <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Hams <sarah.hams@bia.gov>

Good morning, Bryant:

I hope this note finds you well. I'm reaching out to discuss the potential of Secretary Jewell visiting Mississippi on Wednesday, October 29th. The hope is for the Secretary to be able to visit with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and likely tour one or more of the CTS schools and meet with school officials and students.

We'd like to discuss this option in more detail, with the appropriate folks on the line. Are you able to hop on the phone this week (tomorrow or Wednesday) to discuss a visit?

Many thanks,  
Booch

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Francis Iacobucci  
Director | Scheduling and Advance  
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202.304.4166 (cell)



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## Invitation: Internal Prebrief for Travel to NCAI and Visit to Choctaw... @ Wed Oct 22, 2014 9am - 9:30am (Jessica Kershaw)

1 message

Katherine Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 21, 2014 at 5:00 PM

Reply-To: Katherine Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

To: "jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, dailybriefingbinder OS <dailybriefingbinder@ios.doi.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Debbie Cousins <debbie\_cousins@ios.doi.gov>, Ratana Warito <ratana.warito@bia.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, Charles Roessel <charles.roessel@bia.gov>, Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, █████@ios.doi.gov" █████@ios.doi.gov>, Jacquelynn Hanley <kallie.hanley@bia.gov>, Erin Walls <erin\_walls@ios.doi.gov>, Faye Evans <faye\_evans@ios.doi.gov>, "gregory.anderson@bie.edu" <gregory.anderson@bie.edu>, Kevin Washburn <kevin.washburn@bia.gov>, Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella\_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>, Lawrence Roberts <lawrence\_roberts@ios.doi.gov>

### Internal Prebrief for Travel to NCAI and Visit to Choctaw Nation (Staff: [more details »](#) Kevin Washburn, Charles Roessel, Sarah Harris, Don Yu, Nikki Buffa, Kate Kelly, Francis Iacobucci)

When Wed Oct 22, 2014 9am – 9:30am Eastern Time

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**Updated Invitation: Internal Prebrief for Travel to NCAI and Visit to Choctaw... @ Wed Oct 22, 2014 9am - 9:30am (Jessica Kershaw)**

1 message

Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 5:33 AM

Reply-To: Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

To: "jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Charles Roessel <charles.roessel@bia.gov>, Tommy Beaudreau <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, Ratana Warito <ratana.warito@bia.gov>, Lawrence Roberts <lawrence\_roberts@ios.doi.gov>, Gisella Ojeda-dodds <gisella\_ojeda-dodds@ios.doi.gov>, Erin Walls <erin\_walls@ios.doi.gov>, Jacquelynn Hanley <kallie.hanley@bia.gov>, Debbie Cousins <debbie\_cousins@ios.doi.gov>, "gregory.anderson@bie.edu" <gregory.anderson@bie.edu>, █████@ios.doi.gov" █████@ios.doi.gov, Faye Evans <faye\_evans@ios.doi.gov>, dailybriefingbinder OS <dailybriefingbinder@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, Kevin Washburn <kevin.washburn@bia.gov>

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**Changed: Internal Prebrief for Travel to NCAI and Visit to Choctaw Nation (Staff: Kevin Washburn, Charles Roessel, Sarah Harris, Don Yu, Nikki Buffa, Jessica Kershaw, Francis Iacobucci)** [more details »](#)

Changed: Larry Roberts will call in:

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## NCAI and Choctaw Schedule

3 messages

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Iacobucci, Francis <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 8:06 AM  
To: Kevin Washburn <kevin.washburn@bia.gov>, Lawrence Roberts <lawrence\_roberts@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, Charles Roessel <Charles.Roessel@bia.gov>, Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, Nikki Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Erin Walls <erin\_walls@ios.doi.gov>

Team - please use this version of the schedule for this morning's discussion.

Thanks.

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 8:44 AM  
To: Frank Quimby <Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Latest schedule I'm tracking for GA and MS - for your awareness.

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 8:45 AM  
To: "Iacobucci, Francis" <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, Erin Frautschy Barrows <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Before heading into the 9 - just curious:

The Trust Modernization mtg is back on at NCAI?  
No NCAI Leadership mtg - or just not sketched out yet?

On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 8:06 AM, Iacobucci, Francis <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
Team - please use this version of the schedule for this morning's discussion.

Thanks.



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## draft advisory Chocklaw High School visit

2 messages

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Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 21, 2014 at 3:19 PM

To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

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Lambert, Lauren <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 12:01 PM

To: "Quimby, Frank" <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Frank and Jessica,

I made a few logistical changes but this advisory is ready for your review Jessica. Also available on the O drive.

Thank you,

Lauren

On Tue, Oct 21, 2014 at 3:19 PM, Quimby, Frank <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
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Lauren Lambert

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## Visit to Choctaw Central High School

4 messages

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**Frautschy Barrows, Erin** <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 1:29 PM

To: Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, "Roessel, Charles" <charles.roessel@bie.edu>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

Cc: Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Hi all,

I just got off the phone with the Chief's office, and wanted to flag a couple of details to get input:

- They mentioned that down the street from Choctaw Central High School, there is an Occupational Training Center. This is where they have vocational programs for High School students, and where they have their Choctaw Central High School Solar Car team, which has won a number of awards. They would very much like to include a visit to this vocational center as part of the time she's there.

My thoughts are that we could either try to stop by on the tour at the top of the day, or make this piece the student interaction (since High School students will be there), but I'm not sure if that accomplishes the goals of that piece of the visit. Thoughts?

- They also mentioned that there will be a BIE audit team from Albuquerque at the school next week, and wondered if they should be incorporated in any way.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Erin

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Erin Frautschy Barrows  
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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 2:03 PM

To: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, "Roessel, Charles" <charles.roessel@bie.edu>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

I'm ok with #1 if Don and Monty think this makes sense after the Secretary's comments this AM regarding the kids piece.

Defer entirely to Monty on the auditors.

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**Roessel, Charles** <charles.roessel@bie.edu>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 2:04 PM

To: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" &lt;erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: Donald Yu &lt;dona1d\_yu@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Sarah Harris &lt;sarah.harris@bia.gov&gt;, Francis Iacobucci &lt;francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Jessica Kershaw &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

The audit team doesn't need to be a part of the trip.

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On Oct 22, 2014, at 1:29 PM, Frautschy Barrows, Erin <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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**Yu, Donald** <dona1d\_yu@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 3:36 PM

To: "Roessel, Charles" &lt;charles.roessel@bie.edu&gt;

Cc: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" &lt;erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Sarah Harris &lt;sarah.harris@bia.gov&gt;, Francis Iacobucci &lt;francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Jessica Kershaw &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

I personally love the idea of seeing the work re: the Solar Car team. Highlighting that dovetails really well with our messages about clean energy and also STEM education.

Monty, Rosie said she was going to be at the school anyway, even before she knew Sally was going? Is she a part of the audit team?

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Kershaw, Jessica &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

## Invitation: Visit to Choctaw, Mississippi @ Fri Oct 24, 2014 2pm - 2:30pm (Jessica Kershaw)

1 message

Erin Frautschy Barrows &lt;erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 2:07 PM

Reply-To: Erin Frautschy Barrows &lt;erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov&gt;

To: "jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "charles.roessel@bie.edu" <charles.roessel@bie.edu>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, "heather.knight@choctaw.org" <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, "Gabriella (Janou) Gordon" <gabriella\_gordon@ios.doi.gov>

### Visit to Choctaw, Mississippi

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Please join us for a call to discuss Secretary Jewell's upcoming visit to the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation.

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When Fri Oct 24, 2014 2pm - 2:30pm Eastern Time

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- Jessica Kershaw
- Sarah Harris
- heather.knight@choctaw.org
- Francis Iacobucci
- Donald Yu
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## Indian Country Today Reporter Recommendations

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 4:41 PM

To: Nedra Darling <Nedra\_Darling@ios.doi.gov>

Hi ND -

I wanted to cross-check this small set of ICT reporters with you before making any moves to invite one of them to join Jewell while she's on Choctaw next week to continue discussing Indian Ed.

Do you have a strong feeling one way or the other about these recommendations or do you think any of them would be appropriate to invite to travel with us for coverage/attention on the issue?

Thanks for your thoughts here,  
Jessica

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## Fwd: DOI Visit Itinerary

3 messages

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**Frautschy Barrows, Erin** <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 1:13 PM  
To: Charles Roessel <charles.roessel@bie.edu>, Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, "Gabiella (Janou) Gordon" <gabiella\_gordon@ios.doi.gov>, Heather Knight <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

Hello all,

Below is the itinerary that our Choctaw contact is proposing for Wednesday's visit. We will discuss on the call at 2pm (which she will be on), but I think we'll likely have to cut 1-2 of these items in order to stay on time, but I'm looking forward to your thoughts.

Thanks,  
Erin

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From: **Knight, Heather** <heather.knight@choctaw.org>  
Date: Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 12:09 PM  
Subject: DOI Visit Itinerary  
To: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin (erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov)" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Hello Erin,

Good Morning. I am attaching the itinerary we put together for Wednesday's visit with Secretary Jewell. One thing I wanted to note was the addition of a stop at Pearl River Elementary School first thing on Wednesday morning. Chief Anderson indicated that she wanted to make sure the Secretary had an opportunity to see the facility. I have tried to fit in everything we discussed. Staying on time will be key. Please review and provide feedback. We are very excited about this visit and are making preparations to ensure its success.

Some topics I hope to review with you on the call is:

Itinerary

Transportation

Weather

Student Interaction

Media

Thanks!

Heather

Erin Frautschy Barrows  
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**Yu, Donald** <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 1:16 PM  
To: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Charles Roessel <charles.roessel@bie.edu>, Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, "Gabriella (Janou) Gordon" <gabriella\_gordon@ios.doi.gov>, Heather Knight <heather.knight@choctaw.org>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

Thanks, Erin! I say we cut one or both of the "tours" since Sally said she didn't want to do those anyway?  
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**Frautschy Barrows, Erin** <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov> Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 1:53 PM  
To: "Yu, Donald" <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>  
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Thanks, Don - we can definitely talk about it.

I wanted to give everyone a heads up that it's looking more and more likely that the Secretary will come to Mississippi earlier than planned on Tuesday, leaving that afternoon/evening open. I think we're going to float that the Tribal and School Officials Round Table move to Tuesday to give us some more wiggle room on Wednesday. I know that most aren't arriving in MS until late Tuesday, so I wanted to flag since staffing will likely be an issue.

Thanks,  
Erin

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Park Service Construction Damaged Native American Burial Sites by CLAY MASTERS

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Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 2:10 PM

To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

FYI. I have yet to review the attached but forwarding along for awareness.

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**From:** "Burley, Amanda" <amanda\_burley@ios.doi.gov>

**To:** "Harris, Sarah" <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

**Cc:** Steve Lowery <steve\_lowery@ios.doi.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Park Service Construction Damaged Native American Burial Sites by CLAY MASTERS

Hey Sarah,

good memory - we did talk about two similarly related incidents - an alleged issue by the Choctaw Nation re: burial grounds in the Tensas Refuge with the FWS, as well as the effigy mounds in Iowa. I attach the original letter from Choctaw and the response, as well as Grassley's incoming and outgoing on the Iowa effigy mounds.

On Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 12:49 PM, Harris, Sarah <sarah.harris@bia.gov> wrote:

Hi Steve,

Can you do a search for the letter I referenced below? I've included Amanda on this email because she brought the letter to my attention some time ago and she may have more information that will help you locate the letter.

Thanks!

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From: Harris, Sarah <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

Date: Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 12:46 PM

Subject: Park Service Construction Damaged Native American Burial Sites by

CLAY MASTERS

To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## NCAI memo - additional edits

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Yu, Donald <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 1:43 PM

To: "Ossowski, Elizabeth" <elizabeth\_ossowski@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Lawrence Roberts <Lawrence\_Roberts@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, Jacquelyn Hanley <kallie.hanley@bia.gov>, Derrick Beetso <derrick\_beetso@ios.doi.gov>, "Roessel, Charles" <charles.roessel@bie.edu>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>




Here are my additional minor edits to the briefing memo and two attachments (e.g., summaries of student proficiency data and facilities data) for the Choctaw visit!

-Don

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### 3 attachments

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-  **Choctaw Schools Proficiency.xlsx**  
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-  **Choctaw Facilities Summary.pdf**  
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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Fwd: WA Post inquiry

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 2:47 PM

To: Nedra Darling <nedra\_darling@ios.doi.gov>

ND - was in a mtg on the Choctaw visit. I'm sure you're fine with Sarah and Kevin and don't feel a need to pop down unless you require it.

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Land Buy Back: For Mississippi Choctaw Visit - 10/28

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Ossowski, Elizabeth <elizabeth\_ossowski@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 4:36 PM

To: John McClanahan <john\_mcclanahan@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Shawn Buckner <shawn\_buckner@ios.doi.gov>, Jacquelynn Hanley <kallie.hanley@bia.gov>

Cc: dailybriefingbinder OS <dailybriefingbinder@ios.doi.gov>

John: The Secretary will be visiting the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Leadership and School Officials on Tuesday 10/28. Would you be able to send a one-page brief on the LBBP at Choctaw for her briefing materials? Is 1pm on Monday a doable deadline? Let me know - thank you in advance!

Elizabeth  
208-2977



Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Revised DOI Visit Itinerary

7 messages

**Knight, Heather** <heather.knight@choctaw.org>

Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 5:14 PM

To: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Charles Roessel <charles.roessel@bie.edu>, Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, "Gabriella (Janou) Gordon" <gabriella\_gordon@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

Hello all,

I am attaching the revised itinerary based on the discussion today. Couple more points and questions:

- We are having the media join us starting at Pearl River Elementary School at 8:30 AM.
- We will start the driving tour of the reservation at 8 AM in the Tribal Headquarters parking lot. There everyone will board the Choctaw Trolley.
- Our Physical Address is 101 Industrial Rd, Choctaw, MS. BUT please note many times the GPS systems will send you to a wrong location 2 hours away in Choctaw County. This has happened to some of our visitors before.

Here are the directions we give visitors:

- If you're flying in from out of state, the most convenient airport is the Jackson International Airport. Start by turning right out of the airport on MS-475 N and head North towards I-25 N (Lakeland Drive). Turn right on I-25 and drive for approximately 45-50 minutes, turn right onto Hwy 16 E and drive straight through Carthage (Hwy 16 E).
- Travel through Edinburg (about 5-10 miles outside of Carthage). About 10 miles outside of Edinburg the Hwy splits to a 4 lane. This is the Choctaw Indian Reservation. On this road you will see the Pow-Wow Gas station on your right, Geyser Falls

Entrance to your left, you'll continue straight about ½ mile until you reach the Choctaw Central High School Baseball Stadium. Take the road immediately past the stadium (Recreation Road). There will be a sign that indicates Tribal Headquarters to your left.

- You will travel down Recreation Road approximately ½ mile and the Choctaw Tribal Headquarters will be on your right. There will be three flagpoles in front of the office building.

#### Questions:

- We plan on starting the reservation tour on the trolley. Will the Secretary board the trolley for this tour or will she be in a separate vehicle?
- We plan on Chief and the Secretary riding separately in a tribal fleet vehicle on the transitions from school properties. Is that ok?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great weekend.

Heather

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 6:21 PM

To: Erin Frautschy Barrows <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

I'd strongly recommend that Sarah, Monty and any other ASIA leadership that Sarah sees appropriate ride with SRJ and the Chief.

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To: Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Nikki Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Oct 24, 2014 at 6:22 PM

For your awareness on the schedule at Choctaw so far.  
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**Iacobucci, Francis** <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Erin Frautschy Barrows <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

Sat, Oct 25, 2014 at 11:28 AM

Looks like Kevin will be with us on Wednesday  
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Francis Iacobucci  
Director | Scheduling and Advance  
Department of the Interior  
202.208.5723 (direct)  
202.304.4166 (cell)

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Iacobucci, Francis" <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Erin Frautschy Barrows <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

Sat, Oct 25, 2014 at 5:47 PM

Great. Sarah mentioned yesterday as well - glad to hear it.

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**Iacobucci, Francis** <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Oct 25, 2014 at 6:39 PM

You all set for tomorrow and Monday? Schedule looks good to you?  
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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Iacobucci, Francis" <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

Sat, Oct 25, 2014 at 7:08 PM

I think so - we've got a solid Monday schedule. I'm feeling good about all the days actually. Any concerns?

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## NCAI advisory

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Lambert, Lauren <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 9:31 AM

To: "Kelly, Katherine" <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Kerry McNellis <kerry\_mcnellis@ios.doi.gov>, Frank J Quimby <Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>

Thank you Kate. Updates are included.

Have you had the chance to review the Chocktaw advisory?

I have attached the latest version on the O drive for your convenience.

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Lauren Lambert

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**TEST: Secretary Jewell to Visit Choctaw High School in Mississippi: TEST**

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# Media Advisory

Date: October 27, 2014

Contact: Jessica Kershaw, Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov

**Secretary Jewell to Visit Choctaw High School in Mississippi***Secretary to continue discussion regarding educational reform; tribal control of BIE-funded schools*

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To: Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_Kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Choctaw advisory test sent!

Thanks,

Lauren

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Lauren Lambert

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Jessica - do you need to clear the Secretary's quote?

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Kate Kelly  
Director of Communications  
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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
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Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 1:04 PM

Yes. Please hold until I show her post HuffPo.

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Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 1:40 PM

Hey there,

Just as a reminder, we had this advisory going out at 1:30 and we have the Bay Delta advisory going out at 2:30. Would hate for these announcements to go out so close in time.

I can perhaps move the Bay Delta advisory to 3:00 if need be. Please let me know your thoughts?

Thanks,

Lauren  
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Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 1:52 PM

should we get crazy and do Bay Delta at 2pm?  
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Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 1:54 PM

We can!

Emily has the test! :)  
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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 2:04 PM

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Cc: "Kelly, Katherine" &lt;kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov&gt;, emily\_beyer &lt;emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov&gt;

I am reworking the Indian Ed quote - need her to look at it and then I'll get right back to you.

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To: Lauren Lambert &lt;lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: Kate Kelly &lt;kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Emily Beyer &lt;emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Please use this rewrite of the Choctaw quote. I wanted to rework and she approved. Ready to go at your convenience:

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I think we need to move Rose Davis' name up under Monty's instead of at the bottom of the list of participants.

And I think her name is Rose - not Rosie.

Otherwise G2G from me.

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Made the change Jessica. Sending now to Internal, Native American and MS

I will re-advise Wed morning and include PAM.

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## DOI Nightly Repor... - NYT Story on North Face partnership

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 To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 3:56 PM

Hey - sorry for the delay - I assumed me and Lauren would need to get this together, so I had already started it before I got this.

I think we're all good, unless you see something wrong here:

### Nightly Report to White House Comms 10/27/14

#### i. Today's Announcements/Press Releases

- Secretary Jewell and the North Face President Todd Spaletto announced a partnership to protect, preserve, and celebrate public lands in support of the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC). The North Face has also launched a new commercial campaign as a key component of the initiative, featuring a new recording of Woody Guthrie's iconic anthem "This Land is Your Land" by two-time Grammy nominee My Morning Jacket. The song is available on iTunes with The North Face donating \$250,000 (My Morning Jacket is also contributing its artist fee). Monies raised will create jobs for youth and returning veterans through 21CSC projects on public lands.
- Secretary Jewell to Deliver Keynote Remarks at national Congress of American Indians Annual Convention in Atlanta  
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- Deputy Secretary Mike Connor to Address Bay-Delta Science Conference  
**SACRAMENTO, CA** -- Deputy Secretary of the Interior Mike Connor will address the 8th Biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference on October 28 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Connor has been a leader at the Interior Department on Bay-Delta issues since 2009, when he became the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation and continues to be actively engaged in his current role.

#### ii. Today's Major Interviews

- While in New York, Secretary Jewell participated in a series of live TV hits discussing the partnership between Interior, The North Face and My Morning Jacket.

- o Jewell was scheduled to speak with:
  - The Weather Channel's Wake Up With Al
  - Huffington Post Live
  - Regional TV affiliates including Fox News Edge, the wire service for Fox TV affiliates
  - Affiliates include: NBC Charlotte; NBC Atlanta; CBS Tampa; Fox Ft Myers; CBS Omaha; IND Huntsville; NBC Milwaukee; ABC Las Vegas; ABC Rochester; NBC Seattle; TBD Wichita

### iii. Major Press Inquiries for Awareness/Stories Flagged

- **TIME Magazine - Zeke Miller:** Working on a story related to VIP use of the Brinkerhoff, a historic cabin located in Grand Teton National Park. I
  - o it is our current understanding that the park superintendent, in most cases, waived payment [about \$180/night + \$10/each extra person] because the officials did some official duty while there related to the park.
  - o According the FOIA records that he received from the park (and confirmed in a conversation with a public affairs officer out there), a number of Cabinet and WH officials have stayed there in the past few years (Biden, Duncan, LaHood, Salazar, Jackson, Phil Schiliro, etc).
  - o National Park Service will issue a statement on their policy and how they implemented it and where they used Superintendent discretion.
  - o Expected story publish date is early this week.
- **New York Times - Midwest Desk:** Preparing to write an expose on school construction funding and disrepair of Indian schools - target date is mid-October
  - o Secretary Jewell completed her interview with Mitch Smith 10/16/14.
  - o On the record interview was held 10/10/14 w/BIE Director & Ed Senior Adviser and Mitch Smith.
  - o *Story publish date is likely before the end of the month.*
- **Minneapolis Star Tribune:** Preparing to write an editorial on school construction funding for Indian schools - target date is end of October.
  - o Interview completed 10/17 with BIE Director and Senior Adviser from ED, detailed to DOI to discuss the BIE transformation initiative.
  - o Editorial publish date is likely this weekend.
  - o *Secretary Jewell will provide written responses today 10/24, as requested by the Editorial writer. Note: Jewell will be directly quoted in the editorial.*

### iv. Social Media/Digital Amplification

- N/A

### v. Major Clips to Flag

- Telling Urbanites to Flee the Cities

The New York Times // Andrew Adam Newman // October 26, 2014

So popular are puffy down jackets made by the North Face that a winter visitor to Manhattan might suspect the coats were issued with every subway card, but advertising for the 48-year-old brand has always eschewed images of bundled-up urbanites, focusing instead on outdoor adventurers climbing snowy peaks or swooshing down ski slopes.

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## Choctaw Visit TV Readout

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Lambert, Lauren <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 5:09 PM

To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>

Hello.

Not sure if you want me to send this to the chain from Thursday, but I wanted to provide you both with a TV readout for Choctaw so far.

WTOK (TV Meridian)

ABC and FOX

Phone: 601-693-6397

Email: news@wtok.com

Notes: Advisory received; Will discuss in planning meeting tomorrow

WLBT and WDBD (TV Jackson) – Wilson Stribling, News Director, wstribling@wbtl.com

NBC and FOX

Phone: 601-960-4426

Email: news@wbtl.com

Notes: Advisory received; have not had the opportunity to look at it thoroughly yet

WAPT (TV Jackson)

ABC

Phone: 601-922-1652

Email: news@wapt.com

Notes: Advisory received; Will consider in planning meeting

WJTV (TV Jackson)

CBS

Phone: 601-944-4925

Email: wjtvnews@wjtv.com

Notes: Sent advisory

Will follow up with thees folks tomorrow as well.

Thank you,

Lauren

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Yes please share! Thanks for the proactive work here.

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## For Review: Choctaw School Visit

10 messages

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Hello,

Attached and below is the draft Choctaw advisory we plan to issue at 1:30 p.m. ET today.

**Please let me know by 12:30 a.m. today if you have any edits.**

Thanks,

Lauren

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It's ready for your further notifications under a 1:30 p.m. embargo.

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Team - not sure if EFB's earlier emails came through, but the press should plan on meeting at the Pearl River Elementary School for an 8:30am beginning of the tour. Address is 101 Industrial Road, Choctaw, MS. It's a difficult address to find, as you might imagine, so here are directions provided by the Tribe:

Here are the directions we give visitors:

- If you're flying in from out of state, the most convenient airport is the Jackson International Airport. Start by turning right out of the airport on MS-475 N and head North towards I-25 N (Lakeland Drive). Turn right on I-25 and drive for approximately 45-50 minutes, turn right onto Hwy 16 E and drive straight through Carthage (Hwy 16 E).
- Travel through Edinburg (about 5-10 miles outside of Carthage). About 10 miles outside of Edinburg the Hwy splits to a 4 lane. This is the Choctaw Indian Reservation. On this road you will see the Pow-Wow Gas station on your right, Geyser Falls Entrance to your left, you'll continue straight about ½ mile until you reach the Choctaw Central High School Baseball Stadium. Take the road immediately past the stadium (Recreation Road). There will be a sign that indicates Tribal Headquarters to your left.
- You will travel down Recreation Road approximately ½ mile and the Choctaw Tribal Headquarters will be on your right. There will be three flagpoles in front of the office building.

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Thanks, Booch. Looks like we should send out an updated media advisory out some time tomorrow w the right address (we can likely send just to Miss. press)

JK and LL. I defer to you two to work out details.

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Should we plan to update the online version of the advisory?

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Yes I can update the online version.

I know Jessica mentioned she wanted to re-advise on Wednesday including the PAM list. I can make sure the address is updated.  
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One clarification from Heather - they should meet at the Tribal Council Offices, same address as below, at 8:15 to depart in their shuttle at 8:25.

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Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 5:28 PM

A couple more corrections from Heather and Misty:

Choctaw Tribal Council Offices  
101 Industrial Road

Bus departs promptly at 8:25

Phyliss Anderson, Tribal Chief, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
(Name spelled wrong and title correction)

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(Schools sometimes get confused for Choctaw Cty Schools)

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Huh - speaks to the importance of running our advisory past the tribe first... and it looks like we missed that step here, eh?

Jessica - we don't think any of these changes merit re-advising to the whole list. Rather, Lauren can updated online and we can send the new version to Mississippi tomorrow?

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Yep - LL, EFB and the tribal folks and I discussed this on another chain earlier after some of the logistics were flagged. I think we got jammed up on timing with this one but I agree, and we will make the changes online and I told LL to re advise to MS only tomorrow with the new/updated logistics.

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## Monday Readout...on Tuesday!

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Team -

Sending a quick update this AM as I ran out of steam by the time we settled down in Atlanta last night. That's likely because we started our Monday in NYC with 2 strong TV interviews on Wake Up With Al beginning at 620 AM paired with The North Face and then we didn't stop until about 1pm with multiple other interview opportunities.

The Secretary got a lot of practice with local TV yesterday as we worked through 20+ regional tv interviews, again paired with the North Face amplifying the latest news for the 21CSC. It was certainly a different way to announce this news - but in an effort to try new and creative ways to get the word out on this initiative, this was quite a way to make a splash. Each interview got better and better with the Secretary and The North Face Exec getting into a groove - turns out those joint interviews aren't always that easy.

We ended the media blitz with a very, very strong Huffington Post Live in-studio interview where we were greeted and sent off by New York paparazzi (Secretary felt really cool!) and she was on top of her game - talking 21 CSC, climate change, fracking, KXL, relationship with POTUS and more. We will share the clip if you didn't watch it live. It's worth the time in watching.

Big day for the 21 CSC and kudos to David for working through a really innovative partnership. With the TV interviews, the NY Times framing article on Sunday night, HuffPo and more, the bar has been raised to say the least. Will be curious to share the actual coverage aired to get the best sense of how well the media blitz did but we felt great coming out of NYC, if not exhausted.

Onto the keynote at NCAI this AM with meetings and then MS for a roundtable with school leaders at Choctaw - and an all female crew en tow...minus Marcus!

Jessica

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## Secretary Jewell to Visit Choctaw High School in Mississippi

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Hi Jessica,

Not sure if you saw my previous note - the press piece will start at pearl elementary at 8:30.

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Heather -

Wanted you to be aware of what we released today ahead of Secretary Jewell's visit to the Nation on Wednesday. We issued this to our Native American press list as well as our general MS press list. Please feel free to forward to those reporters your folks were reaching out to last week and others as you feel appropriate. There is an RSVP link below - we'd appreciate RSVPs so we know what we're dealing with prior to Weds.

Thank you,  
 Jessica

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Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 4:54 PM

Jessica,

Heather just forwarded this to me and I received one from Mr. Ayoob earlier today. I noticed a few details that I was wondering if you could change, if at all possible. I get that this has already gone out and if the change can't happen it's fine. I want to be able to say that I requested it just in case Chief Anderson asks me. I'm sure you understand. ☺

Chief Anderson's name is spelled wrong and the title is slightly off. It should read Phyliss J. Anderson, Tribal Chief, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. That is Phyliss with two s'. Yes she's Tribal Chief and ultimately over the Choctaw Tribal Schools but we usually have it as Tribal Chief, MBCI.

Also the meet location is actually at a different spot but we can redirect those vehicles if need be. You could update when you send further information after the RSVP comes in. We are asking everyone to come to the Tribal Council Offices parking lot at 101 Industrial Road. Again it's essentially the same location. Right across the street from each other. High School Security can re-direct. I should have mentioned on the call that parking at the high school would be limited and a bit crazy at 8am due to start of school mess that happens every school day.

Thanks!

Misty

Misty Brescia Dreifuss

Director, Office of Public Information

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

**From:** Knight, Heather  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2014 3:38 PM  
**To:** Dreifuss, Misty  
**Subject:** FW: Secretary Jewell to Visit Choctaw High School in Mississippi

**From:** Kershaw, Jessica [mailto:jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2014 2:24 PM  
**To:** Knight, Heather  
**Cc:** Erin Frautschy Barrows  
**Subject:** Fwd: Secretary Jewell to Visit Choctaw High School in Mississippi

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Erin Frautschy Barrows <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 6:39 PM

Did they make these changes on logistics after the review period for the advisory? I'm trying to figure out how we didn't have those details already!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>  
**Date:** October 27, 2014 at 4:54:13 PM EDT  
**To:** "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Secretary Jewell to Visit Choctaw High School in Mississippi

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>  
Cc: Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>, Erin Frautschy Barrows <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 6:41 PM

Misty -

I'm sorry about this. Yes, we will make the spelling and title change online and we plan to readvise on Weds AM (or could tomorrow afternoon too) and we can update the logistics at that time.

Lauren - can you take the lead on the spelling and title change online please?

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**Lauren Lambert** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Dreifuss, Misty" <misty.dreifuss@choctaw.org>, Erin Frautschy Barrows <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 8:26 PM

Hey Jessica,

Changes were made online before I left today. Those changes will also be reflected when we re-advise Wednesday.

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**Frautschy Barrows, Erin** <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 2:07 AM

I think they assumed they could just tell me when I walked through the logistics with them this afternoon. They weren't included in the review of the advisory.

However, the advisory didn't reflect the latest information that Heather sent us on Friday, so I'm not sure what happened there.

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Erin Frautschy Barrows  
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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 5:56 AM

Bah - ok.

Lauren - when you update the advisory to send to MS press only today, can you send to Erin first to be sure it reflects the logistics appropriately? This is my fault for not taking more time to run the draft past the tribe yesterday.

Thank you!

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**Lauren Lambert** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 7:27 AM

Of course Jessica! Will do.

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 7:42 AM

Sorry to put you on a position to have to clean up a mess :)

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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 8:30 AM

Oh gosh don't be sorry Jessica. I have your back.

I will make the changes in gov delivery since that is the latest. Changes were made online around 5:30 unless there were new additions after I left for the day.

I will send this out as an "UPDATE" to MS and again re-advise on Wednesday as a "Reminder" to PAM.

I can put this on the messaging doc to go out at 10:00 am ET to give Erin time to make sure logistics are perfect.

How does this sound?

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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 8:44 AM

Changes did come in after 530 yesterday. Please send to Erin when you're ready and cc me too. I think we aim for 1030.

Please be sure to read through the chains for all updates - I know it's cumbersome.

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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 9:48 AM

Good morning Erin,

Attached and below is the updated version of the Choctaw advisory we plan to issue at 10:30 a.m. this morning to MS.

Please let me know if you have any edits before then.

Thank you very much.

Lauren

Date: October 28, 2014

Contact: Jessica Kershaw, Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov

## **UPDATE: Secretarial Visit to the Choctaw Tribal Schools in Philadelphia, Mississippi**

*Secretary to continue discussion regarding educational reform; tribal control of BIE-funded schools*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – As part of the Obama Administration's commitment to ensure all students attending Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools receive a high quality, culturally appropriate education, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Bureau of Indian Education Director Dr. Charles 'Monty' Roessel will visit Choctaw Central High School near Philadelphia, Mississippi on Wednesday, October 28, 2014, to discuss ongoing Indian education reform initiatives.

"We know we have a critical need before us to improve educational outcomes for students attending BIE-funded schools," said Secretary Jewell. "That's why I'm looking forward to spending time with students and teachers at Choctaw Central High School this week to learn about what's going well and to better understand where they may be facing challenges. As we work to transform the way Indian education is delivered, we owe it to Native American youth to provide an academically rigorous and culturally appropriate education while at the same increasing accountability throughout the BIE school system."

The Choctaw Tribal School System, located in the east central Mississippi counties of Neshoba, Leake and Newton, serves approximately 2,100 students in eight schools, including six elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Jewell will visit the high school and meet with school administrators and students to discuss educational

strategies and ongoing reform efforts at BIE-funded schools.

In 2013, Jewell and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan organized an American Indian Education Study Group to assess systemic issues within BIE-funded schools and to propose a comprehensive Blueprint for Reform to ensure all students attending BIE-funded schools receive a high quality education.

The Secretary's visit builds on her Secretarial Order, released on the heels of President Obama's historic visit to Indian Country earlier this year that seeks to restructure and redesign the BIE, transforming the agency from solely a provider of education into a capacity-builder and service-provider to tribes that will control and operate BIE-funded schools.

**WHO:** Sally Jewell, U.S. Secretary of the Interior  
Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs  
Monty Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education  
Rose Davis, Associate Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Education Grant Schools  
Phyliss Anderson, Tribal Chief, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
Willia Brantley, Director, Division of Schools  
David Germany, Director, Department of Schools

**WHAT:** Secretarial visit to the Choctaw School in Philadelphia, Mississippi

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 29, 2014  
8:15 a.m. CDT - Arrival  
8:25 a.m. CDT - Shuttle departs

**WHERE:** Choctaw Tribal Council Offices  
101 Industrial Road  
Choctaw MS 39350

**RSVP:** Credentialed members of the media interested in covering the visit are encouraged to RSVP HERE by October 28, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. CDT in order to receive logistical information for the multi-part visit, including a tour, discussions and media availability.

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 10:28 AM

Have you heard back from Erin?

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**Frautschy Barrows, Erin** <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 10:28 AM

Thanks, Lauren and Jessica.

The only thing I'd flag is that on their schedule they list Willa Brantley as the "Education Division Director" and David Germany as the "Tribal Schools Director." I know that I have them listed as you do above in the schedule; I'm not sure why there's a discrepancy but I can ask Heather to clarify.

It might be helpful to just run this by Misty and Heather - are you OK with me forwarding?

Thanks,  
Erin  
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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 10:28 AM

Hahaha she just wrote back.  
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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 10:30 AM

Yes I am ok with you forwarding.

You think that we can have something from them before 11? Jessica and I would really like to get this out again.  
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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Frautschy Barrows, Erin" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 10:41 AM

Yes, Erin, please forward to double check.

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**Frautschy Barrows, Erin** <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 10:44 AM



OK - I've forwarded it to her and asked for comments ASAP. I will let you know as soon as I hear back.

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**Erin Frautschy Barrows** <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 11:44 AM

Heather gave the thumbs up.

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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Erin Frautschy Barrows <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 11:46 AM

Perfect! Thank you!  
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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 11:57 AM

Jessica,

I will go ahead and send this out at 12:00.  
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**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Lambert, Lauren" <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 12:12 PM

Great! Thanks a lot for cleaning up my mess!  
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**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 12:13 PM

Not your mess! :)  
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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Pics from Choctaw RT

2 messages

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 5:22 PM

To: Kate Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>, Timothy Bergling <timothy\_bergling@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>, Frank Quimby <frank\_quimby@ios.doi.gov>, Nedra Darling <nedra\_darling@ios.doi.gov>, Donald Yu <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>, Charles Roessel <charles.roessel@bie.edu>, Sarah Harris <sarah.harris@bia.gov>

Sharing just a few

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**Nedra Darling** <nedra\_darling@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Oct 28, 2014 at 7:19 PM

To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 28, 2014, at 5:22 PM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Pics from Choctaw RT

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Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

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## Tribal school visit - Secretary Jewell inside a Mobile Resource Center

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**Matulka, Rebecca** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 12:11 PM

Thanks, Tami!

Jessica, we were going to tweet this photo from SJ's account with the following text: PHOTO: Sec. Jewell meets with students at Choctaw Tribal Schools in Mississippi @BureauIndianEdu

Let me know if there isn't any reason we should wait for a different photo.

On Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 10:20 AM, Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov> wrote:



Kershaw, Jessica &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

## Selfie with Choctaw kids

10 messages

Sally Jewell [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 10:14 AM

To: Jessica L Kershaw &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Tami Heilemann &lt;tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov&gt;

I realize we don't have permission from the parents to tweet this, but it's cute - they pushed me to do a selfie.



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Jessica Kershaw &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 10:17 AM

To: Sally Jewell [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: Tami Heilemann &lt;tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov&gt;

I'll check into this - for our trips, there is typically a blanket agreement for us of photos and videos. I think we could tweet this based on that but will let Tami weigh in and then go to Tim for posting.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 29, 2014, at 9:14 AM, Sally Jewell [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> I realize we don't have permission from the parents to tweet this, but

> it's cute - they pushed me to do a selfie.

> <photo.JPG>

Jessica Kershaw &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 10:18 AM

To: Sally Jewell [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: Tami Heilemann &lt;tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov&gt;

We just checked with David Germany as well and he said they have a photo and video release for all the kids. We have permission to use.

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Jessica Kershaw &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 10:52 AM

To: Sally Jewell [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: Tami Heilemann &lt;tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Are you comfortable with this tweet to accompany the pic (it fits w/1 character to spare):

Happy to join MBCI youth today & join in part of their language lesson - we owe all Native kids a chance for a bright future like this -SJ

(We need to use the acronym for MS Band of Choctaw instead of just Choctaw per Sarah Harris).

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 29, 2014, at 9:14 AM, Sally Jewell [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 12:23 PM

To: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

She wants to tweet this pic from her handle. This is the tweet I drafted and she approved to go with it (and the kids have release forms and they are covered to be in pics with her today):

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sally Jewell [REDACTED]@ios.doi.gov>

**To:** Jessica L Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

**Subject:** Selfie with Choctaw kids

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**Fullerton, Tim** <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 12:25 PM

To: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Rebecca Matulka <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>, Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

Ha nice one. Works for me!

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Tim Fullerton

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**Matulka, Rebecca** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 12:27 PM

To: "Fullerton, Tim" <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

Love it! Tim, so I'll just do this photo then and RT from @Interior?

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Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 12:28 PM

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Cc: Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Tami Heilemann <tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov>

you got it!

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**Matulka, Rebecca** <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 12:39 PM

To: "Fullerton, Tim" <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

No room for the photo :)

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- Joined MS Choctaw youth 4 their language lesson today—we owe all Native kids a chance 4 a bright future.SJ #selfie

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**Jessica Kershaw** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Oct 29, 2014 at 12:44 PM

To: "Matulka, Rebecca" <rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Fullerton, Tim" <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

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Androff, Blake <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

## Re: For Review: NCAI Advisory

1 message

Kelly, Katherine <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 11:16 AM

To: "Kershaw, Jessica" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Frank Quimby <Frank\_Quimby@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Lambert <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>, "Androff, Blake J" <Blake\_Androff@ios.doi.gov>

Here are my edits on Choctaw.

A few things to note:

we have to be vigilant not to misspell the name... I changed it a few times in the release

please update the rsvp date

Lauren, this is a lower priority than than the youth and ncai stuff, so feel free to put this on the backburner for a minute.

On Thu, Oct 23, 2014 at 9:35 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Kate -

Attached is the Choctaw advisory to accompany other public facing materials for next week's Native American focus.

I made relatively few edits to this version of which Frank/Lauren worked up but would look to you for the final call on whether to include the reference to Ali joining the group of travelers.

Thanks for the review.

On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 12:36 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Kate -

After the briefing/discussion this morning, I'm not sure I'd change much of this advisory at this point for NCAI.

We think this is ready for your review at your convenience,

Jessica

On Tue, Oct 21, 2014 at 9:21 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Attached and below for reference:

## Secretary Jewell to Deliver Keynote Remarks at National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention in Atlanta

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Tuesday, October 28, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will deliver keynote remarks at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

As chair of the White House Council on Native American Affairs, Secretary Jewell will highlight progress made by the Obama Administration to promote tribal self-determination and sovereignty, strengthen the federal government's trust relationship with American Indian tribes and Alaska Native communities and advanced self-reliance and self-government.

As part of President Obama's commitment to assist tribal leaders in building stronger, safer and more prosperous communities, Jewell will also discuss progress to transform and strengthen Indian education, invest in tribal energy and economic development as well as climate change adaptation initiatives launched by the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

**WHO:** Sally Jewell, U.S. Secretary of the Interior

**WHAT:** Remarks at the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 28, 2014

8:40 a.m. EST – Remarks at Hyatt Regency TBD Room

9:00 a.m. EST – Media availability at Hyatt Regency TBD  
Room

**WHERE:** Hyatt Regency

TBD Room for Speech

265 Peachtree St NE

Atlanta, GA 30303

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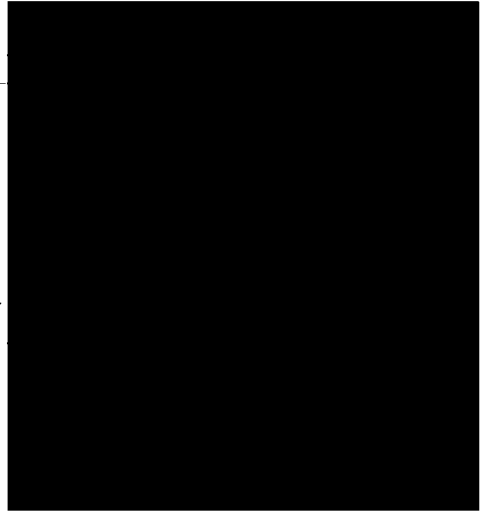
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Lambert, Lauren <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 11:46 AM

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Thanks,

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## Re: For Review by 12:30 Today: WHTNC Video Script

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Tue, Nov 25, 2014 at 12:42 PM

To: "Kelly, Katherine" <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Tim Fullerton <tim\_fullerton@ios.doi.gov>

Made two tweaks to #'s on tribal homeland restoration and the LBBP per edits from those policy folks.

Tim - good to record.

On Tue, Nov 25, 2014 at 12:33 PM, Kelly, Katherine <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Great - made my edits. It's long! but good to go.

On Tue, Nov 25, 2014 at 12:02 PM, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Sounds great.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 25, 2014, at 11:45 AM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Blake -

I like your suggestions on a variety of these topics and have gone into the script to reflect where I think we can add some of them.

In the interest of keeping this manageable and shorter (so people/reporters actually watch), and we can write to the visuals we have on hand, I think we should focus on these suggestions:

List of schools and who she met with  
Climate Change Grants  
White House Council Mtgs reference/progress.

I've gone in and added space for each of these - Tim B just needs to write a sentence for each, based off the links provided.

On Tue, Nov 25, 2014 at 11:29 AM, Androff, Blake <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Removing Frank and Tim B for an initial discussion first.

I know we are trying to keep this short and sweet, and I hope I'm not too late to the party here, but I had envisioned something that was a bit more comprehensive of our actions this year that was geared toward tribal leaders and Indian Country specifically. (ie a bit more of a victory lap of how much the Secretary has been personally invested in these efforts -- I think we have a fairly compelling story to tell her so I would be looking for more anecdotes of her travels and her specific visits).

Feel free to overrule me here if resources don't allow us to quickly turn this around.

We could also keep this short by ticking through these in a rather quick manner. ("In October, the Department announced it was investing \$X million to help tribal communities adapt to the impacts of climate change. In June, the Secretary unveiled new efforts to spur economic activities in Indian Country," etc.)

To that end, I think we should discuss including the following -- and would note that this is rather inclusive so not everything needs to be added but wanted to provide a host of ideas from which we can discuss:

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**Re: Notice of Deposition of Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell in *The Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation v. The Department of the Interior, et al.*, No. Civ-05-01524-W**

Dear Ms. Tompkins,

I write to inform you of Plaintiffs' intent to take the deposition of Secretary Sally Jewell in the above referenced litigation. A copy of the Notice of Deposition for Secretary of Interior Jewell, which I am concurrently sending to all attorneys of record in this case, is attached. Secretary Jewell is a named defendant in the above referenced litigation in her official capacity as Secretary of the Interior. Secretary Jewell's testimony is of significant relevance to Plaintiffs, the Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation. Accordingly, Plaintiffs are entitled to take Secretary Jewell's deposition.

As our discovery deadline is February 15, I have noticed the deposition for February 12, 2014. I also have set the location of the deposition as the offices of the Department of Interior in order to accommodate Secretary Jewell. However, given the Secretary's busy schedule, we are happy work with you to change the date, time and location of the deposition to the extent that it is necessary, within the confines of the February 15 discovery deadline. Please let me know if there is a date and location that is preferable.

Please feel free to contact me at [mburrage@whittenburrage.com](mailto:mburrage@whittenburrage.com), or 405-516-7800 if you have any questions.

January 22, 2015  
Hilary Tompkins  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Burrage". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Burrage  
Former Chief United States District Court Judge

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## News Release

Date: October 1, 2014

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### **Interior Transfers Another \$1 Million from Land Buy-Back Program to Cobell Education Scholarship Fund**

*Scholarships will fund opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native students*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The U.S. Department of the Interior today announced that an additional \$1 million has been transferred to the Cobell Education Scholarship Fund, bringing the total transferred in 2014 to more than \$4.5 million. The Scholarship Fund was authorized by the historic Cobell Settlement and is funded in part by the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program). The Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance through scholarships to American Indian and Alaska Native students wishing to pursue post-secondary education and training.

“The scholarships awarded through this fund will give Native American students the opportunity to pursue their educational dreams so that they can become full-fledged participants in charting the future course of Indian Country positively impact tribal communities, as students gain valuable skills, technical abilities and professional expertise which can strengthen institutional development and spur social and economic progress across Indian Country,” said Interior Solicitor Hilary Tompkins, who played a key role in establishing the scholarship program. “This investment in our next generation of tribal leaders will be a lasting, living legacy for Indian nations.”

The Scholarship Fund is administered by the American Indian College Fund in Denver, Colorado, with 20 percent directed to the American Indian Graduate Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A five-member Board of Trustees oversees and supervises the activities of the fund administrator. More information about the Cobell Education Scholarship Program can be found at the [American Indian College Fund website](http://www.aicf.org).

Interior makes quarterly transfers, up to \$60 million total, from Buy-Back Program sales to the Scholarship Fund based on a formula that sets aside a certain amount of funding depending on the value of the fractionated interest sold. These contributions do not reduce the amount that an owner will receive for voluntarily consolidating their interests.

The Buy-Back Program was created to implement the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement, which provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing landowners. Consolidated interests are transferred to tribal government ownership for uses benefiting tribal members and their community.

To date, the Buy-Back Program has successfully concluded transactions worth nearly \$142 million and has restored the equivalent of more than 278,000 acres of land to tribal ownership.

Offers are currently pending at a number of locations with deadlines approaching soon. Landowners can contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 888-678-6836 with questions about their purchase offers. Individuals can also visit their local Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) office, or find more information at [www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/landowners](http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/landowners) in order to make informed decisions about their land.

Individual participation is voluntary. The process for selling fractionated interests is separate from individual settlement payments from the Cobell Settlement, which are being handled by the Garden City Group. Inquiries regarding Settlement payments should be directed to 800-961-6109.



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## Week Ahead + Items of Note

1 message

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Thu, Oct 2, 2014 at 5:08 PM

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On October 7, Secretary Jewell may visit Cape May National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey to tour ongoing restoration projects and to discuss the awarding of Hurricane Sandy contracts at several National Wildlife Refuges (NWR), including: the Long Island NWR Complex, Cape May NWR and Forsythe NWR.

On Sunday October 5, Secretary Jewell will attend the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial's dedication ceremony. The Memorial is located on a 2.4-acre triangular site bordered by Washington Avenue SW, C Street SW and Second Street SW, behind the U.S. Botanic Garden and within view of the U.S. Capitol. The NPS has been collaborating with the Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation, Inc. regarding the opening. CBS has already aired a preview on *CBS Sunday Morning* (September 28) which included interviews with an NPS employee and disabled veteran who will be responsible for coordinating volunteer groups to clean and provide minor maintenance for the memorial once it opens.

On October 7, Secretary Jewell will travel to Atlantic City, NJ, to deliver keynote remarks at AWEA's Offshore Windpower Conference. Following the President's speech on the economy this week, the Secretary's remarks will focus on the economic opportunities of renewable energy. Later in the day, the Secretary will travel to Cape May National Wildlife Refuge to award a contract to implement a Hurricane Sandy coastal resilience projects. This visit will highlight the importance of natural resources to maintaining community and economic resilience in the face of climate change ahead of the White House release of the Priority Agenda for Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources.

On October 14, Secretary Jewell will travel to Boise, Idaho, to tour innovative sagebrush steppe ecosystem conservation efforts, meet with local ranchers, private landowners, employees, and other stakeholders. We may issue a readout. The visit comes on the heels of a similar visit to Lakeview, Oregon, last week and a visit to Craig, Colorado, earlier this year.

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**WEEKLY REPORT  
TO THE  
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**September 29-October 3, 2014**

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
**October 1 – October 11, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

*Legislative Testimony:*

None.

*Meetings:*

October 6, the National Park System Advisory Board's Urban Committee will meet in DC; Jon, Peggy, and Christy will be attending portions of the meeting.

October 7, Jon will host a NPS webchat focusing on the Centennial and the role for parks.

*Travel:*

October 8, Jon will be in Baltimore for a meeting focusing on the Susquehanna River Watershed and its future.

October 11, Jon will participate in the World Heritage site dedication at Poverty Point in Louisiana.

October 11, Peggy will be at Ozark National Scenic Riverways for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.

**Public Announcements**

October 1

On Wednesday, October 1, NPS will highlight a meeting on the National Park Service's Latino Scholars Expert Panel and announce 13 matching grants in States across the country totaling \$500,000, to help increase the number of listings in the National Register of Historic Places that are associated with underrepresented communities, including American Latino, African American, Asian American, Native American and LGBT sites.

October 2

On October 2, NPS will announce the national park fee free days for 2015. There will be a total of nine fee free days: Monday, January 19; Saturday-Monday, February 14-16; Saturday-Sunday, April 18 - 19; Tuesday, August 25; Saturday, September 26; and Wednesday, November 11.

On October 2, Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42) Chairman, Appropriations Subcommittee, Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, will visit Joshua Tree National Park (CA).

On October 2, 2014, Petroglyph National Monument (NM) is tentatively scheduled to reopen the trail at Rinconada Canyon to the public. The trail was damaged during the September 2013 intense thunderstorm events. Trail crews were able to install erosion control structures and post and cable along the side of the trail to guide visitors and reduce braided trails. Other areas of the park damaged by the storms remain closed until planning and compliance can be completed.

October 3

Nothing to report

#### October 4

October 4-19, The Wilderness Inquiry Canoemobile will be delivering programming along the Lower Delaware River and its tributaries. Canoemobile is a fleet of vans, each with six 24' Voyager canoes, that delivers place-based education on urban rivers and waterways nationwide. As many as 2,400 minority and underserved youth in the four largest cities along the Lower Delaware River (Camden, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Chester, PA; and Wilmington, DE) will experience, enjoy, and learn about the Delaware and its tributaries. On October 7, there will be a press event on the Camden Waterfront at Wiggins Park Marina. A second Canoemobile fleet will be visiting the Harlem River and other locations in New York City from October 6th through 17th.

On October 4, the Event Marketing Group is sponsoring a "Tour of the Moon" bicycle tour at Colorado National Monument. Up to 2,000 bicyclists will travel the 23-mile section of Rim Rock Drive as one part of a larger route that begins and ends in Grand Junction, CO. The route will be different this year with the tour traveling west to east on Rim Rock Drive in an effort to spread out the participants, thus eliminating any need for road closures.

#### October 5

October 5, a dedication ceremony will be held for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial (DC). Several high-level officials are expected to participate. After the dedication, the NPS will be responsible for the memorial as part of the National Mall and Memorial Parks. The Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation raised the funds and led the effort to establish and build the memorial. The memorial is located behind the U.S. Botanic Garden and within view of the U.S. Capitol. The NPS has been collaborating with the Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation, Inc. regarding the opening, and CBS is planning a preview of the memorial, which will air on three programs: *CBS Sunday Morning*, September 28; *CBS This Morning*, October 2 or 3; and, *CBS Evening News*, October 3 or 4. CBS will interview an NPS employee and disabled veteran who will be responsible for coordinating volunteer groups to clean and provide minor maintenance for the memorial once it opens.

During the week of October 5, public stakeholder meetings will be held to get input on a Transportation Planning Study for Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts (VA). Public input is now sought during the evaluation phase of the study. The final report will include recommendations for physical and operational improvements and opportunities to reduce vehicular usage.

#### October 6

Nothing to report

#### October 7

On October 7 and 8, Colorado National Monument (CO) will hold public meetings to discuss safety issues along the park's East Hill Road public right-of-way over vehicle size, cargo, speed and other concerns. The listening sessions arise from local criticism over the park's decision in June (superintendent's compendium revision), since rescinded, to restrict hazardous cargo vehicles (propane delivery trucks, primarily) in winter over a portion of the road. The road is the main travel route between greater Grand Junction and Glade Park, a growing rural community southwest of the monument. An alternate, unpaved route is 2 miles longer.

On October 7, the public comment period ends for the White Sands National Monument (NM)/US Air Force Draft EA and FONSI analyzing the impacts of replacing the QF-4 Full-Scale Aerial Target (FSAT) with QF-16 FSAT at Holloman Air Force Base. Purpose of the USAF project is to field a high-performance and readily available FSAT for land-based pilot and aircrew training using more technologically advanced aircraft as a replacement for the QF-4 FSATs currently being used.

On October 7-9, Devils Tower National Monument (WY) staff will hold a consultation meeting with 24 affiliated tribes. The primary topic will be the desire of Lakota tribe members to have the name of the monument changed. Tribal members hold strong feelings that the name is disrespectful and offensive to the core values that the area holds within their culture. They want the name to reflect a more positive image of the monument. The monument's name has long been an item of contention with the Tribes and is consistently brought up as offensive during consultation meetings, technical meetings; in media interviews and social media.

### October 8

Nothing to report

### October 9

Nothing to report

### October 10

On October 10, the EPA notice of availability for the George Washington Memorial Parkway (VA) Dyke Marsh Wetland Restoration and Long-term Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be published. The NPS has identified Alternative C as the preferred alternative. Under this alternative, up to 180 acres of various wetland habitats would be restored within the historic boundaries of the marsh and a breakwater would be installed on the southern edge of the historic promontory to help stabilize the marsh.

### October 11

Nothing to report

## **Major Press Inquiries**

### **Everglades National Park (FL) -**

- Greenwire Articles on Park Issues. In the next few weeks Greenwire will publish feature stories on the invasive exotic fish problem in the park, and on fire management and prescribed burns in the park.
- Web Film Featuring Park Firefighter. A production company recently filmed a short web video for a series called, "Unsung: a day in the life of hard work" that will feature Everglades National Park firefighter Katherine Corrigan. It will be available to the public sometime in late November.
- New York Times Article on Historic Nike Missile Site Tour. The New York Times is planning a travel story highlighting the Historic Nike Missile Site tour in the park. It is expected to run in December.

## **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (HI) – Emergency Access Road for Local Residents.** Emergency environmental compliance has been approved that will allow the NPS to work with state and county officials to begin design and construction of a 5.4 mile section of primitive, one-lane road following the alignment of the old Chain of Craters Road within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The NPS, county, and state of Hawai'i have been evaluating all viable options that would allow for emergency ingress and egress for local residents impacted by the recent lava flow that is expected to sever access to the southeast corner of the Big Island of Hawai'i. The proposal for this route was approved in accordance with federal law. The Kalapana-Chain of Craters Road has been blocked by lava for 37 of its 49-year existence. To protect park resources, the proposed emergency route would follow the old lava-covered road alignment as much as practicable. The road will not be open to visitor use. Should the function of the road change after the emergency period, the NPS will complete additional compliance, as appropriate, to evaluate impacts not already accounted for in the emergency approval. Administration and funding of the project has not yet been determined. However, the park will monitor compliance with all anticipated environmental impacts and mitigations identified in the emergency activities approval.



**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Consultation with Navajo Nation Regarding Access to Antelope Point.** NPS staff has been consulting with the Navajo Nation since late 2012 regarding access within the joint Antelope Point Project area for all Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) holders. Glen Canyon NRA and the Navajo Nation developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was signed by the Regional Director. The MOA will provide access to Antelope Point to all CUA holders, consistent with the Glen Canyon NRA Commercial Services Plan, terms of the concession contract, and Antelope Point project agreements in place. This MOA will provide consistency in business practices throughout Glen Canyon NRA, resulting in improved visitor services, increased opportunities for locally-owned businesses (including Navajo owned businesses), and additional employment opportunities for Navajo Nation tribal members in the area. It will also allow Navajo Nation the opportunity to better regulate and benefit from the increased business to Antelope Point. The Navajo Nation President has not yet signed due to political issues within the Tribe and concerns raised by the concessioner. The NPS is preparing a letter to the Navajo Nation President requesting his signature and implementation of this MOA.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Submittal of Notice of Availability for Off-road Vehicle Management Plan.** The Glen Canyon Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/FEIS) analyzes a range of alternatives and actions for managing off-road use of motor vehicles and on-road use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and street-legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). The Plan/FEIS assesses the environmental impacts that could result from continuing current management (the no-action alternative) or implementing any of the four action alternatives. The recommended action in the final plan would allow OHV/ATV use on 7 miles of road presently closed to OHV/ATV use. These seven miles would complete a loop on an existing roads network on NPS and BLM lands. Local and national interest in the Plan/FEIS is expected.

**Trico Plant #1, Buffalo, NY.** A decision denying the Part 2 application (description of proposed work) is expected to be issued in the first week of October. The applicant can revise the project to address the reasons for denial or appeal the decision to the Chief Appeals Officer. The Trico Plant is a long-vacant industrial complex in downtown Buffalo proposed to be converted into hotel and residential uses. The applicant proposes to demolish the oldest portion of the complex, which is in deteriorated condition, but the demolition of which will impact the historic character of the property. There may be inquiries from the New York delegation or media about the project.

**Cape Hatteras National Seashore (NC)** – In early October, a Notice of Intent for a county prepared EIS for beach nourishment near Highway 12 is expected to be published in the Federal Registers. The Seashore has received a permit application from Dare County, NC, to conduct beach nourishment activities to mitigate erosion near Highway 12, which runs the length of the Seashore. To determine if a Special Use Permit can be issued, the County is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NPS. The application and EIS process are expected to receive local media coverage and stir controversy. There are strongly differing views about the proposed activity – some local residents are concerned that the highway will be damaged prior to completion of the EIS, and conservation groups are concerned about the precedent being set that beach nourishment may occur in a National Seashore. The North Carolina delegation has been briefed.

**Antietam National Battlefield (MD), Manassas National Battlefield Park (VA), Monocacy National Battlefield (MD) – Deer Final Environmental Impact Statement.** The Record of Decision for the Antietam-Manassas-Monocacy Deer Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be signed by October 15. A request to waive the Federal Register notice has been submitted and is expected to be granted. The required 30-day review period ended on September 3.

**National Capital Parks – East (DC/MD) – Town Hall Meetings (DC).** On October 16, the second National Park Service town hall meeting has been tentatively scheduled by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton to discuss issues related to National Capital Parks – East.

**Lake Clark National Park and Preserve (AK) – Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).** The Lake Clark National Park and Preserve General Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment should be signed soon. The plan updates the park's 1984 GMP, and includes direction on wilderness, coastal, and backcountry management, commercial services, and visitor opportunities. The project included multiple phases of public involvement, open houses, and ongoing tribal consultation and state engagement per Section 1301 of ANILCA. Public meetings held in February and March at several cities and villages near the park were lightly attended.

**Glacier National Park (MT) – Akokala Creek Fish Passage Barrier.** A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the construction of a fish passage barrier on Akokala Creek below Akokala Lake may be signed soon. The project area is within recommended wilderness in the park's North Fork District. The barrier will protect native fish, including bull trout (listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act) and westslope cutthroat trout (a state listed species of concern), from the severely detrimental effects of non-native invasive fish. The park's high elevation watersheds will provide important habitat refugia for native fish in the face of climate change.

**CLOSE HOLD: Golden Gate National Recreation Area (CA) – Ruling Expected in Taser Incident.** U.S. Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley is presiding over the Hesterberg civil lawsuit against the NPS stemming from the January 29, 2012, incident that caused an NPS law enforcement ranger to deploy her Taser. The judge is expected to make a ruling in the next two to five weeks. Last year, federal officials rejected a \$500,000 claim filed on behalf of Hesterberg for his damages and the judge found that the ranger was within the law and did not falsely imprison the complainant. This judgment is specifically about damages. The NPS is working on draft statements and communication plan for after the ruling is made public.

**Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve (CO) – Public Scoping for Ungulate Management Plan.** A public comment period on draft preliminary alternatives for the Ungulate Management Plan/EIS will close on November 2. Two public open houses have been held and park staff is also making formal presentations to agencies, organizations and groups throughout the San Luis Valley. The final plan will determine the appropriate future management of bison and elk within the park and preserve. Elk and bison are currently on the landscape; elk range throughout and bison are owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on the Medano Ranch, an inholding within the park. In addition to a no-action alternative, the park is considering three action alternatives. Bison options under consideration include no bison, retention of a smaller number of the existing bison owned by TNC, and introduction of a small conservation herd of outside origin. Elk management options include the use of non-lethal tools and limited lethal removal for dispersal and population reduction purposes. There is interest in this planning effort from TNC, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Department of Agriculture, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The park is working closely with these entities. A key consideration in this effort is wilderness and potential impacts. More than eighty percent of the park and preserve are either designated or proposed wilderness. Minimum requirements analysis will be done for all alternatives.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

This fall, the NPS intends to publish a proposed gathering rule, which would provide the authority for permitting the gathering of plant resources within units of the National Park System by members of federally recognized Indian tribes, as defined in the rule. The proposed rule would apply to Indian tribes with traditional associations to specific park units. It would be implemented through agreements between the NPS and Indian tribes and subject to annual permits. Appropriate levels of NEPA and NHPA review and compliance would be required. Collection for commercial uses would be prohibited. This rule change would provide reasonable, resource protection based use of park resources while assisting in support of the continued lifeways of American Indian tribes. National tribal consultations indicate that the approach in the proposed rule would be constructive and respectful of tribal sovereignty while continuing to respect the NPS mission to protect and conserve park resources.

On October 12, at an event in Phoenix, the National Trust for Historic Preservation will officially announce its designation of the Painted Desert Community Complex as a National Treasure – a designation of the Trust's

own making designed to focus on preservation fundraising and raise awareness. The Trust and Petrified Forest National Park (AZ) will be raising the profile of the preservation effort and seeking to accomplish some rehabilitation projects through raised funds or volunteer work. The effort is expected to last 18-24 months.

On October 18, Big Bend National Park (TX) will host a Good Neighbor Day event inviting many local school children as part of a National Park Foundation-funded *Ticket to Ride* grant. The park is expecting 500-700 children at the event.

In mid-October, Everglades National Park (FL) plans to release a new Fire Management Plan/EA for a 30-day public comment period. Current fire management at the park is based on the 1995 Fire Management Plan.

This fall, Grand Canyon National Park (AZ) expects to issue the Backcountry Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/DEIS) for public review and comment. The Plan/DEIS addresses management of over 1.1 million acres of the park's backcountry, most of which is proposed for wilderness designation. The Plan/DEIS is needed to address immediate backcountry issues and provide an adaptable framework to manage backcountry use into the future while protecting natural and cultural resources. Public scoping including public meetings occurred in 2011 and agency and tribal consultation has been on-going.

This fall, documents and environment impact statement are expected to be available for public review, including public hearings, for the Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve (AK) draft General Management Plan amendment and Wilderness Stewardship Plan. The park's existing GMP dates from 1986. Since that time, there have been land exchanges within the park and significant development plans made outside the park. The plans introduce management zoning that support current visitor and subsistence activities. Indicators and standards for user capacity are proposed in a wilderness management framework.

On November 20, proposals are due in response to a business opportunity to operate overnight accommodations, food and beverage, retail service, fuel and auto services, and other related services within Yosemite National Park (CA). The new 15-year contract is scheduled to begin on March 1, 2016. This is the park's primary concession operation and the largest concession contract in the NPS.

## FWS SECRETARIAL WEEK-AHEAD REPORT

October 1, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings and other Public Events

October 1-3: FWS Southeast Regional Director Cindy Dohner and members of the regional directorate team will meet with their counterparts at the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to discuss ongoing collaboration on fish and wildlife issues in eastern North Carolina. The red wolf recovery program in North Carolina and lake management at Mattamuskeet NWR are among the topics to be discussed. R4

October 2: A tree planting ceremony in Alamo, Texas kicks off a new Urban Refuge Partnership project. As part of the Urban Refuge Partnership, the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District is working with the Santa Ana NWR and the cities of Pharr, San Juan and Alamo, Texas, to restore 24 acres of school property at three schools. In addition, teachers will implement new science curricula based on the local ecosystem. Parent volunteers will learn to identify native plants and wildlife that are common in the area. Outreach is planned. Attendance by students, parents and local elected officials is expected to total over 300.

October 6: A social media campaign featuring stories about eastern brook trout conservation will begin marking the tenth anniversary of the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture. The campaign will focus on the successful completion the removal of 78 dams and barriers resulting in the opening of 205 river miles and restoration of nearly 500 acres of riparian habitat, with an economic benefit of \$232 million. Targeted media pitches are also planned. R5

October 8: FWS will host a Southern New England Tribal Consultation Listening Forum at the Rhode Island NWR Complex Headquarters in Charlestown, Rhode Island, to listen to concerns and interests from the Southern New England tribes regarding inter-federal agency consultation and coordination. Other Federal agencies are invited. Outreach planned. R5

October 10: FWS will issue Enhancement of Survival (EOS) permits to nine Wyoming ranchers who have applied for the Greater Sage-Grouse Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA). Director Dan Ashe will headline a press event in Sublette County to celebrate this achievement and highlight the ongoing sage-grouse conservation campaign. R6

### Public Announcements

#### Thursday, October 2

The Dan River Scoping Document for Restoration Planning will be released for public review and to solicit ideas to restore the river in response to Duke Energy's coal ash spill. The document includes information about the spill, the potential impacts on natural resources, restoration project concepts for the resources affected by the spill, and an explanation of the restoration planning process. The natural resource trustees are FWS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Outreach planned. R4.

On October 2, 3 and 4, FWS joins local, state and federal agencies in a contingency planning exercise led by the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association to prepare for and respond to potential oil spills associated with rail transport of oil through LaCrosse, Wisconsin. The rail lines, used by Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Canadian Pacific railroads, transport large quantities of oil in tanker cars through LaCrosse and in proximity to Upper Mississippi NWR. Media interest is expected due to local concerns about rail safety. Outreach planned. R3

FWS will announce a final rule to designate the western U.S. population of the yellow-billed cuckoo as a distinct vertebrate population segment (DPS) and to list the DPS as threatened under the ESA. This species

occurs in the western United States (WA, ID, MT, OR, CA, NV, WY, UT, CO, AZ, NM and TX), Canada and Mexico. Controversy expected because: (1) it is a wide ranging species, (2) agencies and stakeholders associated with water delivery, storage and recreation may be concerned about effects on their activities, (3) the Canadian and Mexican governments may oppose the listing of the species in their countries, and (4) existing habitat conservation plan permittees may oppose the listing of this species if not already covered in their permits. R8

#### Friday, October 3

The *Deepwater Horizon* Natural Resource Damage Assessment Trustees will announce selection and approval of 44 Early Restoration projects totaling approx. \$627 million as documented in the Programmatic and Phase III Early Restoration Plan and Early Restoration Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Phase III ERP/PEIS). The Trustees anticipate signing a Record of Decision at the end of this week or the beginning of the next. The Phase III ERP/PEIS includes three Department projects: The Gulf Island National Seashore Ferry Project and the Gulf Island National Seashore Beach Enhancement Project are National Park Service projects; the North Breton Island Restoration Project is a Service project. R4

#### Monday, October 6

FWS will propose to list the West Coast DPS of the fisher as a threatened species under the ESA. The species is found in the states of Washington, Oregon and California. The states of Oregon and Washington oppose listing of the species as do private timber operators. One of the threats contributing to the listing of the species is the illegal use of anticoagulant rodenticides in illegal marijuana growing operations on public and private lands. Significant interest in this proposal is expected from members of Congress and locally elected officials as well as environmental and industry groups and the media. R8

#### Tuesday, October 7

FWS will release the draft economic analysis for the proposed critical habitat for two butterfly species – the Dakota skipper and the Poweshiek skipperling – proposed for listing under the ESA. FWS will reopen until October 23 the comment period on the proposed critical habitat and also on a proposed 4(d) rule for the Dakota skipper. A final decision on the proposal to list and the 4(d) rule is due October 24. Finalization of the proposed critical habitat is expected within several months. R3

#### Wednesday, October 8

FWS recently acquired approximately seven acres in Brooklin, Maine, that are part of the Maine Coastal Islands NWR. The acquisition is funded in part by North American Wetland Conservation Act and Land and Water Conservation funds (LWCF). Habitat on the island is used by nesting colonies of black guillemots, common eiders and other seabirds. In addition, FWS recently acquired 167 acres in New Jersey that are part of Wallkill River NWR. The acquisition is funded in part by LWCF and the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, as fulfillment of one of its responsibilities for mitigating the impacts associated with changing the how the pipeline crosses the Wallkill River within the refuge boundary. Outreach is planned as part of ongoing LWCF campaign. R5

#### Thursday October 9

Nothing to report

#### Friday, October 10

Nothing to report

#### TBD

FWS delivered a proposed rule to list the black pine snake as threatened under the ESA on September 30. This species is endemic to longleaf pine habitat in Mississippi and Alabama. FWS is also proposing a 4(d) rule that will regulate prescribed burning and noxious weed control, as well as timber management activities associated

with restoring and improving the natural habitat to meet the needs of the black pine snake. Outreach planned for the day before *Federal Register* publication (TBD). R4

FWS delivered a proposed rule to list the Florida bristle fern as an endangered species under the ESA on September 30. This species is endemic to Miami-Dade and Sumter Counties, Florida. Outreach planned for the day before *Federal Register* publication (TBD). R4

FWS delivered a final rule to list the straight-horned markhor as threatened under the ESA on September 30. This rule includes a taxonomic revision combining two markhor subspecies endemic to Afghanistan and Pakistan into one. FWS is also finalizing a 4(d) rule that will allow the import of sport-hunted markhor trophies from community-based conservation programs that meet certain criteria. Outreach planned for the day before *Federal Register* publication (TBD). HQ

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Several media outlets, including AP, Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin State Journal have requested copies of FWS's response to a letter sent by a group of scientists to FWS Director Dan Ashe and Midwest Regional Director Tom Melius in August expressing concerns that the best available science was not used in gray wolf management and monitoring in the Western Great Lakes region from January 2012 through December 2013, specifically the State of Wisconsin's wolf management report for post-delisting monitoring. Interest was heightened recently with the decision on the status of wolves in Wyoming. R3

KQED Radio – San Francisco inquired about obtaining background and conducting an interview with FWS regarding illegal trade in elephant ivory and rhino horn for a story to air October 3. Story will air in advance of a march against trafficking Saturday, October 4 in San Francisco.

Los Angeles Times visited Devils Hole and the Ash Meadows Fish Conservation Facility September 24. He is writing a major article about the Devils Hole pupfish, focusing on the successful captive breeding program. Publication date unknown. R8

Bay Nature Magazine requested photos depicting salmon and drought for an article the magazine is working on. Publication date is not known. R8

Numerous media inquiries were fielded on the district court decision impacting the ruling delisting the Wyoming wolf population. HQ/R3

Several inquiries have come in (E&E News, Arizona Republic and Cronkite News) regarding the notice of intent to sue filed by the Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders of Wildlife's in regards to the cactus ferruginous pygmy owl. See item below on Significant Portion of its Range policy. HQ/R2

Numerous inquiries were fielded on the arrest of a man in Detroit for smuggling turtles. HQ/R3

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

The Service's Significant Portion of its Range policy has come under attack by several environmental groups in the Southwest. With declines in the Arizona population of the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (pygmy owl), and the recent announcement that the Tucson shovel-nosed snake is not warranted, the environmental community is becoming increasingly outspoken in opposition to that policy. The Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders of Wildlife have filed a Notice of Intent to sue the Service over the delisting of the pygmy owl based on this policy, and media has carried several stories about objections to the SPR policy. Media coverage on this issue may increase when the announcement that the Service will not be listing the Rio Grande cutthroat trout appears in the *Federal Register* September 30. R2

As part of routine operations, the Muskegon River was treated by the sea lamprey control team September 9-18. Post-treatment, eight juvenile lake sturgeon were found dead along with many sea lampreys. While it is not unusual for juvenile sturgeon to succumb to the effects of a lampricide treatment, lake sturgeon are state listed as threatened in Michigan and are an important species for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. FWS has coordinated among partners to raise awareness of the situation, share information and further investigate the situation. All indications continue to show that it was a very effective treatment. R3

Congressional interest in FWS's proposal to list the northern long-eared bat as endangered remains high, with the most recent letter coming on September 22 from Rep. Bachmann. R3

On September 24, FWS and the Center for Biological Diversity reached settlement on a lawsuit to require FWS to prepare 12-month findings for ten species—the Alexander Archipelago wolf, Ichetucknee silt snail, Kirtland's snake, Slenderclaw crayfish, Barrens Darter, Holiday Darter, Atlantic pigtoe, San Bernardino flying squirrel, and two populations of the black-backed woodpecker. As part of the settlement agreement, deadlines were set for each species by which time FWS must make required petition findings.

FWS, BLM and CEC will conduct informational webinars on the draft Desert Renewable Conservation Plan beginning September 29. The agencies are also working on rollout activities and venues for public meetings to be held at various locations within the 22.5 million-acre plan area between October 20 and November 7. R8

Hurricane Odile brought an enormous volume of water into the San Bernardino Valley, California, watershed last week, severely impacting the San Bernardino NWR. There were no reported injuries to FWS staff and no known damage to buildings. However, there was significant damage to Refuge roads, fences, ponds, dikes and the border patrol bridge. All roads are currently impassible. FWS is assembling an emergency maintenance access team to assist with repairs at the Refuge. R2

On October 24, FWS will announce a proposed rule to list the African lion subspecies as threatened under the ESA. Also proposed is a 4(d) rule allowing for importation of sport-hunted trophies provided they are permitted by FWS as originating from countries with effective lion conservation programs. This action is expected to attract attention from both the animal rights and sport-hunting communities. HQ

Bernalillo County, New Mexico, will hold a news conference on October 15 to announce \$8 million in federal funding through the Federal Lands Access Program for improved access to Valle de Oro NWR in Albuquerque. Funding will be used to improve pedestrian and bike safety and mobility along Albuquerque's 2nd Street corridor, which is the primary access route to the Refuge. Coordinated outreach with Bernalillo County planned. R2

A tour of at the Laguna Atascosa is tentatively planned for staff of Rep. Filemon Vela (D-TX 34<sup>th</sup> District) on Tuesday, October 21. The tour was requested based on the Congressman's interest in learning more about the Refuge's efforts to conserve ocelots. R2

In October, FWS will publish a proposed rule in the *Federal Register* to list four native turtle species (common snapping turtle and three softshell turtles) in Appendix III of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). If finalized, these listings would ensure that these turtle species were lawfully obtained before export is approved, and would provide important information to assess the impacts of trade and the potential need for additional protections in the future. HQ

San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee and EPA Region 9 Administrator Jared Blumenfeld have requested a trip to Farallon NWR in October to learn about FWS proposals for eradicating invasive house mice from the refuge. R8

Element Power, has canceled plans to construct the Mill Creek Wind Farm project near Squaw Creek NWR. In discussions with FWS, Element Power stated they may move north to Atchison County, a site with less potential impact on wildlife, primarily birds. Local media interested. R3

Sen. Brian Schatz's (HI) office has inquired about the completion of the Habitat Conservation Plan in the Puuanahulu Game Mammal Management Area and the Puuwaawaa Cooperative Game Management Area in North Kona, Hawaii. FWS is working to update his office. R1

FWS contacted tribes and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) corporations to announce opportunities to consult on statewide regulatory changes being considered for Alaska refuges. The changes would: prohibit activities involving predator control for the purpose of increasing hunting opportunities on Alaska refuges; clarify prohibited practices, methods and means related to sport hunting and trapping that are inconsistent with federal laws and FWS policies; clarify the allowable practices related to the collection of natural resources on refuges in Alaska; and update the procedures for closing an area or restricting an activity on refuges in Alaska. FWS is not considering restricting the taking of fish or wildlife for subsistence uses under federal subsistence regulations. Anticipated draft rule publication will be in early 2015. R7

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) submitted an additional FOIA request for documents related to the decision to negotiate a Draft Fiscal Year 2013-2016 Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) between the United States Department of the Interior and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation (CSKT). The request includes correspondence and communications concerning the need for, and any directives, guidance or discussions of entering negotiations for an AFA with CSKT concerning the National Bison Range Complex. R6

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

FWS plans to award several Hurricane Sandy project contracts within 30 days at the Long Island NWR Complex, Cape May NWR and Forsythe NWR. The contract award amounts vary between \$1 and \$5.6 million. Outreach planned. R5

Kenai NWR in October will propose to amend its public use regulations through publication of a draft rule that would: clarify the existing regulations; implement management decisions from the refuge's June 2010 Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan; establish regulations for managing wildlife attractants, including food, refuse and retained fish in order to decrease the potential for negative human-bear interactions; and revise regulations for hunting and trapping, including those governing these activities within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area. The proposed regulations are aimed at enhancing natural resource protection, public use activities, and public safety on the refuge and are necessary to ensure the compatibility of public use activities with refuge and refuge system purposes. R7

A study by The Nature Conservancy on potential energy development in the Appalachian region is expected to be made available in mid-October. The study, funded by the Appalachian Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC), models wind, coal and natural gas potential development sites for the entire Appalachian LCC geography to assess possible impacts from future energy development on natural resources. Models and data from all projections will populate a web-based map server to support discussions about how to accommodate energy development with natural resource conservation and inform regional and local landscape planning decisions. Partner outreach in coordination with TNC is planned. R5

FWS anticipates publishing the Strategic Growth Policy for the National Wildlife Refuge System and response to public comments in the *Federal Register* in early/mid-October. This policy instructs FWS to focus on acquiring interests in lands and waters that support the following three priorities: recovery of threatened and endangered species, implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and conservation of migratory birds of conservation concern. HQ



Northeast Climate Science Center Consortium Member College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute will be hosting the Shifting Seasons Summit that will provide climate change adaptation training for Northeast Tribes on October 15-17, 2014, in Keshena, WI (Menominee Nation of Wisconsin). R5

On October 23, FWS and the City of Albuquerque will celebrate the city becoming an Urban Bird Treaty City at the Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center. Albuquerque received \$100,000 dollars from the Service to improve bird habitat, educate the public on bird conservation, and promote bird-related experiences from the Service. The city will work with partners, including the Service, to develop and implement activities supporting migratory bird conservation. R2

FWS will announce the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the draft Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (DRHCP) for the Southern Edwards Plateau in the next several weeks. Led by the City of San Antonio, Texas, and Bexar County, Texas, the DRHCP is an effort to address the potential impacts of infrastructure and commercial and residential development on nine federally endangered species including the golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, Government Canyon Bat Cave spider, Madla Cave meshweaver, Braken Cave meshweaver, Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver, two beetles with no common name (*Rhadine exilis* and *Rhadine infernalis*) and the Helotes mold beetle. The DEIS describes potential impacts of issuing a 30-year permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA to authorize incidental take of these species. Strong local interest expected. Outreach planned to coincide with publication of the DEIS in the *Federal Register* Reading Room. R2

In mid- to late October, FWS will announce approval of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Programmatic Conservation Bank Agreement (PCBA) submitted by Common Ground Capital and finalized May 1. This is the first PCBA to be approved by FWS, with the goal of streamlining the process for lands to be approved as conservation banks to provide for the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat. Outreach planned. R2

The National Wilderness Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from October 15-19. This year's conference celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Wilderness Act. The Service is organizing two field trips for conferees to several nearby national wildlife refuges and a long-term ecological research program at Sevilleta NWR. The Southwest Region will also host activities for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary "Get Wild Festival" scheduled during the conference (October 18) at Albuquerque's Civic Center Plaza. Outreach planned with the partner agencies and organizations on the conference planning team. R2

Texas Mid-coast NWR Complex has been working with a variety of partners in Houston to develop five nature gardens funded by a \$25,000 Connecting People with Nature grant. The refuge will be working with Houston Parks and Recreation Department to construct a pollinator/butterfly garden at the Ley Plaza Park near White Oak Bayou. Joining with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership, the refuge will also reintroduce native berry shrubs and trees to the Greentree Wilderness Area at the Buffalo Bayou Park near Houston's Waugh St. Bridge. Outreach planned. R2

In late October/early November, FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Yuba-Sutter Regional Conservation Plan (a joint habitat conservation plan and natural community conservation plan). The plan outlines strategies to avoid, minimize and offset potential indirect effects to 18 plant and animal species expected from development of 35,000 acres within a 400,000-acre area of Yuba and Sutter Counties in California. R8

FWS will announce its 90-finding on a petition to list the yellow cedar as threatened or endangered under the ESA in November. R7

The draft of the polar bear conservation management plan is scheduled to be released to the public November 17 for a 60-day review and comment period. R7

Following a 60-day extension to the deadline granted by the courts, FWS is now scheduled to make a final listing decision on whether the rufa red knot warrants listing under the Endangered Species Act by November 30. Outreach planned. R5

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The following endangered species actions are scheduled to be sent to the *Federal Register* in September and October (announcement dates TBD but most will coincide with the date each notice is placed on public inspection in in the reading room):

- Western yellow-billed cuckoo, final listing, announcement date: October 2. R8
- Fisher, proposed listing, announcement date: October 6, R8
- Straight-horned markhor, final reclassification to threatened with 4(d) rule, September 30 (court deadline). HQ
- Florida bristle fern, proposed listing, September 30, R4
- Black pine snake, proposed listing, September 30. R4
- White-haired goldenrod, proposed delisting, October 3, R4
- Arroyo toad, reopen comment, October 15, R8
- Washington ground squirrel, 12-month finding (not warranted), October 17. R1
- Dakota Skipper & Poweshiek, Final Listing, October 24, R3
- Spring Pygmy Sunfish, final critical habitat, October 31, R4
- African lion, proposed listing, October 24, HQ

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**Oct. 5 – 11, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

**Neil Kornze** and **Steve Ellis** will attend the sage-grouse partners meeting in Denver. In addition to the Colorado travel, Steve Ellis will begin the week in Utah participating in the “Walking It Off“ Veterans’ event in Cedar Mesa and conclude the week in Salt Lake City attending the Society for American Forestry conference. **Linda Lance** leads Planning 2.0 meetings in Sacramento, Calif.

**Public Announcements**

Monday, Oct. 6

Oct. 6-11, BLM-Alaska attends **2014 Week of the Arctic sessions, hosted by the Institute of the North**. This platform is for community leaders, subject matter experts, and interested stakeholders to learn about the Arctic while contributing to a growing list of priorities and perspectives. Interviews will be captured on video for distribution through social media and web-based sharing.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

Gov. Sandoval will host a drought forum in Tempe, AZ. BLM AZ State Director Ray Suazo will represent the BLM.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

The BLM-CO Royal Gorge Field Office and Fort Carson Army Base will host a **public meeting regarding an EA on use of public lands for Army helicopter training**. The Army has conducted helicopter training in the area north of Cañon City since 2010. The BLM had previously considered the training as casual use. The training focuses on flying and landing in high-elevation, mountainous terrain. News outlets from the Colorado Springs area may cover the event.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Oct. 8-11, BLM-WY Worland Field Office Forester Jim Gates will receive the **Presidential Field Forester Award from the Society of American Foresters (SAF)** at the SAF National Convention in Salt Lake City. Gates is being recognized for his dedication in the application of forestry on the ground using sound scientific methods, adaptive management strategies and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

Thursday, Oct. 9

The BLM-CO Royal Gorge Field Office will be celebrating the **expansion of the Garden Park National Natural Landmark (NNL), as well as National Fossil Day**. Garden Park is an internationally significant fossil locality that played a role in the “Bone Wars” between rival paleontologists Edward Drinker Cope and Othniel Charles Marsh. The event will include school children from Cañon City, local elected officials and BLM Colorado State Director, Ruth Welch.

Friday, Oct. 10

The BLM Montana/Dakotas State Office will hold a ceremony to present the **Public Lands Foundation’s Landscape Stewardship Award** to the Montana Conservation Corps for their work to promote and sustain landscapes. Local media, other agencies and interest groups are invited. The PLF is the BLM’s retiree organization.

FWS Director Dan Ashe will visit the BLM Pinedale field office to host **an event/field tour highlighting a cooperative effort between the BLM, FWS and a private rancher**, Brad Bousman. The 3 parties have

entered into a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances to help conserve/preclude the listing of greater sage grouse on private/federal lands. The event is open to media.

#### Saturday, Oct. 11

BLM-WY Lander Field Office (LFO) will receive the **National Outdoor Leadership School's (NOLS) 2014 Stewardship Award** in recognition of the work of LFO's outdoor recreation specialists, the office's work on the recently finalized Lander Resource Management Plan and the stewardship ethic demonstrated by all LFO staff. This marks the first year in the history of the Stewardship Award that it has been given to an entire office.

Oct. 11-12, BLM-Alaska Eastern Interior Field Office will host an exhibit booth at **the Go Winter! Expo in Fairbanks**, and promote winter recreation opportunities on BLM public lands including the White Mountains National Recreation Area, Steese National Conservation Area, and the Fortymile area. This year the BLM is using the occasion to promote its effort to update supplemental recreation rules in the White Mountains National Recreation Area.

#### Anticipated:

In early Oct., the BLM-UT Monticello Field Office will begin accepting public comments on a proposal from the "Hole in the Rock Foundation" for a multi-year Special Recreation Permit to conduct guided handcart treks and hiking. The treks are intended as experiential learning opportunities that replicates events of the 19th century.

In mid-Oct., the BLM-UT Monticello Field Office will release for public comment an EA analyzing the Indian Creek ATV Trail proposal, which is intended to enhance recreation and ATV experiences in the Indian Creek Basin. The BLM has worked with San Juan County, NPS, and others to draft a proposal for analysis. The comment period will run for 30 days.

#### **Major Press Inquiries**

*Wind Power Monthly* contacted BLM-WY to talk about the TransWest Express (TWE) project and FEIS release date, as well as the federal process for developing transmission lines. Publishing date and tone are unknown.

*E&E EnergyWire* contacted BLM-Alaska regarding the FEIS for the ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc., Greater Mooses Tooth development proposal in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. Hobson thought that the document would be available this month (September). She was advised that the document is still under development.

The *Arctic Sounder*, which serves Northwest Alaska, contacted BLM regarding the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act land patents to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. for three villages. The conveyances were announced in a BLM-Alaska Sept. 16 news release (14-37). Rogers was briefed on the conveyance process. A report may run in the Sept. 26 edition of the newspaper, and tone is expected to be positive.

Ray Ring, a reporter with *High Country News*, spoke with BLM-AZ about an article being written entitled "Defusing the West." The article will encounter faced by BLM and Forest Service law enforcement officer, including a 2010 incident in Bowia, AZ when 2 BLM rangers were shot at. Tracy Thibodeux is serving a 16-year sentence after being convicted of attempted murder and aggravated assault as a result of his actions in that case. The BLM Washington Office is coordinating with DOI Communication on the story.

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

BLM has received a **FOIA request** from Ann Burns, Vice President at the American Forest Resource Council, for information regarding the **Oregon-California Land Grant proposal of 2014** and communication between the BLM and Sen. Wyden's office.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The BLM is preparing a *Federal Register Notice* to announce the **2014 oil and gas lease sale for the NPR-A**. The Notice will publish at least 30 days in advance of the November 19 sale. The BLM will open sealed bids submitted on the offered tracts at 1 p.m., following the State of Alaska's lease sale scheduled for that morning.

BLM-NM expects to release the **Prehistoric Trackways National Monument PRMP/FEIS** in 4-6 weeks. The 5,280 acre Monument is recognized for its Permian era fossils. Key issues in the 4 plan alternatives address OHV damage to fossils; livestock grazing; target shooting; and the level of visitor services, interpretation, and education.

BLM-OR anticipates release the **ROD for the John Day Basin RMP** covering public lands in north-central OR. It updates previous RMPs, covers newly acquired lands in the North Fork John Day River as a result of the Oregon Land Exchange Act of 2000, and provides interim management direction for the Spring Basin Wilderness, designated in 2009.

**Oct. 7-9:** BLM Idaho will begin scoping on the Supplemental EIS for the Gateway West transmission project, which will analyze new information presented in the updated right-of-way application and plan of development for Segments 8 and 9. A Draft EIS is anticipated by June 2015, Final EIS in May of 2016 and a ROD by early 2017.

**Oct. 8-11:** The **Society of American Foresters** will meet in Salt Lake City, UT, along with the Canadian Institute of Forestry and the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations World Congress. Deputy Director Steve Ellis will speak Oct. 11; the BLM will lead a panel on pinyon-juniper restoration.

**Oct. 14:** The nomination period for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board, which published Aug. 29, will close. Nominations are being sought for three of the 9 positions: 1) Wild Horse and Burro Advocacy; 2) Veterinary Medicine; and 3) Public Interest (with special knowledge about protection of wild horses and burros, management of wildlife, animal husbandry, or natural resource management).

**Oct. 18:** BLM has authorized a test run Oct. 6 to evaluate an SRP application for **RiSE Lantern Festival**, a mass sky-lantern-releasing on Jean Dry Lake south of Las Vegas. The EA public comment focused on trash and fire danger. Pending the test run, up to 20,000 biodegradable lanterns will be released on the Dry Lake Bed Oct. 18. If approved, the BLM plans to promote the event via social media.

**Oct. 21:** BLM-MT/DK will hold an oil and gas lease sale offering 28 parcels totaling 14,988 acres, including 23 BLM parcels totaling 9,637 acres in MT and 5 Forest Service parcels totaling 5,351 acres in ND. WildEarth Guardians submitted a protest that will be dismissed because one of the protested parcels is deferred and others have stipulations for sage-grouse.

**Oct. 20-25:** The **Honey Bee Nutrition and Forage Summit** will be Oct. 20-21 in Alexandria. The BLM, FWS, NPS, FS and DOD are planning a panel discussion on access to honey bees on federally managed lands. BLM and FS hope to sign an **MOU on native pollinator habitat** on public lands at an Oct. 21 reception preceding the **North American Pollinator Protection Campaign** annual meeting in Washington, DC Oct. 22 - 25, hosted by USDA.

**Oct. 21 – 23:** The BLM's Executive Leadership Team meets at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV.

**Oct. 21:** BLM-Montana/Dakotas will hold a quarterly oil and gas lease sale.

**Oct. 21 & 28:** Respective dates for the BLM-OR/WA Roseburg District **release of Timber Sale Notice and Notice of Decision for the Thundering Herd Timber Sale**. The sale will implement a thinning prescription on 333 acres of second-growth forest stands that are approximately 49-62 years old and will provide approximately 5.6 million board feet of timber available for auction. The project has not been controversial and no protest is anticipated.

**Oct. 22:** BLM-New Mexico will hold a quarterly oil and gas lease sale.

**Oct. 25:** Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) has tentative plans to attend an BLM Eastern States event celebrating the **conveyance of the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse**, near Alpena, Michigan from the Coast Guard to the BLM.

**Oct. 29:** BLM-OR/WA will participate in a consultation meeting with the Shoshone Paiute for the **Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project**. The Draft EIS release date has been moved to November 14, 2014. Government-to-Government consultation meetings are being planned with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in October 2014.

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

October 1, 2014 – October 11, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

On September 30 – October 3, BOEM will be representing DOI as part of the U.S. delegation to the Arctic Council Science Coordination Task Force. The Task Force is in the process of negotiating an agreement on scientific cooperation between members of the Arctic Council. The meeting is taking place in Tromso, Norway.

On October 10, at the request of the office of Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY), BOEM will brief Congressional staff from the Mid-Atlantic States on its role in regional ocean planning and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean.

On October 9-10, the BOEM Gulf of Mexico Region will be hosting a workshop for approximately 10 members of Mexico's National Hydrocarbons Commission (CNH) on best practices for assessing exploration and development plans.

### Public Announcements

**Week of September 29:** Note to Stakeholders to announce the Office of Renewable Energy Programs' Fisheries Best Management Practices (BMP) report. This report is a culmination of nine workshops with commercial and recreational fishers and offshore wind developers from Maine to North Carolina. BOEM and Atlantic renewable energy lessees will use the recommendations in this report to develop BMPs specific to individual offshore wind development plans.

**October 2:** Joint press release from BOEM, NASA and NOAA announcing a prototype system to gauge national marine biodiversity at scales ranging from microbes to whales. Three pilot projects for the marine biological observation networks will be deployed to diverse U.S. marine environments - the Florida Keys, Monterey Bay and the Santa Barbara Channel, and the Chukchi Sea. They will integrate existing observations, ranging from satellite observations to DNA sampling, and fill data gaps. The study contracts are expected to total \$22 million dollars.

**Week of October 6:** Publication of *Federal Register* notice and Notice to Stakeholders announcing a thirty day extension for the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Risk Management, Financial Assurance, and Loss Prevention. .

**October TBD:** Publication of *Federal Register* notice on proposed modifications to BOEM's oil and gas bid adequacy procedures to better ensure receipt of fair market value for OCS leases.

**October TBD:** Press release announcing availability of a Gulf of Mexico study report documenting the discovery of more than 100 new species of marine life in deep waters on the Lower Continental Slope. The research was conducted under a partnership with NOAA, with some USGS involvement, as well as 17 U.S. and international research organizations.

**October TBD:** Press release announcing publication of the Limits of Liability final rule.

### Major Press Inquiries

Southern California Public Radio – KPCC: Provided background on submersible surveys being conducted as part of BOEM's regional study on effects of submarine cables (electromagnetic fields) on marine life.

Right Whale News: Seeking a graphic of the Atlantic planning areas for G&G seismic surveys. Other questions on the planning areas.

National Journal: Seeking background interview on energy outlook for the Bureau. Discussing with DOI Comms before responding.

ECO Magazine: October 2014 issue published a 2-page spread of BOEM Chief Environmental Officer Bill Brown's recent "Science Note" on the science behind the Atlantic ROD decision.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for Risk Management:** BOEM is preparing a *Federal Register* notice to extend the comment period on the ANPR for an additional 30 days in response to several requests for an extension. The ANPR's initial comment period was for 60 days, ending on Oct. 20. It will be extended to Nov. 17.

**Maryland Offshore Wind Lease Sale:** US Wind Inc. was the provisional winner of both lease areas with a combined bid of \$8.7 million. DOJ signed off on the auction results on September 19. On September 22, BOEM sent the lease documents to US Wind Inc., which has until Oct. 7 to sign the lease documents, submit its financial assurance, and pay the balance of its bonus bid.

**Changes in Bid Adequacy Procedures:** In early October, BOEM plans to announce its intent to change a criterion in its existing bid adequacy procedures for ensuring receipt of Fair Market Value on Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases. BOEM proposes to remove the Number of Bids Rule in Phase 1 of the Post Sale Evaluation Procedures, which is a bid adequacy provision used in the first step of the process to determine whether to accept a tract's high bid without further BOEM evaluation. BOEM is also proposing to revise several bid adequacy definitions for clarity, which will not alter the fundamental meaning or application of the terms to the bid adequacy procedures. The announcement will have a 60-day comment period. BOEM will consider all comments, and then intends to publish the revised Bid Adequacy Procedures with the Central Gulf of Mexico CPA 235 Final Notice of Sale.

**Limits of Liability Final Rule:** In October, BOEM will publish a final rule to administratively increase the limit of liability for oil-spill removal costs and related damages from \$75 million to approximately \$134 million. The increase would apply to offshore facilities in Federal and state waters under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), and is consistent with recommendations from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and other studies that called for a statutory increase in the limit of liability. The change will be the first administrative increase to the cap since OPA came into effect 24 years ago, and is necessary to keep pace with the 78 percent increase in inflation since 1990.

**Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Sale 235 (CPA Sale 235):** BOEM expects to publish the Proposed Notice of Sale for CPA Sale 235 in mid-October. The sale is scheduled for March 2015.

**Cook Inlet Lease Sale 244:** BOEM is preparing to issue a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS in late October for the potential lease sale. The bureau will hold scoping meetings in November.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead (Please note that this will NOT be included in the Secretary's report)**

**Final Leasing Rule:** In October or early November, BOEM may publish a final rule to update and streamline the existing Outer Continental Shelf leasing regulations and clarify implementation of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act.



**2012-2017 Five Year Program, 2014 Annual Progress Report:** BOEM expects to publish the 2014 Annual Progress Report on the current Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program in October. The Report will be published on the BOEM website, along with a Request for Comments published in the *Federal Register*.

**Virginia Research Lease (offshore wind):** A consortium led by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) submitted a Research Activities Plan for the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Assessment Project (VOWTAP) on Dec. 6. BOEM tentatively plans to publish an environmental assessment for public comment in late October and hold a public meeting in mid-November.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT**  
**October 1 – October 10, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

October 1: The third anniversary of the formation of BSEE. Director Salerno released a video message to all employees and the Bureau held an open house on the 5400 corridor of MIB.

October 2: Director Salerno is scheduled to participate in a meeting of stakeholders with the Center for Offshore Safety in Washington, DC.

October 6: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with Anadarko to discuss the company's plans for development and installation of 20,000 psi drilling, completions, intervention and subsea equipment at a site in the Gulf of Mexico.

October 7: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with representatives from Conoco-Phillips to discuss Arctic OCS regulations and the company's operations in the Chukchi Sea.

October 8-9: Director Salerno, Deputy Director Schneider and Assistant Secretary Schneider are scheduled to visit BSEE's Ohmsett oil spill research facility on US Naval Weapons Station Earle in Leonardo, NJ. The purpose of the trip is to tour the facility, observe equipment testing and meet with Navy officials.

October 14: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with representatives from Nobel Drilling Services to discuss incident investigation and emergency management.

October 20: Director Salerno is scheduled to receive a briefing from industry representatives on Best Available and Safest Technology.

October 21-22: Director Salerno is scheduled to participate in the next meeting of the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee in Arlington, VA. This will be his first meeting since being officially designated as a member of the committee.

October 24: BSEE is planning to host the next meeting of High Reliability Organizations in Washington, DC. The group is composed of federal organizations that manage programs with low probability of catastrophic failure, but high consequences if a failure occurs. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Department of Transportation and several other government agencies are expected to participate.

**Public Announcements:**

October 2: BSEE Public Affairs plans to post a news brief on the Director's participation in the Center for Offshore Safety stakeholders meeting in Washington, DC.

October 8: BSEE Public Affairs plans to post a news brief on Director Salerno's and Assistant Secretary Schneider's trip to the BSEE Ohmsett National Oil Spill Response Test Facility in Leonardo, NJ.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Call with Representative Cedric Richmond:** At the request of Representative Cedric Richmond, he and the Director held a phone call to discuss the Taylor Energy remediation program at Mississippi Canyon site 20 in the Gulf of Mexico. The Director informed the congressman that an ongoing BSEE analysis is expected to be completed this fall. Department of Justice has assumed the lead in this case and is coordinating the efforts of BSEE, USCG, BOEM, and NOAA.

**Conference Call with Exxon-Mobil:** Director Salerno continued his dialogue with representatives from Exxon-Mobil regarding environmental analysis in support of pipeline work at Platform Harmony in the Pacific. BSEE is working with BOEM and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to process a permit for conductor pipeline installation activities including pile driving. NMFS has approved an Incidental Harassment Authorization subject to mitigation to avoid impact to whales. BOEM is performing environmental analysis on the proposed activity. BSEE will use information provided by BOEM and NMFS in making a decision on the permit request. We expect to complete the process by October 10, 2014.

**Proposed Rule for Arctic Standards:** This proposed rule will contain standards for oil and gas development and production in the Arctic environment. The rule has been formally accepted by the Office of Management and Budget for interagency review and BSEE/BOEM have received initial feedback from interagency review.

**Proposed Well Control Rule (AKA Blowout Preventer Rule):** A proposed rule to establish standards for controlling a well including the use of blowout preventers is undergoing Departmental review. It incorporates industry standards and revises existing regulations. The proposed rule also includes critical reforms in the areas of well design, well-control, casing, cementing, real-time well monitoring, and subsea containment. The proposed rule will be submitted to the DOI Executive Secretariat during the week of September 29.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

October 28: Director Salerno is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at an International Energy Symposium hosted by Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. He is also planning to visit a Baker Hughes research facility in Houston, TX, during the trip.

November 3-4: BP will be conducting an operator-initiated oil spill response tabletop exercise in New Orleans, LA. The exercise is designed to test their oil spill response plan, incident management team, and well containment plan. Over 100 BP personnel will be involved, including other operators, response contractors, federal and state representatives, two people from BSEE. Deputy Director Schneider is tentatively scheduled to attend the event.

November 3-4: Director Salerno is scheduled to travel to Camarillo, CA, to conduct an all-hands meeting with BSEE employees in the Pacific Region.

November 13: Director Salerno has been invited to speak at a meeting of the Canada Petroleum Board in St. John's, Canada.

November 18-22: Director Salerno is scheduled to attend a meeting of the International Regulators Forum in Cancun, Mexico.

Early December: Director Salerno is planning to travel to New Orleans, LA, to conduct an all-hands meeting with BSEE employees in the Gulf of Mexico Region.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT  
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

**October 1 – 11, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 1

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 2

Nothing to report

Friday, October 3

Nothing to report

Saturday, October 4

Nothing to report

Sunday, October 5

Nothing to report

Monday, October 6

Nothing to report

Tuesday, October 7

Nothing to report

Wednesday, October 8

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 9

Nothing to report

Friday, October 10

OSMRE Director to Address Environment Committee Meeting of National Mining Association (NMA):

OSMRE's Director has accepted an invitation to address the NMA Environment Committee in Washington, D.C. He will provide an update of current OSMRE activities that may interest NMA members.

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Saturday, October 11

Nothing to report

**Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing new to report

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Mining Plan Modification for North Dakota Surface Coal Mine:

On September 26, OSMRE's Western Region sent to OSMRE HQ a mine plan decision document for Dakota Westmoreland Corporation's Beulah Mine, Revision 27, located in Mercer County, North Dakota. The mine plan will be reviewed in the Director's office before it is submitted to ASLM for approval or disapproval. If approved, the modification will allow the mine operator to remove an additional 37.5 million tons of coal from a Federal lease. The company has indicated that it needs to begin mining this coal by mid-October to avoid shutting down the mine.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

#### OSMRE to Present 2014 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards:

On Oct. 27, OSMRE will recognize the winners of the bureau's 2014 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards at an event in Washington, DC. OSMRE gives the awards to coal mining companies that achieve the most exemplary mining and reclamation in the nation. Typically, winners demonstrate a commitment to using sound mining practices and executing effective reclamation plans designed to enhance post-mining beneficial use of the land. This year features three winners overall: two in the National Award category, which recognizes the highest-quality project in active-mine reclamation; and one Good Neighbor Award, given to a company that has demonstrated commitment to the community in which the mine operates.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**  
**October 1 – October 10, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events:** *I have no travel plans, no meetings with external stakeholders and will be in the Washington office through October 10th.*

**Public Announcements**

**Windy Gap Excess Capacity Contract Announcement (CO):** Reclamation will announce the proposed Windy Gap Firming Project, a non-federal project that will use excess capacity in the federal Colorado-Big Thompson Project to store and convey water. The contract is between Reclamation and the Municipal Subdistrict of the Northern Water Conservancy District.

**Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Representative Tour (NM):** Reclamation will join project participants of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project in a tour of the Aztec and Lower Valley water treatment plants on the San Juan River to gain insight into the facilities' operation and maintenance programs.

**Deputy Secretary Connor in Albuquerque (NM):** Reclamation representatives will join Deputy Secretary Connor on a tour of Santa Clara Pueblo to view damage from a forest fire that has caused continuous flooding in the canyon into the Pueblo's main village. The Deputy Secretary will speak with Mark Oswald of the Albuquerque Journal after the tour.

**Draft Environmental Documents Released on Proposed Long-Term Water Transfers (CA):** Reclamation and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority are releasing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report on the effects of water transfers from 2015 to 2024. The Draft EIS/EIR evaluates water transfers that originate from willing sellers in Northern California to buyers south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and in the San Francisco Bay Area. Public hearings are scheduled for Oct. 15 in Sacramento, Oct. 16 in Los Banos, and Oct. 21 in Chico, California.

**New Diversion Rate at Columbia River Diversion Keys Plant (WA):** With the agreement of the Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts, the PN Region has established the five-year cost of water for irrigators to take water out of the Columbia River and divert it through the John Keys III Pump-Generating Plant at (Keys PGP). The new diversion rate of \$2.6472/acre-foot represents a 43 percent increase over the preceding rate. This is the first diversion rate set in three rate periods (15 years) that did not require establishing an interim rate or setting a rate without the Irrigation Districts' agreement. This rate increase occurs during the most significant overhaul of the Keys plant since its construction.

**Karuk and Yurok Tribes to Request Additional Releases from PacifiCorp's Klamath Hydroelectric Project Reservoirs (OR):** Reclamation will participate in a call to discuss an informal request by the Karuk and Yurok Tribes for additional releases from PacifiCorp's Klamath Hydroelectric Project reservoirs. A formal request is pending. Call topics include the quantity of water the tribes intend to request and how repayment of any water borrowed from PacifiCorp's reservoirs would be handled.

**Update on Reclamation Releases from Trinity Reservoir to the Lower Klamath River (CA):** The lower Klamath River flow rate has gradually decreased from the 5,000 cubic feet per second-level augmented by additional releases from Trinity Reservoir, which began ramping down on September 22. The Klamath Basin received substantial rainfall on September 23 and 24, sustaining flows temporarily, driving water temperatures down, and enabling fish to complete their return into the Shasta and Scott Rivers. On September 29, the flow rate in the lower Klamath River was 2,630 cfs. Biologists report that as of last week, daily numbers of adult Chinook salmon entering the river have peaked and are now declining. They also report that the fish sampled

appear reasonably healthy, although many do have the parasitic infection “Ich” present but generally at lower levels. For the first time, it was reported that a high prevalence of “Metacercaris” (a parasite contracted in the ocean) is present in many of the fish sampled. Information on this initial detection is still being gathered. There have been no requests for additional releases from Trinity Reservoir for flow augmentation.

**Possible Additional Releases From PacifiCorp’s Klamath Hydroelectric Reservoirs (OR):** In August 2014, PacifiCorp committed to coordinate the operation of its Klamath hydroelectric reservoirs to provide approximately 20,000 acre-feet of storage from their reservoirs to augment constrained water supplies in the Klamath River Basin. To date, approximately 4,000 acre-feet of storage from the hydroelectric reservoirs was used to provide flows below Iron Gate Dam to support the Yurok Tribe’s 2014 Boat Dance Ceremony, held on September 14. At this time, no decision has been made if or how the additional 16,000 acre-feet in PacifiCorp’s reservoirs may be used. If utilized, the remaining water could help mitigate fish disease issues currently in the Klamath River, or ongoing irrigation demands. Reclamation is coordinating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, tribes, and Klamath Project water users to evaluate potential options and strategies.

### **Wednesday, October 1**

**Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Key Meetings (NM):** Reclamation representatives will meet with Jicarilla Apache Nation representatives to discuss the prepayment memorandum of understanding. The Jicarilla Apache Nation has elected to prepay their allocated costs and construction features prior to their repayment obligation, beginning in early 2015. Reclamation representatives will also meet with the cultural resources contractor to continue the review of the Cutter and San Juan lateral alignments with respect to the completed cultural resources class III surveys.

**Elephant Butte Reservoir Land Management Meeting (NM):** Reclamation will meet with the New Mexico State Parks and local New Mexico government officials regarding options for the future management of the land area around Elephant Butte Reservoir. Local congressional delegation staff has also been invited to participate. Part of the focus for this meeting is to prepare for an upcoming (date has not been set) public meeting.

**Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) to View Proposed Rehabilitation Sites for 2016-2017 (CA):** The TRRP’s interagency integrated Design Team will tour a portion of the Trinity River to view proposed rehabilitation sites for 2016 and 2017. The tour will familiarize the design team with current conditions and potential constraints on designs that will be developed over the next year. On Oct. 2, the Federal, State, Yurok Tribe, and Hoopa Valley Tribe Design Teams will meet to select the projects they will develop for the 2016 sites and will review the designs for the 2015 sites.

**Lake Roosevelt Forum Tour (WA):** Reclamation will participate in the Lake Roosevelt Forum tour of the northern end of Lake Roosevelt. There will be a brief presentation on the relationship between lake levels and operation of Grand Coulee Dam. The tour is designed to educate the public and various agencies about Lake Roosevelt and provides an opportunity for networking among participants.

### **Thursday, October 2**

**Safety of Dams Video:** Reclamation will release a video about the evolution of its Dam Safety Program. It begins with the failure of Teton Dam and interviews key employees and retirees. It describes the issues that led to the failure and what Reclamation’s Dam Safety Program is doing today.

### **Friday, October 3**

**Final Environmental Assessments Released for Proposed Salinity Projects (CO):** Reclamation will issue a news release announcing the availability of final environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact for two proposed salinity projects; the Bostwick Park Water Conservancy District's Siphon Lateral Salinity Control Project in Montrose County, Colo., and the Forked Tongue/Holman Ditch Company's Salinity Control Project in Delta, Colo. The purpose of both projects is to improve the efficiency of water delivery to canal users and reduce salinity loading in the Colorado River Basin.

**Tribal Remains to be Lay to Rest (NE):** In 2005, remains from two individuals estimated to be 500-1000 years old were found on an island in Pueblo Reservoir on the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project in southern Colorado. Since that time and in compliance with NAGPRA, the Eastern Colorado Area Office has identified the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes as the closest cultural affiliations. The remains will be moved on October 3. On behalf of both Tribes, the Pawnee Nation will rebury the remains near Grand Island, Nebraska, in a private ceremony this weekend.

#### **Saturday, October 4**

**Bear Creek Salmon Festival (OR):** Reclamation will attend the Bear Creek Salmon Festival in Ashland, Oregon. The annual festival is a chance for Reclamation staff to meet stakeholders and discuss proposed habitat restoration work under the Rogue River Biological Opinion.

**See Spot Walk Event (ID):** Reclamation will participate in the annual See Spot Walk event in Boise, Idaho. The event provides an opportunity for Reclamation to focus its message of canal safety with pet owners.

**C.A.S.T. for Kids/Let's Move Outside Event at Lake Mead National Recreation Area (NV):** Reclamation will host its annual C.A.S.T. for Kids/Let's Move Outside event at Hemenway Harbor at Lake Mead National Recreation Area. The annual event typically attracts 30 to 40 special needs and disadvantaged kids and their families.

#### **Sunday, October 5**

Nothing to report.

#### **Monday, October 6**

**Climate Adaptation Strategy:** Reclamation its Climate Adaptation Strategy This is Reclamation's strategy and response to global climate change as it relates to managing water and power in the West.

#### **Tuesday, October 7**

**Updated Mussel Coatings Research Report:** Reclamation will release the six year update to the mussel coatings research that began in 2008. The release will include the report and a video summary of research and findings. While no commercially available foul-release coating has been found that prevents mussel attachments, several products have shown promise.

#### **Wednesday, October 8**

Nothing to Report.

#### **Thursday, October 9**

**Meeting with Karuk Tribe (OR/CA):** On Oct. 9-10, Reclamation staff plans to visit the Karuk Tribe in Happy Camp, California. The visit will include a meeting with tribal council members along with site visits to



Reclamation-funded field projects that are being undertaken to benefit fisheries, including federally listed species in the Klamath River. The meeting is primarily a meet-and-greet session and an opportunity for the Karuk Tribe to inform Reclamation of issues important to the tribe.

### **Friday, October 10**

**Design Criteria Technical Workshop (NM):** Reclamation will host a workshop with representatives of the four Aamodt Indian Water Rights Settlement pueblos, Santa Fe County, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service at Tesuque Pueblo. The purpose of the workshop is to gather input from the stakeholders and reach consensus on design and performance criteria for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System.

**Minidoka Dam Spillway Celebration (ID):** Reclamation will host a celebration of the final concrete block placement at the newly rebuilt Minidoka Dam Spillway which replaces the 102-year old spillway. Reclamation has invited the Minidoka and Burley Irrigation Districts, the contractor, and Congressional and local representatives. Construction of the replacement spillway began in November of 2011 and was completed without interrupting irrigation deliveries or power production. Local media coverage is anticipated.

### **Saturday, October 11**

**C.A.S.T. for Kids/Let's Move Outside event at New Melones Lake (CA):** Reclamation will host a C.A.S.T. for Kids/Let's Move Outside event at New Melones Lake in Northern California.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Grand Coulee Dam Laser Light Show Media Interest (WA):** On September 26, *The Star* reporter Roger Lucas interviewed Reclamation staff about the schedule for the Grand Coulee Dam Laser Light Show and dam tours for the remainder of the fall season. He also asked if Reclamation had plans to do anything else with the show. Mr. Lucas was told that Reclamation was looking at adding a short cartoon prior to the show which would lighten up the tone of the presentation.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:**

Ich disease update

Columbia River Diversion rates

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Public Access at Imperial Dam Locations Closed for Facility Upgrades (AZ):** On October 13, Reclamation will close public access to several locations at Imperial Dam to accommodate the upgrade of electrical systems and telecommunications service at the facility. The Imperial Irrigation District, which operates and maintains the facility on behalf of Reclamation and other water district entities, will oversee the infrastructure improvement projects over the next two years.

**American Water Resources Association (ID):** On October 14, Reclamation will participate on a panel at the Idaho State Section of the American Water Resources Association in Boise, Idaho. The topic of discussion is "Responding to Climate Change – What We Know and What We Are Doing?"

**Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program Executive Committee Meeting:** On October 16, Reclamation will participate in the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program Executive Committee meeting in Albuquerque. Discussions will include updates on the current Middle Rio

Grande consultation, summer water operations, the Middle Rio Grande Biological Opinion and the transition process of the collaborative program to a recovery implementation program.

**The Columbia Basin 2014 Conference (WA):** On October 21-23, Reclamation will participate in the Columbia Basin 2014 Conference – Learning from Our Past to Shape Our Future held in Spokane, Washington. This is an international conference that will explore the future of the Columbia River in an innovative format with breakout sessions, graphic facilitation and inspirational arts and culture activities as they relate to the Columbia River.

**Signing Ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan:** In Mid-October, Reclamation, Department of Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a signing ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan that they are in the process of developing. The Action Plan continues the collaboration of the three agencies under the Hydropower MOU signed in March 2010. The new interagency Sustainable Hydropower Action Plan (Phase II) to be released details the joint action items under the MOU that the agencies intend to work on in coming years, in the general areas of: (1) Advancing Technology Development and Performance Testing, (2) Addressing Environmental Issues, (3) Conducting Hydro Systems Analysis, and (4) Promoting Information Sharing.

**WaterSMART Ceremony with Three Sisters Irrigation District (OR):** In mid-to-late October, WaterSMART recipient Three Sisters Irrigation District will celebrate the completion of a four-year project to up-convert their irrigation system to pressurized pipe and added low-head hydropower capability. The event will be attended by districts, the contractor and Congressional and local representatives. Deputy Secretary Mike Connor has been invited.

**Long-Term North to South Water Transfers Draft EIS/EIR Public Hearings (CA):** On Reclamation and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority will conduct public hearings on the Long-Term North to South Water Transfers Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. The public hearings are scheduled for Oct. 15 in Sacramento, Oct. 16 in Los Banos, and Oct. 21 in Chico, California. The Draft EIS/EIR evaluates water transfers from 2015 to 2024 that originate from willing sellers in Northern California to buyers south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and in the San Francisco Bay Area.

**FY 2015 WaterSMART Grant Funding Announcement:** In October, Reclamation will begin announcing FY 2015 WaterSMART funding, beginning with the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants and Title XVI Project funding. Selection of the FY 2015 Basin Studies will begin.

**Get Outdoors Nevada Day (NV):** On October 25, Reclamation will support Get Outdoors Nevada Day at Craig Ranch Regional Park in Las Vegas by staffing an exhibit.

**Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives Annual Science Review (CA):** The Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives (RPA) Annual Science Review is scheduled in Sacramento for November 6-7. This event, which will focus on the drought and drought operations, is a requirement stated within the 2008 and 2009 National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the federal Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project. Each year, the meeting evaluates how the RPA actions were implemented and their effectiveness for Endangered Species Act-listed species during the past year. The conference is held with NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the public is invited to attend but not participate.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**  
**October 1-10, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On **October 1**, USGS Acting Director, Suzette Kimball, will participate in a media day to highlight USGS oral sylvatic plague vaccine developed for black-footed ferrets at Espee Ranch, Arizona.

On **October 10**, Suzette will be on Annual Leave.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 1

**Media Day for Prairie Dog Plague Vaccine:** On **October 1**, the USGS, along with FWS, BLM, NPS, Arizona Game and Fish Department and others, will participate in a media day on private lands in Arizona, where black-footed ferrets will be released as part of a Safe Harbor Agreement. The event highlights the experimental sylvatic plague vaccine (SPV) developed by the USGS and University of Wisconsin that shows promise as a preemptive method to control plague in prairie dogs. Prairie dogs are the primary prey for the endangered black-footed ferret and targeted application of the SPV may help to stabilize prairie dog populations and aid in the recovery of the black-footed ferret. USGS Acting Director, Suzette Kimball, will participate in the event.

*[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

Thursday, October 2

Nothing to report.

Friday, October 3

Nothing to report.

Saturday & Sunday, October 4 & 5

Nothing to report.

Monday, October 6

Nothing to report.

Tuesday, October 7

Nothing to report.

Wednesday, October 8

Nothing to report.

Thursday, October 9

Nothing to report.

Friday, October 10

Nothing to report.

TBD

**News Release—USGS to Release Study on Invasive American bullfrogs:** In the coming week, USGS will announce an upcoming publication on invasive American bullfrogs in the Yellowstone floodplain. In the paper, to be published in the journal *Aquatic Invasions*, scientists with the USGS, Montana Natural Heritage Program, BLM, and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks concluded that this invasive species is now thriving and rapidly spreading in the Yellowstone River. A news release will be distributed locally.

**News Release–USGS to Release Study on Disease Virulence Evolution:** In the **coming weeks**, a news release will announce new research, led by the USGS, that finds that diseases that cause debilitating symptoms are expected to evolve lower virulence along the epidemic front compared to the epidemic origin. Motivated by real-world observations of a new disease in songbirds, a mathematical investigation shows that disease virulence—the increased death rate of infected individuals—is expected to evolve to lower levels along the epidemic front compared to the disease origin. The paper will be published in *The American Naturalist*.

**News Release–Freshwater Fisheries and Global Food Security:** In the **coming weeks**, Michigan State University will distribute a news release describing the importance of inland fisheries to global food security, the challenges faced due to competing demands for freshwater and possible solutions. USGS scientists contributed to the publication and will be identified in the news release. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–Characterization of Groundwater Quality in the Bakken Area:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Groundwater*, which uses data for a broad suite of inorganic and organic chemical constituents, and groundwater-age, noble-gas, and isotopic tracers, to characterize the quality and age of shallow groundwater in the region. The data can serve as a baseline for future groundwater quality monitoring as energy development activities expand in the basin. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–NC Baseline Study for Hydraulic Fracturing:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new study that examined groundwater quality samples collected in a potential shale gas production area in North Carolina. This report can be considered as baseline information for groundwater quality in the aquifers of the study area because the natural gas industry is not yet active in the state. The results showed that dissolved methane concentrations were low. The study will be published as a USGS Open-File Report. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–Seal flu virus:** In the **next few weeks** the USGS National Wildlife Health Center will issue a national news release announce a new report showing that the avian flu virus that caused widespread harbour seal deaths in 2011 can easily spread to and infect other mammals and potentially humans. The release will likely be joint with the St. Jude's Children's Memorial Hospital. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–The impact of road salt on watersheds:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS plans to announce new research about increasing chloride concentrations in streams associated with the use of road salt. The paper is pending journal approval, but approval is expected within the next week or two. A news release will be coordinated with the publication date. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–Upper Klamath ET Maps:** At the **end of September**, USGS will distribute a press release for upcoming evapotranspiration maps of the upper Klamath Basin. The announcement will be coordinated with other local activities in the Klamath area. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Similarities between Titan and Earth:** USGS Geophysicist Randall Kirk was quoted in the October 2014 issue of *National Geographic* magazine in a short piece, “Lakes of Methane,” about the similarity of Saturn’s moon Titan to Earth. Titan, like Earth, has an atmosphere, seasons, a rocky surface, and seas, but says Randy, “What’s cool about Titan is that the physics are the same as on Earth, but the chemistry is completely different.” Titan’s seas are composed of methane and ethane at minus 300°F, and are believed to contain compounds that were precursors to life on Earth.

**National Geographic Yellowstone Feature:** USGS Supervisory Wildlife Biologist Mark Haroldson was interviewed by *National Geographic* magazine, scoping story ideas for an upcoming feature on Yellowstone in

2015. Haroldson provided background information on several grizzly bear topics, including ecosystem trends in estimates of females with cubs of the year, population trends from known fates modeling, trends in grizzly bear mortalities, changes in food habitats, and grizzly bear use of moth sites.

**Inquiries on Recent “Mega-Drought” Paper:** USGS Research Ecologist Greg Pederson spoke with the Union-Tribune San Diego about the recently released "mega-drought" study he co-authored in the *Journal of Climate*.

**National Geographic Interview on Gold:** On **October 2**, USGS Mineral Resources Program Coordinator Larry Meinert will be interviewed by National Geographic for an upcoming feature program "Gold: The Eternal Quest." The interview request was made by the films producer last week.

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing to report.

#### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Forthcoming USGS Polar Bear Research Papers:** In the **coming months**, the USGS will be releasing several new journal papers related to polar bear conservation in a warming Arctic. The papers range from medium to high interest and cover topics including implications of polar bear genetic structure, female polar bear diet and foraging strategies, polar bear population dynamics, effects of polar bear capture and polar bear resource selection patterns to inform energy resource development in the Arctic. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**USGS Afghanistan Research to be Featured in *EARTH Magazine*:** For **late summer**, USGS is preparing a feature article that will appear in *EARTH Magazine* about USGS hydrologic research and capacity building activities in Afghanistan. A decade of work conducted by scientists in Afghanistan will be highlighted. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

In **October**, USGS will release a report prepared for EPA that discusses the hydrogeology of glacial drift deposits beneath a proposed chemical waste landfill near Clinton, Illinois with emphasis on vulnerability of the regional water-supply aquifer beneath the area. Data will be used by EPA to guide permitting decisions for the landfill. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY–INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND THE BUREAUS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION  
October 1 to October 10, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On October 1, the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs for Policy and Economic Development will meet with a delegation from the Government of Finland led by Finland’s Minister of Justice. The Minister specifically requested a meeting with Assistant Secretary Washburn as Finland has significant influence on international indigenous issues due to their relationship with Sami indigenous people.

On October 2, BIA Office of Justice Services Director is scheduled to meet with Navajo Nation Council Delegate Edmund Yazzie regarding jurisdictional problems at the Fort Wingate school site and ways that the Navajo Nation and BIA may partner to solve problems pending a legislative fix to the problem.

On October 2, the Office of Self-Governance will meet with the Solicitor’s Office, the Bureau of Education, and the Department of Justice regarding the *Ramah Navajo Chapter v Jewell* litigation and Contract Support Costs. On October 3, the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs will present at the Symposium on the Future of Trust Administration at the Seattle University of Law & the Intertribal Timber Council in Seattle, WA.

On October 6, the Deputy Assistant Secretary-Management and AS-IA staff will meet with the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project Federal Policy Team in Washington, D.C.

On October 7, the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs will meet with Senator Harry Reid (Nevada) potentially on Tohono O’odham Nation’s gaming in Glendale, AZ. The Senator has related legislation to prohibit such gaming. Senate bill S. 2670 and House bill HR 1410 are both known as “Keep the Promise Act.”

On October 7, Indian Affairs staff will join EPA, USDA and other agencies to consult with tribes and non-governmental organizations about environmental issues and US progress made in addressing recommendations made by the UN Human Rights Council in 2010. The consultation will be hosted by the University of California-Berkeley School of Law. Such consultations are conducted by each of the ten interagency groups formed to maintain an ongoing process for domestic advancement of human rights under the UN Universal Periodic Review.

On October 8, the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs will present at the Self-Governance Advisory Committee quarterly meeting in Washington, D.C.

On October 9, Congressman Tom Reed will call the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on the Cayuga Indian Nation leadership dispute.

On October 9, the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs will be on a video teleconference with the Denver Office of Natural Resources Revenue on an Indian Gas Valuation Regulations presentation.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 1

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 2

BIA Office of Justice Services - Emergency Response will participate in the California Statewide Consultation Policy meeting. The meeting could have lasting impacts on the way the state of California works with Tribes, local and federal partners during disasters to Tribes in California.

New deadline for comments on BIA proposed rule to revise regulations (25 CFR Part 169) governing rights-of-way on Indian lands. 40 comments have been received to date. There are additional requests to extend the deadline.

Friday, October 3

Nothing to report

Saturday, October 4 & Sunday, October 5

Nothing to report

Monday, October 6

Nothing to report

Tuesday, October 7

Nothing to report

Wednesday, October 8

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 9

Members of the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children will be in Washington, D.C. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting takes place at the South Interior Building and is open to the public.

Friday, October 10

Members of the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children will continue to meet in Washington, D.C. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting takes place at the South Interior Building and is open to the public. The Public Comment portion of the meeting is scheduled for today from 1:00-1:30 p.m.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Cronkite News (AZ) requests an on-camera interview with AS-IA Washburn after the hearing on Senate Bill 2670.

A freelance writer for gamblingcompliance.com requests a 15-minute interview with PDAS-IA Roberts on statements made during the consultations on the proposed changes to the federal acknowledgment regulations.

National Native News and Native America Calling want to create an awareness campaign for the Land Buy-Back Program (LBBP) for Tribal Nations to highlight individual communities as the LBBP moves to their areas.

The Syracuse (NY) Post-Standard is asking for information on a leadership dispute between two factions within the Cayuga Nation, and which leaders the BIA currently recognizes.

WSTM-TV (cnycentral.com), the NBC affiliate in Syracuse, NY, notes there's been a lot of police activity at the Cayuga Nation and wants to know the BIA's stance on the Nation's leadership conflict and if the BIA is working to mediate or find solutions to the situation.

Forbes magazine wants a list of all hotel properties owned by Native Americans in the U.S.

US Coal & Energy Price Report wants to know how coal rights play a role in the recent settlement with the Navajo Nation.

The New York Times wants to talk with AS-IA Washburn to get details about the settlement with the Navajo Nation and what its significance is.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

The BIA Climate Change Coordinator will support the DOI Office of Policy Analysis, at the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Meeting. The Department would like to have a BIA representative on hand should there be questions on BIA efforts to address climate change in tribal communities.

GAO issued the draft report Bureau of Indian Education Needs to Improve Oversight of School Spending (GAO-14-795) on August 29, 2014. The report contains four recommendations for the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs action. Our request of a two week extension to respond was approved and the new response date is October 7, 2014.

The "Trial Balance Verification Letter" is being prepared for signature. This letter is a representation to the accuracy of the trial balance for Indian Affairs and is part of the Annual Financial Report package that is presented as required by OMB. The financial audit team of KPMG is mandating the letter be signed by the CFO and both Director BIA, Mike Black and Director BIE, Charles Roessel. This is due on Oct. 14, 2014.

A draft Housing and Improvement Program rule (25 CFR 256) has been developed, and is under review with the BIA. We anticipate publishing the rule in the coming months.

The office of the Assistant Secretary is working on a draft Johnson O'Malley Contracts rule (25 CFR 273) to codify past practice and a Federal District Court ruling regarding degree of Indian blood for eligibility. We expect this rule to enter the surname process in October.

The Division of Economic Development (DED) is in the process of updating its list of Native food vendors capable of meeting large procurement demands. There are now ten vendors that can be considered "truck ready." DED has added the Navajo Nation farm (NAPI), and will furnish this list to BIA contracting officers in charge of procurement for the BIE school lunch program.

The BIA, Office of Justice Services/Tribal Justice Support (TJS) has a contract with the Center of Indigenous Research and Justice operated by Professor Ron Whitener to re-draft the Tribal Model Juvenile Code to incorporate provisions of the Affordable Care Act, intended to assist tribal courts in providing health and substance abuse counseling to juveniles.

The proposed Tribal Transportation Program rule is under development with a goal for publication in the Federal Register in time for consultation at the October National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) meeting in Atlanta.

The proposed Secretarial Elections (25 CFR 81) rule is under development with a goal for publication in the Federal Register in time for consultation at the October NCAI meeting in Atlanta.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Between October 14 and 17 in Denver, Indian Affairs' Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development will co-sponsor the 2014 Native Convening at the Opportunity Finance Network (OFN) conference. It will bring together approximately 100 Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) for purposes



of education, networking and mutual support. CDFIs, both Native and non-Native, are expected to become a growing source of lenders for the Loan Guarantee, Insurance and Interest Subsidy Program.

On October 15, the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness will hold its quarterly meeting. The Council is led by Chair Secretary Thomas Perez and Vice-Chair Sylvia Burwell.

On October 15-18, BIE Director Roessel, SIPI President Allison and Haskell President Venida Chenault will participate in the National Indian Education Association's conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

On October 16, 20, 22, 27, and 29, BIE will hold tribal consultations, in person and through webinars, on the preliminary discussion draft of revised regulations regarding funding to Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities including Diné College.

Between October 26 and November 3, ASIA, BIA, and BIE leadership, and the Haskell and SIPI Presidents, will attend the NCAI's 71st Convention in Atlanta.

On October 28, Deputy Undersecretary Dr. Ann Bartuska, U.S. Department of Agriculture is touring 1994 land-grant institutions (Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), SIPI, Navajo Technical College, and Diné College); she will be on the SIPI campus in the afternoon.

On November 4-5, the next quarterly Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) will take place at the Washington Plaza Hotel at Thomas Circle in Washington, DC.

On November 6, the BIE American Indian Language Summit will take place in Albuquerque, NM.

On November 6, the DOI/IA National Native American Heritage Month event will take place at the OPM headquarters. The theme is "Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever."

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS (OST)  
October 1<sup>st</sup> –October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

None to report.

**Public Announcements**

Friday, October 3

On October 3, the Pawnee Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will assist the Oklahoma City University Law School with a Will writing clinic at the Otoe-Missouria Tribe Community building in Red Rock, Oklahoma. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

October 3-4, the Tulsa Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) and staff from the Chickasaw Agency will participate in the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Chickasaw Festival in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Information on Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) services, the Land Buy-Back Program (LBBP), financial literacy educational services, and credit counseling will be provided. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Saturday, October 4

On October 4, the Rapid City Urban Office Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will attend the Omniciya First Saturday Community Information Fair and staff an outreach booth at the Rapid City-Mother Butler Center in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Sunday, October 5- Wednesday, October 8

None to report.

Thursday, October 9

On October 9-10, Cherokee Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will attend the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council Meeting scheduled to be held in Durant, Oklahoma. The FTO regularly attends these meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries.

Friday, October 10

On October 10, 2014, Rosebud Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will participate in the quarterly South Dakota Indian Business Alliance (SDIBA) meeting in Pierre, South Dakota. The meeting will concentrate on policy in Indian Country and SDIBA members will meet with South Dakota Governor, Dennis Daugaard; South Dakota Secretary of Tribal Relations, J.R. LaPlante; Director of Governor's Office of Economic Development, Kim Easland; and South Dakota House Representative, Kevin Killer. Topics of conversation will be Uniform Commercial Codes and the Community Reinvestment Act which was enacted by Congress in 1977 to encourage banks to help meet the credit needs of communities with low to moderate incomes.

On October 10-12 the Pine Ridge Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) and staff will provide outreach at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakota Dakota Nakota Language Summit and Black Hills Powwow in Rapid City, South Dakota.

**Major Press Inquiries**

None to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (DDC) Tribal Litigation for**

## **Quinn-Leinbach, Settlement Proposal to the Obama Administration (SPOA) Tribes, and other Litigating Tribes**

The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) is actively supporting the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and The Department of Justice (DOJ) tribal litigation team's efforts to reach a settlement on the remaining cases.

**Chickasaw & Choctaw:** A two day face-to-face mediation session for Plaintiffs and the Government is scheduled for October 16-17, 2014, in Washington, DC.

**Fletcher:** The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) will update the draft Osage Annuity Payment presentation with the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) requested changes and adjustments.

**Navajo:** The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) will complete its closeout reports and lessons learned report.

### **Cobell: Settlement Payout Process:**

On September 25, 2014, District Court Judge Hogan approved a three week extension for the Government's Appeal to the U.S. District Court of the Special Master's September 11, 2014 grant of Plaintiffs Motion asking that Stage 2 award money be held in trust in IIM accounts on behalf of now deceased plaintiff beneficiaries

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) – Trust Services (TS) is expected to be a full Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS) reporter by October 1, 2014. This is a significant Treasury modernization initiative that TS have been working on for the last year.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE of INSULAR AFFAIRS**  
**September 24-October 3, 2014**

**Highlights (Chronologically) of Travel (AS-IN), Meetings and other Public Events**

**Public Announcements**

**Northern Marianas Grant** – On September, a grant of \$269,000 was awarded for infrastructure improvements to the Northern Marianas College, which will use the funds to renovate existing classroom and office buildings, thereby providing a more conducive environment for learning. Currently the Northern Marianas College is housed in what was once the Doctor Torres Memorial Hospital, which the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) built in 1962, when the President transferred from the Department of the Navy to DOI the TTPI's administration.

**Press Inquiries/Reports**

AS-IN GRANTS \$74,366 TO THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS FOR PREVAILING WAGE STUDY

- [HTTP://WWW.MVARIETY.COM/CNMI/CNMI-NEWS/LOCAL/69457-NMI-GETS-GRANTS-FOR-PREVAILING-WAGE-STUDY-ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT-STRATEGY](http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi/cnmi-news/local/69457-nmi-gets-grants-for-prevailing-wage-study-economic-development-strategy)

WIDE-SPREAD COVERAGE OF TWENTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD MARSHALL ISLANDER WHO SPEAKS BEFORE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 24 ON COMBATTING CLIMATE CHANGE

- <http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2014/09/23/3570736/kathy-jetnil-kijiner-marshall-islands-un-speech/>
- <http://www.mvariety.com/regional-news/69488-world-leaders-cheer-small-island-speaker>
- [http://www.slate.com/blogs/future\\_tense/2014/09/23/kathy\\_jetnil\\_kijiner\\_solastalgia\\_marshall\\_islander\\_s\\_poem\\_moves\\_u\\_n\\_climate.html](http://www.slate.com/blogs/future_tense/2014/09/23/kathy_jetnil_kijiner_solastalgia_marshall_islander_s_poem_moves_u_n_climate.html)
- <http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2014/09/23/3570736/kathy-jetnil-kijiner-marshall-islands-un-speech/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4fdxXo4tnY>
- <http://www.marshallislandsjournal.com/Main-story-page.html>

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (FSM) RECEIVES \$11,121,580 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT

- <http://www.mvariety.com/regional-news/69449-fsm-vice-president-alik-informs-congress-of-11-1-million-education-grant> (FSM Department of Education, \$428,812; College of Micronesia-FSM, \$683,346; Chuuk State Department of Education, \$4,226,201; Kosrae State Department of Education, \$1,212,251; Pohnpei State Department of Education, \$2,814,872; and Yap State Department of Education, \$1,756,098)

**Tropical Storm Phanfone in the Northern Marianas –**

- At 10:55 a.m., EDT, September 30 (12:55 a.m., ChST, October 1), the Governor of the CNMI (Eloy Songao Inos) issued an advisory to inform the general public that:
  - Tropical Storm Phanfone was moving away from the CNMI and would continue to track west-northwest during the next several days
  - southwest winds would begin to increase in the wake of Phanfone and
  - seas ten feet or greater and sustained winds of 25 to 38 mph were expected to produce conditions hazardous to small craft

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Rise in Minimum Wage in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)** – On September 30 CNMI minimum-wage workers saw a half-dollar increase. The new Federal minimum wage of \$6.05 per

hour is almost double the wage set by CNMI law. The CNMI minimum wage will continue to increase gradually until it reaches the Federal level of \$7.25 in 2018.

**Termination by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of Agreement with Juan F. Luis Hospital (JFL), Saint Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands** –On October 3, Virgin Island officials from JFL will be meeting with CMS officials to discuss a new corrective action plan. OIA continues to monitor developments to assist the Virgin Islands and are working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to determine whether a team can be sent to assess the situation. Travel funds from OIA are being explored.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**AS-IN Travel to the Northern Marianas, Guam, and American Samoa** - AS-IN works with OIA staff and DOI Communications team on upcoming courtesy trips as follow:

**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** – Week of October 13<sup>th</sup>

**Guam** – Week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speech to be delivered on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Guam Economic Development Authority symposium.

**American Samoa** – Week of November 10<sup>th</sup>



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## **DOI in the News:**

**TRUSTEES IN BP PAYOUT APPROVE \$627M IN GULF OIL SPILL RECOVERY PROJECTS.** The AP (10/3, Amy) reported that on Friday trustees in the BP 2010 Deepwater Horizon settlement approved \$627 million in spending on 44 projects in Gulf Coast states. The bulk of the funds, \$318 million, will be awarded to a program to "restore land and marsh on four barrier islands off Louisiana's" coast. Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi received \$65 million for "living shorelines" projects designed to restore marshes, create oyster reefs, and reduce erosion. The five Gulf states awarded funds in the case as well as four Federal agencies "had to reach consensus" on the projects, the AP noted.

The Hill (10/4, Cama, 241K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, "The trustees have done a

comprehensive job of identifying projects to help the Gulf Coast recover from the devastating Deepwater Horizon spill and have given careful consideration to the many insightful public comments received through the process.” She added, “Now we can move forward with these projects that will help restore the natural resources of the region, improve resiliency to hurricanes and other catastrophic weather events and provide an economic boost to local communities.”

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (10/6, 596K) and the New Orleans (LA) Times-Picayune (10/5, 596K) also covered the story.

**BP Urges Judge To Amend “Gross Negligence” Ruling.** The AP (10/3, McGill) reported that Thursday evening BP attorneys filed a motion urging US District Judge Carl Barbier to amend his Sept. 4 ruling that found the company guilty of “gross negligence” in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon spill. BP said the judgment should be amended or a new trial should be held because the Sept. 4 ruling “was based on testimony that had been excluded from the trial.”

FuelFix (10/3, 7K) noted that BP’s argument “hinges on its legal and scientific challenge to the testimony of one expert” and is an effort “to cast more blame for the disaster on cement contractor Halliburton.” During the trial, Judge Barbier “sustained three of BP’s objections to certain testimony by Gene Beck, Halliburton’s expert, because Beck had not written his conclusions about the compressive forces in his expert report submitted as evidence.” BP is arguing that “a lesser degree of comparative fault” should be assigned to it in the case and more should be assigned to Halliburton. The New Orleans Times-Picayune (10/5, Larino, 596K), CBC News (CAN) (10/3, 272K), the International Business Times (10/3, Mathew, 655K), and BBC News (10/3, 1.37M) also covered the story.

**PA Law Firm Replaces BP Oil Spill Claims Investigator As Chair.** The New Orleans Times-Picayune (10/5, Freeh, 596K) reported that according to a story in the Centre Daily Times, on Thursday former FBI director and appointee investigating BP oil spill claims fraud Louis Freeh, was replaced as chair of Philadelphia law firm Pepper Hamilton. Freeh’s work on spill claims fraud “is being challenged in court,” the Times-Picayune noted.

**Judge Rules Former BP Engineer Can Travel To China Pending Trial.** The AP (10/5) reported that on Thursday a Federal judge said that former BP engineer Kurt Mix can travel to China next month despite awaiting a new trial on charges of obstruction of justice in the BP Deepwater Horizon spill.

**PA LAW FIRM REPLACES BP OIL SPILL CLAIMS INVESTIGATOR AS CHAIR.** The New Orleans Times-Picayune (10/5, Freeh, 596K) reported that according to a story in the Centre Daily Times, on Thursday former FBI director and appointee investigating BP oil spill claims fraud Louis Freeh, was replaced as chair of Philadelphia law firm Pepper Hamilton. Freeh’s work on spill claims fraud “is being challenged in court,” the Times-Picayune noted.

**OBAMA: MEMORIAL FOR DISABLED VETERANS REMINDS AMERICANS NOT TO “RUSH INTO WAR.”** Covering President Obama’s appearance at the dedication of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, on NBC Nightly News (10/5, story 7, 0:20, Holt, 7.86M), Lester Holt reported that on Sunday, President Obama “paid tribute to the country’s disabled veterans” as he “spoke at the dedication of a new memorial to the veterans, saying the country needs to move heaven and earth to make sure they get every benefit, every single bit of care they have earned and deserved.”

The AP (10/6, Thomas) reports that the President was “mark[ing] the opening of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, which honors disabled veterans both living and deceased from conflicts throughout the nation’s history.” According to the AP, the new \$80 million memorial “was organized by philanthropist Lois Pope, former Veterans Affairs secretary Jesse Brown and Art Wilson, who retired as CEO and national adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans organization in 2013.”

Katie Zezima of the Washington Post (10/6, Zezima, 4.9M) noted that “Obama was flanked onstage by VA Secretary Robert McDonald, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and actor Gary Sinise, who played Lt. Dan in ‘Forrest Gump’ and has become a veterans advocate.”

The Washington Post (10/6, Kennicott, 4.9M) has an architectural review of the new memorial.

Also providing coverage are the Los Angeles Times (10/4, Zarembo, 4M), the Daytona Beach (FL) News-Journal (10/5, 157K), and the Daily Mail (UK) (10/6, 4.35M).



**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS LAKE COUNTY.** The Lake County (OR) Examiner (10/3) reports that “a weeklong multi-state west coast tour by” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “included a stop in Lakeview on Thursday, Sept. 25 to meet with BLM and USFS staff and visit several ranches to speak with locals about land use, renewable energy, wildlife habitat, climate action plans and much more.” Jewell discussed “many relevant issues affecting land management and residents today including preservation of sage-grouse habitat, wild horse management, juniper removal, water conservation and a strong focus on youth initiatives.” She also “shared President Barack Obama’s concerns in getting youth involved in land management and conservation programs, particularly urban youth, through various programs to address an ever-widening generation gap in land management work.”

**SECRETARY JEWELL SUPPORTS ASSISTANCE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRY.** The Palm Springs (CA) Desert Sun (10/3, 86K) reports that “the Rice solar project has been all but abandoned due to insufficient financing, the latest in a series of blows for large-scale solar development in Riverside County.” The article notes that “solar companies and industry trade groups have urged Congress to extend the 30 percent investment tax credit, or at least to modify its language so that projects that begin construction by the end of 2016 can qualify.” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “echoed those calls at an event in North Palm Springs last week.” She said, “Most energy industries, including the oil and gas industry, have had help over time. It’s not unique to the renewable energy industry. The broad energy industry has enjoyed many supports from the federal government.”

**Hearings Set For Desert Renewable Energy Plans.** The Riverside (CA) Press Enterprise (10/6, 396K) reports that “an environmental study for an 8,000-page California desert land-use plan designed to balance renewable energy development needs with conservation will be the subject of several public meetings.” According to officials, “the 10 meetings between Oct. 20 and Nov. 13 about the draft Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan will educate people about the complicated document.”

**NPS AWARDS GRANTS TO GROUPS.** The Washington Blade (10/3, 89K) reports that the NPS has “given a \$25,000 grant to the LGBT Heritage of Kentucky Project, a group that supports adding Louisville’s Henry Clay Hotel and Whiskey Row Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.” Also, “the LGBT Sites in New York City Project, which seeks to survey and document ‘historic and cultural sites associated with LGBT heritage’ in the five boroughs, received a \$49,999 grant.” Furthermore, “Latino, Asian, African and Native American groups in Maryland, Virginia, California, Idaho, Massachusetts, Montana, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah and Washington also received matching grants from the National Park Service that total \$500,000.” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, “Our American heritage is a tapestry made up of threads from many nations and communities, and we are working with public and private partners to help ensure that our National Register of Historic Places reflects this remarkable diversity. These matching grants will enable us to add important sites that haven’t yet been recognized and more fully tell the story of our country.”

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY CASTLE LEAVING.** Politico (10/3, Guillén, 977K) reports that “Assistant Interior Secretary for Water and Science Anne Castle is leaving the administration after more than five years.” Jennifer Gimbel will “step in as principal deputy assistant secretary and acting head of Interior’s Water and Science office, according to a memo from Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF GLEN CANYON DAM’S 50 YEARS OF POWER CELEBRATION.** Additional coverage of Glen Canyon Dam’s 50 Years of Power Celebration was provided by the Navajo Times (AZ) (10/6, 66K).

## **America’s Great Outdoors:**

### ***National Park Service:***

**NO INJURIES IN FIRE AT FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL IN PENNSYLVANIA.** Reuters (10/4) reports that firefighters were working to extinguish flames Friday in at least two administrative buildings at the Flight 93 National Memorial in a Shanksville, Pennsylvania field. No injuries were reported, a National Park Service spokesman was cited as saying. The park is on the site of the crash of United Airlines Flight 93, which went down in Shanksville on September 11, 2001 after being hijacked by Al Qaeda militants. All 44 people on board, including the four hijackers, were killed.

Additional coverage was provided by CBS News (10/6, 3.8M), CNN (10/3, 14.29M), NPR (10/3, 2.22M), Reuters (10/3), Reuters (10/4), the US News & World Report (10/3, 661K), the Washington Post (10/3,

Hermann, 4.9M), the Washington Times (10/3, 373K), the Washington Times (10/3, Ernst, 373K), the Boston Globe (10/3, 1.78M), the Boston Herald (10/6, 640K), the Boston Herald (10/6, 640K), the Charlotte (NC) Observer (10/3, 572K), the Houston Chronicle (10/3, 2.47M), the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (10/6, 1.21M), the Sacramento (CA) Bee (10/3, 646K), the Denver Post (10/6, 1.12M), the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (10/4, Schaarsmith, Belculfine, 538K), the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (10/4, Gannon, 538K), the New York Daily News (10/6, 3.52M), the New York Post (10/6, 2.55M), and WTAJ-TV Johnstown, PA (10/6, 3K).

**9/11 Flag At Flight 93 National Memorial Is Destroyed In Pennsylvania Fire.** The AP (10/5) reports that, according to the National Park Service, the flag that flew over the US Capitol on 9/11 was destroyed in the fire at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Park staff said that, "in addition to the flag, the losses included a handful of personal items of passengers and crew, DVD copies of the annual commemoration ceremony and meetings of the Flight 93 National Memorial Federal Advisory Commission, and about 100 tribute items left by visitors since 2001." The park service said that they are working with state police to investigate the cause of the fire, which has not been determined yet.

The CBS Evening News (10/4, story 10, 0:15, Miller, 5.08M) briefly covered the story on its broadcast. Also providing coverage are CNN (10/4, 14.29M), Roll Call (10/6, 90K), Reuters (10/4), the US News & World Report (10/4, 661K), USA Today (10/4, 5.6M), the Huffington Post (10/4, 11.54M), the Washington Post (10/4, 4.9M), the Washington Times (10/4, 373K), the Washington Times (10/4, 373K), the Charlotte (NC) Observer (10/4, 572K), the Boston Herald (10/6, 640K), the Denver Post (10/6, 1.12M), the Houston Chronicle (10/4, 2.47M), the Killeen (TX) Daily Herald (10/6, 40K), the Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch (10/6, 323K), the Sacramento (CA) Bee (10/4, 646K), the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (10/6, 1.21M), the New York Daily News (10/6, 3.52M), Newsday (10/6, 1.38M), KHOU-TV Houston (10/5, 419K), WRC-TV Washington (10/6, 367K), and WJLA-TV Washington (10/6, 119K).

**Investigation Finds No Sign Of Arson.** The AP (10/6) reports that "investigators say they've found no indication of arson or other foul play in the fire that damaged buildings at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Pennsylvania." A NPS spokesman said Sunday "the investigation isn't over, and it may be weeks before officials determine the cause of the blaze that destroyed its headquarters."

Also providing coverage are the Washington Post (10/5, 4.9M), the Charlotte (NC) Observer (10/5, 572K), the Houston Chronicle (10/6, 2.47M), the Sacramento (CA) Bee (10/5, 646K), the US News & World Report (10/5, 661K), the Los Angeles Times (10/6, Raab, 4M), and Reuters (10/6).

**BARRIER STILL AT WHITE HOUSE TWO WEEKS AFTER JUMPER.** The AP (10/3, Zongker) reports that "before an intruder jumped the White House fence two weeks ago, sightseers could lean into the black iron bars and snap an unobstructed photograph," but "now, a temporary fence keeps people several feet back, spoiling a picture-perfect moment for some." Officials with the NPS said "the new barriers are temporary, but it's not clear when they might come down."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Post](#) (10/3, 4.9M).

**TITLE SOUGHT FOR RUSHMORE CARVER.** The AP (10/6, Walker) reports that "family members and supporters of an Italian immigrant seeking more recognition for his role in the carving of Mount Rushmore National Memorial have been unable to persuade the National Park Service to honor him as chief carver." The article notes that "sculptor Gutzon Borglum is credited with memorializing Presidents George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt in the Black Hills." But Gloria Del Bianco, "the only surviving child of carver Luigi Del Bianco," and "others behind the effort cite Borglum's own words as proof that her father played a more vital role than other workers who contributed to the massive undertaking of the 1930s and earned the moniker." However, the NPS said Del Bianco has "received the credit he is due." Mount Rushmore Superintendent Cheryl Schreier said, "Luigi Del Bianco was one of the skilled carvers that traveled from the East to work on the sculpture. Mr. Del Bianco is recognized for his contributions to the sculpture both in our museum and on our Workers Wall. His work is also noted in publications sold in the park bookstore."

**MAN FINED FOR FLYING DRONE IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK.** The AP (10/6) reports that "an Oregon man has acknowledged flying an unmanned aircraft near bison and over Yellowstone's crowded Midway Geyser Basin." According to park officials, "Donald Criswell of Molalla, Oregon, pleaded guilty Thursday to violating a closure when he flew a drone in the park Aug. 19." Criswell was "fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay court costs."

**HIKER DISCOVERS AN ABANDONED TOWN INSIDE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK.**

The [Huffington Post](#) (10/3, 11.54M) reports that hiker Jordan Liles discovered an abandoned town in the middle of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

**PAISLEY FIVE MILE POINT CAVES ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** The [AP](#) (10/6) reports that the NPS has “added a Lake County cave complex to the National Register of Historic Places, after researchers find evidence of human occupation in Oregon beginning 12,300 years ago.” Paisley Five Mile Point Caves are managed by the BLM. Stan McDonald, state archaeologist for Oregon and Washington for the BLM, said, “BLM is pleased to see the Paisley Five Mile Points officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The site’s listing underscores the importance of Oregon’s archaeological heritage to understanding the full breadth of the human experience.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [AP](#) (10/3), the [Washington Post](#) (10/3, 4.9M), the [Albany \(OR\) Tribune](#) (10/6), [The Oregonian](#) (10/6, 690K), and [Reuters](#) (10/3, Sherwood).

**PORTAGE PARK ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** The [Chicago Tribune](#) (10/3, 2.26M) reports that “an 11th neighborhood of Chicago bungalows has been named to the National Register of Historic Places.” The article notes that “the designation of homes in Portage Park follows designations during the past decade of Chicago’s Wrightwood Boulevard, Schorsch Irving Park, South Park Manor, Rogers Park Manor, North Mayfair, Falconer, Talman West Ridge, South Shore, West Chatham and Auburn Gresham neighborhoods.”

**KENSINGTON PARK ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** The [AP](#) (10/6, Bynum) reports that Kensington Park, a “1950s suburban enclave tucked away amid strip malls and shopping centers on Savannah’s less glamorous south side” has been added to the National Register of Historic Places

Also reporting on the story is the [Summit County \(CO\) Citizens Voice](#) (10/4, 506).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS COULD SEE HIGHER ENTRANCE FEES NEXT YEAR.** Additional coverage of possible higher entrance fees to national parks was provided by the [Columbus \(IN\) Republic](#) (10/6, 81K), the [Washington Times](#) (10/6, 373K), the [Daily Astorian \(OR\)](#) (10/6, 23K), the [Seattle Times](#) (10/6, 1.03M), [The Oregonian](#) (10/6, 690K), [The Oregonian](#) (10/6, 690K), and the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/6, 2.47M).

### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM TOUTS PLANNING 2.0 DURING PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION.** For the [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (10/3, 74K), Sarah Gilman writes that the BLM on Wednesday “held a public listening session in Golden, Colorado to introduce the effort to change planning rules and practices, which would include setting ‘landscape level priorities’ and tiering all management to them.” According to BLM planning and environmental analyst Shasta Ferranto, “the agency is hoping to institutionalize and make system-wide things that have worked well in individual innovative planning efforts.” Gilman notes that “for many attendees, the key test of this effort’s value will be whether the BLM uses it to better balance the current explosion of oil and gas development with other land uses and values, from wildlife conservation to protecting air and water quality.”

**IG REPORT: BLM EMPLOYEES ABUSED CHARGE CARDS.** [Fox News](#) (10/5, 6.72M) reports that “wildfire management employees at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) used government charge cards to by \$799,000 worth of gift cards from vendors such as REI, American Express, FredMeyer and Visa, according to a report released Sept. 30 by the Interior Department’s Office of the Inspector General.” According to the report, “when investigators requested supporting documentation such as purchase orders, receipts, and authorizing signatures, BLM staff claimed that they were ‘missing.’”

Also reporting on the story is the [CNS News](#) (10/6, 337K).

**FORT CARSON SEEKS LONG-TERM AGREEMENT FOR HELICOPTER TRAINING.** The [Colorado Springs \(CO\) Gazette](#) (10/6, 143K) reports that the BLM will “hold a public meeting Tuesday to discuss an extended proposal from Fort Carson to use public land for high-altitude helicopter training.”

**IDAHO RANCHER SEEN AS ANTI-CLIVEN BUNDY.** The [National Journal](#) (10/6, Subscription Publication, 626K) reports on “Merrill Beyeler, a 69-year-old Lemhi Valley cattle rancher,” who “has been described as the anti-Cliven Bundy: Instead of trying to start a range war with the federal government, he’s sought to solve

conflicts by cooperating with officials, and closely.” The article notes that “Beyeler’s work won him the Bureau of Land Management’s Rangeland Stewardship Award for 2013.” But “when told of Beyeler’s work with the BLM, Bundy didn’t think much of it, describing partnering with the feds as a form of government subsidy.”

### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**DETROIT ZOO CARES FOR TURTLES FOUND AT AIRPORT.** The AP (10/3) reports that “the Detroit Zoo is caring for more than 1,000 turtles that it says authorities believe are tied to an international smuggling ring.” According to the zoo, “some turtles were found stuffed into rubber snow boots and cereal boxes inside a Canadian man’s luggage at Detroit Metropolitan Airport last week.” The zoo says “the incident is connected to a smuggling ring that authorities say is led by another Canadian who attempted in August to cross the border with 51 turtles in his pants.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Washington Post (10/3, 4.9M), the Charlotte (NC) Observer (10/3, 572K), the Houston Chronicle (10/3, 2.47M), the Sacramento (CA) Bee (10/3, 646K), and WWJ-TV Detroit (10/3, 34K).

Also reporting on the story are the Lansing (MI) State Journal (10/3, 131K) and WXYZ-TV Detroit (10/6, 101K).

**SNOWY PLOVER REBOUNDING ON PACIFIC COAST.** The AP (10/6) reports that “a tiny shorebird that nearly went extinct is making a comeback thanks to a \$150 million habitat restoration effort.” According to the article, “officials in Washington counted a record high 67 western snowy plovers in their last count in January.” The article notes that “Oregon and Washington together, which are counted as a single recovery unit by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, had more than 250 breeding pairs this year.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Everett (WA) Herald (10/5, 127K) and the Houston Chronicle (10/6, 2.47M).

**GROUP SEEKS LISTING FOR SPOT-TAILED EARLESS LIZARD.** The AP (10/6) reports that “a petition seeking to protect a little-known lizard that makes its home in large portions of an area leading the way in the new Texas oil boom remains in limbo.” An environmental group has asked the FWS “to list the spot-tailed earless lizard as an endangered or threatened species.” Austin attorney Alan Glen, “who specializes in environmental law, says attention on the plight of the lizard has been ‘something of a sleeping issue.’” The article notes that “much of the public’s attention to potential endangered species in Texas has zeroed in on a bird — the lesser prairie chicken.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Houston Chronicle (10/5).

**FWS IDENTIFIES 23 MARIANAS SPECIES IN DANGER.** The Pacific (GUM) Daily News (10/5, 61K) reports that the FWS has “identified 23 species of plants and animals in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that are in danger of becoming extinct in the foreseeable future.” The agency “recently released a proposed list of species to be listed as either endangered or threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act.” The FWS is “accepting public comment until Dec. 1 to allow residents to review and comment on the proposal and provide additional information.” Kristi Young, the Service’s acting field supervisor for the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office, said, “We encourage the people of Guam and the CNMI to actively participate in the public comment process to help us determine if protection is warranted for these rare species.”

**NEW MEXICANS BLAST WOLF DEAL.** The Cibola (NM) Beacon (10/6, 10K) reports that “many New Mexicans were outraged to learn that the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Arizona Game & Fish Department (AGFD) have entered into a deal to accept an unpublished plan for Mexican wolf management in Arizona and New Mexico, according to Jose Varela Lopez, New Mexico Cattle Growers’ Association President, La Cieneguilla.” The article notes that “a dozen sportsmen and livestock organizations in New Mexico put FWS Director Dan Ashe on notice that the actions of the federal and state agency are pre-decisional and recommended withdrawal of the entire process with a letter on Sept 25.”

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS CRITICIZE ENERGY GROUP’S ESA REPORT.** The Washington Examiner (10/6, 346K) reports that “an environmental activist nonprofit blasted earlier this week for alleged abuses of Endangered Species Act litigation claimed Friday that the energy industry group’s critical report is ‘riddled with errors and false claims.’” The study “researched and released by the Western Energy Alliance and criticizing

the Center for Biological Diversity and the WildEarth Guardians was made public Monday.” Noah Greenwald, CBD’s endangered species director, said the WEA report “is either exceptionally sloppy or utterly cynical. Either way it’s ginning up fairytales in the hopes of hiding its opposition to helping wildlife that are being pushed to the brink of extinction.”

**SCIENTISTS HOPE TO SAVE DEVILS HOLE PUPFISH.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (10/4, Sahagun, 4M) reports that scientists at the Ash Meadows Fish Conservation Facility are “trying to establish a captive colony of the fish in a tank built as a replica of the nearby natural rock tub known as Devils Hole, where the species has existed since the Ice Age.” However, “over the last year, only five newborns have been detected in the tank, which is home to all 29 of the adult Devils Hole pupfish now in captivity.” Yet, “the newborns represent a biological milestone: They are the first hatched from eggs produced by fish that were born and raised in captivity.” The article notes that “federal biologists are experimenting with new care and feeding techniques they hope will boost reproduction rates in the \$4.5-million tank.”

**OHIO RIVER ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SEEKS TO HELP OHIO RIVER MUSSELS RECOVER.** The [AP](#) (10/6, Steelhammer) reports that “to acquaint the public with the wide array of wildlife that lives beneath the surface of the Ohio,” the Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge has “hosted several ‘Under the Waves’ programs at its visitor center near Williamstown.” The article notes that “on Sept. 23, a group of about 35 attended the most recent session, sponsored by the Friends of the Ohio River Islands Wildlife Refuge.” There, they learned about the refuge’s mission to help Ohio River mussels recover.

**CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTE RECEIVES \$274,157 IN GRANTS.** The [Midland \(MI\) Daily News](#) (10/6, 27K) reports that “scientists from Central Michigan University’s Institute for Great Lakes Research recently received \$274,157 in combined grant monies from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin Sea Grant.” The funds will “be used to enhance current research of a basin-wide Great Lakes coastal wetlands monitoring program, the first study of its kind.” The article notes that “as part of a 5-year, \$10 million EPA grant, IGLR researchers are taking the lead and using collected data to develop a mathematical decision-making tool to monitor and assess the health of Great Lakes coastal wetlands.”

**EGYPTIAN MUMMY RELEASED FROM CUSTOMS AT MIAMI AIRPORT.** The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (10/3, 646K) reports that “the 3,000-year-old Egyptian mummy stuck at US Customs has moved on – to West Palm Beach.” On Wednesday, “the mummified girl, whom scientists believe was between 4 and 8, was put in a warehouse by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.” According to officials, “it wasn’t the mummy tying up things, but pieces of ivory that were boxed up with it on the flight to Miami.” Tom MacKenzie, a spokesman for the FWS, said “stricter rules were placed on imported ivory earlier this year to protect endangered elephants.”

**STUDY: HELPING SAGE GROUSE ALSO AIDS MULE DEER.** The [AP](#) (10/3) reports that “efforts to protect sage grouse in northwest Wyoming also benefit mule deer that migrate through areas of sagebrush along the Upper Green River, according to new research.” Biologist Holly Copeland “wrote in a September entry in the academic journal *Ecosphere* that the unintended benefits of sage grouse protections are an ‘important step toward the conservation of migratory mule deer.’”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF OREGON OFFICIAL’S MOVE TO FWS.** Additional coverage of Roy Elicker’s move from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to the FWS was provided by [The Oregonian](#) (10/6, 690K).

**PROPOSAL OF “CREDIT SYSTEM” TOUTED AS BETTER METHOD FOR SPECIES CONSERVATION.** For the “Congress Blog” of [The Hill](#) (10/6, Norton, Baier, 241K), Gale Norton, who was secretary of the Interior under president George W. Bush, and Lowell Baier, president emeritus of the Boone and Crockett Club, write that “a credit system” offers “hope for a better, more cooperative approach to species conservation – a welcome change.” They note that “it is critical that the FWS work with state and local governments to be sure the policy change will be well-designed and that revisions continue to be made to help species and promote a vibrant economy.” The authors conclude that “the proposal may be a first step toward a better way of protecting species – and Americans’ livelihoods.”

**TEXAS COMPTROLLER WELCOMES COURT’S DECISION IN DUNES SAGEBRUSH LIZARD CASE.** In an op-ed for the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/2, Combs, 2.47M), Susan Combs, the state comptroller in Texas, writes that “Texans scored a significant victory this week when the US District Court in Washington D.C. soundly rejected claims by plaintiffs asserting that the dunes sagebrush lizard should have been listed as an endangered species over two years ago.” According to Combs, “what was clear in the judge’s opinion was that

sound science, protecting the economy and species and protecting landowner confidentiality are mutually compatible.” She claims that the Texas Conservation Plan for the dunes sagebrush lizard “just goes to show that a wide range of stakeholders can work together to establish and implement a science-based plan that keeps the economy moving, while also providing conservation benefits to the lizard.”

**STAMP CAN HELP CONSERVATION EFFORTS.** For the Charleston (WV) Gazette (10/5, 44K), Scott Shalaway writes that the Save Vanishing Species stamp is “an easy and inexpensive way that everyone can help prevent future extinctions of wildlife by simply mailing a letter.”

### ***US Geological Survey:***

**EROS PLAYS ROLE IN STUDY OF CLIMATE CHANGE.** KELO-TV Sioux Falls, SD (9/27, 8K) reports that President Barack Obama “addressed the United Nations on climate change and the United States’ pledge to do what it can to combat it.” The article notes that “part of that commitment includes the release of detailed elevation maps for most of the African continent taken from a NASA space shuttle, which until now was classified information.” The maps are “being stored and distributed from the EROS Data Center right here in South Dakota.”

**BIOLOGISTS COLLECT TURTLE CARCASSES NEAR LOS ANGELES COUNTY LAKE.** The Los Angeles Times (10/4, Sahagun, 4M) reports that “biologists strode along the cracked, dry mud surrounding this evaporating north Los Angeles County lake last week, pausing periodically to pick up an emaciated turtle and wash alkaline dust off its head and carapace.” According to the article, “after three years of drought, this natural 2-mile-long lake, about 15 miles west of Lancaster, has become a smelly, alkaline death trap for one of the largest populations of state-protected Western pond turtles in Southern California.” USGS biologist Jeff Lovich said that “many of the lake’s estimated 300 turtles — shy, aquatic reptiles that are 4 to 8 inches long and live to be 60 years old — are gathering along the receding shoreline with nothing to eat, no place to take refuge and ‘looking like they’ve been dipped in wet cement.’”

## **Securing America’s Energy Future:**

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**RESIDENTS PROTEST DRILLING PLANS IN WYOMING TOWN.** The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (10/5, 538K) reports on the concerns raised by Orvie Stoneking regarding drilling in Rolling Hills, a community in Wyoming. The Stonekings “sent a petition to the BLM protesting the sale,” and “it was signed by people living in 72 of the 90 residences in Rolling Hills.” They wrote that “drilling beneath their homes might pollute their water wells.” But “the BLM refused to accept the Stonekings’ petition” because “only individual letters of protest are accepted.”

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**PETITIONERS OPPOSE OFF-SHORE DRILLING.** WSAV-TV Savannah, GA (10/6, 19K) reports that “after speaking-out against off-shore oil exploration in the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), some residents of the Beaufort area are petitioning against it.” According to the article, “a petition on change.org is gaining momentum, with nearly 400 signatures.”

**OFFICIAL OFFERS ANALYSIS OF SHELL’S DRILLING PLAN.** In an op-ed for the Arctic (AK) Sounder (10/6, 6K), Rex Allen Rock Sr., is president of Arctic Iñupiat Offshore, LLC, writes that “there could be other contingencies, but the plans developed by Shell and tested by the agencies are world class.” He claims that “the response plan with its associated vessels is the most robust that has ever been deployed.” According to Rock, “by having the two drilling rigs on site, drilling simultaneously, they can save time by not having to transit a relief rig between Dutch Harbor and the drill site.”

The piece also appears at the Dutch Harbor (AK) Fisherman (10/6, 2K) and the Bristol Bay (AK) Times (10/6, 4K).

## **Tackling America’s Water Challenges:**

**INVASIVE QUAGGA MUSSELS FOUND IN ANGOSTURA RESERVOIR.** The AP (10/3, Burbach) reports that

“the larva of an invasive mussel species closely related the zebra mussel has been found for the first time in South Dakota, in a reservoir in the Black Hills, state officials said Friday.” According to the article, “the quagga mussel, a small invasive mollusk, was identified in the Angostura Reservoir in the southern Black Hills in September by the US Bureau of Reclamation, which manages the reservoir with the state.” The state Department of Game, Fish and Parks is “working with the federal government to try and obtain a second positive sample of the mussels, which it’ll need before it lists the reservoir as positive for the invasive species that have become problematic in other states.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/3, Burbach, 2.47M).

Also reporting on the story is the [Rapid City \(SD\) Journal](#) (10/6, 150K).

**OFFICIALS TRY GIANT WATER COOLERS TO SAVE FISH IN CALIFORNIA.** The [AP](#) (10/3, Knickmeyer) reports that “state and federal wildlife officials are resorting to installing giant water chillers in some of California’s fish hatcheries, as drought, over-allocation of water and climate change all combine this year to make temperatures too warm for some baby salmon and other fish to survive.” FWS workers “installed the coolers at the Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery at the foot of northern California’s Shasta Dam this summer when water temperatures hit the mid-60s – too tepid for the half-million winter-run baby salmon growing there, said Scott Hamelberg, a federal hatchery manager.” And “at the American River hatchery east of Sacramento, the US Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife also are installing giant coolers to bring down water temperatures for the hatchery’s young salmon and trout, hatchery manager Gary Novak said.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Erie \(PA\) Times-News](#) (10/5, 167K).

Also reporting on the story is the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (10/4, 337K).

**REP. HUFFMAN URGES LEGAL OPINION ON TRINITY RELEASES.** The [Eureka \(CA\) Times Standard](#) (10/6, 55K) reports that “a day after a federal judge ruled on reservoir releases for Klamath River salmon, North Coast Congressman Jared Huffman demanded immediate clarification of Humboldt County’s water rights from federal officials.” He “wrote Thursday to acting Bureau Commissioner Lowell Pimley, requesting a prompt legal response.” Huffman wrote, “It is imperative that Reclamation release the Interior Solicitor’s opinion regarding Humboldt County’s contract for 50,000 acre feet of water annually from Trinity Reservoir, which dates to the same 1955 Act authorizing the Trinity River division.”

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**INTERIOR AWARDS MORE THAN \$2.2 MILLION TO FIVE MONTANA TRIBES.** The [AP](#) (10/6) reports that “the US Department of the Interior has awarded more than \$2.2 million in grants to five Montana tribes to help them develop energy and mineral resources.” The article notes that “the grants were awarded as part of a broader program distributing a total of \$9.4 million to 46 tribal projects nationwide.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Franklin \(IN\) Daily Journal](#) (10/6, 51K), the [Washington Times](#) (10/6, 373K), and [KECI-TV](#) Missoula, MT (10/6, 4K).

Also reporting on the story is the [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (10/5, 77K).

**Additional Coverage: Interior Awards More Than \$2.8 Million In Grants To New Mexico Tribes.** Additional coverage that “the Interior Department has awarded more than \$2.8 million to 13 tribal energy and mineral development projects in New Mexico” was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Business First](#) (10/6) and the [AP](#) (10/3). Coverage by the AP was also picked up by [KOB-TV](#) Albuquerque, NM (10/6, 59K).

**Additional Coverage: North Dakota Indian Reservation Receives \$90,000 In Federal Funds For Wind Energy.** Additional coverage that “a wind turbine project on North Dakota’s Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indian Reservation is getting \$90,000 in federal funds” was provided by the [AP](#) (10/3) and the [Bismarck \(ND\) Tribune](#) (10/4, 3K).

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY WASHBURN ATTENDS UN INDIGENOUS CONFERENCE.** The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (9/25, 78K) reports that Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, “met with Ray Halbritter, Oneida Indian Nation Representative and CEO, and ICTMN editorial staff in New York City on

Monday to discuss land and water rights as well as the convoluted process by which tribes receive federal recognition.” Washburn was also “invited to the UN World Indigenous Conference in New York during the UN General Assembly where President Barack Obama and world leaders also convened.” Washburn said “he endeavors to build and maintain a constructive relationship with Native American sovereign nations and, he hopes to ‘restore the trust’ with all tribal nations.”

**CROW JUDGE HOLDS OFFICIALS IN CONTEMPT OVER WATER.** The AP (10/3) reports that “a Crow tribal judge has found officials with the town of Lodge Grass in contempt of a court order that said the town couldn’t shut off water to residents of a subdivision on the Crow Indian Reservation, despite nonpayment of bills.” According to the article, “the town had been negotiating with the Crow Housing Authority for more than a year in an effort to collect about \$70,000 in delinquent water bills,” and “town employees began shutting off water at the residences furthest behind on their bills in early September.” BIA officers “ordered them off the reservation and the tribal court backed them up.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the Houston Chronicle (10/3, 2.47M) and the Great Falls (MT) Tribune (10/3, 77K).

**PAPER OPPOSES CHANGES TO FEDERAL RECOGNITION PROCESS.** In an editorial, the Hartford (CT) Courant (10/3, 554K) opposes changes in the federal recognition process. It claims that “for 35 years, the existing federal recognition process has worked,” and “under the current system, hundreds of American Indian tribes have been recognized.” The paper argues that “there’s no need to weaken the rules for recognition.”

## Top National News:

**OFFICIALS DOWNPLAY FEARS ABOUT EBOLA OUTBREAK IN US.** Because CBS’s evening news broadcast was preempted by football, ABC and NBC were the only evening newscasts to air on Sunday. Both networks led with coverage of the Ebola case in Texas, including efforts to monitor anyone who may have come in contact with the patient, Thomas Eric Duncan. The two networks spent 11 minutes and 20 seconds on the story. Meanwhile, print coverage this morning focuses primarily on appearances by health officials on the Sunday talk shows, where they sought to downplay fears of an outbreak of the disease in the US.

The Wall Street Journal (10/6, Portlock, Zibel, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that health officials continued to downplay the chances if a widespread Ebola outbreak in the US and again rejected calls for a travel ban on countries impacted by the disease. The Christian Science Monitor (10/5, Knickerbocker, 426K) noted that amid mounting public concern about the disease health officials “have one basic message meant to address public fears.” The AP (10/6, Cass) reports that although there were “some initial missteps in Dallas, tried-and-true methods are underway: tracking everyone who came into contact with the infected man and isolating anyone who shows symptoms.”

CDC Director Tom Frieden said on CNN’s State Of The Union with Candy Crowley (10/5, 420K), “Contact tracing is the core public health activity that is stopping Ebola in its tracks in Dallas. It’s a hard job. It’s an intense job. We’ve got about 50 people, including about 10 who definitely had contact [with diagnosed Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan ] and about 40 who might have had contact [with the Duncan], and every one of them will be monitored every day to see if they have fever. If they do, they will be promptly isolated. That’s how you stop Ebola in its tracks. That’s why we’re confident we won’t see a large number of cases from this.” Frieden also said on CNN’s State Of The Union with Candy Crowley (10/5, 420K), “We remain deeply concerned about what is happening in Africa. ... Our top priority is to work 24/7 to protect Americans from this treats. We can only do that by making sure we get it under control in Africa.” The Washington Times (10/6, Klimas, 373K) reports the Frieden told CNN that the CDC “is working to address how the hospital in Dallas missed the diagnosis as well as how they fumbled disposing of infected medical waste.”

Politico (10/5, Levine, 977K) reported that since Duncan’s diagnosis, the CDC “is getting 800 calls a day from health care facilities and other sources with concerns that a sick individual might have Ebola symptoms, up from 50 calls daily before” Duncan was diagnosed. All of the calls “have been false alarms.” Frieden told a news briefing Sunday that “the high-alert attention — ‘making sure Ebola remains top of mind’ — is exactly what public health officials need to help contain spread of the virus here.”

NIAID Director Anthony Fauci said on Fox News Sunday (10/5, Wallace), “The crux of preventing an outbreak in Dallas or any place else is to do exactly what the CDC and Dallas are doing – monitoring patients twice a day. If they get febrile, you isolate them.” The Hill (10/5, Needham, 241K) reported that Fauci told Fox News



Sunday (10/5, Wallace), that while he “wouldn’t be surprised if someone who came into close contact with a Dallas Ebola patient comes down with the disease,” he “stressed the U.S. ‘won’t have an outbreak.’” Fauci said, “Because of our healthcare system and our ability to do the contact tracing and isolation we won’t have an outbreak. ... West Africa is not the United States. Unfortunately, those people there, because of the weaknesses of their health system, are having an outbreak. That won’t happen.”

The Los Angeles Times (10/6, Puzanghera, 4M) highlights Fauci’s claim that one of the people who had close contact with Duncan could contract the disease, and notes that as Fauci spoke, “authorities announced that a homeless person who may have had contact with [Duncan] has gone missing – prompting an unusual medical manhunt.” The unidentified person “was considered at low risk for contracting the virus after officials took his temperature Saturday, officials said.” r. David Lakey, commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services said that the missing homeless person “was told to stay where he was, but ‘he left.’”

**Pfeiffer Says US Government Is Prepared To Deal With Ebola.** Politico (10/5, Herb, 977K) reported in its “Politico Live” blog that White House Senior Adviser Dan Pfeiffer said Sunday that the US government is prepared to deal with Ebola, telling NBC’s Meet the Press (10/5, Todd, 3.08M), “We’re very confident of the procedures we have in place.” Politico noted that Pfeiffer “did not indicate whether the Obama administration was considering more aggressive measures to prevent any additional cases of Ebola in the U.S.” following Duncan’s diagnosis.

The Daily Caller (10/5, Weaver, 475K) reports that on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Joe Scarborough “slammed the White House Sunday,” saying that “no one believes them regarding the recent Ebola scare after a man in Dallas was diagnosed with the virus.” Scarborough said, “Right now a lot of Americans are seeing what happened in Dallas and looking at the laundry list, with what happened Secret Service, with the IRS, with the VA, with ISIS being A JV team. ... So when any member of the government says relax, everything’s gonna be okay, Americans don’t believe that.”

**Besser Stresses Importance Of Stopping Ebola In Africa.** Dr. Richard Besser, who just returned from Liberia, was asked on ABC World News (10/5, story 2, 2:05, Vega, 5.84M) if Ebola can be stopped at the US border. Besser said, “The amount of screening is incredible. ... People who are sick are not getting on the plane. If I were taking Tylenol or something to reduce my fever, that wouldn’t show up. And it would be another slip in the system. That is why it’s so incredibly important we knock the disease out in West Africa so that we are safer here.”

**Duncan’s Condition Downgraded To “Serious.”** Ryan Owens reported in the lead story for ABC World News (10/5, lead story, 3:15, Vega, 5.84M) that Duncan’s condition “is worse than ever.” Duncan “is struggling to survive tonight. His family says he is unconscious, on a ventilator and on dialysis after his kidneys failed.” Mark Potter reported in the lead story for NBC Nightly News (10/5, lead story, 3:15, Holt, 7.86M) that Duncan’s condition is “a far cry from last week when he could talk to relatives by phone from the isolation unit.” Frieden: “We understand his situation has taken a turn for the worse. We know that Ebola is a very serious disease and we’re hoping for his recovery.” The Washington Post (10/6, Sullivan, 4.9M) reports that Frieden said Duncan is “fighting for his life.” Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, where Duncan is being treated, said that his “condition worsened from serious to critical Saturday afternoon.” The New York Times (10/6, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that Frieden described Duncan’s condition as “quite critical,” and said that “medical personnel were striving to support Mr. Duncan’s fluid and electrolyte levels, both crucial to recovery in a disease that causes bleeding, vomiting and diarrhea.”

**CDC Has Identified Nine-High Risk Patients Who Had Contact With Duncan.** Ryan Owens reported in the lead story for ABC World News (10/5, lead story, 3:15, Vega, 5.84M) that the CDC “has identified nine high risk patients in Dallas, people who came in direct contact with Duncan. About 40 others are also being watched, considered low risk.” Mark Potter reported in the lead story for NBC Nightly News (10/5, lead story, 3:15, Holt, 7.86M) that health officials “are regularly testing 38 people who may have had contact Duncan.”

**Dallas Prosecutor Considering Whether To Bring Charges Against Duncan.** In a lengthy story that traces Duncan’s journey to the US from Liberia, the New York Times (10/6, Sack, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) notes that according to a Liberian official, when he was leaving the country, Duncan lied on a form which asked “whether he had been exposed to anyone with Ebola in the past 21 days,” adding that Texas prosecutors say they are “considering whether to bring charges against Mr. Duncan.” Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins said Sunday, “We are actively having discussions as to whether or not we need to look into this as it relates to a criminal matter. ... We’re working with all the different agencies to get to the bottom of it.” AFP (10/6, Cooper) reports that the story of how Duncan contracted the disease “has exposed the multiple failings

in his home country of Liberia, where poverty, an overloaded healthcare system and an unresponsive government have deepened the crisis.”

**Infected NBC Cameraman To Arrive in US Monday.** Ryan Owens reported in the lead story for ABC World News (10/5, lead story, 3:15, Vega, 5.84M) that the fourth American infected with Ebola “will soon be on his way home.” A freelance cameraman for NBC News “is expected to arrive in Nebraska tomorrow morning.” Kate Snow reported on NBC Nightly News (10/5, story 2, 2:45, Holt, 7.86M) reported that the cameraman, Ashoka Mukpo, “is doing pretty well. He is walking and eating and drinking on his own, all good signs and the team at the bio containment here, about 40 in the staff, are ready to treat him.”

**Sacra Back In Hospital For Testing To Rule Out A Relapse.** Ryan Owens reported in the lead story for ABC World News (10/5, lead story, 3:15, Vega, 5.84M) that “the third American diagnosed Dr. Rick Sacra is back in the hospital to make sure he doesn’t have a relapse. Doctors are confident it’s just a respiratory infection, he’s isolated until they’re sure.”

**Frieden: It Is “Hard To Keep Up” With Ebola’s Spread In Africa.** The Hill (10/5, Joseph, 241K) reported that on the Sunday shows, Frieden “admitted that Ebola was spreading fast enough in Africa that it was ‘hard to keep up.’” Frieden told CNN’s “State of the Union” that “the U.S. and other nations were achieving a ‘more rapid, more effective response’ to the disease in West Africa, the only sure way to keep it from spreading internationally.” Frieden said, “But it’s going to take time. The virus is spreading so fast that it’s hard to keep up. ... That’s why it’s terrific the president has deployed the Department of Defense there in support of the disease control efforts. This is exactly what’s needed and it’s going to make a difference, but it’s going to take time.”

On ABC’s This Week (10/5, Stephanopoulos, 2.73M), Frieden said, “The virus [in West Africa] is moving very fast, but our response is moving very fast, as well. The Defense Department is on the ground. They’re working with 135 CDC staffers, USAID [officials], and others. The challenge is that putting up a treatment unit isn’t easy. It’s not a question about construction. It’s about training, supervision, supply chains and all of that. It’s moving, but we wish it would move faster.” Frieden said on NBC’s Meet the Press (10/5, Todd, 3.08M), “The drug pipeline is slow. ... Even without drugs or vaccines, meticulous clinical care, just restoring a patient’s fluid balance can save lives. We’re seeing some of the makeshift hospitals [in West Africa] providing that good fluid care, which is doubling survival rates there.”

On CNN’s State Of The Union with Candy Crowley (10/5, 420K), Senate Armed Services Committee member Lindsey Graham said, “It seems to be that the President is all in when it comes to Ebola. I want to compliment him for sending troops to help get ahead of this in Africa.”

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy said on CBS’ Face The Nation (10/5, Schieffer, 2.64M), House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy said, “We are working on with the Administration [on their response to Ebola]. We provided more funding in the Continuing Resolution that actually speeds up the process of developing a vaccine and we are working on how to treat it. But we cannot ignore Africa. We have money to go forward with those troops, but we want to make sure there is a plan out there that [ensures] their safety.”

**Shipment Of Medial Supplies For Sierra Leone Remains At Docks.** The New York Times (10/6, Nossiter, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that a shipping container holding “more than \$140,000 worth of medical equipment” to aid Sierra Leone’s fight against Ebola “has been sitting idly on the docks for nearly two months.” Chernoh Alpha Bah, who organized the shipment, “is an opposition politician,” and a government official said that “political tensions may have contributed to the delay, to prevent the opposition from trumpeting the donations.” Bah said that “three other containers of similar value await shipment from the United States...halted by the government’s long refusal to pay” a fee to the shipping company. The Times notes that the delay “reflects what some in the growing ranks of international officials pouring into this nation to fight Ebola describe as a chaotic, disorganized government response to the epidemic.”

**Conflicts And Ebola Hamper US Efforts To Build Economic Ties With Africa.** The Wall Street Journal (10/6, Wonacott, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that while the US-Africa Leaders’ Summit in August focused on expanding commerce between the two, shifting from relationships centered on conflict, terrorism, and disease, such a change is hampered by the current crises involving Africa, including South Sudan’s efforts to remain intact, US drone flights fighting terrorism, and the Ebola outbreak. However in contrast to the insurgencies and dictators, Africa has a young population and new middle class seeking business and democracy. Not engaging Africa’s business opportunities means leaving the market to China, which has already become the continent’s largest trade partner.

**INTERIM SECRET SERVICE DIRECTOR IS CLOSE TO THE FIRST FAMILY.** NBC Nightly News (10/5, story 5, 2:35, Holt, 7.86M) profiles Joseph Clancy, the “30-year [Secret Service] veteran” who will lead the agency starting this week. Kristen Welker. Reported that Julia Pierson “was brought in after that to clean up the agency, but...resigned this week under pressure.” According to Welker, Clancy “was the President and First Lady’s top pick” after “heading Mr. Obama’s security detail for more than two years.”

On NBC’s Meet the Press (10/5, Todd, 3.08M), White House Senior Adviser Dan Pfeiffer said: “Joe Clancy is someone who President Obama knows very well and is the right person to come in on an interim basis.” On Fox News Sunday (10/5, Wallace), Sen. Kelly Ayotte said “there is clearly a leadership problem” at the Secret Service that “goes beyond the head of the agency” and “to the culture of the agency, the command structure.”

**Cummings: “85%” Of African-Americans Believe Racism Is Behind Secret Service Lapses.** Politico (10/5, Warmbrodt, 977K) reported that on CBS’ Face The Nation (10/5, Schieffer, 2.64M), Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD) claimed that “85 percent’ of the African-Americans who have talked to him about the Secret Service have raised the idea that President Barack Obama is not being protected as well as previous presidents because of his race.” Politico notes that Cummings said he does not share those concerns.

The Washington Times (10/6, Chasmar, 373K) reported that CBS’s Bob Schieffer “suggested” to Cummings “that many members of the black community are worried the Secret Service would better protect a white president,” and Cummings replied, “Eighty-five percent of all African-Americans that come to me mention what you just said, and I don’t agree with it.”

**LEW SAYS ECONOMY IS “MOVING STRONGLY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.”** Bloomberg News (10/6, Katz, 1.94M) reports that on ABC’s “This Week,” Treasury Secretary Lew said that the economy “is moving strongly in the right direction” after months of “pretty sustained evidence” that “the jobs outlook is improving.”

**Greenspan: Slowing Productivity Is Causing Economic Problems.** On Fox News Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo (10/5), former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan weighed in on the state of the US economy, saying: “The critical issue in the intermediate and longer term for our economy is productivity. ... Our productivity rate is slowing down very dramatically. That is what it causing slow growth in wages and that’s causing a lot of the problems in the economy over the long run. What concerns me most is that unless and until we can rectify that problem, our economy’s long-term outlook is not very propitious.”

**Dionne: Democrats Not Getting Credit For Improving Economy.** In his column for the Washington Post (10/6, Dionne, 4.9M), E.J. Dionne questions why Democrats are not getting credit for the improving economy, noting that one “could not ask for much more from economic numbers than the Democrats got in Friday’s jobs report.” The President, Dionne notes, “is clearly frustrated that having inherited an economy that was at death’s door, he is getting remarkably little credit for getting it back on its feet.” Dionne argues that “the very improvement in the economy means that it is a less central concern to voters than it was when Obama took office — or in 2010,” and voters “who are still concerned about the economy tend to be focused not on its successes but on what it is failing to do for them.”

**CEO Says Obama’s Minimum Wage Hike Will Cost Jobs.** In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (10/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), Andy Puzder, chief executive officer of CKE Restaurants, criticizes the President’s call to increase the Federal minimum wage to \$10.10, arguing that while this would provide a raise for those currently earning the minimum wage, it would deny employment opportunities to other people because middle-class business owners will be forced to cut jobs and rely on technology to perform certain tasks.

**Krugman: Voodoo Economics Is Making A Comeback.** In his column for the New York Times (10/6, Krugman, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), Paul Krugman writes that so-called voodoo economics appear to be “making a comeback” at the state level as GOP governors “have been going all in on tax cuts despite troubled budgets, with confident assertions that growth will solve all problems.” While that is “not happening,” the “true believers show no sign of wavering.” Krugman argue that “facts won’t stop the voodoo comeback,” because “voodoo economics has dominated the conservative movement for so long that it has become an inward-looking cult,” and “the nature of the budget debate means that Republican leaders need to believe in the ways of magic.”

**Samuelson: Economics Is In “Disarray.”** In his column for the Washington Post (10/6, Samuelson, 4.9M), Robert Samuelson says that his “takeaway” from Martin Wolf’s “The Shifts and the Shocks,” which provides “a detailed analysis of the 2008-2009 financial crisis and its aftermath,” is that “economics is in disarray.” There is

“no consensus on how to proceed.” Samuelson notes that while we once “believed we had a basic control over our economic environment; now we acknowledge a loss of control.”

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. “Yes To Marijuana Ballot Measures.”** The New York Times (10/6, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), in an editorial urges voters in Alaska, Oregon, and Washington, DC to approve measures on their ballots this fall that would legalize recreational use of marijuana saying that it is “far less dangerous than alcohol.”

**“India And America, Beginning Again.”** In an editorial, the New York Times (10/6, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says that the President and Indian Prime Minister Modi “have done the minimum needed to infuse new energy into a bilateral relationship that had run aground,” and are “going to have to work harder, so relations don’t atrophy or become more strained.” The Times notes that in their meeting last week, the two leaders “failed to break an impasse on two major irritants: trade and taxes.” In addition, “there was no sign of progress” on a number of “strategic concerns,” and there remain “serious questions about whether Mr. Modi...will defend the rights of all Indians.”

**“The First To Fear Gunplay.”** The New York Times (10/6, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) in an editorial praises California’s new law that allows family members to seek a court order “to seize the firearms of a family member they fear is on the verge of harming himself or others.” The Times says the law may not only help “prevent mass shootings,” but may also help prevent suicide. The paper concludes that while the law “is not a total cure” yet it does offer “some progress against the gun scourge.”

**“Bad Credit? Big Problem.”** In an editorial, the New York Times (10/6, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) argues in favor of a NYC city council measure banning “employment discrimination based on someone’s credit history.” The Times says that the bill has “wide support,” but its author “fears it may be weakened by the addition of exceptions and loopholes for certain industries or occupations, as has been done in some states.” The Times says that a clean bill is necessary to undue the “damage” for “millions who are hobbled by bad credit.”

**WASHINGTON POST. “Paying For Our Wars.”** The Washington Post (10/6, 4.9M), in an editorial, says it is an “undeniable reality...that the 2011 budget plan was a ‘serious strategic misstep’ that has hamstrung the Pentagon’s ability to respond to the multiple international crises of this year,” and, according to the Post, “the problem will surely worsen as the war against” ISIL, “which [president] Obama and military leaders have said is likely to last for years...deepens.” The Post says “the price could soar past \$20 billion” a year “if the fighting intensifies and a larger ground contingent is needed.” The Post goes on to urge Congress to “follow the recommendation of the National Defense Panel and restore the defense budget to the levels [former Defense Secretary] Gates recommended in 2011.”

**“Inflexible.”** An editorial in the Washington Post (10/6, 4.9M) criticizes Russia’s decision to suspend its “participation in a highly respected, 21-year-old student exchange program that brings Russian teenagers to the United States for a year of study.” The Post calls the move “another chapter in the state-led campaign to close the Russian mind,” and argue that it “will be Russia’s people who suffer.”

**“For D.C. Attorney General.”** In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/6, 4.9M) endorses Karl Racine in the District’s first election for attorney general. Racine’s “25 years of experience as a lawyer is noteworthy for its depth and range,” and he “knows the city and the operations of its government.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. “Regulatory Capture 101.”** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the journalistic response to the leaked audio recordings that allegedly show that NY Fed regulators went east on Goldman Sachs is a sign of the naivete. The Journal says that big firms generally get softer handling from regulators are ultimately co-opted by those that they regulate, as suggested by George Stigler 43 years ago. The Journal says that the solution is have simple, straightforward regulations that can’t be gamed.

**“Brazil Gets A Choice.”** An editorial in the Wall Street Journal (10/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that in Brazil’s Oct. 26 run off election, centrist candidate Acéio Neves has a chance against President Dilma Rousseff if he can convince voters that Rousseff’s policies are the cause of Brazil’s problems and he offers a better program.

**“The Nine Years Of DeLay.”** The Wall Street Journal (10/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) in an editorial on former Rep. Tom DeLay says that his prosecution for violation of campaign finance laws had been a political effort, and notes that last week the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in an 8-1 decision overturned his conviction, finding that the prosecution did not demonstrate that he violated the law. The Journal regrets that DeLay had to wait nine years for his vindication and that the prosecutors will not be punished.

**“Choosing Time In Hong Kong.”** A Wall Street Journal (10/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) editorial says that Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying Chinese supreme leader Xi Jinping can rebuild public support and avoid violence by reopening consultations on Hong Kong’s political system and compromising on plans to elect its next Chief Executive. A violent crackdown and mass arrests, the Journal argues, will alter world opinion about whether a peaceful, modern China is possible.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

H-P Plans To Break In Two  
Islamic State Proves Resilient  
Nuts-and-Bolts Companies Power Japan’s Profit Revival  
Southern Democrat Walk Tightrope With Black Voter

#### ***New York Times:***

A Smuggled Girl’s Odyssey Of False Promises And Fear  
An Obama Ally Parts With Him On War Powers  
To Reach China, LinkedIn Plays By Local Rules  
Chobani And Dov Seidman Wrestle Over Use Of ‘How’ Trademark  
Ebola Help For Sierra Leone Is Nearby, But Delayed On The Docks  
Ebola Victim’s Journey From Liberian War To Fight For Life In US

#### ***Washington Post:***

Matt Williams’ Hook Of Jordan Zimmermann May Haunt The Nationals For A Long Time  
Changes In AP History Trigger A Culture Clash In Colorado  
Liberian Man Diagnosed With Ebola Fights For His Life In Texas Hospital  
Atlantic City’s Unlikely Mayor Bets That Dying Casinos Won’t Doom His Town  
In Northern Virginia Congressional Race, Independent Women Hold The Keys To Victory

#### ***Financial Times:***

Gross Sparks Rate Position Exodus  
HK Protesters Brace For Police Action  
Foreign Banks In Russia Turn To Rouble Bonds  
Refinancing Urged For 1917 War Bonds  
Take The Fight To Activists, Says Moelis  
Mercuria Considers Henry Bath Stake Sale  
Banks To Report Strong Fixed Income Trade

#### ***Washington Times:***

English Not Language In Fifth Of U.S. Households  
US Bombs Have Stalled, Not Stopped Islamic State  
Up Against The Wall  
Hong Kong Chief Seeks Peaceful End To Protests; Activists Splinter  
Pennsylvanians On Path To Buck Trend, Oust Governor

#### ***Story Lineup From Last Night’s Network News:***

ABC: Ebola-US Patient; Ebola-Safety; ISIS-US Airstrikes; Hong Kong Protests; Severe Weather; Enterovirus-US Spread.

CBS: Preempted by sports.

NBC: Ebola-US Patient; Ebola-US Patient Traveling; ISIS-Turkish Border; Japan-Typhoon; Interim Secret Service Director; Ferguson-Demonstrations; Obama-Veteran Tribute; Car Loan Default-Remote Disable.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

Ebola-US Case –11 minutes, 20 seconds

ISIS-US Airstrikes – 4 minutes, 55 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**ABC: ISIS-US Helicopter Strikes; ISIS-Hostages; Missing UVA Student-Search; Ebola-US Patient Treatment.  
NPR: Ebola-US Patient; Fire-Flight 93 Memorial; Hong Kong-Protests; Japan-Typhoon; Biden-ISIS Remarks;  
Mexico-15 Bodies Found; Louisiana-Train Crash; Box Office.

FOX: Ebola-Travel Ban Discussion; Ebola-US Patient; Enterovirus 68-First Fatality; Michael Phelps-Alcohol Treatment.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

White House:

PRESIDENT OBAMA — Meets with the lead financial regulators at the White House for a discussion on the economy and to receive an update on implementation of Wall Street Reform; meets with members of his national security team and senior staff to receive an update on the Ebola outbreak in West Africa and the Administration's response efforts.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — Travels to Los Angeles for an event on the economy and to attend political events.

US Senate: The Senate is not scheduled to reconvene again until Oct. 15 for a pro forma session.

US House: The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Other: Oct. 6 – 9. HOMELAND SECURITY WEEK — A three-day exhibition featuring over 65 exhibitors, presented by the International Quality and Productivity Center. <http://www.homelandsecurityexpo.com/DynamicHtml.aspx?pageid=187351&eventid8487> 5:45 p.m. Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) Office of Support Anti-terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies (SAFETY) Act Implementation Director Bruce Davidson will deliver remarks entitled "The SAFETY Act – Achieving Your Target State of Readiness." Location: Walter Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW.

FSOC – LEW, YELLEN, OTHERS — Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew will preside over an open session of the Financial Stability Oversight Council. Participants: Jacob J. Lew, Secretary, Department of the Treasury (Chairperson of the Council); Janet L. Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Thomas Curry, Comptroller of the Currency; Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Mary Jo White, Chair, SEC; Martin J. Gruenberg, Chairman, FDIC; Timothy G. Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Melvin L. Watt, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency; Debbie Matz, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; S. Roy Woodall, Jr., Independent Member with Insurance Expertise; Richard Berner, Director, Office of Financial Research (non-voting member); Michael T. McRaith, Director, Federal Insurance Office (non-voting member); Adam Hamm, Commissioner, North Dakota Insurance Department (non-voting member); John Ducrest, Commissioner, Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions (non-voting member); David Massey, Deputy Securities Administrator, North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State, Securities Division (non-voting member). Open press. Live webcast at: [www.treasury.gov/press-center/Video-Audio-Webcasts/Pages/Webcasts.aspx](http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/Video-Audio-Webcasts/Pages/Webcasts.aspx). Media without Treasury press credentials must email Ronda Buckmon at [Ronda.Buckmon@treasury.gov](mailto:Ronda.Buckmon@treasury.gov) with the following information: full legal name, Social Security number, date of birth, and country of citizenship. RSVP DEADLINE: Friday, October 3, at 12:00 PM. Location: U.S. Department of the Treasury, Cash Room, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

**Last Laughs:****LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Of course, the other big news this week is that Secret Service Director Julia Pierson stepped down after two major security breaches at the White House. And listen to this – it turns out Pierson's first job was actually as a costume character at Disney World."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Bill Clinton will headline four events in his home state of Arkansas to rally the Democratic base. When asked why, Clinton said, 'Cause you know, I'm all about that bass, 'bout that bass, no treble.'"

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On October 14, Secretary Jewell will travel to Twin Falls, Idaho, to tour sagebrush steppe ecosystem conservation efforts, meet with local ranchers, private landowners, employees, and other stakeholders. The visit comes on the heels of a similar visit to Lakeview, Oregon, last week and a visit to Craig, Colorado, earlier this year. A [recent report](#) found that visitors to BLM sagebrush lands in the 11 western states spent approximately \$623 million within 50 miles of the recreation sites in 2013, which yielded an economic output of over \$1 billion. Reporters will join the tour, including Rocky Barker from the Idaho Statesman.

On October 15, Secretary Jewell will travel to Pinedale, Wyoming with Governor Mead and FWS Director Dan Ashe to tour sagebrush conservation efforts on a local ranch and attend a signing ceremony for nine Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances with local ranchers to protect Greater sage-grouse habitat. While there, the Secretary will also meet with local oil and gas stakeholders. We expect the AP and local WY reporters to cover the tour and signing ceremony.

On October 16, Secretary Jewell will attend the National Wilderness Conference, to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from October 15-19. This year's conference celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Wilderness Act. Senior staff from USDA Forest Service and DOI Bureaus will be in attendance and speaking. During her remarks, Jewell will discuss the economic impacts of conservation, including that the value provided by the 407 million annual visits to Interior sites, which was estimated to be \$25 billion, while economic output was estimated to be \$41 billion and approximately 355,000 jobs were supported. The remarks are open press.

Next week, DOI staff will hold one on one meetings with states on Greater sage grouse conservation efforts. The meetings are closed press.

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**October 6-10, 2014**

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
October 8 – October 18, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

*Legislative Testimony:*

None.

*Meetings:*

None.

*Travel:*

October 8, Jon will be in Baltimore for a meeting focusing on the Susquehanna River Watershed and its future.

October 10, Jon will meet with Coca-Cola executives in Atlanta to discuss the NPS Centennial.

October 11, Jon will participate in the World Heritage site dedication at Poverty Point in Louisiana.

October 14, Jon will speak on the NPS Centennial at the National Recreation and Park Association meeting in Charlotte, NC.

October 17, Jon will speak on the NPS's role in wilderness at the Wilderness Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

October 18, Jon will speak at Chicago Ideas Week on the importance of place.

**Public Announcements**

October 8

On October 8, Jon will attend a joint meeting with USFWS Director Ashe, nonprofit partners, and philanthropic foundations in Baltimore to explore the funding potential for *Envision the Susquehanna*. The goal of this meeting is to engage foundations in the initiative's large landscape, community-based conservation work in the Susquehanna River watershed and along the Captain John Smith Chesapeake Historic Trail (John Smith NHT). *Envision the Susquehanna* will provide a focused, community-based conservation effort that leverages the best available technology to protect the natural, cultural and recreational resources along the river and in the watershed. In order to realize this large landscape effort and ensure the long-term sustainability of the Susquehanna and the John Smith NHT, we will need to create a more robust and collaborative vision and funding strategy.

On October 7 and 8, Colorado National Monument (CO) will hold public meetings to discuss safety issues along the park's East Hill Road public right-of-way over vehicle size, cargo, speed and other concerns. The listening sessions arise from local criticism over the park's decision in June (superintendent's compendium revision), since rescinded, to restrict hazardous cargo vehicles (propane delivery trucks, primarily) in winter over a portion of the road. The road is the main travel route between greater Grand Junction and Glade Park, a growing rural community southwest of the monument. An alternate, unpaved route is 2 miles longer.

On October 7-9, Devils Tower National Monument (WY) staff will hold a consultation meeting with 24 affiliated tribes. The primary topic will be the desire of Lakota tribe members to have the name of the monument changed. Tribal members hold strong feelings that the name is disrespectful and offensive to the core values that the area holds within their culture. They want the name to reflect a more positive image of the monument. The monument's name has long been an item of contention with the Tribes and is consistently brought up as offensive during consultation meetings, technical meetings; in media interviews and social media.

October 4-19, The Wilderness Inquiry Canoemobile will be delivering programming along the Lower Delaware River and its tributaries. Canoemobile is a fleet of vans, each with six 24' Voyageur canoes, that delivers place-based education on urban rivers and waterways nationwide. As many as 2,400 minority and underserved youth in the four largest cities along the Lower Delaware River (Camden, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Chester, PA; and Wilmington, DE) will experience, enjoy, and learn about the Delaware and its tributaries. On October 7, there will be a press event on the Camden Waterfront at Wiggins Park Marina. A second Canoemobile fleet will be visiting the Harlem River and other locations in New York City from October 6th through 17th.

#### October 9

Nothing to report

#### October 10

On October 10, the EPA notice of availability for the George Washington Memorial Parkway (VA) Dyke Marsh Wetland Restoration and Long-term Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) will be published. The NPS has identified Alternative C as the preferred alternative. Under this alternative, up to 180 acres of various wetland habitats would be restored within the historic boundaries of the marsh and a breakwater would be installed on the southern edge of the historic promontory to help stabilize the marsh.

During Columbus Day weekend, October 10 – 13, Biscayne National Park (FL) will partner with other agencies to protect park resources and the safety of visitors. Traditionally many boaters gather in the park to celebrate the holiday weekend. Because a large number of the attendees become inebriated, this weekend has become the most dangerous of the year in the park. Safety inspections and boating under the influence checks will be conducted throughout the weekend and special regulations are in force, including a marked anchorage and restrictions on boats being rafted together.

#### October 11

On October 11, Jon will speak at the inscription ceremony for the Poverty Point World Heritage Site (LA). He will be joined by Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne and US Senator Landrieu. Poverty Point is the 1,001<sup>st</sup> property on the World Heritage List. It is a 3,400 year old group of mound works. The NPS administers the World Heritage Program by identifying and nominating U.S. sites to the World Heritage List.

#### October 12

On October 12, at an event in Phoenix, the National Trust for Historic Preservation will officially announce its designation of the Painted Desert Community Complex as a National Treasure – a designation of the Trust's own making designed to focus on preservation fundraising and raise awareness. The Trust and Petrified Forest National Park (AZ) will be raising the profile of the preservation effort and seeking to accomplish some rehabilitation projects through raised funds or volunteer work. The effort is expected to last 18-24 months.

#### October 13

The week of October 13, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument (CO) plans to implement a prescribed burn on approximately 180 acres along the northern boundary adjacent to Teller County Road 1. The primary goal of the project is to reduce accumulated hazardous forest fuels and to create a buffer near the monument's northern boundary to help protect adjacent neighbors and communities. If prescribed conditions are not met within the scheduled week, burning may be delayed until later in the month or until next spring. Extensive outreach and publicity regarding the proposed burn has been conducted, including local agencies and congressional staff. Public outreach meetings are scheduled for October 6, 8 and 10.

#### October 14

On October 14, the National Capital Parks-East (DC/MD) will begin a turf improvement project in Lincoln and Stanton Parks with closures lasting through June 30, 2015. The National Mall and Memorial Parks turf specialist developed a special seed mixture and germination timeline especially for the conditions at Lincoln and Stanton Parks with the goal of creating a dense lawn that will remain healthy at high temperatures and low soil moisture, while also being able to tolerate heavy use. In addition, the park has been working closely with the community and the United States Park Police to address numerous calls and complaints of illegal activity brought on by homeless visitors to Stanton Park; arrests have been made.

#### October 15

On or around October 15, sand replenishment is scheduled to begin at Riis Beach in the Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area (NY). The park, in conjunction with the National Parks of New York Harbor (NPNH), plans to do a news release with photo and possibly a video clip. Media interest will likely involve local outlets such as the Rockaway Wave and the Rockaway Times. There is a reporter from the NY Daily News whose beat is Jamaica Bay, and has covered the park on numerous occasions. The Rockaway Times editor has already raised questions as to why the NPS is not doing additional sand replenishment at Fort Tilden. The Army Corps of Engineers notes that there is a proposed media event by Rep. Gregory Meeks focusing on the sand replenishment on the Rockaway beaches managed by NYC Parks. The Corps is finishing the work on the city beaches and then moving on to Jacob Riis Park Beach. The Corps has suggested that the NPNH participate the media event. There may be substantial news interest, which could include local network affiliates, NY 1, the NY Times and NY Post.

On October 15, the NPS will participate in events celebrating National Fossil Day. The flagship event is being hosted by the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. National Fossil Day promotes awareness and stewardship of fossils, and fosters greater appreciation of their value. More than 185 partners in 48 states, including museums, federal and state agencies, fossil sites, universities, and professional organizations, are joining forces to support this nationwide celebration.

#### October 16

On October 16, the second NPS town hall meeting has been tentatively scheduled by Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton to discuss issues related to National Capital Parks – East (DC/MD).

On October 16, 21 and 27, public meetings and workshops will be conducted for the feasibility study on The September 11<sup>th</sup> National Memorial Trail (PA). The September 11th National Memorial Trail will provide a physical linkage for the three memorials commemorating the 9/11 events at the Pentagon, the Flight 93 crash site, and the World Trade Center. The northern Pennsylvania trail route from the Delaware River to the Flight 93 National Memorial and the Great Allegheny Passage will span 300 miles, connecting communities, significant sites, and local memorials along the way.

#### October 17

Nothing to report

October 18

On October 18, Big Bend National Park (TX) will host a Good Neighbor Day event inviting many local school children as part of a National Park Foundation-funded *Ticket to Ride* grant. The park is expecting 500-700 children at the event.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Everglades National Park (FL) -

- Greenwire Articles on Park Issues. In the next few weeks Greenwire will publish feature stories on the invasive exotic fish problem in the park, and on fire management and prescribed burns in the park.
- Web Film Featuring Park Firefighter. A production company recently filmed a short web video for a series called, *Unsung: A Day in the Life of Hard Work* that will feature Everglades National Park firefighter Katherine Corrigan. It will be available to the public sometime in late November.
- New York Times Article on Historic Nike Missile Site Tour. The New York Times is planning a travel story highlighting the Historic Nike Missile Site tour in the park. It is expected to run in December.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (PA, NJ) – Closure to Hunting on Park Lands within Lehman Township Pennsylvania.** On October 1, 2014, the Pennsylvania Game Commission closed all hunting and trapping seasons within seven townships in northeastern Pennsylvania, where the search continues for a fugitive wanted in the shooting death of state police trooper. This state closure applies to Lehman Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania, and affects 7,067 acres of park land within the Township. Appropriately, the park, using the discretionary authority under 36 CFR 1.5, issued a closure to hunting within the park boundaries of Lehman Township. The closure was necessitated after the Pennsylvania State Police uncovered explosive devices that were apparently left behind in (non-park) wooded areas by the fugitive. The discovery of the devices, and the danger associated with the search effort in general, were deemed as posing too great a risk to hunters, trappers and members of the general public. The park has maintained close liaison with the FBI and State Police during the course of this investigation. Presently there have been no indications that the fugitive is located anywhere near or within the park boundaries.

**Historic Tax Credits - FY14 Program Statistics.** Preliminary figures for the fiscal year that just ended show that, for the fourth year in a row, the number of applications submitted for proposed projects (Part 1 and Part 2 applications) has continued to rise over the prior year. Also, Part 2 application activity in FY14 surpassed the pre-recession highs for the program.

**Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park (HI) – Emergency Access Road for Local Residents.** Emergency environmental compliance has been approved that will allow the NPS to work with state and county officials to begin design and construction of a 5.4 mile section of primitive, one-lane road following the alignment of the old Chain of Craters Road within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The NPS, county, and state of Hawai'i have been evaluating all viable options that would allow for emergency ingress and egress for local residents impacted by the recent lava flow that is expected to sever access to the southeast corner of the Big Island of Hawai'i. The proposal for this route was approved in accordance with federal law. The Kalapana-Chain of Craters Road has been blocked by lava for 37 of its 49-year existence. To protect park resources, the proposed emergency route would follow the old lava-covered road alignment as much as practicable. The road will not be open to visitor use. Should the function of the road change after the emergency period, the NPS will

complete additional compliance, as appropriate, to evaluate impacts not already accounted for in the emergency approval. Administration and funding of the project has not yet been determined. However, the park will monitor compliance with all anticipated environmental impacts and mitigations identified in the emergency activities approval.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Consultation with Navajo Nation Regarding Access to Antelope Point.** NPS staff has been consulting with the Navajo Nation since late 2012 regarding access within the joint Antelope Point Project area for all Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) holders. Glen Canyon NRA and the Navajo Nation developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was signed by the Regional Director. The MOA will provide access to Antelope Point to all CUA holders, consistent with the Glen Canyon NRA Commercial Services Plan, terms of the concession contract, and Antelope Point project agreements in place. This MOA will provide consistency in business practices throughout Glen Canyon NRA, resulting in improved visitor services, increased opportunities for locally-owned businesses (including Navajo owned businesses), and additional employment opportunities for Navajo Nation tribal members in the area. It will also allow Navajo Nation the opportunity to better regulate and benefit from the increased business to Antelope Point. The Navajo Nation President has not yet signed due to political issues within the Tribe and concerns raised by the concessioner. The NPS is preparing a letter to the Navajo Nation President requesting his signature and implementation of this MOA.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Submittal of Notice of Availability for Off-road Vehicle Management Plan.** The Glen Canyon Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/FEIS) analyzes a range of alternatives and actions for managing off-road use of motor vehicles and on-road use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and street-legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). The Plan/FEIS assesses the environmental impacts that could result from continuing current management (the no-action alternative) or implementing any of the four action alternatives. The recommended action in the final plan would allow OHV/ATV use on 7 miles of road presently closed to OHV/ATV use. These seven miles would complete a loop on an existing roads network on NPS and BLM lands. Local and national interest in the Plan/FEIS is expected.

**Trico Plant #1, Buffalo, NY.** A decision denying the Part 2 application (description of proposed work) is expected to be issued in early October. The applicant can revise the project to address the reasons for denial or appeal the decision to the NPS. The Trico Plant is a long-vacant industrial complex in downtown Buffalo proposed to be converted into hotel and residential uses. The applicant proposes to demolish the oldest portion of the complex, which is in deteriorated condition, but the demolition of which will impact the historic character of the property. There may be inquiries from the New York delegation or media about the project.

**Cape Hatteras National Seashore (NC) –** In October, a Notice of Intent for a county prepared EIS for beach nourishment near Highway 12 is expected to be published in the Federal Registers. The Seashore has received a permit application from Dare County, NC, to conduct beach nourishment activities to mitigate erosion near Highway 12, which runs the length of the Seashore. To determine if a Special Use Permit can be issued, the County is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NPS. The application and EIS process are expected to receive local media coverage and stir controversy. There are strongly differing views about the proposed activity – some local residents are concerned that the highway will be damaged prior to completion of the EIS, and conservation groups are concerned about the precedent being set that beach nourishment may occur in a National Seashore. The North Carolina delegation has been briefed.

**Lake Clark National Park and Preserve (AK) – Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).** The Lake Clark National Park and Preserve General Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment should be signed soon. The plan updates the park's 1984 GMP, and includes direction on wilderness, coastal, and backcountry management, commercial services, and visitor opportunities. The project included multiple phases of public involvement, open houses, and ongoing tribal consultation and state engagement per Section 1301 of

ANILCA. Public meetings held in February and March at several cities and villages near the park were lightly attended.

**CLOSE HOLD: Golden Gate National Recreation Area (CA) – Ruling Expected in Taser Incident.** U.S. Magistrate Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley is presiding over the Hesterberg civil lawsuit against the NPS stemming from the January 29, 2012, incident that caused an NPS law enforcement ranger to deploy her Taser. The judge is expected to make a ruling in the next two to five weeks. Last year, federal officials rejected a \$500,000 claim filed on behalf of Hesterberg for his damages and the judge found that the ranger was within the law and did not falsely imprison the complainant. This judgment is specifically about damages. The NPS is working on draft statements and communication plan for after the ruling is made public.

**Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (NE) – Public workshop and meeting on Eastern Legacy Special Resource Study for the Potential Extension of the Trail**

A public workshop and meeting are scheduled for October 24 and 25, 2014, at Natural Bridge, Virginia, to review and collect feedback from participants regarding Trail extension feasibility criteria specific to Botetourt, Rockbridge, Augusta, and Albemarle Counties in Virginia. The meeting and workshop are being held as a follow up to public workshops held at Natural Bridge in March 2012. Considerable participation by interested members of the public, Trail extension advocates, elected officials, and public employees is anticipated at the events.

**Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve (AK) – GMP Amendment EA.** On October 29, the General Management Plan Amendment / Environmental Assessment is slated for release for a 60-day comment period. The plan updates the park's 1986 GMP, and includes direction on wilderness and backcountry management, commercial services, and visitor opportunities. The project included multiple phases of public involvement and ongoing tribal consultation and state engagement. Public meetings will be held in Anchorage, Fairbanks (a public hearing, per ANILCA), and Anaktuvuk Pass, plus several other venues tied to other related meetings.

**Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve (CO) – Public Scoping for Ungulate Management Plan.** A public comment period on draft preliminary alternatives for the Ungulate Management Plan/EIS will close on November 2. Two public open houses have been held and park staff is also making formal presentations to agencies, organizations and groups throughout the San Luis Valley. The final plan will determine the appropriate future management of bison and elk within the park and preserve. Elk and bison are currently on the landscape; elk range throughout and bison are owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on the Medano Ranch, an inholding within the park. In addition to a no-action alternative, the park is considering three action alternatives. Bison options under consideration include no bison, retention of a smaller number of the existing bison owned by TNC, and introduction of a small conservation herd of outside origin. Elk management options include the use of non-lethal tools and limited lethal removal for dispersal and population reduction purposes. There is interest in this planning effort from TNC, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Department of Agriculture, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The park is working closely with these entities. A key consideration in this effort is wilderness and potential impacts. More than eighty percent of the park and preserve are either designated or proposed wilderness. Minimum requirements analysis will be done for all alternatives.

**Hecht's Company Warehouse, Washington, DC – The former Hecht's Company Warehouse on New York Avenue, NE, is being redeveloped by Douglas Development as a mixed-use residential and commercial project. The developer contacted the DC State Historic Preservation Office after the project was well underway, including the demolition of a contributing portion of the building, out-of-scale new construction, and other changes that are problematic relative to the project meeting the Secretary's Standards. The developer has indicated that he still intends to submit a tax incentives application for the project.**

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

This fall, the NPS intends to publish a proposed gathering rule, which would provide the authority for permitting the gathering of plant resources within units of the National Park System by members of federally recognized Indian tribes, as defined in the rule. The proposed rule would apply to Indian tribes with traditional associations to specific park units. It would be implemented through agreements between the NPS and Indian tribes and subject to annual permits. Appropriate levels of NEPA and NHPA review and compliance would be required. Collection for commercial uses would be prohibited. This rule change would provide reasonable, resource protection based use of park resources while assisting in support of the continued lifeways of American Indian tribes. National tribal consultations indicate that the approach in the proposed rule would be constructive and respectful of tribal sovereignty while continuing to respect the NPS mission to protect and conserve park resources.

In mid-October, Everglades National Park (FL) plans to release a new Fire Management Plan/EA for a 30-day public comment period. Current fire management at the park is based on the 1995 Fire Management Plan.

In October, Valley Forge National Historical Park intends to conduct a test prescribed fire in a 17-acre meadow at the southwestern edge of the park. The date of the burn will be determined by environmental conditions. The purpose of the burn is to test the effectiveness of prescribed fire in controlling invasive species and promoting native meadow plant species for wildlife habitat. The burn location was selected based on its plant community, existing fire containment features, few archaeological or historical resources, and distance from park neighbors, recreation areas, and major roadways. The prescribed fire will be implemented by the NPS Northeast Regional Fire Team in coordination with local emergency response; outreach to neighbors, stakeholders and media is underway.

On October 22, there will be an announcement and celebration of the listing of NYS Barge Canal on National Register of Historic Places. Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (ERCA) was the preparer of the nomination after years of research and preparation. ERCA has a very strong history and relationship with the NPS.

On October 25, 2014, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park (KY) will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for facility improvements at the Boyhood Home unit, also known as Knob Creek. This is the first major improvement to that unit since the property was donated to the NPS in 2001. The land was acquired by private and public entities using money donated by individuals and organizations in the community and funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It was donated to the NPS in 2001. The Boyhood Home unit is Knob Creek Farm, the home of the Lincoln family from 1811 to 1816.

This fall, Grand Canyon National Park (AZ) expects to issue the Backcountry Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/DEIS) for public review and comment. The Plan/DEIS addresses management of over 1.1 million acres of the park's backcountry, most of which is proposed for wilderness designation. The Plan/DEIS is needed to address immediate backcountry issues and provide an adaptable framework to manage backcountry use into the future while protecting natural and cultural resources. Public scoping including public meetings occurred in 2011 and agency and tribal consultation has been on-going.

On November 20, proposals are due in response to a business opportunity to operate overnight accommodations, food and beverage, retail service, fuel and auto services, and other related services within Yosemite National Park (CA). The new 15-year contract is scheduled to begin on March 1, 2016. This is the park's primary concession operation and the largest concession contract in the NPS.



## **FWS SECRETARIAL WEEK-AHEAD REPORT**

**October 8, 2014**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings and other Public Events**

October 10: FWS will issue Enhancement of Survival permits to nine Wyoming ranchers who have applied for the Greater Sage-Grouse Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances. A press event in Sublette County will celebrate this achievement and highlight the ongoing sage-grouse conservation campaign. R6

October 13: FWS will attend a meeting with local hunters and representatives from the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources on the island of Hawaii. The purpose of the meeting is to identify areas for game management and conservation. Potential for controversy. R1

October 15: Bernalillo County, New Mexico, will announce \$8 million in federal funding through the Federal Lands Access Program for improved access to Valle de Oro NWR in Albuquerque. Funding will be used to improve pedestrian and bike safety and mobility along Albuquerque's 2nd Street corridor, which is the primary access route to the refuge. Coordinated outreach with Bernalillo County planned. R2

October 15-19: The National Wilderness Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Wilderness Act. Field activities are planned for attendees. FWS will also host activities for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary "Get Wild Festival" scheduled during the conference (October 18) at Albuquerque's Civic Center Plaza. Outreach planned. R2

October 15-17: Northeast Climate Science Center Consortium Member College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute will be hosting the *Shifting Seasons Summit* that will provide climate change adaptation training for northeast tribes in Keshena, Wisconsin. R5

October 15-16: FWS staff and other private lands conservation practitioners working on greater sage-grouse conservation are meeting to promote an integrated and efficient approach to conserving sage-grouse on private lands. Partners for Fish and Wildlife program biologists and state coordinators, Ecological Services collaboration biologists, and project leaders from refuges with sage-grouse as a priority species will attend. R6

October 16: The FWS Midwest Regional Director will participate in the grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting of the visitor center at Port Louisa NWR in Wapello, Iowa. The building is LEED gold certified. R3

### **Public Announcements**

#### **Thursday October 9**

FWS will announce announcing the final translocation of unwanted captive Mojave desert tortoises from the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center (DTCC) near Las Vegas the week of October 6. The DTCC is closing in December, generating continued media interest. Planned outreach is local to the Las Vegas area market and political staff. R8

October 9 to October 27 Sheldon NWR will gather approximately 120 feral horses within Sheldon NWR as part of its ongoing management actions to protect native wildlife and habitat on the refuge. Members of the public and media who have RSVP'd will be allowed to observe with a FWS escort. The gather was originally scheduled to begin on October 6 but was delayed to accommodate the contractor's schedule. Potentially controversial. R1

#### **Friday, October 10**

Nothing to report

Monday, October 13

Nothing to report

Tuesday, October 14

Nothing to report

Wednesday, October 15

The Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCC) Network strategic plan, an internal document that articulates goals, objectives and example tactics for the next five years, will be distributed electronically within the LCC Network in mid-October, tentatively on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The strategic plan will be posted online on the LCC Network website in anticipation of the National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation from October 23-24. A copy will also be submitted to the National Academy of Sciences. No outreach planned. HQ

Thursday, October 16

Nothing to report

Friday, October 17

Nothing to report

TBD

The Mexican Wolf/Livestock Coexistence Council's first 26 payments to Arizona and New Mexico livestock operators are anticipated in October. Outreach is planned (news release). R2

In mid-late October, FWS will announce a proposed rule to list four native turtle species (common snapping turtle and three softshell turtles) under Appendix III of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). These listings would ensure that these turtle species were lawfully obtained before export is approved, and would provide important information to assess the impacts of trade and the potential need for additional protections in the future. HQ

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Oregon Public Broadcasting inquired about the Sheldon NWR feral horse gather (see above). It will likely air after the gather. Potentially controversial. R1

High Country News magazine is researching a story on the reintroduction of bull trout in the Clackamas River, Oregon. Chris Allen was interviewed and will be accompanied by the reporter on surveys October 15. Publication expected in November or December. R1

The Oregonian: Editorial page editor requested updated information on the barred owl removal experiment for an opinion column. Printed Sept. 30. Controversial. R1

KGW and KOIN (Portland, OR): Interviewed Tualatin River NWR Refuge Manager and several local community members regarding a proposed youth hunt plan at the refuge. R1

Cronkite News and KJZZ Phoenix-NPR contacted FWS for information on lead exposure in condors in Arizona and Utah, which appear to have declined to the lowest levels since 2005 following voluntary efforts by Arizona hunters to use lead-free ammunition. R2

Arizona Republic contacted FWS regarding the proposed designation of critical habitat for the Western yellow-billed cuckoo and a pilot captive breeding program at the Phoenix Zoo for the endangered Mount Graham red squirrel. R2

Cronkite News Service, KJZZ (Phoenix NPR), KNAU (Northern Arizona NPR), Associated Press, Arizona Republic, Fox 10 and the Prescott Daily Courier attended a joint FWS, Arizona Game and Fish, and Babbitt Ranches media event at Espee Ranch in northern Arizona highlighting the release of black-footed ferrets under a programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement, and demonstrated a sylvatic plague prairie dog inoculation. R2

Frequent media inquiries continue into the Mexican wolf recovery program, including from authors and documentary film makers. The majority of coverage has focused on proposed changes to the 10(j) rule and draft environmental impact statement. R2

Media inquiries have followed the application for a temporary restraining order filed in the U.S. District Court in Albuquerque by New Mexico ranchers regarding the U.S. Forest Service's fencing off riparian areas in the Lincoln and Santa Fe national forests to protect the habitat of the recently listed New Mexico meadow jumping mouse. R2

NPR/North Country Public Radio and camera man from CBS recorded FWS and state biologists from New York and Vermont capturing 300 bats and attaching tracking tags at Aeolus Cave in Dorset, Vermont on October 2. AP is also expected to do a story. R5

Greenwire/E&E Publishing inquired about enforcement of the ivory ban and will visit wildlife inspectors at Newark Liberty International Airport. R5

The large number of Pacific walrus hauled out on shore at Point Lay, Alaska, gained significant national and international media attention. FWS partnered with NOAA and USGS to hold a media teleconference to address media questions. R7

French24 TV is planning a story on the California drought. The reporter is also looking to cover efforts to "save" salmon, particularly operations to truck salmon to release sites. R8

AP, Stockton Record and Sacramento Bee wanted to know if FWS has made a decision on the Golden Gate Salmon Association's request to inject fertilized hatchery salmon eggs into the Sacramento River later this year to help avoid mortality associated with high temperatures. R8

KRCR News Channel 7 in Redding, California, visited the Coleman fish hatchery to cover the beginning on the spawning season and interview the hatchery manager. R8

*The Los Angeles Times*, *Bakersfield Californian* and *Stockton Record* asked about an op-ed and video by Assemblywoman Shannon Grove in Kern County that claimed 1.2 million acre feet of water was lost last year due to delta smelt. These restrictions were actually due to salmon and a state water quality regulation. R8

KQED Radio in San Francisco interviewed Special Agent in Charge Jill Birchell for a "California Report" radio story on elephant and rhino trafficking in advance of a march in San Francisco to bring attention to the costs of the illegal wildlife trade. R8

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Hurricane Odile resulted in several severe storms in Arizona that could impact the size of catchable trout released next spring. The storm activity also impacted water quality at Alchesay National Fish Hatchery and delayed the annual transfer of fish from the Williams Creek facility to the hatchery. The delayed fish transfer will resume this week. R2

Hurricane Odile also brought an enormous volume of water into the San Bernardino Valley watershed, causing significant damage to roads, fences, ponds, dikes and the border patrol bridge at San Bernardino NWR. Repair work is scheduled to begin October 20. R2

In FY14, the U.S. Air Force provided \$7,452,255 to FWS to reimburse for assistance in the conservation and management of wildlife and natural resources on military lands. These funds deliver landscape-level conservation on 9.8 million acres of land, including 235,000 acres of wetlands, and habitat to 111 federally listed species. The majority of these funds just became available over the past 30 days, and serve to support personnel and projects. HQ

On October 3, the State of South Dakota announced young quagga mussels have been found in Angostura Reservoir, near Hot Springs, South Dakota. Angostura is a Bureau of Reclamation irrigation reservoir on the Cheyenne River, which feeds into the Missouri River. This is a major range expansion for the invasive mussel into a previously uninfected portion of the country. R6

FWS, Wildlands, Inc., and Wildlife Heritage Foundation have established a conservation bank for the federally endangered San Bernardino kangaroo rat and Santa Ana River woolly star. The conservation bank includes 182 acres of suitable habitat for both species. Approval of this bank will provide an opportunity to conserve and manage a large block of habitat in the Lytle Creek wash area in San Bernardino County, California. It is downstream from the existing Vulcan Cajon Creek Mitigation Bank, which enhances the conservation value of both banks. R8

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled in favor of DOI regarding the withdrawal of a proposal to list the Dunes sagebrush lizard. The Court found that "FWS's withdrawal decision was neither arbitrary and capricious under the ESA and APA, nor contrary to ESA requirements governing listing decisions." R2

San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee and EPA Region 9 Administrator Jared Blumenfeld have requested a trip to Farallon NWR in October to learn about FWS proposals for eradicating invasive house mice from the refuge. R8

Congressman Herrera-Buetler's staff has requested Ridgefield NWR and FWS R1 staff meet with the Washington Waterfowl Association, Lower Columbia Chapter at the Congresswoman's office. This meeting (date TBD) is a part of a series of ongoing conversations with the group. R1

Congressman Bordallo's staff requested additional information of the proposed listing of 23 species on Guam and CNMI. Awaiting clarification on type of information and/or briefing that is being requested. R1

Senator Schatz's office asked for an update on the Habitat Conservation Plan for Puuanahulu Game Mammal Management Area and the Puuwaawaa Cooperative Game Management Area in North Kona, Hawaii. R1

A tour of at the Laguna Atascosa is tentatively planned for staff of Rep. Filemon Vela (D-TX 34<sup>th</sup> District) on October 21. The tour was requested based on the Congressman's interest in learning more about the Refuge's efforts to conserve ocelots. R2

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

FWS staff will be in Gabon during the week of October 20 to discuss year two of the five-year cooperative agreement between FWS and the Gabonese Parks Authority (ANPN). The agreement, supported by an MOU between the two government partners, will provide \$20 million over five years so that ANPN can develop the adaptive capacity needed to conserve its elephants and other wildlife. HQ

October 20: The Midwest Regional Director will be participating in a signing event in Ogema, Minnesota, to commemorate the completion of a joint memorandum of understanding between Tamarac NWR and the White Earth Nation pertaining to conservation law enforcement activities occurring on the refuge. R3

October 23: Secretary Jewell will give a keynote address at the FWS-sponsored National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation in Washington, DC, where conservation practitioners and policy makers will discuss opportunities for implementing large landscape conservation. HQ

October 24: FWS will deliver to the *Federal Register* a proposed rule to list the African lion subspecies as threatened under the ESA. Also proposed is a 4(d) rule allowing for importation of sport-hunted trophies provided they are permitted by FWS as originating from countries with effective lion conservation programs. Announcement date TBD. Controversial. HQ

October 24: FWS will make a final decision on its proposal to list two butterflies – the Dakota skipper & Poweshiek skipperling – under the ESA along with a 4(d) rule for the Dakota skipper. Finalization on proposed critical habitat is expected within several months. Controversial. R3

In late October, Kenai NWR will propose to amend its public use regulations through publication of a draft rule that would: clarify the existing regulations; implement management decisions from the refuge's June 2010 Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan; establish regulations for managing wildlife attractants, including food, refuse and retained fish in order to decrease the potential for negative human-bear interactions; and revise regulations for hunting and trapping, including those governing these activities within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area. R7

FWS anticipates publishing the Strategic Growth Policy for the National Wildlife Refuge System and response to public comments in the *Federal Register* in late October/early November. This policy instructs FWS to focus on acquiring interests in lands and waters that support the following three priorities: recovery of threatened and endangered species, implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and conservation of migratory birds of conservation concern. HQ

FWS will announce the availability of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) and draft regional habitat conservation plan (DRHCP) for the Southern Edwards Plateau in the next several weeks. Led by the City of San Antonio, Texas, and Bexar County, Texas, the DRHCP is an effort to address the potential impacts of infrastructure and commercial and residential development on nine federally endangered species including the golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, Government Canyon Bat Cave spider, Madla Cave meshweaver, Braken Cave meshweaver, Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver, two beetles with no common name (*Rhadine exilis* and *Rhadine infernalis*) and the Helotes mold beetle. The DEIS describes potential impacts of issuing a 30-year permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA to authorize incidental take of these species. Strong local interest expected. Outreach planned to coincide with publication of the DEIS in the *Federal Register* Reading Room. R2

In mid- to late October, FWS will announce approval of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Programmatic Conservation Bank Agreement (PCBA) submitted by Common Ground Capital and finalized May 1. This is the first PCBA to be approved by FWS, with the goal of streamlining the process for lands to be approved as conservation banks to provide for the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat. Outreach planned. R2

In the coming weeks, FWS will announce public scoping on a request from the Schlitterbahn Water Park on the Comal River, Texas, for an incidental take permit under the ESA for the incidental take of the endangered fountain darter from activities associated with operation of water rides in the park. A habitat conservation plan will be prepared by the park that will include measures to minimize and mitigate the impacts of potential taking. A public scoping meeting is tentatively scheduled for November. Local interest expected. R2

In late October/early November, FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare a joint environmental impact statement and environmental impact report for the proposed Yuba-Sutter Regional Conservation Plan (a joint habitat conservation plan and natural community conservation plan). The plan outlines strategies to avoid, minimize and offset potential indirect effects to 18 plant and animal species expected from development of 35,000 acres in Yuba and Sutter Counties, California. R8

FWS staff will join a ceremony November 3, in Alameda, Calif., recognizing the transfer of the former Naval base at Alameda Point to the Veterans Administration, including the parcel of land managed by FWS to preserve a tern colony. R8

FWS will announce its 90-finding on a petition to list the yellow cedar as threatened or endangered under the ESA in November. R7

The draft of the polar bear conservation management plan is scheduled to be released to the public November 17 for a 60-day review and comment period. R7

Following a 60-day extension to the deadline granted by the courts, FWS is now scheduled to make a final listing decision on whether the rufa red knot warrants listing under the Endangered Species Act by November 30. Outreach planned. R5

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The following endangered species actions are scheduled to be sent to the *Federal Register* in October and November (announcement dates TBD but most will coincide with the date each notice is placed on public inspection in in the reading room):

- Washington ground squirrel, 12-month finding (not warranted), October 17. R1
- Dakota Skipper & Poweshiek, Final Listing, October 24, R3
- African lion, proposed listing, October 24, HQ
- Arroyo toad, reopen comment, October 29, R8
- White-haired goldenrod, proposed delisting, October 31, R4
- Spring Pygmy Sunfish, final critical habitat, October 31, R4
- Gunnison Sage Grouse final listing, November 12, R6
- Rufa red knot, final listing, November 28, R5

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

**Oct. 12 - 18, 2014**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

Neil Kornze will be in Washington D.C. until the afternoon of Oct. 16 when he flies to Albuquerque for the National Wilderness Conference. Steve Ellis will be in Boise, ID, attending the sage-grouse tour with the Secretary, returning to the office Thursday, Oct. 16, and Linda Lance will be in Washington D.C. all week.

### **Public Announcements**

#### Monday, Oct. 13 (Columbus Day)

Nothing to report.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 14

The nomination period closes for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. The Aug. 29 announcement seeks nominations for three of the nine positions: 1) Wild Horse and Burro Advocacy; 2) Veterinary Medicine; and 3) Public Interest (with special knowledge about protection of wild horses and burros, management of wildlife, animal husbandry, or natural resource management).

19th Annual Hunter Fest -- Held at the base of the Big Horn Mountains in Ten Sleep, WY, the event draws hundreds of hunters and vendors selling hunting equipment. BLM, USFS, WY Game & Fish and commercial outfitters participate.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 15

National Wilderness Conference, Albuquerque, NM, through Oct. 19.

National Fossil Day, organized by the National Park Service; many BLM sites participate.

The Alaska Federal South-Central Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meets through Oct. 16 in Kenai. The BLM will provide background on federal subsistence caribou harvest for an area recently opened for federal subsistence uses.

The BLM-MT Lewistown Field Office has scheduled two socio-economic workshops to provide information on the Lewistown RMP. The first will be held in Lewistown Oct. 15 and the second in Great Falls, Oct. 16. Interested publics, including the media, were notified.

#### Thursday, Oct. 16

Nothing to report.

#### Friday, Oct. 17

The BLM will host two public tours at its Indian Lakes Road Short-Term Wild Horse and Burro Holding Facility in Fallon, NV, to accommodate up to 40 members of the public and media. The group will learn about the facility, the animals and the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program.

#### Sat. Oct. 18

The RiSE Lantern Festival will release up to 20,000 biodegradable lanterns on the Jean Dry Lake bed south of Las Vegas.

Anticipated:

In mid-Oct., the BLM-UT Monticello Field Office will release for a 30-day public comment period an EA analyzing the Indian Creek ATV Trail proposal, which is intended to enhance recreation and ATV experiences in the Indian Creek Basin. The BLM has worked with San Juan County, NPS, and others to draft a proposal for analysis.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

*High Country News* will run mid-Oct. a lengthy article on threats against federal law enforcement officers, including BLM and USFS personnel. The BLM has provided documents to *High Country News* in response to a FOIA. The BLM is providing identical documents in response to a FOIA from *Federal Times* for a similar story.

*Minneapolis Star Tribune* reporter Mike Hughlett contacted BLM-AK Oct. 1 regarding the minimum age for ATV use, required training and machine size restrictions for those under age 16 on BLM lands in Alaska. The BLM responded that there are no such restrictions. Hughlett is preparing an article comparing the policies of land management agencies in a number of states.

Richard Kessler, a reporter with *Recharge News*, contacted BLM-WY on the status of the Chokecherry & Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project and BLM's role in the project and planning process. BLM-WY is responding; publication date is unknown.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Seven candidate species have recently been precluded from ESA listing in large part due to the BLM's conservation efforts. These include an August withdrawal of a proposed rule to protect Graham's and White River beardtongue of the Uintah Basin in Utah and Colorado, an August withdrawal of the least chub from the candidate list, September not warranted determinations for two species of buckwheat in NV and the Tucson shovel-nosed snake in AZ, and an Oct. 1 not warranted finding for the yellow-billed loon, a migratory bird that breeds on the Arctic tundra.

DOI's Office of the Executive Secretariat has sent appointment letters signed by the Secretary to members of BLM Resource Advisory Committees in Albuquerque, NM and in Eastern Montana, which may result in local press since these are Secretarial appointments.

The State of Utah is completing its FERC license application for the Lake Powell Pipeline Project in southern Utah and northern Arizona with a deadline of spring 2015. This project would transport water from Lake Powell to Washington and Kane counties in southwestern Utah, crossing BLM lands under a federal right of way (ROW). Both the BLM (ROW) and FERC (Permit) must complete consultation and Section 106 compliance under the National Historic Preservation Act. However, FERC has taken a less rigorous approach to this than what is necessary for the BLM. Therefore, the BLM is conducting separate reviews, and must make eligibility determinations for over 400 sites for the National Register of Historic Places, to include Tribal consultations, this month in order to meet the deadline. The State will likely seek to expedite this review process, but the BLM considers thorough reviews and appropriate tribal consultation essential for this controversial water project that is likely to be litigated.

The BLM is working with the Ft. McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and the Forest Service to address a longstanding domestic horse trespass situation on public lands bordering Oregon and Nevada. The Forest Service will initiate a 30-day public comment period with a removal scheduled to start Nov. 12. Additionally, the BLM-OR plans to conduct an emergency wild horse gather in the Cold Springs HMA in southeastern Oregon due to the Saddle Draw Fire, part of the Buzzard Complex.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**



BLM-NM anticipates publication of the **Prehistoric Trackways National Monument PRMP/FEIS** in 4-6 weeks. The 5,280 acre Monument is recognized for its Permian era fossils. Key issues in the 4 alternatives address OHV damage to fossils; livestock grazing; target shooting; and the level of visitor services, interpretation, and education.

BLM-OR anticipates release of the **ROD for the John Day Basin RMP** covering public lands in north-central OR. It updates previous RMPs, covers newly acquired lands in the North Fork John Day River as a result of the 2000 Oregon Land Exchange Act, and provides interim management direction for the Spring Basin Wilderness, designated in 2009.

**Oct. 21:** BLM-MT/DK will hold an oil and gas lease sale offering 28 parcels totaling 14,988 acres, including 23 BLM parcels totaling 9,637 acres in MT and 5 Forest Service parcels totaling 5,351 acres in ND. WildEarth Guardians submitted a protest that will be dismissed because one of the protested parcels is deferred and others have stipulations for sage-grouse.

**Oct. 20-21: The Honey Bee Nutrition and Forage Summit** in Alexandria, VA. The BLM, FWS, NPS, FS and DOD are planning a panel discussion on access to honey bees on federally managed lands. BLM and FS hope to sign an **MOU on native pollinator habitat** on public lands at an Oct. 21 reception preceding the **North American Pollinator Protection Campaign** annual meeting in Washington, DC Oct. 22 - 25, hosted by USDA.

**Oct. 21-23:** The BLM's Executive Leadership Team meets at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV.

**Oct. 22:** BLM-New Mexico will hold a quarterly oil and gas lease sale.

**Oct. 25:** Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) has tentative plans to attend a BLM Eastern States event celebrating the **conveyance of the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse**, near Alpena, Michigan from the Coast Guard to the BLM.

**Oct. 25-30: The 21st Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society** in Pittsburgh, PA, includes the plenary session, **Powerful Landscapes: Wildlife and Energy in North America**. Presentations will examine historic patterns of energy development and associated landscape change, current trends in energy development and effects on wildlife across North America.

**Oct. 29:** BLM-OR/WA will participate in a consultation meeting with the Shoshone Paiute for the **Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project**. The Draft EIS release date has been moved to November 14, 2014. Government-to-Government consultation meetings are being planned with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in October.

**Nov. 4:** BLM-WY will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Nov. 4:** BLM-CA will host the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Summit at California State University**, Sacramento. The focus will be on connecting youth to the outdoors and expanding opportunities through partnerships. BLM Deputy Director will attend the opening of the summit.

**November 5-6:** The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation annual fall meeting in Washington D.C. BLM staff will attend.

**Nov. 8:** Coronado National Forest Supervisor Jim Upchurch signed an interagency (BLM, FS, NPS, and FWS) invitation to five southeastern Arizona members of the congressional delegation to speak at "**Wild for Wilderness, Arizona's 50<sup>th</sup> Wilderness Anniversary Celebration**" at the Coronado National Forest's Sabino Canyon Recreation Area in Tucson. Invited were the Tucson offices of Sens. McCain and Flake; as well as Reps. Grijalva, Barber and Kirkpatrick. AZ is one of only five states with wilderness managed by all four

agencies. Other partners include the Friends of Sabino Canyon, the Arizona Wilderness Coalition and the Sierra Club. The free event is expected to draw thousands of participants.

**Nov. 14:** The anticipated release date for the **draft EIS for the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Transmission Line Project**, initiating a 90- day public review. Government-to-Government consultation meetings are being planned with area tribes in October.

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

**October 8, 2014 – October 18, 2014**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

October 9 – 10: The Gulf of Mexico Region will host a delegation of five senior members of the Mexican National Hydrocarbons Commission (CNH) for a technical workshop on offshore exploration and development plans.

October 18 – 22: Mike Celata, Deputy Director Gulf of Mexico Region, will speak at the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission Meeting.

October 21 – 23: Bill Brown, BOEM's Chief Environmental Officer, will travel to California to speak at seminars at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla and UC Santa Barbara and to visit the rocky intertidal network environmental study areas.

October 23: Jill Lewandowski and Stanley Labak from BOEM's Office of Environmental Programs will speak at the LinkedIn "Leaders in Energy" event in Washington, DC on Atlantic G&G activities and related science and misperceptions.

November 6 – North Carolina is hosting a meeting on the development of the Five Year Program. BOEM, BSEE and other Federal agencies will present. Governor Pat McCrory will attend. Members of the OCS Governors Coalition, governors from Mid-Atlantic states, and NC Members of Congress have been invited. It's a closed press event to bring together state and Federal representatives to better understand concerns and opportunities associated with offshore exploration and development. Walter Cruickshank and others from BOEM will attend.

### **Public Announcements**

**First Full Week in October:** Alaska Region sending a Note to Stakeholders as a preliminary step to opening government-to-government consultations with local governments and tribes related to the draft 193 SEIS.

**Week of October 13:** Publication of *Federal Register* notice on proposed modifications to BOEM's oil and gas bid adequacy procedures to better ensure receipt of fair market value for OCS leases.

**October 17:** Note to Stakeholders announcing Proposed Notice of Sale for Central Gulf Sale 235.

**Mid-October:** Press release announcing publication of the Limits of Liability final rule.

**End of October:** Press release on Notice of Availability of an EA related to the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Advancement Project.

**End of October:** Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 Draft Supplemental EIS will be posted. Press release will be issued.

**End of October:** Publication of the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for Cook Inlet Sale 244. The bureau will hold scoping meetings in November.

**November (TBD):** Press release related to right-of-way grant for the Block Island Transmission System.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Coastal Review Online:** Seeking information regarding North Carolina offshore wind efforts (e.g., how wind energy areas were identified).

**Chesapeake Bay Magazine:** Request for information on G&G permits.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for Risk Management:** On October 9, BOEM will publish an extension of the ANPR comment period for an additional 30 days. The ANPR's initial comment period was for 60 days, ending on Oct. 20. It will be extended to Nov. 17.

**Maryland Offshore Wind Lease Sale:** US Wind Inc. was the provisional winner of both lease areas during the August auction, with a combined bid of \$8.7 million. DOJ signed off on the auction results on September 19. On September 22, BOEM sent the lease documents to US Wind Inc. At the request of US Wind Inc, BOEM extended the date in which it needs to return the signed lease documents, submit its financial assurance, and pay the balance of its bonus bid from October 7 to October 27.

**Changes in Bid Adequacy Procedures:** In October, BOEM plans to announce its intent to change a criterion in its existing bid adequacy procedures for ensuring receipt of Fair Market Value on Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases. BOEM proposes to remove the Number of Bids Rule in Phase 1 of the Post Sale Evaluation Procedures, which is a bid adequacy provision used in the first step of the process to determine whether to accept a tract's high bid without further BOEM evaluation. BOEM is also proposing to revise several bid adequacy definitions for clarity, which will not alter the fundamental meaning or application of the terms to the bid adequacy procedures. The announcement will have a 60-day comment period. BOEM will consider all comments, and then intends to publish the revised Bid Adequacy Procedures with the Central Gulf of Mexico CPA 235 Final Notice of Sale.

**Limits of Liability Final Rule:** In October, BOEM will publish a final rule to administratively increase the limit of liability for oil-spill removal costs and related damages from \$75 million to approximately \$134 million. The increase would apply to offshore facilities in Federal and state waters under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), and is consistent with recommendations from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and other studies that called for a statutory increase in the limit of liability. The change will be the first administrative increase to the cap since OPA came into effect 24 years ago, and is necessary to keep pace with the 78 percent increase in inflation since 1990.

**Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Sale 235 (CPA Sale 235):** BOEM expects to publish the Proposed Notice of Sale for CPA Sale 235 in mid-October. The sale is scheduled for March 2015.

**Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193:** At the end of October, BOEM will post the draft supplemental EIS for public review. BOEM will hold scoping meetings during early November.

**Restricted Joint Bidders List:** The list identifies companies that are prohibited from jointly bidding on lease blocks, in order to promote competition. Companies are included on the list if they had an average daily production in excess of 1.6 million barrels per day over the prior 6-months. The List is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register by Oct. 31, 2014.

**Virginia Research Lease (offshore wind):** A consortium led by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) submitted a Research Activities Plan for the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Assessment Project (VOWTAP) on Dec. 6. BOEM tentatively plans to publish an environmental assessment for public comment in late October and hold a public meeting in mid-November.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead (Please note that this will NOT be included in the Secretary's report)**

**Final Leasing Rule:** In November, BOEM may publish a final rule to update and streamline the existing Outer Continental Shelf leasing regulations and clarify implementation of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act.

**2012-2017 Five Year Program, 2014 Annual Progress Report:** BOEM expects to publish the 2014 Annual Progress Report on the current Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program in November. The Report will be published on the BOEM website, along with a Request for Comments published in the *Federal Register*.

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT**

### **October 8 – October 17, 2014**

#### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

October 8-9: Director Salerno, Deputy Director Schneider and Assistant Secretary Schneider are scheduled to visit BSEE's Ohmsett oil spill research facility on US Naval Weapons Station Earle in Leonardo, NJ. The purpose of the trip is to tour the facility, observe equipment testing and meet with Navy officials.

October 14: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with representatives from Nobel Drilling Services to discuss incident investigation and emergency management.

October 14: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with Mary Massey, outgoing CEO, and Don Armijo, incoming CEO, for Marine Well Containment Company. Assistant Secretary Schneider and Chief of Staff Beaudreau have also been invited to the meeting.

October 20: Director Salerno is scheduled to receive a briefing from industry representatives on Best Available and Safest Technology.

October 21-22: Director Salerno is scheduled to participate in the next meeting of the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee in Arlington, VA. This will be his first meeting since being officially designated as a member of the committee.

October 23: Director Salerno will be providing opening remarks for the Gas and Oil Technologies meeting hosted by the International Energy Association at the Canadian Embassy. Deputy Assistant Secretary David Haines will be providing keynote remarks.

October 24: BSEE is planning to host the next meeting of High Reliability Organizations in Washington, DC. The group is composed of federal organizations that manage programs with low probability of catastrophic failure, but high consequences if a failure occurs. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Department of Transportation and several other government agencies are expected to participate.

October 27: Director Salerno is scheduled to visit a Baker Hughes research facility in Houston, TX,

October 28: Director Salerno is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at an International Energy Symposium hosted by Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. He is planning to conduct a recruiting visit at Texas A&M during the trip.

October 29: Associate Director Anderson will accompany Chief of Staff Beaudreau to attend and speak at a meeting titled, "Oil Spill Response 25 Years After the Exxon Valdez and in the Wake of Deepwater Horizon: What We Learned and What are We Missing?". The event will be held at the University of New Hampshire.

November 3-4: BP will be conducting an operator-initiated oil spill response tabletop exercise in New Orleans, LA. The exercise is designed to test their oil spill response plan, incident management team, and well containment plan. Over 100 BP personnel will be involved, including other operators, response contractors, federal and state representatives, two people from BSEE. Deputy Director Schneider is tentatively scheduled to attend the event.

November 3-4: Director Salerno is scheduled to travel to Camarillo, CA, to conduct an all-hands meeting with BSEE employees in the Pacific Region.

#### **Public Announcements:**

October 8: BSEE Public Affairs plans to post a news brief on Director Salerno's and Assistant Secretary Schneider's trip to the BSEE Ohmsett National Oil Spill Response Test Facility in Leonardo, NJ.

October 9: BSEE is planning a joint press release with Department of Justice regarding the ATP settlement.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Conference Call with Exxon-Mobil:** Director Salerno continued his dialogue with representatives from Exxon-Mobil regarding environmental analysis in support of work at Platform Harmony in the Pacific. BSEE is working with BOEM and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to process a permit for conductor pipeline installation activities including pile driving. NMFS has provided a biological opinion in response to BSEE's request for consultation. BOEM is performing environmental analysis on the proposed activity. BSEE will use information provided by BOEM and NMFS in making a decision on the permit request. We are working on a final outstanding issue regarding potential impact to the Marbled Murrelet.

**Proposed Rule for Arctic Standards:** This proposed rule, which contains standards for exploratory drilling operations in the Arctic, is currently under review at OMB. BSEE and BOEM staff are working to address interagency comments (USCG, EPA, NOAA) and to respond to questions from OIRA. After OMB completes its review, DOI will finalize any changes to the proposed rule and will work to get it published in the *Federal Register* at a date to be determined. A public comment period will follow.

**Proposed Well Control Rule (AKA Blowout Preventer Rule):** A proposed rule to establish standards for well control including the use of BOPs will be submitted to the Executive Secretariat on October 8. It incorporates industry standards, revises existing regulations, and also includes critical reforms in the areas of well design, well-control, casing, cementing, real-time well monitoring, and subsea containment.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

November 13: Director Salerno has been invited to be the luncheon speaker at a meeting of the Canada Petroleum Board in St. John's, Canada.

November 18-22: Director Salerno is scheduled to attend a meeting of the International Regulators Forum in Cancun, Mexico.

December 4-5: The Director is tentatively scheduled to travel to Charleston, SC, to provide remarks at a Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) training class being conducted for BSEE investigators.

Early December: Director Salerno is planning to travel to New Orleans, LA, to conduct an all-hands meeting with BSEE employees in the Gulf of Mexico Region.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT**  
**OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT**  
**October 8 – 18, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 8

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 9

Nothing to report

Friday, October 10

OSMRE Director to Address Environment Committee Meeting of National Mining Association (NMA): The OSMRE Director has accepted an invitation to address the NMA Environment Committee in Washington, D.C. He will provide an update of current OSMRE activities that may interest NMA members.

Saturday, October 11

Nothing to report

Sunday, October 12

Nothing to report

Monday, October 13

Nothing to report

Tuesday, October 14

Nothing to report

Wednesday, October 15

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 16

Nothing to report

Friday, October 17

Nothing new to report

Saturday, October 18

Nothing to report

**Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing new to report

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing new to report

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**



Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) to Visit West Virginia Mine Sites

On Oct. 27-29, OSMRE's Appalachian Region will host a tour for the ASLM. The tour will involve site visits to large mining complexes and the nearby communities that are impacted by them. ASLM will also visit with OSMRE staff and be briefed on some of the challenges related to mining in the region.

OSMRE to Present 2014 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards:

On Oct. 27, OSMRE will recognize the winners of the bureau's 2014 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards at an event in Washington, DC. OSMRE gives the awards to coal mining companies that achieve the most exemplary mining and reclamation in the nation. Typically, winners demonstrate a commitment to using sound mining practices and executing effective reclamation plans designed to enhance post-mining beneficial use of the land. This year features three winners overall: two in the National Award category, which recognizes the highest-quality project in active-mine reclamation; and one Good Neighbor Award, given to a company that has demonstrated commitment to the community in which the mine operates.

House Committee on Appropriations Staff Member to Visit Kentucky Mine Sites:

During the week of Nov. 3, House Committee on Appropriations staff will visit active and reclaimed coal mine sites in Kentucky to better understand mining and reclamation activities required by SMCRA.

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

October 8 – October 17, 2014

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events:** *Reclamation's leadership will be hosting a regional stakeholders meeting in Salt Lake City on the morning of October 15. This event will be webcast on the internet. This event will be followed by a meeting of Reclamation's leadership team on the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>. It is our expectation that Estevan will attend both meetings.*

### **Public Announcements**

Tuesday, October 7

**Updated Mussel Coatings Research Report:** Reclamation will release the six-year update to the mussel coatings research that began in 2008. The release will include the report and a video summary of research and findings. While no commercially available foul-release coating has been found that prevents mussel attachments, several products have shown promise.

**Sixth Collaborative Adaptive Management Network 2014 Rendezvous (CA):** On October 6-8, at the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) offices in Weaverville, California, the TRRP will host the Sixth Collaborative Adaptive Management Network (CAMnet) Rendezvous. Sponsored by Reclamation's Research & Development Office, Environmental and Social Systems Analysts Technologies, and the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, the Rendezvous will gather natural resource scientists, managers, policy makers, and interested citizens from across the country to share on-the-ground successes and challenges from programs and projects that are conducting collaborative adaptive management.  
<http://www.adaptivemanagement.net/content/camnet-rendezvous-2014>.

**Public Tour of Trinity River Restoration Areas (CA):** The public is invited to raft through the restoration reach and enjoy short technical presentations by Trinity River Restoration Program technical staff from across the partnership, including staff from the Trinity County Resource Conservation District as well as other federal, state, county, and Tribal experts. The staff will describe the ecological and geomorphic benefits of particular rehabilitation site features; the functions of side channels, wetlands and riparian re-vegetation will be major areas of emphasis.

**Klamath Stakeholder Meetings (OR/CA):** Reclamation representatives are meeting with the Klamath Water Users Association and the Klamath Tribes on October 6-7 in Klamath Falls and Chiloquin, Oregon. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss ongoing concerns related to the end-of-season water operations.

Wednesday, October 8

**Pueblo of Zuni Discussions (NM):** At their request, Reclamation is meeting with the Pueblo of Zuni at their tribal headquarters in Zuni Pueblo, New Mexico, to discuss several topics, including the updated draft Programmatic Agreement and the hybrid alternative for the Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement for Glen Canyon Dam.

**News Release for Pilot System Conservation Plan (AZ, CA, NV):** A joint news release by the partners involved in the Pilot System Conservation Plan will announce the call for proposals. Reclamation is a major funding partner.

**Climate Change Webinar Offered by Pacific Northwest Region in (ID):** Reclamation is offering the second of a five-part webinar series on the Columbia River Basin Impacts Assessment for employees and affected stakeholders. The Assessment data will become the basis for future Basin Studies in the region. The two-hour webinar events will run through November 5. [www.usbr.gov/pn/climate/crbia/webinar.html](http://www.usbr.gov/pn/climate/crbia/webinar.html)

**Windy Gap Excess Capacity Contract with Colorado Municipal Subdistrict (CO):** Reclamation's Great Plains Region and Colorado Area Staff will be announcing the proposed Windy Gap Firming Project, a non-Federal project that would use excess capacity in the Federal Colorado-Big Thompson (C-BT) Project to store and convey water. The contract will be between Reclamation and the Municipal Subdistrict of the Northern Water Conservancy District.

Thursday, October 9

**Meeting with Karuk Tribe (OR/CA):** On October 9-10, Reclamation staff will visit the Karuk Tribe in Happy Camp, California. The visit will include a meeting with tribal council members, along with site visits to Reclamation-funded field projects that are being undertaken to benefit fisheries, including federally-listed species in the Klamath River. The meeting is primarily a meet-and-greet session and an opportunity for the Karuk Tribe to inform Reclamation of issues important to the tribe.

Friday, October 10

**Design Criteria Technical Workshop (NM):** Reclamation will host a workshop with representatives of the four Aamodt Indian Water Rights Settlement pueblos, Santa Fe County, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service at Tesuque Pueblo. The purpose of the workshop is to gather input from the stakeholders and reach consensus on design and performance criteria for the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System.

**Minidoka Dam Spillway Celebration (ID):** Reclamation will host a celebration of the final concrete block placement at the newly rebuilt Minidoka Dam Spillway which replaces the 102-year old spillway. A time capsule including signed photos, documents, and other memorabilia will be sealed at the site. Minidoka and Burley Irrigation Districts and the contractor have been invited. Construction of the replacement spillway began in November of 2011 and was completed without interrupting irrigation deliveries or power production. Local media coverage is anticipated.

Saturday, October 11

**C.A.S.T. for Kids Event at New Melones Lake (CA):** Reclamation will host a C.A.S.T. for Kids/Let's Move Outside event at New Melones Lake in Central California.

Sunday, October 12

**Let's Move Outside Paddle with a Park Ranger Activity at Lake Berryessa (CA):** Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside Paddle With a Park Ranger–Oak Shores Exploration at Lake Berryessa in Central California. A Park Ranger will lead participants on a paddling adventure where they will gain a unique perspective of beautiful Lake Berryessa.

Monday, October 13

**Public Access at Imperial Dam Locations Closed for Facility Upgrades (AZ):** Reclamation will close public access to several locations at Imperial Dam to accommodate the upgrade of electrical systems and telecommunications service at the facility. The Imperial Irrigation District, which operates and maintains the facility on behalf of Reclamation and other water district entities, will oversee the infrastructure improvement projects over the next two years.

Tuesday, October 14

**Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (LTEMP EIS) for**

**Glen Canyon Dam (AZ):** Reclamation's leads and co-lead representatives from the National Park Service will meet with the Basin States via webinar to continue discussions on a preferred alternative for the LTEMP EIS. A primary function of the LTEMP EIS will be to continue the successful experiments completed under the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program. Dam operations and other actions under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior will be considered for inclusion in alternatives in the LTEMP EIS, in keeping with the scope of the Grand Canyon Protection Act.

**Texas v. New Mexico Water Lawsuit:** The U.S. Supreme Court will potentially release orders on this issue today. The United States has joined the case regarding the Rio Grande Project water operations. The Court had previously accepted the case, but gave New Mexico another chance to seek dismissal. Parties in the lawsuit are awaiting an order from the Court on whether the case will proceed and the direction.

**American Water Resources Association (ID):** Reclamation will participate on a panel at the Idaho State Section of the American Water Resources Association in Boise, Idaho. The panel is entitled "Responding to Climate Change – What We Know and What We Are Doing."

Wednesday, October 15

**Technical Management Team Tour (WA):** The Technical Management Team will meet at Grand Coulee Dam and tour parts of the facility. The Technical Management Team is an inter-agency technical group responsible for making recommendations on dam and reservoir operations in the Columbia River Basin.

**Public Hearings on Draft EIS/EIR for Long-Term Water Transfers (CA):** On September 30, Reclamation and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority released the Long-Term North-to-South Water Transfers Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for public review. Public hearings will be conducted October 15 in Sacramento, October 16 in Los Banos, and October 21 in Chico, California. The Draft EIS/EIR addresses transfers of Central Valley Project and non-CVP water supplies that require the use of CVP or State Water Project facilities to convey the transferred water. Public comments are due by December 1.

Thursday, October 16

**Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program Executive Committee Meeting (NM):** Reclamation will participate in the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program Executive Committee meeting in Albuquerque. Discussions will include updates on the current Middle Rio Grande consultation, summer water operations, the Middle Rio Grande Biological Opinion and the transition process of the collaborative program to a recovery implementation program.

**Methow Valley Irrigation District Instream Flow Improvement Project (WA):** Reclamation will participate in a celebration to begin the construction on the Methow Valley Irrigation District Instream Flow Improvement Project. The construction will include converting two aging open canals to a ground water source enclosed system and a surface supplied pressurized pipe system. The \$10 million project is funded by the Office of the Columbia River, Salmon Recovery Fund, and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee and was designed by Reclamation. MVID is located in north central Washington state.

**Students to Visit Trinity River Restoration Program Sites (CA):** Staff from the Trinity River Restoration Program will host a field day for 7-8 graders as part of the TRRP educational outreach activities. Students will visit a newly constructed restoration project and learn how the physical features provide habitat, increase geomorphic complexity, and provide riparian cover for fish and wildlife species of the Trinity River.

Friday, October 17

Nothing to report

## Major Press Inquiries

Steve Baragona of *Voice of America* called Friday, October 3, inquiring about base operating water levels for power generation at Hoover Dam.

Jim Carlton of the *Wall Street Journal* has inquired as to Reclamation's processes/programs on urban to urban water transfers. Questions were based on a recent Phoenix-Tucson water agreement. An interview is pending on further details.

The German partner of CNN International, *N-TV*, is interested in doing a story on Hoover Dam regarding highlights as a tourist destination for their magazine show called "N-TV Knowledge". Proposed film date is November 13-15.

Brandon Loomis of the *Arizona Republic* is requesting interviews and B-roll of water management, Hoover Dam and Lake Mead. Proposed dates are Oct 16-20.

On Oct 2, *High Country News* requested a photo of Grand Coulee Dam. The monthly environmental magazine has published an online story about the Columbia River Treaty written by HCN Intern Marshall Swearingen.

On October 10, a film crew from the *History Channel's "American Truck Restoration"* series will be shooting a film segment about a half mile downstream of Teton Dam near Rexburg, Idaho. Pilgrim Operations of Los Angeles, California, says their series host will describe how a refurbished 1949 Power Wagon and its owner helped the community recover after the 1976 dam failure.

Stephanie Ogburn, a freelance writer based in Colorado, is developing a story for the University of Wyoming's publication called *Western Confluence*. The story is about how scientists are working to predict the future of water in the West, particularly focused on the Colorado River. She will be speaking with Reclamation's Science Advisor David Raff on October 14. Reclamation is scheduling an interview with staff from the Colorado River Basin Study. It is not known when it will be published.

## Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

### **Klamath River Flow Increase and Fish Health Concerns (Oregon/California):**

On October 3, after coordinating with a technical team of Federal and Tribal experts, Reclamation determined that additional water would be released from PacifiCorp's Iron Gate Dam to address ongoing fish health concerns resulting from an *Ichthyophthirius multifiliis* (also known as "Ich") parasite outbreak affecting coho and Chinook salmon in the Klamath River. Findings of Ich have been observed in fish collected from the mainstem Klamath River over the past several weeks, with most of the cases classified as severe. As a result, on October 4, flows at Iron Gate Dam began to increase from 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 1,750 cfs for approximately 10 days. Consistent with the 2013 Biological Opinions on the operation of the Klamath Project, this flow event is anticipated to use 16,000 acre-feet from PacifiCorp's reservoirs and will have no effect on Upper Klamath Lake elevations.

**Drainage Meetings with Stakeholders (California):** Reclamation representatives will continue to brief key stakeholder interests on the principles of agreement for a potential settlement between the United States and the Westlands Water District regarding the United States' obligation to provide drainage service for the San Luis Unit of the Central Valley Project. Reclamation will reach out to several state agencies, the U.S. Geological Survey, the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, and other local stakeholder groups. Additional outreach briefings are expected later this month.

**Court Ruling on Orr Ditch Decree - Truckee River Operating Agreement (California/Nevada):** Although the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) was signed in September 2008, it could not become effective until the Orr Ditch Court (Court) approved necessary modifications to the Orr Ditch Decree (Decree) that would substitute TROA as the operating agreement for the Decree. On September 30, 2014, the Court issued an order approving and modifying the Decree. Several contingencies still need to be completed but are not expected to cause any significant delays. TROA was set to terminate on December 31, 2014, unless it became effective or the Signatory Parties extended the date. The Department of the Interior may still be required to agree to an extension of the date by one year in order to complete the final contingencies before TROA can become effective. Some TROA-related litigation activities involving the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District are ongoing.

**2014 High Flow Experiment (HFE) Release at Glen Canyon Dam:** Sediment conditions in the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam are sufficient to trigger a HFE release of 37,500 cubic-feet-per-second (cfs) from the dam for 96 hours. The proposed release is tentatively targeted for the week of November 9, 2014. The release will consist of 22,500 cfs of full power-plant capacity and a bypass release of 15,000 cfs through the river outlets. It is designed to take advantage of recent sediment inputs by redepositing the sediment for the benefit of downstream resources including camping beaches, sandbars, backwater habitat, riparian vegetation, and archeological sites. Reclamation is coordinating with Department of the Interior agencies and the Western Area Power Administration. Reclamation is also consulting with the Basin States, Tribes, and other stakeholders on the proposed release. This will mark the third HFE conducted under the 2012 Environmental Assessment for Development and Implementation of a Protocol for High-flow Experimental Releases from Glen Canyon Dam.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Let's Move Outside/Nature Hike at Lake Berryessa (CA):** On October 18, Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside/Nature Hike–Fall Foray at Lake Berryessa in Central California. Participants will join a Park Ranger for a hike on the Smittle Creek Trail along the western shoreline, exploring the unique Blue Oak woodland and the beauty and tranquility of Lake Berryessa.

**Let's Move Outside/Mormon Creek Paddle at New Melones Lake (CA):** On October 19, Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside Mormon Creek Paddle adventure led by a Park Ranger at New Melones Lake in Central California. Participants will experience the beauty of New Melones from a unique perspective while on the outlook for river otters, bald eagles, osprey, and other wildlife.

**Drought Contingency Planning for the Colorado River (UT):** On October 20, Reclamation will present preliminary modeling results at a meeting with Upper Basin states and other stakeholder representatives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Reclamation has been working with the Upper Basin States and stakeholders on drought contingency planning for the Colorado River. The region is currently conducting modeling of potential scenarios of Extended Operations that, within existing operational and environmental commitments, would move water from higher Colorado River Storage Project reservoirs to Lake Powell to prevent Powell elevations dropping below critical elevations for delivery and power generation.

**Reclamation at the Interagency Steering Committee for Multimedia Environmental Modeling (CA):** On October 20-24, staff from Reclamation's Trinity River Restoration Program will represent the Reclamation Science and Technology Program at the Interagency Steering Committee for Multimedia Environmental Modeling in Baltimore, Maryland.

**The Columbia Basin 2014 Conference (WA):** On October 21-23, Reclamation will participate in the Columbia Basin 2014 Conference – Learning from Our Past to Shape Our Future held in Spokane, Washington. This is an international conference that will explore the future of the Columbia River in an innovative format with breakout sessions, graphic facilitation and inspirational arts and culture activities as they relate to the Columbia River.

**Brazos River Demonstration Wetland Gets Final Approval (TX):** On October 21, the proposed Brazos River Pilot Wetland is expected to get final construction approval from the City of Waco. If approved, construction is anticipated to begin in a month. This pilot will investigate the ability of an innovative constructed wetland design to attenuate endocrine disrupting chemicals from reclaimed wastewater. A Federal-state-local partnership was formed to design, construct and monitor the demonstration wetland among Reclamation's Technical Service Center and Oklahoma-Texas Area Office, U.S. Geological Survey, Texas Water Development Board, Waco Water Utilities Services Department, and Baylor University. Reclamation and USGS are working together to provide information to the City of Waco for a joint news release.

**Signing Ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan:** In late October, Reclamation, Department of Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a signing ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan they are in the process of developing. The Action Plan continues the collaboration of the three agencies under the Hydropower MOU signed in March 2010. The new interagency Sustainable Hydropower Action Plan (Phase II) to be released details the joint action items under the MOU that the agencies intend to work on in coming years, in the general areas of: (1) Advancing Technology Development and Performance Testing, (2) Addressing Environmental Issues, (3) Conducting Hydro Systems Analysis, and (4) Promoting Information Sharing. (Updated from last week).

**WaterSMART Ceremony with Three Sisters Irrigation District (OR):** In mid-to-late October, WaterSMART recipient Three Sisters Irrigation District will celebrate the completion of a four-year project to up-convert their irrigation system to pressurized pipe and added low-head hydropower capability. The event will be attended by districts, the contractor and Congressional and local representatives. Deputy Secretary Mike Connor has been invited.

**FY 2015 WaterSMART Grant Funding Announcement:** In early November, Reclamation will begin announcing FY 2015 WaterSMART funding, beginning with the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants and Title XVI Project funding. Selection of the FY 2015 Basin Studies will begin. (Updated from last week)

**Get Outdoors Nevada Day (NV):** On October 25, Reclamation will support Get Outdoors Nevada Day at Craig Ranch Regional Park in Las Vegas by staffing an exhibit.

**Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council and Forum Meetings (NM):** Reclamation will participate in a meeting of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council and Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum on October 29-30, 2014, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the accomplishments of federal agencies and make recommendations on future activities to control salinity. Participating agencies on the advisory council include Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Annual Science Review (CA):** The Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Annual Science Review is scheduled in Sacramento on November 6-7. This event, which will focus on the drought and drought operations, is a requirement stated within the 2008 and 2009 National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion for the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the federal Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project. Each year, the meeting evaluates how the RPA actions were implemented and their effectiveness for Endangered Species Act-listed species during the past year. The conference is held with NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the public is invited to attend but not participate.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**  
**October 8-17, 2014**

**Message to the Secretary**

Nothing to report.

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On **October 14**: USGS Acting Director Suzette Kimball will speak at a The Great ShakeOut press event held at the Designing for Disaster Exhibit at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC. The event is being coordinated with FEMA, CDC, the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium, local officials, and Louisa County Public Schools.

On **October 10**, Suzette will be on Annual Leave.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 8

Nothing to report.

Thursday, October 9

Nothing to report.

Friday, October 10

**Senator Leahy to Headline Federal Partners for Lake Champlain Meeting:** On **October 10**, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, and Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin will participate in a Federal Partners for Lake Champlain meeting in Burlington, Vermont. The will serve as a forum for federal partners to share the results of their work in Lake Champlain addressing topics such as phosphorus pollution, invasive species, fisheries, disaster response and climate resilience. USGS Vermont/New Hampshire Water Science Center Director Keith Robinson, will represent USGS research at the meeting.

Saturday & Sunday, October 11 & 12

Nothing to report.

Monday, October 13

Nothing to report.

Tuesday, October 14

**News Release–Baseline Groundwater Quality Study in Pennsylvania:** On **October 14**, the USGS will locally announce two reports that document baseline groundwater quality in Wayne and Pike Counties, Pennsylvania, prior to the development of shale-gas resources in the Marcellus Shale. The reports are available online and a local news release is planned. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

Wednesday, October 15

Nothing to report.

Thursday, October 16

**USGS Participation in the Great ShakeOut:** At 10:16 a.m. (local time) on **October 16**, the worldwide ShakeOut earthquake drill will take place. The ShakeOut began in California in 2008 and has since spread to other states and regions, including the Southeast which held the first SouthEast ShakeOut in 2012, after the 2011 Virginia earthquake. This year 43 states and U.S. territories, and several other countries, are officially involved. The USGS will participate in a number of events and activities in support of the ShakeOut drill and to



promote earthquake preparedness. USGS Acting Director will participate in a press event in Washington, DC; a number of online products, information and presentations will be made available; USGS scientists will participate in the opening ceremony for Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, which was damaged in the 2011 Virginia earthquake; and a USGS Top Story about the ShakeOut will be posted.

Friday, October 17

Nothing to report.

TBD

**News Release—City Votes on USGS Research Project:** During the week of **October 20**, USGS and Reclamation will issue a joint news release about the Waco Treatment Wetlands project. On **October 21**, the City of Waco, Texas City Council is scheduled to vote on final construction approval of the Waco Treatment Wetlands, a multi-disciplinary/partner research project to demonstrate whether an innovative constructed wetlands design can remove endocrine disrupters that occur in reclaimed wastewater. USGS, Reclamation the City of Waco and Baylor University are all involved. Once approved, construction of the wetlands could start in the next month. Media coverage is anticipated.

**News Release—USGS to Release Study on Disease Virulence Evolution:** In the **coming weeks**, a news release will announce new research, led by the USGS, that finds that diseases that cause debilitating symptoms are expected to evolve lower virulence along the epidemic front compared to the epidemic origin. Motivated by real-world observations of a new disease in songbirds, a mathematical investigation shows that disease virulence—the increased death rate of infected individuals—is expected to evolve to lower levels along the epidemic front compared to the disease origin. The paper will be published in *The American Naturalist*.

**News Release—Freshwater Fisheries and Global Food Security:** In the **coming weeks**, Michigan State University will distribute a news release describing the importance of inland fisheries to global food security, the challenges faced due to competing demands for freshwater and possible solutions. USGS scientists contributed to the publication and will be identified in the news release. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Characterization of Groundwater Quality in the Bakken Area:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Groundwater*, which uses data for a broad suite of inorganic and organic chemical constituents, and groundwater-age, noble-gas, and isotopic tracers, to characterize the quality and age of shallow groundwater in the region. The data can serve as a baseline for future groundwater quality monitoring as energy development activities expand in the basin. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—NC Baseline Study for Hydraulic Fracturing:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new study that examined groundwater quality samples collected in a potential shale gas production area in North Carolina. This report can be considered as baseline information for groundwater quality in the aquifers of the study area because the natural gas industry is not yet active in the state. The results showed that dissolved methane concentrations were low. The study will be published as a USGS Open-File Report. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Seal flu virus:** In the **next few weeks** the USGS National Wildlife Health Center will issue a national news release announce a new report showing that the avian flu virus that caused widespread harbour seal deaths in 2011 can easily spread to and infect other mammals and potentially humans. The release will likely be joint with the St. Jude's Children's Memorial Hospital. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—The impact of road salt on watersheds:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS plans to announce new research about increasing chloride concentrations in streams associated with the use of road salt. The paper

is pending journal approval, but approval is expected within the next week or two. A news release will be coordinated with the publication date. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–Upper Klamath ET Maps:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will distribute a press release for upcoming evapotranspiration maps of the upper Klamath Basin. The announcement will be coordinated with other local activities in the Klamath area. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Inquiry about Missouri River Basin trends:** USGS South Dakota Water Science Center Director, Mark Anderson, spoke with *National Geographic Magazine* about Missouri River Basin trends and answered question about whether the Missouri River is changing its channel. Publication plans are unknown and *National Geographic* plans to follow up with Anderson soon.

**AP Interest in Fire Island Sand Dunes EA:** *Associated Press* interviewed USGS research geologist Cheryl Hapke and geophysicist Bill Schwab about USGS input to the draft Environmental Assessment on rebuilding sand dunes on Fire Island following Superstorm Sandy. Both scientists walked the reporter through USGS' role in the draft EA process. Questions focused on USGS input to the draft EA and on USGS research demonstrating that storm surge in that area will impact the mainland whether the project is built or not.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing to report.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Forthcoming USGS Polar Bear Research Papers:** In the **coming months**, the USGS will be releasing several new journal papers related to polar bear conservation in a warming Arctic. The papers range from medium to high interest and cover topics including implications of polar bear genetic structure, female polar bear diet and foraging strategies, polar bear population dynamics, effects of polar bear capture and polar bear resource selection patterns to inform energy resource development in the Arctic. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**USGS Afghanistan Research to be Featured in *EARTH Magazine*:** For **late summer**, USGS is preparing a feature article that will appear in *EARTH Magazine* about USGS hydrologic research and capacity building activities in Afghanistan. A decade of work conducted by scientists in Afghanistan will be highlighted. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY–INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND THE BUREAUS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION  
October 8 to October 17, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On October 8, the Assistant Secretary, Principal Deputy Assistant-Indian Affairs, and Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs for Policy and Economic Development will present at the Self-Governance Advisory Committee quarterly meeting in Washington, D.C.

On October 8, Assistant Secretary Washburn will meet with Senator Harry Reid, (D-Nevada) to discuss Indian Gaming issues. AS-IA Washburn appeared before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs last month to provide testimony on S.2670, the Keep the Promise Act. It is very likely that the AZ Senators (McCain and Flake) have reached out to Reid to move the bill when they reconvene in mid-November. There is the potential that this bill could be attached to other legislative vehicles such as an Omnibus.

On October 9, Congressman Tom Reed (R-NY) will call Assistant Secretary Washburn on the Cayuga Indian Nation leadership dispute. Congressman Reed sent a letter to the Assistant Secretary on July 1 regarding the dispute and has not received a response. Mr. Reed is concerned that the leadership dispute is causing unrest in his district and he wants to make sure that the BIA is aware of the severity of the issue.

On October 14, the AS-IA will call Chairman Armenta of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians to discuss the Tribe's petition for the Department to take its Camp 4 property into trust. The Department determined that Camp 4 was part of a Tribal Consolidation Plan and does not require the high level of scrutiny required by off-reservation acquisitions. The Tribe will be issuing a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) this week about this land. The Chairman would like to discuss this finding and its implications with the Assistant Secretary.

On October 15, the BIA Director Black will be the keynote speaker at the 2014 Tribal/State Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Conference in Oregon.

On October 15-16, the AS-IA will present at the 8th Annual Rennard Strickland Lecture at the University of Oregon law school.

On October 15-16, the BIA Rocky Mountain Region is scheduled to meet with the Water Board and Eastern Shoshone Business Council and the Northern Arapaho Business Council regarding Wind River Irrigation Project. A staff member from Senator Barrasso's Office, Senator Committee on Indian Affairs, will attend the meeting. A site tour is also planned for the staffer.

On October 15-18, BIE Director Roessel, SIPI President Allison and Haskell President Venida Chenault will participate in the National Indian Education Association's conference in Anchorage, Alaska.

On October 16, the BIA Director Black will participate in the Southwest Conservation Legacy youth project with Fish & Wildlife Service as part of the Department's Youth Initiative.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 8

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 9

Members of the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children will be in Washington, D.C. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the South Interior Building, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20240.

Friday, October 10

Members of the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children will continue to meet in Washington, D.C. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting takes place at the South Interior Building and is open to the public. The Public Comment portion of the meeting is scheduled for today from 1:00-1:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Saturday & Sunday October 11 & 12

Nothing to report

Monday, October 13

Nothing to report

Tuesday, October 14

BIE Director Roessel will be interviewed by KQRE-TV in Albuquerque, NM regarding issues at the Pine Hill School located in NM.

Wednesday, October 15

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 16

Nothing to report

Friday, October 17

Nothing to report

**Major Press Inquiries**

The Danbury (CT) News-Times wants to know the status of proposed changes to the federal recognition requirements and if a DOI decision is expected in the near future.

Colorlines (colorlines.com), a New York-based daily online news site covering race and justice issues, is inquiring about the proposed federal acknowledgment rules.

Al Jazeera in Chicago is requesting unemployment rates for the Fort Berthold Reservation.

Dailey Caller News Foundation requests information on the timing of DOI's decision on the Pamunkey tribe's federal recognition and if the tribe has discarded its prohibition against marriages with African Americans.

Police Chief Magazine requests that our BIA Office of Justice Services submit a "From the Director" column for November's issue. Police Chief Magazine is sent to all the members of the International Police Chiefs' Association.

The Billings (MT) AP wants to know if the BIA is working with the Two Rivers Detention Center, that is operated by a third party, Emerald Corrections, on the placement of tribal inmates into Two Rivers' private jail in Hardin, MT. The AP also has questions on how placement works and who pays Emerald Corrections.

The Barnsdall (OK) Bigheart Times is seeking confirmation that the BIA Osage Agency superintendent and her staff "stormed out early" after a Q& A session at the Osage Nation's Oil and Gas Summit (on Oct. 1 and 2 in Tulsa) "turned awkward."

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

October 18 is the AS-IA's deadline to approve or disapprove the gaming compacts for Karuk Tribe, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, and Yerington Paiute Tribe. The compacts will be deemed approved if not disapproved by that date. The AS-IA office is working on the decisions and notification plans.

Following a meeting with DOI Budget office, AS-IA, and BIE, it was agreed that we would request an extension of time to continue gathering the 2014 Johnson-O'Malley student count as directed by Congress. The BIE continues to place calls to schools and contractors to ensure that those Tribal entities presently receiving funds, as well as the contractors and public schools, are given ample opportunities to provide numbers for the report. If the House appropriators agree to the extension, the report will be submitted on December 31 rather than September 30. We are working closely with staff in the Department's Office of Policy, Management and Budget.

Ramona Ukestine, a citizen of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (UKB), submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to send a copy of the current Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Compact of the higher education program. Ms. Ukestine has contacted the Office of Self-Governance (OSG) with regard to her FOIA request and complains of unequal treatment by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to the UKB, indicating that the Secretary of the Interior was not meeting the statutory requirement to treat Tribes equally. She promised to bring this to her congressional delegation and to contact policy officials within the DOI to discuss her concerns.

The BIA, Office of Justice Services/Tribal Justice Support (TJS) has a contract with the Center of Indigenous Research and Justice to re-draft the Tribal Model Juvenile Code to incorporate provisions of the Affordable Care Act. This will assist tribal courts in providing health and substance abuse counseling to juveniles.

The proposed Rights-of-Way (25 CFR 169) rule comment deadline has been extended to November 3.

The AS-IA's office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action is working with BIE on developing a call for nominations to a negotiated rulemaking (25 CFR 30) committee to address adequate yearly progress (AYP) in Bureau schools, as well as school transportation and school consolidation and closure.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

We have three gaming compact decisions due next week, including two in Nevada likely to be approved and one in California, for the Karuk Tribe, in which we are working through some problems.

The Alaska Land into Trust rule is nearly ready for finalization. We expect to have additional communication with DOJ and some final touches on the draft final rule, but we will soon begin preparing rollout materials.

On October 20, 22, 27, and 29, BIE will hold tribal consultations, in person and through webinars, on the preliminary discussion draft of revised regulations regarding funding to Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities including Diné College.

On October 23-25, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) 2014 annual conference will take place in Anchorage, Alaska.

Between October 26 and November 3, ASIA, BIA, and BIE leadership, and the Haskell and SIPI Presidents, will attend the NCAI's 71st Convention in Atlanta.

On October 26 and 27, DOI will hold the following tribal consultations and listening sessions at the NCAI conference in Atlanta: Secretarial Elections, Indian Water Rights Settlement Program, and Indian Child Welfare Act compliance. There will also be roundtable discussion on Sacred Sites.

On October 28, Deputy Undersecretary Dr. Ann Bartuska, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is touring 1994 land-grant institutions (Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), SIPI, Navajo Technical College, and Diné College); she will be on the SIPI campus in the afternoon.

On November 4-5, the next quarterly Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) will take place at the Washington Plaza Hotel at Thomas Circle in Washington, D.C.

On November 6, the BIE American Indian Language Summit will take place in Albuquerque, NM.

On November 6, the DOI/IA National Native American Heritage Month event will take place at the OPM headquarters. The theme is "Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever."

On December 1-5, the 24th Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference will be held in Anchorage, AK.

On December 9, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute's President will present to the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee.

On December 9-10, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce Conference will take place in Washington, D.C. The Division of Economic Development (DED) is helping the Chambers of Commerce plan and implement this event, the first-ever conference organized by all of the American Indian Chambers in the U.S.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS (OST)  
October 8<sup>th</sup> –October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

None to report.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 8

October 8, the Concho Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) is working with the Northern Cheyenne Land Buy-Back Program (LBBP) to provide a LBBP outreach. They are working with the Northern Cheyenne LBBP because there were over 200 offers in the Oklahoma area. They are working together to make sure individuals were provided an informational presentation regarding the LBBP.

October 8, the Pima Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) and staff will be participate in the final Gila River Land Buy-Back Program outreach event at the District 3 Boys and Girls Club in Sacaton, Arizona.

Thursday, October 9

October 9-10, Cherokee Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will attend the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council Meeting scheduled to be held in Durant, Oklahoma. The FTO regularly attends these meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Friday, October 10

October 10, the Concho Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will assist the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) Will writing clinic at the Cheyenne-Arapaho Nutrition Center in Clinton, Oklahoma. Information regarding land titles will be distributed.

October 10, the Rosebud Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will participate in the quarterly South Dakota Indian Business Alliance (SDIBA) meeting in Pierre, South Dakota. The meeting will concentrate on policy in Indian Country and SDIBA members will meet with South Dakota Governor, Dennis Daugaard; South Dakota Secretary of Tribal Relations, J.R. LaPlante; Director of Governor's Office of Economic Development, Kim Easland; and South Dakota House Representative, Kevin Killer. Topics of conversation will be Uniform Commercial Codes and the Community Reinvestment Act which was enacted by Congress in 1977 to encourage banks to help meet the credit needs of communities with low to moderate incomes. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

October 10-12 the Pine Ridge Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) and staff will provide outreach at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakota Dakota Nakota Language Summit and Black Hills Powwow in Rapid City, South Dakota. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Saturday, October 11

October 11, the Southern Plains Region Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will host an informational outreach meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe landowners will have the opportunity to review and discuss the proposed Atoka waterline right-of-way.

October 11, the Pima Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will assist the Will clinic at the Arizona Summit Law School at OST's Pima Agency in Sacaton, Arizona.

Sunday, October 12

None to report.

Monday, October 13

October 13, the Cherokee and Eastern Oklahoma Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will attend the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Meeting scheduled to be held in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The FTO regularly attends these monthly meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries.

Tuesday, October 14

October 14, 2014, Winnebago Agency FTO, Eileen McBride and Ms. Jessica James, Activities Program Director at the Lincoln Indian Center, have scheduled an information presentation about the Land Buy Back Program by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians at the Lincoln Indian Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Wednesday, October 15

October 15, the Cherokee and Eastern Oklahoma Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will attend the Inter-Tribal Council Meeting of the Miami Area Tribes held in Miami, Oklahoma. The FTO regularly attends these monthly meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries.

Thursday, October 16-Friday, October 17

None to report.

**Major Press Inquiries**

None to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (DDC) Tribal Litigation for Quinn-Leinbach, Settlement Proposal to the Obama Administration (SPOA) Tribes, and other Litigating Tribes**

The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) is actively supporting the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and The Department of Justice (DOJ) tribal litigation team's efforts to reach a settlement on the remaining cases.

**Colorado River Indian Tribes:** To support settlement evaluation efforts, the Department of Justice (DOJ) requested that the Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) prepare a natural resource revenue under-collection model similar to models previously prepared in the Navajo Nation and Chickasaw/Choctaw cases. OHTA informed DOJ that we will compare the models from those other cases with Plaintiff's model, have internal discussions about our recommendations for a model for this case, and then follow-up with DOJ regarding model options and next steps.

**Fletcher:** The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) continues work on the draft Osage Annuity Payment presentation with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) and the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) comments and suggestions. SOL will advise OHTA of the next Court briefing on the scope of the accounting in this case.

**Navajo:** The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) completed the lessons learned and closeout report for this case. No further work for this case is expected.

**Cobell: Settlement Payout Process:**

None to report.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians – Trust Services is working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to issue annual statements to Individual Indian Money (IIM) account beneficiaries that only hold surface/subsurface assets (no monetary assets). The transition is anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2014.



## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE of INSULAR AFFAIRS

October 1-10, 2014

### Highlights (Chronologically) of Travel (AS-IN), Meetings and other Public Events

**October 6** – Meeting with Human Resources to establish paid summer internship program to promote capacity building among youth from the insular areas.

**October 6-** Conference Call with Dave Helweg, Director of the USGS Pacific Islands Climate Science Center regarding improved collaboration on climate change issues in the insular areas

**October 7** – Meeting with the New Zealand Deputy Secretary for International Development and the New Zealand Ambassador to the United States to discuss New Zealand’s approach to regional aid delivery, the engagement with the Northwest Pacific through the new New Zealand Consulate in Honolulu and recent regional developments such as the Pacific Islands Forum and the Small Island Developing States Conference

**October 10** – Meeting with the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (Department of Commerce) on Gross Domestic Product releases for the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); Briefing by Janice Schneider, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, on offshore wind energy and issues related to the Outer Continental Shelf in the insular areas

### Public Announcements

### Press Inquiries/Reports

### Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues

**Climate Change** – AS-IN has directed all OIA Directors to review their grant programs to take into climate change. That includes CIP funds, Coral Reef Funding, and Energy Development funding. Already, OIA’s Technical Assistance Program has modified its grant process to prioritize climate change in its applications. In addition, while seeking supplemental funding of \$3 million from OMB for climate change initiatives, OIA will be using carry over funds to establish this year a Climate Change Coordinator to better coordinate federal policies and funding opportunities within DOI and with other federal agencies to the insular areas, particularly with the territorial/Freely Associated governments.

**Typhoon Vongfong** – As of 5 a.m., EDT (7 p.m., ChST), October 7, located approximately 573 miles north-northwest of Yap, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and moving west-northwesterly at 12 miles per hour. This general motion expected to continue through 5 a.m., EDT (7 p.m., ChST), October 9. Maximum sustained winds are 140 miles per hour; additional strengthening likely to continue through 5 a.m., EDT (7 p.m., ChST), October 8. Large trees have fallen in parts of Saipan, CNMI, blocking access to power facilities; restoration activities underway. There are reports of many downed trees in Rota. Prior to hitting the CNMI, Typhoon Vongfong struck the FSM State of Pohnpei, where downed trees caused some power outages and schools were closed.

**OIA-Funded Projects in the Marshall Islands** – On October 3 Aquaculture Technologies of the Marshall Islands (ATMI) graduated the first generation of aquaculturists in the Marshall Islands. The six month-program took place at ATMI’s hatchery in the Ajeltake section of southwestern Majuro Atoll (the Marshall Islands’ capital) and graduated a class of twenty-five men and two women. The course was funded by the National Training Council of the Marshall Islands (supported by a Supplemental Education Grant through OIA), the College of the Marshall Islands, ATMI and Rongelap Atoll Local Government, whose *moi* fish program OIA also has funded. On October 1 *Waan Aelōñ in Majel* (Canoes of the Marshall Islands) graduated eighteen young men and four young women between the ages of 18 and 24 in a National Training Council of the Marshall Islands program supported by a Supplemental Education Grant through OIA. The students received training in math, English, carpentry and traditional Marshall Islands canoes and culture. Certificates of

Achievement were awarded for excellence in carpentry, improvement in math or English and perfect attendance.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**AS-IN Travel to the Northern Marianas, Guam, and American Samoa** - AS-IN works with OIA staff and DOI Communications team on upcoming courtesy trips as follow:

- **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** – Week of October 13<sup>th</sup>
- **Guam** – Week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speech to be delivered on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Guam Economic Development Authority symposium.
- **American Samoa** – Week of November 10<sup>th</sup>

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In November 2013, a few days after the first anniversary of Hurricane Sandy, President Obama issued Executive Order 13653 calling on Federal agencies to work with states, tribes, and local governments to improve preparedness for the impacts of a changing climate.

Agencies with a responsibility for natural resources were given a specific charge, outlined in Section 3 of the Order, titled, *Managing Lands and Waters for Climate Preparedness and Resilience*. The Order directed Federal agencies with responsibility for managing natural resources to:

“[C]omplete an inventory and assessment of proposed and completed changes to their land- and water-related policies, programs, and regulations necessary to make the Nation's watersheds, natural resources, and ecosystems, and the communities and economies that depend on them, more resilient in the face of a changing climate. Further, recognizing the many benefits the Nation's natural infrastructure provides, agencies shall, where possible, focus on program and policy adjustments that promote the dual goals of greater climate resilience and carbon sequestration, or other reductions to the sources of climate change. The assessment shall include a timeline and plan for making changes to policies, programs, and regulations.”

The interagency Council on Climate Change Preparedness and Resilience, established by Section 6 of the Order, convened a Climate and Natural Resources Working Group (CNRWG) to complete the inventory, assessment, and plan called for in Section 3 of the Order. The CNRWG includes Departments of Defense, Interior, and Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Through the first half of 2014, the CNRWG conducted an interagency process to inventory and assess current policies, programs, and regulations, as directed by the Executive Order. A variety of stakeholders were informally consulted throughout the process, including close collaboration with the State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force for Climate Preparedness and Resilience. This work considered several existing interagency strategies addressing climate change adaptation and natural resources, particularly the *National Ocean Policy*, the *National Action Plan: Priorities for Managing Freshwater Resources in a Changing Climate*, and the *National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy*.

This document, the *Priority Agenda for Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources*, is the result of this deliberation. The *Agenda* builds upon the robust climate change adaptation work already accomplished by Federal agencies and identifies significant actions moving forward.

## Key Themes and Commitments Moving Forward:

This *Agenda* identifies four priority strategies to make the Nation's natural resources more resilient to a changing climate. For each strategy, the *Agenda* documents significant progress and provides a roadmap for action moving forward. Highlights of the key actions agencies will undertake in the near term to implement each of the four strategies are described below and in Table 1.



- 1. Foster climate-resilient lands and waters** – Protect important landscapes and develop the science, planning, tools, and practices to sustain and enhance the resilience of the Nation's natural resources.

Key actions include the development of a Resilience Index<sup>1</sup> to measure the progress of restoration and conservation actions and other new or expanded resilience tools to support climate-smart natural resource management. Agencies will identify and prioritize landscape-scale conservation opportunities for building resilience; fight the introduction and spread of invasive species; and partner internationally to promote resilience within the Arctic. Throughout, agencies will evaluate resilience efforts to inform future actions.



- 2. Manage and enhance U.S. carbon sinks** – Conserve and restore soils, forests, grasslands, wetlands, and coastal areas that store carbon. Maintain and increase the capacity of these areas to provide vital ecosystem services alongside carbon storage such as clean air and water, wildlife habitat, food, fiber, and recreation.

Key actions include the development of improved inventory, assessment, projection and monitoring systems for important carbon sinks and the development of estimates of baseline carbon stocks and trends to inform resource management. A number of actions will secure the continued health of the Nation's natural resources that provide carbon biosequestration, including forests, agricultural lands, and inland and coastal wetlands.



- 3. Enhance community preparedness and resilience by utilizing and sustaining natural resources** – Harness the benefits of nature to protect communities from harm and build innovative 21st century infrastructure that integrates natural systems into community development.

Federal agencies will take action to encourage investment in natural infrastructure to improve resilience and enhance natural defenses through new federal guidance on ecosystem services assessment, an actionable research agenda, rigorous program evaluation, and expanded decision support tools and services. Federal agencies will increase assistance to states, tribes and localities interested in pursuing green stormwater management solutions and will expand partnerships that reduce wildfire risk and protect critical drinking water supplies, promote irrigation efficiency and water efficiency,

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<sup>1</sup> See page 19.

launch coastal resilience research projects and create decision support tools for local communities to manage their coastal resources.



**4. Modernize Federal programs, investments, and delivery of services to build resilience and enhance sequestration of biological carbon** – Ensure that Federal programs, policies, trainings, and investments consider climate resilience and carbon sequestration, and organize the delivery of Federal science, tools and services to help resource managers, landowners, and communities optimize their natural resource management decisions in a changing climate.

Agencies will incorporate resilience into natural resources planning and management across all existing operations and programs. Climate-smart practices will be reflected in land acquisition programs and financial assistance programs. Agencies will develop agency-specific principles and guidance for considering biological carbon in management and planning decisions. Agencies will enhance coordination among existing regional resilience information and services operations to better meet the needs of American communities, and strengthen the Federal workforce through training to build the climate literacy and capability of natural resource managers. Targeted training and grant assistance to tribes will help prepare indigenous communities for the impacts of climate change and support the development of tribal climate adaptation plans to enhance community resilience.

**Implementation**

Under the direction of the interagency Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, the CNRWG will track the implementation of this *Priority Agenda* in coordination with the existing efforts to implement the *National Ocean Policy*, the *National Action Plan: Priorities for Managing Freshwater Resources in a Changing Climate*, and the *National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy*. In 2015, Federal agencies will conduct a 12 month appraisal of implementation.

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## Chapter I: Introduction

### Priority Agenda for Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources

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*"The herd with its carbon pollution has built up in our atmosphere for decades now. And even if we Americans do our part, the planet will slowly keep warming for some time to come. The seas will slowly keep rising and storms will get more severe, based on the science. It's like tapping the brakes of a car before you come to a complete stop and then can shift into reverse. It's going to take time for carbon emissions to stabilize. ... So in the meantime, we're going to need to get prepared."*

President Obama, June 25, 2013

#### America's Natural Bounty



From the Gulf Coast bayous to the East Coast beaches, from Western sagebrush steppes to Pacific Northwest rain forests, Chesapeake Bay to Puget Sound and the rich ecosystems off our coasts, America's lands and waters have shaped our history, traditions, and way of life. When healthy, these ecosystems also deliver valuable goods and services and stimulate our economy; they provide food, jobs, building materials, medicines, clean water, outdoor recreation, and

wildlife habitat, while also protecting our communities from extreme events such as flooding, storm-surge, drought, heat waves, and wildfire.

These benefits have enormous value - for example, America's forests, farms, and ranches provide 87 percent of the surface supply of drinking water in America, and the economic value of the outdoor recreation economy is substantial, with spending estimates ranging as high as \$646 billion.<sup>2</sup> Spending on wildlife-related recreation alone was estimated at \$145 billion in the United States in 2011.<sup>3</sup> Agriculture, forestry and related industries contributed \$775.8 billion to the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) in 2012 and 16.5 million full-and part-time jobs - about 9.2 percent of total U.S. employment.<sup>4</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> Southwick Associates Inc. and The Outdoor Industry Association. 2012 Report on The Outdoor Recreation Economy. [http://outdoorindustry.org/pdf/OIA\\_OutdoorRecEconomyReport2012.pdf](http://outdoorindustry.org/pdf/OIA_OutdoorRecEconomyReport2012.pdf).

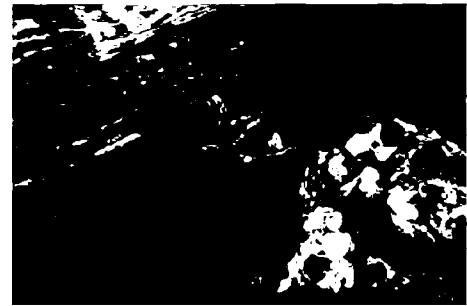
<sup>3</sup> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation: National Overview. <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/upload/FWS-National-Preliminary-Report-2011.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> "Ag and Food Sectors from the Economy." USDA ERS. <http://ers.usda.gov/data-products/ag-and-food-statistics-charting-the-essentials/ag-and-food-sectors-and-the-economy.aspx>.

Commercial and recreational domestic fishing activities in coastal and ocean areas supports approximately 1.7 million jobs, \$199 billion in sales, and \$69 billion in income annually.<sup>5</sup> In addition, coastal habitats reduce storm impacts, maintain water quality, support tourism and recreation, and provide other services that increase resilience of communities and businesses in coastal shoreline counties - home to 39 percent of the United States population and the economic engine of the U.S. economy (roughly half-or \$6.6 trillion-of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product).<sup>6</sup>

### **Natural Resources in Peril**

Climate change is already altering the structure and function of ecosystems, changing the distribution and abundance of plants and animals, and in many cases limiting the ability of lands and waters to provide services to communities. As described in the 2014 *National Climate Assessment*,<sup>7</sup> drought is contributing to record low flows in many streams, more widespread and intense wildfires, and the drying of many lakes in the South and West. Caribbean coral cover, important for fishing and tourism, has decreased by 80 percent in less than three decades. Arctic permafrost decline and sea ice retreat are leading to rapid coastal erosion, disrupting onshore infrastructure and traditional livelihoods. Many commercial and recreational fish stocks have exhibited shifts in distribution associated with changes in ocean temperatures. Roughly 81 million acres of the Nation's forests are at risk due to pests, pathogens, and drought stress associated with increased temperature and/or changes in precipitation. Wetlands and dunes that buffer communities are declining at the same time that more severe storms and increased flooding threaten roads, bridges, and businesses around the country and rising sea levels threaten coastal communities, ecosystems, and ports. These impacts to our lands and waters are amplified by many other existing stressors, such as pollution and land conversion. The carbon pollution that is driving these impacts continues to increase in the atmosphere, raising temperatures and acidifying the ocean, with serious implications for the health of both natural and human systems. However, the ecosystems that support our economy and provide extensive services to communities are also very good at reducing carbon levels in the atmosphere. Natural systems like forests, wetlands, grasslands, and sea grasses use the carbon in the atmosphere to grow, thereby pulling harmful pollution from the air and converting it into carbon in soils, leaves, seaweed, and grasses. Essentially, these ecosystems do double duty by both providing us with essential services *and* mitigating the damage of carbon pollution.



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5 "Fisheries Economics of the U.S." NOAA Office of Science and Technology.  
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6 "Spatial Trends in Coastal Socioeconomics." NOAA.  
[http://stateofthecoast.noaa.gov/coastal\\_economy/welcome.html](http://stateofthecoast.noaa.gov/coastal_economy/welcome.html).

7 Melillo, Jerry M., Terese (T.C.) Richmond, and Gary W. Yohe, eds. *Climate Change Impacts in the United States: The Third National Climate Assessment*. U.S. Global Change Research Program, 2014. 841 pp.

For these reasons, it is essential that the impacts of climate change be minimized to assure the health of these ecosystems. Addressing climate impacts to natural resources and the communities that depend upon them will require innovation and a national commitment, to not only limit the carbon pollution in the air, but also to modernize the Nation’s natural resource management agenda. This modernized agenda reflects the need to adapt to these changes and enhance the resilience of our natural resources while also boosting the capacity of ecosystems to reduce carbon levels in the atmosphere. Success will require efforts at every scale, from private lands to tribal lands, from local government to the Federal government. A more coordinated, forward-thinking and inclusive management approach is necessary, now more than ever, to address the scope of impacts being felt across the Nation.

### Strategies for Resilience

Increasing “resilience” – the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions<sup>8</sup> – is a complex endeavor. Many cities, states,<sup>9</sup> tribes, and landowners have already begun to tackle the challenge of building resilience to the changing climate. Federal agencies are supporting these efforts with data and information, tools, strategies, incentives, and expertise.

Over the past several years, Federal agencies have advanced comprehensive strategies to address important natural resource resilience issues.

- The *National Ocean Policy* was developed in 2010 to encourage a coordinated, inclusive approach to meeting the needs of the many communities and stakeholders that depend upon ocean resources. Under the *National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan*, released in 2013, Federal agencies are taking specific actions to address key ocean challenges, give states, tribes, and communities greater input in Federal decisions, streamline Federal operations, save taxpayer dollars, and promote economic growth. The *Implementation Plan* also includes a series of actions that Federal agencies are taking to improve resilience and prepare communities for the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, more frequent or severe extreme weather, and ocean acidification.
- Biological diversity is essential to ecosystem resilience; fish, wildlife, and plant resources provide Americans with important benefits and services, including jobs, income, food, clean water and air, building materials, storm protection, tourism, and recreation. Federal



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<sup>8</sup> Executive Order 13653, November 1, 2013, Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change. 78 FR 66817: 66817 - 66824.

<sup>9</sup> Instances of “state” in this report inclusively refer to U.S. States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa.

agencies partnered with state, tribal and local representatives to develop a *National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy*, released in 2013, that describes goals and actions to adapt to the impacts that climate change is having on fish and wildlife resources and the people and economies that depend on these resources. A Joint Implementation Working Group was formed in late 2013 to promote, track, and report on implementation of the *Strategy*. An initial implementation progress report was published in September 2014.

- The *National Action Plan: Priorities for Managing Freshwater Resources in a Changing Climate*, released in 2011, describes actions that Federal agencies are taking to help freshwater resource managers ensure adequate water supplies and protect water quality and public health as the climate changes. Realizing the challenges associated with water resource management in a changing climate, the Administration also formed the *National Drought Resilience Partnership* (NDRP), a partnership of seven Federal agencies announced in 2013, to help communities better prepare for droughts and to reduce the impact of drought events on families and businesses.<sup>10</sup>

These three initiatives (on oceans, fish and wildlife, and freshwater resources) are important vehicles for coordinating and implementing the *Priority Agenda for Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources*. In addition to these interagency strategies, each Federal agency has developed a Climate Adaptation Plan, to be updated every four years following the National Climate Assessment. Climate Adaptation Plans will be implemented in coordination with the three interagency strategies and this *Priority Agenda*.

Successful implementation of resilience strategies depends on access to, and integration of, the best-available scientific information. Multiple Federal agencies with science and stewardship responsibilities invest in observations, research, modeling, data and information services, and tools to advance understanding and consideration of the impacts of climate change on natural resources. Through the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), thirteen Federal agencies collaboratively help the United States better understand global change and its impacts. The USGCRP advances the scientific knowledge of the integrated natural and human components of the Earth's climate system, translates this knowledge into information that can enable timely decisions, conducts sustained assessments, such as the quadrennial National Climate Assessment, and advances communication and education to broaden public understanding of global change. The Third National Climate Assessment emphasized the impacts of climate change on biodiversity and ecosystem services in the United States.

Other Federal science investments include observing systems located in space, in the oceans, on land, and in the atmosphere; research on climate impacts and vulnerability; and development of climate-

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<sup>10</sup> For more information on the three national strategies, see <http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/resilience>. For more information on NDRP, see <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/11/15/introducing-national-drought-resilience-partnership>.

relevant indicators and other information to support decision-making. Through the National Plan for Civil Earth Observations and the Big Earth Data Initiative, both led by the U.S. Group on Earth Observations, agencies are working to enhance coordinated and sustained observations of the planet and its natural resources to better track, predict, and respond to climate impacts on ecosystems and the people who depend on them. Agencies are also working to enhance access to data and tools associated with climate and ecosystems through the Climate Data Initiative and Climate Resilience Toolkit, as called for in the President’s Climate Action Plan.<sup>11</sup> Collectively, these efforts, among others, help to provide the information that is needed to support sustainable natural resource investments and management in a changing climate.<sup>12</sup>

### **Moving Forward**

Recognizing the need to build upon these efforts, President Obama signed Executive Order 13653 – *Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change* – on November 1, 2013. This Order established the State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience and the Federal interagency Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, which has several working groups, including the Climate and Natural Resources Working Group, the Climate Data and Tools Working Group, the Infrastructure Resilience Working Group, and the Agency Adaptation Working Group. These Working Groups have been collaborating to address the needs expressed in the Order.

Section 3 of the Executive Order, *Managing Lands and Waters for Climate Preparedness and Resilience*, asked Federal agencies to:

“[C]omplete an inventory and assessment of proposed and completed changes to their land- and water-related policies, programs, and regulations necessary to make the Nation’s watersheds, natural resources, and ecosystems, and the communities and economies that depend on them, more resilient in the face of a changing climate. Further, recognizing the many benefits the Nation’s natural infrastructure provides, agencies shall, where possible, focus on program and policy adjustments that promote the dual goals of greater climate resilience and carbon sequestration, or other reductions to the sources of climate change.”

The agencies that comprise the Climate and Natural Resources Working Group<sup>13</sup> prepared this *Priority Agenda: Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America’s Natural Resources* in response to the direction in Section 3 of the Executive Order and in coordination with the State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force. This *Priority Agenda* provides a strategy with specific actions that Federal agencies are doing to enhance the climate resilience of natural resources and the communities that depend on them. These actions fall into four focal areas:

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11 “The President’s Climate Action Plan.” Executive Office of the President. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/image/president27sclimateactionplan.pdf>.

12 For more information on the USGCRP see <http://www.globalchange.gov>.

13 See Appendix B for list of Climate Natural Resources Working Group members.



- **Foster climate-resilient lands and waters** – Protect important landscapes and develop the science, planning, tools, and practices to sustain and enhance the resilience of the Nation’s natural resources.



- **Manage and enhance U.S. carbon sinks** – Conserve and restore soils, forests, grasslands, wetlands, and coastal areas that store carbon. Maintain and increase the capacity of these areas to provide vital ecosystem services alongside carbon storage such as clean air and water, wildlife habitat, food, fiber, and recreation.



- **Enhance community preparedness and resilience by utilizing and sustaining natural resources** – Harness the benefits of nature to protect communities from harm and build innovative 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure that integrates natural systems into community development.



- **Modernize Federal programs, investments, and delivery of services to build resilience and enhance sequestration of biological carbon** – Ensure that Federal programs, policies, training, and investments consider climate resilience and carbon sequestration, and organize the delivery of Federal science, tools and services to help resource managers, landowners, and communities optimize their natural resource management decisions in a changing climate.

The actions described in this document and summarized in Appendix A, are concrete commitments that the Federal government is undertaking to support these four major goals. Much of the work described is already under way. Other actions, such as future commitments to begin work in 2015, will depend on the appropriation of funding and effective leveraging of resources and partnerships. Together these actions comprise a priority agenda for building on the tremendous progress made over the past several years to ensure that America’s natural resources continue to enrich the lives of Americans, support the economy, and prepare communities for the impacts of a changing climate.





## **Chapter II: Foster Climate-Resilient Lands and Waters** **Protect important landscapes and develop the science, planning, tools, and practices to sustain and enhance the resilience of the Nation's natural resources.**

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*"... most of all, I think about our obligation to be good stewards of our blessings – to make sure that our children's children get the same chance to experience these natural wonders."*

President Obama, May 21, 2014

### **The Challenge**

America is blessed with a wide diversity of rich ecosystems, from Pacific Northwest rainforests to the river of grass known as the Everglades, to tropical coral reefs. These places are more than just awe-inspiring and beautiful; they support every aspect of American life. They comprise the natural bounty that brought prosperity to a young Nation and today still provides the foundation for national, state, tribal, and local economies. When healthy they bless us with clean water, protect communities from flooding or drought, ensure that crops can grow and reproduce, and provide recreational and cultural opportunities for all Americans.



As described in the 2014 *National Climate Assessment*, climate-related changes to the structure and function of these ecosystems are already taking place and are limiting the ability of these lands and waters to provide services to communities and economies. To ensure that these threatened land and water resources will thrive, we must learn to anticipate future changes and adapt our management approaches and actions to build resilience.

Executive Order 13653 defines "resilience" as the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions. A "resilient" landscape or ecosystem may be characterized as an area with sufficient options to enable species and ecosystems to rebound in the face of great stresses without transforming into an undesirable condition. Such options, or characteristics that foster resilience, include a high diversity of species, multiple core habitat areas with redundant linkages among them, topographic and elevation diversity that provides a range of habitat types and microclimates, and minimal barriers that restrict adaptive movement of species or ecosystems. Just as a diversified stock portfolio is more resilient to dramatic financial swings, this diversity of form and function ensures that these landscapes, and those who manage them, are better able to cope with future change. A landscape or species without such options would be considered vulnerable in the face of climate change.

By planning and implementing management at the landscape scale,<sup>14</sup> rather than only focusing narrowly on a local scale or an individual project, natural resource managers, planners, and landowners can more effectively consider, avoid, and minimize a broader range of impacts that compromise resilience; more accurately evaluate cumulative impacts upon priority resources;<sup>15</sup> and minimize risk for project proponents and other stakeholders. This forward-looking approach, in contrast to managing for historical conditions, fosters resilience because it anticipates and prepares for disruptions to the system.

To be effective at the landscape scale, natural resource managers at the Federal, state, tribal, and local levels must better understand resilience as it applies to each resource they address, what actions will build resilience for those resources, what places are most important to protect and restore, and then incorporate relevant information into decision-making. This will require new information, tools, and policy approaches to ensure these considerations are systematically taken into account. The following sections describe some of the ongoing and new efforts that Federal agencies are implementing to build resilience at the landscape scale and sets an agenda for a) establishing and building upon partnerships; b) identifying resilience objectives; c) developing the tools necessary for landowners and managers to foster resilient landscapes; and d) establishing protocols to monitor and adaptively manage for resilience going forward.

## **Progress to Date**

The Administration has made significant progress through landscape-scale partnerships that bring together Federal, state, tribal, and private interests to address habitat fragmentation, wildlife protection, and the continued productivity of farms, ranches, and the Nation's forests, coasts, and oceans. These partnerships are now beginning to bear fruit and foster resilience. Continued commitment to these efforts and the partnerships to guide them is a key part of building resilience going forward. Key examples include:

- **Advance Landscape-Scale Initiatives:** Through existing initiatives like America's Great Outdoors and place-based investments in locations such as the Chesapeake Bay, Klamath Basin, the Crown of the Continent, the Everglades, and the sagebrush steppe of the arid West, Federal agencies are partnering with states, tribes, and communities across the country to catalyze and bolster local conservation and management



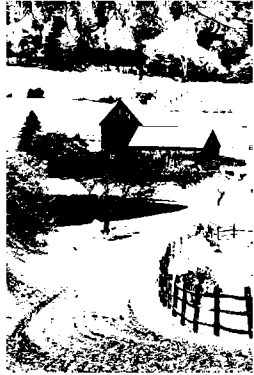
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<sup>14</sup> The term “landscape-scale” can represent many different spatial scales depending on the resource values being managed. For the purposes of this report, a “landscape” is defined as a large area encompassing an interacting mosaic of ecosystems and human systems that is characterized by a set of intersecting management concerns. The landscape is not defined by the size of the area, but rather by the interacting elements that are meaningful to the management objectives. In addition, for the purposes of this report, the term “landscape” encompasses watersheds and marine environments that match the above description.

<sup>15</sup> The term “cumulative impacts” refers to the combined, incremental effects of human activity on a resource, ecosystem, or human community. Impacts of an action may be relatively insignificant on their own, but as they accumulate over time and combine with the impacts from other sources, they can lead to significant overall degradation of resources (EPA, 1999).

efforts and demonstrate the power of these collaborators to more effectively align, target, and leverage resources to accomplish shared goals and objectives.

Continued support for existing landscape initiatives, and broader application of this approach, is essential for building landscape resilience. Other examples of successful landscape-scale efforts include the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) and Climate Science Centers (CSCs); ocean-focused Regional Planning Bodies in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic, Caribbean and Pacific; the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative; Hurricane Sandy recovery investments; coordinated Gulf of Mexico investments and vulnerability studies; U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program; Bureau of Reclamation's Basin Studies; National Park Service's Scaling Up initiative; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Habitat Focus Areas; and Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Preserving Healthy Watersheds program.

- **Target Conservation Practices on Farms, Ranches and Forests:** The President advanced and is implementing more than \$1 billion in unprecedented conservation investments in the 2014 *Farm Bill* to sustain the productivity and resilience of America's farms, ranches, and working lands. New provisions in the *Farm Bill* such as the Regional Conservation Partnerships Program (RCPP) will support and build off of past Landscape Initiative and partnership successes, such as the Working Lands for Wildlife, Sentinel Landscapes, and Sage Grouse initiatives. 
- **Implement a Landscape Approach to Mitigation to Improve Private Investments for Resilience:** The DOI developed a comprehensive strategy for implementing a landscape-scale approach to the offsets and mitigation that are frequently required when permitting development or other human activities. This approach will improve the effectiveness of billions of dollars of private investment in habitat protection and restoration each year to offset development activities, and will leverage those dollars with public sector investments to improve the resilience of the landscapes upon which communities and livelihoods depend.
- **Develop Tools for Tracking and Assessing Climate Impacts on Landscapes and Habitats:** The Administration has prioritized developing tools and research to better track and assess current and anticipated impacts of climate change on natural resources, enabling climate-smart decisions by resource managers. Developing these types of tools will continue to be a key priority. An example that serves the fishing community is the NOAA Fisheries and The Environment (FATE) program's research to increase understanding of the impacts of climate variability and change on U.S. marine ecosystems and the distribution and abundance of valuable fish stocks. Another example is the National Drought Mitigation Center's decision support series, "Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch," which, with support from NOAA's Coping with Drought initiative, provides ranchers and consultants

with the tools they need to develop near- and long-term management strategies at the landscape scale.

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## WE'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS



Significant progress has been made through landscape-scale partnerships, bringing together Federal, state, tribal, and private interests to address habitat fragmentation, wildlife protection, and the continued productivity of farms, ranches and the Nation's forests and coasts.

### PROGRESS:



Through landscape initiatives such as America's Great Outdoors, Federal agencies are partnering with communities across the country to catalyze local conservation and management efforts in order to more effectively accomplish shared goals and objectives.

### PROGRESS:



The President is implementing more than \$1 billion in unprecedented conservation investments in the Farm Bill in order to sustain the productivity and resilience of America's farms, ranches, and working lands.

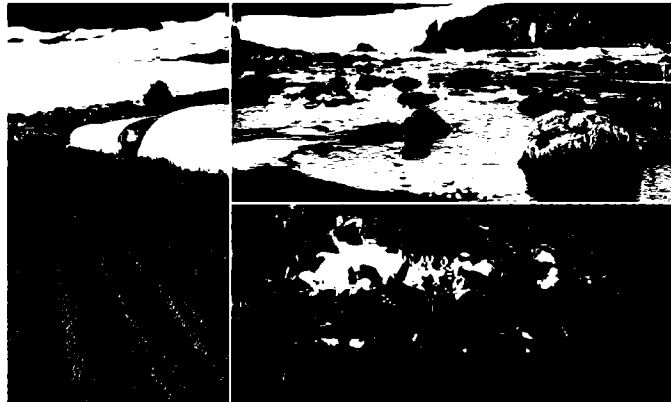
### PROGRESS:



The Administration is prioritizing the development of tools that track and predict the impact of climate change on natural resources. Examples include NOAA Fisheries and The Environment (FATE) Program's research and the National Drought Mitigation Center's decision-support series, 'Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch, supported by NOAA's Coping with Drought' initiative.

## MOVING FORWARD

- Identify and map priority areas for conservation, restoration, or other investments to build resilience within flagship geographic landscapes or regions
- Design a Resilience Index tool to measure progress in building resilience through restoration, conservation, and other investments
- Produce decision support tools for climate-smart natural resources management
- Develop a program that helps fight the introduction and spread of invasive species
- Evaluate and learn from ongoing resilience efforts
- Work with interNational partners to foster resilience in the Arctic



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## Moving Forward

Despite all of the progress described above, management at the landscape scale is not yet the norm, and decision-makers do not always have the information or tools necessary to set management objectives for resilience and take necessary actions to achieve them. Building the information base, developing management tools, and refining approaches to decision-making will help ensure that our investments are durable and that landscape resilience is enhanced over time. The following actions will build on existing efforts and add important capacity and direction for mainstreaming resilience efforts:

➤ **Design an Ecosystem Resilience Index:** In 2015, Federal agencies, to include DOI, NOAA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the Department of Transportation (DOT), will design a framework for a decision-support tool that will provide baseline resilience data and measure the progress of restoration, conservation, and other resilience-enhancing management approaches. Experts will work toward developing common metrics, monitoring protocols, modeling approaches, and valuation methodologies to establish baseline conditions and provide measures of increased ecosystem resilience from cost-effective restoration. This work will be coordinated with other Federal projects, including the Community Resilience Index under development by FEMA, NOAA and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Disaster Resilience Framework under development by NIST (see Chapter IV), the efforts of the Data and Tools Working Group described in Chapter I, the Climate Resilience Toolkit, and emerging efforts to develop indicators through the *National Climate Assessment* conducted by the U.S. Global Change Research Program.

➤ **Develop and Provide Decision Support Tools for Climate-Smart Natural Resource Management:** Within one year, Federal agencies will develop and provide decision support tools to improve the ability of agencies and landowners to manage for resilience. Examples include:

- By the end of calendar year 2014, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will initiate, through pilot projects with the Fish & Wildlife Service (and other DOI bureaus if funding permits), production of a tool to help resource managers consider the impacts of management decisions on carbon stocks and flux as well as impacts on resilience and ecosystem services, such as water quality, flood risk reduction, wildlife viewing, cultural heritage, and nutrient cycling.



Nutrient cycling is a biogeochemical process by which nutrients are transferred from plant to soil to air and back to plant again through processes such as decomposition.

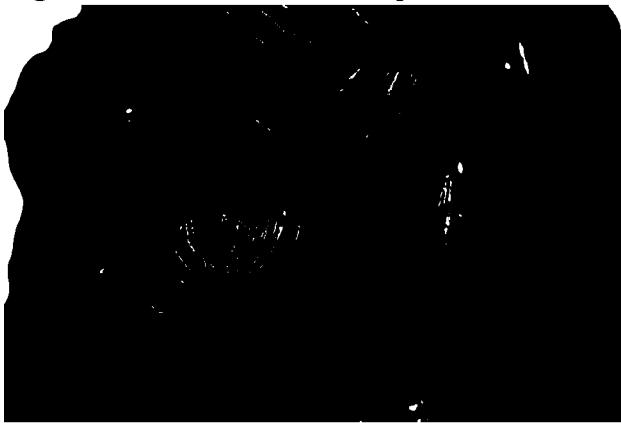
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- Over the next year, NOAA will deploy new or expanded resilience tools, including a Northeast climate and marine ecosystem dashboard for information on current and future conditions; an expanded Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper for coastal states on the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico; a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment tool for Coastal Habitats; and a new performance support tool for GIS professionals working with agencies and organizations on natural infrastructure planning for coastal resilience. These resources and tools will be developed with a goal of future incorporation into the Climate Resilience Toolkit.

➤ **Identify Landscape Conservation Priorities to Build Resilience:** The first goal of the *National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy* is to build or maintain ecologically connected network of terrestrial, coastal, and marine conservation areas that are

likely to be resilient to climate change and support a broad range of fish, wildlife, and plants under changing conditions. Identifying such priority areas also benefits wildfire management, mitigation investments, restoration efforts, and water and air quality. Within six months, Federal agencies working to address ecosystem management issues through LCCs and other multi-stakeholder bodies will work with partners to select flagship geographic regions for which they will identify priority areas for conservation, restoration, or other investments to build resilience in vulnerable regions, enhance carbon storage capacity, and support management needs. Within 24 months, these agencies and their partners will have identified and mapped the initial list of priority areas within each of the selected geographic landscapes or regions.

➤ **Fight the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Species:** One of the most pervasive threats



The zebra mussel is considered one of the most damaging invasive species in the United States.  
Source: <http://www.nwf.org/Wildlife/Threats-to-Wildlife/Invasive-Species/Invasive-Mussels.aspx>

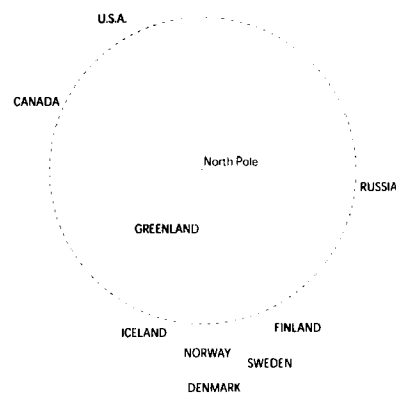
to resilience is the establishment and spread of invasive species – these non-native plants, animals, and pathogens not only displace native species and disrupt ecosystems, but also cause economic harm. A program designed to identify and find invasive species before they have spread, and eliminate them before they have caused significant harm, is both ecologically effective and cost effective.

Within twelve months, the Secretary of the Interior, working with other members of the National Invasive Species Council, including

Department of Commerce (NOAA), EPA, and USDA, will work with states and tribes to develop a framework for a national Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) program that will build on existing programs to assist states and tribes in forestalling the stress caused by the establishment and spread of additional invasive species populations, thereby improving the resilience of priority landscapes and aquatic areas. This will include the development of a plan for creating an emergency response fund to increase the capacity of interagency and inter-jurisdictional teams to tackle emerging invasive species issues across landscapes and jurisdictions.

➤ **Evaluate and Learn from Ongoing Resilience Efforts to Inform Future Actions:** Within six months of the release of this agenda, agencies to include DOI, USDA, NOAA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Department of Defense (DOD), and EPA will identify programs for resilience evaluation. Such evaluations will include a) developing resilience metrics and b) evaluating whether investments produce resilience benefits for the resources and surrounding communities. An example is the third-party evaluation of DOI's \$300 million Sandy Supplemental resilience investments, initiated in September 2014. These efforts will be used to inform the Resilience Index over time.

- **Work with International Partners to Foster Resilience in the Arctic, U.S. Territories, and Freely Associated States:** While the impacts of climate change are being felt everywhere, some communities and ecosystems are particularly vulnerable due to geological, geographic, or climatic factors. The circumpolar Arctic, an area of the globe that is warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet, is particularly vulnerable. Disappearing sea ice has accelerated erosion under coastal communities now exposed to storm-driven seas, terrestrial infrastructure is undermined by melting permafrost, and the subsistence way of life is compromised by disruptions in wildlife migratory patterns. Alaska Natives are, by virtue of isolated location, culture, and economic status, the most subsistence-dependent population in the United States. Federal agencies that have partnered to advance a landscape-scale approach to management, called Integrated Arctic Management, will work closely with the Department of State to promote a suite of community and ecosystem resilience measures as part of the program for the United States Chairmanship of the Arctic Council, a two-year term to begin in April, 2015. In addition, the Department of Interior will update funding programs to the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States – islands with acute vulnerability to sea level rise – to enhance climate resilience through the development of climate adaptation plans and other efforts.





## **Chapter III: Manage and Enhance U.S. Carbon Sinks** **Conserve and restore soils, forests, grasslands, wetlands, and coastal areas that store carbon. Maintain and increase the capacity of these areas to provide vital ecosystem services alongside carbon storage such as clean air and water, wildlife habitat, food, fiber, and recreation.**

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*“My Administration is committed to cutting carbon pollution in the United States, and safeguarding and restoring our forests will help us fulfill that mission. We also continue to advance community-driven conservation, preservation, and outdoor recreation initiatives that are strengthening local economies and contributing to the well-being of lands, waters, and wildlife.”*

President Obama, October 18, 2013

### **The Challenge**



The Nation’s forests, grasslands, soils, wetlands and coastal areas play a critical role in buffering the impacts of carbon pollution by offsetting more than 14 percent of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions every year—an amount equivalent to roughly half of the annual emissions from the nation’s electric power sector. The capacity of these areas to continue to serve as beneficial “sinks” for carbon is at risk—primarily due to development and land-use change, but also as a result of increased frequency and

severity of climate-driven disturbances such as catastrophic wildfire, insects and disease outbreaks, drought, severe storms, flooding, and changing sea levels.

The trends indicate that carbon sinks may be in jeopardy—urban land area in the United States is projected to nearly triple over the next several decades placing some 34 million acres of privately owned forest land at risk of development by 2060. Nearly 82 million acres of the Nation’s forests are vulnerable to high levels of climate-induced insect and disease mortality over the next 15 years. Fire seasons are presently 60 to 80 days longer, and forest fires have approximately doubled in extent over the last three decades. In many Western States, catastrophic wildfire is causing particulate matter emissions that are degrading air quality in the places many Americans live and recreate. Vast Alaska forest and tundra ecosystems are at risk of tipping from a carbon sink to a carbon source. Coastal wetlands, important contributors to carbon storage (“blue carbon”), are being lost at a rate of approximately 80,000 acres per year from development and climate-related impacts,

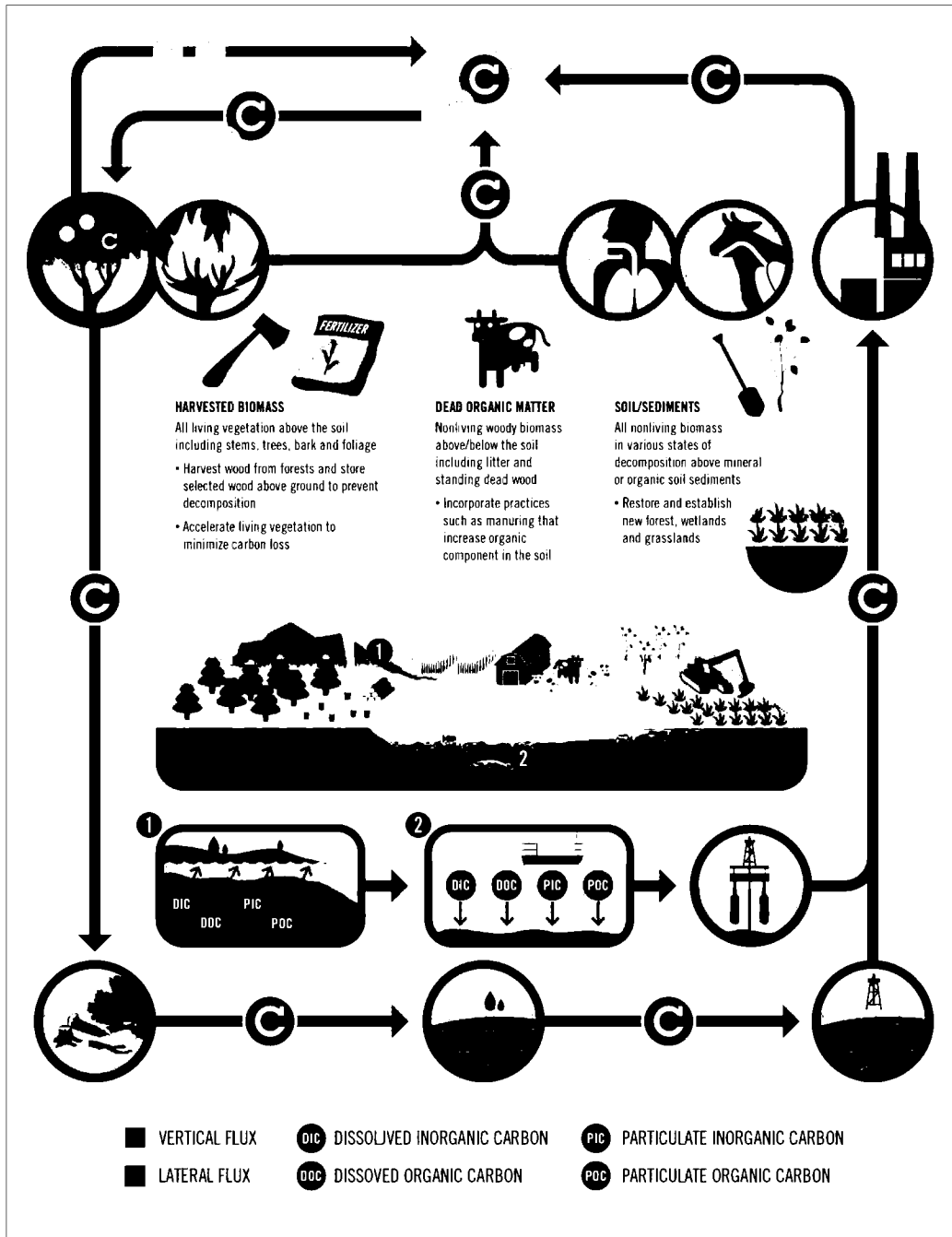




such as severe coastal storms and changing sea levels.

By protecting key carbon storage areas and building the capacity of natural systems and working lands to store carbon in the future, we can strengthen the Nation’s capacity to fight carbon pollution. These actions also ensure that the Nation’s natural resources—public and private, terrestrial and aquatic—continue to provide important co-benefits such as clean air and water, wildlife habitat, food, fiber, energy, and recreation opportunities that foster social and economic resilience in the face of climate change.

**Figure 1: Carbon Cycle and Sequestration**



## **Progress to Date**

The Administration has made progress measuring and incorporating carbon into management strategies through the strengthening of science, policy, and assessment activities. This work has helped a variety of agencies to pursue initial strategies to retain important carbon sinks and restore the health and resiliency of natural systems, so they continue to buffer carbon pollution. Agencies have also developed a suite of tools to help private landowners and natural resource managers make informed decisions, and have launched a diverse suite of voluntary carbon mitigation demonstration projects to meet emerging offset needs of the private sector.

Accomplishments include:

- **Measuring Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Storage and Developing User Friendly Tools:** Natural resource managers and private landowners require access to easy-to-use decision support tools based on the best-available science to incorporate greenhouse gas considerations into management decisions. Agencies have made progress developing methods and tools to inform management, including:
  - USDA has issued a science-based and peer-reviewed compendium of methods for quantifying changes in greenhouse gas emissions and carbon storage for farms, ranches and forest operations. The methods in the report are comprehensive, addressing a wide variety of cropland, grazing land, livestock, and forest management practices. USDA will use the methods in the report to assess the greenhouse gas performance of current and future conservation programs and initiatives.
  - In addition, USDA has developed several user-friendly tools for assessing the greenhouse gas impacts of forest and agricultural practices. COMET-Farm<sup>16</sup> allows farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners to enter information about their current management practices and compare the greenhouse gas storage and emissions under alternative management scenarios. Moving forward, COMET-Farm will be updated to reflect the latest comprehensive methods for measurement. I-Tree<sup>17</sup>, a USDA-Forest Service tool which helps communities of all sizes to strengthen their urban forest management and advocacy efforts by quantifying the structure of community trees and the environmental services that trees provide, including carbon storage and emissions avoided as a result of building energy savings.
  - USDA has developed a statistically reliable estimate of the Nation's soil carbon stocks. The Rapid Assessment of U.S. Soil Carbon (RaCA) involved more than 144,000 samples, 300 soil scientists and assistance from 24 universities. The RaCA data provides a snapshot of the coterminous U.S. soil carbon stocks at one meter resolution, to inform computer modeling and assessment tools, carbon stock inventories, emerging carbon markets, and the ongoing Soil Health Campaign.

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<sup>16</sup> USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service released the Carbon Evaluation and Management Online Tool, called COMET-Farm, in 2013. The tool allows growers to calculate carbon mitigation through certain conservation efforts, like reducing tillage or planting grasses.

<sup>17</sup> I-Tree is a suite of software tools for measuring and modeling the benefits individual trees and urban forests provide to communities, such as stormwater management, shading and cooling, air quality, and more.

- The USACE is conducting carbon sequestration disturbance pilot studies encompassing diverse climate, land-cover, and land-use characteristics and variable disturbance regimes and response characteristics. The pilots address the effects of common disturbances such as drought, floods, hurricanes, land-cover change, fire, and insect outbreaks on carbon sequestration rates, and include the development of a geospatial assessment tool.
  - USGS LandCarbon is a national assessment focusing on improving our understanding of carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas fluxes in and out of ecosystems related to land use. It covers all major terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and provides estimates of baseline as well as future potential carbon storage and greenhouse gas fluxes.
  - As part of the Santa Ana River Basin Study, completed in FY 2013, the Bureau of Reclamation developed a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Calculator that can be used by water managers in California to analyze the carbon footprint of potential water management decisions in order to comply with California Assembly Bill 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act.
  - The North American Carbon Program (NACP) and the Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry Program (OCB), under the auspices of USGCRP's U.S. Carbon Cycle Science Program, have been conducting a major North American Coastal Carbon Synthesis for 7 years. In 2014, scientists convened to refine coastal carbon budget numbers and initiate a Science Plan for the North American Coastal Carbon Budget. This work has been funded by members of USGCRP's Carbon Cycle Interagency Working Group/U.S. Carbon Cycle Science Program.
  - In 2014, NASA made grants to advance the development of a carbon monitoring system (CMS). Emphasis is directed towards continued development of CMS pilot studies and acquisition, field sampling, quantification, and development of prototype Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV) system capabilities.
  - In 2013, four agencies from the Carbon Cycle Interagency Working Group (NASA, USDA, DOE, NOAA) collaborated to make awards to research institutions to improve the understanding of changes in the distribution and cycling of carbon among the active land, ocean, and atmospheric reservoirs and how that understanding can be used to establish a scientific foundation for societal responses to global environmental change. These awards will also help in advancing the science to support ecosystem resilience.
- **Forest Service Planning Rule, Roadmap and Scorecard for Climate Change:** The USDA-Forest Service is considering forest carbon in land management policies, programs, and activities such as the 2012 Planning Rule, the Climate Change Roadmap and Scorecard, USDA Strategic Plan, and internal guidance for planning and project-level decisions. Under the 2012 Planning Rule, forest units must "...identify and evaluate existing information relevant to the plan area for ...baseline assessment of carbon stocks."

All National Forests are working on strategies to adjust and prepare for new conditions created by changing climate and to consider carbon stocks and emissions in management decisions. To guide the Forest Service in achieving these goals, the agency developed a Roadmap for Responding to Climate Change and a companion Scorecard. Since 2011, each National Forest and Grassland has used a 10-point scorecard to report accomplishments and plans for improvement on ten questions in four dimensions – organizational capacity, engagement, adaptation, and mitigation. By 2015, each is expected to answer yes to at least seven of the scorecard questions, with at least one yes in each dimension. The goal is to create a balanced approach to climate change that includes managing forests and grasslands to adapt to changing conditions, mitigating climate change, building partnerships across boundaries, and preparing our employees to understand and apply emerging science.

The National Park Service has also modernized its policies and now requires park management plans -- which direct land management, facility construction and visitor services -- to include climate change considerations. A policy providing guidance on how to take climate change into consideration for facility design and construction will soon be completed.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has adopted a Climate Change Strategic Plan that outlines the agencies response to climate change, including its work on carbon biosequestration..

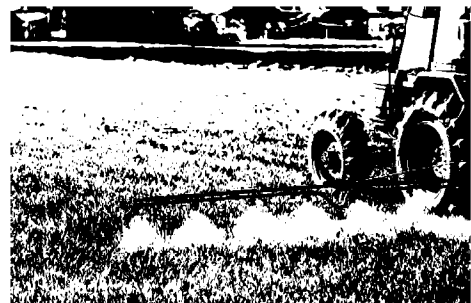
➤ **Voluntary Carbon Mitigation Partnership Pilots:** Through research, the development of offset protocols, and demonstration projects, Federal agencies are paving the way for private investment in land and water based carbon by developing high quality, quantifiable and verifiable offset projects. For example:

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), in partnership with such groups as The Conservation Fund (TCF), has undertaken forest restoration projects on nearly 75,000 acres in the Lower Mississippi Valley that provide substantial carbon sequestration benefits. These projects have been privately funded for carbon credits through nonprofit organizations, public utilities, and private companies, as well as through The Conservation Fund’s Go Zero Program. With its partners, the FWS has planted more than 22 million trees that will capture more than 33 million tons of carbon over the next 90-plus years.



- NOAA, through the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) is leading an effort to generate science and management tools with the potential to bring coastal wetlands into international carbon markets and incentivize investment in tidal wetland restoration and preservation. This three-year project (FY11-FY14), which incorporates broad stakeholder input, is examining the relationship between salt marshes, climate change, and nitrogen pollution.
- In 2011, USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) awarded \$7.4 million to support large-scale demonstration projects that will accelerate the adoption of new and innovative approaches to leverage carbon markets, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote carbon sequestration on private lands. In partnership with the Coalition on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (C-AGG), USDA has helped develop protocols to meet voluntary carbon credit registry standards and California’s regulatory carbon credit registry requirements for a wide range of voluntary private lands conservation practices. For example:

- The Delta Institute, The Climate Trust, and their partners have worked with Midwest corn growers to maintain yield while reducing nitrogen fertilizer rate, timing, and placement to reduce nitrous oxide emissions. Quantified and verified credits will be retired in an



effort to partially offset the emissions of a fossil fuel-fired electric utility.

- Rice growers in Arkansas and California, in partnership with Environmental Defense Fund, California Rice Commission, White River Irrigation District, and Terra Global Capital are more precisely managing water and nitrogen to reduce methane and nitrous oxide emissions from rice production.
- The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is pursuing a partnership that builds on USDA’s Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Wetland Reserve Easement Program (WRE) to retain conservation values through the sale of carbon offsets.
- In the Prairie Pothole Region, Ducks Unlimited, TNC, and The Climate Trust are partnering with USDA to enable grassland producers to receive compensation through the sale of voluntary carbon offsets by protecting the carbon sequestered by prairie grasslands.
- In Marin County, California, the Marin Carbon Project is working with NRCS and local producers to enhance carbon sequestration while building a more drought-resilient farmscape through diverse conservation practices.

## WE’VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS



Significant progress has been made measuring and incorporating carbon into management strategies through strengthening science, policy, and assessment activities.

### PROGRESS:



USDA has developed user-friendly tools, such as COMET-Farm and I-Tree, for assessing the greenhouse gas impacts of forest and agricultural practices. USACE is conducting carbon sequestration disturbance studies. USGS’ LandCarbon assessment improves understanding of carbon processes.

### PROGRESS:



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### PROGRESS:



USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service supported large-scale demonstration projects that will accelerate the adoption of new and innovative approaches to leverage carbon markets by awarding \$7.4 million in financial support. Other USDA programs partner with farmers, NGOs, and local and regional organizations to enhance sequestration.

## MOVING FORWARD

- Use the best information and methods available from agencies with Federal natural resource stewardship responsibilities to develop initial baseline estimates of carbon stocks and trends at local or regionally appropriate levels for lands and waters within their jurisdiction within 18 months
- Improve inventory, assessment, projection and monitoring systems for important carbon sinks
- Develop estimates of baseline carbon stocks and trends to inform Federal natural resources management
- Provide support for programs that foster forest conservation and retention to advance carbon mitigation and adaptation in the context of management objectives
- Support voluntary, incentive-driven emissions reductions from working agricultural lands that benefit productivity and resilience
- Continue to support key tax provisions for maintaining forest carbon
- Build a North American community of practice for advancing understanding and management of blue carbon ecosystems and valuing the sequestration potential of coastal habitats



## **Moving Forward**

Despite significant progress developing the research, tools, and demonstrations needed to incorporate and incentivize carbon considerations into natural resource management, work still remains to strengthen our understanding of carbon stocks and emissions and to better link that information with policy. Improvements to the national inventory, assessment, projection, and monitoring systems for carbon will better equip the Nation to evaluate the drivers of emissions and carbon storage and improve the ability to track the impact of specific policy and practice changes aimed at sustaining and enhancing U.S. carbon sinks. Moving forward, agencies will take actions consistent with their authorities to better measure and incorporate carbon into natural resource management practices, and will continue to build incentives and support investments aimed at emissions reductions and carbon storage from the land use, land-use change, and forestry sectors. Additional efforts will seek to assess, restore, and protect the carbon services of coastal ecosystems.

- **Improve Inventory, Assessment, Projection, and Monitoring Systems for Important Carbon Sinks:** USDA, in coordination with EPA, the State Department, and DOI, will establish a robust capacity to provide projections of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration from agricultural lands, forests, and grasslands on a biennial basis to support planning, analysis, and reporting under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. USDA, with input from EPA and other agencies (DOI, NASA, and NOAA), will reduce uncertainties in land-use related emission and sink estimates in the Nation's annual greenhouse gas inventory and better link these estimates to projections through:
  - Strengthening the collection, coordination and assessment of field inventory data through the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program, the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), and other surveys of terrestrial condition; and
  - Integrating survey information with satellite-based land cover products, where appropriate, to improve estimation of land cover and land-use change and improve attribution of carbon stock change to management activities or natural disturbance.

USDA will also work collaboratively with EPA, DOI, and other agencies to address potential missing anthropogenic emissions and sinks in the national greenhouse gas inventory. USDA will evaluate the current carbon sequestration contribution of Federal grasslands and



agroforestry systems (wind breaks, shelter belts, riparian buffers, etc.). The USGS, USACE, and USDA will support efforts toward completion of the first-ever assessment of the ecosystem carbon stocks and anthropogenic emission rates in Alaska. NOAA will assess the role that coastal ecosystems play in terms of their anthropogenic emissions and carbon sink potential including an initial assessment of land cover for salt marsh, mangroves, and seagrasses.

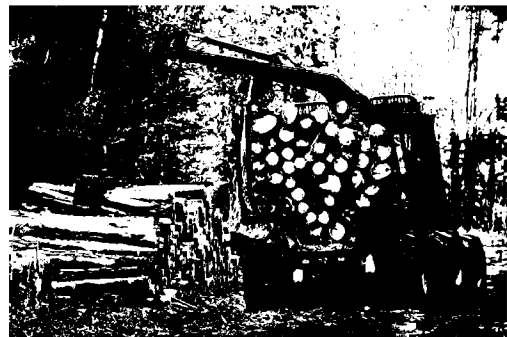
All of the above improvements will be consistent with applicable methodological guidelines from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and reporting requirements under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

- **Develop Estimates of Baseline Carbon Stocks and Trends to Inform Federal Natural Resources Management:** Within 18 months, agencies with Federal natural resource stewardship responsibilities will use the best-available information and methods to develop initial baseline estimates of carbon stocks and trends at local or regionally-appropriate levels for lands and coastal wetlands within their jurisdiction. Stock and trend information will better enable managers and the public to consider the relationships between carbon storage and other management objectives. Methods will be consistent with applicable methodological guidelines from the IPCC and reporting requirements under the UNFCCC.

By the end of calendar 2015, the USGS will enhance landcarbon.org by covering all 50 states and including a new carbon calculator that allows for interactive tradeoff analysis. Further, USGS will complete a study for the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem that examines the effects of protected areas and conservation policies on long-term carbon sequestration. The USGS, in cooperation with University of California at Berkeley, is also developing a large data management and visualization tool for delivering biological carbon sequestration data to users at the national scale. This effort, highlighted in the President's Climate Action Plan, focuses on enhancing data delivery and communication using advanced web-based visualization tools. The tool allows users to interactively estimate carbon management tradeoffs in an online and downloadable format.

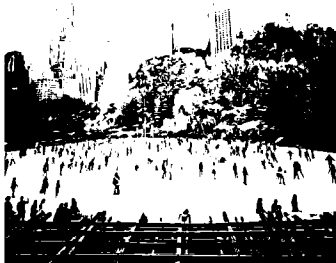
- **Promote Forest Conservation and Restoration, Complementary Markets for Sustainably Harvested Wood Products, and Urban Forestry:**

USDA and the DOI will provide support for programs that foster forest conservation and retention, and where possible, align these programs around “climate-smart” projects that advance carbon mitigation and adaptation in the context of management objectives. The agencies will incorporate climate resilience evaluation criteria for relevant forest and land and water conservation programs such as the Forest Legacy Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Community Forest Program, the Agricultural Land Easement Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, and the Healthy Forest Reserve Program.



USDA will continue to make investments to advance wood in building, wood energy use, and other wood products - bolstering incentives for retaining and restoring forests - through providing life cycle analysis and technical and financial assistance. Within six months, USDA will launch the U.S. Tall Wood Building Competition to spur increased sustainability in construction and will give priority to applicants that source materials from rural domestic

manufacturers and domestic, sustainably-managed forests. Incorporation of wood building systems in buildings 7-15 stories tall could potentially offset meaningful levels of carbon emissions while also supporting healthy forests and manufacturing opportunities.

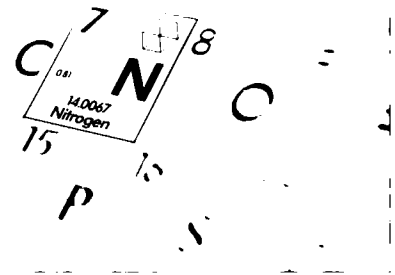


Urban trees store over 708 million tons of carbon and can help further reduce emissions by lowering electricity demand for summer air conditioning and winter heating, while also improving air quality, reducing runoff, buffering high winds, and controlling erosion. In 2015, the Forest Service will work with the Federal Urban Waters Partnership, states, and local partners to target urban forestry investments that support: increased carbon sequestration; reduced energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions; enhanced urban air quality; resilience from insects and disease; clean water quality and quantity needs; and bioenergy from urban wood waste to off-set fossil fuel usage.

- **Support Forest Conservation and Investment Tax Provisions as a Means to Retain and Restore Forests:** America's privately owned forests account for roughly 59 percent of the Nation's forest carbon stores. Tax incentives are a tool that can encourage continued forest landownership and stewardship of these resources. The Administration will evaluate key tax provisions for maintaining forest carbon, including provisions such as:
  - *Federal Tax Deduction for Conservation Easements:* Federal tax incentives for conservation easements are a critical tool for retaining important privately owned carbon sinks, especially grasslands, forests, and forested wetlands. From 2006-2013, incentives for donations of conservation easements were enhanced, allowing most individuals to deduct up to 50 percent of their income for contributions of easements, and up to 100 percent for contributions of easements on many working lands. Making these provisions permanent, while reforming the conservation easement rules to ensure better targeting, will support retention of important carbon sinks.
- **Support Voluntary, Incentive-driven Emissions Reductions from Working Agricultural Lands that Provide Co-benefits for Farm Productivity and Resilience:** USDA will target Farm Bill conservation programs to provide incentives for voluntary emissions reductions from America's farmers and ranchers that also support other important co-benefits for landowners and the public. While the agriculture sector makes a relatively small contribution to total annual U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, the sector is capable of offering low-cost, verifiable emissions reductions through the voluntary implementation of conservation practices. Many of these conservation practices also improve efficiency and productivity, reduce operation costs, foster resilience for businesses and natural resources, and alleviate pressures on other land-uses. USDA will improve conservation technical assistance and delivery of practices that reduce emissions and build resilience through programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG). Specific practices include:



- Prioritizing farming systems and conservation practices that build soil organic matter, increase carbon sequestration, and prevent denitrification;
- Encouraging practices that reduce methane emissions, especially in livestock systems;
- Prioritizing conservation easement and restoration programs on lands that currently provide climate and other resilience benefits (e.g., prairie grasslands, wetlands, rangelands)
- Promoting on-farm energy conservation, increased energy efficiency, and renewable energy production;
- Encouraging transition to systems that keep the land in sod and other perennial vegetation, and support sustainable rangeland management practices that enhance carbon sequestration; and
- Partnering with states, farmer groups, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations to facilitate investments in agricultural-based emission reductions that are additional, quantifiable, and verifiable.



**Denitrification is an ecologically important bacterial process that converts reactive nitrogen compounds to inert nitrogen gas.**

Source: <http://water.usgs.gov/hawqa/sparrow/biogeochem/>

- **Assess, Restore, and Protect Coastal Habitats to Understand and Enhance the Storage of Blue Carbon:** Coastal ecosystems, particularly mangroves, tidal marshes, and seagrasses, (collectively referred to as coastal blue carbon) sequester and store large amounts of carbon. However, the benefits provided by coastal ecosystems historically have not been recognized. Thus, coastal ecosystems have typically not been managed in order to maintain or enhance these important climate services. There are many opportunities through existing scientific programs to advance understanding of carbon cycling in these ecosystems and to use existing management policies and practices to maintain and increase our coastal carbon stores. Over the next two years, the United States will improve its understanding of carbon storage and cycling in coastal ecosystems, as well as the value of protecting coastal habitats to safeguard these important services:



- **Improve understanding of carbon storage and cycling in coastal ecosystems:** NOAA will generate baseline information on the role that coastal ecosystems play in terms of their emissions and carbon sink potential. This baseline would include an initial assessment of land cover for salt marsh, mangroves, and seagrasses, as well as best estimates of sequestration and storage in these different ecosystem types. NOAA and partners will quantify marsh soil organic carbon content at eight NERRS sites across the United States to fill critical gaps in estimates of current carbon storage across a range of marsh types, and to improve the methodology upon which many of these existing estimates are made. NOAA and EPA, working through the

Commission for Environmental Cooperation, will build a North American community of practice for advancing understanding and management of blue carbon ecosystems by supporting the development of methodologies to measure carbon, compile maps, and conduct scientific studies to improve our understanding of the current and future role of coastal systems in the North American carbon cycle. NOAA and EPA will coordinate participation by other Federal agencies with coastal resource management responsibilities in this effort. Reporting standards will be developed to be consistent with Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change guidelines.

○ **Determine the value of protecting coastal habitats to safeguard carbon services:**



Photo of downtown Tampa Bay, the location for a pilot demonstration project that seeks to demonstrate the value of different blue carbon habitats in various regions of the United States.

NOAA and FWS, working with other Federal, state, and other partners, will identify and support key restoration projects that can increase coastal blue carbon sinks, both terrestrial and aquatic. For example, NOAA is supporting a pilot demonstration project in Tampa Bay, Florida to demonstrate the value of different blue carbon habitats in various regions of the United States. NOAA will also support up to four local landscape assessments, and associated workshops, on different blue carbon habitats to demonstrate the added benefits of coastal carbon values to specific

restoration and protection goals. EPA will build on the pilot project in Tampa Bay – one of 28 National Estuary Programs – and support assessment of GHG benefits associated with carbon sequestration with the goal of sharing algorithms and methods with estuaries that are part of the National Estuary Program. USGS will collaborate with DOI resource management agencies to provide science support for wetland management and restoration actions. As more wetlands are restored and protected, the USGS will be able to measure and estimate the effects of management to enhance carbon sequestration and resilience of the ecosystems to climate change.



## **Chapter IV: Enhance Community Preparedness and Resilience by Utilizing and Sustaining Natural Resources** **Harness the benefits of nature to protect communities from harm and build innovative, 21st century infrastructure that integrates natural systems into community development.**

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*"And we'll partner with communities seeking help to prepare for droughts and floods, reduce the risk of wildfires, and protect the dunes and wetlands that pull double duty as green space and as natural storm barriers."*

President Obama, June 25, 2013

### **The Challenge**

Managing for the effects of climate change means that communities must anticipate and plan for future impacts, which include sea-level rise and storm surges, increased storm intensity bringing high winds and flooding, higher air and water temperatures that shift habitats for fish wildlife and plants, drought, and other impacts. Ensuring the continued productivity, biodiversity, and sustainability of natural resources requires managing for climate change in addition to other stressors on these systems. Today's challenge is to minimize these risks, reduce vulnerability, and prepare communities to thrive, grow, and adapt to a changing climate.

Ecosystems, such as forests, wetlands, and oceans provide a variety of benefits to human and natural systems including shoreline protection from erosion and inundation, flood and storm damage reduction, habitat for commercially and recreationally important species, opportunities for recreation and commerce, jobs, improved water quality and conservation, and carbon sequestration. The benefits provided by this "natural infrastructure"<sup>18</sup> also can play an important role in strengthening ecosystem resilience to the impacts of climate variability and change. Increasing the resilience of fisheries and other natural resources is also key to enhancing the resilience of communities and businesses. As states, tribes, and local communities work toward enhancing resilience to weather and climate related impacts, there is increasing demand to build their capacity to integrate natural and traditional infrastructure solutions.

Improved, climate-resilient resource management provides opportunity to address a wide range of challenges, including:

**Water Supply Availability:** In conjunction with traditional infrastructure, natural infrastructure can improve reliability of water supply for both ecosystem and human uses.

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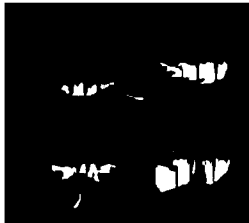
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As climate change results in reduced precipitation in some areas and population increases alter water uses, the capacity of natural systems to improve reliability of water supplies (e.g. groundwater recharge, water reuse, wetlands protection/restoration for water retention on site) can supplement investments in water conservation and built infrastructure.



**Managing Municipal Stormwater:** Expanded use of low-impact development (“green infrastructure”) practices in urban stormwater management that retain and infiltrate water on site can complement more conventional built infrastructure systems that channel stormwater directly to water bodies. For example, urban forests and rooftop gardens can be used to intercept precipitation, slow runoff, and mitigate heat island effects. By weaving natural processes into the built environment, green infrastructure provides not only stormwater management, but also improved water quality, greenhouse gas reduction, flood mitigation, and recreational opportunities.



By intercepting airborne pollutants, leaves help to improve air quality.

**Air Quality Improvements:** Increased vegetation on the landscape serves as a natural filter for ambient air pollutants like particulate matter. Leaves and vegetative matter intercept airborne pollutants, and also interrupt winds and reduce wind speeds, limiting the amount of particulate matter that can become airborne and improving air quality.

**Coastal Storm Surges and Sea-Level Rise:** Expanded use of natural infrastructure systems – such as dunes, coastal estuaries, wetlands, mangrove forests, and even oyster reefs – can help reduce impacts of storm surges and sea level rise on communities and existing natural systems.

**Flood Risk Management:** Preserving or restoring natural systems to retain precipitation where it falls across a watershed is a natural infrastructure technique that can be integrated with conventional “gray” or engineered flood management structures, such as levees and seawalls. Land-use management that strategically conserves natural infrastructure can also reduce the damaging impacts of flooding on human infrastructure and natural systems.

**Wildlife Protection:** Ensuring a diversity of well-connected natural areas or corridors along rivers and elsewhere to support the movement of species in response to climate change, and to sustain healthy populations into the future.

Community resilience will require the smarter use of traditional infrastructure integrated with natural infrastructure. The business case for expanded use of natural infrastructure in conjunction with, or in place of, more conventional built, or gray, infrastructure has been made in numerous studies<sup>19</sup>. Benefits of natural infrastructure may include cost savings compared to

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<sup>19</sup> World Resources Institute. Investing in Forested Landscapes for Source Water Protection in the United States. <http://www.wri.org/publication/natural-infrastructure>.

built infrastructure, particularly over time, as well as a rich stream of additional benefits including recreation, habitat protection, and biological carbon sequestration. Federal agencies are striving to implement natural infrastructure where appropriate but are, in a number of cases, limited by both policy and law.

Understanding and quantifying the ecosystem services and benefits provided by natural infrastructure to communities is fundamental to sound decision-making, long-term community resilience, and climate adaptation. The development of consistent, analytically robust, and well-tested methodologies and tools for ecosystem services assessment and valuation remains a major challenge. While progress can be made through enhanced efforts and coordination at all levels of government, the public sector cannot meet this challenge alone. Federal programs, policies, and incentives are critical drivers for private investment. The Administration can help scale private investments in promoting climate resilience, encouraging voluntary GHG reductions and increasing the adoption of natural infrastructure by aligning market and non-market drivers and supporting replicable investments already occurring in isolated parts of the country. Similarly, there are numerous opportunities for retail and institutional investors, fund managers, and members of the financial services industry to expand private investment in these areas.

To enhance community preparedness and the resilience of natural resources, the Federal government is focused on developing the information and tools necessary to support smart infrastructure investment (whether traditional or natural) and target the highest priority resilience needs, enhancing partnerships with communities to accomplish high priority preparedness needs, and highlighting innovation and sharing best practices among all stakeholders.

### **Progress to Date**

The Administration has advanced creative solutions that utilize natural and traditional infrastructure to reduce community risk while also enhancing natural resources resilience. As communities prepare for climate impacts, well-managed natural resources play a critical role in moderating risk and in providing communities with fundamental ingredients to sustain current and future generations, such as clean abundant water, robust wildlife populations and living marine resources, and healthy soils. Key examples include:



- **Resilience Grants to Communities:** Announced in July 2014, HUD's National Disaster Resilience Competition will make \$1 billion available to communities that have been struck by natural disasters. The competition will promote risk assessment and planning and will fund the implementation of innovative resilience projects to better prepare communities for future storms and other extreme events. Focused on the needs of vulnerable lower-income people, and targeting the most impacted and distressed areas, this program addresses a wide range of community development objectives. Projects that incorporate natural infrastructure

into recovery are eligible for support, where shown to be an effective and competitive approach to rebuilding for resilience.

- **Strengthening Coastal Resilience:** Federal agencies are providing coastal inundation and sea-level change decision support tools to help communities reduce risks and increase the effectiveness of adaptation efforts. For example, in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, NOAA, USACE, and FEMA released a sea-level rise planning tool that includes interactive maps and a sea-level rise calculator to help inform decisions about how to rebuild in disaster-affected areas. In addition, HUD and DOI awarded grants to communities to incentivize innovative approaches to preparing for future storms through the use of natural infrastructure.
- **Enhancing Capacity to Manage Wildland Fire:** Climate change is leading to longer and more intense wildland fire seasons: fire season lengths have increased by 60-80 days over the last three decades and the annual acreages burned have more than doubled to over 7 million acres annually. That dynamic increases the danger to urban communities and erodes landscape integrity, which is critical to water supply, wildlife, and other important values. In 2014, the Administration announced the *Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy*, a collaborative, inter-governmental strategy to tackle the wildland fire risks facing the Nation. The *Strategy* coordinates and integrates the efforts of Federal, state, tribal, and local partners and private property owners, to better restore and maintain landscapes, improve community resilience to wildfire, and implement safe, effective, and efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.



However, the escalating cost of fighting wildfire remains a challenge to implementing the *Strategy*. Fire costs on Federal lands have increased significantly in real terms, from \$2.0 billion in 2000 to \$3.3 billion in 2014. As the suppression budget grows, it crowds out critical forest management and resilience priorities that decrease fire risk – including assistance provided to states, tribes, and

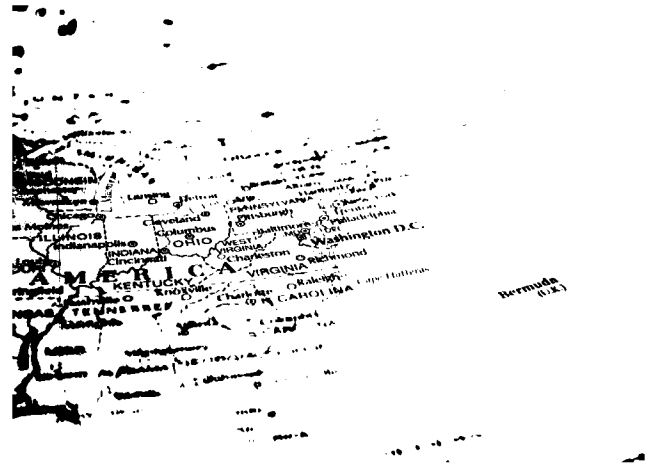
communities – and it threatens to make fire danger worse as land managers lack resources for essential prevention and restoration work. The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 budget proposes a new approach to addressing suppression costs by budgeting for extreme fires like other natural disasters – treating them as catastrophic costs that are funded outside of budget caps.

- **National Drought Resilience Partnership:** Launched in 2013, the National Drought Resilience Partnership (USDA, NOAA, DOI, USACE, FEMA, EPA and DOE, with participation from NASA) coordinates and integrates Federal activities to promote long-term

drought resilience, and leverages important capabilities of the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS). As one example, the partnership is working with the State of Montana to develop a demonstration project in the Upper Missouri River watershed that will inform a joint Federal-State strategy to enhance drought resilience.

➤ **Assessing Climate Impacts on U.S. Oceans and Fish Stocks:**

In 2014, NOAA completed two new tools to help fisheries managers better understand and prepare for impacts of changing climate and ocean conditions on the Nation's valuable marine fish stocks. The Ocean Climate Web Portal provides easy access to information on past and projected changes in regional ocean conditions, while the Fish Stock Climate Vulnerability Assessment Methodology enables fishery scientists and managers to assess the relative vulnerability of fish stocks. In May 2014, NOAA used this methodology to assess the vulnerability of 80 East Coast fish stocks.



➤ **Increasing Water Supply Sustainability:** Through the Water SMART Program, DOI's Bureau of Reclamation is working with non-Federal partners to improve water management and sustainability. Reclamation is working with its partners through the Basin Studies to assess basin-wide impacts of climate change and to develop strategies to meet future water demands. The Bureau is advancing innovative water and energy efficiency projects through WaterSMART Grants. Through the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program, the Bureau supports water recycling projects that diversify water supply, provide a drought resistant supply, and reduce the pressure to transfer water from agricultural to urban uses. The Drought Response Program incentivizes drought contingency planning and incorporation of climate change information in planning. Since the establishment of WaterSMART in 2010, Reclamation has provided more than \$200 million to non-federal partners through the program. Funded projects are expected to conserve 730,000 acre-feet of water per year once complete – about the amount of water needed for household use in Denver, Colorado and the surrounding metropolitan area. Five Basin Studies have now been completed, with an additional six Basin Studies expected to be finished by the end of 2014 and eleven others underway.

➤ **Integrating Climate Considerations into Water Resources Planning and Tools:** The Administration is incorporating climate change science into technical assumptions for major water resources planning and projects. In 2014, USACE instituted its *Preparedness and Resilience Policy*, which states that “it is the policy of USACE to integrate climate change preparedness and resilience planning and actions in all activities for the purpose of enhancing the resilience of our built and natural water-resource infrastructure and the effectiveness of our military support mission, and to reduce the potential vulnerabilities of that infrastructure

and those missions to the effects of climate change and variability.” This policy permeates USACE’s activities, including the consideration of potential climate change impacts when undertaking long-term planning, setting priorities, and making decisions affecting its resources, programs, policies, and operations.

DOI’s Bureau of Reclamation is incorporating climate change information into planning activities for infrastructure investments and safety, reservoir operations, and drought preparedness. Reclamation requires climate change be considered in all feasibility studies, and, beginning in FY 2015, Reclamation will develop a framework for considering climate change in prioritizing investments in infrastructure repair, replacement, and renovations. Reclamation is also developing the science and tools needed to apply climate change information to decisions about infrastructure safety through pilot projects within the Safety Evaluation of Existing Dams program. Separately, Reclamation began a pilot initiative in FY 2014 to identify methods to incorporate climate information in reservoir operations planning. The President’s Fiscal Year 2015 budget also supported Reclamation’s new Drought Response Program, which will prioritize drought contingency planning that includes consideration of climate change information to build long-term resiliency to drought.

**Weather-Ready Nation:** To mitigate the impacts of extreme weather, water, and climate events on communities, ecosystems, and other natural resources, NOAA’s National Weather Service (NWS) is translating its products and services into formats for use by stakeholders and communities. For example, the NWS Tampa Forecast Office and the National Ocean Service are working with external partners to expand a suite of services, including public health services; storm surge/coastal inundation services, ecological and environmental services for water temperature, salinity, currents and red tide; hydrologic runoff forecasts to mitigate development and transport of harmful algal blooms (HAB); and air quality forecasts.

**Collaborative Research for Resilience:** In 2012-2013, USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) launched four climate-related grant areas: Agriculture and Natural Resources Science for Climate Variability (\$5M) Challenge Area; the Carbon Cycle Science (\$26.5M, in a joint NASA-ROSES CCIWG-U.S. Carbon Cycle Science Program with NASA, DOE and NOAA); Water Sustainability and Climate (\$25M, in a joint effort with National Science Foundation); and Decadal and Regional Climate Prediction using Earth System Models (\$15 M in a joint effort with NSF). The grant areas further understanding of the interaction between the water system, human activities, ecosystems and climate change; advance the science behind climate predictions, adaptation and resilience; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; increase carbon sequestration in agricultural and forest production systems; and prepare the Nation’s agriculture and forests to adapt to variable climates.



## WE'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS



Significant progress has been made in the advancement of creative solutions that capitalize on natural infrastructure to reduce community risk while also enhancing natural resources resilience.

### PROGRESS:



HUD is promoting risk assessment and planning through its National Disaster Resilience Competition which is making \$1 billion available to communities that have been struck by natural disasters.

### PROGRESS:



The Administration is tackling the wildland fire risks facing the Nation through the development of a collaborative, inter-governmental strategy called the Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy. The National Drought Resilience Partnership (USDA, NOAA, DOI, USACE, FEMA, EPA and DOE, with participation from NASA) is promoting drought resilience.

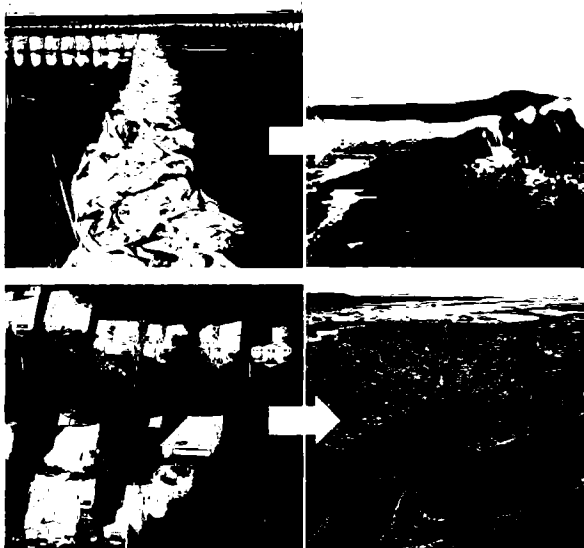
### PROGRESS:



WaterSMART grants awarded by DOI's Bureau of Reclamation have improved water supply sustainability. Water resources managers, including USACE and Reclamation, are incorporating climate change considerations in water resources planning and projects. NOAA is expanding services to support a weather-ready Nation.

## MOVING FORWARD

- Strengthen Federal support to improve state, local, and Tribal flood preparedness and reduce wildfire risks
- Strengthen FEMA grant guidance to encourage use of natural infrastructure to reduce flood risk after developing methods to measure performance and value benefits
- Develop tools to support smart development decisions within floodplains and along coasts
- Continue to address the Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Strategy
- Develop a broad-based, multi-sector Green Infrastructure Collaborative for stormwater management
- Work with communities to enhance water use efficiency and reuse, and improve drought resilience
- Improve the resilience of coastal areas to extreme events, including preparedness for climate impacts to fish stocks
- Establish interagency support teams for climate-resilient water resources on a regional basis
- Establish a Climate Resilience Leaders award and conduct competitions to spur creative solutions
- Identify or develop a community resilience index that considers environmental, economic, and social resilience
- Implement new Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines (PR&G) for Federal investments in water resources



## Moving Forward

While significant progress has been made to integrate climate change science into Federal programs and services, there is more to be done to strengthen natural resource resilience and prepare communities for a changing future. There are continued opportunities to update existing programs and operations to integrate climate change science and to align objectives to support and enhance climate resilient communities and natural systems. Understanding the performance of natural infrastructure and how to integrate nature-based solutions into built infrastructure is an area ripe for early adoption of proven approaches, greater research, and enhanced cooperation and collaboration. Key actions moving forward include:

- **Partner with Communities to Enhance Resilience to Natural Hazards Risks:** Well-managed natural resources can enhance community resilience to hazards and threats. The following actions will help communities prepare for risks while integrating climate resilient natural resources considerations into operations:

- **Strengthen support for state, tribal and local flood preparedness:** Flood preparedness is widely recognized as more cost-effective than post-flood response and recovery, yet many communities lack the resources, tools, and training to take preventive actions that could dramatically reduce flood losses, save lives – and reduce



outlays by the National Flood Insurance Program and the Federal disaster relief and recovery programs. In 2015, FEMA will strengthen its grant guidance to encourage use of natural infrastructure to reduce flood mitigation risk, while NOAA, USGS, and other agencies will develop tools to support smart development decisions within floodplains and along coasts.

- **Expand partnerships to reduce wildfire risk and protect community infrastructure:** USDA and DOI will restore resilience of priority landscapes where critical resource values are at high risk from wildfire. Advancing the *National Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy*, Federal land managers will expand multi-jurisdictional partnerships, such as the Western Watershed Partnership and the Joint Chiefs’ Initiative, aimed at reducing hazardous fuels and protecting community water supplies and other critical infrastructure. The Forest Service will partner with states to implement new provisions in the 2014 Farm Bill that reduce threats from wildfire, insects and disease and bolster forest restoration, across all land ownerships. Additionally, through the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps, USDA and DOI will engage nearly 10,000 youth and veterans to accomplish critical restoration work on public lands through watershed restoration, hazardous fuel reduction, and other important projects.

The wildfire cap adjustment included in the President’s Fiscal Year 2015 budget (noted on p. 37) would allow for more pro-active forest restoration work that has been severely delayed and constrained in order to pay for wildfire emergencies. For example, the USFS Vegetation and Watershed Management program, which performs post-fire restoration to achieve healthy watershed and ecological conditions after a fire, has experienced a 22 percent reduction since 2001 due to this structural budget challenge. Other investments in National Parks and Forests that Americans

expect – to simply maintain roads, trails and facilities – have been similarly severely impacted as catastrophic fire events squeeze out other operations, in some cases reduced as much as 95 percent since 2001. The President’s proposed wildfire cap adjustment would prevent suppression from subsuming a greater share of the budget moving forward.

➤ **Address Performance Measurement and Benefits Assessment Challenges to Natural Infrastructure:** In 2015, the Administration will address barriers to investment in and implementation of natural infrastructure solutions by improving measurement and evaluation of these approaches. All of the following actions address *Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Strategy - Recommendation #22*:

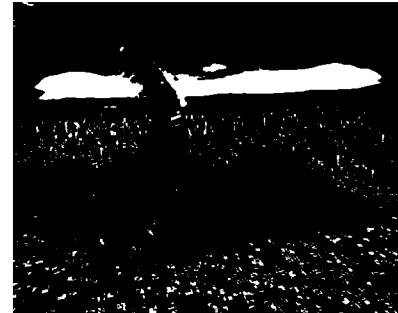
- Develop an Actionable Research Agenda: The EOP will lead the development of a research agenda to address emerging and persistent methodological challenges and other barriers for the Federal government’s integration of ecosystem services into resilience efforts. The research agenda will identify key knowledge gaps, particularly those associated with valuation, and outline needs and opportunities for addressing these gaps.
- Issue Federal Guidance on Ecosystem Services Assessment: The Administration will develop guidance to bring high-level visibility and support for the use of ecosystem services assessment methods where appropriate and practicable. By providing this guidance to Federal agencies, the Administration will encourage the use of sound approaches to assessing ecosystem services and integration of assessment into Federal decision making.
- Launch Natural Infrastructure Tools and Resources Website: CEQ, NOAA, and USGS will partner with Federal agencies to populate the Climate Resilience Toolkit existing online tools and resources on natural infrastructure to support Federal, state, tribal and local decision-makers. This website will leverage other agency and interagency efforts.
- Conduct Program Evaluation of Resilience Investments: As noted on page 20, DOI will verify performance metrics and evaluate the performance of \$300 million in Hurricane Sandy Supplemental resilience investments, which includes \$100 million in external grants for natural infrastructure and other nature-based solutions. NOAA



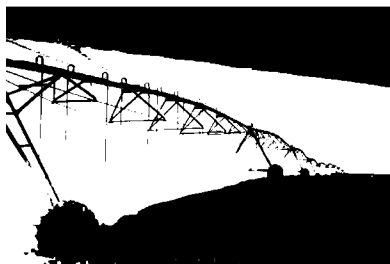
is also providing \$300,000 toward a trade-off analysis to develop estimates of the economic value associated with Sandy-related restoration work. This will inform future Federal community resilience investments in natural infrastructure.

- **Expand Collaboration and Technical Assistance to Help Communities Implement Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Solutions:** EPA, along with HUD, DOT, USDA, DOI, DOD, and DOE recently announced the development of a broad-based, multi-sector Green Infrastructure Collaborative. The Collaborative will help communities better manage stormwater and more rapidly adopt low impact development techniques. In support of this initiative, in 2015 EPA will provide technical assistance to at least 25 communities while also disseminating information to support local adoption of such stormwater practices. This initiative will:

- Provide on-the-ground support to communities to more fully realize their green infrastructure objectives;
- Create a network of public, private, and NGO participants to leverage the full range of information and resources;
- Align Federal resources to help local communities integrate green infrastructure planning into broader community development efforts, including through transportation systems (e.g., complete streets) and parks/open spaces;
- Provide tools and training for communities to build local capacity around resiliency and sustainable water infrastructure;
- Recognize innovative green infrastructure projects and foster information sharing about innovative approaches;
- Lead by example by installing and supporting green infrastructure to demonstrate the suite of benefits that these approaches can provide; and
- Create a network of organizations that can mobilize resources and develop the strategies for implementing green infrastructure for a range of community objectives.



- **Promote Drought Resilience and Enhance Water Use Efficiency, Water Reuse, and Water Supply:** Climate change can impact the duration and severity of drought. Drought events can have major environmental, social, and economic consequences. For example, damages from the 2012 drought totaled approximately \$30 billion, and the severe drought currently affecting the West is impacting critical sectors, including agriculture, ranching, cities, industry, recreation, and the environment. Federal agencies will work with communities to protect and extend limited water supplies; actions include:



- USDA will invest in irrigation efficiency and management strategies to address groundwater depletion and will improve drought and snowpack monitoring.

- The EPA WaterSense program will promote water use efficiency to sustain water supplies, which will have the added benefit of reducing the use of energy to move and heat water by 23 million metric tons per year by 2018.
  - USACE will incorporate climate considerations into any planned or ongoing water reallocation actions.
  - Bureau of Reclamation will continue to incorporate climate change considerations throughout its programs and policies as it carries out its mission to develop, manage and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner. Reclamation's WaterSMART Program is well positioned to address near-term impacts of climate change via the competitive grants provided to non-Federal partners under the program. The Basin Study component of the WaterSMART Program provides an effective process through which Reclamation will continue to work with study partners to identify and develop adaptation strategies to meet future water supply needs. In addition to this effort, Reclamation will assist its study partners with the technical expertise, planning support, science, and tools needed to advance adaptation strategies that can be implemented by non-Federal stakeholders.
  - USGS will begin a series of projects to understand the impacts of drought on fish and wildlife species.
  - In 2015, NOAA's National Weather Service National Water Center, with partners, will begin development of a national water model that will improve water prediction capability to optimize communities' use of increasingly limited water resources.
  - In 2015, USDA will use Farm Bill programs to support conservation practices and technologies that build drought resilience. Through planned research, USDA will also enhance food security through analyzing improved crops and plant breeding tools with increased resilience to heat and drought; developing systems to model and test climate change scenarios' impact on animal, food, and waterborne diseases and pests; and by researching drought impacts to nutritional composition and quality of food.
  - The interagency National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) will work to ensure that its regional drought early-warning information capabilities in partnership with Federal agencies, states, tribes, and communities across the Nation.
- **Establish Federal Agency Support Teams for Climate Resilient Water Resources Based on the WestFAST Model:** Federal agencies will work with state, tribal and local partners to identify appropriate regional associations dealing with water resources management and develop Federal agency support teams, comparable to the existing WestFAST partnership wherein Federal agencies embed a dedicated Federal liaison to work with the Western states on issues of common concern. This highly efficient approach saves both Federal and state partners time and money and ensures that a high level of coordination takes place.

- **Build Regional Capacity for Natural Resource Disaster Recovery and Restoration in the Pacific Islands:** Within 18 months, NOAA, USGS, and FWS will produce a regional handbook for natural resource and emergency managers for the Pacific Islands Region. To be developed in collaboration with Pacific Islands partners, the handbook will document recent policy and capacity developments and lessons learned to address challenges associated with managing natural resources in the context of more frequent and severe extreme events.
- **Strengthen the Resilience of Coastal Resources and Communities to Extreme Events:** In 2014, NOAA will launch new coastal resilience research projects to provide coastal communities and businesses with better information and tools to identify risks and increase resilience, and in 2015, proposes to create a new competitive grants program to fund collaborative projects that increase coastal communities' and economies' resilience. In coordination with USACE and other relevant Federal agencies, NOAA will provide resources and technical assistance to state, tribal, local, and private sector partners to enhance the use of natural infrastructure to address storm surge, sea-level rise, and other stressors on coastal communities and ecosystems; NOAA plans to pilot a water-level inundation "dashboard" to facilitate decision-making concerning flooding and storm events through scenarios that include how the flooding will impact the natural and built environment.
- **Prepare for Climate Impacts on Fish Stocks and Fishing-dependent Communities:**

In 2015, NOAA will help fishing-dependent communities prepare for climate impacts on fish stocks by completing climate vulnerability assessments for major commercial and recreational marine fish stocks; helping communities undertake risk assessment and adaptation planning; supporting collaborative research on the impacts of climate variability and change on fish



stocks and fisheries in the U.S. Northeast Shelf Large Marine Ecosystem; and establishing Resilient Fishing Communities Pilot Projects to provide technical assistance to fishing-dependent communities in risk assessment and adaptation planning. NOAA also proposes to increase investment in its Ecological Forecasting Roadmap to include resilience related activities, such as connecting how living marine resources respond to changes in coastal and marine habitats, and to launch a new coastal ocean acidification modeling initiative to help resource managers and coastal communities better understand and prepare for impacts of changing chemical conditions on commercially important fishery species.

➤ **Foster Innovation and Recognize Leadership:**

- **Prize competitions:** Under the authority of the America Competes Reauthorization Act of 2010, the Administration will provide incentives and opportunities for the private sector and public to share creative solutions to natural resource and community resilience challenges through one or more prize competitions focused on flooding, storm surge, wildfire, drought, or other key challenges. Past examples of this approach are challenges issued through the Climate Data Initiative and the Wood in Green Building competition. As noted on page 29, within 6 months, USDA will launch a U.S. Tall Wood Building Competition to spur use of sustainable forest products in construction. In 2015, Bureau of Reclamation will launch several challenges focused on infrastructure sustainability, ecosystem restoration, and water supply and drought management under a changing climate.
- **Leadership awards:** To point to success and encourage replication of climate smart practices, the Administration will also establish a Climate Resilience Leaders award to recognize Federal, tribal, state, and local leadership in advancing the resilience of natural resources and the communities that depend on them.

➤ **Provide Policies, Data, and Tools to Facilitate Smart Restoration and Conservation Investments:**

- **Develop a Community Resilience Index:** In 2014, FEMA will begin work in coordination with NOAA, NIST, and insurers to identify or develop a community resilience index that considers environmental, economic, and social resilience. This work will focus on economic and social components, in particular infrastructure, and will incorporate data and ecosystem information developed through DOI and NOAA efforts to measure progress on resilience through restoration. By 2015, this work will produce a set of key indicators and an initial index methodology for implementation. Products of this effort will be incorporated into the Climate Resilience Toolkit as appropriate in the future.
- **Disaster Resilience Framework:** In 2015, NIST will deliver a Disaster Resilience Framework to establish a community-based approach to resilience, including performance goals for classes of buildings and infrastructure systems based on their importance to the function of the community as defined by its purpose. NIST is conducting a series of stakeholder workshops to inform the development of the Disaster Resilience Framework. NIST is coordinating with a number of Federal agencies, including, but not limited to NOAA, DHS, FEMA, HUD, as well as state and local governments, private sector stakeholders, and academia. This is part of a long-term program to provide guidance and tools that communities can use to establish priorities and prepare plans to improve their resilience. Products of this effort will be incorporated into the Climate Resilience Toolkit as appropriate in the future.

- **Implement Modernized Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines (PR&G) for Federal Investments in Water Resources:**

In 2009, the Administration began a major effort to update 30-year-old criteria that guide national investments in water resource projects. These new criteria encourage more responsible taxpayer investment by bringing a smarter, more balanced approach to planning. Under the new PR&G, agencies will evaluate the full range of costs and benefits of proposed actions, to more broadly consider how water resource investments impact the economy, environment, and local communities. By considering the environmental impacts of proposed actions, this improved approach to cost benefit analysis will better account for the benefits nature-based solutions provide. The Administration is nearing the implementation of the new PR&G, to the extent permissible under current law. In 2014, the Administration will release Interagency Guidelines (IG), followed by the finalization of Agency Specific Procedures to implement the PR&G. Agencies will lead an effort in 2015 to fully implement these modernized criteria for climate-resilient water resource investments.







## **Chapter V: Modernize Federal Programs, Investments, and Delivery of Services to Build Resilience and Enhance Sequestration of Biological Carbon development**

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*“But what I also know is, is that when you take those first steps, even if they’re hard and even if they’re halting sometimes, that you start building momentum and you start mobilizing larger and larger communities. And when it comes to a challenge as far-reaching and important as protecting our planet, every step makes a difference.”*

President Obama June 25, 2014

### **The Challenge**

Climate change poses new challenges for Federal agencies, both operationally as well as for the management programs they administer and the services they provide. Though much progress has been made, most Federal natural resource management programs, investments, and grant programs lack clear guidelines to ensure that Federal efforts and investments are informed by climate-smart principles or prioritize regional strategies.

Climate change also poses new challenges for stakeholders with unique needs and interests including farmers, ranchers, fishermen, foresters, wildlife professionals, city managers, water utility managers, and others. These challenges are not limited to one region or scale and cannot be addressed by any single Federal science or extension program. Federal agencies are increasingly working with partners to deliver regional programs and services to provide context-specific data, user-friendly tools, and information to help people make climate-sensitive decisions.

These regional programs rely on partnerships between scientists and stakeholders to identify and refine science and information needs in specific regions, at scales most useful for decision-makers at all levels. In the rapidly changing arena of climate science, there is increased demand for information and tools to support local decision-making by an array of users with diverse interests and questions. Organizing the delivery of information, services, and products to better serve state, tribal, local, and working landowner needs is an ongoing challenge that Federal agencies are working to meet.

Federal agencies are also committed to providing training in the use of new data and tools to ensure that decision-makers at all levels have the knowledge they need. Federal agencies also recognize the importance of tribal governments in building climate resilience and will expand effort to support tribes in this work.

## **Progress to Date**

Federal agencies have been making great strides toward building the resilience of natural resources and the communities that depend upon them, improving the ability of our ecosystems to fight carbon pollution, and adapting policies and procedures to more effectively anticipate and address climate impacts and build resilience. Agencies have also begun to incorporate resilience considerations into resource management, financial assistance, and other programs.

As directed by Executive Order 13653 (November 1, 2013), *Preparing the United States for the Impacts of Climate Change*, Federal agencies are required to develop or continue to develop, implement, and update comprehensive plans that integrate consideration of climate change into agency operations and overall mission objectives. To support the efforts of regions, states, local communities, and tribes, the Executive Order also requires all agencies, consistent with their missions, to:

- identify and seek to remove or reform barriers that discourage investments or other actions to increase the Nation's resilience to climate change while ensuring continued protection of public health and the environment;
- reform policies and Federal funding programs that may, perhaps unintentionally, increase the vulnerability of natural or built systems, economic sectors, natural resources, or communities to climate change related risks; and
- identify opportunities to support and encourage smarter, more climate-resilient investments by states, local communities, and tribes, including by providing incentives through agency guidance, grants, technical assistance, performance measures, safety considerations, and other programs, including in the context of infrastructure.

In March 2014, the Administration launched the Climate Data Initiative, bringing together extensive open government data and innovation competitions to develop data-driven resilience tools for communities. In addition, Federal agencies are working together to develop a Toolkit for Climate Resilience that centralizes access to new and existing data-driven resilience tools, services, and best practices, including those developed through the Climate Data Initiative.

Many programs have already made efforts to include resilience criteria, such as land acquisition and easements supported through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, support for sustainable water supplies through Reclamation's WaterSMART grants, as well as EPA's Underground Injection Control Grants program and Wetlands Program Development Grants. Federal agencies are also



working cooperatively with states and tribes to help them incorporate climate resilience considerations into programs on a voluntary basis (e.g., State and Tribal Wildlife Grants, Coastal Zone Management Grants, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund).

Federal agencies have also organized a number of regional climate science and service approaches for delivering information, tools, and training to better serve state, local, tribal, and regional needs. For example, NOAA Regional Climate Partnerships provide integrated science, climate data and information products, and partnership building efforts to local, state, tribal, and Federal entities seeking to manage climate- and weather-related risks. For almost 20 years Regional Integrated Science and Assessment (RISA) teams have worked with a diverse range of sectors (e.g. public health) as a research engine for partnership-driven science. Through Regional Climate Hubs, USDA delivers tailored information to help farmers, ranchers, and private forestland owners adapt to the impacts of climate change and weather variability and to promote sustainable agriculture/forestry production through development of adaptation responses. LCCs have convened major conservation stakeholders in each bioregion to work on developing resilient landscape designs to help maintain fish, wildlife, and plant resources. DOI Climate Science Centers, working with many of the same stakeholders, are identifying the related LCC science needs and directing their resources to meet those needs. Each of EPA's ten regional offices have developed a climate adaptation plan defining support they will provide to state, tribal, and local governments, and stakeholders, such as water utilities. There are also other Federal agency and interagency efforts, including USACE, FEMA, and the interagency Climate Change and Water Working Group,<sup>20</sup> that have regional organizations that participate in supporting resilience activities.

Agencies are working internally and with external partners to enhance climate literacy of the conservation workforce. Specific examples include:

- The National Park Service developed staff training based on its 2011 assessment to identify the highest priority climate change training needs. Now in its fourth year, the Interpreting Climate Change in National Parks training program provides the knowledge, skills and abilities needed by front line interpreters to actively engage the public in climate change education. The NPS New Superintendents Academy Climate Change Leadership Series (in its 3rd year), is a multi-week course in which experienced managers share their insights, resources, tools, and tested response options about climate change with new superintendents. To enhance these training courses, fourteen place-

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<sup>20</sup> The Federal Climate Change Water Working Group (CCAWWG) provides engineering and scientific collaborations in support of water management under a changing climate. It fosters communication and research partnerships around these needs across the water and science communities of practice. <http://www.ccawwg.us/index.php/home>.

based climate change videos are available online, which explore management actions on topics such as sea level rise, glacial melting, and species shifts.<sup>21</sup>

- The Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs launched a new \$10 million Federal-Tribal Climate Resilience Partnership and Technical Assistance Program that will help tribes prepare for climate change by developing and delivering adaptation training, providing tribes with data and information, improving Federal collaboration, and assisting with climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts.
- Many RISA teams work with indigenous communities to prepare for the effects of climate variability and change. For example, the Climate Assessment for the Southwest, working with the Hopi Department of Natural Resources in Arizona, co-produced the first ever Quarterly Hopi Drought Status Report in 2014. The Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program is working with the Chickasaw Nation and the South Central CSC to develop climate science training for tribal environmental professionals in Oklahoma and Texas. The Alaska Center for Climate Assessment & Policy worked with the City of Dillingham, the Bristol Bay Native's Association, and the Bristol Bay Borough to complete an initial assessment of health vulnerability and environmental security around the issue of water security in Bristol Bay. The Pacific RISA is providing scientific support to Hawaii, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and other Pacific islands regarding the sustainability of fresh water resources in a changing climate.
- The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) is developing training, drought early warning and preparedness plans with tribal communities in the Missouri, Colorado, and Columbia River Basins.

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## WE'VE MADE GREAT PROGRESS



Significant progress has been made toward building the resilience of natural resources and the communities that depend upon them, improving the ability of our ecosystems to fight carbon pollution, and adapting policies and procedures to more effectively anticipate and address climate impacts and build resilience.

### PROGRESS:



Numerous programs have made efforts to include resilience criteria including EPA's Underground Injections Control Grant program and Wetlands Program Development Grants, and Reclamation's WaterSMART grants.

### PROGRESS:



DOI's Bureau of Indian Affairs launched a \$10M program to help tribes prepare for climate change through advances in data and information supporting adaptation and mitigation as well as enhanced technical assistance.

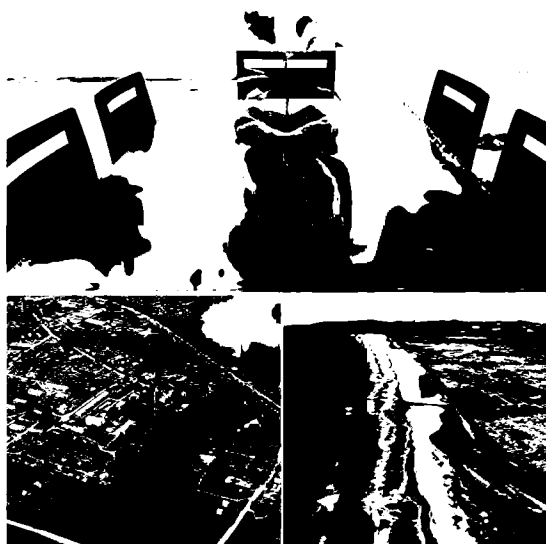
### PROGRESS:



NOAA Regional Integrated Science and Assessment (RISA) teams are working with a diverse range of sectors, such as public health, as a research engine for partnership-driven science.

## MOVING FORWARD

- Incorporate climate smart practices in Federal land acquisition programs and natural resource grant and financial assistance programs
- Develop agency-specific principles and guidance for considering biological carbon in management and planning decisions
- Identify exemplary facilities and resource management activities that demonstrate cutting edge resiliency efforts
- Provide the Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience with a status update on progress-to-date in modernizing programs
- Provide an online "front door" to the array of regional information, services, and tools available
- Increase support for NOAA's Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) teams
- Use Climate Smart Conservation Guide to train hundreds of natural resource managers across the country in climate smart conservation
- Place tribal Climate Extension Support Liaisons in the DOI Climate Science Centers
- Develop at least one flagship tribal partnership in every Forest Service Region



## Moving Forward

- **Modernize Federal Programs:** Many Federal programs have already made efforts to update existing operations to promote climate resilience and carbon sequestration considerations. Federal agencies will build on this momentum through the following actions:
  - **Incorporate resilience into natural resources planning and management:** Within 12 months, Federal agencies with natural resources responsibilities or whose activities impact natural resources will identify best practices for applying resilience criteria to program management, practices, training, and investments, and institute policies that ensure such practices are implemented and updated on a regular basis.

- **Modernize land acquisition, and natural resource financial assistance programs to address resilience needs:** Climate-smart practices should also be reflected in Federal land acquisition programs and natural resource grant and financial assistance programs. Within 12 months, Federal agencies that administer these programs will identify best practices for applying resilience criteria to them, and develop policies for implementing these practices, as well as mechanisms for updating those policies.
  - **Implement policies, procedures, and performance metrics for considering biological carbon in Federal natural resource management practices:** In addition to actions outlined in Chapter III, within 12 months Federal land, water and coastal management agencies will develop agency-specific principles and guidance for considering biological carbon in management and planning decisions. Such guidance shall acknowledge the importance of sustaining long-term ecosystem function and resilience over short-term accounting for carbon changes, consider carbon within the context of other management objectives and ecosystem service goals, and integrate carbon considerations as part of a balanced and comprehensive program of sustainable management and climate change adaptation.
  - **Lead by example at Federal facilities:** Federal agencies own or manage many properties and facilities that are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Federal agencies will lead by example by employing best practices in ensuring resilient natural systems and built infrastructure at Federal facilities and lands. Within 12 months, each Federal agency will identify a small number of exemplary facilities and resource management activities that demonstrate cutting edge resiliency efforts, such as use of natural infrastructure, documenting the "best of best practices". Where appropriate, Federal agencies will enhance their visitation, education, and outreach activities to encourage emulation of these practices more broadly in the public and private sectors.
  - **Status update:** Within 12 months, Federal agencies will provide the Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience with a status update on progress-to-date in modernizing programs as described above.
- **Provide Regional Resilience Information and Services to Meet the Needs of American Communities:** Despite progress to date, there is a need to better communicate and coordinate regional Federal efforts, to make it easier for people, communities, and tribal, state, and local governments to get access to resilience services, and to identify the decision support infrastructure that will be needed in the future. There is also a call for greater awareness and coordination of existing decision support tools available to support resilience planning at various scales. The following actions moving forward will build on existing efforts to enhance the delivery of regional resilience services.

- Within 12 months, NOAA, USDA, and DOI, in coordination with other Federal agencies that support regional resilience, will improve customer service by providing an online “front door” to the array of regional information, services, and tools available, using the National Climate Assessment regions as a consistent framework or “inroad” for communities and the public. These agencies will also develop a networked approach whereby access to any one agency’s regional services will provide a clear path to the others. This will include an online directory of regional experts, services, and tools. This work will include coordinated development of priorities and plans for investments in research and tools in each region that will assure effective use of limited resources. Products of this effort will be disseminated through the Climate Resilience Toolkit as appropriate.
- Within 12 months, each USDA Hub will pursue a set of partnerships with Cooperative Extension university partners and other stakeholders to better understand the local and regional challenges posed by climate change and to develop and deliver guidance on climate resilient management strategies to farmers, ranchers, and other landowners.
- In 2015, NOAA plans to increase support for its RISA teams who work with resource managers and planners to develop and utilize new information about the impacts of climate on communities, natural and managed resources, infrastructure, transportation, and health. Now serving eleven regions, two new regions would be competitively awarded funding to expand services to the Mid-Atlantic and the Midwest.

The National Climate Assessment collects, integrates, and assesses observations and research from around the country, helping us to see what is actually happening and understand what it means for our lives, our livelihoods, and our future. In addition to providing an analysis of impacts on seven sectors, the report assesses key impacts on eight major U.S. regions: Northeast, Southeast and Caribbean, Midwest, Great Plains, Southwest, Northwest, Alaska, Hawai'i and Pacific Islands, as well as the country's coastal areas, oceans, and marine resources. These regions provide a framework from which the delivery of Federal regional services can be better understood and accessed by regional, state, tribal, and local decision-makers, stakeholders, and the public.

➤ **Identify Regional Priorities for Science and Services to Enhance Resilience:** By early 2015, following the methods of drought outlook forums convened by NIDIS, NOAA, USDA, and DOI, Federal agencies will convene at least three regional collaborative discussions with resource managers, decision-makers, and others, to identify and anticipate science and service priorities in light of unfolding climate related events, such as droughts and floods resulting from the potential El Niño, or disasters such as Atlantic hurricanes and tropical storms. Partners will work collaboratively to develop tools, provide information and planned engagement, and inform investment around these unfolding climate-related events.

➤ **Train and Inform Resource Managers and Stakeholders on Climate Resilience:**

Generating needed data and tools is an important step, but Federal agencies also need to bolster climate-smart education and develop training programs to help decision-makers, resource managers, stakeholders, and others get the most value from information resources.

- By 2015, NOAA, USDA, and DOI, in cooperation with other Federal agencies, will define a framework for education and training to build climate literacy and capability among relevant Federal agency staff and technical service providers, such as planners, engineers, and consultants. The framework should include assessing climate literacy in Federal agencies,<sup>22</sup> and developing partnerships with non-profit or professional groups to promote climate resilience outreach, education, training, certification, and engagement of academic training capability.
- In 2014, a coalition of Federal and state agencies and nongovernmental partners released a *Climate Smart Conservation Guide*<sup>23</sup> that describes practices to safeguard vital natural resources in a changing climate. The guide provides natural resource managers with state-of-the-art information and tools to assess risks and design effective resource management efforts that incorporate and respond to climate-related changes in U.S. ecosystems. Over the next year and beyond, the guide will be used by the FWS National Conservation Training Center to train hundreds of natural resource managers across the country in climate smart conservation.
- Building off these efforts, Federal natural resource agencies will work to enhance their efforts to integrate climate information and communications into place-based stewardship. This will provide enhanced and informed visitor education on the impacts of climate change upon the lands and waters managed by the Federal government, including National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, National Marine Sanctuaries, and other sites



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<sup>22</sup> This effort should build off of the “Climate-Smart Conservation: Putting Adaptation Principles into Practice” manual and training program developed by the National Wildlife Federation in cooperation with the USGS, FWS, NPS, EPA, USACE, USFS, NOAA and several other state and stakeholder partners.

<sup>23</sup> NWE, *Climate Smart Conservation*. [http://www.nwf.org/pdf/Climate-Smart-Conservation/NWF-Climate-Smart-Conservation\\_5-08-14.pdf](http://www.nwf.org/pdf/Climate-Smart-Conservation/NWF-Climate-Smart-Conservation_5-08-14.pdf).



which collectively receive 938 million visits a year.<sup>24</sup>

- In 2014, the National Park Service will complete development of a Natural Resource Career Field Academy online climate change module to help resource professionals understand key climate change related issues and explore adaptation and planning options.

➤ **Prepare Indigenous Communities for the Impacts of Climate Change:** As described in



Photo of a Tlingit man, a member of an indigenous people group who live in southeast Alaska.

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<http://www.pbs.org/harriman/1899/native.html>

the National Climate Assessment, “[t]he peoples, lands, and resources of indigenous communities in the United States, including Alaska and the Pacific Rim, face an array of climate change impacts and vulnerabilities that threaten many Native communities. The consequences of observed and projected climate change have and will undermine indigenous ways of life that have persisted for thousands of years. Key vulnerabilities include the loss of traditional knowledge in the face of rapidly changing ecological conditions, increased food insecurity due to reduced availability of traditional foods, changing water availability, Arctic sea ice loss, permafrost thaw, and relocation from historic homelands”.<sup>25</sup> Federal agencies

have a variety of existing and upcoming national and regional programs, and initiatives that provide information, training, technical assistance, financial support, and other services to support

community capacity to bolster resilience and prepare for the impacts of climate change. Federal agencies are also integrating traditional knowledge into technical assistance and assessments to inform decision-making.

- DOI will place five tribal Climate Extension Support Liaisons in the Climate Science Centers, as part of its Federal-Tribal Climate Resilience Partnership and Technical Assistance Program. These liaisons will work at the regional level with tribes to identify climate information and science needs of tribes and coordinate Federal assistance across agencies to address those needs. The five regional tribal liaisons

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will also support tribal workshops, practitioner working groups, and regional training needs. Liaisons will be contracted to tribal organizations to ensure strong ties to tribal practitioners and to further enhance tribal capacity.

- Within 12 months, the USDA-Forest Service will create at least one flagship tribal partnership in every Forest Service Region to develop and implement climate adaptation strategies for tribal lands and adjacent National Forests.
- In 2015, NOAA proposes to increase efforts to provide fisheries and other decision makers in the Alaska region with information on climate impacts on major fish stocks and protected species and to implement a distributed biological observatory to improve understanding of how climate and human-induced change are affecting subsistence cultures and the environment in the Arctic.



## Chapter VI: Conclusion

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Climate change is the challenge of our time. We can take action now to improve climate resilience of our land and water resources, as well as to take action that will help improve the ability of our land and water to absorb more carbon.

Recognizing the importance and urgency of taking action, in November 2013, the President asked Federal agencies to complete an inventory and assessment of proposed and completed changes to their land- and water-related policies, programs, and regulations necessary to make the Nation's watersheds, natural resources, and ecosystems, and the communities and economies that depend on them, more resilient in the face of a changing climate (Section 3 of EO 13653). This effort convened the Departments of Defense, Interior, Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, working with the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

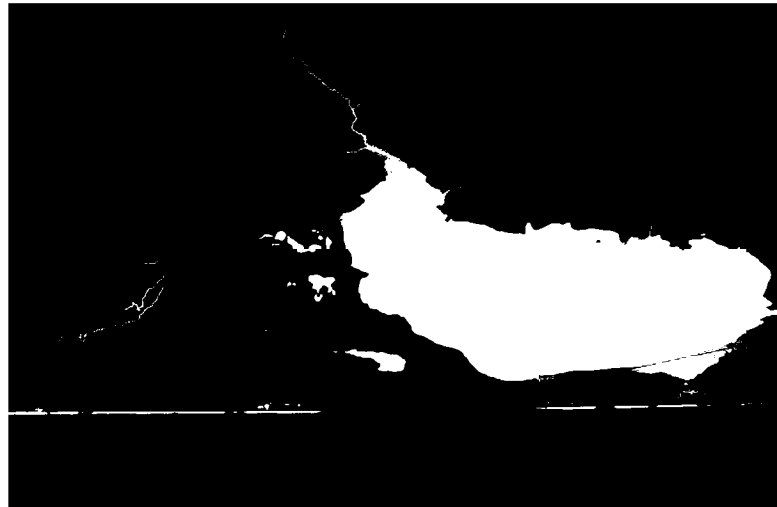
This inventory and assessment led to the development of this *Priority Agenda for Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources*. This *Agenda* identifies significant actions to foster climate-resilient lands and waters, manage biological carbon sinks associated with Federal lands and waters, use natural infrastructure to strengthen community resilience, and provide agency support to regional, state, local, and tribal resilience efforts. The *Agenda* builds off of the robust climate and natural resource efforts of the Administration to date, internal reviews of existing efforts, and feedback from partners and the State, Local, and Tribal Leaders Task Force for Climate Preparedness and Resilience to improve the resilience of America's natural resources and the communities that rely upon them. In 2015, Federal agencies intend to conduct a twelve month appraisal of implementation to date.

In the course of conducting the inventory and assessment, a number of substantial challenges and opportunities were identified that require further attention beyond the actions described in this *Agenda*. The challenges and opportunities fall generally into three categories:

**Science and Information:** Developing and providing access to the relevant information and tools to support decision-making is among the greatest ongoing challenges in protecting and enhancing the resilience of natural resources, and therefore the resilience of the communities and economies that rely upon them. Efforts are underway to: collect information on the changes that are happening and that will occur in the future, integrate data and information into research and analysis that supports our understanding of possible outcomes for human and natural systems, ensure that science is effectively translated and delivered, and train decision makers in utilizing this information in a highly uncertain environment, where

climate is only one of a number of factors that are being experienced. To meet this demand, Federal agencies have established several networks of science and data providers, developed multiple classes of climate tools and services, and provided numerous innovations in modeling and prediction. Additional work is needed to improve translation, utility, and delivery of existing knowledge – and to address key information needs that have been identified by user communities.

- Collaboration and Capacity: The Federal government alone cannot address all of the implications of climate impacts on our natural resources. Addressing climate change and fostering the resilience of our natural resources will require leveraging the skills, tools, and innovations of the entire Nation, from residents of vulnerable coastal towns and villages, to innovative county leaders intent on solving emerging challenges, to state and tribal officials who are having to adapt quickly to changing resource conditions that are happening over a matter of years, not decades or centuries. Fostering this level of innovation and adaptive capacity to address these changes will require improved collaboration. And building such partnerships will also strengthen the ability of all parties to bring resources to the table to help the Nation sustain and restore our natural resources.
  
- Funding Resilience: Increasing wildfires, droughts, floods, and severe storms, are all reminders that climate related costs are rapidly on the rise. Because the scale is immense and the well-being of many American communities is so closely linked to the many services ecosystems and landscapes provide, Federal, state, tribal, and local governments must share responsibility to foster the resilience of the Nation's natural resources. With constrained resources at all levels of government, we must re-think how we fund and finance investments by identifying and removing barriers that can impede the ability of all parties to invest in resilience, and through providing incentives to move forward with important investments in natural resources.



With these challenges ahead, the Federal agencies involved in this exercise recognize more investment is needed and would welcome continued dialogue around:

- Innovative financing mechanisms that leverage private sector investment

- Increasing support for existing landscape scale restoration as well as land acquisition and easement programs
- Expanding support through the tax code for retaining working forests
- Reducing wildfire risk and restoring fire-impacted landscapes
- Innovative ways to encourage proven water conservation and efficiency investments
- Building support for regional climate services (CSCs, LCCs, Hubs, RISAs, etc.)
- Increasing state and local climate and natural resources resilience planning and implementation capacity through existing mechanisms like the Fish & Wildlife Service State Wildlife Action Grants, and the Forest Service Cooperative Forestry Programs

We have to act now to make our communities and ecosystems more resilient in the face of climate impacts. It will take more than “re-thinking” how we spend the resources available today, it will take the kind of financial and community commitment that this Nation has directed in the past for recovery in the wake of natural disasters. Building the resilience of our natural resources and the communities across this nation that depend on them will take up-front, thoughtful, strategic investment and increased ambition at the local, state and Federal level. This agenda highlights the significant work that’s been done and that will be done to implement the President’s Climate Action Plan and prepare the Nation’s natural resources for the impacts of climate change. It is a historic and important start.

# Appendix A: Strategies and Priority Actions

## STRATEGY I: FOSTER CLIMATE-RESILIENT LANDS AND WATERS



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#### 1. Resilience Index

- a. In 2015, Federal agencies, to include DOI, NOAA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the Department of Transportation (DOT), will design a framework for a decision-support tool that will provide baseline resilience data and measure the progress of restoration, conservation, and other resilience-enhancing management approaches.
- b. Experts will work toward developing common metrics, monitoring protocols, modeling approaches, and valuation methodologies to establish baseline conditions and provide measures of increased resilience from cost-effective restoration.
- c. This work will link with a broader Community Resilience Index, which FEMA, NOAA and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) are developing (see Chapter IV), as well as the efforts of the Data and Tools Working Group described in Chapter I.

DOI, NOAA, FEMA, DOT, USACE

Within 2015

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#### 2. Decision Support Tools for Climate-Smart Natural Resource Management

- a. Within one year, Federal agencies will develop and provide decision-support tools to improve the ability of agencies and landowners to manage for resilience. Examples include:
  - By the end of calendar year 2014, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will initiate, through pilot projects with the Fish & Wildlife Service (and other DOI bureaus if funding permits), production of a tool to help resource managers consider the impacts of management decisions upon carbon stock and flux as well as impacts on resilience and ecosystem services, such as water quality, flood risk reduction, wildlife viewing, cultural heritage, and nutrient cycling.
  - Over the next year, NOAA will deploy new or expanded resilience tools, including a Northeast climate and marine ecosystem dashboard for predicting future conditions; an expanded Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper for coastal states on the East Coast and Gulf of Mexico; a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment tool for Coastal Habitats; and a new performance support tool for GIS professionals working with agencies and organizations on natural infrastructure planning for coastal resilience.

USGS, FWS, NOAA

Within 2015

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### 3. Identify Landscape Conservation Priorities to Build Resilience

- a. Goal 1 of the *National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy* is to build or maintain ecologically connected network of terrestrial, coastal, and marine conservation areas that are likely to be resilient to climate change and support a broad range of fish, wildlife, and plants under changing conditions. Identifying such priority areas also benefits wildfire management, mitigation investments, restoration efforts, and water and air quality.
- b. Within 6 months, Federal agencies working to address ecosystem management issues through LCCs and other multi-stakeholder bodies will work with partners to select flagship geographic regions for which they will identify priority areas for conservation, restoration, or other investments to build resilience in vulnerable regions, enhance carbon storage capacity, and support management needs.
- c. Within 24 months, these agencies and their partners will have identified and mapped the initial list of priority areas within each of the selected geographic landscapes or regions.

FWS, NOAA

Within Two Years

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### 4. Fighting the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Species

- a. Within 12 months, the Secretary of the Interior, working with other members of the National Invasive Species Council, including Department of Commerce (NOAA), EPA, and USDA, will work with states and tribes to develop a framework for a national Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) program that will build on existing programs to assist states and tribes in forestalling the stress caused by the establishment and spread of additional invasive species populations, thereby improving the resilience of priority landscapes and aquatic areas.
  - This will include the development of a plan for creating an emergency response fund to increase the capacity of interagency and inter-jurisdictional teams to tackle emerging invasive species issues across landscapes and jurisdictions.

Secretary of the Interior, National Invasive Species Council (DOC/NOAA, EPA, USDA)

Within 12 months

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#### 5. Evaluate and Learn from Ongoing Resilience Efforts to Inform Future Actions

- a. Within 6 months of the release of this agenda, agencies to include DOI, USDA, NOAA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Department of Defense (DOD), and EPA will identify programs for resilience evaluation. Such evaluations will include:
- Developing resilience metrics and,
  - Evaluating whether investments produce resilience benefits for the resources and surrounding communities.

**DOI, USDA, NOAA, USACE, DOD, EPA**

**Within 6 months**

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#### 6. Working with International Partners to Foster Resilience in the Arctic, U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States

- a. Federal agencies that have partnered to advance a landscape-scale approach to management, called Integrated Arctic Management, will work closely with the Department of State to promote a suite of community and ecosystem resilience measures as part of the program for the United States Chairmanship of the Arctic Council, a two-year term to begin in April 2015.
- b. DOI will update funding programs to the U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States - islands with acute vulnerability to sea level rise - to enhance climate resilience through the development of climate adaptation plans and other efforts.

**Department of State, DOI**

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## STRATEGY II: MANAGE AND ENHANCE U.S. CARBON SINKS



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#### 1. Improve Inventory, Assessment, Projection and Monitoring Systems for Important Carbon Sinks

- a. USDA, with input from and review by EPA, the State Department, and DOI, will establish a robust capacity to provide projections of greenhouse gas emissions and carbon sequestration from agricultural and forest lands on a biennial basis to support planning, analysis, and reporting under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- b. USDA, with input from EPA and other agencies (DOI, NASA, and NOAA), will reduce uncertainties in land-use related emission and sink estimates in the Nation's annual greenhouse gas inventory and better link these estimates to projections through:
  - Strengthening the collection, coordination and assessment of field inventory data through the Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) Program, the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), and other surveys of terrestrial condition, and
  - Integrating the latest Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics (MRLC) consortium land-cover and land-area change estimates and other surveys of terrestrial condition, as appropriate.
- c. USDA will also work collaboratively with EPA, DOI, and other agencies to address potential missing anthropogenic emissions and sinks in the national greenhouse gas inventory.
- d. USDA will evaluate the current carbon sequestration contribution of Federal grasslands and agroforestry systems (wind breaks, shelter belts, riparian buffers, etc.).
- e. The USGS, USACE, and USDA will support efforts toward completion of the first-ever assessment of the ecosystem carbon stocks and anthropogenic emissions and sequestration rates in Alaska.
- f. NOAA will assess the role that coastal ecosystems play in terms of their anthropogenic emissions and carbon sink potential including an initial assessment of land cover for salt marsh, mangroves, and seagrasses.
- g. All of the above improvements will be consistent with applicable methodological guidelines from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and reporting requirements under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

**USDA,  
EPA, State  
Department,  
DOI, USGS,  
USACE,  
NOAA, NASA**

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### 2. Develop Estimates of Baseline Carbon Stocks and Trends to Inform Federal Natural Resources Management

- a. Within 18 months, agencies with Federal natural resource stewardship responsibilities will use the best-available information and methods to develop initial baseline estimates of carbon stocks and trends at local or regionally-appropriate levels for lands and waters within their jurisdiction. Stock and trend information will better enable managers and the public to consider the relationships between carbon storage and other management objectives. Methods will be consistent with applicable methodological guidelines from the IPCC and reporting requirements under the UNFCCC.
- b. By the end of calendar 2015, the USGS will enhance landcarbon.org by covering all 50 states and including a new carbon calculator that allows for interactive tradeoff analysis.
- c. Further, USGS will complete a study for the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem that examines the effects of protected areas and conservation policies on long-term carbon sequestration.
- d. The USGS, in cooperation with University of California at Berkeley, is also developing a large data management and visualization tool for delivering carbon sequestration data to users at the national scale. This effort, highlighted in the President's Climate Action Plan, focuses on enhancing data delivery and communication using advanced web-based visualization tools. The tool allows users to interactively estimate carbon management tradeoffs in an online and downloadable format.

USGS

Within 18  
months

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**3. Promote Forest Conservation and Restoration, Complementary Markets for Sustainably Harvested Wood Products, and Urban Forestry**

- a. USDA and the DOI will provide support for programs that foster forest conservation and retention, and where possible, align these programs around “climate-smart” projects that advance carbon mitigation and adaptation in the context of management objectives. The agencies will incorporate climate resilience evaluation criteria for relevant forest and land and water conservation programs such as the Forest Legacy Program, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Community Forest Program, the Agricultural Land Easement Program, Wetlands Reserve Program, and the Healthy Forest Reserve Program.
- b. USDA will also continue to make investments to advance wood in building and wood energy use—bolstering incentives for retaining and restoring forests—through providing life cycle analysis and technical and financial assistance.
- c. Within 6 months, USDA will launch the U.S. Tall Wood Building Competition to spur increased sustainability in construction and will give priority to applicants that source materials from rural domestic manufacturers and domestic, sustainably-managed forests. By some estimates, incorporation of wood building systems in buildings 7-15 stories tall could offset the equivalent of 1.6-2.5 million passenger vehicles off the road for one year, while also supporting healthy forests and rural manufacturing opportunities.
- d. In 2015, the Forest Service will work with the Federal Urban Waters Partnership, states, and local partners to target urban forestry investments that support: increased carbon sequestration; reduced energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions; enhanced urban air quality; resilience from insects and disease; clean water quality and quantity needs; and bioenergy from urban wood waste to off-set fossil fuel usage.

**USDA, DOI**

**Within 2015**

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#### 4. Support Forest Conservation and Investment Tax Provisions as a Means to Retain and Restore Forests

- a. The Administration will continue to support key tax provisions for maintaining forest carbon, including provisions such as:
- Deduction for Forest Management Expenses as Means to Retain and Restore America's Forests
  - Tax Incentive for Reforestation
  - Capital Gains Treatment of Timber Income as an incentive to Retain Working Forests
  - Federal Tax Deduction for Conservation Easements

Administration

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#### 5. Support Voluntary, Incentive-driven Emissions Reductions from Working Agricultural Lands that Provide Co-benefits for Farm Productivity and Resilience

- a. USDA will target Farm Bill conservation programs to provide incentives for voluntary emissions reductions from America's farmers and ranchers that also support other important co-benefits for landowners and the public. While the agriculture sector makes a relatively small contribution to total annual U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, the sector is capable of offering low-cost, verifiable emissions reductions through the voluntary implementation of conservation practices. Many of these conservation practices also improve efficiency and productivity, reduce operation costs, foster resilience for businesses and natural resources, and alleviate pressures on other land-uses.
- b. USDA will improve conservation technical assistance and delivery of practices that reduce emissions and build resilience through programs such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG). Specific practices include:
- Prioritizing farming systems and conservation practices that build soil organic matter, increase carbon sequestration, and prevent denitrification;
  - Encouraging practices that reduce methane emissions, especially in livestock systems;
  - Prioritizing conservation easement and restoration programs on lands that currently provide climate and other resilience benefits (e.g., prairie grasslands, wetlands, rangelands)
  - Promoting on-farm energy conservation, increased energy efficiency, and renewable energy production;
  - Encouraging transition to systems that keep the land in sod and other perennial vegetation, and support sustainable rangeland management practices that enhance carbon sequestration; and
  - Partnering with states, farmer groups, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations to facilitate investments in agricultural-based emission reductions that are additional, quantifiable, and verifiable.

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#### 6. Assess, Restore, and Protect Coastal Habitats to Understand and Enhance the Storage of Blue Carbon

- a. Improve understanding of carbon storage and cycling in coastal ecosystems:
  - NOAA will generate baseline information on the role that coastal ecosystems play in terms of their emissions and carbon sink potential. This baseline would include an initial assessment of land cover for salt marsh, mangroves, and seagrasses, as well as best estimates of sequestration and storage in these different ecosystem types.
  - NOAA and partners will quantify marsh soil organic carbon content at eight NERRS sites across the United States to fill critical gaps in estimates of current carbon storage across a range of marsh types, and to improve the methodology upon which many of these existing estimates are made.
  - NOAA and EPA, working through the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, will build a North American community of practice for advancing understanding and management of blue carbon ecosystems by supporting the development of methodologies to measure carbon, compile maps, and conduct scientific studies to improve our understanding of the current and future role of coastal systems in the North American carbon cycle.
  - NOAA and EPA will coordinate participation by other Federal agencies with coastal resource management responsibilities in this effort.
- b. Determine the value of protecting coastal habitats to safeguard carbon services:
  - NOAA and FWS, working with other Federal, state, and other partners, will identify and support key restoration projects that can increase coastal blue carbon sinks, both terrestrial and aquatic. For example, NOAA is supporting a pilot demonstration project in Tampa Bay, Florida to demonstrate the value of different blue carbon habitats in different regions of the United States.
  - NOAA will also support up to four local landscape assessments, and associated workshops, on different blue carbon habitats to demonstrate the added benefits of coastal carbon values to specific restoration and protection goals.
  - EPA will build on the pilot project in Tampa Bay – one of 28 National Estuary Programs – and support assessment of GHG benefits associated with carbon sequestration with the goal of sharing algorithms and methods with estuaries that are part of the National Estuary Program.
  - USGS will collaborate with DOI resource management agencies to provide science support for wetland management and restoration actions. As more wetlands are restored and protected, the USGS will be able to measure and estimate the effects of management to enhance carbon sequestration and resilience of the ecosystems to climate change.

**NOAA, EPA,  
FWS, USGS,  
DOI**

**Within two  
years**

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**1. Partner with Communities to Enhance Resilience to Natural Hazards Risks**

- a. Strengthen support for state, tribal and local flood preparedness:
  - In 2015, FEMA will strengthen its grant guidance to encourage use of natural infrastructure to reduce flood mitigation risk, while NOAA, USGS, and other agencies will develop tools to support smart development decisions within floodplains and along coasts.
- b. Expand partnerships to reduce wildfire risk and protect community infrastructure:
  - USDA and DOI will restore resilience of priority landscapes where critical resource values are at high risk from wildfire.
  - Advancing the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Strategy, Federal land managers will expand multi-jurisdictional partnerships, such as the Western Watershed Partnership and the Joint Chiefs' Initiative, aimed at reducing hazardous fuels and protecting community water supplies and other critical infrastructure.
  - The Forest Service will partner with states to implement new provisions in the 2014 Farm Bill that reduce threats from wildfire, insects and disease and bolster forest restoration, across all land ownerships.
  - Additionally, through the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps, USDA and DOI will engage nearly 10,000 youth and veterans to accomplish critical restoration work on public lands through watershed restoration, hazardous fuel reduction, and other important projects.

**FEMA,  
NOAA,  
USGS, USDA,  
DOI, Forest  
Service**

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### 2. Address Performance Measurement and Benefits Assessment Challenges to Natural Infrastructure

- a. In 2015, the Administration will address barriers to investment and implementation of natural infrastructure solutions by improving measurement and evaluation of natural infrastructure. All of the following actions address *Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Strategy - recommendation #22*:
- Develop an Actionable Research Agenda:
    1. The EOP will lead the development of a research agenda to address emerging and persistent methodological challenges and other barriers for the Federal government's integration of ecosystem services into resilience efforts. The research agenda will identify key knowledge gaps, particularly those associated with valuation, and outline needs and opportunities for addressing these gaps.
  - Issue Federal Guidance on Ecosystem Services Assessment:
    1. The Administration will develop guidance to bring high-level visibility and support for the use of ecosystem services assessment methods where appropriate and practicable. By providing this guidance to Federal agencies, the Administration will encourage the use of sound approaches to assessing ecosystem services and integration of assessment into Federal decision making.
  - Launch Natural Infrastructure Tools and Resources Website:
    1. CEQ, NOAA, and USGS will partner with Federal agencies to develop a single web portal that would collect existing online tools and resources on natural infrastructure to support Federal, State, tribal and local decision-makers. This website will leverage other agency and interagency efforts.
  - Conduct Program Evaluation of Resilience Investments:
    1. As noted on page ##, DOI will verify performance metrics and evaluate the performance of \$300 million in Hurricane Sandy Supplemental resilience investments, which includes \$100 million in external grants for natural infrastructure and other nature-based solutions.
    2. NOAA is also providing \$300,000 toward a trade-off analysis to develop estimates of the economic value associated with Sandy-related restoration work. This will inform future Federal community resilience investments in natural infrastructure.

EOP, CEQ, NOAA, USGS, DOI, Administration

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**3. Expand Collaboration and Technical Assistance to Help Communities Implement Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Solutions**

- a. EPA, along with HUD, DOT, USDA, DOI, DOD, and DOE recently announced the development of a broad-based, multi-sector Green Infrastructure Collaborative. The Collaborative will help communities better manage stormwater and more rapidly adopt low impact development techniques. In support of this initiative, in 2015 EPA will provide technical assistance to at least 25 communities while also disseminating information to support local adoption of such stormwater practices. This initiative will:
  - Provide on-the-ground support to communities to more fully realize their green infrastructure objectives;
  - Create a network of public, private, and NGO participants to leverage the full range of information and resources;
  - Align Federal resources to help local communities integrate green infrastructure planning into broader community development efforts, including through transportation systems (e.g., complete streets) and parks/open spaces;
  - Provide tools and training for communities to build local capacity around resiliency and sustainable water infrastructure;
  - Recognize innovative green infrastructure projects and foster information sharing about innovative approaches;
  - Lead by example by installing and supporting green infrastructure to demonstrate the suite of benefits that these approaches can provide; and
  - Create a network of organizations that can mobilize resources and develop the strategies for implementing green infrastructure for a range of community objectives.

**EPA, HUD, DOT, USDA, DOI, DOD, DOE**

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#### 4. Promote Drought Resilience and Enhance Water Use Efficiency, Water Reuse and Water Supply

- a. Federal agencies will work with communities to protect and extend limited water supplies; actions include:
- USDA will invest in irrigation efficiency and management strategies to address groundwater depletion and will improve drought and snowpack monitoring.
  - The EPA WaterSense program will increase the efficient use of water so that the greenhouse gas reductions resulting from the reduced use of energy to move and heat water increase from 7 million metric tons of CO2 equivalent per year in 2011 to 23 million metric tons per year in 2018.
  - USACE will incorporate climate considerations into water reallocation strategies.
  - Bureau of Reclamation will continue to incorporate climate change considerations throughout its programs and policies as it carries out its mission to develop, manage and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner. Reclamation's WaterSMART Program is well positioned to address near-term impacts of climate change via the competitive grants provided to non-Federal partners under the program. The Basin Study component of the WaterSMART Program provides an effective process through which Reclamation will continue to work with study partners to identify and develop adaptation strategies to meet future water supply needs. In addition to this effort, Reclamation will assist its study partners with the technical expertise, planning support, science, and tools needed to advance adaptation strategies that can be implemented by non-Federal stakeholders.
  - USGS will begin a series of projects to understand the impacts of drought on fish and wildlife species.
  - In 2015, NOAA's National Weather Service National Water Center, with partners, will begin development of a national water model that will improve water prediction capability to optimize communities' use of increasingly limited water resources.
  - In 2015, USDA will use Farm Bill programs to support conservation practices and technologies that build drought resilience. Through planned research, USDA will also enhance food security through analyzing improved crops and plant breeding tools with increased resilience to heat and drought, developing systems to model and test climate change scenarios' impact on animal, food, and waterborne diseases and pests; and by researching drought impacts to nutritional composition and quality of food.
  - The interagency National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) will work to broaden its regional drought early-warning information capabilities in partnership with Federal agencies, states, tribes, and communities across the Nation.

USDA, EPA,  
USACE, DOI,  
NOAA, NIDIS

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**5. Establish Federal Agency Support Teams for Climate Resilient Water Resources Based on the WestFAST Model**

- a. Federal agencies will work with state, tribal and local partners to identify appropriate regional associations dealing with water resources management and develop Federal agency support teams, comparable to the existing WestFAST partnership wherein Federal agencies embed a dedicated Federal liaison to work with the Western states on issues of common concern. This highly efficient approach saves both Federal and state partners time and money and ensures that a high level of coordination takes place.

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**6. Build Regional Capacity for Natural Resource Disaster Recovery and Restoration in the Pacific Islands**

- a. Within 18 months, NOAA, USGS, and FWS will produce a regional handbook for natural resource and emergency managers for the Pacific Islands Region. Developed in collaboration with Pacific Islands partners, the handbook will document recent policy and capacity developments and lessons learned to address challenges associated with managing natural resources in the context of more frequent and severe extreme events.

**NOAA,  
USGS, FWS**

**Within 18  
months**

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**7. Strengthen the Resilience of Coastal Resources and Communities to Extreme Events**

- a. In 2014, NOAA will launch new coastal resilience research projects to provide coastal communities and businesses with better information and tools to identify risks and increase resilience, and in 2015, proposes to create a new competitive grants program to fund collaborative projects that increase coastal communities' and economies' resilience.
- b. In coordination with USACE and other relevant Federal agencies, NOAA will provide resources and technical assistance to state, tribal, local, and private sector partners to enhance the use of natural infrastructure to address storm surge, sea-level rise, and other stressors on coastal communities and ecosystems; NOAA plans to pilot a water-level inundation "dashboard" to facilitate decision-making concerning flooding and storm events through scenarios that include how the flooding will impact the natural and built environment.

**NOAA,  
USACE**

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#### 8. Prepare for Climate Impacts on Fish Stocks and Fishing-dependent Communities

- a. In 2015, NOAA will help fishing-dependent communities prepare for climate impacts on fish stocks by:
- Completing climate vulnerability assessments for major commercial and recreational marine fish stocks;
  - Helping communities undertake risk assessment and adaptation planning;
  - Conducting collaborative research on climate variability and change on fish stocks and fisheries in the U.S. Northeast Shelf Large Marine Ecosystem; and,
  - Establishing Resilient Fishing Communities Demonstration Projects to provide technical assistance to fishing-dependent communities in risk assessment and adaptation planning.
- b. NOAA also proposes to increase investment in its Ecological Forecasting Roadmap to include resilience related activities, such as connecting how living marine resources respond to changes in coastal and marine habitats, and to launch a new coastal ocean acidification modeling initiative to help resource managers and coastal communities better understand and prepare for impacts of changing chemical conditions on commercially important fishery species.

NOAA

Within 2015

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#### 9. Foster Innovation and Recognize Leadership

- a. Prize competitions
- Under the authority of the America Competes Reauthorization Act of 2010, the Administration will provide incentives and opportunities for the private sector and public to share creative solutions to natural resource and community resilience challenges through one or more prize competitions focused on flooding, storm surge, wildfire, drought, or other key challenges
  - Within six months, USDA will launch a U.S. Tall Wood Building Competition to spur use of sustainable forest products in construction
  - In 2015, Bureau of Reclamation will launch its Water and Power Solutions Technology Challenges program, including a water purification technology challenge
- b. Leadership awards
- To point to success and encourage replication of climate smart practices, the Administration will also establish a Climate Resilience Leaders award to recognize Federal, tribal, state, and local leadership in advancing the resilience of natural resources and the communities that depend on them.

USDA, DOI

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**10. Provide Policies, Data, and Tools to Facilitate Smart Restoration and Conservation Investments**

- a. Develop a community resilience index
  - In 2014, FEMA will begin work with NOAA, NIST, and insurers to identify or develop a community resilience index that considers environmental, economic, and social resilience. This work will focus on economic and social components, in particular infrastructure, and will incorporate data and ecosystem information developed through DOI and NOAA efforts to measure progress on resilience through restoration. By 2015, this work will produce a set of key indicators and an initial index methodology for implementation.
- b. Implement modernized Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines (PR&G) for Federal investments in water resources
  - Under the new PR&G, agencies will evaluate the full range of costs and benefits of proposed actions, to more broadly consider how water resource investments impact the economy, environment, and local communities. By considering the environmental impacts of proposed actions, this improved approach to cost benefit analysis will better account for the benefits nature-based solutions provide. The Administration is nearing the implementation of the new PR&G, to the extent permissible under current law.
  - In 2014, the Administration will release Interagency Guidelines (IG), followed by the finalization of Agency Specific Procedures to implement the PR&G. Agencies will lead an effort in 2015 to fully implement these modernized criteria for climate-resilient water resource investments.

**FEMA, EPA,  
NOAA, NIST,  
DOI**

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**1. Modernizing Federal Programs:**

- a. Incorporate resilience into natural resources planning and management:
  - Within 12 months, Federal agencies with natural resource responsibilities or whose activities impact natural resources will develop best practices for applying resilience criteria to program management, practices, training, and investments, and institute policies that ensure such practices are implemented.
- b. Modernize land acquisition, and natural resource financial assistance programs to address resilience needs:
  - Within 12 months, Federal agencies that administer these programs will develop best practices for applying resilience criteria to them, and develop policies for implementing these practices.
- c. Implement policies, procedures, and performance metrics for considering biological carbon in Federal natural resource management practices:
  - In addition to actions outlined in Chapter #, , within 12 months Federal land, water and coastal management agencies will develop agency-specific principles and guidance for considering biological carbon in management and planning decisions. Such guidance shall acknowledge the importance of sustaining long-term ecosystem function and resilience over short-term accounting for carbon changes, consider carbon within the context of other management objectives and ecosystem service goals, and integrate carbon considerations as part of a balanced and comprehensive program of sustainable management and climate change adaptation.
- d. Lead by example at Federal facilities:
  - Federal agencies will lead by example by employing best practices in ensuring resilient natural systems and built infrastructure at Federal facilities and lands.
  - Within 12 months, each Federal agency will identify a small number of exemplary facilities and resource management activities that demonstrate cutting edge resiliency efforts, such as use of natural infrastructure, documenting the "best of best practices".
  - Where appropriate, Federal agencies will enhance their visitation, education, and outreach activities to encourage emulation of these practices more broadly in the public and private sectors.
- e. Status update:
  - Within 12 months, Federal agencies will provide the Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience with a status update on progress-to-date in modernizing programs as described above.

**Within 12 months**

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**2. Provide Regional Resilience Information and Services to Meet the Needs of American Communities**

- a. Within 12 months, NOAA, USDA, and DOI, in coordination with other Federal agencies that support regional resilience, will improve customer service by providing an online "front door" to the array of regional information, services, and tools available, using the National Climate Assessment regions as a consistent framework or "inroad" for communities and the public.
  - These agencies will also develop a networked approach whereby access to any one agency's regional services will provide a clear path to the others. This will include an online directory of regional experts, services, and tools. This work will include coordinated development of priorities and plans for investments in research and tools in each region that will assure effective use of limited resources.
- b. Within 12 months, each USDA Hub will pursue a set of partnerships with Cooperative Extension university partners and other stakeholders to better understand the local and regional challenges posed by climate change and to develop and deliver guidance on climate resilient management strategies to farmers, ranchers and other landowners.
- c. In 2015, NOAA plans to increase support for its RISA teams who work with resource managers and planners to develop and utilize new information about the impacts of climate on communities, natural and managed resources, infrastructure, transportation, and health. Two new regions, the Mid-Atlantic and the Midwest, adding to the current number of eleven, would be competitively awarded funding under this augmentation.

**NOAA, USDA, DOI**

**Within 12 months**

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**3. Identify Science and Service Regional Priorities to Build Resilience**

- a. By early 2015, following the methods of drought outlook forums convened by NIDIS, NOAA, USDA, and DOI will convene at least three regional collaborative discussions with resource managers, decision-makers, and others, to identify and anticipate science and service priorities in light of unfolding climate related events, such as droughts and floods resulting from the potential El Niño, or disasters such as Atlantic hurricanes and tropical storms.
- b. Partners will work collaboratively to develop tools, provide information and planned engagement, and inform investment around these unfolding climate-related events.

**NIDIS, NOAA, USDA, DOI**

**Early 2015**

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**4. Train Inform Resource Managers and Stakeholders on Climate Resilience**

- a. By 2015, NOAA, USDA, and DOI, in cooperation with other Federal agencies, will define a framework for education and training to build climate literacy and capability among relevant Federal agency staff and technical service providers, such as planners, engineers, and consultants.
  - The framework should include assessing climate literacy in Federal agencies, and developing partnerships with non-profit or professional groups to promote climate resilience outreach, education, training, certification, and engagement of academic training capability.
- b. In 2014, a coalition of Federal and State agencies and nongovernmental partners released a *Climate Smart Conservation Guide* to safeguarding vital natural resources in a changing climate.
  - The guide provides natural resource managers with state-of-the-art information and tools to assess risks and design effective resource management efforts that incorporate and respond to climate-related changes in U.S. ecosystems.
  - Over the next year and beyond, the guide will be used by the FWS National Conservation Training Center to train hundreds of natural resource managers across the country in climate smart conservation.
- c. Building off these efforts, Federal natural resource agencies will work to enhance their efforts to integrate climate information and communications into place-based stewardship.
  - This will provide enhanced and informed visitor education on the impacts of climate change upon the lands and waters managed by the Federal government, including National Parks, National Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, National Marine Sanctuaries, and other sites which collectively receive 938 million visits a year.
- d. In 2014, the National Park Service will complete development of a Natural Resource Career Field Academy online climate change module to help resource professionals understand key climate change related issues and explore adaptation and planning options.

**NOAA,  
USDA, DOI**

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**5. Prepare Indigenous Communities for the Impacts of Climate Change**

- a. DOI will place five tribal Climate Extension Support Liaisons in the Climate Science Centers, as part its Federal Tribal Climate Resilience Partnership and Technical Assistance Program
- b. The five regional tribal liaisons will also support tribal workshops, practitioner working groups, and regional training needs. Liaisons will be contracted to tribal organizations to ensure strong ties to tribal practitioners and further enhance tribal capacity
- c. Within 12 months, the USDA-Forest Service will develop at least one flagship tribal partnership in every Forest Service Region, to develop and implement climate adaptation strategies for tribal lands and adjacent National Forests
- d. In 2015, NOAA proposes to increase efforts to provide fisheries and other decision makers in the Alaska region with information on climate impacts on major fish stocks and protected species, and implement a distributed biological observatory to improve understanding of how climate and human-induced change are affecting subsistence cultures and the environment in the Arctic

**DOI, USDA-Forest Service, NOAA**

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## Appendix B: Climate Natural Resources Working Group Members

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**Council on Environmental Quality**

**Department of Agriculture**

**Department of Defense**

**Department of the Interior**

**Environmental Protection Agency**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Office of Management and Budget**

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On October 23, Secretary Jewell will provide keynote remarks at the National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation (LCC) in Washington, D.C., where conservation practitioners and policy makers will discuss opportunities for implementing large landscape conservation. During her remarks, Jewell will likely discuss the new LCC Network strategic plan (an internal document that articulates goals, objectives and example tactics for the next five years), which was released last week, as well as highlight the Priority Agenda for Climate and Natural Resources, recently released as part of the President's Climate Action Plan. The event is open press.

On October 22-24, Deputy Secretary Connor will attend the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention in Anchorage, AK. It is anticipated that there will be more than 4,000 attendees at the AFN convention. The remarks are open press, and Interior may issue a press release following his remarks. Connor also is scheduled to attend a ceremony where he will sign land conveyance patents transferring over 10,000 acres to the Nunamiut Corporation, Inc., the ANCSA corporation for the village of Anaktuvuk Pass in the Gates of the Arctic National Park. This is the only ANCSA village corporation with lands entirely within the boundaries of a National Park. The ceremony is open to the press, and BLM-Alaska may issue a press release following the event.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
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**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

*Legislative Testimony:*

None.

*Meetings:*

None.

*Travel:*

October 18, Deputy Director Christy Goldfuss will speak in the place of Director Jarvis, who was invited to participate at a Chicago Ideas Week session entitled "Places and Spaces: Location, Location, Location." Her remarks will focus on the role of NPS in telling America's stories through place.

October 17, Associate Director for Visitor and Resource Protection Cam Sholly will replace Director Jarvis, who was scheduled to participate on a panel with other land management agency and organization leaders at the National Wilderness Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

October 20, Jon will participate in an NPS workshop on Envisioning Biodiversity Conservation and Discovery in the 21st Century. Director Jarvis and Harvard professor EO Wilson will discuss next steps to advance biodiversity, conservation and discovery beyond the Call to Action at the American Horticultural Society in Alexandria, VA.

**Public Announcements**

**October 15**

October 4-19, The Wilderness Inquiry Canoemobile will be delivering programming along the Lower Delaware River and its tributaries. Canoemobile is a fleet of vans, each with six 24' Voyageur canoes, that delivers place-based education on urban rivers and waterways nationwide. As many as 2,400 minority and underserved youth in the four largest cities along the Lower Delaware River (Camden, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Chester, PA; and Wilmington, DE) will experience, enjoy, and learn about the Delaware and its tributaries. A second Canoemobile fleet is visiting the Harlem River and other locations in New York City from October 6th through 17th.

On or around October 15, sand replenishment is scheduled to begin at Riis Beach in the Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area (NY). The park, in conjunction with the National Parks of New York Harbor (NPNH), plans to do a news release with photo and possibly a video clip. Media interest will likely involve local outlets such as the Rockaway Wave and the Rockaway Times. There is a reporter from the New York Daily News whose beat is Jamaica Bay, and has covered the park on numerous occasions. The Rockaway Times editor has already raised questions as to why the NPS is not doing additional sand replenishment at Fort Tilden. The Army Corps of Engineers notes that there is a proposed media event by Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY-5) focusing on the sand replenishment on the Rockaway beaches managed by New York City Parks and Recreation. There may be substantial news interest, which could include local network affiliates, NY 1, the New York Times and New York Post.

On October 15, the NPS will participate in events celebrating National Fossil Day. The flagship event is being hosted by the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. National Fossil Day promotes awareness and

stewardship of fossils, and fosters greater appreciation of their value. More than 185 partners in 48 states, including museums, federal and state agencies, fossil sites, universities, and professional organizations, are joining forces to support this nationwide celebration.

#### October 16

Nothing to report

#### October 17

Nothing to report

#### October 18

On October 18, Big Bend National Park (TX) will host a Good Neighbor Day event inviting many local school children as part of a National Park Foundation-funded *Ticket to Ride* grant. The park is expecting 500-700 children at the event.

On October 18 and 19, the White House will open its gardens and grounds to visitors from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Visitors can see the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, Rose Garden and South Lawn of the White House. The White House Kitchen Garden – the first vegetable garden at the White House since Eleanor Roosevelt’s Victory Garden – will be accessible to guests. NPS will distribute free, timed tickets on a first-come, first-served basis on each tour day.

#### October 19

Nothing to report

#### October 20

Nothing to report

#### October 21

On October 21 and 27, public meetings and workshops will be conducted for the feasibility study on The September 11<sup>th</sup> National Memorial Trail (PA). The September 11th National Memorial Trail will provide a physical linkage for the three memorials commemorating the 9/11 events at the Pentagon, the Flight 93 crash site, and the World Trade Center. The northern Pennsylvania trail route from the Delaware River to the Flight 93 National Memorial and the Great Allegheny Passage will span 300 miles, connecting communities, significant sites, and local memorials along the way.

#### October 22

On October 22, there will be an announcement and celebration of the listing of New York State Barge Canal on National Register of Historic Places. Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor (ERCA) was the preparer of the nomination after years of research and preparation. ERCA has a very strong history and relationship with the NPS.

On October 22, a public meeting is scheduled for the Kennedy Center Expansion Project Environmental Assessment. The expansion will facilitate greater pedestrian and bicycle access to and from the Kennedy Center, the National Mall, the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail, and the Potomac River waterfront.

## October 23

On October 23, a public scoping meeting to identify locations for a proposed Peace Corps Memorial in the National Mall and Memorial Parks/Rock Creek Park (DC) will be held. The Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation (PCCF) has been authorized to establish a permanent memorial commemorating the founding of the Peace Corps and its ideals. The NPS and the PCCF are preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify potential sites and to assess the potential impacts from the overall proposal. A 30-day public scoping focused on site selection is currently underway and will close November 11, 2014.

## October 24

On October 24 and 25, a public workshop and meeting are scheduled as part of a resource study for the potential expansion of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (NE). The meeting will be held at Natural Bridge, Virginia, to review and collect feedback from participants regarding Trail extension feasibility criteria specific to Botetourt, Rockbridge, Augusta, and Albemarle Counties in Virginia. The meeting and workshop are being held as a follow up to public workshops held at Natural Bridge in March 2012. Considerable participation by interested members of the public, Trail extension advocates, elected officials, and public employees is anticipated at the events.

## October 25

On October 25, 2014, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park (KY) will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for facility improvements at the Boyhood Home unit, also known as Knob Creek. This is the first major improvement to that unit since the property was donated to the NPS in 2001. The land was acquired by private and public entities using money donated by individuals and organizations in the community and funds from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

## **Major Press Inquiries**

### Everglades National Park (FL) -

- Greenwire Articles on Park Issues. In the next few weeks, Greenwire will publish feature stories on the invasive exotic fish problem in the park, and on fire management and prescribed burns in the park.
- Web Film Featuring Park Firefighter. A production company recently filmed a short web video for a series called, *Unsung: A Day in the Life of Hard Work* that will feature Everglades National Park firefighter Katherine Corrigan. It will be available to the public sometime in late November.
- New York Times Article on Historic Nike Missile Site Tour. The New York Times is planning a travel story highlighting the Historic Nike Missile Site tour in Gateway National Recreation Area (NY). It is expected to run in December.

## **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Court Decision on Taser Incident in Golden Gate National Recreation Area** – On Friday, October 9, the United States District Court of Northern California released their opinion on Gary Hesterberg v. United States of America. The Court found in favor of Mr. Hesterberg and awarded \$50,000 in damages. The NPS, DOI Solicitors and DOJ are reviewing the court's decision. The Park received several media inquiries but gave no comment as the decision is still under review. On January 29, 2012, Mr. Hesterberg was tased by an NPS ranger as a result of 3 violations: 1) failure to obey a lawful order, 2) providing false information, and 3) walking his dogs off-leash in a national park where leashes are required.

**Colorado National Monument (CO) – Facilitated Public Meetings Held Regarding Public Safety Concerns on the East Hill.** The National Park Service sponsored two community public meetings during the week of October 6 in Glade Park and Grand Junction, CO to discuss overall safety concerns, including the transporting of fuel and/or hazardous materials on the East Hill road inside Colorado National Monument. A report of the comments from the meetings will be finalized mid-November. The East Hill road and the access it provides residents beyond the monument, along with their commercial traffic deliveries, has roots in a decades-long conflict and a 1986 court decision, *Wilkenson v. DOI*. Dave Wilkenson, the brother of the man who

brought the lawsuit, attended both public meetings and handed out literature about the lawsuit and residents' rights to their road at the entrance areas of the meeting venues. At the Grand Junction, CO, meeting, Mr. Wilkenson was asked by non-NPS staff at the convention center meeting location to stand outside in the venue's designated First Amendment area where literature is allowed to be distributed. The local newspaper is investigating this, asking if individual rights were being denied and by whose authority Mr. Wilkenson was asked to leave the premises.

**\$75.5 million in LWCF State and Local Assistance Grants Awarded** – In FY 2014, the LWCF State and Local Assistance Program awarded \$75.5 million in grants for 350 new projects and increased support for 20 existing projects to support the development or acquisition of public lands for close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. In partnership with the States, the NPS funded projects ranging from the development of a \$10,000 playground in a local park in Jackson, MO to the \$1.1M acquisition of 19 acres on Barnegat Bay in Brick Township, NJ to create a marina.

**Everglades National Park (FL) - Fire Management Plan Environmental Assessment.** On October 27, a new Fire Management Plan / Environmental Assessment will be released for a 30-day public comment. Current fire management is based on the existing 1995 Fire Management Plan. A new plan is needed to implement all current policies and requirements for managing fire in National Park System units.

**Kennedy Center (National Mall and Memorial Parks) – Release of Environmental Assessment** – The NPS, The National Capital Planning Commission, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Kennedy Center) have released an Environmental Assessment and are accepting comments from the public on the environmental impacts of a proposal to expand the Kennedy Center and provide greater pedestrian and bicycle access to and from the Kennedy Center, the National Mall, the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail, and the Potomac River waterfront. Comments are being accepted through November 10, 2014.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Consultation with Navajo Nation Regarding Access to Antelope Point.** NPS staff has been consulting with the Navajo Nation since late 2012 regarding access within the joint Antelope Point Project area for all Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) holders. Glen Canyon NRA and the Navajo Nation developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was signed by the Regional Director. The MOA will provide access to Antelope Point to all CUA holders, consistent with the Glen Canyon NRA Commercial Services Plan, terms of the concession contract, and Antelope Point project agreements in place. This MOA will provide consistency in business practices throughout Glen Canyon NRA, resulting in improved visitor services, increased opportunities for locally-owned businesses (including Navajo owned businesses), and additional employment opportunities for Navajo Nation tribal members in the area. It will also allow Navajo Nation the opportunity to better regulate and benefit from the increased business to Antelope Point. The Navajo Nation President has not yet signed due to political issues within the Tribe and concerns raised by the concessioner. The NPS is preparing a letter to the Navajo Nation President requesting his signature and implementation of this MOA.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Submittal of Notice of Availability for Off-road Vehicle Management Plan.** The Glen Canyon Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/FEIS) analyzes a range of alternatives and actions for managing off-road use of motor vehicles and on-road use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and street-legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). The Plan/FEIS assesses the environmental impacts that could result from continuing current management (the no-action alternative) or implementing any of the four action alternatives. The recommended action in the final plan would allow OHV/ATV use on 7 miles of road presently closed to OHV/ATV use. These seven miles would complete a loop on an existing roads network on NPS and BLM lands. Local and national interest in the Plan/FEIS is expected.

**Cape Hatteras National Seashore (NC)** – In October, a Notice of Intent for a county prepared EIS for beach nourishment near Highway 12 is expected to be published in the Federal Register. The Seashore has received a

permit application from Dare County, NC, to conduct beach nourishment activities to mitigate erosion near Highway 12, which runs the length of the Seashore. To determine if a Special Use Permit can be issued, the County is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NPS. The application and EIS process are expected to receive local media coverage and stir controversy. There are strongly differing views about the proposed activity – some local residents are concerned that the highway will be damaged prior to completion of the EIS, and conservation groups are concerned about the precedent being set that beach nourishment may occur in a National Seashore. The North Carolina delegation has been briefed.

**Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve (AK) – GMP Amendment EA.** On October 29, the General Management Plan Amendment / Environmental Assessment is slated for release for a 60-day comment period. The plan updates the park's 1986 GMP, and includes direction on wilderness and backcountry management, commercial services, and visitor opportunities. The project included multiple phases of public involvement and ongoing tribal consultation and state engagement. Public meetings will be held in Anchorage, Fairbanks (a public hearing, per ANILCA), and Anaktuvuk Pass, plus several other venues tied to other related meetings.

**Lake Clark National Park and Preserve (AK) – Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).** The Lake Clark National Park and Preserve General Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Assessment should be signed soon. The plan updates the park's 1984 GMP, and includes direction on wilderness, coastal, and backcountry management, commercial services, and visitor opportunities. The project included multiple phases of public involvement, open houses, and ongoing tribal consultation and state engagement per Section 1301 of ANILCA. Public meetings held in February and March at several cities and villages near the park were lightly attended.

**Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (POHE)/Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail Multi-Bureau Trailhead Dedication** – On November 1, 2014, the NPS and local, regional, state and federal agency partners (BLM is the lead agency), will dedicate a new trailhead, parking area, and orientation kiosk at BLM's Meadowood Special Recreation Management (SRMA) area on Mason Neck in southern Fairfax County, VA. The kiosk will serve as a prominent trailhead within the POHE network and along the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route. The project increases opportunities for close-to-home outdoor recreation, history lessons, and large landscape conservation. It was funded from the state/federal Transportation Enhancements Program, POHE Operations, and the NPS National Capital Region Federal Lands Transportation Program; and managed by the FHWA Eastern Lands Highways Division.

**Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve (CO) – Public Scoping for Ungulate Management Plan.** On November 2, a public comment period on draft preliminary alternatives for the Ungulate Management Plan/EIS will close. Two public open houses have been held and park staff is also making formal presentations to agencies, organizations and groups throughout the San Luis Valley. The final plan will determine the appropriate future management of bison and elk within the park and preserve. Elk and bison are currently on the landscape; elk range throughout and bison are owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on the Medano Ranch, an inholding within the park. In addition to a no-action alternative, the park is considering three action alternatives. Bison options under consideration include no bison, retention of a smaller number of the existing bison owned by TNC, and introduction of a small conservation herd of outside origin. Elk management options include the use of non-lethal tools and limited lethal removal for dispersal and population reduction purposes. There is interest in this planning effort from TNC, Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Colorado Department of Agriculture, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service. The park is working closely with these entities. A key consideration in this effort is wilderness and potential impacts. More than eighty percent of the park and preserve are either designated or proposed wilderness. Minimum requirements analysis will be done for all alternatives.

**Natchez National Historical Park (MS) – Collection Management Center.** A Cooperative Agreement has been signed that creates the Natchez Collection Management Center inside the nonprofit Historic Natchez Foundation building in Natchez, MS. In accordance with the Southeast Region's Museum Storage Strategy, this multi-park storage facility will accommodate museum collections from several at-risk parks along the Gulf Coast under the oversight of the Natchez National Historical Park museum curator. Gulf Islands National Seashore will begin to move museum collections into the facility by the end of the 2014 calendar year.



### 30-60 Day Look Ahead

This fall, the NPS intends to publish a proposed gathering rule, which would provide the authority for permitting the gathering of plant resources within units of the National Park System by members of federally recognized Indian tribes, as defined in the rule. The proposed rule would apply to Indian tribes with traditional associations to specific park units. It would be implemented through agreements between the NPS and Indian tribes and subject to annual permits. Appropriate levels of NEPA and NHPA review and compliance would be required. Collection for commercial uses would be prohibited. This rule change would provide reasonable, resource protection based use of park resources while assisting in support of the continued lifeways of American Indian tribes. National tribal consultations indicate that the approach in the proposed rule would be constructive and respectful of tribal sovereignty while continuing to respect the NPS mission to protect and conserve park resources.

On October 28, the Collier County Commission is issuing a proclamation to highlight the spirit of cooperation that enabled the creation of Big Cypress National Preserve (FL) as the National Park Service's first national preserve on October 11, 1974. In honor of the Preserve's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the day will be used to announce other events commemorating the anniversary. These include the *Big Cypress Birthday Bash*, a fund-raising event hosted by the Preserve's non-profit partner, the South Florida National Parks Trust, on Friday, December 5, and the 4th annual *Big Cypress Swamp Heritage Festival* on Saturday, December 6.

This fall, Grand Canyon National Park (AZ) expects to issue the Backcountry Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/DEIS) for public review and comment. The Plan/DEIS addresses management of over 1.1 million acres of the park's backcountry, most of which is proposed for wilderness designation. The Plan/DEIS is needed to address immediate backcountry issues and provide an adaptable framework to manage backcountry use into the future while protecting natural and cultural resources. Public scoping including public meetings occurred in 2011 and agency and tribal consultation has been on-going.

In late fall, the NPS and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) plan to publish a joint Notice and Request for Public Comment in the Federal Register announcing an incentive for air tour operators utilizing quiet aircraft technology at Grand Canyon National Park (AZ). Air tours are conducted over the park under limited allocations determined and distributed by the FAA. Under the incentive operators would not be required to use allocations for flights conducted with quiet technology aircraft in the popular Dragon-Zuni flight corridor from January through March. The 2012 Moving Forward for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21), P.L. 112-141, requires the NPS and FAA to work together to develop incentives for Grand Canyon air tour operators who convert to quiet aircraft technology provided that the cumulative impacts of the incentives do not increase noise at the park. On November 5, 2014, Director Jarvis and principals from other Federal agencies will hold the Bi-annual Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR) meeting at the Main Interior Building. Director Jarvis will become chairperson of FICOR for the next two years. The meeting will focus discussions on issues relating to coordination, outdoor recreation, and the future direction of FICOR.

On November 20, proposals are due in response to a business opportunity to operate overnight accommodations, food and beverage, retail service, fuel and auto services, and other related services within Yosemite National Park (CA). The new 15-year contract is scheduled to begin on March 1, 2016. This is the park's primary concession operation and the largest concession contract in the NPS.

## **FWS SECRETARIAL WEEK-AHEAD REPORT**

**Oct. 15, 2014**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings and other Public Events**

Oct. 15-19: National Wilderness Conference will be held in Albuquerque, N.M., celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Field activities are planned for attendees. FWS will also host activities for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Get Wild Festival scheduled during the conference (Oct. 18) at Albuquerque's Civic Center Plaza. Outreach planned. R2

Oct. 15-17: FWS Assistant Director-Fish and Aquatic Conservation will represent FWS at the Sportfishing Summit hosted by the American Sportfishing Association. The summit is one of the leading policy meeting gatherings of the nation's recreational fishing leaders from private industry, government and non-governmental organizations. HQ

Oct. 15-16: FWS staff and private lands conservation practitioners working on greater sage-grouse conservation are meeting in Denver, CO, to promote an integrated and efficient approach to conserving sage-grouse on private lands. Partners for Fish and Wildlife program biologists and state coordinators, Ecological Services collaboration biologists, and project leaders from refuges with sage-grouse as a priority species will attend. R6

Oct. 16: The FWS Midwest Regional Director will participate in the grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting of the visitor center at Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Wapello, IA. The building is LEED gold certified. R3

Oct. 19-22: FWS' Southeast Regional leadership team will participate in the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' fall meeting in Florida. They will meet and work with state directors from 15 southeastern states and the Caribbean to advance progress on several conservation partnerships with SEAFWA including the region's At-Risk initiative and Gulf restoration. R4

Oct. 20: The Midwest Regional Director will participate in a signing event in Ogema, MN, to commemorate the completion of a joint memorandum of understanding between Tamarac NWR and the White Earth Nation pertaining to conservation law enforcement activities occurring on the refuge. R3

Oct. 21: A tour of at the Laguna Atascosa NWR is planned for staff of Rep. Filemon Vela (D-TX 34<sup>th</sup> District). The tour was requested based on the congressman's interest in learning more about the refuge's efforts to conserve ocelots. R2

Oct. 23: Secretary Jewell will give a keynote address at the FWS-sponsored National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation in Washington, DC, where conservation practitioners and policy makers will discuss opportunities for implementing large landscape conservation. FWS leadership will attend the workshop (Oct. 23-24). HQ

### **Public Announcements**

Thursday, Oct. 16

FWS will reopen the comment period on the proposal to reclassify the arroyo toad as threatened under the ESA. R8

Friday, Oct. 17

FWS will issue an incidental take permit for Canada lynx to Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to cover the incidental capture of lynx in state-regulated trapping programs. Not controversial. Outreach planned. R5

Monday, Oct. 20

FWS staff will be in Gabon during the week of Oct. 20 to discuss year two of the five-year cooperative agreement between FWS and the Gabonese Parks Authority (ANPN). The agreement, supported by an MOU between the two government partners, will provide \$20 million over five years so ANPN can develop the adaptive capacity needed to conserve its elephants and other wildlife. HQ

Tuesday, Oct. 21

Nothing to report

Wednesday, Oct. 22

Nothing to report

Thursday, Oct. 23

FWS is publishing a final rule to list the Dakota skipper as threatened and Poweshiek as endangered under the ESA. The Dakota skipper is endemic to MN, SD and ND while the Poweshiek is endemic to IA, MI, MN, ND, SD and WI. FWS is also finalizing a 4(d) rule for the Dakota skipper that exempts take resulting from grazing and other routine livestock ranching activities. The 4(d) rule applies to all non-federal lands where the Dakota skipper occurs. The target for sending the rule to the *Federal Register* is Oct. 17; the rule must publish by Oct. 24. Outreach planned for the day before publication. Locally controversial. R3

Friday, Oct. 24

FWS is sending to the *Federal Register* a proposed rule to list as threatened the African lion throughout its range under the ESA. FWS is also announcing a 4(d) rule requiring permits for all imports, including sport-hunted trophies. FWS expects this rule to be controversial, attracting attention from both the animal rights community and the sport-hunting community. Announcement date TBD. Controversial. HQ

FWS is sending to the *Federal Register* its annual update of species that have been identified as candidates for listing under the ESA, either through an assessment process we initiate or as a result of a 12-month petition finding that listing is "warranted but precluded" by higher priority listing actions. FWS is changing the listing priority for one candidate, removing one species from candidate status, and providing updated findings for each current candidate species for which FWS previously has made a 12-month petition finding that listing is warranted but precluded; this annual update of such previous petition findings is required by the act. Because of the environment created by the MDL settlement agreements, FWS has, for the last several years, been able to steadily reduce the number of candidate species awaiting listing determinations. This year only 146 species remain on the candidate list, down from 251 in 2010. The FWS does not anticipate significant issues related to this action. Announcement date TBD. HQ

TBD

The Mexican Wolf/Livestock Coexistence Council's first 26 payments to Arizona and New Mexico livestock operators are anticipated in Oct. Outreach is planned (news release). R2

In mid-late Oct., FWS will announce a proposed rule to list four native turtle species (common snapping turtle and three softshell turtles) under Appendix III of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). These listings would ensure these turtle species were lawfully obtained before export is approved and would provide important information to assess the impacts of trade and the potential need for additional protections in the future. HQ

### **Major Press Inquiries**

FWS coordinated closely with Michigan DNR staff on an Oct. 7 joint news release announcing silver carp eDNA was discovered during testing of the Kalamazoo River. Extensive local media coverage and some Congressional interest followed the announcement. R3

On Oct. 7, FWS responded to a letter from scientists critical of gray wolf management and monitoring in the Western Great Lakes region from January 2012 through December 2013. The FWS response, requested by several media representatives, including Associated Press, Wisconsin Public Radio and Wisconsin State Journal, provided information on FWS' role in post-delisting monitoring and affirmed FWS confidence that states are responsibly managing and monitoring wolf populations in the western Great Lakes. R3

Vanessa Youngmun (NAZ Today, KNAZ News/TV, Flagstaff, AZ) interviewed Arizona Ecological Services biologist regarding the Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project. Interview focused on the Mexican spotted owls. Expected to air soon. R2

Cronkite News contacted FWS in preparation of a video piece and a live interview for PBS World regarding the pilot captive breeding program at the Phoenix Zoo for the endangered Mount Graham red squirrel. FWS provided video of captures to Cronkite News and is arranging for an on-site interviews. R2

AP contacted FWS with questions regarding a letter sent out to sportsmen by Arizona Game and Fish Department outlining their concerns about items not specifically defined in the Mexican wolf 10(j) proposal draft EIS alternatives. R2

CBS Sunday morning plans to air the segment about bats at Aeolus Cave in Vermont on Oct. 26. R5

Boston Globe reporter visited Great Bay and Parker River NWRs for two stories, one regarding a Sandy project (Great Marsh restoration) and the other regarding bat monitoring. R5

Baltimore Sun is expected to run a story in the coming week on a Partners for Fish and Wildlife Service and Stream/Coastal Program restoration project in Maryland where volunteers were planting riparian trees, shrubs and ferns. R5

Dave Litman, the Toronto-based producer of the Discovery Channel show "Daily Planet," contacted FWS to arrange for a crew to visit Devils Hole and the Ash Meadows Fish Conservation Facility (AMFCF) in late Oct.

FWS is coordinating with the National Park Service (Devils Hole) and AMFCF staff to accommodate the Discovery Channel crew on one day between Oct. 24 and 28. R8

NPR is doing a story on southern sea otter populations based on the recently released southern sea otter count announcement by USGS. R8

Several media outlets, including Associated Press, Capitol Public Radio, Oregon Public Broadcasting, the Washington Times, Vox.com, Eureka Times-Standard, Siskiyou Daily News, KCBS in San Francisco) contacted FWS following announcement of the our proposal to list the West Coast fisher population as a threatened species. In addition to these direct inquiries dozens of news organizations picked up this story and issued additional by-lined articles, including NBC News, Newsweek, Washington Post, New York Magazine, the American Spectator and Mother Jones. R8

The Associated Press contacted FWS and DOI regarding a lawsuit filed by eight conservation groups challenging the FWS' decision to withdraw a proposal to list the wolverine as threatened under the ESA. The coalition of conservation groups, represented by Earthjustice, is suing to overturn that decision and filed the lawsuit Oct. 13 in federal district court in Missoula, MT. R6

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Todd Ungerecht, staffer from Congressman Hastings office, contacted our Washington Field Office regarding the FWS proposal to protect the West Coast population of fisher as threatened under the ESA. Ungerecht wanted to know when FWS will propose Critical Habitat. R1

FWS met with staff from the offices of Senator Wyden and Congressman DeFazio on Oct. 7 to discuss the northern spotted owl in relation to the proposed Oregon and California Lands bill. R1

Congressman Sablan's local staff requested and received a meeting with FWS leadership on Saipan Oct. 10 for a general discussion on ESA concerns. Congressman Sablan's DC staff requested information on the status of the permit that Saipan International Real Estate Developer Corp. submitted to FWS for development of a hotel on Saipan. R1

Congressional interest remains high in the proposal to list the northern long-eared bat as endangered, with the most recent letter coming on Oct. 7, from Representatives from Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. R3

FWS is considering whether a final listing for Gunnison sage-grouse as threatened is appropriate. It's also evaluating, in the event that a threatened designation is warranted, if a 4(d) special rule to tailor prohibitions of take is necessary and advisable for conservation of the species. After a court-granted extension, the listing decision is due Nov. 12. The court order allowed FWS to publish a proposed 4(d) rule and finalize it with the final listing determination Nov. 12, if appropriate. The continuing evaluation of a potential 4(d) rule precludes the opportunity to finalize it prior to Nov. 12. R6

FWS and National Park Service are in a settlement process with the owner of a proposed aggregate mine in the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer in south-central Oklahoma. Operation of the proposed mine could potentially reduce critically needed water supplies at three management units (Tishomingo NWR, Tishomingo NFH and

the Chickasaw NRA). A settlement agreement is being developed among all vested parties that will provide monitoring access in the immediate vicinity of the proposed mine, if approved. R2

On Oct. 1, WildEarth Guardians (WEG) filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque for allowing livestock grazing in streamside areas in the Santa Fe National Forest thought to be critical habitat for the endangered New Mexico meadow jumping mouse. In another suit brought by ranchers, a federal judge denied a request for a temporary restraining order to prevent the Forest Service from putting up fences to protect riparian areas in the Lincoln and Santa Fe national forests. The ranchers claim the Forest Service has no legal right to erect fences without first conducting an environmental assessment. While FWS is not named in either suit, the litigation may impact our ability to manage for the jumping mouse (listed June 2014). R2

On Oct. 7, the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) provided notice (NOI) that they intend to file suit for the FWS's failure to make mandatory 90-day and 12-month findings on CBD's 2012 petition to list 16 species of amphibians and reptiles in Region 8. These species are a subset of the total of 53 species CBD included in their "mega petition." CBD has requested a schedule of completion for these findings if the FWS wishes to avoid litigation. FWS is coordinating with regional solicitors. R8

On Oct. 8, FWS met with Kyle Lombardi, Legislative Director for Rep. Kevin McCarthy (CA-23), and officials from the U.S. Forest Service and representatives from cattleman organizations from Kern and Tulare counties about the Programmatic Biological Opinion for the 3 Sierra amphibians (3SA). The teleconference addressed concerns about potential impacts to grazing actions on national forests as a result of the 3SA listing. FWS explained how the Programmatic Biological Opinion will work and cover existing activities so that activities like grazing can continue uninterrupted. R8

On Oct. 13, eight conservation groups represented by Earthjustice filed a lawsuit challenging the FWS' decision to withdraw a proposal to list the wolverine as threatened under the ESA. The groups are suing to overturn that decision and filed the lawsuit in federal district court in Missoula, MT. R6

National Marine Fisheries Service has reported the verified the incidental take of two short-tailed albatross in the hook-and-line groundfish fishery of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). The short-tailed albatross is protected in Alaska waters by the ESA. An incidental take statement issued by FWS allows for a maximum of four birds to be taken in the on BSAI and Gulf of Alaska hook-and-line groundfish fisheries within the two year period, starting Sept. 16, 2013. The NMFS Alaska Regional Office, NMFS North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program, and the FWS are actively coordinating efforts and communicating with each other in response to this take incident. R7

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

FWS will announce the availability of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) and draft regional habitat conservation plan (DRHCP) for the Southern Edwards Plateau in the next several weeks. Led by the City of San Antonio, TX, and Bexar County, TX, the DRHCP is an effort to address the potential impacts of infrastructure and commercial and residential development on nine federally endangered species including the golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, Government Canyon Bat Cave spider, Madla Cave meshweaver,

Braken Cave meshweaver, Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver, two beetles with no common name (*Rhadine exilis* and *Rhadine infernalis*) and the Helotes mold beetle. The DEIS describes potential impacts of issuing a 30-year permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA to authorize incidental take of these species. Strong local interest expected. Outreach planned to coincide with publication of the DEIS in the *Federal Register* Reading Room. R2

In Nov., FWS will announce approval of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Programmatic Conservation Bank Agreement (PCBA) submitted by Common Ground Capital and finalized May 1. This is the first PCBA to be approved by FWS, with the goal of streamlining the process for lands to be approved as conservation banks to provide for the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat. Outreach planned. R2

Texas Mid-coast Refuge Complex has been working with a variety of partners in Houston to develop five nature gardens funded by a \$25,000 Connecting People with Nature grant. On Oct. 28, FWS Regional Director travels to Houston to meet with major partners in the Houston Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership. A kick-off Event will be held Nov. 12. On Dec. 6, Bank of America volunteers will assist FWS and city of Houston with planting the garden in Buffalo Bayou. Coordinated outreach is planned. R2

In the coming weeks, FWS will announce public scoping on a request from the Schlitterbahn Water Park on the Comal River, TX, for an incidental take permit under the ESA for the incidental take of the endangered fountain darter from activities associated with operation of water rides in the park. A habitat conservation plan will be prepared that will include measures to minimize and mitigate the impacts of potential taking. A public scoping meeting is tentatively scheduled for Nov. Local interest expected. R2

FWS will make decisions by the end of Oct. for seven eagle permit applications--four applications for nest removal permits and three applications for eagle disturbance permits. Permit applications are associated with Department of Defense installations, housing developments, transmission structures and transportation development. Local outreach is planned. R5

Following a 60-day extension to the deadline granted by the courts, FWS is now scheduled to make a final listing decision on whether the rufa red knot warrants listing under the ESA by Nov. 30. Outreach planned. R5

In late Oct., Kenai NWR will propose to amend its public use regulations through publication of a draft rule that would: clarify the existing regulations; implement management decisions from the refuge's June 2010 Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan; establish regulations for managing wildlife attractants, including food, refuse and retained fish to decrease the potential for negative human-bear interactions; and revise regulations for hunting and trapping, including those governing these activities within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area. R7

FWS anticipates publishing the Strategic Growth Policy for the National Wildlife Refuge System and response to public comments in the *Federal Register* in late Oct./early Nov. This policy instructs FWS to focus on acquiring interests in lands and waters that support the following three priorities: recovery of threatened and endangered species, implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and conservation of migratory birds of conservation concern. HQ

In early Nov., FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare a joint environmental impact statement and environmental impact report for the proposed Yuba-Sutter Regional Conservation Plan (a joint habitat conservation plan and natural community conservation plan). The plan outlines strategies to avoid, minimize and offset potential indirect effects to 18 plant and animal species expected from development of 35,000 acres in Yuba and Sutter counties, CA. R8

The deadline to complete a peer-reviewed evaluation of FWS's Red Wolf Recovery Program and its nonessential experimental population of red wolves in Eastern North Carolina has been extended to Nov. 14 to provide additional time as a result of more than 47,600 comments FWS received from interested citizens and organizations. Under FWS's contract with Wildlife Management Institute, an evaluation will be peer reviewed and then used to help FWS determine the program's future by early 2015. R4

The draft of the polar bear conservation management plan is scheduled to be released to the public Nov. 17 for a 60-day review and comment period. R7

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The following endangered species actions are scheduled to be sent to the *Federal Register* in Oct. and Nov. (announcement dates TBD but most will coincide with the date each notice is placed on public inspection in in the reading room):

- Dakota Skipper & Poweshiek, Final Listing, Oct. 24, R3
- African lion, proposed listing, Oct. 24, HQ
- Arroyo toad, reopen comment, Oct. 29, R8
- White-haired goldenrod, proposed delisting, Oct. 31, R4
- Spring Pygmy Sunfish, final critical habitat, Oct. 31, R4
- Gunnison Sage Grouse final listing, Nov. 12, R6
- Washington ground squirrel, 12-month finding (not warranted), Nov. 14. R1
- 2 Pine Rockland Plants (Carter's Small-Flowered Flax, Florida Brickell-Bush), final critical habitat, Nov.14, R4
- Borax Lake Chub, downlisting from Endangered to Threatened, Nov. 17, R1
- New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse, final critical habitat, Nov. 20, R2
- Rufa red knot, final listing, Nov. 28, R5



**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**Oct. 19 - 25, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

Neil Kornze, Steve Ellis and Linda Lance will be at the BLM's Executive Leadership Team meeting Oct. 20-23 at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, WV.

**Public Announcements**

Monday, Oct. 20

**The Honey Bee Nutrition and Forage Summit** in Alexandria, VA, through Oct. 21. The BLM, FWS, NPS, FS and DOD are participating in a panel discussion regarding honey bees on federally managed lands. BLM and FS anticipate signing an **MOU on native pollinator habitat** on public lands at an Oct. 21 reception preceding the **North American Pollinator Protection Campaign** annual meeting in Washington, DC Oct. 22 - 25, hosted by USDA.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

BLM-MT/DK will hold an **oil and gas lease sale** offering 28 parcels totaling 14,988 acres, (23 BLM parcels totaling 9,637 acres in MT and 5 FS parcels totaling 5,351 acres in ND). Nine of the 23 nominated MT lease parcels have stipulations for Greater Sage-Grouse in General Habitat. The BLM deferred all parcels in priority habitat. A protest by WildEarth Guardian is being dismissed because one of the protested parcels is deferred and the others already have stipulations for sage-grouse.

Wednesday, Oct. 22

BLM-NM will offer 13 parcels totaling 19,788 acres of FS subsurface estate in San Juan and Rio Arriba Counties at its quarterly **oil and gas lease sale**. The BLM deferred an additional 13 parcels of BLM lands in Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties due to protests. The BLM received 106 protest letters filed by individuals, 4 protest letters from established groups, and a protest petition signed by 64 individuals citing concerns over water quality, fracking and NEPA.

The BLM will initiate a 30-day public scoping period, with a public meeting in Cody, Wyo., prior to analyzing a **proposed bentonite mine**. Wilson Brothers Construction, Inc., proposes to mine bentonite about 8 miles southwest of Cody. The plan of operations includes up to 80 acres of mining disturbance and a new access/haul road. Cultural resource issues are a primary concern. Media is likely to attend.

Thursday, Oct. 23

**Deputy Secretary Mike Connor will address the annual Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN)** convention in Anchorage. The AFN convention is the largest representative annual gathering in the U.S. of Native peoples, drawing about 5,000 attendees. Proceedings are broadcast live statewide, and through webcasts to 70 countries. Connor also is scheduled to **sign land conveyance patents transferring over 10,000 acres to the Nunamiut Corporation, Inc.**, the ANCSA corporation for the village of Anaktuvuk Pass in the Gates of the Arctic National Park. This is the only ANCSA village corporation with lands entirely within the boundaries of a National Park.

Friday, Oct. 24

Nothing to report.

Sat. Oct. 25

Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) plans to attend a celebration of **the conveyance of the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse** (near Alpena, Michigan) from the Coast Guard to the BLM. BLM Eastern States Director John Ruhs will participate.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

In response to an AP FOIA for information about grazing permittees in arrears, the BLM provided two "snapshot" tables of livestock operators in arrears, one from March 31, 2014, and the other from Oct. 2, 2014. The figures illustrate that the vast majority of permittees pay their fees on time and arrears are minimal.

Dylan Brown with E&E Publishing contacted the BLM for technical information about geothermal leasing and industry claims that the program is not as streamlined as it is for other industries such as oil and gas. The tone is expected to be neutral and will publish online in the next several weeks.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Sens. Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee and Rep. Chris Stewart sent a letter dated Sept. 23 to the BLM Director requesting release of the NOA for the **Alton Coal Tract Lease by Application** Supplemental Draft EIS, citing economic benefits to Utah and to Kane County. The BLM is preparing a response.

BLM Nevada State Director Amy Lueders and Deputy State Director Raul Morales will meet with Rep. Amodei (R-2-NV) in his Reno office Oct. 16 to discuss issues related to **grazing and drought**. On Oct. 17, Rep. Amodei plans to attend the BLM public tour of the Indian Lakes Road Short-Term Holding Facility in Fallon, NV.

BLM staff will provide a **briefing on the BLM and its energy programs** for staff of Rep. McIntyre (D-7-NC) at the BLM's M Street office in Washington DC October 17.

The BLM is working on a project that would transfer 1,400 acres to the **State of Oregon to satisfy a statehood claim**. During scoping, BLM received a letter from the Siletz Tribe asserting the Tribe's right to acquire these lands. A solicitor's opinion was requested on the Siletz claims.

A private citizen, a **"Constitutionalist," has trespassed onto BLM land** near the city of LaPine, OR and has cut fence, removed vegetation, brought in a cabin and erected an anti-BLM sign visible from the nearby highway. This individual has a history of taking similar actions since 1995 on other Federal lands in OR. BLM district law enforcement is developing a suitable response, in coordination with WO.

Coos Bay, OR, County Commissioner Bob Main recommends establishing a committee to **review receipt payments specific to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Act**. The BLM Coos Bay District is discussing the matter with Commissioner Main.

**The BIA has identified two solar energy projects in NV** as potential priority projects for 2014/2015. These are the First Solar 100-MW Paiute Snow Mountain Solar project (adjacent to Red Rock National Conservation Area) and the First Solar 100-MW Moapa Aiya Solar project. Both projects potentially involve BLM connected-actions for transmission authorizations on public land.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Oct. 28**, BLM Deputy Director Steve Ellis will meet with Rep. Amodei (R-2-NV) to discuss issues of concern, including **drought management in NV, sage-grouse** and the Nevada Fire Safe Council (also participating will be a U.S. Forest Service Chief Financial Officer).

The new **San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee** will hold its first meeting **Oct. 29 - 30**. The committee was chartered to provide information and advice regarding development of the Monument's resource management plan. The meeting is open to the public.

**Oct. 29:** BLM-OR/WA will participate in a consultation meeting with the Shoshone Paiute for the **Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project**. The Draft EIS release date has been moved to Nov. 14, 2014. Government-to-Government consultation meetings are being planned for October with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

**Oct. 30:** BLM-MT/DK staff will meet with Cooperating Agencies (MT DEQ, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, OSMRE) and **Spring Creek Coal, LLC staff to initiate the review process for the EIS on four applications** (Lease By Application, Lease By Modification, Land Use Permit amendment, and Land Use Lease amendment). The meeting, at the Spring Creek Coal Mine in Decker, MT, is open to media and the public. The proposals will likely be controversial.

**Nov. 4:** BLM-WY will hold an **oil and gas lease sale** offering 90 parcels totaling 114,385 acres in Carbon, Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater and Uinta counties. The BLM received 5 protests: one each from 3 NGOs about a parcel near the Wyoming Range; one from an NGO regarding lands with wilderness characteristics; and one from two NGOs regarding sage-grouse. All protests will be resolved prior to the sale.

**Nov. 4:** BLM-CA will host the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Summit at California State University**, Sacramento. The focus will be on connecting youth to the outdoors and expanding opportunities through partnerships. Linda Lance will attend the opening of the summit.

**November 5-6:** The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation annual fall meeting in Washington D.C. BLM staff will attend.

**Nov. 8:** "**Wild for Wilderness,**" **Arizona's 50<sup>th</sup> Wilderness Anniversary Celebration** at the Coronado National Forest's Sabino Canyon Recreation Area in Tucson. The Arizona Congressional delegation is invited, along with state and local officials. AZ is one of only 5 states with wilderness managed by all 4 land-management agencies (BLM, FWS, NPS and USFWS). Other partners include the Friends of Sabino Canyon, the Arizona Wilderness Coalition and the Sierra Club. The free event is expected to draw thousands of participants.

The BLM is working with the **Ft. McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and the FS to address a longstanding domestic horse trespass** situation on public lands bordering OR and NV. The FS will initiate a 30-day public comment period with a removal scheduled to start **Nov.12**. Additionally, the BLM-OR plans to conduct an emergency wild horse gather in the Cold Springs HMA in southeastern Oregon due to the Saddle Draw Fire, part of the Buzzard Complex.

**Nov. 12 – 13:** BLM-AZ will hold a **stakeholders meeting on the regional mitigation planning process for 3 SEZs in Arizona** (Aqua Caliente SEZ, Brenda SEZ and Gillespie SEZ). This follows a public workshop in April and a webinar in July. The AZ regional mitigation planning effort is targeted for completion in March 2015.

**Nov. 13:** BLM-CO will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Nov. 14:** The anticipated release date for the **draft EIS for the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Transmission Line Project**, initiating a 90- day public review. Government-to-Government consultation meetings are being planned with area tribes in October.

**Nov. 18:** BLM-UT will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT**  
**October 15, 2014 – October 25, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

October 16: Acting Director Cruickshank will brief the House and Senate Appropriations staff on the Risk Management Program.

October 18 – 22: Mike Celata, Deputy Director Gulf of Mexico Region, will speak at the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission Meeting.

Week of October 20: BOEM's Alaska Region is planning outreach in several Cook Inlet communities. The purpose of the meetings is to inform community leaders and the public about BOEM, the lease sale process, and scientific information on Cook Inlet prior to scoping meetings for the Lease Sale 244 EIS, which are expected to occur in November.

October 21 – 23: Bill Brown, BOEM's Chief Environmental Officer, will travel to California to speak at seminars at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla and UC Santa Barbara and to visit the rocky intertidal network environmental study areas.

October 23: Jill Lewandowski and Stanley Labak from BOEM's Office of Environmental Programs will speak at the LinkedIn "Leaders in Energy" event in Washington, DC on Atlantic G&G activities and related science and misperceptions.

October 31: BOEM's Marine Minerals Program Branch Chief Jeffrey Reidenauer will deliver a presentation at the Environmental Business Council of New England's (EBC) Ocean and Coastal Resources Program. His topic will be Shoreline Resiliency – Sand & Gravel Mining.

November 5: Acting Director Cruickshank will speak at the National Ocean Industries Association Fall Meeting in Naples, FL. He will focus on BOEM's efforts to modernize its risk management program. This event is closed press.

November 6: North Carolina is hosting a meeting on the development of the Five Year Program. BOEM, BSEE and other Federal agencies will present. Governor Pat McCrory will attend. Members of the OCS Governors Coalition, governors from Mid- and South Atlantic states, and NC Members of Congress have been invited. It's a closed press event to bring together state and Federal representatives to better understand concerns and opportunities associated with offshore exploration and development. Walter Cruickshank and others from BOEM will attend. Walter will also attend an OCS Governors Coalition Breakfast earlier in the day.

**Public Announcements**

**October 16:** Note to Stakeholders on the proposed modifications to BOEM's oil and gas bid adequacy procedures to better ensure receipt of fair market value for OCS leases.

**October 17:** Note to Stakeholders announcing Proposed Notice of Sale for Central Gulf Sale 235.

**Week of October 20:** Note to Stakeholders to inform about recent updates to renewable energy Construction and Operations Plan Guidelines.

**October 24 (tentative):** Publication of the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for Cook Inlet Sale 244. The bureau will hold scoping meetings in November.

**Late October:** Press release announcing publication of the Limits of Liability final rule.

**End of October:** Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 Draft Supplemental EIS will be posted. Press release will be issued.

**October TBD:** Alaska Region will send Note to Stakeholders on Government to Government consultation on Lease Sale 193 Supplemental EIS with local governments and tribes.

**October TBD:** Press Release announcing the availability of a report on the discovery of 100 new species of marine life through BOEM collaborative research on chemosynthetic communities in the Gulf of Mexico.

**October TBD:** Note to Stakeholders on a Request for Information on the development of a Long-Term Monitoring Plan for marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**SOCO Magazine:** Answered media query (from <http://www.socomagazine.info>) on Cape Wind's request to change staging areas to New Bedford. Article to publish week of Oct. 13.

**Subsea Engineering News:** BOEM's conditional approval of LLOG's Initial Exploration Plan for MC252.

**Alabama Business News:** Upcoming Central of Gulf of Mexico sales.

**E&E News Climate Wire:** Called for additional background on the Marine Biodiversity Observing Network press release.

**Sea-Technology Magazine:** Invited BOEM to submit a short article for the January 2015 Annual Review and Forecast issue with government officials, industry and academic leaders involved in the marine sector. BOEM plans to submit a piece by Walter Cruickshank.

**Wall Street Journal:** Answered media query on oil and gas activities, including Five Year program, the Arctic rule, and the Eastern Gulf moratorium.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Maryland Offshore Wind Lease Sale:** US Wind Inc. was the provisional winner of both lease areas during the August auction, with a combined bid of \$8.7 million. DOJ signed off on the auction results on September 19. On September 22, BOEM sent the lease documents to US Wind Inc. At the request of US Wind Inc, BOEM extended the date in which it needs to return the signed lease documents, submit its financial assurance, and pay the balance of its bonus bid from October 7 to October 27.

**Changes in Bid Adequacy Procedures:** On October 15, BOEM will announce its intent to change a criterion in its existing bid adequacy procedures for ensuring receipt of Fair Market Value on Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases. BOEM proposes to remove the Number of Bids Rule in Phase 1 of the Post Sale Evaluation Procedures, which is a bid adequacy provision used in the first step of the process to determine whether to accept a tract's high bid without further BOEM evaluation. BOEM is also proposing to revise several bid adequacy definitions for clarity, which will not alter the fundamental meaning or application of the terms to the bid adequacy procedures. The announcement will have a 60-day comment period. BOEM will consider all

comments, and then intends to publish the revised Bid Adequacy Procedures with the Central Gulf of Mexico CPA 235 Final Notice of Sale.

**Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Sale 235 (CPA Sale 235):** On October 15, BOEM plans to announce the Proposed Notice of Sale for CPA Sale 235, which will publish on October 17. The sale is scheduled for March 2015.

**Limits of Liability Final Rule:** In late October, BOEM will publish a final rule to administratively increase the limit of liability for oil-spill removal costs and related damages from \$75 million to approximately \$134 million. The increase would apply to offshore facilities in Federal and state waters under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), and is consistent with recommendations from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and other studies that called for a statutory increase in the limit of liability. The change will be the first administrative increase to the cap since OPA came into effect 24 years ago, and is necessary to keep pace with the 78 percent increase in inflation since 1990.

**Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193:** At the end of October, BOEM will post the draft supplemental EIS for public review. BOEM will hold scoping meetings during early November.

**Restricted Joint Bidders List:** The list identifies companies that are prohibited from jointly bidding on lease blocks, in order to promote competition. Companies are included on the list if they had an average daily production in excess of 1.6 million barrels per day over the prior 6-months. The List is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register by Oct. 31, 2014.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead (Please note that this will NOT be included in the Secretary's report)**

**Final Leasing Rule:** In November, BOEM may publish a final rule to update and streamline the existing Outer Continental Shelf leasing regulations and clarify implementation of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act.

**2012-2017 Five Year Program, 2014 Annual Progress Report:** BOEM expects to publish the 2014 Annual Progress Report on the current Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program in November. The Report will be published on the BOEM website, along with a Request for Comments published in the *Federal Register*.

**Rhode Island Offshore Wind:** In November, BOEM may be prepared to issue a right-of-way grant for the Block Island Transmission System (BITS). On September 4, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved Deepwater Wind's (DWW) permit request to construct five wind turbine generators in state waters off Block Island and a transmission cable to the Rhode Island mainland. BOEM has drafted a Finding of No Significant Impacts that adopts the USACE EA, along with a right-of-way grant and a decision document with conditions of approval for DWW's General Activities Plan for the portion of BITS in Federal waters.

**Massachusetts Offshore Wind:** In late November, BOEM plans on issuing a Final Sale Notice for the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area. The Final Sale Notice is on an expedited surnaming track in order to hold the sale by the end of the year, as requested by the Commonwealth.

**Virginia Research Lease (offshore wind):** A consortium led by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) submitted revisions to its Research Activities Plan for the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Assessment Project (VOWTAP) on Oct. 6. BOEM tentatively plans to publish an environmental assessment for public comment in late November and hold a public meeting in December.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT**  
**October 15 – October 24, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

October 16: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with Deputy Assistant Secretary Don Schregardus and Rear Admiral White of the Navy to discuss the proposed Arctic rulemaking.

October 20: Director Salerno is scheduled to receive a briefing from industry representatives on their proposal for a workable Best Available and Safest Technology (BAST) process.

October 21-22: Director Salerno is scheduled to participate in the next meeting of the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee in Arlington, VA. This will be his first meeting since being officially designated as a member of the committee.

October 23: Director Salerno will be providing opening remarks for the Gas and Oil Technologies meeting hosted by the International Energy Association at the Canadian Embassy. Deputy Assistant Secretary David Haines will be providing keynote remarks.

October 23: Director Salerno is scheduled to deliver remarks at an orientation for new BSEE employees in Herndon, VA.

October 24: BSEE is planning to host the next meeting of High Reliability Organizations in Washington, DC. The group is composed of federal organizations that manage programs with low probability of catastrophic failure, but high consequences if a failure occurs. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Department of Transportation and several other government agencies are expected to participate.

October 27: Director Salerno is scheduled to visit a Baker Hughes research facility in Houston, TX.

October 28: Director Salerno is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at an International Energy Symposium hosted by Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. He is planning to conduct a recruiting visit at Texas A&M during the trip.

October 29: Associate Director Anderson will accompany Chief of Staff Beaudreau to attend and speak at a meeting titled, "Oil Spill Response 25 Years After the Exxon Valdez and in the Wake of Deepwater Horizon: What We Learned and What are We Missing?". The event will be held at the University of New Hampshire.

November 3-4: BP will be conducting an operator-initiated oil spill response tabletop exercise in New Orleans, LA. The exercise is designed to test their oil spill response plan, incident management team, and well containment plan. Over 100 BP personnel will be involved, including other operators, response contractors, federal and state representatives, two people from BSEE. Deputy Director Schneider is tentatively scheduled to attend the event.

November 3-4: Director Salerno is scheduled to travel to Camarillo, CA, to conduct an all-hands meeting with BSEE employees in the Pacific Region.

**Public Announcements:**

October 15 or 16: BSEE, Department of Justice, and US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are planning a joint press release regarding a settlement agreement with the United States. Under the agreement, ATP Infrastructure Partners, LP (ATP-IP) will pay a \$1 million civil penalty and perform corrective measures to resolve claims by the U.S. under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) of unauthorized discharges of oil and chemicals from an oil platform into the Gulf of Mexico. This is

the first joint judicial enforcement action involving BSEE and EPA claims in response to alleged violations of both the CWA and OCSLA.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Conference Call with Exxon-Mobil:** Director Salerno had a conference call with representatives from Exxon-Mobil on September 19, 2014, to discuss environmental analysis in associated with a permit to perform work at Platform Harmony in the Pacific. BSEE worked with BOEM and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to complete environmental actions needed to process the permit. NMFS signed a biological opinion to complete consultation for marine mammals and BOEM prepared an environmental assessment. BSEE signed a Finding of No Significant Impact on October 9 and issued the permit on October 10.

**Proposed Rule for Arctic Operations:** This proposed rule, which addresses exploratory drilling operations in the Arctic, is currently under review at OMB. BSEE and BOEM staff are working to address interagency comments (USCG, EPA, NOAA) and to respond to questions from OIRA. After OMB completes its review, DOI will finalize any changes to the proposed rule and will work to get it published in the *Federal Register* at a date to be determined. A public comment period will follow.

**Proposed Well Control Rule (AKA Blowout Preventer Rule):** A proposed rule for well control including the use of BOPs was submitted to the Executive Secretariat. It incorporates industry standards, revises existing regulations, and also includes critical reforms in the areas of well design, well-control, casing, cementing, real-time well monitoring, and subsea containment.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

November 13: Director Salerno has been invited to be the luncheon speaker at a meeting of the Canada Petroleum Board in St. John's, Canada.

November 18-22: Director Salerno is scheduled to attend a meeting of the International Regulators Forum in Cancun, Mexico.

December 4-5: The Director is tentatively scheduled to travel to Charleston, SC, to provide remarks at a Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) training class being conducted for BSEE investigators.

Early December: Director Salerno is planning to travel to New Orleans, LA, to conduct an all-hands meeting with BSEE employees in the Gulf of Mexico Region.



**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT**  
**OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT**  
**October 15 – 25, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 15

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 16

We will meet with the Interstate Mining Compact Commission states. The meeting will focus on the recommendations three government efficiency work groups (composed of OSMRE staff and state representatives) made to the director. We will provide preliminary feedback and seek additional input from the states and tribes.

Friday, October 17

Nothing to report

Saturday, October 18

Nothing to report

Sunday, October 19

Nothing to report

Monday, October 20

Nothing to report

Tuesday, October 21

Nothing to report

Wednesday, October 22

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 23

Nothing to report

Friday, October 24

Nothing new to report

Saturday, October 25

Nothing to report

**Major Press Inquiries**

A reporter from the Alaska Dispatch News called about the status of the determination regarding Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc.'s Wishbone Hill permit located near Palmer and Sutton, AK. In early 2011 OSMRE received a citizen complaint that Usibelli was mining without a valid permit. OSMRE found that the permit had expired by operation of law because the mine was not activated within three years of when the permit was issued in 1991. The state appealed OSMRE's 2011 determination and the matter is with the department for decision. On October 3, 2014, the state renewed and revised the permit which is why the reporter called.

## **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

### House Committee on Appropriations Staff Member to Visit Kentucky Mine Sites:

During the week of Nov. 3, House Committee on Appropriations staff will visit active and reclaimed coal mine sites in Kentucky to better understand mining and reclamation activities required by SMCRA.

### Director Travels to Oklahoma:

The week of October 20, the director will be Oklahoma. He will visit several coal mines where restoration of the land after mining to its approximate original contours is an issue. He will meet with citizens, industry and state officials. Senator Inhofe also plans to meet with him at the mines. He will also meet with Cherokee officials at a former dangerous abandoned coal mine on tribal land that OSMRE restored to productive use. There might be press.

## **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

### OSMRE to Release Mine Pool Reports:

On Nov. 14, OSMRE will release two hydrologic characterization reports of underground mine pool systems. A mine pool develops after mining ceases, and the mine voids are allowed to fill with ground water. The two large, complex underground mine-pool systems involve both pre- and post-SMCRA underground mines and, multiple coal beds that straddle the borders of Maryland and West Virginia. One mine pool underlies the head waters of the North Branch of Potomac River that lies in Maryland and West Virginia, a study area that encompasses more than 25,000 acres. The other — the Fairmont Mine pool — encompasses 52,000 acres in West Virginia. The reports present findings of current conditions and the need to prevent impacts to river systems by pumping and treating water from the mines. They also demonstrate OSMRE's efforts to develop good science for regulating a complex industry. These reports may generate interest from citizens and environmental groups.

### Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management (ASLM) to Visit West Virginia Mine Sites:

On Oct. 27-29, OSMRE's Appalachian Region will host a tour for the ASLM. The tour will involve site visits to large mining complexes and the nearby communities that are impacted by them. ASLM will also visit with OSMRE staff and be briefed on some of the challenges related to mining in the region.

### OSMRE to Present 2014 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards:

On Oct. 27, OSMRE will recognize the winners of the bureau's 2014 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards at the National Mining Association meeting in Washington, DC. OSMRE gives the awards to coal mining companies that achieve the most exemplary mining and reclamation in the nation. Typically, winners demonstrate a commitment to using sound mining practices and executing effective reclamation plans designed to enhance post-mining beneficial use of the land. This year features three winners overall: two in the National Award category, which recognizes the highest-quality project in active-mine reclamation; and one Good Neighbor Award, given to a company that has demonstrated commitment to the community in which the mine operates.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**  
**October 15-24, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

From **October 16-18**, USGS Acting Director, Suzette Kimball, will participate with students and scientists at the 2014 SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) National Conference in Los Angeles, Calif. SACNAS is a society of scientists dedicated to fostering the success of Hispanic/Chicano and Native American scientists—from college students to professionals—to attain advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in science.

From **October 19-21**, Suzette will participate in a panel discussion on oil transport at the 2014 GSA (Geological Society of America) Annual Meeting in Vancouver, B.C. (CANADA).

From **October 21-23**, Suzette will update members on USGS Great Lakes research and budget at the Council of Lake Committees Meeting in Romulus, Mich.

From **October 23-24**, Suzette will meet with USGS Northwest Region Center Directors in Golden, Colo. and visit staff and facilities at the Denver Federal Center.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 15

Nothing to report.

Thursday, October 16

**USGS Participation in the Great ShakeOut:** At 10:16 a.m. (local time) on **October 16**, the worldwide ShakeOut earthquake drill will take place. The ShakeOut began in California in 2008 and has since spread to other states and regions, including the Southeast which held the first SouthEast ShakeOut in 2012, after the 2011 Virginia earthquake. This year 43 states and U.S. territories, and several other countries, are officially involved. The USGS will participate in a number of events and activities in support of the ShakeOut drill and to promote earthquake preparedness. USGS Acting Director will participate in a press event in Washington, DC, a number of online products, information and presentations will be made available, USGS scientists will participate in the opening ceremony for Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, which was damaged in the 2011 Virginia earthquake, and a USGS Top Story about the ShakeOut will be posted. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

Friday, October 17

Nothing to report.

Saturday & Sunday, October 18 & 19

Nothing to report.

Monday, October 20

**News Release—City Votes on USGS Research Project:** During the week of **October 20**, USGS and Reclamation will issue a joint news release about the Waco Treatment Wetlands project. On **October 21**, the City of Waco, Texas City Council is scheduled to vote on final construction approval of the Waco Treatment Wetlands, a multi-disciplinary/partner research project to demonstrate whether an innovative constructed wetlands design can remove endocrine disrupters that occur in reclaimed wastewater. USGS, Reclamation the City of Waco and Baylor University are all involved. Once approved, construction of the wetlands could start in the next month. Media coverage is anticipated. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

Tuesday, October 21

Nothing to report.

Wednesday, October 22

Nothing to report.

Thursday, October 23

Nothing to report.

Friday, October 24

**News Release–USGS at The Wildlife Society:** On **October 24**, USGS will issue a tip sheet to the media about USGS science being presented at The Wildlife Society Annual Conference, October 25-30, in Pittsburgh, Penn. Presentation topics include wildlife disease, conservation genetics and genomics, climate change, amphibian declines, effects of wastewater discharges from oil and gas drilling on wildlife, using unmanned aerial systems for studying wildlife populations, polar bear movement, wind energy and birds, invasive species, and more.

TBD

**News Release–New Reports of Floridan Aquifer:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will release two reports as part of an assessment of groundwater availability of the Floridan aquifer, one of the Nation's principal aquifer systems, which serves Florida and parts of Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina. A news release will announce the availability of the new reports.

**News Release–Wichita's water-use strategy helps preserve the Equus Beds aquifer:** **Next week**, USGS will release a new report, prepared in cooperation with the city of Wichita, Kan., that describes the water-use strategy employed by Wichita that has helped preserve the Equus Beds aquifer during the recent drought of 2011-12. The Equus Beds aquifer is one of the primary water-supply sources for the city. A news release is planned.

**News Release–Funding for new Gages in Minnesota:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce NSIP funding for new streamgages in Minnesota. The announcement will be similar to the September 9 announcement for new streamgage funding in Idaho and distributed to Minnesota media outlets.

**News Release–Climate Change Effects in the Lake Michigan Basin:** In the **next month**, USGS will release a new report that discusses likely hydrological effects of climate change on the Lake Michigan Basin through 2099. Findings suggest increased streamflow throughout the basin and late growing seasons. A news release is planned.

**News Release–Drought Impacts on Mojave Bird Species:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Auk*. The study, led by the University of Arizona, finds that drought-caused delays in nesting, coupled with the effects of nest depredation and parasitism, will have a negative effect on birds in the Mojave Desert. A news release is being planned.

**News Release–Updates Alabama Maps Available:** **Next week**, USGS will announce the availability of 840 new US Topo map quadrangles for Alabama. The revised maps feature a new design that was launched earlier this year and replace the first edition US Topo maps for those states. A news release is planned.

**News Release–National Scenic Trails Added to Maine Maps:** **Next week**, USGS will announce new maps released for Maine which include segments of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Produced in partnership with The National Park Service and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, several of the 715 new US Topo quadrangles for the state now display parts of the Trail. A news release is planned.

**News Release—US Topo Features Mountain Bike Trails:** At the **end of October**, USGS plans to announce the inclusion of mountain bike trails to upcoming US Topo map quadrangles. The first state maps to feature mountain bike trails are projected to be in Arizona. The mountain bike trail data is provided through a partnership with the International Mountain Biking Association and MTB Project, which collects and verifies data collected by local IMBA chapters, IMBA members, and the public. A news release is planned.

**News Release—2014 CSC Project Award Announcement:** During the **first week of November**, USGS will distribute several press releases announcing the 2014 research projects funded by the 8 Climate Science Centers and USGS National Wildlife and Climate Change Science Center. Each CSC will have a separate, locally distributed news release and a comprehensive release will be distributed nationally.

**News Release—Marcellus Development Impacts on Salamander Ranges:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper that indicates that habitat loss may be significant for terrestrial salamanders in the Marcellus Shale region as a result of oil and gas development activities. USGS researchers modeled losses of forest habitat in the Marcellus shale play, and estimated the corresponding reduction in forest-dependent salamander ranges based on a variety of shale gas development scenarios. All scenarios showed forest loss and potentially large range restriction for the salamanders. Despite the uncertainty in the species' distribution modeling, the results indicate that habitat loss may be significant, implying a real potential impact on terrestrial salamander populations. Given other threats facing terrestrial, range-restricted species, such an impact from a single source would be concerning. A full assessment of extinction risk will require better and more extensive data, and though the scenarios are insufficient to fully assess this risk, the results from our simulations are a first step. The paper will be published in the journal *Biological Conservation*, and a news release is planned.

**News Release—USGS to Release Study on Disease Virulence Evolution:** In the **coming weeks**, a news release will announce new research, led by the USGS, that finds that diseases that cause debilitating symptoms are expected to evolve lower virulence along the epidemic front compared to the epidemic origin. Motivated by real-world observations of a new disease in songbirds, a mathematical investigation shows that disease virulence—the increased death rate of infected individuals—is expected to evolve to lower levels along the epidemic front compared to the disease origin. The paper will be published in *The American Naturalist*.

**News Release—Freshwater Fisheries and Global Food Security:** In the **coming weeks**, Michigan State University will distribute a news release describing the importance of inland fisheries to global food security, the challenges faced due to competing demands for freshwater and possible solutions. USGS scientists contributed to the publication and will be identified in the news release. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Characterization of Groundwater Quality in the Bakken Area:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Groundwater*, which uses data for a broad suite of inorganic and organic chemical constituents, and groundwater-age, noble-gas, and isotopic tracers, to characterize the quality and age of shallow groundwater in the region. The data can serve as a baseline for future groundwater quality monitoring as energy development activities expand in the basin. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—NC Baseline Study for Hydraulic Fracturing:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new study that examined groundwater quality samples collected in a potential shale gas production area in North Carolina. This report can be considered as baseline information for groundwater quality in the aquifers of the study area because the natural gas industry is not yet active in the state. The results showed that dissolved methane concentrations were low. The study will be published as a USGS Open-File Report. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Seal flu virus:** In the **next few weeks** the USGS National Wildlife Health Center will issue a national news release announce a new report showing that the avian flu virus that caused widespread harbour

seal deaths in 2011 can easily spread to and infect other mammals and potentially humans. The release will likely be joint with the St. Jude's Children's Memorial Hospital. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—The impact of road salt on watersheds:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS plans to announce new research about increasing chloride concentrations in streams associated with the use of road salt. The paper is pending journal approval, but approval is expected within the next week or two. A news release will be coordinated with the publication date. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Upper Klamath ET Maps:** During **October**, USGS will distribute a press release for upcoming evapotranspiration maps of the upper Klamath Basin. The announcement will be coordinated with other local activities in the Klamath area. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**NPR Interview on VOCs from Produced Waters Pits:** USGS scientist Bill Orem was interviewed by *NPR* regarding research he is conducting on occurrence of volatile organic compounds emitted from an open water storage pit in West Virginia used to store produced waters from natural gas production. The interview was in response to a story recently published in *Inside Climate News* on the same subject.

**Washington Post Series on Alaska Mapping and 3DEP:** *Washington Post* reporter Lori Montgomery recently completed a series of in-depth interviews with USGS scientists and Alaska state representatives about the numerous applications and benefits of the national 3D Elevation Program (3DEP). The feature articles are expected to be published within the **next two weeks**.

**NY Times Joins Change Arctic Ecosystems Seminar:** James Gorman with the NY Times *ScienceTake* Video Channel joined a recent USGS Changing Arctic Ecosystems (CAE) seminar which presented CAE program results and research plans for the next 5 years.

**Newsday Inquiry on Fire Island Research:** USGS geologist Cheryl Hapke was interviewed by *Newsday* about natural beach recovery after storms and the measurements USGS is taking related to Fire Island, N.Y. The interview did not address plans to rebuild sand dunes on Fire Island or the lawsuit that is currently delaying that project.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing to report.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Forthcoming USGS Polar Bear Research Papers:** In the **coming months**, the USGS will be releasing several new journal papers related to polar bear conservation in a warming Arctic. The papers range from medium to high interest and cover topics including implications of polar bear genetic structure, female polar bear diet and foraging strategies, polar bear population dynamics, effects of polar bear capture and polar bear resource selection patterns to inform energy resource development in the Arctic. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

October 15 – October 24, 2014

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events:** *Principal Deputy Commissioner Estevan Lopez will be attending Reclamation's regional stakeholders meeting in Salt Lake City on the morning of October 15. This event will be webcast on the internet. This event will be followed by a meeting of Reclamation's leadership team on the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup> and on the 16<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Public Announcements**

Tuesday, October 14

**Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (LTEMP EIS) for Glen Canyon Dam (AZ):** Representatives from Reclamation and its co-lead from the National Park Service will meet with the Colorado River Basin States via webinar to continue discussions on a preferred alternative for the LTEMP EIS. A primary function of the LTEMP EIS will be to continue the successful experiments completed under the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program. Dam operations and other actions under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior will be considered for inclusion in alternatives in the LTEMP EIS, in keeping with the scope of the Grand Canyon Protection Act.

**American Water Resources Association (ID):** Reclamation will participate on a panel at the Idaho State Section of the American Water Resources Association in Boise, Idaho. The panel is entitled "Responding to Climate Change – What We Know and What We Are Doing."

**Release of a Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Salinity Projects (CO):** Reclamation will announce the release of a final environmental assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Bostwick Park Water Conservation District's Siphon Lateral Salinity Control Project in Montrose County, Colorado, and the Forked Tongue/Holman Ditch Company's Salinity Control Project located in Delta County, Colorado. The purpose of both projects is to improve the efficiency of water delivery to canal users and reduce salinity loading in the Colorado River Basin.

**New Mexico Summit on Water (NM):** Reclamation will participate in a summit on water hosted by Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., at the University of New Mexico. Representatives will participate on panels on New Mexico's Water Resources and Technological Solutions to Water Scarcity – Produced and Brackish Water. Media is invited.

**Public Hearings on Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation (CA):** Reclamation will conduct public hearings on October 14 in Sacramento and October 16 in Fresno on environmental documents for a proposed dam on the upper San Joaquin River at Temperance Flat, about 25 miles northeast of Fresno in California's Central Valley. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Availability were released on September 5.

**Public Comment Period Open on Windy Gap Excess Capacity Contract with Colorado Municipal Subdistrict (CO):** Reclamation, along with the Northern Water Conservancy District and Northern Water's Municipal Subdistrict, opened the 30-day comment period for the Windy Gap Excess Capacity Contract. The contract would allow the Subdistrict to use excess, or unused, capacity in Reclamation's Colorado-Big Thompson Project for the Windy Gap Project and future Windy Gap Firming Project. The comment period closes November 7.

**Crow Irrigation Project Rehabilitation and Improvement (MT):** The Crow Tribe has submitted a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for Reclamation to make available for public review and comment. The comment period closes November 21.

**Texas v. New Mexico Water Lawsuit:** The U.S. Supreme Court will potentially release orders on this issue today. The United States has joined the case regarding the Rio Grande Project water operations. The Court had previously accepted the case, but gave New Mexico another chance to seek dismissal. Parties in the lawsuit are awaiting an order from the Court on whether the case will proceed and the direction.

Wednesday, October 15

**Tour of El Vado Dam and San Juan-Chama Project (NM):** Reclamation will lead a tour for members of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Board of Directors on October 15-16. Board members will see areas of the dam and projects in need of repair and receive a general briefing on the workings of the project.

**Columbia River Basin Technical Management Team Tour (WA):** The Columbia River Basin Technical Management Team will meet at Grand Coulee Dam and tour parts of the facility. The Technical Management Team is an inter-agency technical group responsible for making recommendations on dam and reservoir operations in the Columbia River Basin.

**Public Hearings on Draft EIS/EIR for Long-Term Water Transfers (CA):** On September 30, Reclamation and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority released the Long-Term North-to-South Water Transfers Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for public review. Public hearings will be conducted Oct. 15 in Sacramento, Oct. 16 in Los Banos, and October 21 in Chico, California. The Draft EIS/EIR addresses transfers of Central Valley Project (CVP) and non-CVP water supplies that require the use of CVP or State Water Project facilities to convey the transferred water. Public comments are due by December 1.

**Submittal of the Initial 2015 Water Plan to the State Board (CA):** Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources will submit an initial Water Year 2015 Drought Contingency Plan to the State Water Resources Control Board outlining planned operations from October 15, 2014, through January 15, 2015. The plan will be updated as necessary based on changing circumstances that could include additional conditions in SWRCB regulatory approvals as well as federal Endangered Species Act and California Endangered Species Act requirements. Most importantly, the Plan is based upon hydrologic conditions as of the end of September 2014. A plan for the remainder of the 2015 water year will be submitted by January 15, 2015.

Thursday, October 16

**Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program Executive Committee Meeting (NM):** Reclamation will participate in the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program Executive Committee meeting in Albuquerque. Discussions will include updates on the current Middle Rio Grande consultation, summer water operations, the Middle Rio Grande Biological Opinion and the transition process of the collaborative program to a recovery implementation program.

**Methow Valley Irrigation District Instream Flow Improvement Project (WA):** Reclamation will participate in a celebration to kick off construction of the Methow Valley Irrigation District Instream Flow Improvement Project in north central Washington State. The construction will include converting two aging open canals to a ground water source enclosed system and a surface supplied pressurized pipe system. The \$10 million project is funded by the Office of the Columbia River, Salmon Recovery Fund, and Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee and was designed by Reclamation.

**Students to Visit Trinity River Restoration Program Sites (CA):** Staff from the Trinity River Restoration Program will host a field day for 7-8 graders as part of the TRRP educational outreach activities. Students will visit a newly constructed restoration project and learn how the physical features provide habitat, increase geomorphic complexity, and provide riparian cover for fish and wildlife species of the Trinity River.

**Prehistoric Remains Discovered in Reservoir (ID):** On October 8, a volunteer working in the drawn



down areas of American Falls Reservoir discovered mastodon or mammoth fossils. A cultural resources inventory of the site will be performed on October 16. Reclamation cultural resource staff is working with a private landowner and Power County Sheriff's Department to protect and restrict site access. American Falls Reservoir is part of the Minidoka Project and is located 180 miles southeast of Boise, Idaho.

#### Friday, October 17

**Updated Mussel Coatings Research Report:** Reclamation will release a report and video summary of research and findings on mussel coatings. While no commercially available foul-release coating has been found that prevents mussel attachments, several products have shown promise. This is an update to research that began in 2008.

#### Saturday, October 18

**Return of the Salmon Festival (CA):** Reclamation will participate in the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Return of the Salmon Festival at the Coleman National Fish Hatchery in Anderson, California. Visitors will be able to view large numbers of fall-run Chinook salmon returning to Battle Creek and the hatchery and all aspects of day-to-day hatchery operations. Reclamation's booth will focus on the importance of water conservation and how to "Use Water Wisely."

**Let's Move Outside/Nature Hike at Lake Berryessa (CA):** Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside/Nature Hike–Fall Foray at Lake Berryessa in Central California. Participants will join a Park Ranger for a hike on the Smittle Creek Trail along the western shoreline, exploring the unique Blue Oak woodland and the beauty and tranquility of Lake Berryessa.

#### Sunday, October 19

**Let's Move Outside/Mormon Creek Paddle at New Melones Lake (CA):** Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside Mormon Creek Paddle adventure led by a Park Ranger at New Melones Lake in Central California. Participants will experience the beauty of New Melones from a unique perspective while on the outlook for river otters, bald eagles, osprey, and other wildlife.

#### Monday, October 20

**Drought Contingency Planning for the Colorado River (UT):** Reclamation will present preliminary modeling results at a meeting with Upper Basin states and other stakeholder representatives in Salt Lake City, Utah. Reclamation has been working with the Upper Basin States and stakeholders on drought contingency planning for the Colorado River. The region is currently conducting modeling of potential scenarios of Extended Operations that, within existing operational and environmental commitments, would move water from higher Colorado River Storage Project reservoirs to Lake Powell to prevent Powell elevations dropping below critical elevations for delivery and power generation.

#### Tuesday, October 21

**The Columbia Basin 2014 Conference (WA):** Reclamation will participate in the Columbia Basin 2014 Conference – Learning from Our Past to Shape Our Future, held in Spokane, Washington from October 21-23. This is an international conference that will explore the future of the Columbia River in an innovative format with breakout sessions, graphic facilitation and inspirational arts and culture activities as they relate to the Columbia River.

**Brazos River Demonstration Wetland Gets Final Approval (TX):** The proposed Brazos River Pilot Wetland is expected to get final construction approval from the City of Waco. If approved, construction is anticipated to begin in November. This pilot will investigate the ability of an innovative constructed wetland design to

attenuate endocrine disrupting chemicals from reclaimed wastewater. A Federal-state-local partnership was formed to design, construct and monitor the demonstration wetland among Reclamation's Technical Service Center and Oklahoma-Texas Area Office, U.S. Geological Survey, Texas Water Development Board, Waco Water Utilities Services Department, and Baylor University. Reclamation and USGS are working together to provide information to the City of Waco for a joint news release.

**Damsite Recreational Area at Elephant Butte Public Meeting (NM):** A public meeting on the plans for New Mexico State Parks to turn the land-based portion of the Elephant Butte's Damsite Recreational Area back over to Reclamation is tentatively scheduled in Elephant Butte. Reclamation's Albuquerque Area Office and New Mexico State Parks continue to iron out the details of the transfer.

Wednesday, October 22 - Friday, October 24

Nothing to report

Saturday, October 25

**Let's Move Outside/"Creepy Crawlies of Natural Bridges" Hike at New Melones Lake (CA):** Reclamation will host a "Creepy Crawlies of Natural Bridges" 2-mile hiking adventure at New Melones Lake in Central California. Led by a Park Ranger, participants will learn about some of the "scary critters" at New Melones Lake, their importance in our ecosystem, and why they're really not scary at all.

### Major Press Inquiries

Stephanie Ogburn, a freelance writer based in Colorado, is developing a story for the University of Wyoming's publication called *Western Confluence*. The story is about how scientists are working to predict the future of water in the West, particularly focused on the Colorado River. She will be speaking with Reclamation's Science Advisor David Raff on October 14. Reclamation is scheduling an interview with staff from the Colorado River Basin Study. It is not known when it will be published.

On October 6, *Mail Tribune* reporter Mark Freeman reported that record draw down at Emigrant Reservoir revealed artifacts from an old filling station. Oil-based hazardous materials may be present, but Reclamation believes the likelihood is small. A retired Forest Service employee has been hired to inventory possible archaeological resources. The reservoir, part of the Rogue River Project, is located in Medford, Oregon, near the California border. The area, known as Klamath Junction was inundated when Emigrant Dam was doubled in height in the 1960s. Also, on October 9, *Reuters* reporter Courtney Sherwood interviewed Bend Field Office Manager Doug DeFlitch on the subject.

### Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

#### **Klamath River Flow Increase and Fish Health Concerns (Oregon/California):**

On October 3, after coordinating with a technical team of Federal and Tribal experts, Reclamation determined that additional water would be released from PacifiCorp's Iron Gate Dam to address ongoing fish health concerns resulting from an *Ichthyophthirius multifiliis* (also known as "Ich") parasite outbreak affecting coho and Chinook salmon in the Klamath River. Findings of Ich have been observed in fish collected from the mainstem Klamath River over the past several weeks, with most of the cases classified as severe. As a result, on October 4, flows at Iron Gate Dam began to increase from 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 1,750 cfs for approximately 10 days. Consistent with the 2013 Biological Opinions on the operation of the Klamath Project, this flow event is anticipated to use 16,000 acre-feet from PacifiCorp's reservoirs and will have no effect on Upper Klamath Lake elevations. (UNCHANGED FROM LAST WEEK)

**Supreme Court Hears Republican River Compact Case (NE/KS):** On Tuesday, October 14, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments related to a longstanding dispute in the Republican River basin. Approved by Congress in 1943, the Republican River Compact (Compact) apportioned waters of the Republican River basin among the states of Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. In May 2010, Kansas filed a complaint with the U.S. Supreme Court that Nebraska was violating both the Compact and the 2002 Final Settlement Stipulation by failing to administer groundwater pumping in a meaningful way and by failing to take actions to avoid future violations. In 2013, a Special Master recommended that Kansas be awarded damages of \$5.5 million for Nebraska's overuse of water in 2005 and 2006; and recommended changes in accounting procedures for computing consumption of imported water supply credit. For the past two years, Nebraska has issued closing notices to Reclamation's reservoirs in the Republican River basin as Nebraska administers surface water to comply with the Compact. Reclamation views surface water users were disproportionately impacted in Nebraska and would like to see hydrologically connected waters in the Republican River basin managed so that surface and groundwater users equitably bear the burden of Compact compliance.

**Structural Safety at Steinaker Dam (UT):** On September 24, a slope failure was observed at Steinaker Dam near Vernal, Utah. As a result, a Response Level 1 alert, which is the lowest level of risk alert and is used when an immediate threat is not present, was declared for the Dam, pending further investigation. On October 6, an underwater inspection of the slide area and outlet works was conducted and did not find any impacts to the outlet works. Then on October 9, a risk analysis of the dam and slide area was performed and a decision was reached to terminate the Response Level 1 alert. As part of that decision, it was also determined that Uintah Water Conservancy District could resume filling the reservoir with an allowable rise of 0.2 feet per day and instrumentation monitoring of the dam was reduced from daily to 3 times per week. Reclamation's Dam Safety staff will produce a decision document of these actions.

**Lawsuit filed by EDC/CalTrout (California):** On October 6, 2014, the Environmental Defense Center (EDC), on behalf of California Trout, Inc. (CalTrout) filed suit against Interior and Reclamation regarding alleged Endangered Species Act violations associated with the Cachuma Project and listed steelhead fish in Hilton Creek, located in Santa Barbara County, California. On or about May 30, 2014, EDC/CalTrout issued a 60-day notice of its intent to sue. In June, Reclamation and the Solicitors Office held a conference call with EDC and CalTrout to apprise them of the various remedies and ongoing actions Reclamation is taking to improve the durability and reliability of the watering system intended to provide continuous flows into Hilton Creek, an otherwise ephemeral stream. On September 11, EDC/CalTrout issued a demand letter and request to engage in binding settlement. In consultation with Interior, Reclamation declined the request. Reclamation has taken a number of actions to improve the reliability and durability of the Hilton Creek watering system including certain replacements, repairs and upgrades. In addition, a contract for an emergency backup system was awarded on September 3, and is expected to be operational before the end of this calendar year.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Signing Ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan:** In late October, Reclamation, Department of Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a signing ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan they are in the process of developing. The Action Plan continues the collaboration of the three agencies under the Hydropower MOU signed in March 2010. The new interagency Sustainable Hydropower Action Plan (Phase II) to be released details the joint action items under the MOU that the agencies intend to work on in coming years, in the general areas of: (1) Advancing Technology Development and Performance Testing, (2) Addressing Environmental Issues, (3) Conducting Hydro Systems Analysis, and (4) Promoting Information Sharing.

**WaterSMART Ceremony with Three Sisters Irrigation District (OR):** In late October, WaterSMART recipient Three Sisters Irrigation District will celebrate the completion of a four-year project to up-convert their irrigation system to pressurized pipe and added low-head hydropower capability. The event will be attended by districts, the contractor and Congressional and local representatives. Deputy Secretary Mike Connor has been

invited.

**Get Outdoors Nevada Day (NV):** On October 25, Reclamation will support Get Outdoors Nevada Day at Craig Ranch Regional Park in Las Vegas by staffing an exhibit.

**Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council and Forum Meetings (NM):** Reclamation will participate in a meeting of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council and Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum on October 29-30, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the accomplishments of federal agencies and make recommendations on future activities to control salinity. Participating agencies on the advisory council include Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the EPA.

**Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project Title Transfer Ceremony (UT):** On October 31, Reclamation and the Provo River Water Users Association will hold the title transfer ceremony for Provo Reservoir Canal (now piped and renamed the Provo River Aqueduct) with the passage of the amendment to the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure Project Title Transfer Act. Invitations have been extended to the Principal Deputy Commissioner Estevan López and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Jennifer Gimbel.

**FY 2015 WaterSMART Grant Funding Opportunity Announcement:** In early November, Reclamation will begin announcing FY 2015 WaterSMART funding, beginning with the WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants and Title XVI Project funding. Selection of the FY 2015 Basin Studies will begin. (Included in last week's report)

**Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Annual Science Review (CA):** The Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Annual Science Review is scheduled in Sacramento on Nov. 6-7. This event, which will focus on the drought and drought operations, is a requirement stated within the 2008 and 2009 National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion for the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the federal Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project. Each year, the meeting evaluates how the RPA actions were implemented and their effectiveness for Endangered Species Act-listed species during the past year. The conference is held with NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the public is invited to attend but not participate.

**Reclamation's Climate Adaptation Strategy:** Reclamation is addressing Departmental feedback on its Climate Adaptation Strategy, and anticipates finalizing the strategy by early November. This is Reclamation's strategy and response to global climate change as it relates to managing water and power in the West. The strategy builds upon Reclamation's ongoing activities to incorporate climate adaptation more comprehensively across mission areas, programs and decision making. [UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY–INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND THE BUREAUS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION  
October 15 to October 24, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On October 15, the BIA Director Black will provide the keynote at the 2014 Tribal/State Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Conference in Oregon.

On October 15-16, the AS-IA will present at the 8th Annual Rennard Strickland Lecture at the University of Oregon law school.

On October 15-16, the BIA Rocky Mountain Region is scheduled to meet with the Water Board and Eastern Shoshone Business Council and the Northern Arapaho Business Council regarding Wind River Irrigation Project. A staff member from Senator Barrasso's Office, Senator Committee on Indian Affairs, will attend the meeting and tour the site.

On October 15-17, the Deputy Assistant Secretary-Management will attend the listening session of the U.S. Department of Justice's 9th Annual Government-to-Government Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation in Rapid City, SD.

On October 16, the BIA Director Black will participate in the Southwest Conservation Legacy youth project with Fish & Wildlife Service as part of the Department's Youth Initiative.

On October 17, the Chief of Staff to AS-IA and BIE Director Roessel will attend the 2014 National Indian Education (NIEA) convention in Anchorage, Alaska. SIPI President Allison and Aleta Suazo also will be there.

On October 22, the AS-IA will meet with the Chairwoman of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin on the status of the two-part determination and compact issues.

On October 22, Indian Affairs leadership and the BIA Chief of Human Services will meet with Deputy Commissioner - Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Child and Families (ACF), and the Casey Family Programs to follow up on action items at the Spirit Lake Reservation.

On October 23, the AS-IA will be attending Yale Law School's Alumni Week to receive the 2014 Yale NALSA Alumni Achievement Award.

On October 23-25, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) 2014 annual conference will take place in Anchorage, Alaska. AS-IA staff will attend.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 15

Nothing to report

Thursday, October 16

BIE staff will hold a consultation with Tribes and Tribal College stakeholders on the draft rewrite of the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Act regulations (25 CFR Parts 41.1-69) at the NIEA conference in Alaska.

Friday, October 17

Nothing to report

### Saturday & Sunday October 18 & 19

We have three gaming compact decisions due on October 18, including two in Nevada likely to be approved and one in California, for the Karuk Tribe, in which we have been working through some problems. The AS-IA office is working on the decisions and notification plans.

### Monday, October 20

Nothing to report

### Tuesday, October 21

Nothing to report

### Wednesday, October 22

Nothing to report

### Thursday, October 23

The Special Education program will send memoranda and letters to 60 high school programs to announce that the SY 2014-15 Indicator 13 Desk Audit that will begin the week of November 17. The program will provide training to help prepare schools for the Desk Audit.

### Friday, October 24

The SIPI Board of Regents will meet at the SIPI campus in Albuquerque, NM. Dr. Roessel may attend this meeting.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Biomass Magazine requests information on tribal energy and mineral development grants in New Mexico.

KMJ (Fresno, CA) requests a statement regarding the Chukchansi Casino armed takeover attempt.

WKRK-TV (AL) requests an interview with the BIA Office of Justice Services to confirm that the Poarch Creek Law Enforcement has suspended an officer accused of sexual misconduct.

Viacom requests information on the Secretary's Youth Program for a documentary with MTV about Native Americans and music.

The Press Enterprise (CA) requests information for a story about Proposition 48, the initiative on the California ballot in November involving the North Fork Rancheria gaming compact.

LA Times (CA) requests an interview to discuss the proposal to change the federal recognition process.

The Riverside (CA) Press-Enterprise wants information about fee-to-trust for off-reservation gaming, including answers to the following: how many fee-to-trust applications were approved under the Bush Administration and the Obama Administration, how many applications are pending, and when will the BIA issue decisions on the Los Coyotes and North Fork Rancheria applications.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

DOI staff plan to meet with staff from the Passamaquoddy Tribe to discuss protection of the alewife fishery in the St. Croix River Watershed, Maine. At issue is whether the US and Canada will ask the U/S Canada International Joint Commission (IJC) to regulate St. Croix River fishway structures for the protection of the alewife fishery and other marine species.

Indian Affairs and the Department of State are drafting guidance to US embassies regarding the repatriation of sacred objects and human remains from foreign museums.

The AS-IA's office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action is working with BIE on developing a call for nominations to a negotiated rulemaking (25 CFR 30) committee to address adequate yearly progress (AYP) in Bureau schools, as well as school transportation and school consolidation and closure.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On October 27, the BIA Director will roll out its first trial run of the Superintendent Boot Camp Course in Albuquerque, NM. The boot camp will introduce BIA Superintendents to the basic knowledge and key survival skills needed to carry out their duties and functions effectively.

Between October 26 and November 3, ASIA, BIA, and BIE leadership, and the Haskell and SIPI Presidents, will attend the NCAI's 71st Convention in Atlanta.

On October 26 and 27, DOI will hold the following tribal consultations and listening sessions at the NCAI conference in Atlanta: Secretarial Elections, Indian Water Rights Settlement Program, and Indian Child Welfare Act compliance. There will also be roundtable discussion on Sacred Sites.

On November 4-5, the next quarterly Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) will take place at the Washington Plaza Hotel at Thomas Circle in Washington, D.C.

On November 6, the BIE American Indian Language Summit will take place in Albuquerque, NM.

On November 6, the DOI Indian Affairs National Native American Heritage Month event will take place at the OPM headquarters. The theme is "Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever."

On December 1-5, the 24th Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference will be held in Anchorage, AK.

On December 9, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute's President Allison and Vice President Christensen will present to the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee.

On December 9-10, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce Conference will take place in Washington, D.C. The Division of Economic Development (DED) is helping the Chambers of Commerce plan and implement this event, the first-ever conference organized by all of the American Indian Chambers in the U.S.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS (OST)  
October 15<sup>th</sup> –October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

October 20-22 – Vincent G. Logan, Special Trustee will travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota to promote financial education.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, October 15

October 15, 2014, Eastern Navajo Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) will be present at the Land Buy-Back Program meeting at the Southwest Regional Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

October 15, the Papago Agency FTO will be present at the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act implementation meeting at the Tohono O’odham Nation San Xavier District in Tucson, Arizona.

October 15, the Cherokee and Eastern Oklahoma FTO will attend the Inter-Tribal Council Meeting of the Miami Area Tribes held in Miami, Oklahoma. The FTO regularly attends these monthly meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK’S REPORT]

Thursday, October 16-Monday, October 20

None to report.



**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE of INSULAR AFFAIRS**  
**October 8-17, 2014**

**Highlights (Chronologically) of Travel (AS-IN), Meetings and other Public Events**

October 15-17 - Travel to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) for first courtesy visits as AS-IN

October 15 – Meetings with Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Lt. Governor Jude Hofshneider ; CNMI Capitol Improvement Project Team; CNMI House and Senate Leaders (Majority and Minority); CEO of Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; Saipan Chamber of Commerce; Chief NPS Ranger for tour of American Memorial Park

October 16 – Meetings with Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Officials; President of the Northern Marianas College; Acting Secretary for the CNMI Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Director of the Division of Coastal Resource Management

October 17 – Visit to Tinian Island. Tour of historical sites and Capitol Improvement Projects and meeting with Tinian Mayor Ray DelaCruz.

October 17 – Visit with CNMI Coral Reef Management Team and OIA Coral Reef Initiative Project at Laulau Bay.

**Public Announcements**

**Press Release Issued by AS-IN** – On October 13, in connection with her first official visit to the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam, AS-IN issued a press release concerning her delivering the keynote remarks at an October 23 symposium which the Guam Economic Development Authority will host. Underscoring her role in improving the quality of life of the peoples of the territories and the freely associated states (FAS), AS-IN stressed in her press release that she supports programs that create economic opportunity and promote government efficiency in the territories and the FAS.

**Press Inquiries/Reports**

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Marshall Islands Government Budget** – On October 13 the Marshall Islands Government released the details of its appropriations bill for fiscal year 2015. Of the increase of \$28,500,000 from fiscal year 2014, about \$7,500,000 will go to the General Fund-Special Appropriations category, likely sourced from the Marshall Islands Marine Resource Authority's rising income associated with tuna fisheries. Compact funding increased by \$2,800,000, attributed to inflation adjustments in the Kwajalein Atoll landowner payments and the Marshall Islands Trust Fund. All other Compact Sectors include grants, mainly for health and education, totaling \$12,500,000.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**AS-IN Travel to Guam and American Samoa** - AS-IN works with OIA staff and DOI Communications team on upcoming courtesy trips as follow:

**Guam** – Week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Keynote speech to be delivered on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Guam Economic Development Authority economic symposium.

**American Samoa** – Week of November 10<sup>th</sup>



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## District crosswalk

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Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 12:34 PM

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	CA	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail	\$950,000	CA-45	Campbell-R							Boxer-D	Feinstein-D**							
	CA	San Sebastian Marsh/San Felipe Creek ACEC	\$982,000	CA-51	Vargas-D							Boxer-D	Feinstein-D**							

BLM Discretionary

	1	California Desert SW																	
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RWS Discretionary





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## Re: District crosswalk

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On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 12:34 PM, Peterson, Sarah <sarah\_e\_peterson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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## Re: Briefing Assignment: Remarks at the National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation - 10/23

1 message

**Javaid, Zaina** <zaina\_javaid@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 3:28 PM  
To: "Beyer, Emily" <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <Kate\_Kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Hey Team Comms-- checking on updates to this memo and TPs. Attached what we already have from the pre-brief. Secretary wants her book by 430PM, so let me know!

On Wed, Oct 22, 2014 at 1:38 PM, Javaid, Zaina <zaina\_javaid@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
Checking in on TPs for this. Thanks!

On Thu, Oct 16, 2014 at 11:55 AM, Beyer, Emily <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
Attached is our event memo as it stands and a few attachments. Thanks!

On Wed, Oct 15, 2014 at 9:37 AM, Joel Clement <joel\_clement@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Elizabeth attached is the final memo, thanks for your patience. Kate and Emily have all the TPs to work with, including the incoming from CEQ.

**From:** elizabeth\_ossowski@ios.doi.gov [mailto:elizabeth\_ossowski@ios.doi.gov] **On Behalf Of** OS, dailybriefingbinder  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:44 PM  
**To:** Joel Clement; Amy Holley; Letty Belin  
**Cc:** Katherine Kelly; Emily Beyer  
**Subject:** Briefing Assignment: Remarks at the National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation - 10/23

Joel: You have been assigned the briefing materials for the Secretary's Remarks at the National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation on 10/23. Also looping Comms per the attached chain to provide remarks.

Your briefing memo should provide context for why the event is taking place, important background information, your top-line message, participants/bios where available and relevant, and a tick-tock agenda.

Please submit your materials as soon as possible (we will include them in the Secretary's briefing materials as soon as we can after we receive them from you), with a deadline of **Tuesday, 10/14 at noon**, to dailybriefingbinder@ios.doi.gov so we can get it to the Secretary while she is on travel before the Internal Pre-brief on 10/17.

Thank you!



Elizabeth

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**2 attachments**

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## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### INTERNAL PRE-BRIEF FOR REMARKS AT THE NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LARGE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION

DATE: October 16, 2014  
LOCATION: Office of the Secretary  
TIME: 2:00PM – 2:30PM

### REMARKS NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LARGE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION

DATE: October 23, 2014  
LOCATION: Atrium Hall, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
TIME: 12:10PM - 1:05PM  
FROM: Emily Beyer, Deputy Press Secretary, OCO (202)568-0168

#### I. PURPOSE

You will be delivering keynote remarks at the National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation, hosted by the Chesapeake Conservancy. The Workshop is a product of the Practitioner's Network for Large Landscape Conservation, an ongoing collaboration sponsored by Harvard's Lincoln Land Institute, FWS, NPS, U.S. Forest Service, and several academic and non-governmental institutes (*Note: A list of workshop sponsors is included as an attachment*). The goals of this Network, and by extension this Workshop, are to build the capacity and improve the policy framework for implementing large landscape conservation.

The Practitioner's Network has been developing this event for over a year in close collaboration with several Interior bureaus – in particular FWS, BLM, and NPS – and has been briefing Department leadership along the way. There are currently 480 registered attendees including practitioners from NGOs as well as state and federal agencies (including BLM, FWS, USGS, and NPS). Over two days, more than 75 sessions will touch on climate resilience, engaging and training the next generation of conservation leaders, geospatial data tools, indigenous cultural landscapes, farmland preservation, the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and Climate Science Centers, the Western Governors' Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (CHAT), traditional ecological knowledge, place-based conservation visions, urban conservation, and more.

Your speech will take place during Thursday's luncheon, and is the only scheduled event in its time slot. Your remarks are open to the press and will be recorded with the intent of posting them online.

#### II. PARTICIPANTS – NOTE: This list is subject to change.

- Lynn Scarlett, Managing Director, Public Policy, The Nature Conservancy; former Deputy Secretary of the Interior (2005 – 2009); former acting Secretary of the Interior (March 2006 – May 2006)

- DOI Staff: Liz Klein, Associate Deputy Secretary; Joel Clement, Director, Office of Policy Analysis; Emily Beyer, Deputy Press Secretary

### **III. AGENDA – NOTE: This agenda is subject to change.**

12:10 pm – You arrive at the Ronald Reagan Building and are greeted by Kerry McNellis who will lead you to the luncheon space

12:15 pm – You are greeted by Lynn Scarlett and led to the head table (*NOTE: you may need to be mic'ed backstage with a lavalier*)

12:30 pm – Lynn Scarlett begins the program by introducing you

12:31 pm – You give remarks (20 minutes suggested)

12:51 pm – Lynn Scarlett returns to the podium to begin moderating the Q&A (*NOTE: Lynn will call on those who indicate they have questions; staff will hand mics to those who are selected*)

12:56 pm – Lynn Scarlett closes the program; you depart en route to MIB

### **IV. TALKING POINTS**

*Suggested remarks will be forthcoming, and attached separately.*

### **V. BACKGROUND**

#### **Biography information on Lynn Scarlett**

Lynn Scarlett was named The Nature Conservancy's first Managing Director for Public Policy in September 2003. In her role, Scarlett oversees worldwide government relations and public policy efforts at the Conservancy and "helps align existing efforts at the international, federal and local levels, as well as further advance the Conservancy's global policy priorities." She is also charged with "building new capacity within the organization for policy research, innovation and advocacy."

Scarlett came to the Conservancy from Resources for the Future, where she served as Co-director at the Center for Management of Ecological Wealth since 2009. She has also been a visiting lecturer at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California at Santa Barbara, her alma mater.

Previously, Scarlett served two terms in the U.S. Department of the Interior under President George W. Bush, first as Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget and then as Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer. Before her government service, she spent over 15 years at the Reason Foundation, a leading public policy research institute, where she served as Research Director, Vice President for Policy, and finally as President and Executive Director. In addition, Scarlett has led or served on numerous government and non-government task forces and working groups, including service as a lead author on the U.S. National Climate Assessment.

She has bachelors and master's degrees from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and has received the university's Alumni of the Year Award. Scarlett is also the author of many

published works on conservation, climate change and other topics. She is active in a variety of civic endeavors as well, including service on the National Parks Conservation Association Board of Trustees, the National Wildlife Refuge Association Board of Trustees, the American Hiking Society Board of Trustees, the Consensus-Building Institute and as Co-chair of the Large Landscape Conservation Practitioners Network.

In addition to her professional capabilities, Scarlett is passionate about the Conservancy's mission and spends much of her free time hiking, canoeing, bird-watching and creating pen-and-ink nature illustrations.

## **Background on the Chesapeake Conservancy**

*From their website:*

The Chesapeake Conservancy is dedicated to ensuring conservation, stewardship and access of the Chesapeake Bay, its lands and rivers. The Conservancy was created out of a merger between the Friends of the John Smith Chesapeake Trail and Friends of Chesapeake Gateways.

In the five years since the Friends of the John Smith Chesapeake Trail was first founded, we've come to realize that there is a need for a strong organization that can advocate, marshal new resources and forge new partnerships to increase public access to the Chesapeake and its great rivers, ensure conservation of the region's most treasured landscapes and waterways, and promote stewardship and enjoyment of the region's natural, cultural, and historic treasures.

The Chesapeake Conservancy fills this role and is this new organization.

## **VI. ATTACHMENTS**

- Suggested talking points (forthcoming, will be attached separately)
- List of workshop partners (below, for awareness only)
- Priority Agenda (for reference only, attached separately)

**LIST OF WORKSHOP PARTNERS:**

- Practitioner's Network for Large Landscape Conservation
- American Fisheries Society
- Metropolitan Greenspaces Alliance
- US Forest Service
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- The American Ornithologists' Union
- US Geological Survey
- Amigos de Los Rios
- University of Arizona School of Natural Resources and the Environment
- Heart of the Rockies Initiative
- The Center for Large Landscape Conservation
- Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
- Chicago Wilderness
- Department of the Interior Landscape Conservation Cooperatives
- US Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service
- Chesapeake Conservancy
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- University of Montana Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy
- The Intertwine



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Fri, Nov 7, 2014 at 3:50 PM

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**WEEKLY REPORT  
TO THE  
SECRETARY OF THE  
INTERIOR**

**November 3-7, 2014**

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Office of the Deputy Secretary**  
**November 3-7, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

**Buy-Back Program:** To date 44,573 offers have been sent to landowners with fractional interests at the Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Makah, Quapaw, Fort Belknap, Gila River, Northern Cheyenne, Flathead, Umatilla, Crow, and Lake Traverse Reservations. Since December 2013, the Program has mailed \$754 million in purchase offers, and more than 15,400 landowners have accepted offers. The total number of sales has reached nearly \$193 million, with nearly 333,000 equivalent acres purchased.

**Travel:** On November 5, I spoke at the BLM Sage Grouse and Rangeland Fire Conference in Boise, ID. November 6 – 8, I traveled to New Orleans, LA. On November 6, I took a tour of restoration efforts at Big Branch National Wildlife Refuge and Point Platte/Bonfouca Marsh creation project. On November 7, I traveled offshore to tour a Deepwater drilling rig and a production platform. Lastly, on November 8 I attended the National Park Foundation Board Meeting.

**White House Treaty Event:** On Monday, November 9, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and the White House Domestic Policy Council will host an event honoring the treaties between the United States Government and Native American tribes. This event will serve as the White House's cornerstone Native American Heritage Month event and will be hosted in collaboration with the Haudenosaunee Nation and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. I will be making remarks to a group of approximately 50 tribal leaders and community members to reaffirm the strong government-to-government relationship between the US Government and tribes.

**Public Announcements**

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On November 13, the Deputy Secretary will lead a call with tribal leaders followed by a press call regarding the release of the Status Report on the Buy-Back Program.

On December 11, the Deputy Secretary will attend CRWUA in Las Vegas.



## MEMORANDUM

November 5, 2014

TO: Secretary Jewell  
FR: Interior Communications  
RE: Media Report

### **II. Highlights of Travel, Meeting, Speeches, and other Public Events:**

#### **Monday, November 10**

- VIDEO: Veterans Day message

#### **Tuesday, November 11**

- FYI: *Veterans Day*
- FYI: NPS: HBO's Concert for Valor on the National Mall

#### **Thursday, November 13**

- REMARKS: World Parks Congress opening plenary session

#### **Friday, November 14**

- REMARKS: World Parks Congress world leaders dialogue
- TBD: RELEASE: Kiribati Statement of Cooperation

#### **Saturday, November 15**

- FYI: POTUS in Australia for G-20 Summit

### **III. Digital Strategy Report**

- Conducted two meetings with the White House OSTP and the recreation.gov team to ensure the next contract for the site incorporates everything the public is looking for in a public lands reservation tool.

### **IV. Employee/Internal Communications Report**

- Memos from Senior Officials to DOI Employees:
  - (Nationwide) National Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month - November 2014 - John W. Burden, Director, Office of Civil Rights
  - (D.C. Metro Area) Veterans Day Celebration - November 6 - Thomas Mulhern, Director, Office of Human Resources
- Examples of stories from DOI's Offices/Bureaus in [doi.gov/employees](http://doi.gov/employees):
  - Prison Inmates Help Save Sage-Grouse by Growing Sagebrush for BLM-Managed Lands
  - USFWS: Childhood Adventures Inspire Life Career Goals
  - USGS Science Feature: Hawaiian Lava Flow Reaches Town
  - OSMRE Video Highlights Winners of 2014 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards
  - Reclamation Transfers Ownership of Provo River Aqueduct
  - BSEE's Offshore Training Program Shows Continued Growth in 2014
- Nationwide Employee Events/Initiatives:
  - National Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month - November
  - Veterans Day - November 11, 2014
  - Spotlight on Safety Newsletter - November 2014

### **V. Snapshot of Press Clips**

## **INTERIOR PARTNERS WITH NORTH FACE TO PROMOTE PUBLIC LANDS**

The North Face latest campaign promoting and protecting America's public lands

The Washington Examiner // Erica Jessop // November 4, 2012

The North Face launched their largest campaign in their company's history last week as they joined forces with the U.S. Department of the Interior to protect, preserve and celebrate public lands in support of the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps (21CSC).

Larry's Look: Getting kids involved at national parks

WCNC.com // Larry Sprinkle // November 3, 2014

CHARLOTTE, N.C. -- The U.S. Department of the Interior and The North Face are joining forces to help celebrate national public lands and aid young people and returning vets with jobs. On Larry's Look this morning, we were joined by U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Global VP of The North Face, Aaron Carpenter.

Out on a ledge for Fashion

The Wall Street Journal // Ralph Gardner Jr. // November 2, 2014

When North Face offered to take me on an "adventure" to an undisclosed location, I didn't exactly jump at the idea. These days, I find being left alone adventure enough. If I really feel like pushing the envelope, I'll take a walk in the woods.

## **FYI: EVERGLADES FLOW EXPERIMENT**

Big green blob invades Everglades in water test

Miami Herald // Jenny Staletovich // November 4, 2014

Scientists trying to unravel the mystery of Everglades plumbing turned a marsh west of Miami neon green Tuesday after releasing millions of gallons of dyed water into a swath left parched for the last half century.

## **FYI: SEN. FEINSTEIN THREATENS TO BYPASS CONGRESS TO PROTECT MOJAVE SITES**

Feinstein may ask Obama to protect Mojave sites

The Washington Times // AP // November 4, 2014

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Sen. Dianne Feinstein wants to create two national monuments in the Mojave Desert, and she's considering asking the White House to act without approval of Congress.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**  
**November 10th – November 14th**

**Personal Message to the Secretary**

The House will not be in session next week.  
The Senate will be in session next week.

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

Jonodev Chaudhuri's nomination hearing to head the National Indian Gaming Commission will be held before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee on Wednesday, November 12.

OCL and External Affairs will meet with the Major Conservation groups to discuss the lame duck and 114<sup>th</sup> Congress on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Oversight Requests Update**

***House Natural Resources Committee***

**Brinkerhoff Lodge**

- Original request (via email): October 29, 2014
- Documents provided by DOI to date: 2 – 103 page
- Last document production on November 3, 2014
- **Status:** On October 29, 2014, the Department responded to Committee questions and produced the COS Memorandum directing an NPS review of Brinkerhoff Lodge policies. On November 3, 2014, after receiving a 2<sup>nd</sup> email inquiry from the Committee, the Department made an additional document production, including the Brinkerhoff scheduling records which were released to *Time* magazine via FOIA. On November 3, 2014, the Department received a follow up letter from Chairman Hastings and Subcommittee Chairman Bishop regarding the NPS Brinkerhoff review and a potential OIG inquiry. No additional documents were requested.

**Use of Paid Administrative Leave (Hastings)**

- Original request (via email): October 21, 2014
- Documents provided by DOI to date: none
- Relevant Report: GAO, *Federal Paid Administrative Leave: Additional Guidance Needed to Improve OPM Data*, October 20, 2014
- **Status Update:** Jason accompanied Mary Pletcher, DAS for Human Resources and Diversity, to the Hill to provide a briefing for committee staff on October 29, 2014. Committee staff asked several follow-up questions which are being assessed.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (OIEA)**  
**November 5 - 14, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On Wednesday, November 5, John and Vicki will participate in a IPW Team Planning meeting.

On Wednesday, November 5, Vicki will meet with Dorian Dickinson with National Scenic Byways to help develop their outreach plan to attract international visitors.

On Wednesday, November 5, Vicki will meet with Aaron Wodin-Schwartz with Brand USA to discuss their partnership with the National Parks Promotion Council and the funding BUSA will provide to support Federal Row at IPW.

On Wednesday, November 5, Francisco is participating in the ACHP Communications, Education and Outreach Committee meeting to discuss education and communications efforts around Federal preservation and diverse heritage initiatives.

On Thursday, November 6, Steven will participate in a Affordable Care Act (ACA) interagency meeting at the White House.

On Thursday, November 6, Steven will participate in a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Interagency Planning meeting hosted by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

On Wednesday, November 12, John and Vicki will participate in the TTAB, Federal Government Working Group to prepare for the full TTAB Meeting.

On Thursday, November 13, John and Vicki will participate in the TTAB Meeting.

On Thursday, November 13, John and Sarah Neimeyer are hosting a meeting with 20 key stakeholder organizations to discuss the lame duck session and the 114th Congress.

On Friday, November 14, Vicki will participate in the Federal Row Marketing Subcommittee conference call to finalize the Marketing/Communications strategy for IPW 2015.

**Public Announcements**

Nothing to report.

**Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing to report.

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR ALASKA AFFAIRS

November 5-Nov. 14, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

Wed. Nov. 5. I will be participating in ANILCA training course for state and federal agencies.

Friday. Nov. 7. **Tommy Beaudreau** and Walter Cruickshank in AK for BOEM meeting.

Mon. Nov. 10-Friday Nov. 14. On leave.

### Public Announcements

None.

### Major Press Inquiries

None.

### Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues

Canadian barge adrift in Beaufort Sea. A barge which broke loose of a tug in Canadian waters has now drifted west off the Arctic coast of Alaska about 50 miles NW of Prudhoe Bay. It is not in imminent danger of foundering along the coast, is being monitored by USCG, and will probably be frozen in place in the next several days.

Barrow heats up. A recent University of Alaska study showed Barrow, AK temperatures to have risen an average of 2.7 degrees Celsius from 1979-2012. But fall temperatures had risen even greater for the period—6-7 degrees Celsius. Rising temperatures are both enhanced by delayed ice formation in the Arctic Ocean and in turn retard ice formation. Delayed ice formation is having significant influence on the severity of fall storms and coastal erosion, and subsistence activities.

Gulf of Alaska heats up. Meanwhile in the southern waters of AK the Gulf of Alaska is 5 degrees (F.) warmer this fall than over the past 17 years.

### 30-60 Day Look Ahead

**NPR-A oil and gas lease sale set for November 19.**

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR**  
**November 5 – 14, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

None.

**Public Announcements**

None.

**Major Press Inquiries**

None.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

*Appointment of Special Master in Texas v. New Mexico*

On November 3, the U.S. Supreme Court referred to a Special Master this lawsuit between Texas and New Mexico. The case concerns the dispute between Texas and New Mexico over whether an interstate compact ensures that a specific quantity of water stored in the Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Rio Grande Project in southern New Mexico should reach Texas without first being intercepted by wells in New Mexico. The Special Master will now move forward to conduct proceedings on New Mexico's motion to dismiss Texas' complaint and the United States' complaint in intervention.

*Use of Reclamation Water/Facilities to Provide Water for the Production of Marijuana*

In light of recent actions in Washington and Colorado legalizing the commercial cultivation of marijuana, Reclamation has received inquiries as to whether Reclamation water may be delivered to marijuana growers who are acting in compliance with state law. The Solicitor's Office has coordinated with the Criminal Division at DOJ and has advised that Reclamation facilities should not be used to deliver water for an activity that remains illegal under federal law.

*Gunnisons Sage-Grouse*

Facing a deadline of November 12 under the MDL settlement, we are working with FWS to complete the final rules to list Gunnison's Sage-Grouse and designate critical habitat. OMB review of the critical habitat rule is also pending and has been complicated by a last minute request from USDA to exclude from critical habitat lands for which its Natural Resource Conservation Service has entered agreements with landowners.

*Northern Spotted Owl Litigation - Carpenters Industrial Council v. Jewell (D.D.C.)*

On November 7, DOJ will file the U.S. reply brief on summary judgment in this merits challenge by the timber industry and three counties to the Northern Spotted Owl critical habitat designation.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

None.

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: FISH AND WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**November 5, 2014**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

Potential submission of new World Heritage nomination. This week the Federal Interagency Panel for World Heritage recommended nominating a series of ten architectural works by Frank Lloyd Wright for designation as a World Heritage site. The Department will be working with the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy to finalize the nomination in time for submission to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee by February 15. The ten works include the Guggenheim Museum in New York, Fallingwater in Pennsylvania, and buildings in five other states.

November 5: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Committee meetings: Communications, Education and Outreach.

November 6: The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation meets. Michael Bean will attend and represent the Department.

November 12: Michael Bean will give brief remarks at the “National Bison Day” Capital Hill Reception sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Society. The Society was instrumental in preventing the extinction of the bison in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century (when it was then call the New York Zoological Society).

November 13: Michael Bean will chair the rescheduled meeting of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. The meeting is the last that John Dingell, who has served on the Commission for 45 years, will attend.

November 18: South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force meets in Florida. Michael Bean will chair this meeting for the first time.

### **Public Announcements**

Nothing to report.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing to report.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Nothing to report.

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

November 5 – November 15, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

#### *Legislative Testimony:*

None.

#### *Meetings:*

November 5, the NPS will host the bi-annual meeting of the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR) at Main Interior.

November 5, Jon will participate in a webchat on diversity in the National Park Service.

#### *Travel:*

November 6-8, Jon, Peggy, and Christy will attend the National Park Foundation Board meeting in New Orleans.

November 8-24, Jon will participate in the World Parks Congress.

### Public Announcements

#### November 5

On November 5, Director Jarvis and principals from other Federal agencies will hold the Bi-annual Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR) meeting at the Main Interior Building. Director Jarvis will become chairperson of FICOR for the next two years. The meeting will focus discussions on issues relating to coordination, outdoor recreation, and the future direction of FICOR.

On November 5, the NPS is hosting a public webchat about NPS efforts to attract diverse audiences to parks and diverse applicants to NPS jobs. Director Jarvis, Associate Director for Workforce, Relevancy and Inclusion Mike Reynolds, and Professor Nina Roberts from San Diego State University will make remarks and take questions from the public.

#### November 6

On November 6, the Federal trial of a protester arrested during marijuana rally at Independence National Historical Park (PA) may draw attention. Emily Yates was arrested in the park during a public assembly organized by pro marijuana groups. Ms. Yates repeatedly refused the directions of law enforcement to leave a small area of the park that was temporarily closed to the public for law enforcement purposes. She had to be removed and resisted, kicking and striking the rangers. Ms. Yates was arrested and charged with assaulting/impeding/resisting a federal officer, interfering with agency functions, and disorderly conduct. Since her arrest, Ms. Yates has been actively promoting her position regarding this case on YouTube and other social media and the park has received complaints about her arrest.

On November 6, Equality Forum, the City of Philadelphia, and Independence National Historical Park (PA) will hold a press conference to announce plans for the July 2015 celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Annual Reminders. From 1965-1969, gay-rights groups hosted Annual Reminders in front of Independence Hall each July 4, reminders that members of the LGBT community were still being treated as second-class citizens.



Equality Forum, the nonprofit organizing the events in the park and elsewhere in Philadelphia, is a Philadelphia-based LGBT civil rights organization.

#### November 7

Nothing to report.

#### November 8

Nothing to report.

#### November 9

Nothing to report.

#### November 10

On November 10, the public review period will begin for the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Plan/Environmental Assessment at Shenandoah National Park (VA). This non-native disease is now within 12 miles of the park. The single alternative EA, a Department of Interior-authorized but rarely used NEPA approach in the NPS, amends the approved 2013 Chronic Wasting Disease Detection and Assessment Plan. The 2013 CWD detection and assessment plan approves lethal sampling of deer. This amendment proposes lethal density reductions in key front-country, high deer abundance areas of the park to slow disease transmission and spread through the white tailed deer population. The park anticipates that between sampling and density reductions 250-350 animals could be taken by qualified federal employees or authorized agents over a five-year period. Park managers are exploring options for donating the meat to local charitable organizations.

On November 10, the comment period closes on an EA to examine the environmental impacts of the proposed Kennedy Center expansion project to improve the facilities and provide greater pedestrian and bicycle access to and from the Kennedy Center, the National Mall and Memorial Parks (DC), the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail, and the Potomac River waterfront.

On November 10, a high flow event (HFE) for the Glen Canyon Dam will begin. Current resource conditions support an HFE of approximately 37,500 cfs (using bypass tubes as well as releases through the power plant), and 96 hours in duration (to be completed on November 15). The Bureau of Reclamation has conducted consultation with tribes, and notification and coordination is occurring between river rangers, concessionaires and private boaters. After the 2014 HFE occurs, a workshop will be convened in 2015 to review the results of the HFEs from the last three years.

On November 10, the NPS and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) expect a joint Notice and Request for Public Comment to publish in the Federal Register announcing an incentive for air tour operators utilizing quiet aircraft technology at Grand Canyon National Park (AZ). Air tours are conducted over the park under limited allocations determined and distributed by the FAA. Under the incentive operators would not be required to use allocations for flights conducted with quiet technology aircraft in the popular Dragon-Zuni flight corridor from January through March. The 2012 Moving Forward for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), P.L. 112-141, requires the NPS and FAA to work together to develop incentives for Grand Canyon air tour operators who convert to quiet aircraft technology provided that the cumulative impacts of the incentives do not increase noise at the park.

#### November 11

On November 11, the Concert for Valor will be held on the National Mall. HBO and Starbucks are sponsoring this free concert in honor of American veterans and their families. The event will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. As a permitted event, HBO is responsible for communicating information about the event, including the lineup and details for the concert, as well as logistical information such as road closures, access points, prohibited items, etc. However, because this is a large event on park land, the NPS/USPP will amplify the logistics messages through press releases, social media, and the Nixle community awareness network. The National Mall and Memorial Parks and USPP are coordinating the event with the assistance of numerous state and local law enforcement, transportation and emergency services agencies.

On November 11, the NPS will create a social media gallery to salute current employees who are also veterans. Parks and programs are asked to see if veterans working in their parks would like to participate. Parks will post photos with their veteran employees on social media, and the Washington Office will use that to populate a gallery.

#### November 12

On November 12, the Town of Marana Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposal to rezone and transform the historic Lazy K Bar Guest Ranch, contiguous to Saguaro National Park (AZ), into a 178-unit gated community. Park managers will attend the hearing in opposition to the proposal. Neighborhood groups and the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection are also in opposition to the proposal. The parcel is located in a scenic, remote area on the north boundary of the West District; the proposed zoning change would significantly compromise wildlife corridors and scenic viewsheds. It would also require an amendment to Marana's own General Plan, and reduce its targeted 80 percent Natural Undisturbed Open Space to just 25 percent. If the Planning Commission and Town Council vote to approve the proposal, some neighbors and other opponents have vowed to file a referendum petition to override the council's vote.

#### November 13

Nothing to report.

#### November 14

Nothing to report.

#### November 15

Nothing to report.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Everglades National Park (FL)** – In the next few weeks, *Greenwire* will publish feature stories on the invasive exotic fish problem in the park, and on fire management and prescribed burns in the park. A production company recently filmed a short web video for a series called *Unsung: A Day in the Life of Hard Work* that will feature park firefighter Katherine Corrigan. It will be available to the public sometime in late November.

**Gateway National Recreation Area (NY/NJ)** – The *New York Times* is planning a travel story highlighting the Nike Missile Radar Site tour that is expected to run in December.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Dinosaur National Monument (UT/CO) – Removal of Damaged Dinosaur Bone from Popular Trail.** In November, a juvenile sauropod leg bone is planned to be excavated, collected, and preserved in the monument's collections. In September, rangers discovered that this exposed dinosaur bone fossil on the popular Fossil Discovery Trail had been damaged and portions stolen. No suspects were identified. The story garnered national and international media attention. It was determined that the damage will rapidly accelerate the deterioration of the fossil so it must be removed to protect it. The removal is likely to draw attention, given previous interest and the recent graffiti/vandalism case at parks throughout the west.

**Saguaro National Park (AZ) – Proposed Bike Ranch Resort.** On November 18, park managers will attend a Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting to provide comments on a proposed "Bike Ranch Resort," located directly across the street from the park's East District Visitor Center. The property is currently zoned as Suburban Ranch that would allow up to 13 single family homes. The landowners are requesting a conditional use permit for a minor resort to include 49 lodging units, a professional bicycle facility, a performance lab, and a restaurant on the eastern half of the 45-acre parcel. In addition, they are requesting to develop the western half of the property with seven single family homes. Park neighbors are overwhelmingly opposed to the development, and were very vocal when the proposal was presented to the Pima County Hearing Administrator in May. The park also opposed the proposal at that time; the measure was subsequently not recommended to go forward to the Board of Supervisors. Despite this, the landowners are continuing with their proposal to the Board of Supervisors. Park staff has met with both the landowners and County officials in an attempt to find resolution to this situation.

**White House and President's Park (DC) – Winners of the 2014 National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony ticket lottery have been notified.** News releases and advisories in the coming weeks will announce the process for media to request event credentials and the talent line-up.

**National Mall and Memorial Parks (DC) – Interpretive Transportation Services.** The NPS has issued a prospectus to solicit proposals for guided vehicle-based tour services within the National Mall and Memorial Parks. This service is currently provided by Big Bus Tours. Proposals are due December 12 in response to the prospectus that identifies a 10-year contract period, with an anticipated start date of March 31, 2015.

**Rock Creek Park (DC) – Parking Meters.** The park is currently working with National Capital Region contracting officials to award a new contract to manage 81 coin-operated parking meters at Thompson Boat Center by December 31. In March, the park issued a Request for Information (RFI) to learn about more modern options for managing fee-based parking, and is currently evaluating the responses to the RFI. Since 1997 Rock Creek Park has had 81 metered parking spaces in a paved lot adjacent to Thompson Boat Center. The purpose of the meters is to encourage turnover in the small parking lot and to discourage use by commuters.

**Hot Springs National Park (AR) – Proposed Increase of Thermal Water Rates Charged to Bathhouse Operators.** The park proposes to increase the rate which it charges bathhouse operators for the thermal water provided to them. The rate will be tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annually starting in 2015, raising the rate from \$2.70 to \$3.41 per thousand gallons. The current rate has been in place since 2005. Currently, the sale of thermal water to the bathhouses provides a little over \$75,000 a year out of the \$200,000 which it costs the NPS to maintain the infrastructure that delivers the thermal water to the bathhouse operators. Thermal water will continue to be provided free of charge to the general public for drinking at the jug fountains located throughout the park.

**Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (MO) – Removal/Replacement of Trees from Gateway Arch Grounds.** A contractor has begun to remove trees from the Gateway Arch grounds as part of the CityArchRiver project. The park completed an Environmental Assessment in 2012. The park grounds currently have 1,895 trees, 1,223 will be removed, and 3,457 new trees will be planted, increasing the total number of trees on the grounds to 4,102.

**Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument (AZ) – Ecological Restoration Plan – Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.** The park, in collaboration with Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and the Bureau of Land Management, prepared a programmatic Ecological Restoration Plan (ERP)/Environmental Assessment that analyzes the impacts of restoration efforts on disturbed lands. Environmental impacts to these lands have increased due to border-related activities. The ERP will restore degraded natural areas, improve habitat conditions, reduce and remove invasive plants, restore wilderness character, and stabilize cultural sites. A Finding of No Significant Impact will be finalized in November, and restoration efforts will begin for the three land management agencies.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Public Lands Initiative.** The San Juan County Lands Council will present three alternatives for changes in the management of federal lands within the county, including Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, at a series of open houses through November. This effort is part of Rep. Rob Bishop's Public Lands Initiative, a locally-driven effort to resolve challenging land disputes involving conservation and economic use through the development of an Eastern Utah public lands bill. The alternatives propose several designated wilderness areas and a National Conservation Area which would overlay NPS-managed lands along the San Juan River. The alternatives are mute with regards to which federal agency would manage these lands should the proposal come to pass.

**Alaska National Preserves (AK) – Public Hearings on Sport Hunting.** Through November 20, the NPS is hosting public hearings across Alaska to gather comments on proposed regulations related to sport hunting in national preserves in Alaska. The proposals would dial back several recent regulatory allowances by the State of Alaska which liberalized the methods, seasons and bag limits for taking predators. A total of 17 hearings will be held around the state.

**Valley Forge National Historical Park (PA) – White-tailed Deer Management Plan.** The NPS will conduct the fifth year of lethal reduction of the white-tailed deer herd from November 2014 through March 2015. The action addresses the over browsing of vegetation by an abundant deer population which prevents native forests from regenerating and reduces habitat for native wildlife species. The Record of Decision for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement was completed in 2009 and withstood subsequent legal challenge. After the first four winters of the lethal reduction phase of the plan, the estimated deer density in spring 2014 was 49 deer per square mile (260 deer). Although still above the plan's target level of 31-35 deer per square mile, this represents a significant reduction from the estimated 241 deer per square mile (1,277 deer) present in 2009. 1,433 deer have been removed and 44,369 pounds (over 22 tons) of venison have been donated to regional food banks to date.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Consultation with Navajo Nation Regarding Access to Antelope Point.** NPS staff has been consulting with the Navajo Nation since late 2012 regarding access within the joint Antelope Point Project area for all Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) holders. Glen Canyon NRA and the Navajo Nation developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was signed by the Regional Director. The MOA will provide access to Antelope Point to all CUA holders, consistent with the Glen Canyon NRA Commercial Services Plan, terms of the concession contract, and Antelope Point project agreements in place. This MOA will provide consistency in business practices throughout Glen Canyon NRA, resulting in improved visitor services, increased opportunities for locally-owned businesses (including Navajo owned businesses), and additional employment opportunities for Navajo Nation tribal members in the area. It will also allow Navajo Nation the opportunity to better regulate and benefit from the increased business to Antelope Point. The Navajo Nation President has not yet signed due to political issues within the Tribe and concerns raised by the concessioner. The NPS is preparing a letter to the Navajo Nation President requesting his signature and implementation of this MOA.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Notice of Availability for Off-road Vehicle Management Plan.** The Glen Canyon Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/FEIS) analyzes a range of alternatives and actions for managing off-road use of motor vehicles

and on-road use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and street-legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs); it should publish soon in the Federal Register. The Plan/FEIS assesses the environmental impacts that could result from continuing current management (the no-action alternative) or implementing any of the four action alternatives. The recommended action in the final plan would allow OHV/ATV use on seven miles of road presently closed to OHV/ATV use. These seven miles would complete a loop on an existing roads network on NPS and BLM lands. Local and national interest in the Plan/FEIS is expected.

**Cape Hatteras National Seashore (NC) – Beach Nourishment.** A Notice of Intent for a county-prepared EIS for beach nourishment near Highway 12 will soon publish in the Federal Register. The Seashore has received a permit application from Dare County, NC, to conduct beach nourishment activities to mitigate erosion near Highway 12, which runs the length of the Seashore. To determine if a Special Use Permit can be issued, the county is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NPS. The application and EIS process are expected to receive local media coverage and stir controversy. There are strongly differing views about the proposed activity – some local residents are concerned that the highway will be damaged prior to completion of the EIS, and conservation groups are concerned about the precedent being set that beach nourishment may occur in a National Seashore. The North Carolina delegation has been briefed.

**Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park (TX) – Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to Release Public Notice for the Issuance of a Green House Gas Permit.** The EPA has released Public Notice regarding the issuance of a Greenhouse Gas Permit for the Tenaska Brownsville Generating Station. The public comment period ends November 28. Construction of the natural gas power plant will be less than one mile from Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park and National Historic Landmark. A second Public Notice period is also planned for the purpose of addressing adverse effects related to the park and National Historic Landmark under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On November 19, the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site (AL) video, *The Tuskegee Airmen: Sacrifice and Triumph*, will receive an award for best video from the National Association of Interpreters. As the park's centerpiece attraction, the film provides visitors with a big-picture view of the Tuskegee Airmen story, including the origins of the program, the recruitment and training of the Airmen, their heroism in combat, their post-war accomplishments and struggles, their pivotal role in the desegregation of the military and the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, and their broader contributions to our national identity.

On November 20, proposals are due in response to a business opportunity to operate overnight accommodations, food and beverage, retail service, fuel and auto services, and other related services within Yosemite National Park (CA). The new 15-year contract is scheduled to begin on March 1, 2016. This is the park's primary concession operation and the largest concession contract in the NPS.

This fall, the NPS intends to publish a proposed gathering rule, which would provide the authority for permitting the gathering of plant resources within units of the National Park System by members of federally recognized Indian tribes, as defined in the rule. The proposed rule would apply to Indian tribes with traditional associations to specific park units. It would be implemented through agreements between the NPS and Indian tribes and subject to annual permits. Appropriate levels of NEPA and NHPA review and compliance would be required. Collection for commercial uses would be prohibited. This rule change would provide reasonable, resource protection based use of park resources while assisting in support of the continued lifeways of American Indian tribes. National tribal consultations indicate that the approach in the proposed rule would be constructive and respectful of tribal sovereignty while continuing to respect the NPS mission to protect and conserve park resources.

This fall, Grand Canyon National Park (AZ) expects to issue the Backcountry Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/DEIS) for public review and comment. The Plan/DEIS addresses

management of over 1.1 million acres of the park's backcountry, most of which is proposed for wilderness designation. The Plan/DEIS is needed to address immediate backcountry issues and provide an adaptable framework to manage backcountry use into the future while protecting natural and cultural resources. Public scoping including public meetings occurred in 2011 and agency and tribal consultation has been on-going.

## FWS SECRETARIAL WEEK-AHEAD REPORT

Nov. 5, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings and other Public Events

Nov. 5-7: Fire, invasive species and sage-grouse will be topics at a BLM-led workshop called The Next Steppe Fire Workshop in Boise, Idaho. FWS Director Ashe and other senior FWS leadership will attend. R1

Nov. 7 and 12: FWS Alaska Regional Director will hold consultations with tribes and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporations regarding potential statewide changes for Alaska refuges. Changes that are being considered would: prohibit activities involving predator control for the purpose of increasing hunting opportunities on Alaska Refuges; clarify prohibited practices, methods and means related to sport hunting and trapping that are inconsistent with federal laws and FWS policies; clarify the allowable practices related to the collection of natural resources on refuges in Alaska; and update the procedures for closing an area or restricting an activity on refuges in Alaska. No changes will be made to federal subsistence regulations or restrictions on the taking of fish or wildlife for subsistence uses under federal subsistence regulations. Anticipated draft rule publication will be in early 2015. R7

Nov. 10: FWS will host a meeting in Key Largo, Florida, to provide the public with information on efforts to conserve federally protected species through control of feral and free-roaming cats at Florida Keys NWR Complex. The Complex is actively controlling and removing non-native species, including feral and free-roaming cats, from refuges as part of the implementation of its 2013 Integrated Pest Management Plan. The meeting was scheduled at the request of U.S. Rep. Joe Garcia (D-FL-27). R4

Nov. 12: A kick-off event will be held to launch an effort by the Texas Mid-coast NWR Complex and a variety of partners in Houston, Texas, to develop five nature gardens funded by a \$25,000 Connecting People with Nature grant. On Dec. 6, Bank of America volunteers will assist FWS and the city of Houston with planting the garden in Buffalo Bayou. Coordinated outreach is planned. R2

Nov. 13-14: FWS and the New Mexico Fire District Training Group are hosting tribal partners at Sevilleta NWR (NM) for a two-day leadership training course (*Followership to Leadership*). The course focuses on that fundamental leadership principles and is designed as a self-assessment opportunity for individuals preparing to step into a leadership role. R2

Nov. 14: Senior staff from FWS and the U.S. Air Force will discuss a shared vision for interagency support for a natural resource conservation partnership, as well as USAF's participation in landscape-level ecosystem conservation. HQ

Nov. 14-21: A joint FWS/U.S. Air Force Sikes Act coordination meeting will provide the first annual, in-person opportunity to discuss interagency coordination on all matters relating to activities under the Sikes Act. Expected outcomes of the meeting are enhanced knowledge of each agency's respective mission and organizational structure; glean lessons learned from the past year of interagency support; and the development of standard operating procedures to guide both agencies toward greater success in this important natural resource conservation partnership. Over the past decade, The Air Force has provided \$17,900,551 in reimbursable funds to FWS to support personnel and on-the-ground natural resource projects. HQ

### Public Announcements

Thursday, Nov. 6

Nothing to report

Friday, Nov. 7

Nothing to report

Monday, November 10

Nothing to report

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Between November 12-19 (exact date TBD), at the International Union for Conservation of Nature's 2014 World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will sign a Statement of Cooperation between the Phoenix Islands Protected Area in the Republic of Kiribati and the newly expanded Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. Connecting these two marine protected areas will magnify the efforts of both governments in strengthening scientific research, and exploration and management of nearly 648,000 square miles of fully protected marine areas. Outreach planned. DOI/R1

Thursday, Nov. 13

Nothing to report

Friday, Nov. 14

FWS will send to the *Federal Register* two 90-day findings (batched together in one notice): the first on its Aug. 26 petition from the Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Food Safety, Xerces Society and monarch scientist Lincoln Brower requesting that the Monarch butterfly be listed as a threatened species under the ESA; and the second on its Apr. 12 petition from Pacific Legal Foundation requesting to delist the coastal California gnatcatcher on the basis that it is not a valid subspecies and does not qualify for listing. FWS determined that both petitioned actions may be warranted and is initiating a 12-month status review. Both findings are expected to generate significant public interest. Outreach planned to coincide with appearance of these rules in the Reading Room. HQ

FWS will send to *Federal Register* a notice amending the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife by adding 20 species of coral based on previously published determinations by the National Marine Fisheries Service, which has jurisdiction for these species. Outreach planned, date TBD. HQ

FWS will reopen the public comment period for the final listing determination of the northern long-eared bat in order to accept and make available to the public a report from range state natural resource agencies. The report is expected to be delivered to FWS around Nov. 5. This reopening of the public comment period will also notify the public of a public hearing that is planned in Wyoming. The northern long-eared bat is found in 38 states. The deadline for the final listing decision is April 2, 2015. Outreach planned. R3

TBD

FWS is finalizing a final rule to list the Gunnison sage-grouse as a threatened species and to designate 1,429,551 acres in Colorado and Utah as critical habitat. After a court-granted extension, the listing decision is due Nov. 12. FWS intends to announce this decision at an event with the Director in Gunnison, Colorado prior to publication in the *Federal Register*. The event is currently scheduled to take place on Monday, Nov. 17. Controversial. R6

FWS will reopen the public comment period for the proposed critical habitat designation of the western yellow-billed cuckoo following congressional and tribal requests. A 60-day extension is anticipated to publish in early November. Plans are underway to schedule information meetings and public hearings in Texas and California. Outreach planned. R8

In early November, FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare a joint environmental impact statement and environmental impact report for the proposed Yuba-Sutter Regional Conservation Plan (a joint habitat



conservation plan and natural community conservation plan). The plan outlines strategies to avoid, minimize and offset potential indirect effects to 18 plant and animal species expected from development of 35,000 acres in Yuba and Sutter counties, CA. R8

FWS anticipates publishing the Strategic Growth Policy for the National Wildlife Refuge System and response to public comments in the *Federal Register* in early November. This policy instructs FWS to focus on acquiring interests in lands and waters that support the following three priorities: recovery of threatened and endangered species, implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and conservation of migratory birds of conservation concern. HQ

FWS has received two applications to import sport-hunted black rhino trophies from Namibia. One is from the winner of the Dallas Safari Club auction, which received considerable media attention in January 2014. The Namibian government grants only five permits to hunt black rhino annually in accordance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The Service is currently evaluating both applications to determine if they meet the requirements for import, and will be seeking public comments, particularly with regard to new information on the biological needs of the species, management plans, and the other factors described above.

As part of a Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration project to restore mussels in the Ohio River following a chemical spill, FWS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Tennessee Tech University will release 628 black sandshell mussels into the Ohio River.

The mussels were raised at the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery in Louisiana and the Dale Hollow National Fish Hatchery in Tennessee. Outreach planned. R4

The ACE Basin Task Force, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in November. Protecting the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto Rivers, this partnership is in the heart of South Carolina's historic rice country, important to waterfowl and millions of other migratory birds. The Task Force was instrumental in the establishment of the ACE Basin NWR, a conservation cornerstone in this geography. No outreach planned R4

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Herald and News (Klamath Falls, OR, Pat Bushey): Reporter requested a photo of Paul Henson, Project leader of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office. They plan to run Henson's Sage Grouse Op-Ed in the paper. Not controversial. R1

The Oregonian (Portland, Oregon, Lynne Terry): Reporter interviewed wolf biologist John Stephenson about his unsuccessful efforts to re-collar gray wolf OR7. Story posted Oct. 30. Controversial. R1

Multiple media outlets have inquired about a collared wolf found dead in Washington. FWS is issuing a blanket response that only acknowledges the wolf's death, and then notes further details will be released as the investigation allows. R1

FWS responded to inquiries from WMDT News TV and the Baltimore Sun regarding impacts at Chincoteague NWR from the Antares rocket explosion in Virginia on Oct. 28. FWS responded that preliminary reports showed no significant impacts to wildlife or government assets on the refuge. Refuge was closed until 3 p.m. on Oct. 29. R5

To mark the second anniversary of Hurricane Sandy on Oct. 29, FWS pitched a series of stories about restoration and resilience projects underway using Hurricane Sandy disaster appropriations. In addition to the Blog at Huffington Post publishing FWS Regional Director Wendi Weber's post: *Strong After Sandy: Healing the Past, Investing in the Future* ([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/wendi-weber/strong-after-sandy-healin\\_b\\_6074938.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/wendi-weber/strong-after-sandy-healin_b_6074938.html)), reporters from ClimateWire (Elizabeth Harball), Chesapeake Bay Journal (Rona

Kobell), and local media outlets are working on stories. Outreach campaign on Sandy continues through Nov. 7. R5

John McCormack (San Antonio Express) inquired about how law enforcement responds to a take of an endangered species on designated critical habitat and information on proposed critical habitat for several south Texas species. R2

Staff from Aransas NWR in Austwell, TX, accompanied Dallas Morning News reporter Alan Peppard and a staff photographer to Matagorda Island to view the historical private space launch sites and the former Wynne Ranch house. The reporter is working on a story to highlight the Wynne family and its impact on the local area, including construction of the first private space launch sites on their private property, now part of Aransas NWR. The story is expected to be published sometime next year. R2

A rape occurred on the Lower Rio Grande Valley (TX) NWR in June. The FBI is handling the case and last week released a composite sketch of the suspect. A Refuge Law Enforcement agent immediately investigated this incident when it occurred and, in compliance with protocol, turned the case over to the FBI. It is just now reaching the media. Press statement available. R2

FWS provided a short statement to the New York Times on a new strain of the chitrid fungus that could prove very detrimental to native salamanders if it becomes reaches U.S. shores. HQ

Following news releases put out by NGOs, there has been extensive media interest in the sighting by an NPS employee of a canid that appears to be a gray wolf on the north rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The animal appears to be wearing a radio collar similar to those used in the Northern Rocky Mountain Recovery Area, but it is not transmitting. FWS laid traps for the canid to re-collar the animal, but so far without luck. Biologists have collected feces for analysis, but the lab results will take a couple of weeks. R2

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

The death of a cow is being investigated by FWS and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Initial biologist comments indicate it was NOT wolf depredation; however that is pending the final report expected in the next week. No media calls have been received at this time. R1

Rep. Hanabusa's office inquired about maps for the critical habitat designation (proposed and final) for Kapolei, Hawaii. R1

The State of Alaska is disputing the western boundary of the Arctic NWR and seeking priority conveyance of nearly 20,000 acres of uplands. The state recently awarded two Beaufort Sea oil and gas leases along the western boundary of the refuge based on the state's assertion that it owns roughly 3,000 acres of tidal and submerged lands along the Beaufort Sea coastline that were improperly mapped as falling within the refuge boundary. R7

#### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The 2014 Candidate Notice of Review, the annual determination of species added to and removed from the list of species on the ESA Candidate List, will be sent to the *Federal Register* by Nov. 21. This year, 23 species from Hawaii were added to the candidate list, one species was removed from candidate status, and one has a change in priority from the 2013 review. There are now 146 species recognized by the Service as candidates for ESA protection but precluded due to higher priorities. Public outreach is planned for late November.

The notice of availability for the final environmental impact statement analyzing the proposed revisions to the regulations for the experimental population of the Mexican wolf is scheduled to be available in the *Federal*

*Register* Reading Room on Nov. 24. The Service will post the information on the Service's Mexican wolf website and initiate outreach to congressional and other key stakeholders that day, with broader media outreach distributed on Nov. 25 when the notice publishes in the *Federal Register*. R2

To meet a court-ordered deadline, FWS must send to the *Federal Register* by Nov. 30 its final decision on whether the *rufa* red knot warrants listing under the Endangered Species Act. A provisional date of Nov. 10 has been selected, with outreach planned for later in the month (prior to Thanksgiving). R5

FWS will propose to delist the eastern puma (aka cougar) due to extinction within the next 30-60 days. In 2011, FWS conducted a five-year status review and recommended this course of action due to scientific evidence that the species is no longer present and reproducing in the wild. The eastern puma was originally listed in 1973. Occasional sightings of eastern pumas are believed to be escaped captive animals or transient animals from populations in the Mid-West. Outreach planned. R5

FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment for a pending habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit application from Duke Energy at its North Allegheny 35-turbine wind energy facility in Blair and Cambria counties, Pennsylvania, within the next 30-60 days. The company seeks to minimize effects from the project on federally endangered Indiana bats and proposed endangered northern long-eared bats. On Sept. 26, 2011, a dead Indiana bat was found at the wind facility. Since that time, Duke Energy has adapted turbine operations to avoid additional take of Indiana bats while they prepared this plan. Local outreach planned. R5

In late November/early December, Kenai NWR will propose to amend its public use regulations through publication of a draft rule that would: clarify the existing regulations; implement management decisions from the refuge's June 2010 Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan; establish regulations for managing wildlife attractants, including food, refuse and retained fish to decrease the potential for negative human-bear interactions; and revise regulations for hunting and trapping, including those governing these activities within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area. R7

FWS is preparing an environmental assessment for public review and comment that will examine options to reduce impacts related to increasing visitation at Three Sisters Springs, part of the Crystal River NWR. The assessment will propose options and steps that could be taken to minimize impacts related to increasing visitation at the refuge and maintain opportunities to observe the charismatic Florida manatee in the warm springs there. The assessment is expected to be released for public comment for at least two weeks by the end of November. The Three Sisters Springs unit of Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge is owned by the City of Crystal River and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and is administered by FWS under a management agreement. R4

FWS will announce the availability of the draft EIS and the Southern Edwards Plateau Draft Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (DRHCP) for the Southern Edwards Plateau in November. Led by the City of San Antonio and Bexar County, Texas, the DRHCP is an effort to address the potential impacts of infrastructure and commercial and residential development. The DEIS describes potential impacts of issuing a 30-year permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act to authorize incidental take of nine federally endangered species including the golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, Government Canyon Bat Cave spider, Madla Cave meshweaver, Braken Cave meshweaver, Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver, two beetles with no common name (*Rhadine exilis* and *Rhadine infernalis*) and the Helotes mold beetle. Outreach planned to coincide with availability of the documents in the *Federal Register* Reading Room. R2

In late November/early December, FWS will announce approval of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Programmatic Conservation Bank Agreement (PCBA) submitted by Common Ground Capital and finalized May 1. This is the first PCBA to be approved by FWS, with the goal of streamlining the process for lands to be approved as

conservation banks to provide for the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat. Outreach planned. R2

The draft of the polar bear conservation management plan is scheduled to be released to the public in early December for a 60-day review and comment period. R7

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 requires that the Director of FWS provide an annual report to Congress about strategies, expenditures and progress made in addressing the threat of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River basins. The first report is due Dec. 31. R3

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The following endangered species actions are scheduled to be sent to the *Federal Register* in Nov. and Dec. (announcement dates TBD but most will coincide with the date each notice is placed on public inspection in in the reading room):

- Gunnison Sage Grouse final listing and critical habitat, Nov. 12, R6
- 20 species of coral, final listing, Nov. 14, HQ
- Monarch Butterfly and California Gnatcatcher, 90-day findings, Nov. 14, HQ
- Candidate Notice of Review, Nov. 24, HQ
- Rufa red knot, final listing, Nov. 28, R5
- Black Pine Snake, proposed critical habitat, Nov. 28, R4
- Final EIS for Mexican wolf 10j revision, EIS Availability, Nov. 28, R2
- Borax Lake Chub, downlisting from Endangered to Threatened, Dec. 5, R1
- Spring Pygmy Sunfish, final Critical Habitat, Dec. 5, R4
- 2 Arkansas Mussels (Neosho Mucket and Rabbitsfoot), final Critical Habitat, Dec. 5, R4
- Chimpanzee, final listing, Dec. 5, HQ

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR  
LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT  
November 5 – November 14**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

November 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>: Jim, Lauren and I are participating in the Sage-grouse Rangeland Fire workshop in Boise, ID.

November 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>: David is speaking at and participating in the Canada – United States Oil and Gas Research Forum in Yellowknife, Canada.

November 10: I will participate in a call with other members of the Department and OMB to discuss the status of the Department's efforts to address recommendations that resulted in the Department's inclusion in GAO's 2011 High Risk Report. This is a pre-meeting in advance of a larger meeting with OMB and GAO on November 14, which is discussed below.

November 12: I will join Mike Connor, Tommy Beaudreau, Neil Kornze, Liz Klein, Pat Porchot and Bud Cribley in a meeting with Kuukpik Corporation President Isaac Nukapigak and other members of the Kuukpik Corporation to discuss the Greater Moose's Tooth Supplemental EIS.

November 12: I will join Tommy Beaudreau and Liz Klein in a meeting with Athan Manuel of the Sierra Club to discuss reforms to the Federal coal leasing program.

November 13: David Haines, Letty Belin and Lauren Bogard will join me in a meeting with Ashley Korenblat, Managing Director of Public Land Solutions and members of the Moab (UT) City Council and business owners to discuss BLM's Moab Master Leasing Plan.

November 13: I will participate with Sarah Greenberger and others in a meeting of the Hurricane Sandy Executive Council.

November 14: I will meet with Mark Shuster, Shell's Executive Vice President for Upstream Americas Exploration to discuss the proposed 2017 – 2022 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

November 14: I will participate in a meeting at OMB with Mike Connor, Kris Sari, various senior career Departmental employees as well as GAO representatives to discuss the status of the Department's efforts to address recommendations that resulted in the Department's inclusion in GAO's 2011 High Risk Report. We will detail efforts to address issues identified in onshore and offshore oil and gas programs involving production verification, fair return, and recruitment, training and retention in certain key positions.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, November 5:

The Northern Great Basin Rapid Ecoregional Assessment (REA), led by BLM-ID, is scheduled for release. Director Kornze plans to make this announcement in his opening remarks at the rangeland fire conference in Boise, ID. The Northern Great Basin REA encompasses the Northern Basin and Range and Snake River Plains Ecoregions, which span from Utah, across southern Idaho and northern Nevada, and into southeastern Oregon and northeastern California. This REA has an area of 75,708 square miles and includes public land managed by 24 BLM field offices.

Thursday, November 6:

BLM-CO will hold a public meeting in Parachute regarding the Roan Plateau SEIS, which addresses previously issued leases on the White River NF as well as oil and gas consolidation in the Northwest Colorado District. The public meeting will coincide with the West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association Southern Task Force meeting in Parachute.

Friday, November 7:

The BLM will publish in the Federal Register the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Final SEIS for the Greater Mooses Tooth 1 oil and gas development project in the NPR-A.

The NOA for the Draft Supplemental EIS in connection with Chukchi Lease Sale 193 will be published in the Federal Register, initiating a 45-day comment period.

BOEM expects to publish a Request for Information with a 30-day comment period to seek public input on the development of a Long-Term Monitoring Plan (LTMP) for Marine Mammals in the Gulf of Mexico. The LTMP will support BOEM's petition for a 5-year Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) rulemaking from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for incidental harassment of marine mammals associated with geological and geophysical survey activities in the Gulf of Mexico.

Monday, November 10:

Nothing to report.

Tuesday, November 11:

Nothing to report.

Wednesday, November 12:

BOEM will publish the Final Notices of Sale for commercial wind leasing for wind power on the OCS offshore Massachusetts. The Final Sale Notice must be published a minimum of 30 days before the lease sale. Accordingly, BOEM currently plans for the lease sale to take place on or before the December 15, 2014.

Thursday, November 13:

Nothing to report.

Friday, November 14:

OSMRE will release two hydrological characterization reports of underground mine pool systems. The systems involve both pre- and post-SMCRA underground mines and multiple coal beds crossing the borders of Maryland and West Virginia. One mine pool underlies the head waters of the North Branch of the Potomac River that lies in Maryland and West Virginia, a study area that encompasses more than 25,000 acres. The other, the Fairmont Mine pool, encompasses 52,000 acres in West Virginia. The reports present findings of current conditions and the need to prevent impacts to river systems by pumping and treating water from the mines. They also demonstrate OSMRE's efforts to develop good science for regulating a complex industry. These reports may generate interest from citizens and environmental groups.

**Major Press Inquiries**

A reporter with *High Country News* contacted BLM-UT regarding the release date for the Moab Master Leasing Plan Draft EIS (expected early 2015), impacts and mitigation efforts relating to oil and gas in northeastern Utah and air quality impacts in the Uintah Basin. The BLM is working to arrange field visits near Vernal and Price at the reporter's request. The reporter also is visiting with SUWA and other external groups. The publication date is unknown.

## **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

On November 7, FERC, in cooperation with BLM-OR and the FS, plans to release the DEIS for the proposed 232-mile long Jordan Cove LNG/Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline from Malin to Coos Bay, OR, for the export of up to 1 billion cfd of natural gas. The release of FERC's draft will initiate a 97-day comment period. In addition, the BLM/FS plan to release their NOA for the DEIS on November 14, initiating a 90-day comment period. The proponent is Williams Pacific Connector Gas Operator, L.L.C. FERC is the lead agency for the overall pipeline project and the BLM, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Forest Service are cooperating agencies. The DEIS is for FERC and the cooperating agencies, and opens the comment period for the proposed land use plan amendment necessary for the pipeline ROW grant. These proposed amendments could be controversial and the release of the DEIS will likely generate significant public interest. Public meetings are scheduled for the winter. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

On November 19, the BLM will conduct the 2014 oil and gas lease sale for the NPR-A. President Obama directed the Secretary of the Interior in 2011 to conduct annual oil and gas lease sales in the NPR-A. This lease sale, the fourth since 2011, will include 270 tracts that cover about three million acres. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The BLM has revised its Manual and Handbook on inspection, enforcement, and production verification on Federal coal licenses and leases. The revisions incorporate existing policy on continuing education and safety requirements for BLM's Mineral Mine Inspectors and establish new policies responsive to the OIG audit on BLM's Coal Program (CR-EV-BLM-0001-2012). The revisions replace 1990 guidance and plans to post the new guidance on the web in the near future. The BLM and DOI Communications offices are coordinating on the roll-out. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

BOEM expects to publish the 2014 Annual Progress Report on the current Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program in mid-December. The Report will be published on the BOEM website, along with a request for comments published in the Federal Register. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

The BLM anticipates publication of an NOI to prepare an EIS and a Notice of Public Meeting for the Spring Creek Coal EIS related to Spring Creek Coal Company's ongoing mining operations in Big Horn County, MT. The EIS will analyze the impacts of four coal mining applications. Scoping is expected to start in November and run for 60 days. The BLM will hold public meetings in Dec. in Sheridan, WY and Colstrip, MT. The project is expected to be controversial. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

This fall, BOEM will publish a final rule to administratively increase the limit of liability for oil-spill removal costs and related damages from \$75 million to approximately \$134 million. The increase would apply to offshore facilities in Federal and state waters under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) and is consistent with recommendations from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and other studies that called for a statutory increase in the limit of liability. The change will be the first administrative increase to the cap since the OPA was enacted 24 years ago and is necessary to keep pace with the 78 percent increase in inflation since 1990. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEKS REPORT]

Later this year, BOEM may publish a final rule to update and streamline the existing Outer Continental Shelf leasing regulations and clarify implementation of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

The supporting material for the Draft Proposed Program for the 2017-2022 OCS Oil and Gas Program is currently in surnaming in BOEM. ASLM is planning an accelerated review to enable the finalization of this document by early December.

BLM-OR anticipates releasing the ROD for the John Day Basin RMP covering public lands in north-central OR in the near future. It updates previous RMPs, covers newly acquired lands in the North Fork John Day River as a result of the Oregon Land Exchange Act of 2000, and provides interim management direction for the Spring Basin Wilderness, designated in 2009. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

The BLM plans to release the Draft EIS for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project on December 19, 2014. This date has been moved back from November 14, 2014. Government-to-Government consultation meetings are being planned with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes starting on October 29 and continuing through the fall.



## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Nov. 9 – 15, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

**Neil Kornze** will be in Washington D.C. all week. **Steve Ellis** be on annual leave Nov. 10, returning to Washington, DC Nov. 12. Linda Lance will be on annual leave Nov. 13-14.

### Public Announcements

Monday, Nov. 10

*Nothing to report*

Tuesday, Nov. 11

*Nothing to report*

Wednesday, Nov. 12

The BLM is working with the **Ft. McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and the FS to address a longstanding domestic horse trespass** on public lands bordering OR and NV. The FS will initiate a 30-day public comment period with a removal scheduled to start Nov.12. Additionally, BLM-OR plans to conduct an emergency wild horse gather in the Cold Springs HMA in southeastern OR due to the Saddle Draw Fire.

Nov. 12–13, BLM-AZ will hold a **stakeholders meeting on the regional mitigation planning process for 3 SEZs in Arizona** (Aqua Caliente SEZ, Brenda SEZ and Gillespie SEZ). This follows a public workshop that was held in April and a webinar in July. The AZ regional mitigation planning effort is targeted for completion in March 2015.

Thursday, Nov. 13

BLM-CO will hold an offer 24 parcels totaling 6,797 acres during the **quarterly competitive oil and gas lease sale** scheduled for 9 a.m, at the CO State Office in Lakewood. About 481 acres are located on BLM-managed land with the remaining 6,316 acres on private lands with BLM-managed subsurface minerals - all within the boundaries of the Royal Gorge Field Office. The parcels are spread among El Paso, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Washington and Weld counties. BLM Colorado posted the sale notice for these parcels on Aug. 15, 2014, and did not receive any protests.

Nov. 13-14, **International Sage-grouse Forum**, sponsored by the Univ. of Utah in Salt Lake City. The purpose of the forum is to “develop ‘seamless’ plans for designated Utah geographic areas that contribute to the conservation of sage-grouse and other wildlife species that inhabit Utah’s sagebrush-steppe and desert shrub ecosystems and enhance the economic sustainability of local communities.” BLM Assistant Director Ed Roberson will represent the BLM.

Friday, Nov. 14

Sat. Nov. 15

*Nothing to report*

### Major Press Inquiries

*CBS Evening News* contacted BLM WO requesting the 2013 statistics on oil and gas site inspections, broken down by state (CO, MT, NV, NM, ND, UT and WY). WO Public Affairs will coordinate all responses with DOI Communications.

*Harper's Magazine* contacted BLM-WO to verify 2 BLM-related numbers in the recent OIG report on the BLM Wildland Fire Program: The total amount of gift card purchases from the fire suppression program, which the report puts at \$799,000, and the amount of those charges coming from BLM Idaho, which the report puts at about \$70,000. The BLM referred the reporter to the OIG.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Steve Ellis will meet with Rep. Amodei (R-2-NV) and his staff on Nov. 13 to discuss the Nevada Fire Safe Council, Argenta allotment and drought management in Nevada

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Nov. 18:** BLM-UT will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Nov. 18-19: Fort Berthold Oil & Gas Partners Meeting:** the Three Affiliated/Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Tribal Energy Department and newly elected Tribal Chairman, will present energy-related topics and issues for discussion with Federal agency partners in Bismarck, N.D. Agencies will also be providing reports regarding ongoing oil and gas business respective to their areas of responsibility. The BLM, ONRR, BIA, BuRec and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are invited.

**Dec. 1:** The 60-day public comment period ends on the proposed rule, **Competitive Processes, Terms, and Conditions for Leasing Public Lands for Solar and Wind Energy Development**. Released Sept. 30, the proposed rule establishes competitive leasing processes for ROWs to receive fair market value and promote preferred areas for solar and wind development on public lands.

**Dec. 8:** BLM OR will hold the **Thompson Strip Land Sale** selling about 80 acres in Polk County -- south of the Grand Ronde Reservation -- at a public auction. These parcels are considered "hiatuses" -- small slivers of unpatented lands resulting from 19<sup>th</sup> century surveying errors. Adjoining landowners have expressed interest in purchasing these slivers. A Federal Register notice was published on October 8, 2014.

**Dec. 9:** BLM-NV will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Dec. 9:** BLM-NV expects to release EAs for **3 solar projects within the Dry Lake SEZ** by this date. They are the 200-MW First Solar Dry Lake Solar project, 150-MW NV Energy Dry Lake Solar project, and the 134-MW Invenergy Harry Allen Solar project. A 30-day public comment period will follow.

**Early Dec.:** The notice of availability for the BLM-WY Lander Field Office **Sheep Mountain Uranium Project DEIS is scheduled to publish in the Federal Register**. Public meetings will be held during the 45-day scoping period. The Sheep Mountain project area, located in the Crooks Gap uranium district 60 miles east of Lander, Wyoming, is approximately 3,611 acres, of which approximately 64 percent are BLM-administered lands. The project is largely supported by state and local governments and many members of the public because of the anticipated economic benefits to the region and its location in a previously mined area. A final EIS is expected to be released in August 2015.

**Mid-Dec. to early Jan.:** The **FEIS for the 350-MW Soda Mountain Solar PV project (CA)** is expected to be with an anticipated ROD signed in March. NPS concerns over potential impacts to groundwater, bighorn sheep, and visual resources to the adjacent Mohave National Preserve have been addressed.

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

November 5, 2014 – November 13, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

November 5 – 18: The Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB), for which BOEM is the Federal co-lead, is holding a series of public listening sessions hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean. The public listening sessions will take place in Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, New York, and New Jersey from Nov. 5 – 18 to receive comments on a variety of draft materials developed by the RPB.

November 5: Acting Director Cruickshank will speak at the National Ocean Industries Association Fall Meeting in Naples, FL. He will focus on BOEM's efforts to modernize its risk management program. This event is closed press.

November 6: North Carolina is hosting a meeting on the development of the Five Year Program. BOEM, BSEE and other Federal agencies will present. Governor Pat McCrory will attend. Members of the OCS Governors Coalition, representatives from Mid- and South Atlantic state governments, and NC Members of Congress will attend. Walter Cruickshank and others from BOEM will attend. Walter will also attend an OCS Governors Coalition Breakfast, and meet with Governor McCrory earlier in the day. Part of the event may be open press.

November 7: Acting Director Cruickshank will travel to Anchorage Alaska for meetings with staff and leadership from the BOEM Alaska Regional Office, focusing on planning for upcoming activities in the region and the Lease Sale 193 SEIS.

November 14: Acting Director Cruickshank will speak at the International Offshore Partnering Forum, organized by the Business Network for Maryland Offshore Wind in Baltimore, MD. While at the conference, U.S. Wind and DOI will hold a press event to execute its Maryland offshore leases.

### Public Announcements

**November 14:** Press event to execute the Maryland Wind Lease at the Maryland Offshore Wind Conference in Baltimore, MD.

**Early November:** Note to Stakeholders on a Request for Information on the development of a Long-Term Monitoring Plan for marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico.

**November TBD:** Press release on the issuance of right-of-way grant for the Block Island Transmission System.

**November TBD:** Press release on Limits of Liability rulemaking.

**November TBD:** DOI press release on Final Sale Notice for Massachusetts Wind Energy Area.

**November TBD:** The Pacific Region will release the 2011 National Assessment of Oil and Gas Resources of the Pacific OCS. This document does not contain any new resource estimates since the release of the 2011 assessment; rather it includes more detailed information on specific geological plays in the region.

### Major Press Inquiries

**Multiple Queries:** Reporters requesting background information regarding South Carolina wind energy planning efforts following the Oct 29 Offshore Wind Symposium at Coastal Carolina.

## **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193:** On October 31, BOEM posted the draft supplemental EIS for public review. On November 7, the Notice will publish in the *Federal Register*, initiating a 45-day comment period. Public hearings and Government-to-Government consultations will take place between Nov. 17 and Dec. 4 in several communities bordering the Chukchi Sea, Anchorage and Fairbanks, AK.

**Maryland Offshore Wind Lease Sale:** BOEM plans to execute two offshore wind leases with US Wind Inc., the provisional winner of both lease areas during the August auction with a combined bid of \$8.7 million, on November 14 at a public event at the Maryland Offshore Wind Conference in Baltimore, MD.

**Request for Information on the Development of a Long-Term Monitoring Plan (LTMP) for Marine Mammals in the Gulf of Mexico:** BOEM is seeking public input on the development of a LTMP for marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico. BOEM expects to publish the Request for Information in early Nov. with a 30-day comment period. The LTMP will support BOEM's petition for a 5-year rulemaking from NMFS for incidental harassment of marine mammals associated with geological and geophysical survey activities in the Gulf of Mexico.

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**Rhode Island Offshore Wind:** In November, BOEM may be prepared to issue a right-of-way grant for the Block Island Transmission System (BITS). On September 4, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved Deepwater Wind's (DWW) permit request to construct five wind turbine generators in state waters off Block Island and a transmission cable to the Rhode Island mainland. BOEM has drafted a Finding of No Significant Impacts that adopts the USACE EA, along with a right-of-way grant and a decision document with conditions of approval for DWW's General Activities Plan for the portion of BITS in Federal waters.

**2012-2017 Five Year Program, 2014 Annual Progress Report:** BOEM expects to publish the 2014 Annual Progress Report on the current Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program in November.

**Massachusetts Offshore Wind:** In November, BOEM plans on issuing a Final Sale Notice for the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area. The Final Sale Notice is on an expedited surnaming track in order to hold the sale by the end of the year.

**Virginia Research Lease:** A consortium led by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) submitted revisions to its Research Activities Plan (RA) for the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Assessment Project (VOWTAP) on Oct. 6 and Oct. 31, and expects to submit a complete, updated RAP in November. BOEM tentatively plans to publish an environmental assessment for public comment in late November and hold a public meeting in December.

**Arctic Rule:** Since August 2014, when BOEM and BSEE delivered the rule to OMB for review, the bureaus have been working to address comments from the interagency review. In early November, DOI will complete its review of the updated draft rule and plans on sending it to OMB. OMB will once again circulate for interagency review and let DOI know if there any major issues that need to be resolved before they complete their review and return it to the Department for publication. On November 14, OMB will have had the rule for

90 days.

**Risk Management Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR):** On November 17, 2014, the comment period on the ANPR will close. BOEM is tentatively planning on holding workshops on the ANPR in mid-December. Once the comment period closes, BOEM will review comments and finalize topics for the workshop based on the comments.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead (Please note that this will NOT be included in the Secretary's report)**

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**Public Announcements**

**Early November:** Note to Stakeholders on a Request for Information on the development of a Long-Term Monitoring Plan for marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico.

**November TBD:** Press release on the issuance of right-of-way grant for the Block Island Transmission System.

**November TBD:** Press release on Limits of Liability rulemaking.

**November TBD:** DOI press release on Final Sale Notice for Massachusetts Wind Energy Area.

**November TBD:** The Pacific Region will release the 2011 National Assessment of Oil and Gas Resources of the Pacific OCS. This document does not contain any new resource estimates since the release of the 2011 assessment; rather it includes more detailed information on specific geological plays in the region.

**Major Press Inquiries**

**Multiple Queries:** Reporters requesting background information regarding South Carolina wind energy planning efforts following the Oct 29 Offshore Wind Symposium at Coastal Carolina.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193:** On October 31, BOEM posted the draft supplemental EIS for public review. On November 7, the Notice will publish in the *Federal Register*, initiating a 45-day comment period. Public hearings and Government-to-Government consultations will take place between Nov. 17 and Dec. 4 in several communities bordering the Chukchi Sea, Anchorage and Fairbanks, AK.

**Request for Information on the Development of a Long-Term Monitoring Plan (LTMP) for Marine Mammals in the Gulf of Mexico:** BOEM is seeking public input on the development of a LTMP for marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico. BOEM expects to publish the Request for Information in early Nov. with a 30-day comment period. The LTMP will support BOEM's petition for a 5-year rulemaking from NMFS for incidental harassment of marine mammals associated with geological and geophysical survey activities in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Limits of Liability Final Rule:** In November, BOEM may publish a final rule to administratively increase the limit of liability for oil-spill removal costs and related damages from \$75 million to approximately \$134 million. The increase would apply to offshore facilities in Federal and state waters under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), and is consistent with recommendations from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and other studies that called for a statutory increase in the limit of liability. The change will be the first administrative increase to the cap since OPA came into effect 24 years ago, and is necessary to keep pace with the 78 percent increase in inflation since 1990.

**Rhode Island Offshore Wind:** In November, BOEM may be prepared to issue a right-of-way grant for the Block Island Transmission System (BITS). On September 4, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approved Deepwater Wind's (DWW) permit request to construct five wind turbine generators in state waters off Block Island and a transmission cable to the Rhode Island mainland. BOEM has drafted a Finding of No Significant Impacts that adopts the USACE EA, along with a right-of-way grant and a decision document with conditions of approval for DWW's General Activities Plan for the portion of BITS in Federal waters.

**2012-2017 Five Year Program, 2014 Annual Progress Report:** BOEM expects to publish the 2014 Annual Progress Report on the current Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program in November.

**Massachusetts Offshore Wind:** In November, BOEM plans on issuing a Final Sale Notice for the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area. The Final Sale Notice is on an expedited surnaming track in order to hold the sale by the end of the year.

**Virginia Research Lease:** A consortium led by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) submitted revisions to its Research Activities Plan (RAP) for the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Assessment Project (VOWTAP) on Oct. 6 and Oct. 31, and expects to submit a complete, updated RAP in November. BOEM tentatively plans to publish an environmental assessment for public comment in late November and hold a public meeting in December.

**Arctic Rule:** Since August 2014, when BOEM and BSEE delivered the rule to OMB for review, the bureaus have been working to address comments from the interagency review. In early November, DOI will complete its review of the updated draft rule and plans on sending it to OMB. OMB will once again circulate for interagency review and let DOI know if there any major issues that need to be resolved before they complete their review and return it to the Department for publication. On November 14, OMB will have had the rule for 90 days.

**Risk Management Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR):** On November 17, 2014, the comment period on the ANPR will close. BOEM is tentatively planning on holding workshops on the ANPR in mid-December. Once the comment period closes, BOEM will review comments and finalize topics for the workshop based on the comments.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead (Please note that this will NOT be included in the Secretary's report)**

**Final Leasing Rule:** In December, BOEM may publish a final rule to update and streamline the existing Outer Continental Shelf leasing regulations and clarify implementation of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act.



**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT**  
**OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT**  
**November 5 – November 15, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

OSMRE Briefing to Committee Staff with the U.S. House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources:  
On October 30, OSMRE briefed House Committee Staffers regarding the petition from Wild Earth Guardians seeking that OSMRE promulgate a rule prohibiting the production of visible Nitrogen Oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions during blasting. Questions asked included the length of the public comment period, the number of public comments received, cloud and fume monitoring techniques after blasting, and the use of drones in West Virginia, which monitor air quality after blasting.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, November 5

Nothing to report

Thursday, November 6

Nothing to report

Friday, November 7

Nothing to report

Saturday, November 8

Nothing to report

Sunday, November 9

Nothing to report

Monday, November 10

Nothing to report

Tuesday, November 11

Nothing to report

Wednesday, November 12

Nothing to report

Thursday, November 13

Nothing to report

Friday, November 14

OSMRE to Release Mine Pool Reports:

OSMRE will release two hydrologic characterization reports regarding underground mine pool systems in West Virginia and Maryland. A mine pool develops after mining ceases and the mine voids are allowed to fill with ground water. The two large, complex underground mine pool systems involve both pre- and post- SMCRA underground mines, multiple coal beds, pool areas of 25,000 and 53,000 acres, which cross the State borders. The reports present findings of current conditions and the need to prevent impacts to river systems by pumping

and treating water from the mines. They also demonstrate OSMRE's efforts in developing good science for regulating a complex industry. These two reports may generate interest from citizens and environmental groups.

Saturday, November 15

Nothing to report

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

#### **Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project EIS:**

On October 29, OSMRE conducted a government-to-government consultation meeting with the Hopi Tribe regarding an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that OSMRE and other agencies are drafting in connection with a SMCRA permit application, for the Pinabete Mine in New Mexico. The Pinabete Mine is located south of the Navajo Mine, which is the sole supplier of coal to the Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP). The Pinabete Mine is expected to supply coal to the FCPP for an additional 25 years. OSMRE is the lead agency for preparation of the EIS, a draft that was published in the *Federal Register* earlier this year. The draft generated public controversy, as will the final EIS upon its publication, which is planned for March 2015.

#### **House Committee on Appropriations Staff Member Visited Kentucky Mine Sites:**

On November 3, 4 and 5, House Appropriations staff, along with OSMRE and DOI staff visited active and reclaimed coal mine sites in Kentucky to gain a better understanding of mining and reclamation activities required by SMCRA.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Nothing to report

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: AS Water & Science**  
**November 5-14, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

**Jennifer Gimbel** – will be in DC Nov 5-14.

**Lori Caramanian** will be on personal leave Nov 5-14.

**Tom Iseman** will travel to NREL near Denver, CO, Nov 4-6 for the DOE Hydropower Vision Senior Peer Review Group fall meeting; is in DC Nov 7-14.

**Camille Touton** will be in DC Nov 5-14.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, November 5

**Reclamation's Climate Adaptation Strategy:** Reclamation will release its Climate Adaptation Strategy. This is Reclamation's strategy and response to global climate change as it relates to managing water and power in the West. The strategy builds upon Reclamation's ongoing activities to incorporate climate adaptation more comprehensively across mission areas, programs and decision making.

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Thursday, November 6

**USGS to Release Climate Data Initiative Water Theme:** On November 6, USGS on behalf of the White House and in cooperation with interagency partners, is announcing the release of the Climate Data Initiative Water Theme. The Climate Data Initiative was announced by President Obama in March 2014. USGS science has contributed to over 40 water and climate datasets within the Initiative, extending the range of software tools available to help analyze and assess impacts of a changing climate on the water cycle. These tools provide users with convenient data access capabilities, common data transformation utilities, and analysis methods for data and related information. A news release is planned in conjunction with the American Water Resources Association conference.

**Urban Waters Federal Partnership:** On Nov 6, EPA and Lisa Pelstring will meet with the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, a "New Partner for Urban Waters" signatory, to discuss specific projects and partnering opportunities in the 18 Urban waters locations.

Friday, November 7

**News Release–Characterization of Groundwater Quality in the Bakken Area:** Within the next week, the USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Groundwater*, which uses data for a broad suite of inorganic and organic chemical constituents, and groundwater-age, noble-gas, and isotopic tracers, to characterize the quality and age of shallow groundwater in the region. The data can serve as a baseline for future groundwater quality monitoring as energy development activities expand in the basin. [THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Saturday, November 8 – Sunday, November 9

Nothing to report.

Monday, November 10

**2014 High Flow Experiment (HFE) Release at Glen Canyon Dam (AZ):** The Department of the Interior will conduct the third high flow experimental release from Glen Canyon Dam under the innovative science-based HFE Protocol approved in 2012. The protocol calls for conducting more frequent high flow experimental releases from the dam timed to occur following sediment inputs to the Colorado River from the Paria River. The HFE will provide resource benefits in the near term and will also provide scientific information to be used in future decision making. The third such release based on the HFE Protocol will begin on Monday, November 10, 2014 and last until Saturday, November 15, 2014. The maximum release during this period will be 37,500 cubic feet per second. [UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) Annual Progress Report (ID) (New):** The Action Agencies, which consist of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bonneville Power Administration, will roll out the FCRPS Biological Opinion Annual Progress Report the week of November 10.

Tuesday, November 11

Nothing to report.

Wednesday, November 12

Nothing to report.

Thursday, November 13

**Urban Waters Federal Partnership:** On Nov 13, Lisa Pelstring, EPA, and USDA will meet with the Trust for Public Land's Green Infrastructure Program Director to explore potential Green Infrastructure projects for the 18 Urban Waters pilot locations. Invitations have been extended to NPS, USGS, and FWS to also attend.

Friday, November 14

Nothing to report.

TBD

**News Release–2014 CSC Project Award Announcement:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will distribute several press releases announcing the 2014 research projects funded by the 8 Climate Science Centers and USGS National Wildlife and Climate Change Science Center. Each CSC will have a separate news release and a comprehensive release will be distributed nationally. [THIS IS **UPDATED** FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Build America:** On July 17, 2014, the President released a Memorandum on public-private collaboration in infrastructure development. The Build America initiative is working to identify ways to increase public-private collaboration in infrastructure development, with a report due to the President around November 17, 2014. Interior's primary interests are around water infrastructure, energy development, and tribal infrastructure needs. Secretary Jewell and Deputy Secretary Connor have been involved in several principals meeting, and there are two principals events over the next two weeks in anticipation of the report to the President. [INCLUDED IN

## LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (California):** On November 10, the Klamath Basin Coordinating Council's Executive Committee and others will hold a meeting in Redding, CA to initiate regular informal meetings to discuss the future of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) in relation to the mid-term elections, and the status of the federal legislation currently under review by the Senate. Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Deputy Regional Director, Jason Phillips, plans to attend. A second meeting is scheduled for December 18 in Redding, for the purpose of developing an action plan for furthering the goals of the KBRA as impacted by the 2014 elections.

### 30-60 Day Look Ahead

**Forthcoming USGS Polar Bear Research Papers:** In the coming months, the USGS will be releasing several new journal papers related to polar bear conservation in a warming Arctic. The papers range from medium to high interest and cover topics including implications of polar bear genetic structure, female polar bear diet and foraging strategies, polar bear population dynamics, effects of polar bear capture and polar bear resource selection patterns to inform energy resource development in the Arctic. [INCLUDED IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Signing Ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan:** In November, Reclamation/Interior, Department of Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a signing ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan they are in the process of developing. The Action Plan continues the collaboration of the three agencies under the Hydropower MOU signed in March 2010. The new to be released interagency Sustainable Hydropower Action Plan (Phase II details the joint action items under the MOU that the agencies intend to work on in coming years, in the general areas of: (1) Advancing Technology Development and Performance Testing, (2) Addressing Environmental Issues, (3) Conducting Hydro Systems Analysis, and (4) Promoting Information Sharing. [INCLUDED IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Draft Central Valley Project Municipal and Industrial Water Shortage Policy (CA):** On November 21, Reclamation will release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Central Valley Project's (CVP) Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water Shortage Policy for public comment. Four public meetings will be held in December to receive additional comments. Finalization of the EIS will result in implementation of guidelines addressing the allocation of limited CVP water supplies during periods of shortage.

**National Urban Waters Federal Partnership news release planned:** In late November, DOI and EPA will take the lead on a multi-agency and NGO news release regarding the 25 national NGOs and associations that are formally signing onto the Urban Waters Federal Partnership. [INCLUDED IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**National Urban Waters Federal Partnership workshop:** EPA, USDA, and Interior will host the national Urban Waters Federal Partnership (UWFP) workshop in Arlington, VA, December 2-4. A similar workshop was held two years ago, and Interior is encouraging Bureau representatives from USGS, Reclamation, FWS, and NPS working on the 19 pilot locations to attend. Representatives from the 30 national NGOs whose Presidents have signed an endorsement statement offering to align resources with UWFP sites will attend for the first time. [INCLUDED IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

November 5 – November 14, 2014

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events:** *From Tuesday, November 11 through Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Conference in San Diego, CA. NWRA is an advocacy group comprised primarily of water and irrigation districts from the Western United States. In addition to giving the keynote address, I will, as has been done by my predecessors hold a series of about 50 one-on-one meetings with water district leaders who attend the conference.*

### **Public Announcements**

Wednesday, November 5

**Climate Adaptation Strategy:** Reclamation will release its Climate Adaptation Strategy. This is Reclamation's strategy and response to global climate change as it relates to managing water and power in the West. The strategy builds upon Reclamation's ongoing activities to incorporate climate adaptation more comprehensively across mission areas, programs and decision making.

**WaterSMART Pecos Basin Study Stakeholder Meeting (NM):** The stakeholders meeting for the WaterSMART Pecos Basin Study will be held in Roswell, New Mexico, to discuss model scenarios.

**Climate Change Webinar Offered by Pacific Northwest Region in (ID):** Reclamation is offering the last of a five-part webinar series on the Columbia River Basin Impacts Assessment for employees and affected stakeholders. The Assessment data will become the basis for future Basin Studies in the region. The two-hour webinar events will run through November 5. [www.usbr.gov/pn/climate/crbia/webinar.html](http://www.usbr.gov/pn/climate/crbia/webinar.html)

**Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (DC):** Acting Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs Dionne Thompson will participate in the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation Principals' Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Thursday, November 6

**Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Annual Science Review (CA):** The Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Annual Science Review is scheduled in Sacramento on Nov. 6-7. This event, which is a requirement stated within the 2008 and 2009 National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion for the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the Federal Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project, will focus on the drought and drought operations. Each year, the meeting evaluates how the RPA actions were implemented and their effectiveness for Endangered Species Act-listed species during the past year. The conference is held with NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the public is invited to attend but not participate. There is no anticipated discussion of water year 2015 drought operations at this event.

**Resource Speaker on Water Education Foundation Tour (CA):** Reclamation's San Joaquin River Restoration Program manager will be a resource speaker on the Water Education Foundation's San Joaquin River Restoration tour November 6-7. The tour starts and ends in Fresno, Calif.

Friday, November 7

**CalLite 3.00 (Beta) Model (CA):** Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources will jointly release the CalLite 3.00 (Beta) Model, which is a Central Valley Project and State Water Project management screening tool. CalLite will serve as a screening level model that runs faster and provides results within 5

percent of the former CalSim II model. CalLite is an improved educational resource for stakeholders and provides powerful analytical capabilities for more experienced modelers. It has a user-friendly interface, faster simulation time, and options for evaluating the impact of different regulations, facilities, and operational strategies on Federal and State reservoirs in the Central Valley. Improvements since the previous version of the CalLite model allows us to run more detailed models and simulations about the implications of actions required under specific State regulations and Federal statutes such as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). It also allows for more accurate climate change analysis.

**Public Comment Period Open on Windy Gap Excess Capacity Contract with Colorado Municipal Subdistrict (CO):** The 30-day public comment period, which opened October 8, closes. Reclamation, Northern Water Conservancy District and Northern Water's Municipal Subdistrict have been negotiating a contract that would allow the subdistrict to use excess or unused capacity in Reclamation's Colorado-Big Thompson Project for the Windy Gap Project and Future Windy Gap Firming Project.

Saturday, November 8

**Let's Move Outside/Capell Cove Cruise (CA):** Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside/ Capell Cove Cruise paddling tour led by a Park Ranger at Lake Berryessa in Central California.

**Salmon Festival at Lost Lake (CA):** Reclamation will have a booth about the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, including reintroduction of fall and spring-run Chinook salmon, at the salmon festival hosted by Trout Unlimited at Lost Lake Park near Friant, Calif. The festival is a fun event for the community to better understand the restoration and reintroduction of chinook salmon into the San Joaquin River.

Sunday, November 9

**Let's Move Outside/Geocaching Tuttle town's Trails (CA):** Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside/Geocaching Tuttle town's Trails activity at New Melones Lake's Tuttle town Recreation Area in Central California. A Park Ranger will hide trinkets along the trails in Tuttle town then lead a 3-mile roundtrip hike with participants using their GPS units or an app on their phones to "cash in" on the geocaching craze and find the prizes.

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Wednesday, November 12

**Reclamation's FY 2015 Science and Technology Program Research Awards:** Reclamation will announce the Science and Technology Program Research Awards for FY 2015. Reclamation has selected 131 projects totaling \$9.2 million. The program is focused on providing innovative solutions for Reclamation water and power facility managers and stakeholders.

Thursday, November 13

Nothing to report

Friday, November 14

**High Schoolers Tour of Trinity Powerplant (CA):** Students from Trinity High School will tour the Trinity Powerplant for an introduction to hydro-electric generation and maintenance. The students will be accompanied by several adults and a representative from the City of Redding. The purpose is for students to consider careers in the power generation industry.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Tony Davis of the *Arizona Star* (Tucson, AZ) is asking for the level of responses to the solicitation letters for the Colorado River System Conservation Pilot Program and the names of those individuals. Discussions on release of information remain in progress.

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**Delta Cross Channel Gates Closed (California):** On November 2, at approximately 9 a.m., Reclamation closed the Delta Cross Channel Gates to protect young winter-run salmon migrating out of the Sacramento River towards San Francisco Bay. This is based on the Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives in the National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion. The gates will be closed until further notice.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Jensen Unit Block Notice (UT):** A Block Notice has been approved for the sale of 3,300 acre-feet (AF) of Jensen Unit water to the Uintah Water Conservancy District. As part of this decision, Reclamation will continue to convey up to 780 AF of water into Stewart Lake when the water is called for. Reclamation prepared an environmental assessment to examine the potential environmental impacts of this action, which resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact. It is anticipated that a prepayment ceremony will be scheduled for some time in January, 2015.

**Draft Central Valley Project Municipal and Industrial Water Shortage Policy (CA):** On November 21, Reclamation will release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Central Valley Project's (CVP)



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**Oregon Water Resources Congress Annual Conference:** On December 2-5, Principal Deputy Commissioner Lopez is scheduled to participate in the Oregon Water Resources Congress Annual Conference in Hood River, Oregon.

**U.S. Chamber of Commerce Corporate Citizenship Center Conference:** On December 2-4, the Chamber of Commerce Corporate Citizenship Center has invited Reclamation hydrologist Dagmar Llewellyn to speak in McLean, Virginia, about climate change due to her work on the Upper Rio Grande Impacts Assessment at the Water-Energy-Food Nexus. The Corporate Citizenship Center is a 501C3 non-profit affiliate of the Chamber of Commerce, but the conference is co-hosted with Lockheed Martin, the contractor operating Sandia National Laboratories, a partner on the study. Forms are being processed to determine Dagmar's participation.

**Washington State Water Resources Association Conference (WA):** On December 3-5, Reclamation will participate in the Washington State Water Resources Association Conference in Spokane, Washington.

**Colorado River Water Users Association Meeting (NV):** In early December, Reclamation will attend the annual Colorado River Water Users Association meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Congressional Western Caucus (NV):** Jonathan Shuffield, Executive Director of the Congressional Western Caucus and staff for Congressman Steve Pearce (NM-2) is requesting a tour of Hoover Dam for December 5<sup>th</sup>. The total number of attendees is unknown at this time.

**Grand Coulee Dam Visit (WA):** On December 2-5, Reclamation's Principal Deputy Commissioner Estevan Lopez will visit Grand Coulee Dam.

**Idaho Water Users Association (ID):** On January 20-22, Reclamation will attend the Idaho Water Users Association Annual Convention in Boise, Idaho.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**  
**November 5-14, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On **November 11-14**, USGS Acting Director Suzette Kimball will be participating at the Eleventh Plenary Session of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO-XI), in Geneva, Switzerland.

During **November 5-10**, Suzette Kimball will be in Reston, Va. and Washington, D.C. No travel.

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**Technical Announcement–Tracking the Nitrate Pulse to the Gulf of Mexico: Yesterday** (Nov 4), USGS announced a new paper published in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology* that describes how cutting edge optical sensor technology is being used in the Mississippi River basin to accurately track the nitrate pulse to the Gulf of Mexico. Excessive springtime nitrate runoff from agricultural land and other sources in the Mississippi drainage flows into the Mississippi River and downstream to the Gulf of Mexico. This excess nitrate contributes to the Gulf of Mexico hypoxic zone, an area with low oxygen known commonly as the "dead zone." NOAA-supported researchers reported that the summer 2014 dead zone covered about 5,052 square miles, an area the size of Connecticut.

**News Release–Effects of Climate & Land Use Changes on Birds:** On **November 5**, a new USGS paper will be published in the journal *PLOS ONE* describing the likely impacts of climate and land use change on bird species in the United States, over the period from 2001-2075. A news release is planned. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

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Nothing to report.

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Tuesday, November 11

Nothing to report.

Wednesday, November 12

Nothing to report.

Thursday, November 13

Nothing to report.

Friday, November 14

Nothing to report.

TBD

**News Release–USGS to Release California Drought Visualization Program:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS will announce the California Drought Visualization Program, a web resource developed by the USGS Center for Integrated Data Analytics. The application, currently available online, was released as part of the White House's climate change and open water data initiatives to provide the general public with a timeline of statewide drought coverage, related news articles, and the economic impacts of the drought on California's crops. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

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**News Releases–Idaho Studies on Mine Drainage:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce two studies analyzing long-term water-quality monitoring results on mine-influenced drainages in Idaho. One report describes temporal and spatial trends in selenium concentrations at the outlet of the Blackfoot River and the second assesses the status, transport, and long-term trends in the concentrations and loads of selected nutrients and trace metals in specific stream reaches in the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Rivers. Local news releases are planned.

**News Release–US Topo Features Mountain Bike Trails:** In early **December**, USGS plans to announce the inclusion of mountain bike trails to upcoming US Topo map quadrangles. The first state maps to feature mountain bike trails are projected to be in Arizona. The mountain bike trail data is provided through a partnership with the International Mountain Biking Association and MTB Project, which collects and verifies data collected by local IMBA chapters, IMBA members, and the public. A news release is planned and a media event and roll-out are being considered. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–City Votes on USGS Research Project:** In **early November**, USGS and Reclamation will issue a joint news release about the Waco Treatment Wetlands project. Next month, the City of Waco (Texas) City Council is scheduled to vote on final construction approval of the Waco Treatment Wetlands, a multi-disciplinary/partner research project to demonstrate whether an innovative constructed wetlands design can

remove endocrine disrupters that occur in reclaimed wastewater. USGS, Reclamation the City of Waco and Baylor University are all involved. Once approved, construction of the wetlands could start in the next month. Media coverage is anticipated. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Climate Change Effects in the Lake Michigan Basin:** In the **next month**, USGS will release a new report that discusses likely hydrological effects of climate change on the Lake Michigan Basin through 2099. Findings suggest increased streamflow throughout the basin and late growing seasons. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Youth blogger to visit USGS Science Center:** On **November 13**, youth science blogger Terry Jennings will visit the USGS Eastern Geology and Paleoclimate Science Center in Reston, Va. to learn about the center's work and tour the labs. Her blog is *KC's Wild Facts*.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Oversight Hearing on Volcano Hazards:** The USGS has been invited to testify at a House Natural Resources Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee oversight hearing on volcano hazards. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for the week of November 17. USGS Volcano Hazards Program Coordinator, Charlie Mandeville, will likely serve as the USGS witness.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Forthcoming USGS Polar Bear Research Papers:** In the **coming months**, the USGS will be releasing several new journal papers related to polar bear conservation in a warming Arctic. The papers range from medium to high interest and cover topics including implications of polar bear genetic structure, female polar bear diet and foraging strategies, polar bear population dynamics, effects of polar bear capture and polar bear resource selection patterns to inform energy resource development in the Arctic. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—New Findings on Polar Bear Genetic Structure and Diversity:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *PLOS One* that shares new findings on the circumpolar genetic structure of polar bears. USGS scientists led an international team to share data on polar bear genetics, in order to determine how genetic diversity and structure have changed in response to dramatic declines in the sea-ice habitat of polar bears, how current genetic patterns compare with past patterns, and how genetic demography changed with historical fluctuations in climate. This major analysis on subpopulation connectivity during recent sea ice decline provides a substantially updated baseline for the conservation framework currently under development by the 5 nations (U.S., Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia) with polar bears. A news release is planned and briefings are planned for FWS in Alaska and Alaska Native co-management partners. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Funding for new Gages in Minnesota:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce NSIP funding for new streamgages in Minnesota. The announcement will be similar to the September 9 announcement for new streamgage funding in Idaho, distributed to the Minnesota media outlets. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Drought Impacts on Mojave Bird Species:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Auk*. The study, led by the University of Arizona, finds that drought-caused delays in nesting, coupled with the effects of nest depredation and parasitism, will have a negative effect on birds in the Mojave Desert. A news release is being planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Marcellus Development Impacts on Salamander Ranges:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper that indicates that habitat loss may be significant for terrestrial salamanders in the Marcellus Shale as a result of oil and gas development activities. USGS researchers modeled losses of forest habitat in the Marcellus shale play, and estimated the corresponding reduction in forest-dependent salamander ranges based on a variety of shale gas development scenarios. All scenarios showed forest loss and potentially large range restriction for the salamanders. Despite the uncertainty in the species' distribution modeling, the results indicate that habitat loss may be significant, implying a real potential impact on terrestrial salamander populations. Given other threats facing terrestrial, range-restricted species, such an impact from a single source would indeed be concerning. A full assessment of extinction risk will require better and more extensive data, and though the scenarios are insufficient to fully assess this risk, the results from our simulations are a first step. The paper will be published in the journal *Biological Conservation*, and a news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—USGS to Release Study on Disease Virulence Evolution:** In the **coming weeks**, a news release will announce new research, led by the USGS, that finds that diseases that cause debilitating symptoms are expected to evolve lower virulence along the epidemic front compared to the epidemic origin. Motivated by real-world observations of a new disease in songbirds, a mathematical investigation shows that disease virulence—the increased death rate of infected individuals—is expected to evolve to lower levels along the epidemic front compared to the disease origin. The paper will be published in *The American Naturalist*. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Freshwater Fisheries and Global Food Security:** In the **coming weeks**, Michigan State University will distribute a news release describing the importance of inland fisheries to global food security, the challenges faced due to competing demands for freshwater and possible solutions. USGS scientists contributed to the publication and will be identified in the news release. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—NC Baseline Study for Hydraulic Fracturing:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new study that examined groundwater quality samples collected in a potential shale gas production area in North Carolina. This report can be considered as baseline information for groundwater quality in the aquifers of the study area because the natural gas industry is not yet active in the state. The results showed that dissolved methane concentrations were low. The study will be published as a USGS Open-File Report. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Seal flu virus:** In the **next few weeks** the USGS National Wildlife Health Center will issue a national news release announce a new report showing that the avian flu virus that caused widespread harbor seal deaths in 2011 can easily spread to and infect other mammals and potentially humans. The release will likely be distributed jointly with the St. Jude's Children's Memorial Hospital. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—The impact of road salt on watersheds:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS plans to announce new research about increasing chloride concentrations in streams associated with the use of road salt. The paper is pending journal approval, but approval is expected within the next week or two. A news release will be coordinated with the publication date. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Upper Klamath ET Maps:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will distribute a press release for upcoming evapotranspiration maps of the upper Klamath Basin. The announcement will be coordinated with other local activities in the Klamath area. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**Upcoming Fact Sheet on Produced Waters:** In the **coming months**, USGS will publish a new fact sheet that will provide an overview of USGS activities and information from published sources regarding produced waters from hydrocarbon production.

**Upcoming Analysis of Permafrost Gas Hydrate:** In the **coming months**, a new USGS paper to be published in *Journal of Chemical Engineering Data* reveals where permafrost-associated gas hydrates are most likely to occur, concluding that Arctic Alaska and the West Siberian Basin are the best prospects.

**Upcoming Paper on Fate of Injected CO<sub>2</sub> in Louisiana:** In the **coming months**, a new USGS paper is scheduled for publication in an outside journal that evaluates the ultimate fate of carbon dioxide that is injected into Louisiana's Wilcox Group formation of the Gulf Coast Basin.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY–INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND THE BUREAUS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION**

**November 5 to November 14, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On November 5, the AS-IA will give remarks at the DOI/IA National Native American Heritage Month event at the Office of Personnel Management Alan Campbell Auditorium. Theme: “Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever.”

On November 5, the AS-IA, DAS-M, BIE Director, BIE Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Self Governance and Office of Budget and Performance Management will meet with the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) on budget issues.

On November 5, the AS-IA and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary will meet with the Tanana Chiefs Conference Director to discuss the process of becoming a TIBC representative for the Alaska Region.

On November 6, the AS-IA will present at the Special Institute on Energy and Mineral Development in Indian Country for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation in Tucson, AZ.

On November 10, the AS-IA will meet with Pueblo of Acoma’s Gaming Task Force to discuss a gaming compact with the State of New Mexico for a class III tribal-state gaming compact.

On November 13, BIE Director Roessel will lead a discussion in Albuquerque, NM on American Indian languages to develop a BIE policy on Native languages for BIE schools.

**Public Announcements**

**Wednesday, November 5**

The DOI/Indian Affairs National Native American Heritage Month event will take place at the OPM headquarters building in Washington, D.C. The theme is “Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today, and Forever.”

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) will host the Tribal Geologic Information System (GIS) Conference on campus through November 7.

Dr. Roessel’s interview with the New Mexico reporter on the Pine Hill School will air today.

**Thursday, November 6**

The BIE American Indian Language Summit will take place in Albuquerque, NM.

The AS-IA will approve the Northern Cheyenne Tribe’s probate code and announce the approval in a press release today. Codes such as Northern Cheyenne’s allow tribes to determine how trust or restricted land within the reservation passes to heirs upon an individual’s death. The AS-IA will notify the Tribe.

**Friday, November 7**

Today is the deadline for submission of comments on Revision of Agency Information Collection for Indian Child Welfare Quarterly and Annual Report (FR Notice published 9-8-14) to the BIA Office of Indian Services Division of Human Services.

**Saturday & Sunday, November 8 & 9**

Nothing to report

**Monday, November 10**

Nothing to report

Tuesday, November 11

Nothing to report

Wednesday, November 12

Nothing to report

Thursday, November 13

The Department will host a tribal consultation on the Indian Water Rights Settlement Program in Lakewood, CO.

Friday, November 14

Training and technical assistance will be provided in Albuquerque, NM to the six tribal project directors of the Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancements.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Indianz.com requests confirmation that Byron McDonald is a BIA Law Enforcement officer.

Native America Calling requests someone from OJS to appear on their program about Highway Safety in Indian Country.

Phoenix, AZ, public radio station KJZZ requests a telephone interview with someone on the Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancement Initiative funding and details on the program's goals. The station also will be contacting tribes that received SIE funding for their insights.

The New York Times requests information on the Pamunkey Tribe and their pursuit of federal recognition.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Sovereignty in Indian Education Award letters are in the Data Tracking System for simultaneous surname.

Department of State staff will host a conference call with federal interagency staff and Navajo Nation representatives to discuss Navajo's request for U.S. assistance in compelling France to repatriate sacred objects that were sold at a June 2014 auction in Paris.

AS-IA's Office of Regulatory Affairs is compiling the comments received on the Proposed Rule on Federal Acknowledgment (Part 83).

The Department's Office of Hearings and Appeals is compiling comments received on the Proposed Rule on Hearings for Federal Acknowledgment.

The Proposed Rule on Housing and Improvement Program (25 CFR 256) is currently in the surname process with the Office of the Solicitor. The goal is to publish the rule this month.

The Paperwork Reduction Act package for the Proposed Rule on Tribal Transportation Program (25 CFR 170) is being reviewed by the Department Information Collection Clearance Officer. The next step will be to put the rule into surname.

The Proposed Rule on Secretarial Elections (25 CFR 81) has already been published in the Federal Register. Consultation on this rule was held at the NCAI meeting on October 26 in Atlanta. Additional consultations will be held this month in northern California and Oklahoma City.



The BIE is planning numerous consultations on the Draft Rule on Tribal Colleges and Universities (25 CFR 41).

The AS-IA office and BIE have drafted a Proposed Rule on Johnson O'Malley Contracts (25 CFR 273). The AS-IA office of Regulatory Affairs is working on the associated Paperwork Reduction Act request.

Indian Affairs and the Department of State continue to draft guidance to U.S. embassies regarding the repatriation of sacred objects and human remains from foreign museums.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On November 18, the Office of Inspector General will initiate its inspection of the DOI's Occupational Safety and Health and Workers' Compensation Programs with an interview meeting with Division of Safety and Risk Management (DSRM) staff. The purpose of this inspection is to assess the current conditions by analyzing data to identify the main contributing factors behind reported safety incidents, workers' compensation costs, and lost productivity.

November 15 is the deadline for comments to BIE on the preliminary discussion draft of revised regulations regarding grants to Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Diné College, and Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institutions.

On November 17, BIE Director Roessel and Don Yu will hold the first in a series of meetings with Tribes and Tribal leaders to explain the Blueprint for Reform and the locations of the Education Resource Centers (ERCs). These meetings are to secure support for the Blueprint and the ERCs. The first meeting will be in Flagstaff, AZ with the Navajo Nation.

On November 18, the Department will hold a Tribal Consultation on Secretarial Elections in Oklahoma City, OK.

On November 19, staff will attend an all-day program at the National Museum of the American Indian titled: "25 Years of Repatriation under the NMAI Act." Several expert panels will discuss the repatriation of human remains, as well as sacred objects. Australia's Ambassador to the US will discuss his experiences with international repatriation projects.

On November 20, the Department will hold a Tribal Consultation on Secretarial Elections in Rocklin, CA.

November 28, 2014 is Native American Day.

On November 20, the AS-IA will be a Keynote Speaker at the 2014 Indigenous Law Conference: Dismantling Barriers in American Indian Education at Michigan State University in Lansing, MI.

On December 1-5, the 24th Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference will be held at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage, AK.

On December 3, 2014 the White House Tribal Nations Conference will be held at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C.

On December 9, SIPI President Allison and Vice President Christensen will present to the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee.

On December 9-10, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce Conference will take place in Washington, D.C. The Indian Affairs Division of Economic Development (DED) is helping the Chambers of Commerce plan and implement this event, the first-ever conference organized by all of the American Indian Chambers in the U.S.

On January 1, the Department of State will file a report with the UN Human Rights Committee (HRC) on the status of human rights in the US during the period 2011-2014. This will be the second time the U.S. has made such a report. The first report was in 2010. A U.S. delegation will be formed in early 2015 to make an oral presentation before the HRC in late April/early May 2015.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS (OST)  
November 5<sup>th</sup> –November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

November 3-4 – Vincent G. Logan, Special Trustee will travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico to meet with the OST Investment Review workgroup staff.

**Public Announcements**

**November 5, 2014**

The Director of Financial Education will attend the public meeting of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC) in Washington, DC. FLEC was established under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 and was tasked to develop a national financial education web site (MyMoney.gov) plus a national strategy on financial education. It is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and vice chaired by the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and is made up of the heads of 19 additional federal agencies. The Commission is coordinated by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Financial Education within the Office Consumer Policy. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

The Deputy Special Trustee-Field Operations will present OST's budget and probate initiatives at the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) meeting in Washington, D.C. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**November 6, 2014**

The Concho Agency FTO and staff will provide a presentation on trust related matters at the tribal sponsored conference and co-sponsored by the Diabetes Wellness Program and the Elders Day Out Programs of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. OST will provide a 45-minute presentation and an informational booth on topics regarding Whereabouts Unknown (WAU), Direct Deposit, the Jodi Marquette Wills Project and LBBP. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**November 7, 2014**

No outreach to report.

**November 8, 2014**

The Pima Agency FTO and Colorado River Agency FTO will meet with beneficiaries and students at the Hualapai Lodge on the Hualapai Reservation to assist in "will signing" for individual landowners. Wills were prepared by Arizona Summit Law School Indian Wills Clinic students under the guidance of Professor Betsy Hollingsworth.

**November 9, 2014**

No outreach to report.

**November 10, 2014**

The Cherokee and Eastern Oklahoma Region FTO will attend the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Meeting Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The FTO regularly attends these meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries.

**November 11, 2014**

The Tulsa FTO will attend the Choctaw Nation Veterans Day Ceremony at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma. OST staff will provide information on OST services, the Land Buy-Back Program (LBBP), financial literacy educational services, and credit counseling.

**November 12, 2014**

No outreach to report.

**November 13, 2014**

The Papago Agency FTO will attend a meeting with the Tohono O'odham Nation Finance Committee and Treasurer regarding tribal accounts.

**November 14, 2014**

No outreach to report.

**Major Press Inquiries**

None to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (DDC) Tribal Litigation for Quinn-Leinbach, Settlement Proposal to the Obama Administration (SPOA) Tribes, and other Litigating Tribes**

The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) is actively supporting the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) tribal litigation team's efforts to reach a settlement on the remaining cases.

**Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town:** On October 23, 2014, the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) issued a final reconsidered decision on remand from the Court regarding whether Plaintiff is the legal beneficiary of what is referred to as the Surface Lease Income Trust (the Trust). The IBIA concluded that the Trust is not held in trust for Plaintiff.

**Chickasaw & Choctaw:** The discovery is currently scheduled to end November 15, 2014 pending a response to the government's request for an extension.

**Colorado River Indian Tribes:** The DOJ requested support settlement efforts. OHTA provided SOL and DOJ with updated natural resource revenue under-collection model results for an additional discount scenario.

**Quapaw, Goodeagle/Bear & Bear:** The discovery deadline has been extended until February 19, 2015.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT:  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
November 5-14, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

This week, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management, and Budget, Deputy Assistant Secretary - PRE, and OWF Director are in Boise, ID participating in the Bureau of Land Management's *The Next Steppe: Sage Grouse and Rangeland Wildfire Conference*.

DAS Faeth and International Policy Analyst Ryan Close are on travel to Sydney, Australia Nov. 3-16 in support of the Secretary's trip, where the Secretary will serve as the U.S. Head of Delegation for the *World Parks Congress*.

**Public Announcements**

**ONRR to Issue Civil Penalty.** ONRR will issue a press release the week of November 3, 2014, announcing a civil penalty of \$46,772 to Jack J. Grynberg (Grynberg). ONRR investigated Grynberg's failure to submit production reports (Form ONRR-4054) and found 52 violations dating back to July 2006. ONRR issued a Notice of Noncompliance (NONC) to Grynberg, giving the company 20 days to correct the violations; however, Grynberg failed to correct those violations, consequently civil penalties will continue to accrue until Grynberg provides the reports to ONRR.

**ONRR to Announce FY 2014 Disbursement.** ONRR will announce the annual Fiscal Year 2014 disbursement data through a DOI press release in the mid-November timeframe. ONRR will forward the draft press release and potential questions and answers to the Secretary's Office of Communications the week of November 3, 2014, for review and coordination regarding the timing of the release. That coordination includes final validation of the disbursement data and loading the information on ONRR's Statistics Web Page for public release.

**ONRR Public Meetings.** ONRR continues outreach with individual Indian mineral owners which allow us to listen to concerns and suggestions for royalty accounting improvement, answer questions, and identify and resolve mineral-related problems in partnership with BIA, BLM, and OST. ONRR scheduled meetings with mineral owners at the Nenahnezad Chapter House in Fruitland, New Mexico, on November 13, 2014.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**FY 2015 Appropriations:** DOI is currently operating under a CR through Dec. 11. POB issued guidance to Bureau offices providing allocations of available funding under the CR as well as the requirements and limitations in the legislation. OMB has approved all pending apportionments to provide the availability of carryover balances in FY 2015.

**FY 2016 Budget:** The Department has completed program briefings for OMB and will continue to provide follow-on information as they prepare recommendations for consideration by senior leadership. OMB has indicated agencies should expect passback shortly after Thanksgiving.

**New GAO Audits and Reviews:**

- GAO held the entrance conference regarding its review of *Decommissioning of Offshore Wells*. This review is being done pursuant to a request from Ranking Member DeFazio of the House Natural Resources Committee. GAO's objectives are to assess the types, amount, and coverage of bonds to ensure the decommissioning of oil and gas wells in the Gulf of Mexico; as well as, review DOI's

policies for managing federal liability for decommissioning. GAO plans to visit regional offices in the next couple of months.

- GAO plans a new engagement on *Federal Oversight and Compliance of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit* as requested by Senator Grassley. GAO is not conducting an audit of this program, but is interested in collecting information regarding the administration and oversight of the NPS' Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program.
- GAO held the entrance conference on *Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program Funding Data*. U.S Housing and Urban Development is the focus of this review; however, GAO discussed the current practice of using census population data and the strengths and weaknesses of utilizing census data in determining the IHBG allocations with Indian Affairs.

#### **New OIG Audits and Reviews:**

- The OIG held the entrance conference regarding their evaluation of *BLM's Idle Wells Program*. The OIG's focus is on the oil and gas wells managed by BLM as well as those located on lands managed by BIA and the Forest Service. OIG plans to visit Washington, D.C. next week and Wyoming the third week of November to conduct interviews.
- The OIG held the entrance conference regarding their evaluation of *BIA Funded/Operated Detention Programs*. This is in response to a congressional request to discuss the progress and improvements made since the issuance of the report in 2004 by the OIG. The OIG plans to visit both adult and juvenile jails in Billings; Hardin, Montana; Crow; and Northern Cheyenne. OIG expects to issue their report by the end of the Fiscal Year.
- The OIG plans a new audit of *DOI's Purchase Cards* under the Integrated Charge Card Program. The entrance conference has been scheduled for the week of November 3.

**OIG Exit Conferences/Pending Reports:** The OIG held the exit conference regarding their evaluation of *BLM's Recreation Fee Program*. The OIG discussed the draft report that was just issued with five recommendations to BLM. Their focus was on revenue opportunities for BLM where opportunities for improvement existed. The response to this draft report is due to the OIG by Dec 5.

#### **Recent Final GAO Reports:**

- PFM processed the final report issued by GAO on *Federal Customer Service* with four recommendations to NPS. The Department's Statement of Actions is due by Dec 24.
- PFM processed the final report issued by GAO on *Federal Real Property* without recommendations to the Department.
- The final report issued by GAO on *Energy Policy* did not have any recommendations.

**Climate Action Champions.** The Office of Policy Analysis is reviewing applications from tribal and local governments with proposals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The proposals are part of the Department of Energy's merit review process.

#### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Office of Enforcement and Appeals to Issue Civil Penalty.** The Office of Enforcement and Appeals (OEA) anticipates issuing a civil penalty of about \$7,280 to Spyglass Cedar Creek L.P. (Spyglass) the week of November 17. ONRR investigated Spyglass's failure to submit production reports (Form ONRR-4054) and found 8 violations dating back to May 2012. ONRR issued a Notice of Noncompliance (NONC) to Spyglass, giving the company 30 days to correct the violations, which Spyglass failed to do. Civil penalties will continue to accrue until Spyglass provides the reports to ONRR. Also, Spyglass' record of prior violations required OEA to prepare the civil penalty assessment using escalated rates.

**USEITI Meeting.** On December 10-11, the twelfth meeting of the USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be held in the Department of the Interior Steward Lee Udall Building. The meeting is open to

the public. The agenda for the December meeting will include a presentation of the Independent Administrator's Inception Report, a review of the work-plan to meet all EITI requirements, and planning for 2015 activities.

**ONRR Proposed Rule.** In December, ONRR plans to publish a proposed rule concerning valuing Federal oil and gas, and Federal and Indian coal. This proposed rule clarifies and reforms outdated valuation criteria for consistency with current industry and market practices, and improves the Secretary's ability to more effectively manage Oil, Gas, and Coal revenue valuation on Federal and Indian lands. The package currently resides at OMB for their review (90-day window).

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE of INSULAR AFFAIRS October 29-November 7, 2014

### Highlights (Chronologically) of Travel (AS-IN), Meetings and other Public Events

- November 3 – Meeting on OIA’s outreach to the freely associated state communities in Hawaii
- November 5 – Briefing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for military training on Tinian and Pagan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- November 6 – Briefing on the status of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory’s work in the territories and the freely associated states and meetings on climate change and Native Hawaiian affairs
- November 9 – Departure for official travel to American Samoa

### Public Announcements

#### Press Inquiries/Reports: Coverage of AS-IN’s Official Travel

- KIA’AINA TO VISIT AMERICAN SAMOA BEGINNING NOVEMBER 10.  
<http://www.samoanews.com/content/en/newest-doi-assistant-secretary-insular-affairs-visit>
- U.S. SUPREME COURT: STATE OF HAWAII NEED NOT PROVIDE MEDICAID TO CITIZENS OF FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES – BUT HAWAII OFFICIALS SIGNAL THAT SOME HEALTH COVERAGE WILL CONTINUE UNDER HAWAII STATE RULES. <http://insurancenewsnet.com/oarticle/2014/11/04/us-supreme-court-decision-allows-reduction-of-healthcare-coverage-to-noncitizen-a-571563.html>
- MAYOR OF TINIAN (NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS) ASKS KIA’AINA FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR TINIAN TO DEVELOP POSITIONS ON INCREASED MILITARY PRESENCE ON TINIAN.  
[HTTP://WWW.SAIPANTRIBUNE.COM/INDEX.PHP/TINIAN-MAYOR-ASKS-KIAAINA-MILITARY-EXPERTS-ASSISTANCE/](http://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/tinian-mayor-asks-kiaaina-military-experts-assistance/)
- CONGRESSMAN ENI FALEOMAVAEGA (DEM.-AM. SAMOA) SUED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT BY FORMER CAPITOL HILL STAFF MEMBER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, INTIMIDATION AND VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL FAMILY LEAVE ACT. <http://www.samoanews.com/content/en/fai%E2%80%99ivae-lawsuit-vs-eni%E2%80%99s-office-baseless-without-merit>

#### Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal or Policy Issues

#### **Results of Territorial Congressional Elections –**

- **American Samoa** – Amata Coleman Radewagen (Republican) unseated the Democratic incumbent, Congressman Eni Faleomavaega, 42% to 26%, who has served in Congress since January 1989. A former Governor (Togiola Tulafono) secured 11%. The other five challengers totaled 16%. Over 3000 registered voters failed to go to the polls. A member of the Republican National Committee, Congresswoman-elect Radewagen is the daughter of Peter Tali Coleman, the first locally elected Governor of American Samoa, and will be only the third Member of Congress from American Samoa since the Congress established the seat as of the November 1980 election.
- **Guam** – The Democratic incumbent (Madeleine Bordallo) defeated her Republican opponent 58% to 42%.
- **U.S. Virgin Islands** – In an uncontested race, the Democrat Stacey Plaskett won the race with over 90% of the vote. Her Republican challenger (Vince Danet) secured just 9%.
- **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** – Incumbent (Gregorio Kilili Sablan, a Democrat) won with 63% of the votes cast in a race with one challenger.

#### **Results of Territorial Gubernatorial Elections –**

- **Guam** – The Republican incumbents, Governor Eddie Baza Calvo and Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio, beat their Democratic challengers 64% to 36%.
- **U.S. Virgin Islands** – Kenneth Mapp and Osbert Potter (Independent) are leading the Democratic Party’s Donna Christensen (incumbent Member of Congress) and Basil Ottley (former OIA employee). However, neither team gained a clear majority, and so the race appears to be headed for a run-off.
- **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** – Incumbent (Eloy Inos, a Republican) garnered 44% of the votes cast against three other challengers; Governor Inos will now square off in a run-off (date yet to be determined) against Heinz Hofschneider (Independent), who received 33% of the votes cast.



**Grant Awards of Nearly \$3,100,000 to Palau** – On October 22 OIA notified the President of Palau (Tommy Remengesau Jr.) that OIA was awarding the Government of Palau \$2,593,000 for economic assistance under the Compact relationship between the United States and Palau. On October 29 OIA notified the President of Palau that OIA was awarding the Government of Palau \$504,000 to reimburse Palau for the actual costs incurred in the fiscal year 2014 single audit.

**Grant Awards of Nearly \$31,000,000 to the Marshall Islands** – On October 21 OIA notified the Mayor of Enewetak/Ujelang Local Government (Jackson Ading) that OIA was awarding \$1,511,640 to provide food and support to the people of Enewetak and to help rehabilitate their atoll's soil in order to support agriculture. On October 21 OIA notified the Marshall Islands Ambassador to the United States (Charles Paul) that OIA was awarding \$29,434,442 to the Marshall Islands Government as assistance in health, education, environmental affairs and public-sector infrastructure under the Amended Compact between the United States and the Marshall Islands.

**Grant Awards of Nearly \$58,000,000 to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)** – On October 21 OIA notified the FSM Ambassador to the United States (Asterio Takesy) that OIA was awarding \$57,973,184 to the FSM Government as assistance in health, education, environmental affairs, private-sector development and public-sector capacity building under the Amended Compact between the United States and the FSM.

**Completion of OIA-funded Project for the People of Bikini Atoll** – A state-of-the-art, reverse-osmosis (RO), water-treatment plant, powered entirely by wind and solar energy, has been completed for the people of Bikini Atoll living on Kili Island in the southern Marshall Islands. The RO building houses water-making units that now supply the people of Bikini with 2800 to 5600 gallons per day of pure, PH-balanced, mineral-enhanced drinking water. The solar array and wind turbine combination provide enough energy to run the RO machines, pumps and ultra-violet sterilization, while feeding excess power back into the community's power grid. The RO water-treatment plant purifies brackish well water. The Director of OIA has been invited to attend the dedication of the water-treatment plant.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

- **November 9-15** – Accompanied by the Director of OIA, AS-IN makes her first visit to American Samoa, during which AS-IN will deliver the Veterans' Day address at the Daniel K. Inouye Industrial Park in Tafuna (Tutuila) and will visit the Manu'a Islands<sup>1</sup>.
- **November 16-22** – As Chair of the Chuuk Advisory Group on Education Reform and accompanied by the OIA Budget Director, the Director of OIA attends in the State of Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, the third annual meetings of the Advisory Group, whose principal purpose is to enhance and to accelerate the implementation of education reform in the FSM State of Chuuk.

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<sup>1</sup> This will be only the second visit to the Manu'a Islands by an Assistant Secretary of the Interior in twenty years.



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## Week Ahead + Items of Note

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On November 10-16, Secretary Jewell will travel to Australia for the World Parks Congress and other meetings. She will give remarks at an open plenary session (which will be live streamed) as well participate in a world leaders dialogue. Secretary Jewell's remarks are expected to focus on the President's climate action plan, as well as discuss the need for landscape-level planning related to conservation and balanced development. International press coverage of the conference is expected.

While in Sydney, Jewell is expected to hold a press conference at the World Parks Congress to announce a Statement of Cooperation with the Republic of Kiribati. The Statement of Cooperation will strengthen mutual cooperation and coordinate management between the U.S.'s Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument and PIPA by establishing the "Phoenix Ocean Arc." Connecting these two marine protected areas will magnify the collaboration of governments to strengthen existing mutual cooperation in scientific research and exploration and management of nearly 648,000 square miles of fully protected marine areas. Together the U.S. and Kiribati will lead a new approach to ocean conservation by creating the first international trans-boundary tropical marine managed area that encompasses conservation of entire island ecosystems, coral reefs, seamounts, and deepwater and oceanic habitat. Director of the National Park Service Jon Jarvis will also attend. Interior will issue a press release in conjunction with the signing.

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# **WEEKLY REPORT**

**November 3-7, 2014**

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
**November 5 – November 15, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

*Legislative Testimony:*

None.

*Meetings:*

November 5, the NPS will host the bi-annual meeting of the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR) at Main Interior.

November 5, Jon will participate in a webchat on diversity in the National Park Service.

*Travel:*

November 6-8, Jon, Peggy, and Christy will attend the National Park Foundation Board meeting in New Orleans.

November 8-24, Jon will participate in the World Parks Congress.

**Public Announcements**

November 5

On November 5, Director Jarvis and principals from other Federal agencies will hold the Bi-annual Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR) meeting at the Main Interior Building. Director Jarvis will become chairperson of FICOR for the next two years. The meeting will focus discussions on issues relating to coordination, outdoor recreation, and the future direction of FICOR.

On November 5, the NPS is hosting a public webchat about NPS efforts to attract diverse audiences to parks and diverse applicants to NPS jobs. Director Jarvis, Associate Director for Workforce, Relevancy and Inclusion Mike Reynolds, and Professor Nina Roberts from San Diego State University will make remarks and take questions from the public.

November 6

On November 6, the Federal trial of a protester arrested during marijuana rally at Independence National Historical Park (PA) may draw attention. Emily Yates was arrested in the park during a public assembly organized by pro marijuana groups. Ms. Yates repeatedly refused the directions of law enforcement to leave a small area of the park that was temporarily closed to the public for law enforcement purposes. She had to be removed and resisted, kicking and striking the rangers. Ms. Yates was arrested and charged with assaulting/impeding/resisting a federal officer, interfering with agency functions, and disorderly conduct. Since her arrest, Ms. Yates has been actively promoting her position regarding this case on YouTube and other social media and the park has received complaints about her arrest.

On November 6, Equality Forum, the City of Philadelphia, and Independence National Historical Park (PA) will hold a press conference to announce plans for the July 2015 celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Annual Reminders. From 1965-1969, gay-rights groups hosted Annual Reminders in front of Independence Hall each July 4, reminders that members of the LGBT community were still being treated as second-class citizens.

Equality Forum, the nonprofit organizing the events in the park and elsewhere in Philadelphia, is a Philadelphia-based LGBT civil rights organization.

#### November 7

Nothing to report.

#### November 8

Nothing to report.

#### November 9

Nothing to report.

#### November 10

On November 10, the public review period will begin for the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Plan/Environmental Assessment at Shenandoah National Park (VA). This non-native disease is now within 12 miles of the park. The single alternative EA, a Department of Interior-authorized but rarely used NEPA approach in the NPS, amends the approved 2013 Chronic Wasting Disease Detection and Assessment Plan. The 2013 CWD detection and assessment plan approves lethal sampling of deer. This amendment proposes lethal density reductions in key front-country, high deer abundance areas of the park to slow disease transmission and spread through the white tailed deer population. The park anticipates that between sampling and density reductions 250-350 animals could be taken by qualified federal employees or authorized agents over a five-year period. Park managers are exploring options for donating the meat to local charitable organizations.

On November 10, the comment period closes on an EA to examine the environmental impacts of the proposed Kennedy Center expansion project to improve the facilities and provide greater pedestrian and bicycle access to and from the Kennedy Center, the National Mall and Memorial Parks (DC), the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail, and the Potomac River waterfront.

On November 10, a high flow event (HFE) for the Glen Canyon Dam will begin. Current resource conditions support an HFE of approximately 37,500 cfs (using bypass tubes as well as releases through the power plant), and 96 hours in duration (to be completed on November 15). The Bureau of Reclamation has conducted consultation with tribes, and notification and coordination is occurring between river rangers, concessionaires and private boaters. After the 2014 HFE occurs, a workshop will be convened in 2015 to review the results of the HFEs from the last three years.

On November 10, the NPS and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) expect a joint Notice and Request for Public Comment to publish in the Federal Register announcing an incentive for air tour operators utilizing quiet aircraft technology at Grand Canyon National Park (AZ). Air tours are conducted over the park under limited allocations determined and distributed by the FAA. Under the incentive operators would not be required to use allocations for flights conducted with quiet technology aircraft in the popular Dragon-Zuni flight corridor from January through March. The 2012 Moving Forward for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), P.L. 112-141, requires the NPS and FAA to work together to develop incentives for Grand Canyon air tour operators who convert to quiet aircraft technology provided that the cumulative impacts of the incentives do not increase noise at the park.

#### November 11

On November 11, the Concert for Valor will be held on the National Mall. HBO and Starbucks are sponsoring this free concert in honor of American veterans and their families. The event will take place from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. As a permitted event, HBO is responsible for communicating information about the event, including the lineup and details for the concert, as well as logistical information such as road closures, access points, prohibited items, etc. However, because this is a large event on park land, the NPS/USPP will amplify the logistics messages through press releases, social media, and the Nixle community awareness network. The National Mall and Memorial Parks and USPP are coordinating the event with the assistance of numerous state and local law enforcement, transportation and emergency services agencies.

On November 11, the NPS will create a social media gallery to salute current employees who are also veterans. Parks and programs are asked to see if veterans working in their parks would like to participate. Parks will post photos with their veteran employees on social media, and the Washington Office will use that to populate a gallery.

#### November 12

On November 12, the Town of Marana Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposal to rezone and transform the historic Lazy K Bar Guest Ranch, contiguous to Saguaro National Park (AZ), into a 178-unit gated community. Park managers will attend the hearing in opposition to the proposal. Neighborhood groups and the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection are also in opposition to the proposal. The parcel is located in a scenic, remote area on the north boundary of the West District; the proposed zoning change would significantly compromise wildlife corridors and scenic viewsheds. It would also require an amendment to Marana's own General Plan, and reduce its targeted 80 percent Natural Undisturbed Open Space to just 25 percent. If the Planning Commission and Town Council vote to approve the proposal, some neighbors and other opponents have vowed to file a referendum petition to override the council's vote.

#### November 13

Nothing to report.

#### November 14

Nothing to report.

#### November 15

Nothing to report.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Everglades National Park (FL)** – In the next few weeks, *Greenwire* will publish feature stories on the invasive exotic fish problem in the park, and on fire management and prescribed burns in the park. A production company recently filmed a short web video for a series called *Unsung: A Day in the Life of Hard Work* that will feature park firefighter Katherine Corrigan. It will be available to the public sometime in late November.

**Gateway National Recreation Area (NY/NJ)** – The *New York Times* is planning a travel story highlighting the Nike Missile Radar Site tour that is expected to run in December.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Dinosaur National Monument (UT/CO) – Removal of Damaged Dinosaur Bone from Popular Trail.** In November, a juvenile sauropod leg bone is planned to be excavated, collected, and preserved in the monument's collections. In September, rangers discovered that this exposed dinosaur bone fossil on the popular Fossil Discovery Trail had been damaged and portions stolen. No suspects were identified. The story garnered national and international media attention. It was determined that the damage will rapidly accelerate the deterioration of the fossil so it must be removed to protect it. The removal is likely to draw attention, given previous interest and the recent graffiti/vandalism case at parks throughout the west.

**Saguaro National Park (AZ) – Proposed Bike Ranch Resort.** On November 18, park managers will attend a Pima County Board of Supervisors meeting to provide comments on a proposed "Bike Ranch Resort," located directly across the street from the park's East District Visitor Center. The property is currently zoned as Suburban Ranch that would allow up to 13 single family homes. The landowners are requesting a conditional use permit for a minor resort to include 49 lodging units, a professional bicycle facility, a performance lab, and a restaurant on the eastern half of the 45-acre parcel. In addition, they are requesting to develop the western half of the property with seven single family homes. Park neighbors are overwhelmingly opposed to the development, and were very vocal when the proposal was presented to the Pima County Hearing Administrator in May. The park also opposed the proposal at that time; the measure was subsequently not recommended to go forward to the Board of Supervisors. Despite this, the landowners are continuing with their proposal to the Board of Supervisors. Park staff has met with both the landowners and County officials in an attempt to find resolution to this situation.

**White House and President's Park (DC) – Winners of the 2014 National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony ticket lottery have been notified.** News releases and advisories in the coming weeks will announce the process for media to request event credentials and the talent line-up.

**National Mall and Memorial Parks (DC) – Interpretive Transportation Services.** The NPS has issued a prospectus to solicit proposals for guided vehicle-based tour services within the National Mall and Memorial Parks. This service is currently provided by Big Bus Tours. Proposals are due December 12 in response to the prospectus that identifies a 10-year contract period, with an anticipated start date of March 31, 2015.

**Rock Creek Park (DC) – Parking Meters.** The park is currently working with National Capital Region contracting officials to award a new contract to manage 81 coin-operated parking meters at Thompson Boat Center by December 31. In March, the park issued a Request for Information (RFI) to learn about more modern options for managing fee-based parking, and is currently evaluating the responses to the RFI. Since 1997 Rock Creek Park has had 81 metered parking spaces in a paved lot adjacent to Thompson Boat Center. The purpose of the meters is to encourage turnover in the small parking lot and to discourage use by commuters.

**Hot Springs National Park (AR) – Proposed Increase of Thermal Water Rates Charged to Bathhouse Operators.** The park proposes to increase the rate which it charges bathhouse operators for the thermal water provided to them. The rate will be tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annually starting in 2015, raising the rate from \$2.70 to \$3.41 per thousand gallons. The current rate has been in place since 2005. Currently, the sale of thermal water to the bathhouses provides a little over \$75,000 a year out of the \$200,000 which it costs the NPS to maintain the infrastructure that delivers the thermal water to the bathhouse operators. Thermal water will continue to be provided free of charge to the general public for drinking at the jug fountains located throughout the park.

**Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (MO) – Removal/Replacement of Trees from Gateway Arch Grounds.** A contractor has begun to remove trees from the Gateway Arch grounds as part of the CityArchRiver project. The park completed an Environmental Assessment in 2012. The park grounds currently have 1,895 trees, 1,223 will be removed, and 3,457 new trees will be planted, increasing the total number of trees on the grounds to 4,102.

**Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument (AZ) – Ecological Restoration Plan – Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.** The park, in collaboration with Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and the Bureau of Land Management, prepared a programmatic Ecological Restoration Plan (ERP)/Environmental Assessment that analyzes the impacts of restoration efforts on disturbed lands. Environmental impacts to these lands have increased due to border-related activities. The ERP will restore degraded natural areas, improve habitat conditions, reduce and remove invasive plants, restore wilderness character, and stabilize cultural sites. A Finding of No Significant Impact will be finalized in November, and restoration efforts will begin for the three land management agencies.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Public Lands Initiative.** The San Juan County Lands Council will present three alternatives for changes in the management of federal lands within the county, including Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, at a series of open houses through November. This effort is part of Rep. Rob Bishop’s Public Lands Initiative, a locally-driven effort to resolve challenging land disputes involving conservation and economic use through the development of an Eastern Utah public lands bill. The alternatives propose several designated wilderness areas and a National Conservation Area which would overlay NPS-managed lands along the San Juan River. The alternatives are mute with regards to which federal agency would manage these lands should the proposal come to pass.

**Alaska National Preserves (AK) – Public Hearings on Sport Hunting.** Through November 20, the NPS is hosting public hearings across Alaska to gather comments on proposed regulations related to sport hunting in national preserves in Alaska. The proposals would dial back several recent regulatory allowances by the State of Alaska which liberalized the methods, seasons and bag limits for taking predators. A total of 17 hearings will be held around the state.

**Valley Forge National Historical Park (PA) – White-tailed Deer Management Plan.** The NPS will conduct the fifth year of lethal reduction of the white-tailed deer herd from November 2014 through March 2015. The action addresses the over browsing of vegetation by an abundant deer population which prevents native forests from regenerating and reduces habitat for native wildlife species. The Record of Decision for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement was completed in 2009 and withstood subsequent legal challenge. After the first four winters of the lethal reduction phase of the plan, the estimated deer density in spring 2014 was 49 deer per square mile (260 deer). Although still above the plan’s target level of 31-35 deer per square mile, this represents a significant reduction from the estimated 241 deer per square mile (1,277 deer) present in 2009. 1,433 deer have been removed and 44,369 pounds (over 22 tons) of venison have been donated to regional food banks to date.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Consultation with Navajo Nation Regarding Access to Antelope Point.** NPS staff has been consulting with the Navajo Nation since late 2012 regarding access within the joint Antelope Point Project area for all Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) holders. Glen Canyon NRA and the Navajo Nation developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was signed by the Regional Director. The MOA will provide access to Antelope Point to all CUA holders, consistent with the Glen Canyon NRA Commercial Services Plan, terms of the concession contract, and Antelope Point project agreements in place. This MOA will provide consistency in business practices throughout Glen Canyon NRA, resulting in improved visitor services, increased opportunities for locally-owned businesses (including Navajo owned businesses), and additional employment opportunities for Navajo Nation tribal members in the area. It will also allow Navajo Nation the opportunity to better regulate and benefit from the increased business to Antelope Point. The Navajo Nation President has not yet signed due to political issues within the Tribe and concerns raised by the concessioner. The NPS is preparing a letter to the Navajo Nation President requesting his signature and implementation of this MOA.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Notice of Availability for Off-road Vehicle Management Plan.** The Glen Canyon Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/FEIS) analyzes a range of alternatives and actions for managing off-road use of motor vehicles



and on-road use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and street-legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs); it should publish soon in the Federal Register. The Plan/FEIS assesses the environmental impacts that could result from continuing current management (the no-action alternative) or implementing any of the four action alternatives. The recommended action in the final plan would allow OHV/ATV use on seven miles of road presently closed to OHV/ATV use. These seven miles would complete a loop on an existing roads network on NPS and BLM lands. Local and national interest in the Plan/FEIS is expected.

**Cape Hatteras National Seashore (NC) – Beach Nourishment.** A Notice of Intent for a county-prepared EIS for beach nourishment near Highway 12 will soon publish in the Federal Register. The Seashore has received a permit application from Dare County, NC, to conduct beach nourishment activities to mitigate erosion near Highway 12, which runs the length of the Seashore. To determine if a Special Use Permit can be issued, the county is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NPS. The application and EIS process are expected to receive local media coverage and stir controversy. There are strongly differing views about the proposed activity – some local residents are concerned that the highway will be damaged prior to completion of the EIS, and conservation groups are concerned about the precedent being set that beach nourishment may occur in a National Seashore. The North Carolina delegation has been briefed.

**Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park (TX) – Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to Release Public Notice for the Issuance of a Green House Gas Permit.** The EPA has released Public Notice regarding the issuance of a Greenhouse Gas Permit for the Tenaska Brownsville Generating Station. The public comment period ends November 28. Construction of the natural gas power plant will be less than one mile from Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park and National Historic Landmark. A second Public Notice period is also planned for the purpose of addressing adverse effects related to the park and National Historic Landmark under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On November 19, the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site (AL) video, *The Tuskegee Airmen: Sacrifice and Triumph*, will receive an award for best video from the National Association of Interpreters. As the park's centerpiece attraction, the film provides visitors with a big-picture view of the Tuskegee Airmen story, including the origins of the program, the recruitment and training of the Airmen, their heroism in combat, their post-war accomplishments and struggles, their pivotal role in the desegregation of the military and the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, and their broader contributions to our national identity.

On November 20, proposals are due in response to a business opportunity to operate overnight accommodations, food and beverage, retail service, fuel and auto services, and other related services within Yosemite National Park (CA). The new 15-year contract is scheduled to begin on March 1, 2016. This is the park's primary concession operation and the largest concession contract in the NPS.

This fall, the NPS intends to publish a proposed gathering rule, which would provide the authority for permitting the gathering of plant resources within units of the National Park System by members of federally recognized Indian tribes, as defined in the rule. The proposed rule would apply to Indian tribes with traditional associations to specific park units. It would be implemented through agreements between the NPS and Indian tribes and subject to annual permits. Appropriate levels of NEPA and NHPA review and compliance would be required. Collection for commercial uses would be prohibited. This rule change would provide reasonable, resource protection based use of park resources while assisting in support of the continued lifeways of American Indian tribes. National tribal consultations indicate that the approach in the proposed rule would be constructive and respectful of tribal sovereignty while continuing to respect the NPS mission to protect and conserve park resources.

This fall, Grand Canyon National Park (AZ) expects to issue the Backcountry Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/DEIS) for public review and comment. The Plan/DEIS addresses

management of over 1.1 million acres of the park's backcountry, most of which is proposed for wilderness designation. The Plan/DEIS is needed to address immediate backcountry issues and provide an adaptable framework to manage backcountry use into the future while protecting natural and cultural resources. Public scoping including public meetings occurred in 2011 and agency and tribal consultation has been on-going.

## FWS SECRETARIAL WEEK-AHEAD REPORT

Nov. 5, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings and other Public Events

Nov. 5-7: Fire, invasive species and sage-grouse will be topics at a BLM-led workshop called The Next Steppe Fire Workshop in Boise, Idaho. FWS Director Ashe and other senior FWS leadership will attend. R1

Nov. 7 and 12: FWS Alaska Regional Director will hold consultations with tribes and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporations regarding potential statewide changes for Alaska refuges. Changes that are being considered would: prohibit activities involving predator control for the purpose of increasing hunting opportunities on Alaska Refuges; clarify prohibited practices, methods and means related to sport hunting and trapping that are inconsistent with federal laws and FWS policies; clarify the allowable practices related to the collection of natural resources on refuges in Alaska; and update the procedures for closing an area or restricting an activity on refuges in Alaska. No changes will be made to federal subsistence regulations or restrictions on the taking of fish or wildlife for subsistence uses under federal subsistence regulations. Anticipated draft rule publication will be in early 2015. R7

Nov. 10: FWS will host a meeting in Key Largo, Florida, to provide the public with information on efforts to conserve federally protected species through control of feral and free-roaming cats at Florida Keys NWR Complex. The Complex is actively controlling and removing non-native species, including feral and free-roaming cats, from refuges as part of the implementation of its 2013 Integrated Pest Management Plan. The meeting was scheduled at the request of U.S. Rep. Joe Garcia (D-FL-27). R4

Nov. 12: A kick-off event will be held to launch an effort by the Texas Mid-coast NWR Complex and a variety of partners in Houston, Texas, to develop five nature gardens funded by a \$25,000 Connecting People with Nature grant. On Dec. 6, Bank of America volunteers will assist FWS and the city of Houston with planting the garden in Buffalo Bayou. Coordinated outreach is planned. R2

Nov. 13-14: FWS and the New Mexico Fire District Training Group are hosting tribal partners at Sevilleta NWR (NM) for a two-day leadership training course (*Followership to Leadership*). The course focuses on that fundamental leadership principles and is designed as a self-assessment opportunity for individuals preparing to step into a leadership role. R2

Nov. 14: Senior staff from FWS and the U.S. Air Force will discuss a shared vision for interagency support for a natural resource conservation partnership, as well as USAF's participation in landscape-level ecosystem conservation. HQ

Nov. 14-21: A joint FWS/U.S. Air Force Sikes Act coordination meeting will provide the first annual, in-person opportunity to discuss interagency coordination on all matters relating to activities under the Sikes Act. Expected outcomes of the meeting are enhanced knowledge of each agency's respective mission and organizational structure; glean lessons learned from the past year of interagency support; and the development of standard operating procedures to guide both agencies toward greater success in this important natural resource conservation partnership. Over the past decade, The Air Force has provided \$17,900,551 in reimbursable funds to FWS to support personnel and on-the-ground natural resource projects. HQ

### Public Announcements

Thursday, Nov. 6

Nothing to report

Friday, Nov. 7

Nothing to report

Monday, November 10

Nothing to report

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Between November 12-19 (exact date TBD), at the International Union for Conservation of Nature's 2014 World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will sign a Statement of Cooperation between the Phoenix Islands Protected Area in the Republic of Kiribati and the newly expanded Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. Connecting these two marine protected areas will magnify the efforts of both governments in strengthening scientific research, and exploration and management of nearly 648,000 square miles of fully protected marine areas. Outreach planned. DOI/R1

Thursday, Nov. 13

Nothing to report

Friday, Nov. 14

FWS will send to the *Federal Register* two 90-day findings (batched together in one notice): the first on its Aug. 26 petition from the Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Food Safety, Xerces Society and monarch scientist Lincoln Brower requesting that the Monarch butterfly be listed as a threatened species under the ESA; and the second on its Apr. 12 petition from Pacific Legal Foundation requesting to delist the coastal California gnatcatcher on the basis that it is not a valid subspecies and does not qualify for listing. FWS determined that both petitioned actions may be warranted and is initiating a 12-month status review. Both findings are expected to generate significant public interest. Outreach planned to coincide with appearance of these rules in the Reading Room. HQ

FWS will send to *Federal Register* a notice amending the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife by adding 20 species of coral based on previously published determinations by the National Marine Fisheries Service, which has jurisdiction for these species. Outreach planned, date TBD. HQ

FWS will reopen the public comment period for the final listing determination of the northern long-eared bat in order to accept and make available to the public a report from range state natural resource agencies. The report is expected to be delivered to FWS around Nov. 5. This reopening of the public comment period will also notify the public of a public hearing that is planned in Wyoming. The northern long-eared bat is found in 38 states. The deadline for the final listing decision is April 2, 2015. Outreach planned. R3

TBD

FWS is finalizing a final rule to list the Gunnison sage-grouse as a threatened species and to designate 1,429,551 acres in Colorado and Utah as critical habitat. After a court-granted extension, the listing decision is due Nov. 12. FWS intends to announce this decision at an event with the Director in Gunnison, Colorado prior to publication in the *Federal Register*. The event is currently scheduled to take place on Monday, Nov. 17. Controversial. R6

FWS will reopen the public comment period for the proposed critical habitat designation of the western yellow-billed cuckoo following congressional and tribal requests. A 60-day extension is anticipated to publish in early November. Plans are underway to schedule information meetings and public hearings in Texas and California. Outreach planned. R8

In early November, FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare a joint environmental impact statement and environmental impact report for the proposed Yuba-Sutter Regional Conservation Plan (a joint habitat

conservation plan and natural community conservation plan). The plan outlines strategies to avoid, minimize and offset potential indirect effects to 18 plant and animal species expected from development of 35,000 acres in Yuba and Sutter counties, CA. R8

FWS anticipates publishing the Strategic Growth Policy for the National Wildlife Refuge System and response to public comments in the *Federal Register* in early November. This policy instructs FWS to focus on acquiring interests in lands and waters that support the following three priorities: recovery of threatened and endangered species, implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and conservation of migratory birds of conservation concern. HQ

FWS has received two applications to import sport-hunted black rhino trophies from Namibia. One is from the winner of the Dallas Safari Club auction, which received considerable media attention in January 2014. The Namibian government grants only five permits to hunt black rhino annually in accordance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The Service is currently evaluating both applications to determine if they meet the requirements for import, and will be seeking public comments, particularly with regard to new information on the biological needs of the species, management plans, and the other factors described above.

As part of a Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration project to restore mussels in the Ohio River following a chemical spill, FWS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Tennessee Tech University will release 628 black sandshell mussels into the Ohio River.

The mussels were raised at the Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery in Louisiana and the Dale Hollow National Fish Hatchery in Tennessee. Outreach planned. R4

The ACE Basin Task Force, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in November. Protecting the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto Rivers, this partnership is in the heart of South Carolina's historic rice country, important to waterfowl and millions of other migratory birds. The Task Force was instrumental in the establishment of the ACE Basin NWR, a conservation cornerstone in this geography. No outreach planned R4

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Herald and News (Klamath Falls, OR, Pat Bushey): Reporter requested a photo of Paul Henson, Project leader of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office. They plan to run Henson's Sage Grouse Op-Ed in the paper. Not controversial. R1

The Oregonian (Portland, Oregon, Lynne Terry): Reporter interviewed wolf biologist John Stephenson about his unsuccessful efforts to re-collar gray wolf OR7. Story posted Oct. 30. Controversial. R1

Multiple media outlets have inquired about a collared wolf found dead in Washington. FWS is issuing a blanket response that only acknowledges the wolf's death, and then notes further details will be released as the investigation allows. R1

FWS responded to inquiries from WMDT News TV and the Baltimore Sun regarding impacts at Chincoteague NWR from the Antares rocket explosion in Virginia on Oct. 28. FWS responded that preliminary reports showed no significant impacts to wildlife or government assets on the refuge. Refuge was closed until 3 p.m. on Oct. 29. R5

To mark the second anniversary of Hurricane Sandy on Oct. 29, FWS pitched a series of stories about restoration and resilience projects underway using Hurricane Sandy disaster appropriations. In addition to the Blog at Huffington Post publishing FWS Regional Director Wendi Weber's post: *Strong After Sandy: Healing the Past, Investing in the Future* ([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/wendi-weber/strong-after-sandy-healin\\_b\\_6074938.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/wendi-weber/strong-after-sandy-healin_b_6074938.html)), reporters from ClimateWire (Elizabeth Harball), Chesapeake Bay Journal (Rona

Kobell), and local media outlets are working on stories. Outreach campaign on Sandy continues through Nov. 7. R5

John McCormack (San Antonio Express) inquired about how law enforcement responds to a take of an endangered species on designated critical habitat and information on proposed critical habitat for several south Texas species. R2

Staff from Aransas NWR in Austwell, TX, accompanied Dallas Morning News reporter Alan Peppard and a staff photographer to Matagorda Island to view the historical private space launch sites and the former Wynne Ranch house. The reporter is working on a story to highlight the Wynne family and its impact on the local area, including construction of the first private space launch sites on their private property, now part of Aransas NWR. The story is expected to be published sometime next year. R2

A rape occurred on the Lower Rio Grande Valley (TX) NWR in June. The FBI is handling the case and last week released a composite sketch of the suspect. A Refuge Law Enforcement agent immediately investigated this incident when it occurred and, in compliance with protocol, turned the case over to the FBI. It is just now reaching the media. Press statement available. R2

FWS provided a short statement to the New York Times on a new strain of the chitrid fungus that could prove very detrimental to native salamanders if it becomes reaches U.S. shores. HQ

Following news releases put out by NGOs, there has been extensive media interest in the sighting by an NPS employee of a canid that appears to be a gray wolf on the north rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The animal appears to be wearing a radio collar similar to those used in the Northern Rocky Mountain Recovery Area, but it is not transmitting. FWS laid traps for the canid to re-collar the animal, but so far without luck. Biologists have collected feces for analysis, but the lab results will take a couple of weeks. R2

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The death of a cow is being investigated by FWS and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Initial biologist comments indicate it was NOT wolf depredation; however that is pending the final report expected in the next week. No media calls have been received at this time. R1

Rep. Hanabusa's office inquired about maps for the critical habitat designation (proposed and final) for Kapolei, Hawaii. R1

The State of Alaska is disputing the western boundary of the Arctic NWR and seeking priority conveyance of nearly 20,000 acres of uplands. The state recently awarded two Beaufort Sea oil and gas leases along the western boundary of the refuge based on the state's assertion that it owns roughly 3,000 acres of tidal and submerged lands along the Beaufort Sea coastline that were improperly mapped as falling within the refuge boundary. R7

#### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The 2014 Candidate Notice of Review, the annual determination of species added to and removed from the list of species on the ESA Candidate List, will be sent to the *Federal Register* by Nov. 21. This year, 23 species from Hawaii were added to the candidate list, one species was removed from candidate status, and one has a change in priority from the 2013 review. There are now 146 species recognized by the Service as candidates for ESA protection but precluded due to higher priorities. Public outreach is planned for late November.

The notice of availability for the final environmental impact statement analyzing the proposed revisions to the regulations for the experimental population of the Mexican wolf is scheduled to be available in the *Federal*

*Register* Reading Room on Nov. 24. The Service will post the information on the Service's Mexican wolf website and initiate outreach to congressional and other key stakeholders that day, with broader media outreach distributed on Nov. 25 when the notice publishes in the *Federal Register*. R2

To meet a court-ordered deadline, FWS must send to the *Federal Register* by Nov. 30 its final decision on whether the *rufa* red knot warrants listing under the Endangered Species Act. A provisional date of Nov. 10 has been selected, with outreach planned for later in the month (prior to Thanksgiving). R5

FWS will propose to delist the eastern puma (aka cougar) due to extinction within the next 30-60 days. In 2011, FWS conducted a five-year status review and recommended this course of action due to scientific evidence that the species is no longer present and reproducing in the wild. The eastern puma was originally listed in 1973. Occasional sightings of eastern pumas are believed to be escaped captive animals or transient animals from populations in the Mid-West. Outreach planned. R5

FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment for a pending habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit application from Duke Energy at its North Allegheny 35-turbine wind energy facility in Blair and Cambria counties, Pennsylvania, within the next 30-60 days. The company seeks to minimize effects from the project on federally endangered Indiana bats and proposed endangered northern long-eared bats. On Sept. 26, 2011, a dead Indiana bat was found at the wind facility. Since that time, Duke Energy has adapted turbine operations to avoid additional take of Indiana bats while they prepared this plan. Local outreach planned. R5

In late November/early December, Kenai NWR will propose to amend its public use regulations through publication of a draft rule that would: clarify the existing regulations; implement management decisions from the refuge's June 2010 Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan; establish regulations for managing wildlife attractants, including food, refuse and retained fish to decrease the potential for negative human-bear interactions; and revise regulations for hunting and trapping, including those governing these activities within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area. R7

FWS is preparing an environmental assessment for public review and comment that will examine options to reduce impacts related to increasing visitation at Three Sisters Springs, part of the Crystal River NWR. The assessment will propose options and steps that could be taken to minimize impacts related to increasing visitation at the refuge and maintain opportunities to observe the charismatic Florida manatee in the warm springs there. The assessment is expected to be released for public comment for at least two weeks by the end of November. The Three Sisters Springs unit of Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge is owned by the City of Crystal River and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, and is administered by FWS under a management agreement. R4

FWS will announce the availability of the draft EIS and the Southern Edwards Plateau Draft Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (DRHCP) for the Southern Edwards Plateau in November. Led by the City of San Antonio and Bexar County, Texas, the DRHCP is an effort to address the potential impacts of infrastructure and commercial and residential development. The DEIS describes potential impacts of issuing a 30-year permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act to authorize incidental take of nine federally endangered species including the golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, Government Canyon Bat Cave spider, Madla Cave meshweaver, Braken Cave meshweaver, Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver, two beetles with no common name (*Rhadine exilis* and *Rhadine infernalis*) and the Helotes mold beetle. Outreach planned to coincide with availability of the documents in the *Federal Register* Reading Room. R2

In late November/early December, FWS will announce approval of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Programmatic Conservation Bank Agreement (PCBA) submitted by Common Ground Capital and finalized May 1. This is the first PCBA to be approved by FWS, with the goal of streamlining the process for lands to be approved as

conservation banks to provide for the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat. Outreach planned. R2

The draft of the polar bear conservation management plan is scheduled to be released to the public in early December for a 60-day review and comment period. R7

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 requires that the Director of FWS provide an annual report to Congress about strategies, expenditures and progress made in addressing the threat of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River basins. The first report is due Dec. 31. R3

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The following endangered species actions are scheduled to be sent to the *Federal Register* in Nov. and Dec. (announcement dates TBD but most will coincide with the date each notice is placed on public inspection in in the reading room):

- Gunnison Sage Grouse final listing and critical habitat, Nov. 12, R6
- 20 species of coral, final listing, Nov. 14, HQ
- Monarch Butterfly and California Gnatcatcher, 90-day findings, Nov. 14, HQ
- Candidate Notice of Review, Nov. 24, HQ
- Rufa red knot, final listing, Nov. 28, R5
- Black Pine Snake, proposed critical habitat, Nov. 28, R4
- Final EIS for Mexican wolf 10j revision, EIS Availability, Nov. 28, R2
- Borax Lake Chub, downlisting from Endangered to Threatened, Dec. 5, R1
- Spring Pygmy Sunfish, final Critical Habitat, Dec. 5, R4
- 2 Arkansas Mussels (Neosho Mucket and Rabbitsfoot), final Critical Habitat, Dec. 5, R4
- Chimpanzee, final listing, Dec. 5, HQ



## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Nov. 9 – 15, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

Neil Kornze will be in Washington D.C. all week. Steve Ellis be on annual leave Nov. 10, returning to Washington, DC Nov. 12. Linda Lance will be on annual leave Nov. 13-14.

### Public Announcements

Monday, Nov. 10

*Nothing to report*

Tuesday, Nov. 11

*Nothing to report*

Wednesday, Nov. 12

The BLM is working with the **Ft. McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and the FS to address a longstanding domestic horse trespass** on public lands bordering OR and NV. The FS will initiate a 30-day public comment period with a removal scheduled to start Nov.12. Additionally, BLM-OR plans to conduct an emergency wild horse gather in the Cold Springs HMA in southeastern OR due to the Saddle Draw Fire.

Nov. 12–13, BLM-AZ will hold **a stakeholders meeting on the regional mitigation planning process for 3 SEZs in Arizona** (Aqua Caliente SEZ, Brenda SEZ and Gillespie SEZ). This follows a public workshop that was held in April and a webinar in July. The AZ regional mitigation planning effort is targeted for completion in March 2015.

Thursday, Nov. 13

BLM-CO will hold an offer 24 parcels totaling 6,797 acres during the **quarterly competitive oil and gas lease sale** scheduled for 9 a.m, at the CO State Office in Lakewood. About 481 acres are located on BLM-managed land with the remaining 6,316 acres on private lands with BLM-managed subsurface minerals - all within the boundaries of the Royal Gorge Field Office. The parcels are spread among El Paso, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Washington and Weld counties. BLM Colorado posted the sale notice for these parcels on Aug. 15, 2014, and did not receive any protests.

Nov. 13-14, **International Sage-grouse Forum**, sponsored by the Univ. of Utah in Salt Lake City. The purpose of the forum is to “develop ‘seamless’ plans for designated Utah geographic areas that contribute to the conservation of sage-grouse and other wildlife species that inhabit Utah’s sagebrush-steppe and desert shrub ecosystems and enhance the economic sustainability of local communities.” BLM Assistant Director Ed Roberson will represent the BLM.

Friday, Nov. 14

Sat. Nov. 15

*Nothing to report*

### Major Press Inquiries

*CBS Evening News* contacted BLM WO requesting the 2013 statistics on oil and gas site inspections, broken down by state (CO, MT, NV, NM, ND, UT and WY). WO Public Affairs will coordinate all responses with DOI Communications.

*Harper's Magazine* contacted BLM-WO to verify 2 BLM-related numbers in the recent OIG report on the BLM Wildland Fire Program: The total amount of gift card purchases from the fire suppression program, which the report puts at \$799,000, and the amount of those charges coming from BLM Idaho, which the report puts at about \$70,000. The BLM referred the reporter to the OIG.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Steve Ellis will meet with Rep. Amodei (R-2-NV) and his staff on Nov. 13 to discuss the Nevada Fire Safe Council, Argenta allotment and drought management in Nevada

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Nov. 18:** BLM-UT will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Nov. 18-19: Fort Berthold Oil & Gas Partners Meeting:** the Three Affiliated/Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Tribal Energy Department and newly elected Tribal Chairman, will present energy-related topics and issues for discussion with Federal agency partners in Bismarck, N.D. Agencies will also be providing reports regarding ongoing oil and gas business respective to their areas of responsibility. The BLM, ONRR, BIA, BuRec and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are invited.

**Dec. 1:** The 60-day public comment period ends on the proposed rule, **Competitive Processes, Terms, and Conditions for Leasing Public Lands for Solar and Wind Energy Development**. Released Sept. 30, the proposed rule establishes competitive leasing processes for ROWs to receive fair market value and promote preferred areas for solar and wind development on public lands.

**Dec. 8:** BLM OR will hold the **Thompson Strip Land Sale** selling about 80 acres in Polk County -- south of the Grand Ronde Reservation -- at a public auction. These parcels are considered "hiatuses" -- small slivers of unpatented lands resulting from 19<sup>th</sup> century surveying errors. Adjoining landowners have expressed interest in purchasing these slivers. A Federal Register notice was published on October 8, 2014.

**Dec. 9:** BLM-NV will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Dec. 9:** BLM-NV expects to release EAs for **3 solar projects within the Dry Lake SEZ** by this date. They are the 200-MW First Solar Dry Lake Solar project, 150-MW NV Energy Dry Lake Solar project, and the 134-MW Invenergy Harry Allen Solar project. A 30-day public comment period will follow.

**Early Dec.:** The notice of availability for the BLM-WY Lander Field Office **Sheep Mountain Uranium Project DEIS is scheduled to publish in the Federal Register**. Public meetings will be held during the 45-day scoping period. The Sheep Mountain project area, located in the Crooks Gap uranium district 60 miles east of Lander, Wyoming, is approximately 3,611 acres, of which approximately 64 percent are BLM-administered lands. The project is largely supported by state and local governments and many members of the public because of the anticipated economic benefits to the region and its location in a previously mined area. A final EIS is expected to be released in August 2015.

**Mid-Dec. to early Jan.:** The **FEIS for the 350-MW Soda Mountain Solar PV project (CA)** is expected to be with an anticipated ROD signed in March. NPS concerns over potential impacts to groundwater, bighorn sheep, and visual resources to the adjacent Mohave National Preserve have been addressed.

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

November 5, 2014 – November 13, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

November 5 – 18: The Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (RPB), for which BOEM is the Federal co-lead, is holding a series of public listening sessions hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean. The public listening sessions will take place in Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, New York, and New Jersey from Nov. 5 – 18 to receive comments on a variety of draft materials developed by the RPB.

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### Public Announcements

**November 14:** Press event to execute the Maryland Wind Lease at the Maryland Offshore Wind Conference in Baltimore, MD.

**Early November:** Note to Stakeholders on a Request for Information on the development of a Long-Term Monitoring Plan for marine mammals in the Gulf of Mexico.

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**Multiple Queries:** Reporters requesting background information regarding South Carolina wind energy planning efforts following the Oct 29 Offshore Wind Symposium at Coastal Carolina.

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**Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193:** On October 31, BOEM posted the draft supplemental EIS for public review. On November 7, the Notice will publish in the *Federal Register*, initiating a 45-day comment period. Public hearings and Government-to-Government consultations will take place between Nov. 17 and Dec. 4 in several communities bordering the Chukchi Sea, Anchorage and Fairbanks, AK.

**Maryland Offshore Wind Lease Sale:** BOEM plans to execute two offshore wind leases with US Wind Inc., the provisional winner of both lease areas during the August auction with a combined bid of \$8.7 million, on November 14 at a public event at the Maryland Offshore Wind Conference in Baltimore, MD.

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**OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT**  
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OSMRE Briefing to Committee Staff with the U.S. House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources:  
On October 30, OSMRE briefed House Committee Staffers regarding the petition from Wild Earth Guardians seeking that OSMRE promulgate a rule prohibiting the production of visible Nitrogen Oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions during blasting. Questions asked included the length of the public comment period, the number of public comments received, cloud and fume monitoring techniques after blasting, and the use of drones in West Virginia, which monitor air quality after blasting.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, November 5

Nothing to report

Thursday, November 6

Nothing to report

Friday, November 7

Nothing to report

Saturday, November 8

Nothing to report

Sunday, November 9

Nothing to report

Monday, November 10

Nothing to report

Tuesday, November 11

Nothing to report

Wednesday, November 12

Nothing to report

Thursday, November 13

Nothing to report

Friday, November 14

OSMRE to Release Mine Pool Reports:

OSMRE will release two hydrologic characterization reports regarding underground mine pool systems in West Virginia and Maryland. A mine pool develops after mining ceases and the mine voids are allowed to fill with ground water. The two large, complex underground mine pool systems involve both pre- and post- SMCRA underground mines, multiple coal beds, pool areas of 25,000 and 53,000 acres, which cross the State borders. The reports present findings of current conditions and the need to prevent impacts to river systems by pumping

and treating water from the mines. They also demonstrate OSMRE's efforts in developing good science for regulating a complex industry. These two reports may generate interest from citizens and environmental groups.

Saturday, November 15

Nothing to report

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

#### **Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project EIS:**

On October 29, OSMRE conducted a government-to-government consultation meeting with the Hopi Tribe regarding an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that OSMRE and other agencies are drafting in connection with a SMCRA permit application, for the Pinabete Mine in New Mexico. The Pinabete Mine is located south of the Navajo Mine, which is the sole supplier of coal to the Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP). The Pinabete Mine is expected to supply coal to the FCPP for an additional 25 years. OSMRE is the lead agency for preparation of the EIS, a draft that was published in the *Federal Register* earlier this year. The draft generated public controversy, as will the final EIS upon its publication, which is planned for March 2015.

#### **House Committee on Appropriations Staff Member Visited Kentucky Mine Sites:**

On November 3, 4 and 5, House Appropriations staff, along with OSMRE and DOI staff visited active and reclaimed coal mine sites in Kentucky to gain a better understanding of mining and reclamation activities required by SMCRA.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Nothing to report

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**  
**November 5 – November 14, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events:** *From Tuesday, November 11 through Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) Conference in San Diego, CA. NWRA is an advocacy group comprised primarily of water and irrigation districts from the Western United States. In addition to giving the keynote address, I will, as has been done by my predecessors hold a series of about 50 one-on-one meetings with water district leaders who attend the conference.*

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, November 5

**Climate Adaptation Strategy:** Reclamation will release its Climate Adaptation Strategy. This is Reclamation's strategy and response to global climate change as it relates to managing water and power in the West. The strategy builds upon Reclamation's ongoing activities to incorporate climate adaptation more comprehensively across mission areas, programs and decision making.

**WaterSMART Pecos Basin Study Stakeholder Meeting (NM):** The stakeholders meeting for the WaterSMART Pecos Basin Study will be held in Roswell, New Mexico, to discuss model scenarios.

**Climate Change Webinar Offered by Pacific Northwest Region in (ID):** Reclamation is offering the last of a five-part webinar series on the Columbia River Basin Impacts Assessment for employees and affected stakeholders. The Assessment data will become the basis for future Basin Studies in the region. The two-hour webinar events will run through November 5. [www.usbr.gov/pn/climate/crbia/webinar.html](http://www.usbr.gov/pn/climate/crbia/webinar.html)

**Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (DC):** Acting Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs Dionne Thompson will participate in the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation Principals' Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Thursday, November 6

**Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Annual Science Review (CA):** The Reasonable and Prudent Alternative Annual Science Review is scheduled in Sacramento on Nov. 6-7. This event, which is a requirement stated within the 2008 and 2009 National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion for the Coordinated Long-term Operation of the Federal Central Valley Project and the California State Water Project, will focus on the drought and drought operations. Each year, the meeting evaluates how the RPA actions were implemented and their effectiveness for Endangered Species Act-listed species during the past year. The conference is held with NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the public is invited to attend but not participate. There is no anticipated discussion of water year 2015 drought operations at this event.

**Resource Speaker on Water Education Foundation Tour (CA):** Reclamation's San Joaquin River Restoration Program manager will be a resource speaker on the Water Education Foundation's San Joaquin River Restoration tour November 6-7. The tour starts and ends in Fresno, Calif.

Friday, November 7

**CalLite 3.00 (Beta) Model (CA):** Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources will jointly release the CalLite 3.00 (Beta) Model, which is a Central Valley Project and State Water Project management

screening tool. CalLite will serve as a screening level model that runs faster and provides results within 5 percent of the former CalSim II model. CalLite is an improved educational resource for stakeholders and provides powerful analytical capabilities for more experienced modelers. It has a user-friendly interface, faster simulation time, and options for evaluating the impact of different regulations, facilities, and operational strategies on Federal and State reservoirs in the Central Valley. Improvements since the previous version of the CalLite model allows us to run more detailed models and simulations about the implications of actions required under specific State regulations and Federal statutes such as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). It also allows for more accurate climate change analysis.

**Public Comment Period Open on Windy Gap Excess Capacity Contract with Colorado Municipal Subdistrict (CO):** The 30-day public comment period, which opened October 8, closes. Reclamation, Northern Water Conservancy District and Northern Water's Municipal Subdistrict have been negotiating a contract that would allow the subdistrict to use excess or unused capacity in Reclamation's Colorado-Big Thompson Project for the Windy Gap Project and Future Windy Gap Firming Project.

Saturday, November 8

**Let's Move Outside/Capell Cove Cruise (CA):** Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside/ Capell Cove Cruise paddling tour led by a Park Ranger at Lake Berryessa in Central California.

**Salmon Festival at Lost Lake (CA):** Reclamation will have a booth about the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, including reintroduction of fall and spring-run Chinook salmon, at the salmon festival hosted by Trout Unlimited at Lost Lake Park near Friant, Calif. The festival is a fun event for the community to better understand the restoration and reintroduction of chinook salmon into the San Joaquin River.

Sunday, November 9

**Let's Move Outside/Geocaching Tuttle town's Trails (CA):** Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside/Geocaching Tuttle town's Trails activity at New Melones Lake's Tuttle town Recreation Area in Central California. A Park Ranger will hide trinkets along the trails in Tuttle town then lead a 3-mile roundtrip hike with participants using their GPS units or an app on their phones to "cash in" on the geocaching craze and find the prizes.

Monday, November 10

**2014 High Flow Experiment (HFE) Release at Glen Canyon Dam (AZ):** The Department of the Interior will conduct the third high flow experimental release from Glen Canyon Dam under the innovative science-based HFE Protocol approved in 2012. The protocol calls for conducting more frequent high flow experimental releases from the dam timed to occur following sediment inputs to the Colorado River from the Paria River. The HFE will provide resource benefits in the near term and will also provide scientific information to be used in future decision making. The third such release based on the HFE Protocol will be on Monday, November 10, 2014 and last until Saturday, November 15, 2014. The maximum release during this period will be 37,500 cubic feet per second.

**Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS) Annual Progress Report (ID) (New):** The Action Agencies, which consist of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bonneville Power Administration, will roll out the FCRPS Biological Opinion Annual Progress Report the week of November 10.

Tuesday, November 11

Nothing to report

Wednesday, November 12

**Reclamation's FY 2015 Science and Technology Program Research Awards:** Reclamation will announce the Science and Technology Program Research Awards for FY 2015. Reclamation has selected 131 projects totaling \$9.2 million. The program is focused on providing innovative solutions for Reclamation water and power facility managers and stakeholders.

Thursday, November 13

Nothing to report

Friday, November 14

**High Schoolers Tour of Trinity Powerplant (CA):** Students from Trinity High School will tour the Trinity Powerplant for an introduction to hydro-electric generation and maintenance. The students will be accompanied by several adults and a representative from the City of Redding. The purpose is for students to consider careers in the power generation industry.

### Major Press Inquiries

Tony Davis of the *Arizona Star* (Tucson, AZ) is asking for the level of responses to the solicitation letters for the Colorado River System Conservation Pilot Program and the names of those individuals. Discussions on release of information remain in progress.

### Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

**Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (California):** On November 10, the Klamath Basin Coordinating Council's Executive Committee and others will hold a meeting in Redding, CA to initiate regular informal meetings to discuss the future of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) in relation to the mid-term elections, and the status of the federal legislation currently under review by the Senate. Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Deputy Regional Director, Jason Phillips will be attending. A second meeting is scheduled for December 18 in Redding, to develop an action plan for furthering the goals of the KBRA as impacted by the 2014 elections.

**Delta Cross Channel Gates Closed (California):** On November 2, at approximately 9 a.m., Reclamation closed the Delta Cross Channel Gates to protect young winter-run salmon migrating out of the Sacramento River towards San Francisco Bay. This is based on the Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives in the National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion. The gates will be closed until further notice.

### 30-60 Day Look Ahead

**Jensen Unit Block Notice (UT):** A Block Notice has been approved for the sale of 3,300 acre-feet (AF) of Jensen Unit water to the Uintah Water Conservancy District. As part of this decision, Reclamation will continue to convey up to 780 AF of water into Stewart Lake when the water is called for. Reclamation prepared an environmental assessment to examine the potential environmental impacts of this action, which resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact. It is anticipated that a prepayment ceremony will be scheduled for some time in January, 2015.

**Draft Central Valley Project Municipal and Industrial Water Shortage Policy (CA):** On November 21, Reclamation will release a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Central Valley Project's (CVP) Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water Shortage Policy for public comment. Four public meetings will be held in December to receive additional comments. Finalization of the EIS will result in implementation of guidelines addressing the allocation of limited CVP water supplies during periods of shortage.

**Signing Ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan:** In November, Reclamation/Interior, Department of Energy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a signing ceremony for a Hydropower MOU Action Plan they are in the process of developing. The Action Plan continues the collaboration of the three agencies under the Hydropower MOU signed in March 2010. The new interagency Sustainable Hydropower Action Plan (Phase II) to be released, details the joint action items under the MOU that the agencies intend to work on in coming years, in the general areas of: (1) Advancing Technology Development and Performance Testing, (2) Addressing Environmental Issues, (3) Conducting Hydro Systems Analysis, and (4) Promoting Information Sharing. [INCLUDED IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Oregon Water Resources Congress Annual Conference:** On December 2-5, Principal Deputy Commissioner Lopez is scheduled to participate in the Oregon Water Resources Congress Annual Conference in Hood River, Oregon.

**U.S. Chamber of Commerce Corporate Citizenship Center Conference:** On December 2-4, the Chamber of Commerce Corporate Citizenship Center has invited Reclamation hydrologist Dagmar Llewellyn to speak in McLean, Virginia, about climate change due to her work on the Upper Rio Grande Impacts Assessment at the Water-Energy-Food Nexus. The Corporate Citizenship Center is a 501C3 non-profit affiliate of the Chamber of Commerce, but the conference is co-hosted with Lockheed Martin, the contractor operating Sandia National Laboratories, a partner on the study. Forms are being processed to determine Dagmar's participation.

**Washington State Water Resources Association Conference (WA):** On December 3-5, Reclamation will participate in the Washington State Water Resources Association Conference in Spokane, Washington.

**Colorado River Water Users Association Meeting (NV):** In early December, Reclamation will attend the annual Colorado River Water Users Association meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Congressional Western Caucus (NV):** Jonathan Shuffield, Executive Director of the Congressional Western Caucus and staff for Congressman Steve Pearce (NM-2) is requesting a tour of Hoover Dam for December 5<sup>th</sup>. The total number of attendees is unknown at this time.

**Grand Coulee Dam Visit (WA):** On December 2-5, Reclamation's Principal Deputy Commissioner Estevan Lopez will visit Grand Coulee Dam.

**Idaho Water Users Association (ID):** On January 20-22, Reclamation will attend the Idaho Water Users Association Annual Convention in Boise, Idaho.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**  
**November 5-14, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On **November 11-14**, USGS Acting Director Suzette Kimball will be participating at the Eleventh Plenary Session of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO-XI), in Geneva, Switzerland.

During **November 5-10**, Suzette Kimball will be in Reston, Va. and Washington, D.C. No travel.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, November 5

**News Release—USGS 2010 Water Use Report:** On **November 5**, the USGS released the Estimated Use of Water in the United States in 2010. Every five years, data at the county level are compiled into a national water-use data system and state-level data are published in a national circular. According to the latest report, national water use withdrawals have reached their lowest levels since before 1970. Total estimated withdrawals in 2010 in the U.S. were 355 billion gallons per day or 13% less than total estimated withdrawals in 2005. This represented the lowest level of total withdrawals for all uses in the last 45 years. Thermoelectric power, irrigation, public supply, and self-supplied industrial water use cumulatively represented 94% of total withdrawals. However, withdrawals for all of these uses declined in 2010.

**Technical Announcement—Tracking the Nitrate Pulse to the Gulf of Mexico: Yesterday** (Nov 4), USGS announced a new paper published in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology* that describes how cutting edge optical sensor technology is being used in the Mississippi River basin to accurately track the nitrate pulse to the Gulf of Mexico. Excessive springtime nitrate runoff from agricultural land and other sources in the Mississippi drainage flows into the Mississippi River and downstream to the Gulf of Mexico. This excess nitrate contributes to the Gulf of Mexico hypoxic zone, an area with low oxygen known commonly as the "dead zone." NOAA-supported researchers reported that the summer 2014 dead zone covered about 5,052 square miles, an area the size of Connecticut.

**News Release—Effects of Climate & Land Use Changes on Birds:** On **November 5**, a new USGS paper will be published in the journal *PLOS ONE* describing the likely impacts of climate and land use change on bird species in the United States, over the period from 2001-2075. A news release is planned. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

Thursday, November 6

**USGS to Release Climate Data Initiative Water Theme:** On **November 6**, USGS, on behalf of the White House and in cooperation with interagency partners, is announcing the release of the Climate Data Initiative Water Theme. The Climate Data Initiative was announced by President Obama in March 2014. USGS science has contributed to over 40 water and climate datasets within the Initiative, extending the range of software tools available to help analyze and assess impacts of a changing climate on the water cycle. These tools provide users with convenient data access capabilities, common data transformation utilities, and analysis methods for data and related information. A news release is planned in conjunction with the American Water Resources Association conference.

Friday, November 7

**News Release—Characterization of Groundwater Quality in the Bakken Area:** Within the **next week**, the USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Groundwater*, which uses data for a broad suite of inorganic and organic chemical constituents, and groundwater-age, noble-gas, and isotopic tracers, to characterize the quality and age of shallow groundwater in the region. The data can serve as a baseline for

future groundwater quality monitoring as energy development activities expand in the basin. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

Saturday & Sunday, November 8 & 9

Nothing to report.

Monday, November 10

Tuesday, November 11

Nothing to report.

Wednesday, November 12

Nothing to report.

Thursday, November 13

Nothing to report.

Friday, November 14

Nothing to report.

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**News Release–USGS to Release California Drought Visualization Program:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS will announce the California Drought Visualization Program, a web resource developed by the USGS Center for Integrated Data Analytics. The application, currently available online, was released as part of the White House's climate change and open water data initiatives to provide the general public with a timeline of statewide drought coverage, related news articles, and the economic impacts of the drought on California's crops. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–2014 CSC Project Award Announcement:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will distribute several press releases announcing the 2014 research projects funded by the 8 Climate Science Centers and USGS National Wildlife and Climate Change Science Center. Each CSC will have a separate news release and a comprehensive release will be distributed nationally. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Releases–Idaho Studies on Mine Drainage:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce two studies analyzing long-term water-quality monitoring results on mine-influenced drainages in Idaho. One report describes temporal and spatial trends in selenium concentrations at the outlet of the Blackfoot River and the second assesses the status, transport, and long-term trends in the concentrations and loads of selected nutrients and trace metals in specific stream reaches in the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Rivers. Local news releases are planned.

**News Release–US Topo Features Mountain Bike Trails:** In early **December**, USGS plans to announce the inclusion of mountain bike trails to upcoming US Topo map quadrangles. The first state maps to feature mountain bike trails are projected to be in Arizona. The mountain bike trail data is provided through a partnership with the International Mountain Biking Association and MTB Project, which collects and verifies data collected by local IMBA chapters, IMBA members, and the public. A news release is planned and a media event and roll-out are being considered. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–City Votes on USGS Research Project:** In **early November**, USGS and Reclamation will issue a joint news release about the Waco Treatment Wetlands project. Next month, the City of Waco (Texas) City Council is scheduled to vote on final construction approval of the Waco Treatment Wetlands, a multi-disciplinary/partner research project to demonstrate whether an innovative constructed wetlands design can



remove endocrine disrupters that occur in reclaimed wastewater. USGS, Reclamation the City of Waco and Baylor University are all involved. Once approved, construction of the wetlands could start in the next month. Media coverage is anticipated. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Climate Change Effects in the Lake Michigan Basin:** In the **next month**, USGS will release a new report that discusses likely hydrological effects of climate change on the Lake Michigan Basin through 2099. Findings suggest increased streamflow throughout the basin and late growing seasons. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Youth blogger to visit USGS Science Center:** On **November 13**, youth science blogger Terry Jennings will visit the USGS Eastern Geology and Paleoclimate Science Center in Reston, Va. to learn about the center's work and tour the labs. Her blog is *KC's Wild Facts*.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Oversight Hearing on Volcano Hazards:** The USGS has been invited to testify at a House Natural Resources Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee oversight hearing on volcano hazards. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for the week of November 17. USGS Volcano Hazards Program Coordinator, Charlie Mandeville, will likely serve as the USGS witness.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Forthcoming USGS Polar Bear Research Papers:** In the **coming months**, the USGS will be releasing several new journal papers related to polar bear conservation in a warming Arctic. The papers range from medium to high interest and cover topics including implications of polar bear genetic structure, female polar bear diet and foraging strategies, polar bear population dynamics, effects of polar bear capture and polar bear resource selection patterns to inform energy resource development in the Arctic. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—New Findings on Polar Bear Genetic Structure and Diversity:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *PLOS One* that shares new findings on the circumpolar genetic structure of polar bears. USGS scientists led an international team to share data on polar bear genetics, in order to determine how genetic diversity and structure have changed in response to dramatic declines in the sea-ice habitat of polar bears, how current genetic patterns compare with past patterns, and how genetic demography changed with historical fluctuations in climate. This major analysis on subpopulation connectivity during recent sea ice decline provides a substantially updated baseline for the conservation framework currently under development by the 5 nations (U.S., Canada, Greenland, Norway, and Russia) with polar bears. A news release is planned and briefings are planned for FWS in Alaska and Alaska Native co-management partners. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Funding for new Gages in Minnesota:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce NSIP funding for new streamgages in Minnesota. The announcement will be similar to the September 9 announcement for new streamgage funding in Idaho, distributed to the Minnesota media outlets. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Drought Impacts on Mojave Bird Species:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Auk*. The study, led by the University of Arizona, finds that drought-caused delays in nesting, coupled with the effects of nest depredation and parasitism, will have a negative effect on birds in the Mojave Desert. A news release is being planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Marcellus Development Impacts on Salamander Ranges:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper that indicates that habitat loss may be significant for terrestrial salamanders in the Marcellus Shale as a result of oil and gas development activities. USGS researchers modeled losses of forest habitat in the Marcellus shale play, and estimated the corresponding reduction in forest-dependent salamander ranges based on a variety of shale gas development scenarios. All scenarios showed forest loss and potentially large range restriction for the salamanders. Despite the uncertainty in the species' distribution modeling, the results indicate that habitat loss may be significant, implying a real potential impact on terrestrial salamander populations. Given other threats facing terrestrial, range-restricted species, such an impact from a single source would indeed be concerning. A full assessment of extinction risk will require better and more extensive data, and though the scenarios are insufficient to fully assess this risk, the results from our simulations are a first step. The paper will be published in the journal *Biological Conservation*, and a news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—USGS to Release Study on Disease Virulence Evolution:** In the **coming weeks**, a news release will announce new research, led by the USGS, that finds that diseases that cause debilitating symptoms are expected to evolve lower virulence along the epidemic front compared to the epidemic origin. Motivated by real-world observations of a new disease in songbirds, a mathematical investigation shows that disease virulence—the increased death rate of infected individuals—is expected to evolve to lower levels along the epidemic front compared to the disease origin. The paper will be published in *The American Naturalist*. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Freshwater Fisheries and Global Food Security:** In the **coming weeks**, Michigan State University will distribute a news release describing the importance of inland fisheries to global food security, the challenges faced due to competing demands for freshwater and possible solutions. USGS scientists contributed to the publication and will be identified in the news release. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—NC Baseline Study for Hydraulic Fracturing:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new study that examined groundwater quality samples collected in a potential shale gas production area in North Carolina. This report can be considered as baseline information for groundwater quality in the aquifers of the study area because the natural gas industry is not yet active in the state. The results showed that dissolved methane concentrations were low. The study will be published as a USGS Open-File Report. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Seal flu virus:** In the **next few weeks** the USGS National Wildlife Health Center will issue a national news release announce a new report showing that the avian flu virus that caused widespread harbor seal deaths in 2011 can easily spread to and infect other mammals and potentially humans. The release will likely be distributed jointly with the St. Jude's Children's Memorial Hospital. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—The impact of road salt on watersheds:** In the **coming weeks**, the USGS plans to announce new research about increasing chloride concentrations in streams associated with the use of road salt. The paper is pending journal approval, but approval is expected within the next week or two. A news release will be coordinated with the publication date. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Upper Klamath ET Maps:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will distribute a press release for upcoming evapotranspiration maps of the upper Klamath Basin. The announcement will be coordinated with other local activities in the Klamath area. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**Upcoming Fact Sheet on Produced Waters:** In the **coming months**, USGS will publish a new fact sheet that will provide an overview of USGS activities and information from published sources regarding produced waters from hydrocarbon production.

**Upcoming Analysis of Permafrost Gas Hydrate:** In the **coming months**, a new USGS paper to be published in *Journal of Chemical Engineering Data* reveals where permafrost-associated gas hydrates are most likely to occur, concluding that Arctic Alaska and the West Siberian Basin are the best prospects.

**Upcoming Paper on Fate of Injected CO<sub>2</sub> in Louisiana:** In the **coming months**, a new USGS paper is scheduled for publication in an outside journal that evaluates the ultimate fate of carbon dioxide that is injected into Louisiana's Wilcox Group formation of the Gulf Coast Basin.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY–INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND THE BUREAUS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION  
November 5 to November 14, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On November 5, the AS-IA will give remarks at the DOI/IA National Native American Heritage Month event at the Office of Personnel Management Alan Campbell Auditorium. Theme: “Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today and Forever.”

On November 5, the AS-IA, DAS-M, BIE Director, BIE Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Self Governance and Office of Budget and Performance Management will meet with the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) on budget issues.

On November 5, the AS-IA and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary will meet with the Tanana Chiefs Conference Director to discuss the process of becoming a TIBC representative for the Alaska Region.

On November 6, the AS-IA will present at the Special Institute on Energy and Mineral Development in Indian Country for the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation in Tucson, AZ.

On November 10, the AS-IA will meet with Pueblo of Acoma’s Gaming Task Force to discuss a gaming compact with the State of New Mexico for a class III tribal-state gaming compact.

On November 13, BIE Director Roessel will lead a discussion in Albuquerque, NM on American Indian languages to develop a BIE policy on Native languages for BIE schools.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, November 5

The DOI/Indian Affairs National Native American Heritage Month event will take place at the OPM headquarters building in Washington, D.C. The theme is “Native Pride and Spirit: Yesterday, Today, and Forever.”

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) will host the Tribal Geologic Information System (GIS) Conference on campus through November 7.

Dr. Roessel’s interview with the New Mexico reporter on the Pine Hill School will air today.

Thursday, November 6

The BIE American Indian Language Summit will take place in Albuquerque, NM.

The AS-IA will approve the Northern Cheyenne Tribe’s probate code and announce the approval in a press release today. Codes such as Northern Cheyenne’s allow tribes to determine how trust or restricted land within the reservation passes to heirs upon an individual’s death. The AS-IA will notify the Tribe.

Friday, November 7

Today is the deadline for submission of comments on Revision of Agency Information Collection for Indian Child Welfare Quarterly and Annual Report (FR Notice published 9-8-14) to the BIA Office of Indian Services Division of Human Services.

Saturday & Sunday, November 8 & 9

Nothing to report

Monday, November 10

Nothing to report

Tuesday, November 11

Nothing to report

Wednesday, November 12

Nothing to report

Thursday, November 13

The Department will host a tribal consultation on the Indian Water Rights Settlement Program in Lakewood, CO.

Friday, November 14

Training and technical assistance will be provided in Albuquerque, NM to the six tribal project directors of the Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancements.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Indianz.com requests confirmation that Byron McDonald is a BIA Law Enforcement officer.

Native America Calling requests someone from OJS to appear on their program about Highway Safety in Indian Country.

Phoenix, AZ, public radio station KJZZ requests a telephone interview with someone on the Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancement Initiative funding and details on the program's goals. The station also will be contacting tribes that received SIE funding for their insights.

The New York Times requests information on the Pamunkey Tribe and their pursuit of federal recognition.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Sovereignty in Indian Education Award letters are in the Data Tracking System for simultaneous surname.

Department of State staff will host a conference call with federal interagency staff and Navajo Nation representatives to discuss Navajo's request for U.S. assistance in compelling France to repatriate sacred objects that were sold at a June 2014 auction in Paris.

AS-IA's Office of Regulatory Affairs is compiling the comments received on the Proposed Rule on Federal Acknowledgment (Part 83).

The Department's Office of Hearings and Appeals is compiling comments received on the Proposed Rule on Hearings for Federal Acknowledgment.

The Proposed Rule on Housing and Improvement Program (25 CFR 256) is currently in the surname process with the Office of the Solicitor. The goal is to publish the rule this month.

The Paperwork Reduction Act package for the Proposed Rule on Tribal Transportation Program (25 CFR 170) is being reviewed by the Department Information Collection Clearance Officer. The next step will be to put the rule into surname.

The Proposed Rule on Secretarial Elections (25 CFR 81) has already been published in the Federal Register. Consultation on this rule was held at the NCAI meeting on October 26 in Atlanta. Additional consultations will be held this month in northern California and Oklahoma City.

The BIE is planning numerous consultations on the Draft Rule on Tribal Colleges and Universities (25 CFR 41).

The AS-IA office and BIE have drafted a Proposed Rule on Johnson O'Malley Contracts (25 CFR 273). The AS-IA office of Regulatory Affairs is working on the associated Paperwork Reduction Act request.

Indian Affairs and the Department of State continue to draft guidance to U.S. embassies regarding the repatriation of sacred objects and human remains from foreign museums.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On November 18, the Office of Inspector General will initiate its inspection of the DOI's Occupational Safety and Health and Workers' Compensation Programs with an interview meeting with Division of Safety and Risk Management (DSRM) staff. The purpose of this inspection is to assess the current conditions by analyzing data to identify the main contributing factors behind reported safety incidents, workers' compensation costs, and lost productivity.

November 15 is the deadline for comments to BIE on the preliminary discussion draft of revised regulations regarding grants to Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, Diné College, and Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institutions.

On November 17, BIE Director Roessel and Don Yu will hold the first in a series of meetings with Tribes and Tribal leaders to explain the Blueprint for Reform and the locations of the Education Resource Centers (ERCs). These meetings are to secure support for the Blueprint and the ERCs. The first meeting will be in Flagstaff, AZ with the Navajo Nation.

On November 18, the Department will hold a Tribal Consultation on Secretarial Elections in Oklahoma City, OK.

On November 19, staff will attend an all-day program at the National Museum of the American Indian titled: "25 Years of Repatriation under the NMAI Act." Several expert panels will discuss the repatriation of human remains, as well as sacred objects. Australia's Ambassador to the US will discuss his experiences with international repatriation projects.

On November 20, the Department will hold a Tribal Consultation on Secretarial Elections in Rocklin, CA.

November 28, 2014 is Native American Day.

On November 20, the AS-IA will be a Keynote Speaker at the 2014 Indigenous Law Conference: Dismantling Barriers in American Indian Education at Michigan State University in Lansing, MI.

On December 1-5, the 24th Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference will be held at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage, AK.

On December 3, 2014 the White House Tribal Nations Conference will be held at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C.

On December 9, SIPI President Allison and Vice President Christensen will present to the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee.

On December 9-10, the American Indian Chamber of Commerce Conference will take place in Washington, D.C. The Indian Affairs Division of Economic Development (DED) is helping the Chambers of Commerce plan and implement this event, the first-ever conference organized by all of the American Indian Chambers in the U.S.

On January 1, the Department of State will file a report with the UN Human Rights Committee (HRC) on the status of human rights in the US during the period 2011-2014. This will be the second time the U.S. has made such a report. The first report was in 2010. A U.S. delegation will be formed in early 2015 to make an oral presentation before the HRC in late April/early May 2015.

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS (OST)**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> –November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

November 3-4 – Vincent G. Logan, Special Trustee will travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico to meet with the OST Investment Review workgroup staff.

### **Public Announcements**

#### **November 5, 2014**

The Director of Financial Education will attend the public meeting of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC) in Washington, DC. FLEC was established under the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 and was tasked to develop a national financial education web site (MyMoney.gov) plus a national strategy on financial education. It is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and vice chaired by the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and is made up of the heads of 19 additional federal agencies. The Commission is coordinated by the Department of the Treasury's Office of Financial Education within the Office Consumer Policy. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

The Deputy Special Trustee-Field Operations will present OST's budget and probate initiatives at the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) meeting in Washington, D.C. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

#### **November 6, 2014**

The Concho Agency FTO and staff will provide a presentation on trust related matters at the tribal sponsored conference and co-sponsored by the Diabetes Wellness Program and the Elders Day Out Programs of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. OST will provide a 45-minute presentation and an informational booth on topics regarding Whereabouts Unknown (WAU), Direct Deposit, the Jodi Marquette Wills Project and LBBP. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

#### **November 7, 2014**

No outreach to report.

#### **November 8, 2014**

The Pima Agency FTO and Colorado River Agency FTO will meet with beneficiaries and students at the Hualapai Lodge on the Hualapai Reservation to assist in "will signing" for individual landowners. Wills were prepared by Arizona Summit Law School Indian Wills Clinic students under the guidance of Professor Betsy Hollingsworth.

#### **November 9, 2014**

No outreach to report.

#### **November 10, 2014**

The Cherokee and Eastern Oklahoma Region FTO will attend the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Meeting Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The FTO regularly attends these meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries.

#### **November 11, 2014**

The Tulsa FTO will attend the Choctaw Nation Veterans Day Ceremony at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma. OST staff will provide information on OST services, the Land Buy-Back Program (LBBP), financial literacy educational services, and credit counseling.

#### **November 12, 2014**

No outreach to report.



### **November 13, 2014**

The Papago Agency FTO will attend a meeting with the Tohono O'odham Nation Finance Committee and Treasurer regarding tribal accounts.

### **November 14, 2014**

No outreach to report.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

None to report.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

#### **U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (DDC) Tribal Litigation for Quinn-Leinbach, Settlement Proposal to the Obama Administration (SPOA) Tribes, and other Litigating Tribes**

The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) is actively supporting the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) tribal litigation team's efforts to reach a settlement on the remaining cases.

**Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town:** On October 23, 2014, the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) issued a final reconsidered decision on remand from the Court regarding whether Plaintiff is the legal beneficiary of what is referred to as the Surface Lease Income Trust (the Trust). The IBIA concluded that the Trust is not held in trust for Plaintiff.

**Chickasaw & Choctaw:** The discovery is currently scheduled to end November 15, 2014 pending a response to the government's request for an extension.

**Colorado River Indian Tribes:** The DOJ requested support settlement efforts. OHTA provided SOL and DOJ with updated natural resource revenue under-collection model results for an additional discount scenario.

**Quapaw, Goodeagle/Bear & Bear:** The discovery deadline has been extended until February 19, 2015.

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE of INSULAR AFFAIRS October 29-November 7, 2014

### Highlights (Chronologically) of Travel (AS-IN), Meetings and other Public Events

- November 3 – Meeting on OIA’s outreach to the freely associated state communities in Hawaii
- November 5 – Briefing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for military training on Tinian and Pagan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
- November 6 – Briefing on the status of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory’s work in the territories and the freely associated states and meetings on climate change and Native Hawaiian affairs
- November 9 – Departure for official travel to American Samoa

### Public Announcements

### Press Inquiries/Reports: Coverage of AS-IN’s Official Travel

- KIA’AINA TO VISIT AMERICAN SAMOA BEGINNING NOVEMBER 10.  
<http://www.samoanews.com/content/en/newest-doi-assistant-secretary-insular-affairs-visit>
- U.S. SUPREME COURT: STATE OF HAWAII NEED NOT PROVIDE MEDICAID TO CITIZENS OF FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES – BUT HAWAII OFFICIALS SIGNAL THAT SOME HEALTH COVERAGE WILL CONTINUE UNDER HAWAII STATE RULES. <http://insurancenewsnet.com/oarticle/2014/11/04/us-supreme-court-decision-allows-reduction-of-healthcare-coverage-to-noncitizen-a-571563.html>
- MAYOR OF TINIAN (NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS) ASKS KIA’AINA FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR TINIAN TO DEVELOP POSITIONS ON INCREASED MILITARY PRESENCE ON TINIAN.  
[HTTP://WWW.SAIPANTRIBUNE.COM/INDEX.PHP/TINIAN-MAYOR-ASKS-KIAAINA-MILITARY-EXPERTS-ASSISTANCE/](http://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/tinian-mayor-asks-kiaaina-military-experts-assistance/)
- CONGRESSMAN ENI FALEOMAVAEGA (DEM.-AM. SAMOA) SUED IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT BY FORMER CAPITOL HILL STAFF MEMBER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, INTIMIDATION AND VIOLATIONS OF FEDERAL FAMILY LEAVE ACT. <http://www.samoanews.com/content/en/fai%E2%80%99ivae-lawsuit-vs-eni%E2%80%99s-office-baseless-without-merit>

### Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal or Policy Issues

### Results of Territorial Congressional Elections –

- **American Samoa** – Amata Coleman Radewagen (Republican) unseated the Democratic incumbent, Congressman Eni Faleomavaega, 42% to 26%, who has served in Congress since January 1989. A former Governor (Togiola Tulafono) secured 11%. The other five challengers totaled 16%. Over 3000 registered voters failed to go to the polls. A member of the Republican National Committee, Congresswoman-elect Radewagen is the daughter of Peter Tali Coleman, the first locally elected Governor of American Samoa, and will be only the third Member of Congress from American Samoa since the Congress established the seat as of the November 1980 election.
- **Guam** – The Democratic incumbent (Madeleine Bordallo) defeated her Republican opponent 58% to 42%.
- **U.S. Virgin Islands** – In an uncontested race, the Democrat Stacey Plaskett won the race with over 90% of the vote. Her Republican challenger (Vince Danet) secured just 9%.
- **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** – Incumbent (Gregorio Kilili Sablan, a Democrat) won with 63% of the votes cast in a race with one challenger.

### Results of Territorial Gubernatorial Elections –

- **Guam** – The Republican incumbents, Governor Eddie Baza Calvo and Lieutenant Governor Ray Tenorio, beat their Democratic challengers 64% to 36%.
- **U.S. Virgin Islands** – Kenneth Mapp and Osbert Potter (Independent) are leading the Democratic Party’s Donna Christensen (incumbent Member of Congress) and Basil Ottley (former OIA employee). However, neither team gained a clear majority, and so the race appears to be headed for a run-off.
- **Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands** – Incumbent (Eloy Inos, a Republican) garnered 44% of the votes cast against three other challengers; Governor Inos will now square off in a run-off (date yet to be determined) against Heinz Hofschneider (Independent), who received 33% of the votes cast.

**Grant Awards of Nearly \$3,100,000 to Palau** – On October 22 OIA notified the President of Palau (Tommy Remengesau Jr.) that OIA was awarding the Government of Palau \$2,593,000 for economic assistance under the Compact relationship between the United States and Palau. On October 29 OIA notified the President of Palau that OIA was awarding the Government of Palau \$504,000 to reimburse Palau for the actual costs incurred in the fiscal year 2014 single audit.

**Grant Awards of Nearly \$31,000,000 to the Marshall Islands** – On October 21 OIA notified the Mayor of Enewetak/Ujelang Local Government (Jackson Ading) that OIA was awarding \$1,511,640 to provide food and support to the people of Enewetak and to help rehabilitate their atoll's soil in order to support agriculture. On October 21 OIA notified the Marshall Islands Ambassador to the United States (Charles Paul) that OIA was awarding \$29,434,442 to the Marshall Islands Government as assistance in health, education, environmental affairs and public-sector infrastructure under the Amended Compact between the United States and the Marshall Islands.

**Grant Awards of Nearly \$58,000,000 to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)** – On October 21 OIA notified the FSM Ambassador to the United States (Astero Takesy) that OIA was awarding \$57,973,184 to the FSM Government as assistance in health, education, environmental affairs, private-sector development and public-sector capacity building under the Amended Compact between the United States and the FSM.

**Completion of OIA-funded Project for the People of Bikini Atoll** – A state-of-the-art, reverse-osmosis (RO), water-treatment plant, powered entirely by wind and solar energy, has been completed for the people of Bikini Atoll living on Kili Island in the southern Marshall Islands. The RO building houses water-making units that now supply the people of Bikini with 2800 to 5600 gallons per day of pure, PH-balanced, mineral-enhanced drinking water. The solar array and wind turbine combination provide enough energy to run the RO machines, pumps and ultra-violet sterilization, while feeding excess power back into the community's power grid. The RO water-treatment plant purifies brackish well water. The Director of OIA has been invited to attend the dedication of the water-treatment plant.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

- **November 9-15** – Accompanied by the Director of OIA, AS-IN makes her first visit to American Samoa, during which AS-IN will deliver the Veterans' Day address at the Daniel K. Inouye Industrial Park in Tafuna (Tutuila) and will visit the Manu'a Islands<sup>1</sup>.
- **November 16-22** – As Chair of the Chuuk Advisory Group on Education Reform and accompanied by the OIA Budget Director, the Director of OIA attends in the State of Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia, the third annual meetings of the Advisory Group, whose principal purpose is to enhance and to accelerate the implementation of education reform in the FSM State of Chuuk.

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<sup>1</sup> This will be only the second visit to the Manu'a Islands by an Assistant Secretary of the Interior in twenty years.



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## Release: NCAI Responds to AG Report on Native Youth and Violence; Cladoosby Calls for National Action to Protect Native Children

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## NCAI Responds to AG Report on Native Youth and Violence; Cladoosby Calls for National Action to Protect Native Children

*NCAI Statement in response to Attorney General Advisory Committee Report on American  
Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence*

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the National Congress of American Indians called for a national mobilization of government and civil society resources to address high rates of violence experienced by American Indian and Alaska Native children. The organization's swift response comes on the heels of the release of the report - *Ending Violence So Children Can Thrive* – authored by the Attorney General's Advisory Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence. Former NCAI President Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, served as a member of the committee, along with a diverse group of nine tribal leaders and scholars, and chair of the Committee, former Senator Byron Dorgan (ND).

NCAI's current President Brian Cladoosby released the following statement:

“The report provides a very strong set of recommendations for action by the Obama Administration and by Congress. This grabs the heart. We call on the federal government, and tribal governments, as well as civil society to ensure that we are putting our children's needs first.

“NCAI calls on Congress to hold hearings in early 2015 to address the Report’s recommendations. Additionally, the challenges and opportunities facing our Native youth should be a central focus during the President’s upcoming Tribal Nations Conference this December.

“Without action, our Native youth will remain vulnerable and they will continue to be exposed to harm. We must address this severe problem as an American family of governments – federal governments, state and local governments, and tribal governments. Even more importantly, we must address this as communities, families, parents and grandparents, and as adults, who know all too well the challenges of growing up in difficult environments. “

Over the past two years, the Attorney General and the Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence examined the current epidemic of violence facing Indian Country and in their report advanced recommendations to heal and protect American Indian and Alaska Native children—to create environments where they can thrive and reach their full potential. At the core of the matter is the need to reduce the barriers that restrict tribal sovereignty in the protection of Native children.

The Advisory Committee has identified the following areas of need:

#### *A Permanent Voice for Native Children*

- The Committee recommends that no later than May 2015 that a permanent fully staffed Native American Affairs Office within the White House Domestic Policy Council, including a staff person focused on Native youth.

#### *Supporting Tribal Self-Determination in Combating Violence*

- Tribal self-government must form the foundation for protecting Native children. The Advisory Committee recommends that Congress should restore the inherent authority of tribal governments to assert full criminal jurisdiction over all persons who commit crimes against children in Indian Country. It is important to build on the success of the Violence Against Women Act, and extend the law to protect Native children.

#### *Intergovernmental Cooperation in Child Welfare Provision*

- Encourage tribal-state ICWA collaborations- ICWA provisions seek to keep Native children safely in their homes and provide AI/AN children with civil protections as members of their respective tribes.

#### *Building Legal Infrastructure in Indian Country*

- Tribal courts must be enhanced and sustained; where absent, they must be developed.
- There is an identified need to fund tribal criminal and civil justice systems. This is a crucial investment for our children.

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Hello all. Attached is this week's FOIA's.

See you at 4.

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Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00296	18-Nov-14	Le	Uyen	Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indian
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00295	18-Nov-14	Jackson	Will	County of Tulare
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00294	14-Nov-14	Jackson	Will	
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Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00291	14-Nov-14	Wauhdooh	Shayla	
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00290	17-Nov-14	Carl	Chester	Hopi Tribe
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Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00285	14-Nov-14	DUBOIS	ALLENE	
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Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00281	14-Nov-14	THOMAS	DARRELL	
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Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00279	14-Nov-14	RENAULT	WADE	
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Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00277	14-Nov-14	WILKIE	BRENDA	
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00276	14-Nov-14	Blue Dog	William	
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00275	12-Nov-14	Pinnick	Derek	Freelance Reporter
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00274	14-Nov-14	Sichler	E	
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00272	14-Nov-14	Sorrell	Liz	
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00269	14-Nov-14	Bigman	Wilson	
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00268	14-Nov-14	Wittsell	Phyllis	Tewa Village Community Services
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Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00266	12-Nov-14	Le	Uyen	
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00265	12-Nov-14	Emilio	Reyes	
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00131	17-Nov-14	Fite	Katie	Western Watersheds Project
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00130	12-Nov-14	Cox	James	Thompson Coburn LLP
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00128	18-Nov-14	Sweeney	Thomas	
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00127	17-Nov-14	Fite	Katie	Western Watersheds Project
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00125	13-Nov-14	Green	Nikki	Adbay
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Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00119	14-Nov-14	Schriber	Michael	
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00118	13-Nov-14	Newell	Landon	Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00114	12-Nov-14	Love	William	
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00110	13-Nov-14	QannaYahu	Kathryn	
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00109	13-Nov-14	Reynolds	Lisa	State of Colorado
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	BOEM-2015-00039	17-Nov-14	Hirsch	Melissa	
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	BOEM-2015-00038	17-Nov-14	Ravnitzky	Michael	
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	BOEM-2015-00037	17-Nov-14	Ravnitzky	Michael	

Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00070	17-Nov-14	Huber	Patrick	Friends of the River
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Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00064	12-Nov-14	Harper	Michelle	
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00063	12-Nov-14	Harper	Michelle	
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	BSEE-2015-00053	13-Nov-14	Barry	Chris	
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U S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00218	14-Nov-14	Oglesby	Edward	Kutak Rock, LLP
U S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00216	14-Nov-14	Bale	Rachael	Center for Investigative Reporting
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U S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00204	14-Nov-14	Bale	Rachel	Center for Investigative Reporting
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National Park Service	NPS-2015-00125	17-Nov-14	Heiken	Doug	Oregon Wild
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00124	17-Nov-14	Starling	Ray	General Counsel to NC Speaker of the House
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National Park Service	NPS-2015-00122	18-Nov-14	GILMAN	MATTHEW	ARMY AND ARMY LLC
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00120	18-Nov-14	SANTOS	ROSE	FOIA GROUP INC.
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National Park Service	NPS-2015-00105	12-Nov-14	EUBANKS	VIRGINIA	LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00103	12-Nov-14	Kramer	Jeffrey	NONE
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Office of Inspector General	OIG-2015-00032	17-Nov-14	Lott	Erik	
Office of Inspector General	OIG-2015-00031	12-Nov-14	MacFarlane	Scott	NBC4 Washington
Office of Inspector General	OIG-2015-00030	12-Nov-14	Bogardus	Kevin	Greenwire
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00067	14-Nov-14	Molvar	Erik	WildEarth Guardians

Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00066	17-Nov-14	Bogardus	Kevin	Greenwire
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Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00064	14-Nov-14	Weingarten	Robert	Friends of the Boundary Mountain
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00062	14-Nov-14	Rammelmeyer	Ross	
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00061	13-Nov-14	Myles	Kenitra	

Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00060	12-Nov-14	Froud	Melinda	Washington State Gambling Commission
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00059	12-Nov-14	Stachewicz	Jeff	FOIA Group, Inc.
Office of Surface Mining	OSM-2015-00022	13-Nov-14	Dixon	Eric	Appalachian Citizens Law Center, Inc.
U. S. Geological Survey	USGS-2015-00036	18-Nov-14	Kim	Tammy	Al Jazeera America
U. S. Geological Survey	USGS-2015-00035	12-Nov-14	Barosh	Patrick	

<b>Subject</b>
Seeking copies of all contracts between BIA and Chickasaw Nation, dating from 2007 to present.
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PACIFIC - Ewiiiapaayp Band of Jumeyaay Inndians land into trust application for the Walker parcel, APN 404-080-26 from September 3, 2013 to present. All documents that relate to the Walker parcel and any other related party, including its financial backers, and ther agents and representatives.
PACIFIC - Tule River Indian Tribe - records related to Fee-to-trust applications and related documents filed by or regarding the Tule River Indian Tribe, including, but not limited to, Environmental Impact Statements, scoping meetings and reports, comments, public hearing documents, Draft Environmental Impact Statements and final decisions"
OFA- "Petitions for federal acknowledgment under 25 CFR Part 83 and related documents filed by or regarding the Kweeah Indian Nation, Inc., the United Lumbee Nation of North Carolina and America, and the Monachi Indian Tribe; "Petitions for federal acknowledgement under 25 CFR Part 83 and related documents regarding any petitioner with a mailing address
OJS-D4-LE - Copy of Case Files MOL310-10-033 (2010 Laguna Agency)
MOL310-13-006 (2013 Laguna Agency)
OJS-D2-LE Copy of Police Report.
OJS-D3-LE Request for police report.
OJS-D4-LE - Copy of Police Report
Requester seeks copies of, "Tribes have been authorized to conduct Class III gaming activities via such procedures, when and where this has occurred (State and Tribe), and why the parties were unable to reach a compact agreement.
DASM OHCM- Part of the request will need to be answered by OFA #12: 12. Please produce documentation of the name and/or identity of the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Acting Area Director, Eastern Area Office on November 28th, 1984. Request for Documents #13: 13. Please produce documentation of the length of employment, employment history and progressive job titles of Bill D. Ott, retired Bureau of Indian Affairs - Acting Area Director, Eastern Area Office. Request for Documents
OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
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GREAT PLAINS: A Title Examination and a Title Status Report for Tract No. 347-91325.
GREAT PLAINS: List of original landowners and their tracts that were seized for the creation of the Garrison Reservoir. Requesting on behalf of Roger Birdbear, Tribal Member.
OJS-DIV-LE-NPA - Request for report on stolen property.
NAVAJO - Copy of deceased daughter's (Shirley Sorrell) Land Use Permit and copy of Farmland Conservation Plan.
OJS-D3-LE Request for police report.
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<p>PACIFIC - Agency record for the land into trust application made by the Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indian for the Salerno parcel, APN 404-090-07. All documents related to Salerno, including all correspondence to, from, and between the Ewiiapaayp Band, and their agents, and all documents submitted by the Ewiiapaayp Band and any other related party, including its financial backers, and their agency and representatives concerning this request.</p>
<p>PACIFIC - Records for Mary Bega Grijalva (5676) to the Diegueno (San Diego) Tribe. Fred Baker's correspondence: records that show how you had the authority to assign Mary Bega Grijalva to this band and never reviewed her brother's application Guillermo Grijalva (9462) and sister's Aurelia Grijalva (9461) application.</p>
<p>ID 2015-06: Pygmy Rabbit; Any documents relating to the habitat, population status, occurrence and/or viability of the pygmy rabbit since January 10, 2008 to present November 18, 2014.</p>
<p>1. Documents describing or showing the identity, location and/or size of lands granted under the Stock Raising Homestead Act (SRHA).</p>
<p>2. Documents describing or showing the identity, location and/or size of 30 U.S.C. section 266 (m) federal units West of the Mississippi.</p>
<p>3. Documents describing or showing the acreage (or similar geographic measure) of SRHA lands within 30 U.S.C. section 226(m) federal units.</p>
<p>OR-2015-013 - Eight itemized categories of records pertaining to application information regarding BLM Spokane District Office, Border Field Manger position (OR Merit-2014-0291), which closed October 22, 2014.</p>
<p>OR-2015-012 - Various records, since requester's previous FOIA request in 2008, relating to the habitat, population status, occurrence and/or viability of the pygmy rabbit <i>Brachyagus idahoensis</i>.</p>
<p>the records of (or all copies of) the Floating and Fishing Daily Log Trips submitted by all guides who went on BLM lands in Natrona County, Wyoming for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.</p>
<p>(BLM-CA) Any documents related to the habitat, population status, occurrence and/or viability of the pygmy rabbit <i>Brachylagus idahoensis</i>.</p>
<p>(BLM-CA) Certain emails and telephone call recordings from the California Desert District concerning Gold Rush Expeditions, Underground Explorers, National Bureau of Mines, Underground 2014, and Mojave Underground, 1/1/2014-11/11/2014</p>
<p>UTSO 2015-04 Any/all information regarding the October 2014 XTO Energy Incorporated Horse Bench NE 24 PAD Determination of NEPA Adequacy, DOI-BLM-UT-2014-0028-DNA.</p>
<p>FOIA 2015-MFO Map of all springs in and surrounding the Fidelity lease, all testing performed on the springs in the last five years, Geological studies in and around the area surrounding the Fidelity lease, all correspondence with Fidelity concerning any type of fracking or enhancement procedures during the last five years.</p>
<p>Documents concerning properties known as Durfee Hills.</p>
<p>CO-15-017 Requesting BLM's response letter to FOIA Request CO-14-048, Jonathan Ratner, Western Watersheds.</p>
<p>All internal correspondence and memos between the MMS/BOEMRE/BOEM and the following companies: Shell, BP, Exxon, ExxonMobil, Mobil, Chevron, Phillips Petroleum Company and ConocoPhillips, related to oil/gas lease sales-BF Lease Sale 97; Chukchi Lease Sale 109; Beaufort Lease Sale 124; Chukchi Lease Sale 126; Cook Inlet Lease Sale 149; Beaufort Lease Sale 144; Beaufort Lease Sale 170; Beaufort Lease Sales 186, 195, and 202; Cook Inlet Lease Sales 191 &amp; 199; Chukchi Lease Sale 193.</p>
<p>An electronic/digital copy of the BOEM Shipwreck database.</p>
<p>A copy of the final report and presentation for the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Grant M11AC00014: commercial Fishing Hang Data as a Proxy for Locating Ship Wreck Sites off the Mid-Atlantic Coast. Date signed: September 22, 2011. Amount of Grant: 250,000. Grantee: East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina</p>

A request for the public comments submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation on the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We wish to receive the public comments on disc or hard drive.
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PN-15-17 Minidoka Dam Contract# R11PC10003 Copies of certified payrolls Dairy Electric
A request for digital bathymetric data (ASCII files or ESRI shapefiles) for Caballo Reservoir in New Mexico: surveyed by the BOR in 1999 and in 2007-(I would like to acquire both datasets), and Ute Reservoir: surveyed by the BOR in 1992.
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Request for any lease agreements made on a property in Cody, Wyoming. Legal description is: Cody land Development Corporation, 120 acres +/- described as: S/2SE/4SW/4SE/4 Sec. 20, S/2NE/4NE/4NW/4, Pt. of Sw/4NE/4NW/4, SE/4NW/4NW/4, NW/4SW/4NW/4, Lot 7 and Lot 9, all of Lot 10, pt. of lots 12 and 13, all of lot 14, pt. of lot 15, Sec. 29, Pt. of lots 31 and 31, Sec. 30 and all of Tr. 101, Secs. 20 and 29, T53 R101 (6 ac assessed for leased parc). The Parcel ID with Park County is 05530102907000.
Request for any lease agreements made on a property in Cody, Wyoming. Legal description is: Cody land Development Corporation, 120 acres +/- described as: S/2SE/4SW/4SE/4 Sec. 20, S/2NE/4NE/4NW/4, Pt. of Sw/4NE/4NW/4, SE/4NW/4NW/4, NW/4SW/4NW/4, Lot 7 and Lot 9, all of Lot 10, pt. of lots 12 and 13, all of lot 14, pt. of lot 15, Sec. 29, Pt. of lots 31 and 31, Sec. 30 and all of Tr. 101, Secs. 20 and 29, T53 R101 (6 ac assessed for leased parc). The Parcel ID with Park County is 05530102907000.
Lola Crump and Fiona Burdick Emails Feb 2012 - Present.
Copy of FWS 2013 00600 and all records that have been released for the request (from Region 6).
all documents regarding General Special Use Permit No. 43670-2014-010.
All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits and annual reports submitted by permit holders from calendar year 2011 through the end of 2013 for Florida and South Carolina.
Amended Request: Copy of database seeking permittee name, address, permit issue date, expiration date, permit number, what species/how many are authorized to be taken, and what's actually taken, in addition to anything else that might be recorded.
All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits issued in TX, OK, NM and AZ along
with all annual reports submitted by permit holders for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013
All e-mails, phone logs, appointment calendars, memos, reports, notes, maps, meeting minutes and any other information related to the Pygmy Rabbit that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has in its keeping that was not provided to us in the Reno USFWS Office's response to the September 29, 2010, WWP or preceding WWP FOIA requests. See full request.
All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits and annual reports submitted by permit holders from calendar year 2011 through the end of 2013 for Alaska
If depredation actions are tracked in a database or other electronic form, I request that data.
depredation permits issued in NY, NJ, MA, CT, PA, WV, ME, and GA (which we don't do) along with all annual reports submitted by permit holders for the years 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Request copies of the following documents maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:
¿ All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits issued in IA, MO, IL, MN, WI and MI along with all annual reports submitted by permit holders for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013.
Any and all records discussing easements held by the US Dept of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, or other related federal agencies for waterfowl management rights on the following properties, which are located in McCook County SD.
Paper copies of job announcement-related records.
All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits and annual reports submitted by permit holders from calendar year 2011 through the end of 2013 for Region 9, Washington, D.C.
Specific information with regards to any retirement accounts and life insurance benefits for client Daniel J. Niquette.
Materials concerning endangered mussel species in French Creek watershed of wouthwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania.
All final biological opinions completed by the Fish and Wildlife Service in fiscal year 2014 that are not publicly available on a Department of Interior website.
Any and all information, documentation, and correspondence by the Service or
between the Service and the Albuquerque Bernalillo Water Utility Authority (¿Water Authority¿) concerning the Water Authority¿s compliance with the Biological Opinion dated
February 13, 2004 on the effects of the Actions Associated with the Programmatic Biological
Assessment (BA) for the City of Albuquerque Drinking Water Project (¿Drinking Water Project
BO¿).
I seek copies of the documents showing compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA/CBIA) when the FHWA provided the grant to the State of Texas for the purchase and use of this property, which lies within Unit T10 of the Coastal Barrier Resource System.
All documentation that supported the decision to convert a cropland field (known as "Field 4") to native habitat at the McNary Refuge, Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex.
"Monitoring" documentation per Cropland Management Plans for Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex.
Records related to Potential Wildlife Impacts of the proposed Volkswind USA LLC and Volkswind Nebraska Land Holdings LLC Large Wind Energy Conversion Project project in Lancaster and Gage Counties Nebraska (Collectively, the Project")
E-mails regarding temp promotions within BPFs, copies of position descriptions for all Management and/or Management Program analyst within B&A, copies of job announcements for the Management Analyst position in CGS and ARD-BA & copies of emails/documents regarding accretion of duties that have have taken place from January 2013-present, within BPFs, ES & Mig Birds.
1. All correspondence from FWS to Geronimo Wind and Geronimo Wind to FWS, pertaining to its McKinley Twp, Winsor Twp, and Fairhaven Twp Huron County MI industrial wind project, "Apple Blossom," to include avian/bat and other ecological/environmental studies and assessments. 2. Results of Spring 2013 and Spring 2014 Aerial Surveys of Bald Eagle nests and breeding results in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties, MI.
1. The current full staff directory for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), including Headquarters, Regional Offices, Field Offices and all other FWS duty stations. See full request.

<p>Any communications and consultation between FWS and the Food and Drug Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District regarding genetically engineered (GE) <i>Aedes aegypti</i> mosquitoes.</p>
<p>Any communications and consultation between FWS and biotechnology Oxitec regarding their potential release and testing of GE <i>Aedes aegypti</i> mosquitoes in Florida.</p>
<p>All documents relating to the Paulding County Business and Technology Park Roadway, Georgia Department of Transportation Project Number CSML-0007-00(285)/CSAPD-0008-00(037) and/or USFWS Log # 04EG1000-2014-I-0478.</p>
<p>Agency records relating to the proposal, establishment, ownership, operation, maintenance, management and control of the Ponderosa Ranch of Pointe Coupee Mitigation Bank located in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana.</p>
<p>Documents related to the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) temporary forward pumps for Lake Okeechobee.</p>
<p>Reports associated with survey efforts for the Indiana Bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>) done in association with M3 Appalachian Gathering, LLC Appalachia Pipeline Project South in Monongalia and Marion Counties, West Virginia. This work would have been coordinated with the Elkins Field office. The primary efforts were completed in late 2011.</p>
<p>Documentation pertaining to The Jorgensen Forge property, located at 8531 East Marginal Way South, in Seattle, Washington. As a party to the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund. Please also see link to the site <a href="http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/northwest/lowerduwamishriver/index.html">http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/northwest/lowerduwamishriver/index.html</a>.</p>
<p>Information detailing the number of ivory seizures, as well as the penalties associated, in the United States dating back to 1989.</p>
<p>All information present (and past if possible) pertaining to the FWS decision that determined that trophy hunting does not pose a threat to the African Lion population.</p>
<p>All communications since 5/1/2014, by or between representatives of the FWS and reps of the government of the United Republic of Tanzania...communications sent in response to the 4/4/2014 announcement of the suspension of imports of tourist-hunted elephant trophies from Tanzania; the letter from Mr. Arroyo to Minister Nyalandu (4/4); and/or the negative enhancement and non-detriment findings made for Tanzania. See full request.</p>
<p>CRLA - Bybee Vegetation Management Project on the Rogue River, Siskiyou National Forest, located immediately west of Crater Lake National Park.</p>
<p>CALO: Records pertaining to citations, verbal warnings, written warnings issued by NPS at CALO since 2006 and copies of all comments submitted on the draft ORV Management/EIS</p>
<p>RECORDS RELATING TO APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY NAMED PARTY.</p>
<p>WASO-NR: RECORDS RELATING TO THE GENERAL RUFUS PUTNAM HOUSE (BLISS-MURRAY-PUTNAM HOUSE) IN RUTLAND, MA AND IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER.</p>
<p>WASO CONTRACTING: COPY OF CONTRACT AND SOW FOR INP11PC00198 INTERAGENCY MONITORING OF PROTECTED VISUAL ENVIRONMENTS (IDIQ).</p>
<p>WHIS - A copy of the report on the attempt to serve a warrant at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.</p>

MABO - Certain documents and information regarding Task Order GOGA149952, held by the Major Acquisition Buying Offices, involving renovation and reconstruction services at the historic prison on Alcatraz Island in Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
PORE / GOGA - Documents and correspondence concerning many aspects of ranching/dairying in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area plus foundation statements and documents regarding 1980 PORE GMP.
MORA - For a specific employee or contractor at Mount Rainier National Park for 2013: leave and earnings statements; position description, job announcement or contract; required certifications; resume.
LESES-OPR: RECORDS AND E-MAILS RELATING TO OPR CASE.
YOSE - Various archival materials regarding concessioner history in Yosemite.
PPFL - DSC - SAHI: Copy of the Payment of Labor and Material Bond from E & A Restoration Inc. from contract P12PC00079, Rehabilitation of Sagamore Hill SAHI-077375.
PPFL - DSC: Statement of Work or Performance Work associated Contract No. INP11PA22900 by Managed Business Solutions (MBS).
CHIS - Request from Chumash Indians for repatriation of "Tucan Man" at Channel Islands National Park.
PORE- Investigative report and/or arrest report, and any other relevant information regarding individual referenced. DPP Case # 1-159470184
NPSWIDE: RECORDS DESCRIBING NPS' COMPLIANCE WITH AND PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONWIDE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORT INITIATIVE (NSI). 41 ITEMS ON LIST.
GATE-Canada geese, records and corres pertaining to the live capture and removal over (70) on 6/25/14.
RECORDS RELATING TO ANY REQUESTS FOR AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO HERSELF.
all audits and reports conducted by the DIG on the Fort Berthold tribe from the last 5 years.
copy of preemployment background check
All closing memos, photos and videos from closed travel card theft investigations in FY 2012, FY 2013 and FY 2014.
all documents related to 2015-C-00023.
Any and all records related to the Fish and Wildlife Service's 2003 Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts When Making Listing Decisions, 68 Fed. Reg. 15100 (Mar. 28, 2003) (PECE Policy)(i.e., all documents before the Department of Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service addressing, regarding or otherwise relating to, directly or indirectly, the development and promulgation of the PECE policy, whether or not the agency relied on those documents).

Requesting copies of all private and non-public messages sent and received by the following social media accounts from Jan. 1, 2013 to the present day:

YouTube: USInterior

Instagram: USInterior

Tumblr: America's Great Outdoors

Google+: USInterior

Twitter: @Interior

Twitter: @SecretaryJewell

Twitter: @DOIPressSec

Twitter: @DOIDepSec

Twitter: @USInteriorJobs

Facebook: USInterior

Facebook: AmericasGreatOutdoors

Flickr: USInterior

Ello: Interior

Any contracts, purchase orders, service agreements and invoices with Digital Receiver Technology, Inc. pursuant to solicitation DOI-SNOTE-030422-001.

Copies of all emails, calendar entries, telephone logs, meeting agendas, meeting notes and all other documents from the files and records of Mr. Steven Black, former Counselor to former Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar as well as Mr. Black's deputies and staff members, for the period Jan. 1, 2009 to the present day, that pertain to, or reference, wind energy projects in the State of Maine proposed or operated by TransCanada Corporation and/or TransCanada Maine Wind Development Inc.

See below

A) Full final text with texts and signatures of State/Federal Agency Certifiers and NPS certifiers of the application (NPS Form 10-900, OMB # 1024-0018) for inclusion of the "Hale Ohia Tract", Tax Map Key 1-1-005 in the village of Volcano, County of Hawaii, State of Hawaii, Zip Code 96785.; as submitted by Ms. Jillian Marohnic in July 1999.

B) Full text of the resulting historic designation document, with all caveats, conditions, covenants and restrictions concerning construction

See below.

Copy of the successful candidate's application, resume, interview questions and notes and all other related materials the applicant submitted under vacancy announcement OS-EG-14-

MMI 099524 (MP). I would also like the rating score and evaluation criteria.

Number of tribes that have been authorized to conduct Class III gaming activities via Secretarial procedures, when and where this occurred (State and Tribe), and why the parties were unable to reach a compact agreement.

Copy of the following info data fields for the last 6 month time period, relevant to your agency's employee Credit Card Purchase Program for your agency:1)All credit card holder (names, address, tel #, email) & their respective transaction data for the last 2 FY2 year in the format as previously provided. To include-(A) Cardholder employee name (Last, MI. First ), Department or Agency, Bureau, Office/Division, agency address (complete mailing), CITY, STATE, ZIP, PHONE, CH PHONE\_EXT;

Cont below

"2 Data on all AML fee collections beginning with the first calendar quarter occurring after August 3, 1977 and ending with the latest collection date upon receiving this claim. Pursuant to 30 U.S.C. §1232(c), quarterly data on reclamation fee collection and corresponding data on the amount of coal produced during the calendar quarter and the method of coal removal shall be recorded in a computerized database by the Secretary of the Interior."

\*\*\*See General Comments for Full Subject

(Northwest Region/Water/Ecosystems) materials associated with the Elwha restoration project (dam removal and follow-up based on the 1992 Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act and subsequent plans).

(Northeast/Director) Budget on Worcester South Quadrangle.



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## Briefing Materials for Tuesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 3, 2014

1 message

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Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 4:43 PM

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



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Hi all:

Attached are the Secretary's briefing materials for Tuesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 3.

Elizabeth  
208-2977

### 8 attachments

-  **12 1 14\_10am\_Internal Prebrief for Tribal Nations Conference.docx**  
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-  **12 2 14\_Q&A Native Youth Report.docx**  
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-  **FINAL Native Youth Report.pdf**  
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-  **12 2 14\_1030am\_BIOS POTUS Small Group Meeting with Tribal Leaders.docx**  
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-  **12 2 14\_2pm\_BIE REFORM AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE, NEXT STEPS Breakout Session - The Next Generation, Education and Supporting Native Youth.docx**  
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-  **12 3 14\_830am\_ARTICLE Opening Session of the Tribal Nations Conference.pdf**  
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**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS CONFERENCE**

DATE: December 1 - 3, 2014  
LOCATION: White House, DOI, and Capital Hilton Hotel  
FROM: Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes, 208-2875

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an overview of the various activities scheduled around the Sixth White House Tribal Nations Conference (TNC), which is co-sponsored by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) this year. As of November 28, there are 280 Tribal Leaders and 40 Tribal Youth Ambassadors registered to attend, which exceeds registration levels from previous years. We expect approximately 300 tribal leaders to attend.

**II. BACKGROUND**

There are a number of activities scheduled around TNC. On Monday, you will participate in a small tribal leader roundtable at DOI to discuss energy and landscape level conservation priorities as we discussed during our pre-meetings. The meeting is scheduled to occur from 4:30pm – 6:00pm in your office.

On Tuesday, you will participate in a meeting with the President and tribal leaders at 10:50 am in the West Wing. In the afternoon, you will co-lead the breakout session, “The Next Generation: Education and Supporting Native Youth” from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at the Capitol Hilton. You will then host an invitation-only White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA) reception in the South Penthouse from 4:30pm – 6:30pm. An expected guest list for each event is attached for your review.

On Wednesday, you will give brief opening remarks, attend numerous breakout sessions, and participate in two afternoon Cabinet Panels on Energy and Climate Change, and Youth/Education. At the conclusion of TNC, NCAI is hosting a closing reception at the Capitol Hilton, which you might want to attend.

Several other agencies will also host small tribal leader roundtables to discuss such topics as healthcare, sacred sites, tax policies, and transportation on both Monday and Tuesday. You will not attend any of those meetings.

**Tribal Nations Conference Schedule of Events**

**Monday, December 1, 2014**

- DOI Tribal Roundtable – You will host a listening session in your office from 4:30pm – 6:00pm. Deputy Secretary Connor, Assistant Secretary Washburn, and senior AS-IA staff will also attend this meeting. The invited tribal leaders were asked to discuss

specific projects relating to renewable energy development or opportunities for tribes to work with multiple agencies within the Department to advance landscape level management of special places.

The following tribal leaders will attend this roundtable. Bios for this group are attached.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tribe</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Region</b>
Jefferson Keel	Chickasaw	Lieutenant Governor	Southern Plains
Karen Diver	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Chairwoman	Midwest
Victor Joseph	Tanana Chiefs	Chief	Alaska
Ned Norris	Tohono O'odham	Chairman	Western
Robert Shepherd	Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate	Chairman	Great Plains
Mike Wiggins	Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	Chairman	Midwest

**Tuesday, December 2, 2014**

- **White House Meeting** – The President is holding an Oval Office meeting on Tuesday, December 2 at 10:50am with tribal leaders and senior administration members to discuss supporting tribal youth and economic growth in tribal communities. Likely areas of discussion include education, workforce development, access to capital, tribal taxation, health care, energy development and the budget. YOU and AS-IA Kevin Washburn will attend.
- **TNC Breakout Session** – YOU will co-lead the panel, “The Next Generation: Education and Supporting Native Youth” with Chief Phyliss Anderson (Mississippi Band of Choctaw) at the Capitol Hilton from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm. This panel will run both Tuesday and during the TNC afternoon session on Wednesday. Other federal officials will be on the panel with YOU from Departments of Education, Justice, Agriculture, Energy, and the FCC. More detail on this event, including opening remarks, hot topics, talking points, is attached.
- **White House Council Reception** – YOU will host an invitation-only reception in the South Penthouse from 4:30pm-6:30pm. The White House put together the invitation list that includes tribal leaders, Cabinet members, senior White House staff, among others. A list of confirmed attendees is attached.

**Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

- **White House Tribal Nations Conference**

YOU will act as emcee throughout the morning and afternoon plenary sessions of TNC. The agenda is below.

The **Morning Session** (8:30am-10:30am) The morning session will include opening remarks from you followed by a presentation of colors by a Navajo Code Talkers and Women Warriors Veterans group, an invocation, flag song, and youth ambassadors video. Remarks will be given by VP Biden and Attorney General Holder. Tentatively, Secretary Burwell will also attend to give prepared remarks during the morning. The Economic Development panel participants include SBA Administrator Contreras-Sweet, Secretary Castro, Secretary Vilsack, and Secretary Foxx.

The **Midday Session** (11:00am-1:15pm) will consist of 6 breakout sessions. The breakouts will be run by moderators, a designated tribal leader, and executive branch officials. As you know, the White House requested tribal leaders to submit their preferred topics for discussion, and these sessions reflect their interests. Box lunches will be served (courtesy of NCAI) to the tribal leaders and breakout participants. YOU will not be assigned to a specific breakout session but will spend your time moving around to various discussions.

At the conclusion of the breakout sessions, all attendees will need to go through security, which will take 30-45 minutes.

The **Afternoon Session** (2:00pm-4:00pm) will begin with brief remarks from you welcoming everyone back and thanking them for their participation in the breakout sessions. There will be two Cabinet panels, and you will participate in both. The Energy and Climate Change panel participants include Administrator McCarthy and CEQ Acting Director Mike Boots. The Youth panel participants include Director Archuleta, Secretaries Duncan and Perez and Director Munoz.

At the end of the Youth panel, YOU will move to greet the President along with other DOI officials as well as San Carlos Apache Chairman Terry Rambler. At this time, all Cabinet members will depart the stage and the auditorium will be set up for the President's remarks.

Chairman Terry Rambler will deliver brief remarks to introduce the President. POTUS will deliver remarks for approximately 10-14 minutes and shake hands on a rope-line to conclude TNC.

The Reception (4:30pm-6:00pm) will be held at the Capitol Hilton. After the President departs, Jodi Gillette and Raina Thiele will remind guests about the reception and thank the tribal leaders for their participation in the 2014 Tribal Nations Conference.

### **Wednesday, December 3, 2014 –TENTATIVE**

<b>7:00am – 8:30 am</b>	Registration (Foyer 1; Capitol Hilton)
<b>8:30am – 8:35 am</b>	Remarks by Secretary Jewell, Department of the Interior
<b>8:35am – 8:38 am</b>	Presentation of Colors, accompanied by Native Veterans

<b>8:38am – 8:41 am</b>	Flag Song
<b>8:41am – 8:43 am</b>	Invocation
<b>8:43am – 8:55 am</b>	Youth Ambassadors Video
<b>8:55am – 9:00 am</b>	Tribal Leader (TBD) introduces VP Biden
<b>9:00am – 9:15 am</b>	Remarks by VP Biden
<b>9:15am – 9:25 am</b>	Remarks by HHS Secretary Burwell (tentative)
<b>9:25am – 10:10 am</b>	Cabinet Panel: Economic Development Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet, SBA Secretary Julian Castro, HUD Secretary Tom Vilsack, USDA Secretary Anthony Foxx, DOT
<b>10:10am – 10:25 am</b>	Remarks by Attorney General Holder
<b>10:30 – 11:00 am</b>	Get boxed lunches and proceed to breakout rooms
<b>11:00am – 1:15 pm</b>	Breakout Sessions, Closed to the Press <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Advancing the Government-to-Government Relationship: Self-Determination, Treaty, and Trust Responsibilities (Lead Agency: DHS)</b></li> <li><b>2. Tribal Healthcare and the Affordable Care Act (Lead Agency: HHS)</b></li> <li><b>3. Strengthening Tribal Economies: Jobs, Energy, Housing, and Infrastructure (USDA)</b></li> <li><b>4. Public Safety and Judicial Systems in Tribal Communities: Law Enforcement &amp; Disaster Response (Lead Agency: DOJ)</b></li> <li><b>5. Protecting Our Future: the Environment, Natural, and Cultural Resources (Lead Agency: EPA)</b></li> <li><b>6. The Next Generation: Education and Supporting Native Youth (Lead Agencies: ED and DOI)</b></li> </ol>
<b>1:15pm – 2:00 pm</b>	Security Screening for Re-entry into Closing Plenary Session
<b>2:00pm – 2:02 pm</b>	TNC Reconvenes
<b>2:02pm – 2:45 pm</b>	Cabinet Panel: Energy and Climate Change Administrator McCarthy CEQ Acting Director Mike Boots
<b>2:45pm – 3:50 pm</b>	Cabinet Panel: Supporting our Youth Director Archuleta Secretary Duncan

Secretary Perez  
Director Munoz

<b>3:50pm – 3:55 pm</b>	Reconfigure Stage for POTUS
<b>3:55pm – 4:00 pm</b>	Introduction of POTUS: San Carlos Chairman Terry Rambler
<b>4:00pm</b>	POTUS Closing Remarks and Rope-Line
<b>4:30pm – 6:00 pm</b>	NCAI-sponsored Tribal Leaders Reception (Capitol Hilton)

Included are separate memos on the Tribal Leader Roundtable, the Youth Breakout Session Panel, the Energy and Climate Change Cabinet Panel, the President's Youth Initiative, and an outline of key topics that might be discussed throughout the Breakout Sessions.

Attachments:

List of Agency Meetings with Tribal Leaders from December 1-4, 2014

Draft TNC Opening Remarks

NCAI Article: Lame Duck Session Priorities

**Information Memo: Tribal Leader Roundtable To Discuss  
Energy and Landscape Scale Management of Public Lands and Natural Resources**

DATE: Monday, December 1, 2014  
LOCATION: Your Office  
Time: 4:30pm – 6:00pm  
FROM: Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

**INTRODUCTION**

On Monday, December 1, 2014 YOU will meet with six tribal leaders to discuss specific projects relating to renewable energy development or opportunities for these tribes to work with multiple agencies within the Department to advance landscape level management of special places. As described more fully below, the projects range from management of tribally important areas in Arizona and Oklahoma to development of a wind farm by eight Sioux Tribes in South Dakota to protection of on-reservation and treaty reserved off-reservation resources from potential mining in Wisconsin.

**A. CHICKASAW NATION REQUEST TO CO-MANAGE CHICKASAW NATION  
RECREATION AREA WITH NPS**

In the early 1900's the Federal government purchased two parcels of land from the Chickasaw Nation that ultimately became the Chickasaw National Recreation Area (CNRA). The parcels included a natural spring and sat on an aquifer that remains one of the Chickasaw Nation's highest priorities. The Chickasaw Nation explains that the protection of the natural springs and aquifer is what prompted the Tribe to sell the property to the United States.

In 2009, the Chickasaw Nation and the National Park Service (NPS) entered into negotiations for management and operation of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. On April 4, 2013, NPS sent a draft self-governance annual funding agreement to the Chickasaw Nation to sub-contract certain functions. The Chickasaw Nation desires to co-manage the area with NPS. The Nation believes that the story of Native peoples deserves more than an explanation of culture – it should highlight statesmanship, endurance, perseverance, and re-growth. The Tribe's Cultural Center is located next door to the CNRA.

The Nation has already developed a visitor center with its own funds, and is working to improve its relationships with local governments to promote tourism for the area. The Nation is interested in working with NPS to:

- Compact with NPS for the comprehensive management and operation of CNRA—while ensuring the unit remains a part of the NPS system.
- Develop active cooperation with NPS to ensure all federal regulations and guidelines are enforced.
- Enhance the experience of visitors to CNRA through the appropriate addition of Chickasaw and other Native American cultural aspects to programs and displays.
- Provide a new and expansive visitor center at no cost to the federal government.

- Provide office space for the entire CNRA staff with minimal cost to the federal government.
- Work with the NPS to provide a physical link (pedestrian bridge) between the CNRA and the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center.
- Address longstanding NPS concerns about a lack of marketing to potential visitors to CNRA.

#### **B. TOHONO O’ODHAM’S REQUEST TO CO-MANAGE BABOQUIVARI PEAK WITH BLM**

The Tohono O’odham live on a large reservation in Arizona that includes a border with Mexico and is contiguous with BLM land designated as protected under the Wilderness Act of 1964. For the Tohono O’odham Nation, Baboquivari Peak represents “the center of Mother Earth” and “the dwelling place of P’itoyi, the Creator.” The area is of immense religious and cultural importance to the Nation. When the relevant portion of the Tribe’s Reservation was established by executive order on February 1, 1917, the eastern portion of Baboquivari Peak was left outside of the boundaries of the Reservation. This means that the Nation has control and jurisdiction only over the western portion of Baboquivari Peak, amounting to one-half of its most sacred place.

On November 28, 1990, Congress enacted the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990, which designated the eastern portion of Baboquivari Peak (2,065 acres) as the Baboquivari Peak Wilderness. Like other wilderness areas, Baboquivari Peak Wilderness is administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people with an eye toward protection and preservation of the area’s wilderness character.

The Tohono O’odham Nation has sought to restore Baboquivari Peak as part of its homelands in various ways. In 1996, the Arizona Senate and House of Representatives called on the U.S. Congress to enact legislation to transfer in trust that portion of Baboquivari peak consisting of federal lands for inclusion in the Tohono O’odham Indian reservation. In 1998, Congressman Ed Pastor (D-AZ) sponsored H.R. 4119, the Tohono O’odham Religious Area Restoration Act. The bill directed Interior to take the Baboquivari Peak Wilderness in trust for the benefit of the Tohono O’odham Nation as part of its reservation and would have authorized the Nation to manage the area, in cooperation with BLM. Opponents of the bill expressed concern that the Tribe would severely limit access to the peak for recreational purposes, ban climbing, and mismanage the land.

BLM continues to manage the eastern portion of Baboquivari Peak. The Nation asserts that it has the capacity to manage the eastern portion of Baboquivari, pointing to its own comprehensive environmental plans, standards and laws. The Nation seeks to co-manage the area with BLM.

#### **C. SIX CHIPPEWA TRIBES’ REQUEST TO WORK WITH ADMINISTRATION TO PROTECT ON-RESERVATION AND OFF-RESERVATION RESOURCES**

Gogebic Taconite, LLC (GTAC) is proposing a 4.5 mile long, 1,000’ wide, 900’ deep, open-pit taconite mine in the Bad River Watershed, in the Penokee Mountain region of Ashland and Iron Counties, Wisconsin. (See attached slide 1) The proposed open pit mine would likely impact on

reservation resources for the Bad River Band of Lake Superior such as the Kakagon sloughs (designated a National Natural Landmark in 1973 and a wetland of international importance in 2012) as well as off-reservation treaty reserved resources held by a number of tribes in the region. (See Attached slide 2)

Tribes also believe that the potential mine could have detrimental impacts on areas administered by the National Park Service such as the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, the North Country National Scenic Trail and Isle Royale National Park. (See attached slides 3, 4 and 5). The Fish and Wildlife Service has concerns about potential impacts to critical habitat for the Piping Plover.

In 2013, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior, the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior, the Lac du Flambeau Tribe, the St. Croix Tribe, the Sokaogon Tribe and the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe wrote to President Obama requesting that Interior prepare litigation to protect on-reservation and off-reservation treaty reserved resources from potential mining impacts. Earlier this year, the tribes requested that EPA utilize its authority under section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to prohibit the disposal of dredged or fill material, including mining wastes based on unacceptable adverse effects on fisheries, wildlife and recreational areas. EPA rarely invokes this authority – it most recently initiated the public process to identify appropriate options to protect the world's largest sockeye salmon fishery in Bristol Bay, Alaska.

While EPA is unlikely to utilize its 404(c) authority here, it is working with federal, state and tribal partners to promote collaborative monitoring and study of the Lake Superior Basin. On November 19-20, 2014, EPA hosted a meeting in Duluth, Minnesota to kick off the Lake Superior Environmental Monitoring Collaborative. Ten tribes, eight federal agencies and the states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin participated in the meeting. Technical experts from state and federal agencies and tribes made presentations describing ongoing environmental monitoring work in the Lake Superior Basin and discussed opportunities to improve access to this information. DAS Larry Roberts attended this meeting.

Indian Affairs has provided funding to the Bad River Band to study surface water and groundwater both on reservation and in relation to the site of the proposed mine. The Bad River Band has engaged the USGS to prepare studies for the tribe on potential impacts from the mine. Indian Affairs has also provided litigation support funding to the Bad River Band.

Under the leadership of Governor Scott Walker, the State of Wisconsin has amended its ferrous mining laws. "Wisconsin's seal and the state flag both depict mining in our great state," Walker said in a statement after he signed the bill[.] "In light of our mining tradition, I'm thrilled to sign legislation into law protecting environmental safeguards, while providing certainty to the mine permitting process. ... I am hopeful today's actions will result in the creation of thousands of private sector jobs in the coming years." The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), issued GTAC exploratory permits in Spring 2013 which are valid through June 30, 2015. In February 2014 the WDNR issued GTAC Bulk Sampling permits. GTAC has not applied for any federal permits as of yet from either EPA or the Army Corps of Engineers.



**D. ALASKA TRIBES' REQUEST TO WORK WITH FWS ON CO-MANAGEMENT OF SUBSISTENCE RESOURCES IN ALASKA.**

A subsistence way of life is one of the central components of Alaska Native culture and identity. As such, protecting the subsistence way of life necessarily incorporates climate change concerns, regulatory jurisdiction, and – more broadly – the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act (MSA) which governs primarily the management of commercial fisheries but also subsistence fisheries in the United States' exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

At the AFN Conference in mid-October 2014, Deputy Secretary Mike Connor announced that the Kuskokwim River drainage would host a pilot project in Federal/tribal fishery co-management. A substantial part of the drainage is within the Yukon Delta NWR where the subsistence Chinook salmon fishery was recently under federal management and where cooperation among user groups and land managers has been demonstrated. AFN and AVCP as well as other entities have proposed a cooperative fishery management council.

In your meeting with Victor Joseph and AFN, they asked for the pilot project to be expanded to include the Yukon River. The request is to move the needle as far as possible during this Administration on co-management for the subsistence fishery. AFN and Tanana Chiefs advocate that creating and authorizing a co-management regime for salmon management for both the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers will produce greater cooperation and better management that is critical for the future of the Yukon Chinook salmon stocks. Co-management will unify management of the river, thereby removing management based on jurisdictional boundaries that have nothing to do with the best salmon management practices.

The Secretary's Alaska Regional Office is working with FWS Subsistence Office in AK and with Yukon regional and local entities to advance a subsistence demonstration project for the Kuskokwim River drainage to include local tribes and others into the subsistence fishery management decision-making.

**E. EIGHT SIOUX TRIBES REQUEST TO WORK WITH ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP UTILITY-SCALE GIGAWATT WIND PROJECT ACROSS THEIR RESERVATIONS.**

In 2013, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and the Yankton Sioux Tribe committed to the formation of the Oceti Sakowin Power Authority, a Multi-Tribal Power Authority, with the purpose of designating Tribally-owned land for a utility scale Gigawatt wind farm and transmission facilities across their reservations. As of January 2014 two additional tribes, the Standing Rock Sioux and the Flandreau Santee Sioux joined the original six founding tribes. The Tribes have already secured some funding from non-federal sources and need the administration's help in coordinating the federal funding sources and support for this project.

The Oceti Sakowin Power Project (OSPP) is anticipated to be funded by \$2-3 billion in public power revenue bonds issued by the Oceti Sakowin Power Authority owned by the tribes and operated by professionals hired by the tribes.

Senator Dorgan has provided services to the OSPP on a pro bono basis. Sponsors for the Oceti Sakowin project include the Clinton Global Initiative, the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, the Northwest Area and the Bush Foundation. OSSP is currently in discussions with the Ford Foundation, GE Energy/GE Capital and others about potential funding. Because the project is still in development phase, it doesn't qualify for most loan guaranty programs, including the USDA's Rural Infrastructure Opportunity Fund.

The OSSP is currently structured as a 501(c)(3) but as such it cannot incur debt that would bind the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors so the tribes are now forming the Oceti Sakowin Power Authority as a Corporation under the Indian Reorganization Act.

Unique benefits of OSPP include that it will be Indian-owned and controlled by the tribes; it is being funded with non-government source of sustainable financial support; the tribes will maintain ownership and majority of revenues; the project features a new political model which insulates projects from fluctuations of tribal politics and could be a model for multi-tribe joint endeavors; public power bond financing is low cost of capital with large demand from investors; public power is vested in promoting public interest.

As you know, the White House Council on Native American Affairs Energy Subgroup has highlighted this energy and economic development project as one that needs interagency cooperation. Permitting processes will include several agencies: BIA, FWS, BLM and possibly others.

After 2 years of effort, it is clear the project requires support of the federal government to reach its pre-development budget requirements.

#### OSPP Specific Requests:

1. Start-up funding including grants and loan guarantees
2. Coordinated, streamlined and expedited reviews and approvals
  - a. Section 17 Corporation Charter (BIA)
  - b. NEPA and other permitting (BIA, Army Corps, BLM, FWS)
  - c. Technical Support (NREL, BIA and others)
  - d. Transmissions and Interconnections
3. Power Purchase Agreements: May ask that Indian energy = 2x credit toward renewable energy goals in President Obama's Climate Action Plan
4. Holistic Funding Approach

#### **F. FOND DU LAC REQUEST TO WORK WITH ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP WOOD PELLET RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT.**

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (FDL) has been extremely proactive in pursuing a wood pellet manufacturing co-generation project in northern Minnesota. The facility will make use of local woody biomass fuel, sourced via sustainable harvesting methods, to provide electricity and district heating services to the Tribal Community and also power a renewable, zero carbon wood pellet manufacturing facility. The tribe has completed a business plan, successfully engaged outside governmental agencies and universities to assist with marketing and financial feasibility studies and has completed a preliminary engineering study.

Additional assistance from the White House Council Energy Subgroup to promote community scale projects would help bring this and similar projects to market.

The project will integrate three complimentary business entities owned and operated by FDL:

1. The FDL District Heat Plant will consist of a biomass thermal oil heater, back-up natural gas hot water boilers, co-generation system waste heat recovery and buried hot water distribution piping. Hot water from the plant will heat the dry pellet feedstock. Eventually piping may be extended to cover Tribal buildings and homes or service new businesses and industrial developments.
2. The FDL Co-Generation 2.5 MW Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) System fueled by waste wood will produce the electricity needed for the DH system and pellet plant. Producing electricity sequentially with heating (co-generation) is one of the most efficient means of converting fuel into electricity. At about 75% efficiency, co-generation is roughly 2.5 times as efficient as conventional utility produced power. The waste heat produced in the facility will be used to heat tribal buildings and dry pellet feedstock.
3. The FDL Wood Pellet Plant will be a 100,000+ ton per year manufacturing plant which will also use waste heat from the co-generation plant for pellet feedstock drying. 100,000 tons per year of high quality pellets that can displace up to 12 million gallons of oil or 18 million gallons of propane. Pellets will be sold to Tribal members, other Tribes, retailers, wholesalers and institutions (schools).

The new CHP biomass plant is a \$32 million dollar investment in the Fond du Lac reservation. Expected benefits include:

- Creation of 75+ Green Jobs (40 logging and trucking, 23 plant, and at least 12 in distribution of wood pellets and sales of wood pellet stoves).
- Annual revenue stream in excess of \$15 million at full capacity.
- Production of wood pellet production, retaining 75% biomass within the community, promoting heightened efficiency of fuel use.
- Reduction of the Tribal carbon footprint
- Further economic diversification to improve economic and energy self-sufficiency and security.

In 2014, Indian Affairs' awarded over \$380,000 in grants toward the Fond Du Lac Woody Biomass project. \$250,000 was awarded to perform studies to determine the best way to dry the biomass for chipping and the viability of utilizing biomass microchips in pellet appliances as well as the change in boiler efficiency with air dried microchips. \$132,400 was awarded to support feasibility assessment and business planning of the woody bio-fuel supply enterprise and a biomass appliance distribution enterprise.

**Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation**



Lieutenant Governor Keel is a retired U.S. Army officer with over 20 years active duty service. His combat experience included three years' service in Viet Nam as an Infantryman, where he received the Bronze Star with "V" for valor, two purple hearts and numerous other awards and decorations for heroism. He is a former Airborne Ranger, and served as an instructor in the elite US Army Rangers. He has a Bachelor's degree from East Central University and a Master of Science degree from Troy University. He also completed post graduate studies at East Central and East Texas Universities.

Lt. Governor Keel formerly served two terms as the President of the National Congress of American Indians, the nation's oldest and largest tribal organization. He was appointed by Senator Harry Reid to serve as a Commissioner on the Tribal Law and Order Commission. He also served as Chair for the Tribal Interior Budget Committee, the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, the Indian Health Service (IHS) Advisory committee, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee.

Lt. Governor Keel also serves on the Board of Regents for Bacone College, East Central University the Foundation Board of Directors, the Self-Governance Advisory Committee, and the National Indian Child Welfare Association Board of Directors.

**Victor Joseph, President/Chairman of the Tanana Chiefs Conference**



Victor Joseph was elected to the position of TCC President/Chairman in March of 2014. Chairman Joseph has worked for TCC for 20 years serving as the TCC Health Director for the past seven. He is a tribal member of the Native Village of Tanana, and is an experienced leader with extensive experience building strong working relationships with tribal leaders, colleagues, staff, funding agencies and corporate beneficiaries.

Chairman Joseph's entire career has been driven by a strong belief that healthy people will lead to empowered people.

**Mike Wiggins, Jr., Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**



Mike Wiggins Jr. serves as Chairman of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Raised on the Bad River Reservation, Chairman Wiggins learned how hunting, fishing and harvesting were essential to the Tribe's cultural and spiritual traditions and why the Tribe's ceded territory rights were important to protect for this generation and the next. Chairman Wiggins has been a vocal advocate against mining in Penoque County, Wisconsin, where the Bad River Band is located, citing environmental costs and health risks, as well as loss and contamination to tribal lands and resources.

**Ned Norris, Tohono O'odham Nation**



Chairman Norris began working for the government of the Tohono O'odham Nation in 1978 as a non-attorney tribal judge. He served as a trial judge until 1993. He also served on the school board of the Sunnyside Unified School District in Pima County, Arizona, from 1997 until 2000.

Additionally, Chairman Norris was employed as the director of public relations and marketing for the Tohono O'odham Gaming Authority. He resigned from this position in 2003 when he was elected the Vice Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation. He served as Vice-Chairman from 2003 to 2007, when he was elected Chairman.

**Karen Diver, Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**



Karen Diver is in her third term as Chairwoman of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. This position serves as chair of the tribal government and CEO of the reservation's corporate boards. The Fond du Lac Reservation is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest employer in northern Minnesota with over 2,200 employees. She is currently serving as Vice-President of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe (MCT), comprised of six members Bands, and Chair of its Finance Corporation. Karen is a founder of the American

Indian Supportive Housing Initiative, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). She has previously represented area tribes on the Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Committee. Karen served for three years as the Director of Special Projects for Fond du Lac and for eleven years as the Executive Director of the YWCA of Duluth. Karen attended Harvard as a 2002 Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow. Karen has extensive board experience in the nonprofit sector including six years on the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Board of Directors and the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, serving two terms as chair of both boards. Karen was a founding member of American Indian Community Housing Organization, the Duluth Community Action Program, Duluth Family Services Collaborative and the Duluth Human Rights Commission. She has a Bachelors in Economics from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, and a Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

**Robert Shepard, Chairman, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (Dakota Sioux)**



Robert Shepherd is the Tribal Chairman of Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate on the Lake Traverse Reservation near Sisseton, South Dakota. Robert graduated from Tiospa Zina Tribal School and then joined the U.S. Navy and became an honorably discharged combat veteran. Robert holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Dakota and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Mary. He then working for his Tribal government in Planning and Economic Development. Robert currently holds the positions of Regional Vice-President of NCAI, Co-Chair of the Tribal Interior Budget Council, Vice-President of the Great Plains Chairmans Association and Secretary of United Tribes Technical College.

## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### THE NEXT GENERATION: EDUCATION AND SUPPORTING NATIVE YOUTH, TRIBAL NATIONS CONFERENCE, BREAKOUT SESSION

DATE: December 2, 2014  
LOCATION: Capital Hilton, Congressional Room (Capacity 250), Washington, DC  
TIME: 2:00PM – 4:00PM CDT  
FROM: Don Yu (202-821-8591)

#### I. PURPOSE

This is one of two breakout sessions that will be held during the WH Tribal Nations Conference focusing on issues affecting Native youth. The two sessions are identical in scope, will be held on different days and are intended to provide opportunities to tribal leaders to engage federal officials on any Native youth related issues. YOU will co-moderate the December 2 session with Chief Phyllis Anderson of the Mississippi Band of the Choctaw and will be supported by federal officials from across the Administration (WH, ED, DOJ, USDA, DOE and FCC).

#### II. PARTICIPANTS

- Phyllis Anderson, Tribal Chief, Mississippi Band of the Choctaw (co-moderator)
- Roberto Rodriguez, Special Assistant to the President for Education, WH DPC
- Monty Roessel, Director, BIE, DOI
- William Mendoza, Executive Director, WH Initiative on American Indian and Alaskan Native Education, ED
- LaDoris “Dot” Harris, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, DOE
- Robert Listenbee, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, DOJ
- Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, DOJ
- Joy Silvern, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary, ED
- Irene Flannery, Deputy Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC

#### III. AGENDA

- Introduction and greetings from YOU and Phyllis Anderson (10 mins).
- Introductions and greetings from federal officials (2 mins each).
- Discussion with tribal leaders facilitated by YOU and Phyllis Anderson (90 mins). Federal officials have been directed to be in listening mode, allow tribal leaders to drive the content of the session, and avoid dominating the conversation. Potential topics of discussion include:
  - DOI’s Blueprint for Reform for the Bureau of Indian Education
  - Issues Facing Native Students attending Public Schools
  - Proposed Native Youth Community Projects (ED / DPC place-based initiative)

- Understanding and Addressing Impact of Exposure to Violence on Native Youth
  - Health, Wellness, Food and Nutrition
  - STEM Education: Building a Workforce Pipeline for the 21st Century Economy
- Closing comments from YOU and Phyllis Anderson (10 mins)

#### **IV. KEY FACTS/BACKGROUND/HOT TOPICS**

##### **Mississippi Band of the Choctaw**

- Chief Anderson’s biography is attached below in Section VI. Importantly, she has a good relationship with Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS). Senator Cochran will be the Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Committee when the next Congress is seated. In 2014, the Mississippi Band of the Choctaw donated \$5000 to Senator Cochran’s campaign (maximum contribution under campaign law for tribes) and \$63,200 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee. According to Politico, Cochran will “want to find common ground with Democrats on a couple of big spending bills and figure out a way to handle controversial amendments. While he’ll bring a softer tone to the panel compared with its current chair, Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski, he’s also no pushover.”
- The Choctaw Indian Reservation consists of 35,000 acres of trust land scattered over seven counties in east central Mississippi. Over 10,000 members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians live in the eight reservation communities. The Tribe directly operates eight BIE-funded schools, the largest unified reservation school system in the country – six elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. The Choctaw School System is unique within the BIE-funded system due to its unified governance structure.
- The primary purpose of the Sovereignty in Indian Education (SIE) enhancements is to provide incentives to other tribal nations with BIE-funded schools to adopt a governance structure similar to the Choctaw’s.

##### **Implementation of the BIE Blueprint for Reform**

- A two-page update re: implementing the Blueprint is attached below in Section VI. BIE Director Monty Roessel will participate in the session with you.

##### **ED’s Native Youth Community Partnerships (NYCP)**

- The NYCP initiative is the place-based initiative that Secretary Duncan first raised during the principals meeting re: Native youth in July 2014. ED has designed the proposal and will issue a Notice of Proposed Rule-Making (NPRM) regarding the NYCP in December 2014. ED has begun its outreach and Bill Mendoza and Joy Silvern will likely mention the NPRM during the December 2 breakout session.
- The NYCP is designed to improve college and career readiness for Native youth, recognizing that tribal communities are best positioned to identify the barriers and opportunities for youth as well as the most impactful strategies.



- The NYCP will allow communities to identify in-and-out of school barriers and opportunities for youth, and design strategies to improve outcomes.
- The grants will support a coordinated and focused intervention strategy chosen by a community partnership that includes a tribe, local schools (public or BIE), and other optional service providers or organizations.
- Applicants would need to conduct a local assessment of pre-existing efforts, barriers, and opportunities related to student success; select one or more barriers or opportunities as the project focus; plan strategies to address the focus, with clear and measurable objectives; and enter a partnership agreement designed to achieve objectives.

### **DOJ's Taskforce Report on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence**

- At last year's WH Tribal Nations Conference, Attorney General Eric Holder announced the creation of the Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence. This Task Force published its findings and recommendations in a report published in November 2014.
- Major recommendations contained in the Report that involve DOI include that:
  - Leaders at the highest levels of the executive and legislative branches of the federal government should coordinate and implement the recommendations in this report consistent with three core principles—Empowering Tribes, Removing Barriers, and Providing Resources—identified by the Advisory Committee.
  - WH should establish—no later than May 2015—a permanent fully-staffed Native American Affairs Office within the WH DPC. This new Native American Affairs Office should include a senior position specializing in AI/AN children exposed to violence. This office should be responsible for coordination across the executive branch of all services provided for the benefit and protection of AI/AN children and the office lead should report directly to the Director of the DPC as a Special Assistant to the President. The Native American Affairs Office should have overall executive branch responsibility for coordinating and implementing the recommendations in this report including conducting annual tribal consultations.
  - Congress should restore the inherent authority of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes to assert full criminal jurisdiction over all persons who commit crimes against AI/AN children in Indian country.
  - DOJ and DOI should, within one year, conduct tribal consultations to determine the feasibility of implementing Indian Law and Order Commission (ILOC) Recommendation 3.8, to consolidate all DOI tribal criminal justice programs and all DOJ Indian country programs and services into a single “Indian country component” in the DOJ, then report to the President and AI/AN Nations on how tribes want to move forward.
  - The Secretaries of Interior and Health and Human Services should compel BIA and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to work together collaboratively to collect data regarding compliance with Indian Child Welfare Act in state court systems.

- BIA, the ACF in HHS, and tribes, within one year of the publication of this report, should develop and submit a written plan to the WH DPC, to work collaboratively and efficiently to provide trauma-informed, culturally appropriate tribal child welfare services in Indian country.
- Congress should direct DOJ and DOI to determine which agency should provide funding for both the construction and operation of jails and juvenile detention facilities in AI/AN communities, require consultation with tribes concerning selection process, ensure the trust responsibilities for these facilities and services are assured, and appropriate the necessary funds.

## V. TALKING POINTS

- **Acknowledgments:**

- Phyllis Anderson, Chief of the Mississippi Band of the Choctaw
  - I visited Mississippi Band of Choctaw in October. Chief Anderson is doing a tremendous job there for children attending the Choctaw's federally funded schools. In our opinion, the Choctaw School System is a model for others to follow. Monty Roessel, the Director of the BIE, was so impressed that he provided funding to five other tribes to replicate the Choctaw School System.
- YOUR federal colleagues from WH DPC, ED, DOJ, DOE and FCC.
- President Obama is committed to working with Indian Country to promote strong, prosperous and resilient communities. Under his Administration, our **North Star has been self-determination and self-governance** for tribal nations. The Obama Administration will leave Indian Country in a better place than where we found it, but we still have so much work to do.
- As chair of the White House Council on Native American Affairs, working to improve **interagency coordination and efficiency** across the federal government.
- Ensuring that Native youth receive the comprehensive supports they need are top priorities for the Council and is of paramount concern to tribal leaders and to this Administration.
  - Today, you have leaders across the Administration here to listen to your concerns and discuss how we can all partner with one another to ensure that your children receive the services they need to be successful.
  - There is some great work underway. Today, you'll hear from officials who are leading our efforts to improve education for Native youth at public schools and BIE-funded schools; protect Native youth from exposure to violence; and ensure that they receive comprehensive supports and wraparound services.

- This is some of the work that I'd like to highlight for you today, but let me be clear – we're going to take a back seat today. This is your opportunity to raise the issues you'd like to discuss and for us to listen and to learn.

## **VI. ATTACHMENTS**

- Q & A – Education *[below]*
- Biographies *[below]*
- Update re: Implementation of BIE Blueprint for Reform *[separate attachment]*

## Q & A's – Topline Education

- 1. What is the federal government doing to ensure American Indian students receive a high-quality education that honors their cultures, their languages, and identities as Indian people?**

We are working together across the federal government to revitalize Indian Education. Through these efforts, we conducted significant consultation and listening sessions to hear from you how we can best do that with respect for and in line with the traditions and cultures of American Indian and Alaska Native people.

We are doing this through Secretarial Order 3334, Presidential Executive Order 13592- White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education, intense focus and support for culture, language and tribal self-determination.

- 2. Why does the President support Native Youth in the rollout, but his budget doesn't reflect this commitment in terms of investments in BIE school infrastructure?**

We have a huge problem on our hands. As identified in various reports, the price tag to bring all BIE-funded schools into good condition is well over \$1 billion dollars. Some of these schools are not safe and cannot meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning. In spite of this tremendous need, since 2011, Congress has cut discretionary funding that provides critical services to tribes. DOI and the whole Federal Government are working to balance priorities across its mission in this very challenging budget climate. The need for greater funding for BIE schools highlights why Congress needs to work with the Administration to replace sequestration with balanced deficit reduction. It's important that we not promise what we cannot deliver on; however, we will do whatever we can administratively, work across the Administration, the Hill and with tribal leaders to see what we can do to make a real difference for Indian children attending these schools.

- 3. The GAO report states that BIE schools operated by tribes have been mispending funding and even losing track of large amounts of cash to overseas accounts. How are you addressing this and at the same time looking to provide more investments to help Native American Youth?**

DOI agrees with nearly all the GAO's recommendations – in fact, many of the fiscal issues raised in the recent GAO report were already identified by the BIE Study Group convened by Secretaries Jewell and Duncan. In response to the Study Group's Blueprint, Secretary Jewell directed Indian Affairs to restructure in a way that would address many of the issues raised by the GAO report. For example, DOI is strengthening its School Operations Division to ensure that BIE staff is well trained to ensure compliance with annual audit requirements at its schools. In turn, Indian Affairs will provide the BIE and the BIA with overall guidance and direction and ultimately hold both Bureaus accountable for programs to ensure there is a greater focus on fiscal monitoring and accountability. This work will include ensuring that both Bureaus have an adequate number of staff with the requisite knowledge and skills to effectively oversee expenditures.

**4. If BIE schools do better with student scores than BIE schools operated by tribes in the BIE Blueprint, doesn't that contradict what your report says as far as tribes performing functions better and thus we should give them more control?**

No, not at all. With sufficient resources and support, tribal nations do a better job of operating their own local governments. This has proven to be in the case in other areas of government, and we believe the same will hold true with education. However, importantly, the federal government hasn't provided tribes with the resources and support they need to be successful; for instance, many school facilities are in poor condition and lack broadband success. Further, in previous fiscal years, we have only provided tribally controlled grant schools with two-thirds of their contract support costs, forcing schools to cut back on desperately need administrative support. Finally, many grant schools aren't truly tribally controlled; we believe once tribal governments are fully engaged in overseeing their own schools, this partnership will lead to improvements in student achievement.

**5. What is the DOI doing to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and principals?**

We know that effective and qualified teachers are vital to providing quality education. In light of this, we are establishing a position of Recruiter within the BIE and refining HR's ability to identify effective teachers and principals. We are also working to provide high-quality professional development for our existing teachers we already have working in BIE schools and grant schools.

**6. What is the DOI-BIE doing to support and empower teachers to refine their knowledge and skills through professional development?**

BIE is working to partner with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) so we can encourage and provide all BIE teachers with the opportunity to attain their National Board Certification. We've awarded an initial contract to NBPTS and hope to begin our work with them soon. We hope to build a network of mentors and instructional coaches through highly effective teachers.

**7. What is being done at the federal level to promote tribal control and sovereignty as it relates to Indian education?**

On July 23, BIE announced that it would be providing enhancement funding to build the capacity of tribal nations (as opposed to locally controlled school boards) to operate BIE-funded schools located on their reservations. The purpose of the Sovereignty in Indian Education enhancement funding is to support tribal capacity to fully manage and operate tribally controlled, BIE-funded schools in their communities. Enhancement funding will support development of a tribal school reform plan with the goals of improved educational outcomes for students and improved efficiencies and effectiveness in operating schools. Just last week, we announced that six tribal nations will receive enhancement funding for planning purposes during Year One.

**8. What will it take to transform the BIE and Indian Education into a world-class education system?**

Answer: In order to achieve the Administration's goal of ensuring a world-class education for all BIE students, the Blueprint for Reform calls for fundamental reforms in five areas: (1) Educational Self-Determination for Tribal Nations; (2) Highly Effective Teachers and Principals; (3) Agile Organizational Environment; (4) Comprehensive Supports through Partnerships; and (5) Budget Aligned to Support Priorities. To achieve these goals, it will require a collaborative and cooperative effort between BIE, DOE and the tribes with a shared commitment to do whatever it takes to provide American Indian students the best education opportunities.

**9. What is the status of a new Johnson O'Malley (JOM) count?**

Answer: A Dear Tribal Leader letter was sent out and school superintendents were notified of a new count that is currently being done. The BIE has established a JOM position to work specifically with this program.

## **Biographies of Panelists**

### **Phyllis Anderson, Tribal Chief, Mississippi Band of the Choctaw**

- Phyllis Anderson serves as the Tribal Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Chief Anderson was officially sworn in as the first woman chief in Choctaw history during an inauguration ceremony on October 4, 2011. Chief Anderson, fluent in the Choctaw language, has more than 26 years of experience with tribal government management, including eight years as tribal council representative and four years as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribe. She is committed to building tribal financial stability; operating an accountable, responsible and transparent government; and building the quality of life on the reservation. Chief Anderson is married to Ricky Anderson, Sr., and is mother to three, stepmother to four, and grandmother to four.

### **Roberto Rodriguez, Special Assistant to the President for Education, WH DPC**

- Roberto J. Rodríguez serves in the White House Domestic Policy Council as Special Assistant to the President for Education. Previously, Rodríguez was Chief Education Counsel to United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. In this capacity, he managed the Democratic education agenda for the Committee and led policy development and strategy for legislation addressing early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, higher education, and adult education. Rodríguez began his tenure on Capitol Hill working for the Senate HELP Committee on the development of the No Child Left Behind Act. He has worked on various reauthorizations of federal legislation, including the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Head Start, Child Care, Higher Education, and the America COMPETES Act. Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Rodríguez worked as Senior Education Specialist at the National Council of La Raza, where he conducted research and analysis of federal and state education reform issues, as well as the development and evaluation of community-based education programs. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and of the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### **William Mendoza, Executive Director, WH Initiative on American Indian and Alaskan Native Education, ED**

- William (Bill) Mendoza was appointed as Executive Director of the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education in December 2011. Bill, Oglala-Sicangu Lakota, grew up on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Sioux reservations in South Dakota. Bill has experienced, firsthand, through his professional and personal experiences, the multitude of challenges facing American Indian students, educators, and tribes. In addition to being a teacher and principal, Bill has worked at the school, professional and community level to help foster leadership development and civic engagement among American Indians. Integral to his professional and academic capacity have been his experiences as a tribal college student at Haskell Indian Nations University, Sinte Gleska University, and Oglala Lakota College. Bill previously served as the Deputy Director and Executive Director for the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges. Since

his appointment in January 2011, he has provided leadership to key administration initiatives including: Executive Order 13592, Tribal Leaders Speak – The State of Indian Education 2010 Report; State-Tribal Education Partnership Pilot; and 2012 ED-DOI Memorandum of Understanding. Before coming to Washington, DC, Bill was working towards a Doctorate in Education Leadership at Montana State University (MSU). He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from Fort Lewis College in 2005 and a Master of Education from MSU in 2010.

**Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, DOJ**

- Tracy Toulou is the Director of the Office of Tribal Justice (OTJ) at the Department of Justice. OTJ is the primary point of contact for the Department of Justice's government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes. The Office also serves as a source of Indian law expertise for the Department. Prior to his current position, Mr. Toulou served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana where his duties included tribal outreach and the prosecution of violent crime in Indian country. He began his career with the Department as an attorney in the Criminal Division. Mr. Toulou attended law school at the University of New Mexico, during which time he had the opportunity to clerk for DNA Legal Services on the Navajo Nation and for the Laguna Pueblo Tribal Court. Before attending law school Mr. Toulou worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Peace Corps in Africa, Central America and the Caribbean. He is a descendant of the Colville Confederated Tribes located in Washington State.

**LaDoris “Dot” Harris, Director, Office of Economic Impact and Diversity, DOE**

- LaDoris “Dot” Harris brings over 30 years of management and leadership experience as the Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). She ensures that minorities and historically underrepresented communities are afforded opportunities to fully participate in the Department’s programs. Nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on March 29, 2012, Director Harris serves in an Assistant Secretary level position at the Department of Energy. She leads the agency’s offices of Minority Economic Impact, Minority Education and Community Development, Minority Business and Economic Development, Diversity and Inclusion, and Civil Rights. Director Harris also leads the Department’s Minorities in Energy Initiative, serves on the White House Council on Women and Girls, oversees a corporate funding strategy for minority institutions, works closely to develop minority business contracting opportunities at the Department, and protects the civil rights of employees and recipients of multi-billion dollar funding from DOE. Prior to her appointment, Director Harris was co-founder, President and CEO of Jabo Industries, LLC, a successful minority-woman owned management consulting firm concentrated primarily in the energy, information technology and healthcare industries.

**Robert Listenbee, Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

- Robert L. Listenbee serves as the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He was appointed to the position by President Obama in



February 2013, and was sworn in to the position on March 25, 2013. Mr. Listenbee played a central role in the Attorney General's Defending Childhood Initiative. As co-chair of the National Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence, he was instrumental in the development of recommendations for launching a coordinated national response to address children's exposure to violence. He also served as a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice, which advises the President and Congress on juvenile justice policy. The committee is administered by OJJDP. Before his appointment to OJJDP, Mr. Listenbee was Chief of the Juvenile Unit of the Defender Association of Philadelphia for 16 years and was a trial lawyer with the association for 27 years. In this capacity, he created a specialized unit to deal with juvenile sexual assault cases and was instrumental in developing three specialty court programs that divert youth from juvenile justice system and reduce their risk of residential placement.

**Joy Silvern, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Secretary, ED**

- Joy serves as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and advises Secretary Duncan on strategic communications and policy; serves as primary liaison with the White House on agency activities; and coordinates American Indian policy initiatives across the Department from the Secretary's Office. She was instrumental in designing the Administration's new place-based initiative, and Native Youth Community Partnerships. Prior to joining the Administration, Joy served as education advisor to Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO).

**Irene Flannery, Deputy Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, FCC**

- Ms. Flannery assists in managing FCC's efforts to develop and drive FCC's agenda to create regulations and policies promoting the deployment of broadband and communications technologies in tribal nations and Native communities. She was previously Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Telecommunications Access Policy Division (TAPD), the division responsible for universal service matters. She managed the Low Income Program (Lifeline and Link Up), Eligible Telecommunications Carrier designations and Tribal related matters. Formerly, Flannery was Vice-President of the High Cost and Low Income Division at the Universal Service Administrative Company. She has also served in other senior management positions at the FCC, as Chief of TAPD and Associate Chief of the Enforcement Bureau's Investigations and Hearings Division. Flannery is a graduate of Duke University, the University of Virginia, and Georgetown University Law Center.

## Additional Background Information

### **BIE Reform Accomplishments**

In partnership with tribal nations, the Administration has identified and promoted critical reforms that will prepare American Indian students attending schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) for success in the 21st century. On June 13, 2014, a Study Group convened by the Secretaries of the Interior and Education released a “Blueprint for Reform,” a comprehensive plan to redesign the BIE to achieve one overarching goal: for tribes to deliver a world-class education to all students attending BIE-funded schools.

The Administration then took immediate action on several of the Blueprint’s key recommendations, including:

- ***Implementing the Secretarial Order to transform the BIE.*** The Order aimed to transform the BIE from a direct operator of schools into a school improvement organization. Signed on June 12, 2014, once fully implemented, the order will promote tribal control of schools and ensure that tribally controlled schools receive the resources and support they need in order to be successful. Since the signing of the Secretarial Order, Indian Affairs has:
  - Developed draft functional analyses and workforce plans;
  - Prepared a draft and preliminary design for BIE’s reformed School Operations Division which will address concerns raised by tribal leaders and other BIE stakeholders regarding poor operational and administrative supports provided to schools;
  - Taken steps to reduce reporting burdens on schools and make the reporting structure more efficient and effective; and
  - Developed a draft plan that would ensure support services are moved closer to schools to provide better services.
- ***Awarded Sovereignty in Indian Education Grants.*** On October 23, 2014, Sovereignty in Indian Education (SIE) enhancements were awarded to six tribes (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Tohono O’odham Nation, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Navajo Nation, Gila River Indian Community, Oglala Sioux). These tribes each received award amounts of \$200,000 to research, assess and develop an implementation plan to establish a tribally managed school system. Tribes will conduct a comprehensive analysis and complete an aligned implementation plan of their tribal education departments and school systems in four areas of school reform: Finance, Academics, Governance, and Human Resources. These funds respond to recommendations to increase tribal control over BIE schools. Initial training was completed on November 14, 2014. The tribes will work together and share best practices and challenges. A webinar was held to provide technical assistance to the tribes and BIE employees, and others are being planned. Topics for the trainings include governing authority of tribes versus not-for-profit organizations, alternative definitions of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), 21st century HR functions, and overview of BIE funding to schools.
- ***Held workshops to provide customized technical assistance.*** This technical assistance helps develop the schools’ educational leadership skills, and delivering

resources informed by best practices in student supports, instruction, financial management, organizational management, and teacher training, recruitment, and retention. These meetings included:

- In September 2014, education consultants provided initial training for all BIE-funded Principals and ERC staff on school improvement and school turnaround
- BIE hired a Director of Communications who will coordinate all communications within BIE and facilitate the transfer of best practices amongst schools.

- ***Visited tribal governments and BIE schools to learn and share best practices and continue dialogue.*** Secretary Jewell and other senior officials have visited seven schools, including: Pine Hill, Choctaw School System, Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig and Beatrice Rafferty. These visits have raised national awareness for the issues faced at BIE schools. Additionally, senior leadership has continued its dialogue with tribal leaders and other BIE stakeholders during past five months, including sessions held in Montana, South Dakota and Arizona. Finally, BIE has participated in two webinars hosted by the National Indian Education Association regarding implementation of the Blueprint. A third webinar has been scheduled for December.

- ***Prioritized Right of Way Permits.*** DOI issued a directive that prioritizes right of way permits for broadband reaching BIE schools for the next two years. [Note: This may happen just before TNC, if not, we should move this to “Next Steps” (below)]

- ***Increased Connectivity at BIE Dorms.*** DOI announced a project to bring connectivity to more than 1,000 Native children who live in federally-funded dormitories while attending public schools outside of their reservation. These dorms have historically been burdened with limited and aged technology. Verizon, working with Alcatel-Lucent and Cross Wireless, has begun the process of wiring all 10 dorms with wireless broadband connectivity. Teams have assessed the needs at each of the sites; and designs and specifications for construction activities are being readied.

- ***Created college readiness program for BIE students.*** Identified 20 tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) to create or expand bridge programs for BIE students. Each TCU will receive \$50k to help increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education.

- ***Issued School Funding Guidance.*** On October 31, 2014, in response to questions from principals and school board members at BIE-funded schools regarding restrictions on the use of federal education funds, ED issued spending guidance to tribally-controlled grant schools that provided technical assistance to grant schools about how funds may be spent and outlined ways to maximize the effectiveness of certain grants by identifying resources and flexibilities.

- ***Held a Native Language Summit.*** In November 2014, BIE held a second Native Language Summit for BIE-funded schools. Schools and tribes came together to draft a policy statement requesting BIE to assist in providing Native language guidance to all BIE-funded schools. The draft language policy is currently being distributed to participants for comment and edits.

## BIE Reform Next Steps

- ***DOI will appoint a Chief Schools Technology Officer.*** This Officer will provide technical assistance to increase the competitiveness of E-Rate applications from BIE-funded schools, advocate for BIE's educational technology needs, and ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that BIE has access to other broadband programs at other federal agencies.

- ***Partner with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards to support teachers at BIE-funded schools interested in obtaining National Board Certification (NBC).*** BIE will pay for NBC training for any teacher interested in pursuing their NBC certification. Obtaining this certification is a rigorous, peer-reviewed process that provides high-quality professional development to teachers and ensures they have the skills necessary to improve student achievement. Nationally Board Certified teachers often extend their impact in a role as instructional leaders in their schools and communities so they can provide the support and resources necessary to help colleagues in their schools improve. Work on the first component of this partnership begins January 1, 2015.

- ***Broadband Service.*** Once the BIE dorms have Internet connectivity, Verizon and Microsoft will also provide broadband service at no cost for up to two years. The companies will also provide each student with a wireless device like a laptop or tablet, to ensure that learning does not stop at the classroom door. We anticipate all wireless network enhancements to be complete and the tablets to be distributed to students during 2015.

- ***Train the Trainers.*** In January, BIE employees, who staff BIE's Education Resource Centers (ERCs), will be trained for six months. These ERC staff members will form the core of the BIE's new School Support Solutions Teams.

- ***School Facility Improvements.*** BIE is updating the School Construction Prioritization Listing, which will identify the schools, in priority order, in need of modernization/new construction. Tribes collaborated on the development of the ranking criteria. Further, BIE is developing a six year plan that will provide a recommended funding schedule to raise the facility condition standard of all schools to the "good" condition level. When completed, tribal consultations will begin to assure the views of tribes are considered in the final plans.

- ***Support tribes in meeting key priorities with carryover spending flexibility.*** ED recently released guidance on allowable use of funds to help tribes identify opportunities to address key priorities with existing funds. DOI and ED are scheduling webinars to provide technical assistance regarding this spending guidance. As a follow up to those webinars, ED and DOI will gauge whether demand exists for increased flexibility regarding spending of carryover funds. If demand exists, ED and DOI will work with those schools seeking additional flexibility and may issue limited waivers on a case-by-case basis if certain criteria are met.

- ***ED and DOI will issue a revised set of legislative amendments.*** DOI and ED have been discussing potential legislative amendments to statutes that affect American Indian students, including those attending BIE-funded schools. These proposed amendments would likely streamline the funding relationship between ED and DOI and

more ambitious and comprehensive than the original set of “technical” amendments that DOI prepared and then sent to OMB LRM.

November 28, 2014

## **INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**FROM:** Sarah Harris, Chief of Staff

**SUBJECT:** Memorandum of Understanding between White House, Department of Interior and Center for Native American Youth

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Following the President's visit to Standing Rock Sioux in June, the President directed his Senior Advisors to develop and execute a strategy to improve the lives and opportunities for Native youth. At the White House Tribal Nations Conference (TNC) the President will announce a new Native youth initiative that the White House (WH) has dubbed Generation Indigenous (Gen I, for short). The goal of the Gen I initiative is to find solutions to change the conditions of Native youth so that they have the opportunity to succeed. Gen I takes a multi-prong approach (briefly discussed below), which includes a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The White House, the Department of Interior (DOI) and the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth (CNAY) (background paper on CNAY attached).

Pursuant to the MOU, the WH, DOI and CNAY would jointly launch a national network of American Indian and Alaska Native youth. The WH and CNAY anticipate working with DOI to support leadership development, provide peer support through an interactive online portal that link resources and tools, and empower youth to become leaders within their communities. It is also anticipated that DOI, in close collaboration with CNAY, will expand federal outreach on youth internships and employment opportunities across the federal agencies.

### **II. BACKGROUND**

#### **Generation Indigenous Initiative**

The White House has shared the following details regarding the components of the Gen I initiative that will be announced at TNC. The launch of the President's Gen I includes the following new actions:

- The Department of Education will administer the Native Youth Community Projects, which will provide funding for a demonstration program in a select number of Native communities (this would be similar to a "place based" initiative). The money will fund culturally relevant strategies designed to improve the college-and-career readiness of children and youth in Native American communities. The White House will release a report on Native youth that will be a call-to-action and will highlight both the challenges facing Native youth and provide recommendations for a path forward;
- The Cabinet will embark on a listening tour to engage directly with Native youth and tribal leaders in order to bolster federal policies to improve youth outcomes;

- The White House will launch a new National Tribal Youth Network (Network) created in partnership with the Aspen Institute’s Center for Native American Youth (CNAY). Gen I will support leadership development, provide peer support through an interactive online portal that link resources and tools, and empower youth to become leaders within their communities. Gen I will include the following outreach and initiatives: Expand federal outreach on youth internships and employment opportunities across the federal agencies; and
- The White House designated 37 White House Youth Ambassadors to join the Tribal Nations Conference and participate in leadership development programming to help launch the national network.

At this time, WH has not provided additional information on Gen I but we have requested and will share any additional information when it is made available to us.

### **MOU between WH, DOI and CNAY launching the National Tribal Youth Network**

As mentioned above, the President charged his Senior Advisors with developing and executing a strategy to improve the lives and opportunities for Native youth. One proposed strategy was the development of the Network, also mentioned above. The WH identified CNAY as the non-profit partner to spearhead the Network and drafted an MOU identifying a non-binding partnership between WH, DOI and CNAY. Initially, we understood DOI’s role under the MOU to be limited to facilitating the MOU itself. However, the current draft of the MOU assigns DOI a much more substantive role by providing that DOI will work with CNAY (with “advisory support” from WH) to launch and run the Network.

Discussions between WH, DOI and CNAY indicate that DOI and CNAY must hammer out details governing the working relationship between and respective responsibilities of DOI and CNAY outside of the MOU. That said, it seems that the Network will build upon CNAY’s current work and, in theory, DOI will assist CNAY in scaling up programs they already successfully operate.

The MOU will be signed by WH and DOI. The WH has yet to identify who will sign on behalf of WH. Consequently, it is unclear whether ASIA will be asked to sign on behalf of DOI (initially this option was identified as preferable) or if YOU will be asked to sign. Regardless, the MOU is making its way through the surname process and will be ready for signature by Monday, December 1.

### **National Tribal Youth Network**

CNAY has developed a draft concept paper (attached) that provides a rough sketch of the Network. CNAY envisions that the Native youth engagement strategy will (1) ensure Native American youth have new access to resources and support that help them succeed and (2) inform national decision-makers and compel their prioritization of Native youth, whose lives are deeply impacted by federal policy and programs. The goal of the National Native Youth Network is to help the youngest First Americans reach their full potential by: 1) Building a platform to voice youth challenges and successes, 2) Increasing Native youth access to educational and economic resources and opportunities, including scholarships, training, mentors, and support; and 3) Connecting Native youth with each other in a leadership

network. It is important to note that Aspen Institute's President and CEO, Walter Isaacson, intends to launch a major fundraising campaign in support of the Network.

#### Attachments

Center for Native American Youth  
National Native Network Overview  
Memorandum of Understanding



## **Attachment 1**

### **Center for Native American Youth**

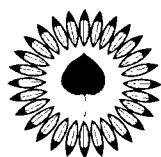
CNAY is dedicated to improving the health, safety and overall well-being of Native American youth through communication, policy development and advocacy. Founded by former US Senator Byron Dorgan, CNAY is a policy program within the Aspen Institute, headquartered in Washington, DC. While a part of the Aspen Institute, CNAY is also overseen by a Board of Advisors. The goal of CNAY is to bring greater national attention to the issues facing Native American youth and to foster solutions, with special emphasis on youth suicide prevention.

The Center for Native American Youth fulfills its mission through four priority strategies: youth inspiration, advocacy, policy change, and serving as a resource platform. In order to address the needs and improve the social and physical well-being of Native youth CNAY aspires to develop meaningful partnerships with tribal governments and organizations. CNAY focuses its work on four key areas: 1) Youth Inspiration, 2) Advocacy, 3) Policy Change and 4) Resource Platform.

CNAY's cornerstone program is the Champions for Change initiative, falls within the first key issue area "Youth Inspiration." The Champions of Change initiative is aimed at recognizing and encouraging Native American youth (ages 14 to 24) working in their tribal or urban Indian communities to make a positive impact. Champions are individuals who initiate programs, events, or other efforts to improve the lives of fellow Native youth and Indian Country. By enabling them to tell their stories on the national level, they provide their peers with positive examples of embracing life and pursuing opportunities. Champions for Change youth leaders are exposed to leadership development opportunities, participate in CNAY's Youth Advisory Board, and become engaged in other significant national events, like the White House Tribal Nations' Conference, to share their message of positive change and hope.

CNAY has an outstanding reputation in Indian country is widely viewed as being the most successful program currently working with Native youth. This is in no small part due to CNAY's stellar Executive Director Erin Bailey, who is well known in Indian Country for her dedication to Indian youth and her tireless efforts on their behalf. CNAY also has a Board of Advisors which includes prominent political figures, journalists, entrepreneurs, athletes, and Native American leaders and advocates, as well as three Native youth. A few of the notable Board Members include former Senator Byron Dorgan, former Senator Tom Daschle, Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Gordon H. Smith, Chairman of the Swinomish Tribal Community and President of the National Congress of American Indians Brian Cladoosby and Tom Brokaw.

## Attachment 2



CENTER FOR NATIVE  
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### National Native Youth Network Overview

The White House and Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute (CNAY) are partnering to launch a National Native Youth Network (NNYN) and engagement strategy. CNAY and the NNYN will provide a sustainable platform to engage and provide educational and economic opportunities to Native American youth across the United States. Resources will include support for educational scholarships, entrepreneurship training, and mentors, and create a platform to integrate Native youth voices into the national dialogue.

President Obama has made Indian affairs and investing in the lives of Native American youth a priority for his Administration. After a visit to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in June 2014, that commitment was further emphasized. The President and First Lady are dedicated to improving the lives of Native American youth, and to using their influence to raise awareness of Indian Country and advance efforts to improve the lives of Native children.

The Native youth engagement strategy will (1) ensure Native American youth have new access to resources and support that help them succeed and (2) inform national decision-makers and compel their prioritization of Native youth, whose lives are deeply impacted by federal policy and programs.

**Goal:** The goal of the National Native Youth Network is to help the youngest First Americans reach their full potential by:

- 1) Building a platform to voice youth challenges and successes,
- 2) Increasing Native youth access to educational and economic resources and opportunities, including scholarships, training, mentors, and support; and
- 3) Connecting Native youth with each other in a leadership network.

The Network's goal will be announced by the White House in December 2014, followed by an official launch with funding commitments in February 2015. This will include a high-level briefing at the White House with donors and other partners.

**Invitation:** CNAY is seeking partners and financial support to create and build this new effort. The impact of this network will require collaboration across the many organizations and community programs that currently work to serve Native American youth. Further, capacity is needed on a national level to manage the network and more importantly, to build out the resources for youth programs and services. Below is an outline of the projects associated with the National Native Youth Network.

**Partners:** Funding partners of the National Native Youth Network will be invited to participate in the development of the NNYN by serving on a Donor Advisory Committee that meets semiannually to review outcomes and strategically plan future components of the initiative in a way that aligns with the Committee's goals. Donors will be listed in communication and outreach materials and in branding at events. Further, for top educational and leadership scholarship donors, naming opportunities will be considered.

**Target Population:** CNAY's work and focus of the NNYN will be on the 2.1 million Native youth under the age of 24 currently living on reservations or in urban settings within the United States. The target audience is middle school, high school, and college students. Centuries of failed policies, chronic underfunding, and intergenerational trauma have led to intolerable inequities in health, high rates of poverty, and other sub-standard life conditions that impact Native youth's likelihood of achieving their full potential. Native American youth are the most at-risk population in our nation and face serious disparities in a number of areas, including high school graduation rates hovering around 50%; one-third of Native youth being obese at four years of age; and Native youth being arrested at three times the national average. Tragically Native youth experience the highest rate of suicide of any group in the US – reaching 3.5 times the national average in recent years and even higher in some tribal communities.

**Funding:** The total estimate of funding needed is \$4,825,000 over the next 5 years.

**Details:** The National Native Youth Network involves two major components to support and encourage Native American youth – *Native Youth Engagement* and *Resources for Success*.

#### ***NATIVE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT.***

With financial support, the NNYN will designate Native youth as Ambassadors and expose these youth to a myriad of experiences, connections, and opportunities that foster leadership development. The NNYN will also facilitate exchange of scalable solutions to address Native youth challenges and successes. These activities will include deliberate collaboration and a national conference. **CNAY seeks financial support to help develop and invest in educational outreach, youth network infrastructure and youth ambassador toolkits, regional symposiums, a national conference, and youth travel scholarships.**

#### ***RESOURCES FOR SUCCESS.***

In addition to building a network of connections, the network will expand resources available to the Native youth improving lives in Indian Country. Like all leaders, those creating positive change require encouragement, guidance, and access to support and leadership development resources. CNAY will work as a resource platform to disseminate available funding for services and programming for educational scholarships, entrepreneurship and job training and economic development programs, and for additional resources to support Native youth across Indian Country. **CNAY seeks financial support to help develop and invest in grants for entrepreneurship efforts, education scholarships, and technical assistance.**

**Impact:** The National Native Youth Network (NNYN) will change the lives of youth participants, creating a network of influential young Native leaders, and will raise national awareness of Native American youth, their communities, and all of Indian Country. The NNYN

does not seek to replace direct service, on-the-ground efforts, but rather give those programs access to additional support and resources.

## **Attachment 3**

### **I. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is entered into by and between the U.S. Department of the Interior (“DOI”), the Center for Native American Youth (“CNAY”), a program within the Aspen Institute, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, and the White House (collectively the “Parties”), and constitutes a non-binding expression of intent between the Parties in connection with the National Tribal Youth Network (“Network”), a program that will be launched by DOI and CNAY, with advisory support from the White House.

#### **I. BACKGROUND**

WHEREAS, the White House is announcing a Presidential Initiative to support American Indian and Alaska Native (“AI/AN”) youth that focuses on improving life outcomes through cradle-to-career strategies, building ladders of opportunity, and elevating youth voices;

WHEREAS, the Network will be a nationwide engagement mechanism aimed at enhancing opportunity for AI/AN youth, including through creation of an online information portal, a social media strategy, and a series of associated tribal youth events; and

WHEREAS, the Network will provide AI/AN youth with information and tools to support their achievement and increase opportunities for their success.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

#### **II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The Parties enter into this MOU for the purposes of:

- (a) acknowledging that the Parties share a mutual interest in supporting opportunity for AI/AN youth and strengthening their path to success;
- (b) establishing that the Parties intend to promote these interests by collaboratively building the Network because their combined efforts, knowledge, and resources can better help them to achieve their common goals; and
- (c) defining the Parties’ roles and responsibilities in connection with establishing the Network.

#### **III. AUTHORITY**

Each Party represents that it has the requisite legal authority to enter into this MOU. For its part, DOI enters into the MOU pursuant to the Snyder Act, 25 U.S.C. § 13.

## **IV. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this MOU, the following terms have the meanings set forth below.

1. “CNAY” means the Center for Native American Youth, a program within the Aspen Institute, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.
2. “DOI” means the U.S. Department of the Interior.
3. “Federal Partners” means the White House and DOI, individually and collectively.
4. “Network” means the National Tribal Youth Network, a project established by DOI and CNAY, with advisory support provided by the White House, and designed to support opportunity for AI/AN youth and pathways to success. This will include:
  - Native youth engagement, elevate youth voices and priorities, and develop resources for success.
5. “Non-Federal Partner” means CNAY.
6. “Party” means any party to this MOU (collectively, the “Parties”).
7. “White House” means the Executive Office of the President of the United States
8. “Written consent” means consent provided in writing by an authorized individual, including by electronic mail, if such electronic mail is sent by an authorized individual.

## **V. RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **A. Activities**

1. The Parties may undertake a range of activities, both separately and jointly, to further the purposes and goals of the Network, including but not limited to:
  - a. Participate in planning and evaluation meetings by telephone or in person, and carry out additional activities or services in connection with the Network in a mutually agreed upon manner;
  - b. Jointly or individually prepare resources for youth participants to use as part of the Network;
  - c. Collaborate on the design of an online portal, social media strategy, and toolkits for youth participants;
  - d. Collaborate on promotion of the Network, including through social media channels, and may work both separately and jointly to reach appropriate audiences and stakeholders; and

- e. Collaborate on the drafting and review of all materials published on behalf of the Network.
2. In carrying out the Network program to achieve its desired goals, the Parties anticipate that the following activities, among others, may occur:
    - a. **December 2014:** AI/AN youth may be invited to join the Network through a website.
    - b. **January-Summer 2015:** The Parties may host events, independently or jointly, to promote the Network, encourage participation, and build coalitions with other tribal and non-tribal entities to increase resources for AI/AN youth. CNAY may release Network brand materials used to encourage youth participation in the Network.
    - c. **February 2015:** The White House may host a high-level event convening on challenges facing Native American youth.
    - d. **Summer 2015:** The Parties may convene a Network and AI/AN youth summit in cooperation with the White House.
    - e. **Fall 2015- January 2016:** The Parties will continue to promote and support the Network and develop it into a sustainable platform to achieve its goals and objectives.

The Parties agree and acknowledge that the above-referenced activities and timeframes are illustrative and non-binding.

## **B. Roles of the Parties**

### **II.**

#### **1. DOI**

- a. DOI intends to participate in the development of the Network and associated materials and to help engage AI/AN youth in this effort, including soliciting support and involvement of other federal agencies. DOI will use the Network as a means to promote innovative cradle-to-college and career strategies to improve educational attainment and outcomes among AI/AN youth.
- b. DOI intends to coordinate efforts of the Federal Partners, where needed, and be responsible for final review and approval of all public Network materials, including all materials posted to the Network online portal.
- c. DOI intends to host or co-host informational and promotional events related to the Network.

- d. DOI intends to promote the Network, including by posting information about the Network and a link to the Network portal on DOI's public internet page, and through other communications activities.
- e. The Parties understand that DOI's participation in the Network is subject to certain conditions and limitations, including that:
  - i. DOI may only expend resources on projects that further DOI's mission;
  - ii. DOI may not generally endorse or advertise a non-government service, product, or enterprise, provided, however, that the Parties may use the products and services of any signatory to the MOU provided acquisition of the same complies with all applicable requirements including (without limitation) the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and relevant ethics laws and regulations; and
  - iii. DOI may not, on the basis of this MOU, exercise direction, control, or supervision over any curriculum or program of instruction at any educational institution, school, or school system; and
  - iv. eligibility for any program or benefit sponsored by DOI depends on the specific terms and requirements of each such program or benefit, and in some cases, further application processes may be required for participation in DOI opportunities offered to Network participants.

2. The White House:

- a. The White House intends to participate in the development of the Network by providing advisory support as needed by the Parties in the creation of Network materials and use of the Network as a means to promote innovative cradle-to-college and career strategies to improve educational attainment and outcomes among AI/AN youth.
- b. The Parties understand that the White House's participation in the Network is subject to certain conditions and limitations, including that the White House:
  - i. may only expend resources on projects that further its mission; and
  - ii. may not generally endorse or advertise a non-government service, product, or enterprise, provided, however, that the Parties may use the products and services of any signatory to the MOU provided acquisition of the same complies with all applicable requirements including (without limitation) the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and relevant ethics laws and regulations.



3. CNAY:

- a. CNAY intends to participate in the development of the Network and associated materials and to use the Network as a means to promote innovative cradle-to-college and career strategies to improve educational attainment and outcomes among AI/AN youth.
- b. In consultation with the Federal Partners, CNAY intends to develop and host an online portal for the Network and other internet properties for the Network.
- c. Subject to the conditions in **Section V.D. Public Statements and Written Materials about the Network**, CNAY intends to develop content and materials, in consultation with the Federal Partners, for use on the online portal and to support the Network.
- d. CNAY intends to establish and maintain a primary point of contact for the Network, including an e-mail inbox and telephone line, and resources necessary to support the development, implementation, and sustainability of the Network.
- e. CNAY intends to host information and promotional events individually and/or in collaboration with the Federal Partners to strengthen opportunities available to AI/ youth participating in the Network and encourage Native youth participation in the Network.
- f. CNAY intends to make available informational resources to Network participants, including information provided through CNAY partners and affiliates, in addition to those provided by the Federal Partners.
- g. Subject to the conditions in **Section V.C. Intellectual Property**, CNAY intends to procure or create a design of a Network logo and associated brand assets, in consultation with the Federal Partners.
- h. The Parties understand that CNAY's participation in the Network is subject to certain conditions and limitations, including that CNAY:
  - i. May only expend resources on projects that further its mission; and
  - ii. May only expend resources that have been obligated to the Network.

**C. Intellectual Property**

1. **Logos of the Parties.** Except as provided in paragraph 3. of this Section V.C., no Party shall make public use of any other Party's name, logo, official seal, or logos associated with any Party without obtaining prior written consent of such Party within

a reasonable period of time before any materials and publications including such name(s), logo(s), and/or official seal(s) are to be published and distributed.

2. **Network Logo.** The terms and conditions of this paragraph V.C.2. shall survive the termination of this MOU in perpetuity. The Network logo and related branding assets procured and/or created by CNAY, in collaboration with the Federal Partners, will be the sole property of CNAY. CNAY hereby grants the Federal Partners a, royalty-free nonexclusive, sub-licensable worldwide right to reproduce, distribute, modify, publish, and otherwise use the Network logo and all other associated brand assets created, for the term of this MOU.
  
3. **Use of Logos.** Each Party may use the other Parties' logo only in the forms provided electronically or in hard copy by the owning or controlling Party of such logo. Except for the size and subject to the restriction herein, such logos may not be altered in any manner, be it in proportion, color, movement, element, etc., or animated, morphed, or otherwise distorted in perspective or dimensional appearance. Any changes in the size of a Party's logo made by another Party shall retain the full graphical integrity of the original image. The Parties agree that the logos of the Federal Partners and Network logo shall not be used in any of the following situations:
  - a. Attempting to influence legislation;
  - b. Organizing or engaging in protest, petitions, boycotts or strikes;
  - c. Assisting, promoting, or deterring union organizing;
  - d. Impairing existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements;
  - e. Engaging in partisan political activities, or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office;
  - f. Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities that are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, political candidates, proposed legislation or elected officials;
  - g. Conducting worship services, engaging in religious proselytization;
  - h. Supporting or endorsing for-profit, commercial goods or services;
  - i. Soliciting funds or other contributions of monetary value, without express written consent from the Parties in each instance;
  - j. In a product name or publication title not owned, controlled or approved by the Party with rights to the brand(s), trademark(s) or logo(s) used;
  - k. In, as, or as part of each Party's own trademarks;
  - l. To identify products or service not owned, controlled or approved by the other Parties;
  - m. In a manner likely to cause confusion;
  - n. In a manner that disparages the other Parties;
  - o. In any manner that expresses or might imply another Party's affiliation, sponsorship, endorsement, certification, or approval, other than as contemplated by this MOU;
  - p. In association with any third-party trademarks in a manner that might suggest

co-branding with the third-party or is otherwise likely to create confusion as to the source or sponsorship of any Party's web pages, or ownership of any Party's trademarks;

- q. Incorporated into or used as part of any trade name, business name, domain name, product or service name, log, trade dress, design, slogan, or other trademark not owned, controlled or approved by the other Parties. This restriction applies whether each Party's trademarks are used alone or are combined with any other symbols, be they words, logos, icons, graphics, photos, slogans, numbers or other design elements.

4. **Transfer of Intellectual Property.** Except as may expressly be provided in this MOU, no right, property, license, permission, or interest of any kind in, or to the use of, any trademark, trade name, logo, insignia, or device owned by any Party is, or is intended to be, given, assigned or otherwise transferred to any Party by the execution, performance, or non-performance of this MOU or any part thereof. To the extent expressly provided in this MOU, CNAY affirms that any intellectual property it transfers or licenses pursuant to this MOU does not infringe any copyright or trademark, violate any property rights, or contain any scandalous, libelous, or unlawful material.

#### **D. Public Statements and Written Materials about the Network**

1. The Parties agree to strive to make the materials created pursuant to this MOU intended for release to the public compliant with the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794d) as amended. The Parties further agree that the Network online portal will be tested and must be deemed Section 508 compliant by DOI.
2. CNAY shall have the right to publicize its collaboration in the Network but shall obtain written consent from the Federal Partners within a reasonable period prior to undertaking any of the following activities:
  - a. issuing any press release, publications, or other materials regarding the Network;
  - b. participating in any project or event conducted in association with the Network;
  - c. providing any links on the CNAY or any third-party's website directing viewers to the websites of the Federal Partners or the Network's online portal.
3. CNAY will not imply that the Federal Partners endorse any products or services of CNAY or any other entity.
4. CNAY may solicit funds or in-kind support to help carry out its responsibilities under this MOU. CNAY shall obtain written consent from the Federal Partners prior to identifying the Network, the Federal Partners, or the Federal government in any solicitation for funds or in-kind support for activities associated with the Network. If CNAY solicits funds or in-kind support for activities associated with the Network, it shall do so only on behalf of itself. CNAY will not solicit funds or in-kind support for

the Network from manufacturers of tobacco products, firearms, or alcoholic beverages. CNAY will communicate in writing to any third party contributing funds or in-kind support to the Network that any acknowledgment of such a contribution of does not constitute an endorsement of the third party by the Federal Partners.

5. The Parties understand that any information furnished between the Parties under this MOU or in establishing and carrying out activities for the Network is potentially subject to disclosure, among other things, pursuant to the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, et seq. (FOIA). The Federal Partners agree to consult one another prior to releasing documents which may be exempt under FOIA or otherwise potentially privileged.
6. The Parties agree that any information protected under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. §552a, will be treated in a manner consistent with that Act.

## **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

### **A. General Terms**

1. Nothing in this MOU constitutes a requirement that any Party obligate or transfer any Federal funds. Each Party to this MOU agrees to handle its own activities and bear its own costs from respective resources as available, in carrying out the responsibilities and pursuing the objectives set forth in this MOU. If the Parties decide at some later date to transfer funds, services or property among the Parties in order to accomplish some objective, that transfer of funds between the Parties shall be done by separate agreement in accordance with applicable Federal laws and regulations and independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority.
2. No Party shall be authorized to bind any other Party without specific prior written consent of the Party to be bound.
3. Nothing in this MOU shall create or imply a legally cognizable partnership, agency, or joint venture agreement between the Parties.
4. This MOU is not intended to, and does not create, any right, benefit, or responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity against any Party, its agencies or instrumentalities, its officers or employees, or any other person.
5. Nothing in this MOU will restrict the Parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public or private agencies, organizations or individuals. Nothing in this MOU precludes separate activities being undertaken by each of the Parties separately or together, and such activities will not undermine the intent and purpose of the MOU.

6. All data gathered, associated with, or shared among the Parties in establishing and maintaining the Network shall be used for the sole purpose of carrying out services and activities in support of the Network. All Parties agree to maintain appropriate confidentiality over all such data consistent with applicable laws, regulations and respective policies. The Parties agree to properly dispose of such data upon termination of this Agreement, consistent with applicable laws, regulations and respective policies.
7. No member or delegate to Congress may benefit from this MOU either directly or indirectly.

## **B. Entire Understanding**

This MOU constitutes the entire understanding of the Parties with respect to their individual and collective roles and responsibilities in carrying out the terms of this MOU, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings.

## **C. Duration, Modification, and Termination**

1. With the exception of Section V.C.2., this MOU shall be effective for a period from the date of the last signature until January 1, 2016, unless terminated by the Parties as described herein. The MOU may be extended for a further period of time by a written agreement among the Parties.
2. Upon termination of this MOU, the ownership of the Network, along with the online portal, branded assets, intellectual property and related materials, shall be the sole property of CNAY. CNAY may continue to develop and operate the Network as a sustainable element of its programming and activities to support AI/AN youth. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CNAY shall not use or continue use of materials bearing logos or endorsements of the Federal Partners, absent express written authorization. Any references to the Federal Partners will refer solely to their participation in the launch of the Network, but shall not imply a current partnership. The parties acknowledge that, generally under U.S. copyright law, works of the U.S. Government are not subject to copyright. DOI retains full rights to re-use the content and material that it develops for any and all DOI purposes, and/or to share with other collaborators or requestors. In the event that CNAY incorporates materials prepared by DOI into other works and claims copyright therein, such parties shall explicitly exclude the federal-prepared materials in the copyright notice, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 403.
2. Signatures to this MOU or to any modification or amendment of this MOU may be executed in any number of counterparts and may be transmitted by facsimile or via email as a scanned PDF file. Each such signature shall be deemed an original and together shall be deemed part of one and the same MOU.

3. At any point after the original execution of the MOU, new parties may be added to the MOU by executing an addendum to the MOU with all Federal Partners. Except as may be specified in an addendum, new parties will have the same rights and obligations and be subject to the same term as set forth above as if that party had been an original signatory to this MOU.
4. Except as set forth in Paragraph 3. of Section VI.C. above, this MOU may be amended only by a written agreement signed by all Parties.
5. Any Party may terminate its participation in this MOU for any reason by providing 14 days written notice to all other Parties.
6. In the event a Party terminates its participation in this MOU, that Party shall cease use and promotion of the Network prior to or on the effective date of termination.

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The individuals whose signatures appear below attest to having the authority to enter into this MOU and agree that this MOU shall become effective upon the date of the last signature.

**U.S. Department of the Interior**

**III.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. The White House**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**V. The Center for Native American Youth, a program within the Aspen Institute, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKGROUND MEMO FOR CABINET PANEL ON ENERGY AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TRIBAL CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROGRAM  
DECEMBER 3, 2014 PANEL**

DATE: December 3, 2014  
LOCATION: Capitol Hilton  
TIME: 2:05pm – 2:50pm  
FROM: Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes 208-2875

**I. PURPOSE**

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

- Gina McCarthy, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
- Mike Boots, Acting Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality

**III. TALKING POINTS**

**Top Line Messages:**

- Climate change is increasingly evident for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.
- In some cases, climate change is threatening the ability of tribal nations to carry on their cultural traditions and beliefs.
- Tribal leaders have voiced growing concerns about effects on coasts, water supplies and wildlife. Tribes have been hit the hardest; we have a moral obligation to act.
- WHCNA – Subgroup on Environment and Climate Change
  - Pleased to work with Administrator McCarthy on the new WHCNA subgroup on the Environment and Climate Change.
  - Co-chaired by EPA and DOI.
  - The Climate Change Subgroup will be reaching out to tribal leaders in the coming months for feedback and input as they look to focus cross-agency efforts to build and support tribal climate resiliency.
  - We certainly will be building off the Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience recommendations to the President.
  - We look forward to receiving your input when we begin our outreach efforts in early 2015.
- DOI has dedicated nearly \$10 million to help tribes prepare for climate change through adaptation and mitigation techniques.
  - Announcement of funding to specific tribes will be made in the coming weeks along with a notice announcing opportunity for additional tribes to submit funding requests.

**Additional Talking Points:**

- The DOI/BIA Tribal Climate Initiative



- The Obama Administration is committed to providing the means and measures to help tribes in their efforts to protect and mitigate the effects of climate change on their land and natural resources
- The Administration has dedicated nearly \$10 million to this Program to help tribes prepare for climate change through adaptation and mitigation techniques such as:
  - offering funding for tribes, tribal consortia & tribal organizations to develop science-based information and tools
  - these tools will enable adaptive resource management as well as the ability to plan for climate resiliency
  - offering national climate adaptation planning sessions
  - offering funding for tribal engagement and outreach
- The Program will provide direct tribal support through a climate adaptation funding. Funding will be awarded in four categories:
  - development and delivery of climate adaptation training
  - adaption planning, vulnerability assessments and monitoring
  - capacity building through travel support for climate change training, technical sessions, and cooperative management forums
  - travel support for participation in ocean and coastal planning
- The Program will also increase staffing to ensure coordination with tribes across the federal government and to ensure tribal engagement in climate conversations at the federal level.
- Five tribal Climate Extension Support Liaisons will be placed in the Department of the Interior's Climate Science Centers (CSC) while building tribal capacity by contracting the positions to tribal organizations to ensure strong ties to tribal practitioners
- The Program will empower and educate youth to become climate leaders by enabling them to participate in climate conferences, as well as independent research projects.

**Potential Questions:**

Q: Why is DOI considering using Grants.gov to issue DOI climate change funding? Funding for such impacts is a trust obligation and Tribes are governments, not entities that should have to apply for grants from the federal government.

A: I certainly understand the trust obligations of the federal government and we have heard from Tribes that Grants.gov is not their preferred mechanism for issuing this funding. I know that Assistant Secretary Washburn is working with the Solicitor's Office to issue this funding as efficiently as possible, in compliance with the law and we are actively considering options such as utilizing the 638 contracting mechanism to deliver these funds.

**INFORMATION MEMO ON TOPICS DISCUSSED  
IN THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

DATE: December 3, 2014  
Location: Capitol Hilton  
TIME: 11:15AM – 1:15PM

Within this section you will find information on various topics that may be discussed during the breakout sessions. You will be circulating through as many sessions as you can. Below is brief background material on the major topics you likely to hear being discussed:

**Key Topics on Budget**

**Background:** The budget for Indian Country always underrepresents the needs of the 566 Indian tribes, each with their own unique needs for programs and services. The work of the Tribal – Interior Budget Council (TIBC) helps communicate to Interior the many needs of tribes so we can develop an informed budget proposal for the President.

**Talking Points:**

- Despite budget shortcomings, tribes have consistently shown themselves to be valued partners in helping the Administration develop a detailed budget where their needs are addressed as best as possible. The Tribal – Interior Budget Council, or TIBC, has been critical to assisting in this endeavor and we wanted to take this time to thank tribal leaders by continuing to work with us year in and year out on our budget.
- Also, we realize that the congressional budget is directly tied to our trust obligations to Indian tribes, as reflected in numerous treaties, statutes, executive orders and directives.
- That being said, we are currently embargoed from sharing information from our upcoming budget proposal. But we are always able to listen to tribal needs, and promise to work diligently in trying to incorporate those suggestions into a comprehensive budget recommendation for Indian Affairs that reflects your needs as best as possible.
- We have also heard your requests, and support those requests, for a more robust budget for Indian Affairs from Congress. But we also pledge to work with what we are given as best we can, and with your guidance.

**Possible Q & As**

How does the Administration intend to implement the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act?

As you know the tribal GWE bill is a very recent bill, signed by the President in late September. We understand that this bill has been a key issue for tribes, making its implementation all the more critical. But as you know, Treasury is in the driver's seat with respect to this bill and I trust that they will work diligently, as they have in recent years on the

GWE guidance and the per capita and bonds issue, on trying to address the requirements under the Act.

Specifically, with respect to the Tribal Advisory Committee – this committee will be tasked with assisting Treasury with tax policy affecting tribes, including developing key definitions under the Act, such as determining what meets the definition of “lavish and extravagant.” That being said, I imagine the selection for this committee will be a priority for Treasury, and will also require serious consideration and thought. Treasury had a listening session this past Tuesday (December 2, 2014) to address some of these questions on the tribal GWE and tribal tax policy in general.

NCAI Briefing Book Position: urges the White House, OMB, and the White House Council on Native American Affairs to allocate and budget sufficiently increased federal funding for all Indian programs to fully satisfy all essential and ongoing Indian country needs under applicable treaties, statutes, Executive Orders, and agreements. Tribal leaders have provided direction through the IHS Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup, Department of Health and Human Services Budget Consultations, the Tribal Interior Budget Council, and other agency consultations with specific recommendations on program levels. Tribes urge the Administration to provide equitable support for core tribal governmental services in future budget requests.

### **Key Topics on Economic Development, Infrastructure, & Jobs**

#### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Background:** Job growth in Indian Country is a top priority for tribal leaders. American Indians and Alaska Natives have one of the youngest populations in the nation, with 42% of tribal members under the age of 25. Importantly, job growth is heavily dependent on sound federal policies that promote job creation – such as the Indian Employment Tax Credit which is routinely included in Congress’ tax extenders package – and improving access to capital opportunities for business development on tribal lands.

**Hot Topics:** The 11-year absence of a Workforce Investment Act reauthorization finally ended in July 2014 when Congress passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and President Obama signed the bill into law.

The Native American Program under WIOA has the following revisions:

- Primary Performance Indicators were placed on all programs, including the Native American Program;
- Programs are being funded at their current level and will increase incrementally until Fiscal Year 2020, with the Native American program being funded at its current level of \$46,082,000 for FY 2015 to a funding level of \$54,137,000 by FY 2020;
- Alaska Native descendants are defined as eligible for services provided;
- Every 4 years the Secretary of Labor will make grants or enter in contracts or cooperative agreements with tribal grantees, instead of every 2 years; and
- Entrepreneurial skills are included in the purpose of the program.

**Talking Points:**

- Job creation in Indian Country requires removing barriers to economic development, which was the intent behind the recent streamlining of the leasing regulations to help facilitate quicker lease approval by the BIA.
- Also, tribes need better access to capital opportunities. New Markets Tax Credits have been successful, but not many credits have been awarded to projects being financed by Indian tribes or on tribal lands. Similarly, tax-exempt bonding has been difficult for tribes that lack natural resources or large revenue streams to back their bonds on the market.
- Job creation also requires the federal government to support legislation and regulatory frameworks that incentivize businesses to hire local tribal members, such as the Indian Employment Tax Credit and the tribal preference provision in the recently amended BIA surface leasing regulations, which clarifies that tribes can include provisions in leases that provide for tribal preference in employment.
- Also, we are aware of the requests put forth by tribes for the Secretary of Labor to provide a blanket waiver for performance measures for American Indian and Alaska Native workforce programs. Also, to include tribal leaders on any Secretary-level Advisory Council in the Department of Labor.

**ACCESS TO CAPITAL**

**Background:** Tribal governments lack the access to capital necessary for business development and basic infrastructure projects, such as broadband deployment, on tribal lands. The Administration should work to include tribal governments in successful programs, such as the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program, in order to assist tribes in accessing revenue for development projects.

**Hot Topics:** Since the inception of the NMTC program in 2000, the Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund has made 836 competitive awards allocating \$40 billion in tax credit authority to specialized financial institutions called Community Development Entities (CDEs) to spur new or increased investments into operating businesses and real estate projects located in low-income communities. Yet, in the last two funding cycles of 2013 and 2014, no tax credit allocations were given to Native CDEs, leaving Indian Country behind.

Also, Indian tribes remain subject to an ‘essential government function’ test that states and local governments are not subjected to when using tax-exempt bond financing for projects. This, despite a 2011 Treasury Report to Congress recommending that Congress omit the ‘essential government function’ test and allow tribes be to use tax-exempt bonds on par with state governments and local governments.

**Talking Points:**

- Earlier this year, President Obama selected the Choctaw Nation as one of five promise zones, which is aimed to provide resources such as grants and tax

incentives for development in communities with high need. While this initiative is only able to reach one tribal community currently, the hope is that there will be other communities selected in the future.

- Also, we are aware of the recommendation that Treasury work to ensure that Indian Country is included in future funding cycles of the NMTC program. We think this makes sense and we are open to begin the dialogue and explore how we can ensure increased participation from tribes in the NMTC program.
- In general, accessing capital to finance development on tribal and individual Indian lands remains a significant challenge due to unique factors, such as the status of the land as well as the lack of sufficient assets to back bonds or other instruments. Federal agencies should learn more about the barriers to investment and attempt to find alternative mechanisms to secure debt and equity investments in Indian Country.

## TRIBAL TAX POLICY

**Background:** Tribal tax authority assists many tribes in supplementing federal programs and services for tribal members, and is the most fundamental, inherent manner of generating a revenue stream on tribal lands. The Supreme Court’s landmark decision *McCullough v. Maryland*, it was noted that “the power to tax is the power to destroy.” However, in Indian Country, the power to tax more accurately represents the power to build.

**Hot Topics:** Congress recently passed, and the President has signed into law, the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, which acknowledges tribal programs and benefits designed to meet the needs of tribal members as non-taxable. The bill also mandates that Treasury form a tribal advisory committee to assist in implementing the bill and with tax policies affecting Indian tribes.

Also, the taxing provisions of the BIA’s recently amended leasing regulations have proven to be an additional tool for tribes to use while advocating on behalf of their regulatory jurisdiction over neighboring states or local counties. The tax provisions, which clarify that permanent improvements on tribal lands fall exclusively within the taxing jurisdiction of the Indian tribe, are currently a focal point of review by several courts in varying circuits. While the tax provisions do not represent a new concept, their inclusion in the leasing regulations provides a strong federal interpretation of the taxing jurisdiction on tribal lands which will need to be included in future regulatory revisions where applicable.

### Talking Points:

- The Administration is aware that tribes are extremely interested in consulting with Treasury on the recently passed Tribal General Welfare Exclusion bill, and there was a listening session earlier this week on the GWE as well as other tax issues affecting tribes. One of the primary requests we have heard from tribes is that Treasury needs to select a Tribal Advisory Committee, as mandated in the bill, which will help in implementation of the bill. While we understand that tribes want quick action, selecting an advisory committee is a time intensive process, as

it should be. After all, the Committee will have a true impact on tax policy for Indian tribes and therefore the selection process should be conducted with care and the utmost duty.

- Also, with respect to the GWE legislation, we know there will be a need to consult on implementing regulations for the bill. Over the past several years, the IRS and Treasury have worked with tribes to develop a finalized agency guidance on GWE. Until those implementing regulations are promulgated, the finalized guidance may still be relied upon by tribes.
- We have also heard that tribes are requesting to schedule a Tribal Meeting with the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, John Koskinen, to discuss what tribes perceive as a pattern of policymaking through field audits. While we can certainly reach out to our federal colleagues and relay the request, the IRS is an independent agency and our influence there is somewhat limited in comparison to other agencies. As we did in the 2013 Tribal Leaders Briefing Book, we request a direct tribal

NCAI Briefing Book Position: Invest in Tribal Self Determination. Tribal leaders applaud the visits by President Obama and many of the Cabinet Secretaries to Indian Country. Visits to various reservations demonstrate that while some tribes have made a lot of progress with self-determination, there are other tribes who continue to struggle. We urge the White House Council on Native American Affairs to consider the development of a multi-agency pilot project to focus resources on reservations that have the greatest needs and the greatest opportunities to benefit from increased tribal control and administration of programs and services.

### **Key Topics on Education**

**Background:** Over the past year, the Bureau of Indian Education has worked to reform how Indian education is provided through the BIE, implementing policies meant to give tribes more control over schools in their community.

**Hot Topics:** The BIE recently issued its Blueprint for Reform, which outlines key areas where Indian education can be improved. Together, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Education, this Administration aims to improve the learning environment for children attending BIE schools in order to better meet the federal government's trust responsibility to provide Indian education.

### **Talking Points:**

- President Obama is committed to working with Indian Country to promote strong, prosperous and resilient communities. Under his Administration, our **North Star has been self-determination and self-governance** for tribal nations. The Obama Administration will leave Indian Country in a better place than where we found it, but we still have so much work to do.
- As chair of the White House Council on Native American Affairs, working to improve **interagency coordination and efficiency** across the federal government.

- Ensuring that Native youth receive the comprehensive supports they need are top priorities for the Council and is of paramount concern to tribal leaders and to this Administration.
- Today, you have leaders across the Administration here to listen to your concerns and discuss how we can all partner one another to ensure that your children receive the services they need to be successful.
- Tribal governments and their tribal education agencies must be authorized to assume a greater role in providing education to their children.
- The Administration must assist by providing policy initiatives and appropriations requests that support tribal capacity to administer and provide quality, community-based, education.
- This will ensure all education systems serving Indian students, whether BIE, charter, or public schools, address academic and cultural needs and help develop successful graduating classes.
- There is some great work underway. Today, you'll hear from officials who are leading our efforts to improve education for Native youth at public schools and BIE-funded schools; protect our youth from exposure to violence; and ensure that they receive comprehensive supports and wraparound services.
- This is some of the work that I'd like to highlight for you today, but let me be clear – we're going to take a back seat today. This is your opportunity to raise the issues you'd like to discuss and for us to listen and to learn.

NCAI Briefing Book Position: The White House Council on Native American Affairs must place at the core of its work ways that each agency can provide current and future possibilities for Native youth. The Council is uniquely equipped to launch such an Administration-wide effort to identify and coordinate how every agency in the Administration can support and build a lasting legacy on addressing the needs of Native youth. All agencies must come together to leverage their resources for a truly comprehensive approach to building a stronger, more vibrant and healthy future for Native youth.

### **Key Topics on Energy**

**Background:** Tribal lands sit atop some of the United States' largest mineral reserves, but lack the necessary tools, and in some instances – the authority to develop those resources in a reasonable manner. Also, tribal lands are often remote in location, separate from transmission grids, which often means that while tribes have significant mineral reserves on their lands, those resources are effectively stranded and difficult to get to market.

**Hot Topics:** In early October 2014, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn, announced that more than \$9.4 million has been awarded to tribal projects to assist in developing energy and mineral resources. The grants were awarded as part of the Energy and Mineral Development Program administered by the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), a division of the Office of the Assistant Secretary.

Earlier this year, the Department announced the approval of the 200-megawatt Moapa Solar Energy Center Project, which is expected to generate enough power to run approximately 60,000 homes and will support up to 500 jobs at peak production while creating 10 permanent jobs.

### **Talking Points:**

- The Administration is committed to helping tribes develop both conventional and renewable energy resources in Indian Country.
- In the past few years, our work in this area has noticeably improved. However, much more needs to be accomplished – the need in Indian Country continues to exceed our capacity to assist.
- Despite our limited resources, be assured that a top priority of this Administration is the Increase of renewable and conventional energy development on Indian lands as part of an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy.
- In addition, as Chair of White House Council on Native American Affairs, I want you to know I’m working to improve federal interagency coordination, and speed up energy projects on Tribal lands
- We also know the Climate Change implications for this type of work – Tribes hit hardest; we have a moral obligation to act
- Energy and mineral development on federal Indian lands plays critical role in economic development and generating income in Indian Country.
- Renewable energy cuts carbon pollution, creates jobs and helps move our economy toward a clean energy future
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### **Possible Q and A**

How are some ways the Administration can improve its provisions of technical assistance for energy and mineral development on tribal lands?

For starters, we have some really great programs. The IEED with the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs’ Office does great work, but is greatly underfunded – with respect to the overall need for tribes. So the budget process, as with many other issues, always helps. But also, I think as we do more projects, we are also developing various approaches for different tribes, that – in the end – will enable us to be more efficient and more creative in the future. For instance:

Recently, IEED’s Division of Energy and Mineral Development recently helped the Pueblo de Cochiti repair roads, flood prevention infrastructures, diversion dams, levees and other facilities that were destroyed by wildfires in 2011 by providing technical assistance that helped the Pueblo use tribally-sourced gravel to make the repairs. In this instance, the Pueblo received \$2 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Also, DEMD helped the Crow Tribe develop new housing through use of local sand and clay for the manufacture of compressed earthen blocks (CEB).

DEMD estimates that 53% of the funds used to build a CEB home stayed on the Crow Reservation (DEMD solution employed local resources and labor to build energy efficient houses, allowing funding from HUD/HIP housing grants to remain in the local economy while



fostering local jobs, and creating a sustainable, scalable business model.), whereas just 14% of these funds would have stayed in the community had they been used to construct a prefabricated home or trailer.

Calculated at an average home cost of \$110,000, CEB construction enabled \$58,300 per house to remain in the local economy versus only \$15,400 for an alternative house.

- Each of the examples represents new approaches that look at tribes individually, and help maximize the amount of investment in their community – while meeting mineral development, energy or infrastructure needs.

NCAI Briefing Book Position: 1. Invest in the development of both conventional and renewable energy resources in Indian Country. In the past few years, there has been notable improvement in federal efforts to develop renewable energy in Indian Country; however much more needs to be accomplished. The Department of Energy's new tribal leader and staff training programs need to be expanded. Additionally, the Department of Interior's resources should be focused to support tribe's evaluation of, and entrance into Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (aka TERAs), as well as tribal capacity evaluations and related governance needs for TERA programs. DOI should also engage in a parallel effort to support HEARTH Act applications relating to renewable energy projects on tribal lands.

2. Include tribes in clean energy development under Executive Order 13423. As the largest energy consumer in the US economy, the federal government was directed to lead by example and support clean energy development when President Bush signed Executive Order 13423 on January 24, 2007, enacted into law as part of the 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Act. Agencies must include tribes when working to achieve the goals outlined in Executive Order 13423. Federal agencies should include tribal renewable energy products as part of their annual sustainability plans and identify how they will utilize their authority to prefer tribal energy products to meet those goals. Additionally, the Department of Defense and cooperating agencies should identify plans to engage tribes with potential energy products that meet their procurement goals.

3. Increase tribal energy funding. The Administration must request and advocate for the maximum statutory amount available under the 2005 Energy Policy Act for the DOE Office of Indian Energy and the Indian energy loan guaranty programs.

4. Support legislation providing tribes with new options for energy development. The Administration should support initiatives in the House of Representatives and the Senate that provide tribes with greater control and flexibility in developing their conventional and/or renewable energy resources—such as S. 2132, the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act, and H.R. 1548, the Native American Energy Act. These bills represent serious efforts to facilitate tribal efforts to develop their energy resources and bring jobs and economic development to Indian Country.

## **Key Topics on Climate Change**

### **Background**

In April 2014, the EPA began initial work with Interior to find ways to specifically work to help tribal communities combat and minimize climate change effects. This work coincides with the newly announced DOI climate change program that began in July that will work with tribes to strengthen and expand the use and development of traditional ecological knowledge when developing mitigation and landscape strategies. Currently, we see six pillars to address when finding solutions to the impacts of climate change:

- (1) natural resources and agriculture;
- (2) disaster recovery and resilience;
- (3) community health and development;
- (4) cross-cutting agency programs;
- (5) infrastructure/built systems (i.e., transportation, water, and energy systems); and
- (6) greenhouse gas mitigation and carbon sequestration.

### **Top Line Messages:**

- Climate change is increasingly evident for American Indian and Alaska Native communities
- In some cases, climate change is threatening the ability of tribal nations to carry on their cultural traditions and beliefs.
- Tribal leaders have voiced growing concerns about effects on coasts, water supplies and wildlife. Tribes have been hit the hardest; we have a moral obligation to act.
- **WHCNA – Subgroup on Environment and Climate Change**
  - Pleased to work with Administrator McCarthy on the new WHCNA subgroup on the Environment and Climate Change.
  - Co-chaired by EPA and DOI
  - The Climate Change Subgroup will be reaching out to tribal leaders in the coming months for feedback and input as they look to focus cross-agency efforts to build and support tribal climate resiliency.
  - We certainly will be building off the Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience recommendations to the President.
  - We look forward to receiving your input when we begin our outreach efforts in early 2015.
- DOI has dedicated nearly \$10 million to help tribes prepare for climate change through adaptation and mitigation techniques.
  - Announcement of funding to specific tribes will be made in the coming weeks along with a notice announcing opportunity for additional tribes to submit funding requests.

### **Additional Talking Points:**

- The DOI/BIA Tribal Climate Initiative
  - The Obama Administration is committed to providing the means and measures to help tribes in their efforts to protect and mitigate the effects of climate change on their land and natural resources

- The Administration has dedicated nearly \$10 million to this Program to help tribes prepare for climate change through adaptation and mitigation techniques such as:
  - offering funding for tribes, tribal consortia & tribal organizations to develop science-based information and tools
  - these tools will enable adaptive resource management as well as the ability to plan for climate resiliency
  - offering national climate adaptation planning sessions
  - offering funding for tribal engagement and outreach
- The Program will provide direct tribal support through a climate adaptation funding. Funding will be awarded in four categories:
  - development and delivery of climate adaptation training
  - adaption planning, vulnerability assessments and monitoring
  - capacity building through travel support for climate change training, technical sessions, and cooperative management forums
  - travel support for participation in ocean and coastal planning
- The Program will also increase staffing to ensure coordination with tribes across the federal government and to ensure tribal engagement in climate conversations at the federal level.
- Five tribal Climate Extension Support Liaisons will be placed in the Department of the Interior's Climate Science Centers (CSC) while building tribal capacity by contracting the positions to tribal organizations to ensure strong ties to tribal practitioners
- The Program will empower and educate youth to become climate leaders by enabling them to participate in climate conferences, as well as independent research projects.

**Potential Questions:**

Q: Why is DOI considering using Grants.gov to issue DOI climate change funding? Funding for such impacts is a trust obligation and Tribes are governments, not entities that should have to apply for grants from the federal government.

A: I certainly understand the trust obligations of the federal government and we have heard from Tribes that Grants.gov is not their preferred mechanism for issuing this funding. I know that Assistant Secretary Washburn is working with the Solicitor's Office to issue this funding as efficiently as possible, in compliance with the law and we are actively considering options such as utilizing the 638 contracting mechanism to deliver these funds.

NCAI Briefing Book Position: Establish a high level interagency-tribal government task force to examine existing problems and propose solutions to help address climate change. This group could be a working group of the White House Council on Native American Affairs or could function as a stand-alone effort. This task force would: (1) recommend, develop, and implement tribal-specific solutions, enabling the agencies to support and foster tribal climate-resilient planning and investment; (2) work to ensure that there is meaningful funding and technical support to implement recommendations; and (3) provide oversight/connectivity to the President's Climate Action Plan to ensure that implementation of the Plan is addressing tribal concerns.

In order to ensure federal government commitment, the Administration must support the task force in efforts to:

- A. Ensure equitable financial resources for tribes to carry out assessments and implementation of preparedness planning;
- B. Provide assistance to tribes for climate vulnerability assessments; and
- C. Recognize the role and interaction of multiple knowledge systems. Traditional Knowledge can be useful in defining earlier environmental baselines, identifying impacts that require mitigation, providing observational evidence for modeling, and identifying culturally appropriate values for protection from direct impacts of adaptation measures.

### **Key Topics on Healthcare**

**Background:** American Indians and Alaska Natives continue to experience the greatest health disparities in the United States. Physical and mental well-being in tribal communities is dependent upon the collective health of the community. For instance, family support systems in Indian homes, a safe learning and living environment, as well as healthy lifestyle habits, all contribute toward the well-being of a community member. For this reason, tribes need the federal government to work across agencies to help develop services and programs that institute a holistic approach toward health care in tribal communities.

**Hot Topics:** The ACA includes an employer shared responsibility mandate for employers that do not offer affordable health coverage that provides a minimum level of coverage to their full-time employees. Tribes believe the ACA mandate violates the federal trust responsibility because it would require tribal employers to subsidize IHS services, and Native people to pay for the cost of their own health insurance. Further, tribal employers would be forced to use limited resources for either insurance premiums or shared responsibility payments.

### **Talking Points:**

- Addressing health disparities in Indian Country requires programs that support tribal governments in improving the health of entire communities. For this reason, it seems necessary to encourage agencies to coordinate with one another to improve the quality of life for American Indians and Alaska Natives. Many times several programs aim to achieve
- Another way we can be supportive of Indian health care issues is to continue to support and request increased funding for IHS. The President's budget has consistently supported increased funding for IHS. These increases improve access to care locally and support efforts by tribes and the agency to modernize the health care delivery system in tribal communities. Continued increases are necessary to close the gap in services and curb disturbing health disparities.
- Also, this Administration supports legislation to permanently reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program Initiative (SDPI), which has been shown to lower rates of diabetes and heart-related diabetes in tribal communities. Also, we support the Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative (DVPI), which has significantly increased screenings for domestic violence, and improved treatment and intervention services.

## **Possible Q and A**

How can you work to improve health care for tribal members?

Each year, the President's budget request to Congress has included increased budget requests for Indian Health Service. We recognize the unique needs for tribes, with respect to mental and physical well-being, and promise to work to improve the delivery of vital programs, such as child health care services, domestic violence and sexual assault response programs, diabetes prevention programs, as well as continuing to support more preventative measures, such as continuing to broaden the reach of our tribal youth programs.

NCAI Briefing Book Position: In direct response to tribal feedback and in fulfillment of the goals of the Council, a new subgroup on health was recently created. The Council's health subgroup held its inaugural meeting on Friday, November 14th, 2014. The subgroup is focused on the Affordable Care Act outreach now and making further improvements towards the health of Tribal communities.

Consistent with the Executive Order and under the leadership of President Obama the Council and subgroups will work to improve coordination and communication among federal agencies in order to promote and sustain prosperous and resilient Native American tribal governments. Each subgroup holds regular meetings to discuss current initiatives as well as to support in inter-agency solutions to tribal issues.

### **Key Topics on Cultural and Sacred Sites**

On December 4, 2012, the United States Departments of Defense, the Interior, Agriculture, Energy, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, "Regarding Interagency Coordination and Collaboration for the Protection of Indian Sacred Sites" (MOU). Since then, the MOU Working Group has developed discussion drafts on confidentiality and cultural sensitivity training for federal employees. Actions like these demonstrate a continued commitment by the Obama Administration to protect the cultural and religious resources of Native peoples; however, there is still much work that remains to be done.

NCAI Briefing Book Position: 1. Urge the Department of the Interior, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service to consult with tribes before taking actions that threaten eagle populations. In December 2013, the US Fish & Wildlife Service adopted regulatory changes that extended the maximum term for programmatic "eagle take" permits from a five year period to a 30 year term. For the entire year the regulatory changes were proposed no formal consultation was held with tribal governments, tribal religious and spiritual leaders, and tribal conservation and environmental experts.

2. Ensure tribal participation in the implementation of the interagency Memorandum of Understanding for the "Protection of Indian Sacred Sites." Since the MOU was adopted December 4, 2012, tribes have been eager to participate in providing input and guidance for the protection of sacred places. In October and November of this year, the MOU Working Group has solicited applications for subject matter experts, but as of November 2014, the selection of these

individuals has not been announced. The MOU signatories should also draft an accurate context statement, explaining the need for the MOU and the policy changes, which includes an explanation of past failings in protection, confidentiality, communication, and violations of applicable laws. This policy statement will serve as a base to explain and evaluate ongoing policy changes to protect tribal sacred places.

3. Identify existing confidentiality standards and develop actual policies and guidance to address their lack of effectiveness. To protect and ensure the confidentiality of culturally sensitive information, the federal government should develop guidance for staff to protect sacred places without requiring specific information; develop detailed guidance on applicable disclosure laws and exceptions; direct staff to explain such laws prior to collecting information; and develop an overarching policy of a presumption to protect the confidentiality of information.

4. Revise Executive Order 13007 “Indian Sacred Sites” to replace the phrase, “Where appropriate,” with language stating “to the maximum extent” in the sentence referring to confidentiality. This was initially recommended by the USDA Office of Tribal Relations and USDA Forest Service Draft Report to the Secretary of Agriculture USDA Policy and Procedures Review and Recommendations: Indian Sacred Sites in 2011.

5. Require that all federal staff attend a mandatory training on working effectively with tribal governments. This effort to ensure effective collaboration should include the development of a comprehensive training on sacred places protection with the assistance of Native subject matter experts and extensive Native involvement within the timeline presented in the draft.

6. Sustain tribal consultation alongside streamlined energy projects. As the United States continues to focus on job creation and growth through the extraction of natural resources and the production of clean energy, the federal government must maintain consultation with tribes. Additionally, the Administration must continue to adhere to the laws, policies, and regulations already in place. The Administration must stay actively engaged with tribes that may be affected by proposed developments, especially if those areas hold cultural significance. Tribes must be guaranteed a seat at the table early and often so they can weigh in on all development proposals which may affect their citizens or their lands. The Administration should amend Executive Order 13604, “Improving Performance of Federal Permitting and Review of Infrastructure Projects,” to affirm its commitment to government-to-government consultation and recognition of tribal sovereignty. Executive Order 13604 expedites energy projects and places tremendous burdens on tribes by precluding government-to-government consultation, and thereby endangering tribal sacred places, burial grounds, and other cultural rights.

Attachments:

List of Agency Meetings with Tribal Leaders from December 1-4, 2014

Draft TNC Opening Remarks

NCAI Article: Lame Duck Session Priorities

Agency Meetings Taking Place During the Week of the White House Tribal Nations Conference

**Monday, December 1, 2014**

Advisory Council on Historical Preservation (ACHP)-- Roundtable Discussion

When/Where: 2:00-4:00PM / 401 F. St, NW, Room 337

Who's invited: Open to Tribal Leaders / Agency contact: Valerie Hauser 202-517-0194

ACHP, DOI, DOD, USDA, Energy-- Listening Session on Sacred Sites

When/ Where: 4:00-5:00PM / 401 F. St, NW, Room 337

Who's invited: Open to Tribal Leaders / Agency Contact: Valerie Hauser / 202-517-0194

USDA--Youth—Preparing for internships and jobs

When/ Where: 1:00-1:30PM / TBD—CNAY a possibility

Who's invited: Gen-I Youth Ambassadors/ Agency Contact: Leslie Wheelock / 202-294-1729

EPA-Listening Session

When/ Where: 2:30-3:30PM / 13th and Pennsylvania, NW William Jefferson Clinton South Entrance

Who's invited: Open to tribal leaders

Agency Contact: Marissa McInnis/ 202-564-2467

**Tuesday, December 2, 2014**

Treasury Department—Consultation

When/Where: 5:00-6:00PM / 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Room 3327

Who's invited: Tribal Leaders Only / Agency Contact: Elaine Buckberg / 202-666-2220

**Thursday, December 4, 2014**

Department of Labor - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Tribal Consultation

When/Where: 3:00-4:30PM / DOL - 200 Constitution Avenue NW

Who's invited: public/ Agency Contact: Jeremy Bishop / 202-693-4607

Department of Transportation – Coffee and Listening Session

When/Where: 9:00-11:00AM / DOT-Media Center 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE

Who's invited: open to the public/ Agency Contact: Maria Elena Juarez / 202-366-5687

USDA - Open House - with national Tribal Liaisons from Federal Land Management Agencies - FWS-DOI, BIA-DOI, USGS-DOI, BLM-DOI, NPS-DOI, USFS-USDA, plus NIFA-USDA, RD-USDA, NRCS-USDA, OTR-USDA, FEMA, and DoD

When/Where: 10:00AM-12:00PM / USDA Forest Service 201 14<sup>th</sup> Street, SW

Who's invited: public / Agency Contact: Steve Hart / [steve.hart@osec.usda.gov](mailto:steve.hart@osec.usda.gov)

IRS- Listening Session

When/Where: 4:30-5:30PM/ 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 3313

Who's invited: Invite Only / Agency Contact: Christie Jacobs/ 303-570-9860

Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security- Interagency Listening Session on Human Trafficking

When/Where: 2:00-4:00PM / Administration for Children and Families, 901 D Street SW (Room 8W1)

Agency Contact: Katherine Chon / 202-401-9372

Department of Health and Human Services - Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday and Friday, December 4-5 / HHH 200 Independence Ave SW Washington DC 20201

Agency Contact: Stacey Ecoffey / (202) 690-6060 [Stacey.Ecoffey@hhs.gov](mailto:Stacey.Ecoffey@hhs.gov)



**Draft Talking Points for Secretary Sally Jewell  
2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference  
Wednesday, December 3, 2014**

*Suggested length: 8-10 minutes*

**I. WELCOME! (2 mins)**

- Honored to **welcome** you to 6<sup>th</sup> annual **White House Tribal Nations Conference!**
  - **Thank you** for traveling from near and far to share your voice with us
- Different look this year (Interior Bldg. under construction), but it's **still the same underlying principal** bringing us together: a **nation-to-nation relationship**
  - President Obama wanted opportunity for all 566 federally recognized tribes to come together and have **face-to-face dialogues** with him and his cabinet
  - **Conference is true reflection of the spirit & strength of the Obama Administration's commitment to Indian Country**
- Proud that this year's Conference has a **special focus – Supporting Native Youth** – our next generation of tribal leaders
  - Hope you'll recognize we've **worked to incorporate your feedback from last year** to make this year's conference even more meaningful (Ex: double break outs sessions, separated panel discussions, multiple days of program)
- **Importantly, we all understand that it's not just Conference Day** that we need to focus on the health, success and future of tribal communities – **it's every day.**

**II. Shared Commitment to Indian Country (1 min)**

- In past 20 some months, honored to visit over **20 tribes** around the nation
- Every visit, every day in this job – has **deepened my respect and admiration for you, the First Americans** – your spirit, wisdom and resilience
- Time spent in Indian Country **deepens my commitment** to making sure Interior is doing everything we can to **support your vision for a strong and prosperous future**

- Commitment I **share with the President**
- **Historic** visit to **Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Nation**
  - At 5<sup>th</sup> annual **White House Tribal Nations Conference**, made a promise to visit Indian Country this year – **he delivered**
  - I know he looks forward to addressing you later today on his reflections from that special trip.

### III. **UPDATE: White House Council on Native American Affairs** (6 mins)

- Obama Administration has made incredible **strides** in strengthening our **government-to-government** relationship ... but **more work to be done**
- President established White House Council on Native American Affairs last year
- As chair, held **4 meetings** – convening high number of cabinet members and senior White House officials
  - Continually refining council work to **respond to tribal concerns**
  - Can attest **Cabinet is fully and personally engaged** on issues
- Has already **increased interagency cooperation**

**Example: Education (one of my top priorities as Secretary)**

  - Working w/**Sec. Duncan** to transform/**redesign BIE**
  - This fall **announced \$1.2 million** to several tribes to begin researching, assessing and developing a plan **to establish a tribally managed school system, if that's what you want to do**
  - Using **whole-of-government** approach to respond to **multifaceted problem** - housing, healthcare, transportation
  - *Suggested Tribal Visits to Highlight:* Crystal Boarding School (Navajo), Mississippi Band of Choctaw, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (Bug O Ne Gay Shig, MN)

**Example: Economic Development**

  - **Tribal Trust Management:** More than **80 lawsuits** resolved under this Administration for a total of **\$2.5 billion** (*Navajo Visit*)

- **Land into Trust:** Taken over **280,000 acres into trust since 2009 - more than half way toward the Department's goal** of 500,000 acres before the end of the President's term. We remain committed to a legislative fix for the *Carciari* decision.
- **Land Buy-Back Program:** First full year this year– made more than \$740 million in offers, restoring more than 410,000 acres of land back to tribes (*CSKT – WY Visit*)
- **Hearth Act:** Continue to encourage applications for this important program on tribal leasing regs. to spur investment and commercial development (*Citizen Band Potawatomi- OK Visit*)

**Example: Climate**

- Tribes at pointy end of spear on climate change
- Example of where you've seen it (*Inuit-AK, Suquamish- WA, Seminole or Miccosukee Tribes – FL*)
- Working with White House on **Climate Action Plan**

**Example: Energy**

- Working w/ **Sec. Moniz** to unlock energy development
- New Mexico
- Approved 2<sup>nd</sup> **solar project** on tribal lands: 200-MW project, Moapa Band, NV

**IV. CONCLUSION (1 min)**

- All the actions we are taking now – whether it's on education, tackling climate change, or trust reforms – are with an eye toward the **health and prosperity** of the next generation
- **Thank you for your leadership on behalf of our young people** – you are a **tested vehicle for delivering positive change** to Indian Country
- I hope you'll continue to share your wisdom throughout today – **but also throughout the year** - so that we can do our jobs better to serve you and our next generation of tribal leaders.

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Attachment: Article Outlining Key NCAI Priorities

## **Indian Country Today: Brian Cladoosby Lays Out NCAI's Priorities in Time for Lame Duck Session**

Gale Courey Toensing

11/19/14

The National Congress of American Indians members passed more than five dozen new resolutions at its annual meeting recently, but one of the first things the organization will deal with during the lame duck session – the period of time between Election Day and when the new legislators enter Congress in the new year – is a three-year-old resolution opposing the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline.

“As Congress opens the lame duck one of the first issues will be the Keystone XL Pipeline,” Brian Cladoosby, NCAI president and chair of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, told ICTMN following NCAI's 71st Annual Convention & Market held this year in Atlanta. “NCAI has a resolution opposing Keystone as tribes in that region are concerned about the potential impact to their aquifer.”

NCAI members' resolutions set the organization's policies and guide its advocacy until the issue is resolved or the resolution is withdrawn. In the case of the pipeline, NCAI members passed its resolution in June 2011 opposing the \$8 billion pipeline that would transport oil from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to the Gulf of Mexico. The resolution cites the pipeline's negative impacts on cultural and environmental resources and expresses solidarity with the First Nations in their struggle to protect their communities, aboriginal lands and treaty rights against the pipeline and other extraction industries' devastation.

The Keystone issue flared up in 2012 but receded from the headlines until recently when House Republicans in their post-election victory mode suddenly brought it to the floor for a vote. On Friday, November 14, the House voted 252-161 to pass legislation that would force the \$8 billion TransCanada pipeline project to move forward. The Senate rejected the bill on Tuesday, November 18. Fifty-nine senators voted for the bill, one short of the 60 votes needed to clear a filibuster. Fourteen Democrats joined the Senate Republicans in voting for the bill. The vote was 59-41.

So with its Keystone and other older policies in place and more than 60 new resolutions pointing the way, NCAI is ready to deal with the new post-election political landscape – even if it's a little obscure at the moment.

“NCAI is fully committed to strong and effective action to advance tribal priorities. First, we will be navigating the lame duck session of Congress, and then next year will be a new environment in Congress particularly with the new leadership in the Senate,” Cladoosby said. “It is too early to predict exactly how next year will go, but we are already identifying opportunities.”

In addition to the Keystone pipeline issue, appropriations and spending will loom large during the lame duck session. Congress has not yet finalized a spending plan, Cladoosby said. “We are

strongly urging adoption of House Interior Appropriations, as it has higher spending levels for both Indian Health and education,” he said.

In July the House Committee on Appropriations voted 29-19 to approve the fiscal year 2015 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill. The legislation includes funding for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency(EPA), the Forest Service, the Indian Health Service, and various independent and related agencies. In total, the bill includes \$30.2 billion in base funding, an increase of \$62 million above the fiscal year 2014 enacted level and a reduction of \$409 million below the President’s request.

Indian country won a victory this year with the passage of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014, but here’s more work to be done in the area of tax reform. Tax extenders are up for renewal during the lame duck, Cladoosby noted. There are nearly 55 tax provisions, known as extenders, which expire at the end of this year, including important charitable giving incentives. Congress needs to renew the provisions in order for people, businesses and tribes to use them in filing taxes in 2015. “Tribes have some very important tax incentives for job development in Indian country that are up for renewal. That includes accelerated depreciation and the Indian employment tax credit,” Cladoosby said. “We really need to make these tax incentives permanent, and these discussions will be a springboard for tax reform discussions in the next year.” Cladoosby said NCAI will advocate for reforms to the tax code that will “respect tribal sovereignty and create jobs in tribal communities.

Energy legislation, trust reform and transportation reauthorization are also NCAI priorities. NCAI has been “strongly supporting” Sen. John Barrasso's (R-WY) tribal energy bill – the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Acts Amendments of 2014(S. 2132). The bill will give Indian tribes more tools to develop their energy resources and to remove unnecessary barriers to economic development. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, of which Barrasso is vice chairman, passed the bill unanimously in May.

NCAI will continue to prioritize legislation for the elusive “Carcieri fix” to restore the Interior Secretary’s authority to take land into trust, and will support voting rights initiatives, and the Department of the Interior Tribal Self Governance Act of 2014, Cladoosby said. It also backs reauthorization of The Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA), which provides grants and financing guarantees to tribes for affordable housing. A couple key NCAI priorities, Cladoosby said – are a report just released from the Attorney General's Task Force on Children Exposed to Violence “that will drive attention and I believe there will be a need for hearings,” proposed new regulations for the right of way on Indian lands, trust land in Alaska, and federal recognition.

And in the very near future, there is President Obama’s sixth White House Tribal Nations Conference to look forward to on December 3 at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. The conference will provide leaders from the 566 federally recognized tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the president and members of the White House Council on Native American Affairs.

“I think tribes will be working up even more ideas for administrative action as we head into the summit with the president in the first week of December,” Cladoosby said.



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# Re: Press Briefing Call Tomorrow

1 message

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Tue, Dec 2, 2014 at 1:17 PM

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For your awareness - here's a list of the reporters who were on the WH Background Briefing call with us today (see below).

We took questions from the following:

AP, Wash Post, Native News Online, AK Public Radio (re: land into trust proposed regs for AK tribes), CQ Quarterly.

Other outlets on the call for awareness:

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715 Participant	Music Hold	david lieberson	viacom
714 Participant	Music Hold	corey mitchell	education week
712 Participant	Music Hold	beth riggs	wttg
713 Participant	Music Hold	chris sheridan	al jazeera english
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693 Participant	Music Hold	levi rickert	native news online
691 Participant	Music Hold	ricki mccarroll	native amer contract
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688 Participant	Music Hold	wayne maloney	usda
687 Participant	Music Hold	dina madhani	mtv

On Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 8:38 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
Letting this group know everything is confirmed for tomorrow at noon.

Here's the draft media advisory that will go out tomorrow AM:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

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**EMBARGOED FOR 6:00AM EDT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**12:00PM TODAY: White House to Host Embargoed Press Call Previewing the White House Tribal Nations Conference**

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, the White House will hold an on-the-record conference call to preview the White House Tribal Nations Conference that the President will host on Wednesday, December 3. The conference will provide leaders from the 566 federally recognized tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the President and members of

the White House Council on Native American Affairs. For the first time in these conferences, the voice of Native youth will also be represented by 36 White House Youth Ambassadors. This year's conference builds on the President's visit in June of this year to the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, where he reaffirmed his commitment to education and economic development, and announced a call to action to support Native youth. This will be the sixth White House Tribal Nations Conference for the Obama Administration.

**This call will be on the record, embargoed for 6:00AM EDT, tomorrow, Wednesday, December 3, 2014.**

**WHO:** Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell  
Cecilia Muñoz, White House Domestic Policy Council Director

**WHAT:** Embargoed on-the-record press call

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 2, 2014 12:00PM EDT

**RSVP:** Members of the media who wish to join this call should dial (800) 230-1092 and ask for the "White House Tribal Nations Call." No passcode is necessary.

On Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 4:00 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
Here's the breakdown from WH Comms that they've asked for on tomorrow's call - it'll just be Cecilia and Jewell - Duncan's schedule can't be moved to accommodate.

The Youth Report and WH Fact Sheet would be released in conjunction with the call and embargoed until 6am Wednesday, 12/3.

I'll work on a script to get us going now.

Still holding time from 12-1:30 (for now).

Adding Blake and Emily for awareness.

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Call Opens with Munoz:

Munoz:

- Topline readout of POTUS visit to Indian Country and Historic Commitments to IC
- Outline of Youth Report Findings
- Quick Hits on WH Youth Commitments:
- Generation Indigenous Initiative

- Youth Ambassadors
- National Network of Native Youth
- Cabinet Listening Tour

Transfer to Jewell to Focus:

- One of the big commitments coming out of the President's visit to Standing Rock: Reforming Indian Education
- Outline BIE Reform Initiative
- Transition to Land BuyBack Program Success
- Finish with Land Into Trust Goals/Amount Accomplished

Open to Q/A

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On Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 3:16 PM, Iacobucci, Francis <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
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On Mon, Dec 1, 2014 at 3:12 PM, Kershaw, Jessica <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:  
We're being told to lock in 12-1:30 for this tomorrow.

Duncan is out - Cecilia is in.

I'm waiting on more details for what they want Jewell to cover on the call.

-JK

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## Week Ahead + items of notes

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Fri, Dec 12, 2014 at 4:08 PM

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On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Secretary Jewell will travel to San Francisco, CA to offer remarks at the American Geophysical Union fall meeting, the largest gathering of Earth and space scientists in the world. Her remarks at the conference are open to the press. As part of her visit, she will tour several stops along Ocean Beach with the USGS to see first-hand how climate change is impacting and threatening the City of Pacifica, one of the most vulnerable cities to climate change on the entire outer coast of California. Secretary Jewell is also expected to visit with participants at the Earth Science Women's Network Workshop, a workshop to provide women in the early stages of their careers in Earth and Space Sciences networking opportunities within their field.

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, Secretary Jewell will travel to Napa, California to join Congressman Thompson, Congressman Garamendi, Senator Boxer, United States Forest Service officials, Bureau of Land Management officials, Tribal members, state, and local officials to participate in a public meeting on Berryessa-Snow Mountain proposed monument designation. As part of her visit, Secretary Jewell will hike a portion of the proposed designation area.

The week of December 15, Interior will announce the 2014 research projects funded by the 8 Climate Science Centers and USGS National Wildlife and Climate Change Science Center. Each CSC will have a separate news release and a comprehensive release will be distributed nationally by Interior. The Secretary will discuss these grants during her remarks at the AGU conference.

Next week, Interior is scheduled to issue a press release announcing updates to its Scientific Integrity policy which ensures that all Interior employees and contractors uphold the principles of scientific integrity and that the Department thoroughly reviews alleged breaches of the policy while protecting workers. The Department manual provides more clarity on the complaint and appeals process, creates an ombudsmen role for the Department and bureau scientific integrity officers and provides new resources for employees. The Secretary is likely to amplify these updates in her remarks to at the AGU Fall Conference.

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# **WEEKLY REPORT**

**December 8-12, 2014**

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

**December 10 – December 20, 2014**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

#### *Legislative Testimony:*

None.

#### *Meetings:*

On December 11, Jon will attend the meeting of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House.

#### *Travel:*

None.

### **Public Announcements**

#### December 10

Nothing to report.

#### December 11

Nothing to report.

#### December 12

Nothing to report.

#### December 13

On December 13, Rev. Al Sharpton and other prominent black community leaders have announced the National March Against Police Violence in Washington, D.C. Details are sparse at this point, but the proposed march would start in Freedom Plaza and proceed down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol. The National Mall and Memorial Parks (DC) Permits Management Division has received the event application, but it has not yet been approved.

#### December 14

Nothing to report.

#### December 15

On or around December 15, A Notice of Intent for a county-prepared EIS for beach nourishment near Highway 12 at Cape Hatteras National Seashore (NC) will publish in the Federal Register. The Seashore has received a permit application from Dare County, NC, to conduct beach nourishment activities to mitigate erosion near Highway 12, which runs the length of the Seashore. To determine if a Special Use Permit can be issued, the county is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the NPS. The application and EIS process are expected to receive local media coverage and stir controversy. There are strongly differing views about the proposed activity – some local residents are concerned that the highway will be damaged prior to completion of

the EIS, and conservation groups are concerned about the precedent being set that beach nourishment may occur in a National Seashore. The North Carolina delegation has been briefed.

#### December 16

Nothing to report.

#### December 17

On December 17, it is anticipated a land closing will occur which will convey of 633 acres of Federal lands managed by US Forest Service (USFS) in exchange for 667 acres of non-Federal land located within the boundary of Badlands National Park (SD). The action was categorically excluded from documentation in an EA/EIS because the sale or exchange of land or interest in land and resources resulted in land uses remaining essentially the same. The USFS also determined the exchange parcels do not contain prime farm, range, or forest lands. The conveyance will eliminate a private inholding within the park and thus allow visitors to view bison from the park's main highway, while possibly expanding black-footed ferret habitat.

#### December 18

Nothing to report.

#### December 19

On December 19, Pea Ridge National Military Park (AR), in conjunction with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Federal Highway Administration, will host a public meeting to discuss the Pea Ridge Highway 62 Mitigations Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect. The existing Highway 62 alignment runs along the southern boundary of the park and provides the only visitor access to the park. The purpose of the project is to identify a safe and convenient access road to key features in the park while minimizing impacts on cultural and natural resources. Public comment is open through January 4.

#### December 20

Nothing to report.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**North Cascades National Park (WA) – Grizzly Restoration.** A Notice of Intent to initiate public scoping for the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected to publish in the Federal Register in early January 2015. Public meetings will be held in mid to late January in northern Washington. The NPS and USFS are joint lead agencies.

**Fire Island National Seashore – General Management Plan.** The draft GMP/EIS will be available for a 60 day public review period in late February. No major controversies are anticipated.

**Pea Ridge National Military Park (AR) – Partnership for Habitat Restoration.** The park is in the process of signing a general agreement with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) and the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) that will allow cooperative management endeavors, as defined in the



park's planning documents, which will conserve and restore habitat in the park and on state lands. State wildlife management agencies from the other 24 states of the NBCI are expected to pursue similar agreements with NPS units in each respective state. NBCI is working with the park to develop an article for national publication.

**Centennial Office – Agreement with National Endowment for the Arts.** Both organizations have been exploring tentative development of a grants initiative entitled *Imagine Your Parks*. If the discussions go well, grants could be announced soon.

**Non-federal Oil and Gas Regulation Revision.** Regulations governing nonfederal oil and gas development in the National Park System are being revised and are expected to be released concurrently with the rule-making DEIS for public review in the spring of 2015. The proposed rule updates 35-year old NPS regulations and would bring currently exempt oil and gas operations in parks up to NPS resource protection standards, make an operator's financial assurance equal to the cost of reclaiming an operation, add needed compliance tools, and add a provision for the NPS to receive compensation for the use of federal lands outside of an operator's nonfederal mineral right. DOI briefings are underway to discuss next steps in preparation for OMB approval and publication in the Federal Register.

**Mojave National Preserve (CA) – Soda Mountain Solar Project.** Over the last seven months, the NPS has coordinated with BLM to discuss, identify, and analyze resource conflicts related to the proposed Soda Mountain Solar project. The resource conflicts of highest priority are impacts to bighorn sheep, habitat fragmentation, loss of future conservation opportunities, and inconsistencies in groundwater analyses. BLM provided the administrative Final EIS (FEIS) for the proposed Soda Mountain Solar project to the NPS on October 17, and the NPS provided comments back to BLM on November 14. The review of the administrative FEIS is the first real opportunity for the NPS to confirm whether or not BLM has incorporated NPS concerns into the NEPA analysis. During coordination with BLM, the NPS requested that BLM analyze and consider an additional alternative in the FEIS – an alternative that removes the proposed north and east arrays from the project design in an effort to protect future landscape conservation opportunities. BLM analyzed an abbreviated version of the NPS suggested alternative and decided against including the alternative in the FEIS for public review or consideration based on the assertion that the environmental impacts are already captured in the analysis. The NPS maintains the current range of alternatives does not represent the full spectrum and the NPS suggested alternative is sufficiently different from those proposed (i.e., not a mere modification) to warrant independent analysis. The NPS and BLM remain at an impasse in terms of resource conflicts associated with this project. The NPS maintains that siting this project as proposed would be in direct contradiction to the landscape conservation goals of the Department. Follow-up meetings between the NPS and BLM are scheduled to review NPS comments and to prepare a joint briefing. The PWR Regional Director and the BLM California State Director plan to discuss outstanding differences prior to a DOI Strike Team briefing, tentatively scheduled for the week of December 15.

**Washington Gas East Station Site OU 1 – Remedial Action Begins.** The NPS, in cooperation with the District of Columbia Department of the Environment (DDOE), is overseeing remedial actions related to surface and near-surface soil (Operable Unit 1 or OU1) at the government property located between the former Washington Gas Light Company manufactured gas plant and the Anacostia River. The government property was previously part of Anacostia Park and was transferred to the District in 2006. However, the NPS continues as the lead agency responsible for oversight of the cleanup. Beginning in January, Washington Gas will excavate soil to a depth of 3 feet below the existing surface, backfill all excavated areas with clean fill and topsoil, re-vegetate with healthy grass cover, and implement an Institutional Controls Program to protect future site users. The property will be closed to the public for approximately three years for the OU1 remedy. Contamination in groundwater and Anacostia River sediments (OU2) are being addressed in a separate investigation, which the NPS and DDOE are overseeing.

**National Mall and Memorial Parks (DC) – Environmental Assessment for the Revitalization of Franklin Park.** Available for comment until January 19, the plan offers three alternatives that provide a range of revitalization efforts, including increasing recreational opportunities, adding services such as food and restrooms, increasing events and programs, restoring historic resources, enhancing transportation connections, and using a public/private partnership to oversee the long-term maintenance and management of the park.

**Germantown Mill Lofts, Louisville, KY.** Developer Underhill Associates is proposing to rehabilitate a large, vacant mill complex into a mixed-use residential and commercial project. The project includes the replacement of hundreds of historic windows, and some of the proposed replacement windows do not meet preservation standards. NPS staff and the Kentucky State Historic Preservation Office have been working with the developer's project team on revising the design for these replacement windows. The offices of Rep. Yarmuth and Sen. McConnell have both inquired about the status of the project.

**One Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI.** Quicken Loans is rehabilitating an iconic midcentury office building by noted architect Minoru Yamasaki in downtown Detroit. Work has apparently been underway for some time, and may be problematic relative to meeting program requirements, but a Part 2 application describing the proposed work has yet to be submitted to the NPS for review and approval. Quicken Loans is rehabilitating several historic buildings in downtown Detroit using the Federal historic tax credit program. After initial problems involving several projects, the applications have generally been brought into conformance with program requirements. Dan Gilbert, CEO of Quicken Loans and related companies, is a big civic booster for Detroit, and these projects are part of his high profile effort to support the revitalization of downtown. Then-Secretary Salazar held a forum in Detroit in January 2013 on the historic tax credits with Sen. Levin, partly at the invitation of Mr. Gilbert, and toured some of the Quicken Loans projects while there.

**Wrigley Field, Chicago, IL.** The NPS has conditionally approved an amendment (Amendment #6) to the \$300-million renovation of Wrigley Field project covering the location of the bullpen, additional bleacher seating, and additional signage in the outfield. The Part 2 application describing the proposed work was originally approved by the NPS with conditions on March 31. The Chicago Cubs are proposing to use the Federal historic preservation tax credits.

**Hotel Florence, Florence, SC.** The remedial work on two of the three buildings that comprise the project has been completed and certified for the historic tax credits. The rehabilitation of the third building was certified earlier, as completed, based on new submitted information. Background: The applications were originally denied due to the work undertaken inconsistent with program standards. NPS staff conducted a site visit in April following a meeting in February with the applicant, the Director, Sen. Graham, Rep. Rice, Rep. Young, and staff.

**Special Park Uses program – New Location Fee Schedules for Commercial Filming and Still Photography.** The location fee schedules for commercial filming and still photography permits have been approved by the NPS, BLM, USFWS, and USFS. Publication of a Federal Register notice is anticipated soon following review by the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks and the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management. The location fee schedules will be effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**Potomac Yards Metro Station.** The NPS has been working with the City of Alexandria, the Federal Transit Administration, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on an Environmental Impact Statement for the development of a new Metro Station in an area of Alexandria known as Potomac Yards. The NPS recently communicated to the City of Alexandria its willingness to consider what will likely be the City's preferred site for the station – a site that will impact an NPS scenic easement area along the George Washington Memorial Parkway (DC, MD, VA) – provided the NPS and the City can negotiate an appropriate package of mitigations that will yield a net benefit to the park. The draft EIS is expected to be released for public review in early 2015.

**Rock Creek Park (DC) – Parking Meters.** By December 31, the NPS plans to award a new contract to manage 81 coin-operated parking meters at Thompson Boat Center. In March, the park issued a Request for Information (RFI) to learn about more modern options for managing fee-based parking, and is currently evaluating the responses to the RFI. Since 1997 Rock Creek Park has had 81 metered parking spaces in a paved lot adjacent to Thompson Boat Center. The purpose of the meters is to encourage turnover in the small parking lot and to discourage use by commuters.

**Valley Forge National Historical Park (PA) – White-tailed Deer Management Plan.** Through March 2015, the NPS will conduct the fifth season of lethal reduction of the park's white-tailed deer herd. The action addresses the over browsing of vegetation by an abundant deer population which prevents native forests from regenerating and reduces habitat for native wildlife species. The Record of Decision for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement was completed in 2009 and withstood subsequent legal challenge. After the first four winters of the lethal reduction phase of the plan, the estimated deer density in spring 2014 was 49 deer per square mile (260 deer). Although still above the plan's target level of 31-35 deer per square mile, this represents a significant reduction from the estimated 241 deer per square mile (1,277 deer) present in 2009. 1,433 deer have been removed and 44,369 pounds (over 22 tons) of venison have been donated to regional food banks to date.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Notice of Availability for Off-road Vehicle Management Plan.** The Glen Canyon Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/FEIS) analyzes a range of alternatives and actions for managing off-road use of motor vehicles and on-road use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and street-legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs); it should publish soon in the Federal Register. The Plan/FEIS assesses the environmental impacts that could result from continuing current management (the no-action alternative) or implementing any of the four action alternatives. The recommended action in the final plan would allow OHV/ATV use on seven miles of road presently closed to OHV/ATV use. These seven miles would complete a loop on an existing roads network on NPS and BLM lands. Local and national interest in the Plan/FEIS is expected.

**Yellowstone National Park (IT, MT, WY) – Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Management Plan for Yellowstone-area Bison.** By the end of December, a Notice of Intent is expected to be published in the Federal Register announcing that the NPS and the State of Montana (State) are serving as joint-lead agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act in the preparation of an EIS for a Management Plan for Yellowstone-area bison. Bison are currently managed under the 2000 Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP) and subsequent adaptive management adjustments ([www.ibmp.info](http://www.ibmp.info)). Because of new information and changed conditions since the 2000 IBMP, a new plan is being prepared. The purpose of the plan/EIS is to conserve a wild and migratory population of Yellowstone-area bison, while minimizing the risk of brucellosis transmission between these wild bison and livestock. The NPS and the State have developed a range of preliminary alternative concepts that includes a no-action alternative and five action alternatives. The preliminary alternatives primarily differ in terms of bison abundance, bison tolerance outside of the park and the tools that could be used to manage brucellosis transmission risk from bison to cattle. Public scoping meetings are being planned within the 90-day public comment period. Substantial local and potentially national media coverage is anticipated.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The NPS is preparing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Bryce Canyon National Park (UT) Multi-use Visitor Path/Environmental Assessment. It should publish in late December. The primary purpose of the project is to address the safety of visitors who choose to use nonmotorized transportation to experience Bryce Canyon. Visitor safety will be improved by separating motor vehicles from bicyclists, pedestrians, and other nonmotorized user groups. The project has had significant support from a large number of partners

including Utah Department of Transportation, Federal Highways, US Forest Service, and Garfield County, UT. When completed, the multi-use path will connect Red Canyon to Bryce Canyon. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2015 and conclude by late fall 2015. Federal Highways is managing all contracts associated with construction, and the opening of the trail is anticipated for spring 2016. This will be one of the park's Centennial projects.

Prior to the end of December, Denali National Park and Preserve (AK) expects to issue two separate prospectuses for concession contracts. One is primarily focused on public transportation along the park road and certain facilities in the front country of the park. Doyon/Aramark Joint Venture holds the existing contract, which will run through the end of 2015 upon extension. The second prospectus is for guided mountaineering. Six companies currently hold concession contracts which will run through 2015; a similar number of contracts are expected to be issued for operations beginning in 2016.

This winter, the NPS intends to publish a proposed gathering rule, which would provide the authority for permitting the gathering of plant resources within units of the National Park System by members of federally recognized Indian tribes, as defined in the rule. The proposed rule would apply to Indian tribes with traditional associations to specific park units. It would be implemented through agreements between the NPS and Indian tribes and subject to annual permits. Appropriate levels of NEPA and NHPA review and compliance would be required. Collection for commercial uses would be prohibited. This rule change would provide reasonable, resource protection based use of park resources while assisting in support of the continued lifeways of American Indian tribes. National tribal consultations indicate that the approach in the proposed rule would be constructive and respectful of tribal sovereignty while continuing to respect the NPS mission to protect and conserve park resources.

## FWS SECRETARIAL WEEK-AHEAD REPORT

Dec. 10, 2014

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings and other Public Events

Dec. 10 - Dec. 11: FWS will meet with eight tribal partners to conduct formal government to government consultation. Consultation will include compliance with Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and discussions regarding an ARPA incident at Tensas River NWR in Louisiana in 2013. A parish road crew used part of a mound located at the refuge as fill for the road project. R4

Dec. 15: Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) will visit Chincoteague NWR to meet Kevin Sloan, the new refuge manager, and discuss issues related to the Chincoteague NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan. R5

Dec. 15-17: The Southwest Region's Deputy Regional Director and ARD for Ecological Services will attend the Northern long-eared bat decision making meeting in Minnesota. R2

Dec. 18: FWS will hold a public hearing, requested by Senator Feinstein (D-CA), on the proposed rule to designate critical habitat for the threatened western yellow-billed cuckoo in Sacramento California. R8

### Public Announcements

#### Thursday, Dec. 11

FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare a joint environmental impact statement and environmental impact report for the proposed Yuba-Sutter Regional Conservation Plan (a joint habitat conservation plan and natural community conservation plan). The plan outlines strategies to avoid, minimize and offset potential effects to 18 plant and animal species anticipated from development of 35,000 acres in Yuba and Sutter counties in California. Public scoping meetings will be held in the area on Jan. 6, 2015. Outreach planned. R8

FWS is making available to the public a draft recovery plan for the Santa Rosa Plain covering four endangered species in Sonoma County, California; the endangered Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander and three endangered plants: Sonoma sunshine, Burke's goldfields, and Sebastopol meadowfoam. The recovery plan focuses on preserving remaining habitat and reducing fragmentation, and buffering against encroaching development. FWS currently estimates the total incremental economic effect of this habitat recovery plan at \$463 million over the next 50 years. Outreach planned. R8

#### Friday, Dec. 12

FWS will announce the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the Southern Edwards Plateau draft Regional Habitat Conservation Plan (DRHCP) for the Southern Edwards Plateau. Led by the City of San Antonio, TX, and Bexar County, TX, the DRHCP is an effort to address the potential impacts of infrastructure and commercial and residential development. The DEIS describes potential impacts of issuing a 30-year permit to authorize incidental take of nine federally listed species including the golden-cheeked warbler, black-capped vireo, Government Canyon Bat Cave Spider, Madla Cave meshweaver, Braken Cave meshweaver, Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver, two beetles with no common name (*Rhadine exilis* and *Rhadine infernalis*) and the Helotes mold beetle. FWS anticipates that there will be local interest in this issue. Outreach planned for this announcement and will be distributed when it becomes available in the *Federal Register* Reading Room. R2

#### Monday, Dec. 15

Nothing to Report

#### Tuesday, Dec. 16

Nothing to Report

Wednesday, Dec. 17

Nothing to Report

Thursday, Dec. 18

Nothing to Report

Friday, Dec. 19

FWS will send to the *Federal Register* a proposal to remove the white-haired goldenrod from the ESA due to recovery. The recovery criteria for the species have been met, and threats have been reduced or managed, such that the species no longer requires the protections of the ESA. The U.S. Forest Service and the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission have been active partners in protecting and monitoring the majority of the species' habitat and occurrences, 95% of which are within Daniel Boone National Forest. Announcement: TBD, outreach planned. R4

TBD

FWS anticipates announcing the approval of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Programmatic Conservation Bank (PCBA) in Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado in December. This is the first PCBA to be approved by FWS. The goal of the PCBA is to streamline the process for lands to be approved as conservation banks and therefore provide for the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat. The PCBA benefits the landowner by generating income, keeping large parcels of land intact for future generations, and possibly reducing their taxes. No *Federal Register* publication is required for this action. Outreach planned. R2

FWS anticipates publishing the Strategic Growth Policy for the National Wildlife Refuge System and response to public comments in the *Federal Register* in mid- to late December. This policy instructs FWS to focus on acquiring interests in lands and waters that support the following three priorities: recovery of threatened and endangered species, implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and conservation of migratory birds of conservation concern. HQ

In the next two weeks, FWS expects to publish an environmental assessment examining options to reduce impacts related to increasing visitation at Three Sisters Springs, part of the Crystal River NWR. The assessment will propose options and steps that could be taken to minimize impacts related to increasing visitation at the refuge and maintain opportunities to observe the charismatic Florida manatee in the warm springs there. The Three Sisters Springs unit of Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge is owned by the City of Crystal River and the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is administered by FWS under a management agreement. R4

In late Dec., Kenai NWR will propose to amend its public use regulations through publication of a draft rule that would: clarify existing regulations; implement management decisions from the refuge's June 2010 Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan; establish regulations for managing wildlife attractants, including food, refuse and retained fish to decrease the potential for negative human-bear interactions; and revise regulations for hunting and trapping, including those governing these activities within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area. R7

### **Major Press Inquiries**

HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel has expressed initial interest in the issue of wildlife trafficking. Background information was provided to one of the show's producer-researchers. HQ

HGTV will be filming an episode of "Beach Front Bargain Hunt" in Rockport, Texas, on Dec. 8 that will include footage of Aransas NWR. The couple featured in the episode is interested in purchasing property in the

area based on its proximity to the refuge and their interest in wildlife watching opportunities. Refuge staff is working closely with the film crew. No air date has been set. R2

Associated Press, Capital Press and Baker City Herald (Oregon) interviewed staff on the draft Oregon Multi-County Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances for greater sage-grouse. This CCAA includes seven counties and over 2 million acres – the majority of sage grouse habitat on private lands in Oregon. More than 45 landowners are intending to enroll. Not controversial. R1

Multiple media outlets interviewed staff regarding the death of crows in downtown Portland. FWS is sending the dead crows to the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon, for analysis. R1

AP, E&E News and Cronkite News Service contacted FWS in Arizona regarding the Center for Biological Diversity and Defenders' suit contesting the negative 12-month finding on a petition to (re)list the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl. Plaintiffs filed the suit to challenge FWS's and NOAA's new Significant Portion of Range policy for species listings. R2

Media interest continues in a wolf that has repeatedly been observed and photographed on U.S. Forest Service land, just north of Grand Canyon National Park. DNA testing of scat confirmed the animal to be a female from the northern Rocky Mountain population. Based on winter weather conditions, FWS has suspended efforts to trap the wolf to draw blood for DNA testing, examine the collar and re-collar it with a functioning radio collar. R2

FWS' Mexican Wolf Recovery Program responded to numerous media interview requests upon announcing completion of a final Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed changes to the Mexican wolf recovery program 10(j) rule. A final rule and anticipated renewed media interest are expected in early January. R2

National Geographic Kids inquired about interviewing a wildlife inspector about the illegal live animal trade. The Valley Stream, NY Office of Law Enforcement is handling the request, which may involve the reporter shadowing an inspector at a live animal inspection the week of December 7. R5

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

FWS recently signed an agreement with the Turner Endangered Species Fund (TESF) to expand recovery efforts for the Chupadera springsnail on private lands in New Mexico. The Chupadera springsnail was listed as endangered in July 2012. Access to the private property in Scoito County where the only known Chupadera springsnails occur has been restricted since 1999. Two weeks ago, TESF signed a 20-year agreement with the private landowner that allows FWS, TESF and other partners (including the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish) to access, study, protect and conserve the species on the private property where it is found. R2

Representative Paul Gosar (R-AZ 4<sup>th</sup>) recently contacted FWS on behalf of Mr. Jim Chilton seeking the official boundaries of the proposed critical habitat for the jaguar. R2

Representative Paul Gosar's office contacted the Lake Havasu NWR Refuge Manager regarding off-road vehicle use in the area near Topock 66 Marina. No off-road use is allowed on the refuge, however street legal, licensed vehicles are allowed on refuge roads that are open to the public. R2

Representative Adam Schiff's office (D-CA 28<sup>th</sup>) contacted the Lake Havasu NWR manager regarding a proposal to administratively move the refuge's south buoy line approximately a half mile. A draft proposal and map is expected to be available for public comment in the next two months. R2

Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity filed a lawsuit Dec. 2 aimed at forcing the federal government to protect Arizona's cactus ferruginous pygmy owl population under the ESA, and challenging FWS' Significant Portion of the Range policy. The Sonoran Desert of southern and eastern Arizona is home to about 50 of the owls. While Arizona's population is one of two small populations in the United States, there are significant populations of pygmy owls in Mexican states of Sonora and Sinaloa. R2

The U.S. House & Senate passed "The Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014 (H.R. 4924 & S. 2503)" week of Dec. 1. Sponsored by Representative Paul Gosar (R-AZ 4<sup>th</sup>), and Senator Flake (R-AZ), the Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to enter into two agreements: (1) the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and (2) the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement. These agreements provide the Arizona Game and Fish Department with ownership of and certain water rights to the property known as Planet Ranch, which will be managed for conservation purposes with mitigation credits being accrued to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program. Planet Ranch is directly upstream of the Bill Williams River NWR, and FWS estimates that approximately 400 acres of refuge land will be indirectly protected by this legislation. The legislation also allows Freeport McMoran, Inc. to sever and transfer certain water rights to support the operation of its Bagdad copper mine. In turn, the company agrees to a monitoring program and an enforceable cap of its water use. Finally, the Hualapai Tribe receives certain benefits from this Act, including private funds to support on-going technical studies for a tribal diversion of water from the Colorado River. R2

FWS issued a permit to the State of Maine in early November for the incidental take of Canada lynx in the statewide trapping program. This week, the state reported that 19 Canada lynx have been incidentally captured in traps since the beginning of the trapping season, with all but one being released with no or only minor injury. One lynx was killed, however, which triggers a "changed circumstance" in the conservation plan associated with the permit, where the state will work with stakeholders such as the Mainer Trappers Association to evaluate whether additional measures are necessary to avoid further lethal take. More stringent avoidance measures must be implemented in the event that future lethal take occurs. The state is developing a detailed report with regard to the lethal take incident that will soon be provided to FWS. The State has managed press calls this week, in coordination with FWS. Public interest is extremely high. Coordinated outreach planned. R5

Wisconsin's 2014 wolf hunting season ended Dec. 5, with 154 wolves harvested – four over the annual quota, prompting multiple emails and phone calls to FWS expressing concern over the hunt and Wisconsin's wolf management policies. FWS is responding with information on its current role in wolf management and post-delisting monitoring plan. R3

In November, FWS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation received a 60-day notice of intent to sue under the ESA from Defenders of Wildlife and NRDC regarding the operation of the Missouri River at Fort Peck Dam and the operation of Intake Dam on the Yellowstone River. The projects are operated by the Corps and Reclamation respectively. The notice asserts that the federal agencies have failed in their obligation to reinitiate consultation under the 2003 biological opinion with the Corps, failure to consult on Intake Dam operations, and failure to implement the reasonable and prudent alternative at Ft. Peck Dam under section 7 of the ESA in relation to pallid sturgeon. FWS has already reached out to Defenders of Wildlife to set up a meeting to discuss the issues along with the Corps and Reclamation. R6

FWS is finalizing responses to internal review comments on the Wind Energy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) that encompasses all or parts of the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. FWS is working with Western Area Power Administration on the PEIS process. The Notice of Availability will be forwarded to the R6 Regional Director for signature when the comments have all been addressed. R6

Approximately 115 comments were received during the public comment period for the draft environmental assessment of the draft annual funding agreement between FWS and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai



Tribes proposal to manage some programs at the National Bison Range. The planning team is analyzing comments and working on recommendations for FWS R6 Regional Director Walsh's consideration in December. R6

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The first annual report to Congress on strategies, expenditures and progress made in addressing the threat of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River basins is due Dec. 31. The report is mandated by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014. R3

A ceremony to officially name the visitor center at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR after former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder (D-CO 1<sup>st</sup>) will take place in January. Ms. Schroeder was instrumental in the superfund clean-up efforts at the site and introduced the legislation to establish the site as a refuge. Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO 1<sup>st</sup>), who has been coordinating with Ms. Schroeder has asked that the Service hold Jan. 15 or 16 open for the ceremony until the event activities are more defined. R6

In mid-January, FWS will submit the Oregon Department of State Lands Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) to the *Federal Register*. This CCAA covers approximately 630,000 acres of state grazing allotments in greater sage-grouse habitat in eight counties within southeast Oregon. R1

A notice of intent to formally initiate public scoping for the North Cascades Ecosystem (NCE) Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is expected to publish in the *Federal Register* by the first week of January 2015. Public meetings will be held in mid- to late January in northern Washington. The National Park Service and FWS are joint lead agencies. R1

FWS will finalize a critical habitat designation for the Neosho mucket and rabbitsfoot mussels in Arkansas and parts of a dozen other states likely end of January or early February. This action has drawn consistent attention from several members of the Arkansas congressional delegation and was part of a hearing before the House Natural Resources Committee in late 2013. R4

FWS is updating its Native American Policy (NAP), and it is rolling out a working draft version and seeking input from only federally-recognized Native American tribes at this time. The Midwest Region is hosting two webinars to discuss the proposed revisions to the NAP (Dec. 5 and Dec. 29), and there will be an in-person meeting held in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, on Jan. 15, 2015. A public comment period will follow in the spring. R3

FWS will propose to delist the eastern puma (aka cougar) due to extinction within the next 30-60 days. In 2011, FWS conducted a five-year status review and recommended this course of action due to scientific evidence that the species is no longer present and reproducing in the wild. The eastern puma was originally listed in 1973. Occasional sightings of eastern pumas are believed to be escaped captive animals or transient animals from populations in the Midwest. Outreach planned. R5

FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare a NEPA document for a pending habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit application from OwnEnergy Inc. for the proposed construction and operation of the 47-turbine Copenhagen Wind Farm in Jefferson and Lewis counties, New York, within the next 30-60 days. The company seeks to minimize effects from the project to federally endangered Indiana bats and proposed endangered northern long-eared bats. Outreach planned. R5

FWS will release a draft low-effect habitat conservation plan and a preliminary determination on a request by the Town of Orleans, MA, for a permit for incidental take of piping plovers. The three-year permit would allow up to 180 vehicles to drive on a 0.8 mile area of beach known to host nesting plovers. A 30-day public comment period is planned. There has been past local news reporting on this issue and it is controversial at the local level. Outreach planned. R5

FWS is working on a final rule that addresses listing of five species of large constrictor snakes: reticulated python, DeSchauensee's anaconda, green anaconda, Beni anaconda and boa constrictor – as injurious under the Lacey Act. The rule is expected to be forwarded to the Office of the Solicitor for review by the end of 2014. Announcement date TBD.

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The following endangered species actions are scheduled to be sent to the *Federal Register* in Dec. and Jan. (announcement dates TBD but most will coincide with the date each notice is placed on public inspection in in the reading room):

- White-haired goldenrod, proposed delisting, Dec. 19, R4
- Black pine snake, proposed critical habitat, Dec. 30, R4
- Reinstatement of protections for the gray wolf in Wyoming, final amendment, Dec. 31, HQ
- Florida semaphore cactus and Aboriginal Prickly-Apple (From 3 Southern FL Plants) , proposed critical habitat, Dec. 31, R4
- Listing 11 DPSs of green sea turtle, proposed listing, Dec. 31, R1
- Two Arizona plants (*Echinomastus erectocentrus var. acunensis*, *Pediocactus peeblesianus fickeiseniae*) , final critical habitat, Jan. 9, R2
- Mexican wolf, Final reclassification as a subspecies, Jan. 12, R2
- Mexican wolf, final 10(j) rule, Jan 12, R2
- Eastern cougar, Proposed delisting, Jan. 15, R5
- New Mexico meadow jumping mouse, Final CH, Jan 15, R2
- Chimpanzee final listing, Jan 15, HQ
- Monarch butterfly and California gnatcatcher, 90-day findings, TBD, possibly early January, HQ

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**Dec. 14-20, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

Neil Kornze, Linda Lance and Steve Ellis will be in Washington D.C.

**Public Announcements**

Monday, Dec. 15

*Nothing to report.*

Tuesday, Dec. 16

New date for end of the public comment period on the solar and wind energy proposed rule.

Wednesday, Dec. 17

The BLM will hold a public webinar on the San Luis Valley/Taos Plateau solar regional mitigation assessment to allow for discussion on mitigation goals for the De Tilla Gulch, Los Mogotes East and Antonito Southeast SEZs in Colorado and set the stage for mitigation site selection. The CO regional mitigation planning effort is targeted for completion in March 2015. *There may be press interest.*

BLM-MT will host a public meeting in Townsend, MT, to solicit public comments on a proposed reclamation plan for the nearby abandoned Iron Mask Mine. The meeting will initiate a 30-day public comment period on the proposals, which include removing 12,000-15,000 cubic yards of waste material. The project is not expected to be controversial. *Local press coverage likely.*

Thursday, Dec. 18

The BLM has issued a second call for nominations for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board, with nominations due by Dec. 18.

Friday, Dec. 19

*Nothing to report.*

Mid-December

The BLM will soon release revised guidance for the federal coal program, to include clarification in determining fair market value, independent review of appraisal reports, additional guidance to fully account for export potential, analysis of comparable sales and income and increased transparency. The updates are part of a suite of actions taken following the recommendations of a June 2013 OIG audit and a February 2014 GAO report. *The BLM is working with DOI on a press release.*

BLM-UT St. George Field Office will release a draft business plan for the Baker Dam Recreation Area proposing to increase recreation fees to cover increased operational costs. The day use fee would increase from \$2 to \$5 per car; the overnight camping fee from \$6 to \$12 per night. There is a 30 day public comment period; the BLM-UT RAC will also review and approve proposed changes. Fees were last raised in 1997. *Local media interest only.*

**Major Press Inquiries**

CNN producer Faith Holland will interview BLM Paleontologist Scott Foss prior to the release Dec. 11 of a CNN special, "Dinosaur 13" on the discovery of Sue, the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever found.

*Harpers Magazine*: Freelancer Chris Ketchum and staff from *Harpers Magazine* are fact-checking the cover story for their February edition, which will focus on the history of the BLM and the ranching industry, claiming that the BLM has been "captured" by ranchers as evidenced by agency inaction following events in Bunkerville, Nev., in April 2014. The Western Watersheds Coalition will be cited in claims that the BLM has deliberately cleared sagebrush in favor of drill seeding so as to accommodate ranchers.

Cam McRae, editor at [NSMB.com](http://www.nsmb.com) (a mountain biking website), contacted BLM-UT about the BLM's national position on e-bikes. The BLM has developed responses to several questions that are currently going through review.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

The BLM will be proposing policy changes on **granting permits for the Wave**, a popular hiking destination, as part of the Paria Business Plan anticipated for release in early 2015. Proposed changes include revising the walk-in permit system to an online system administered through Rec.gov. A story on this appeared on Utah's KSL.com: <http://www.ksl.com/?sid=32572530&nid=148&title=blm-re-evaluates-walk-in-permits-for-the-wave-considers-online-alternative&cid=queue-1>

*There is significant media interest in this issue.*

BLM-AZ staff will meet with representatives of the Tohono O'odham Nation Dec. 18 on the Nation's request for a supplemental EIS on a proposed restart of mining at the **Cyprus Tohono Mine**. The BLM will provide information on the processing of Indian mining plans of operations and NEPA process. Staff from the Phoenix Field Solicitor's Office and the BIA will also be present. The BLM is lead DOI agency for management of Indian mining operations. *Local media interest possible.*

The **Chokecherry/Sierra Madre Wind project final EA #1** and Decision package for the project's road infrastructure, rail facility and rock quarry is anticipated soon. The draft EA #1 was released Aug. 11 for a 30-day public comment period. This EA tiers to the land use plan EIS and Decision issued in Oct. 2012 for the 3,000-MW project. The Phase I wind turbine draft EA #2 is currently under review by BLM-WY. *Press interest likely.*

**The draft Carson City, NV, RMP revision is available for public comment until March 27, 2015.** The RMP covers 5 million acres of public land in portions of 12 counties in NV and CA. *Local media interest.*

The ROD for the approved **Winnemucca, NV, RMP is expected soon.** The RMP replaces two outdated Management Framework Plans and covers 7.2 million acres of public lands and minerals in all or portions of 5 counties. The Proposed RMP will be amended to incorporate revised management of sage-grouse habitat when the sage-grouse sub-regional planning effort is completed. *Local media interest.*

The ROD for the approved **Kremmling RMP** is anticipated soon. The approved RMP covers 377,900 surface acres and 653,500 acres of subsurface mineral estate and protects more than 100,000 acres of core habitat for mule deer, elk, greater sage-grouse and other wildlife by prohibiting ground disturbance. It designates 8 ACECs and includes the North Park MLP to facilitate responsible oil and gas development. *Local media interest.*

The BLM expects to offer **the ROW grant for the Sun Valley-Morgan Transmission Project** to Arizona Public Service in December. Challenges include pole placement to avoid known archaeological sites along the

Agua Fria River and micro-siting structures to minimize impacts to visual resources. The ROD was signed in January 2014 for this 38-mile 500/230kV transmission line in Arizona. *Local media interest.*

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Dec. 22: Possible trial date for Recapture Canyon defendants.** Council for defendant Phil Lyman filed for a continuance Nov. 28 with the U.S. District Court, District of Utah, which would postpone the trial originally set for all defendants on Dec. 22. Defendant Wells also filed for a continuance Dec. 1.

**Dec. 28:** The comment period for **the Sun Zia Transmission EA** published Nov. 28 will close. The proposed project includes two 500 kV transmission lines located on federal, state, and private lands between central NM and central AZ. The BLM published an FEIS in June 2013; in response to DOD concerns about White Sands Missile Range impacts, the BLM prepared an EA to analyze whether burial of portions of the line would require a supplement to the FEIS. The BLM has reached a preliminary FONSI and the agency intends to proceed with the Preferred Alternative identified in the FEIS, as modified by the mitigation proposal.

**Early Jan.:** The **FEIS for the 350-MW Soda Mountain Solar PV project (CA)** is expected to be released with an anticipated ROD signed in March. NPS concerns over potential impacts to groundwater, bighorn sheep, and visual resources to the adjacent Mohave National Preserve have been addressed.

**Jan. 5-8: Western States Land Commissioners Winter Conference** (Phoenix, AZ) A senior BLM manager will attend.

**Jan 7:** Comment period closes for the **Draft RMP/EIS for the BLM Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices** (note that the BLM anticipates extending the comment period). This has been highly controversial, attracting claims that the ACEC proposals in the RMP constitute a “land grab.”

**Jan. 8 - 11, 2015: Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Winter Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.** The agenda includes a January 9 morning Sage Grouse Executive Oversight Committee Meeting. More information at: <http://www.wafwa.org/>

**Jan. 13-14: Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council** winter meeting, Washington, D.C.

**Jan. – Feb. 2015: ROD for the Greater Mooses Tooth 1 (GMT1 - Alaska):** The Final SEIS for the oil and gas development project in the NPR-A was released to the public Nov. 7, 2014.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT**  
**December 10, 2014 – December 20, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

December 10 - 11: BOEM is hosting the first Florida Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting in Port St. Lucie, FL. Acting Director Cruickshank will speak and will also visit the marine hydro-kinetic energy facility at Florida Atlantic University, which holds a renewable energy lease on the OCS offshore Florida for testing current energy devices.

**Public Announcements**

**December 11:** Press Release on Limits of Liability final rule.

**Week of December 15 (tentative):** Press Release announcing the availability of a report on the discovery of 100 new species of marine life through BOEM collaborative research on chemosynthetic communities in the Gulf of Mexico.

**Week of December 15 (tentative):** Note to Stakeholders on the Western Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 238, which was held in August. BOEM has completed its required evaluation to ensure fair market value.

**Late December:** Note to Stakeholders on 2014 Five Year Program Annual Report.

**January TBD:** Rollout of 2017-2022 Draft Proposed Program.

**Late January:** Press Release announcing Final Notice of Sale for the Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 235, which will be held in March 2015.

**Major Press Inquiries**

**Al Jazeera:** Request for information for documentary on regulatory landscape after Deepwater Horizon -- categorical exclusions within the NEPA process. DOI is aware of the request.

**AP (RI):** AP requested an interview with Brian Jordan on BOEM's paleocultural study to develop methodologies for locating and identifying submerged Native American cultural sites in southern New England. The study is being conducted through a cooperative agreement with the University of Rhode Island and the Narragansett Tribe. Story expected to run during the week of Dec. 8.

**AP and Courthouse News:** Request for comments on California fracking lawsuit. BOEM is not commenting on pending litigation.

**Boston Herald:** Requested status update on Cape Wind Associates' proposed revision to its Construction and Operations Plan to include New Bedford as an option for staging activities. OPA answered that we are considering the proposed request.

**Civil Engineering Magazine Interest in Marine Arctic Ecosystem Study (MARES):** *Civil Engineering*, the monthly magazine of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), requested an interview regarding the MARES Beaufort Sea study. OPA is coordinating written responses to the editor's questions, with possibility of an interview with the project lead.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Virginia Offshore Wind Research Lease:** BOEM published an environmental assessment for the Virginia Offshore Wind Technology Assessment Project (VOWTAP) on December 2, and will hold a public meeting in Virginia Beach on December 17.

**Limits of Liability Final Rule:** On December 11, BOEM plans to announce publication of a final rule to administratively increase the limit of liability for oil-spill removal costs and related damages from \$75 million to approximately \$134 million. The increase would apply to offshore facilities in Federal and state waters under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), and is consistent with recommendations from the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Spill and other studies that called for a statutory increase in the limit of liability. The change will be the first administrative increase to the cap since OPA came into effect 24 years ago, and is necessary to keep pace with the 78 percent increase in inflation since 1990.

**Draft Proposed Program (DPP):** The DPP for OCS oil and gas leasing, 2017-2022, is drafted and in surnaming. BOEM is also preparing a Notice of Intent for the Programmatic EIS. Publication is planned for January.

**2012-2017 Five Year Program, 2014 Annual Progress Report:** BOEM expects to release the 2014 Annual Progress Report on the current Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program in December.

**Rhode Island Offshore Wind:** On Nov. 14, BOEM offered a right-of-way (ROW) grant for the Block Island Transmission System (BITS), which connects Block Island and the wind project in state waters to the mainland, and is the first transmission ROW on the OCS. On Dec. 1, Deepwater Wind (the grantee) accepted the terms and conditions of the ROW; the first year's rent was paid on Dec. 5. Once BOEM receives the necessary bonding and executed grant copies from the company, it will execute the grant and approve the company's General Activities Plan with modifications.

**Liberty Prospect Development and Production Plan (DPP):** Hilcorp has indicated it plans on submitting a DPP for the Liberty Prospect by the end of the December. The Liberty Prospect is located about 9 km offshore Alaska in the Beaufort Sea and is in close proximity to Prudhoe Bay and BP's Endicott oil field.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead (Please note that this will NOT be included in the Secretary's report)**

**Massachusetts Offshore Wind:** On January 29, BOEM will hold a lease sale for the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area, which includes more than 742,000 acres offshore. It is the largest competitive lease sale to date. Twelve companies have qualified to participate in the auction.

**Risk Management Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR):** On November 17, 2014, the comment period on the ANPR closed. BOEM is tentatively planning on holding workshops on the ANPR in mid-to-late January. BOEM is reviewing comments and developing topics for the workshop. The overall goal is to host as many people as possible, with preliminary estimates of 300-400 in attendance. The tentative format will include breakout sessions to allow for productive discussions with attendees.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT**  
**OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT**  
**December 10 – 20, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On Dec 16 and 17 the Director is travelling to Denver to participate in the Western States Meeting. This meeting with the Western States and tribes is an opportunity to discuss regulatory and AML (SMCRA) issues in the West.

On Dec 18 the Director will meet Mine Safety and Health Administration officials and state AML officials in DC regarding AML construction projects.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, December 10

The Director is presenting the Environment, Community, Humanity and Ownership (ECHO) Award to the Executive Director of the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds. The ECHO recognizes an individual for his/her accomplishments to advance the principles of SMCRA. Following the award ceremony, the Director and award recipient will meet with the Secretary. An OSMRE news release will announce the presentation of the ECHO award.

Thursday, December 11

Nothing to report

Friday, December 12

The OSMRE Director will sign a final letter, which will notify WildEarth Guardians that as a result of its petition requesting that OSMRE promulgate a rule regarding toxic gas emissions from blasting at surface coal mining operations, the Director decided to follow-up with a proposed rulemaking. The proposed rule will clarify that blasters, mine operators and regulatory authorities have the legal obligation to protect people and property from damage caused by blasting, an ultra- hazardous activity. There will be press.

Saturday, December 13

Nothing to report

Sunday, December 14

Nothing to report

Monday, December 15

Nothing to report

Tuesday, December 16

Nothing to report

Wednesday, December 17

Nothing to report

Thursday, December 18

Nothing to report

Friday, December 19

Nothing to report



Saturday, December 20

Nothing to report

### **Major Press Inquiries**

On December 8, the OSMRE Director was interviewed by a reporter from Bloomberg BNA. The interview was favorable to OSMRE, which included general questions about the Stream Protection Rule, petition to regulate nitrogen oxide emissions, budget, potential future rulemaking, and SMCRA authority.

On December 8, an E&E reporter published an article regarding a former contractor who previously worked on the Stream Protection Rulemaking, who is now publicizing his experience as evidence of the administration's so-called war on coal. The former contractor became embroiled in a controversy over the accuracy of calculations of 7,000 potential job impacts associated with the previous incomplete draft EIS for the SPR, claiming contract termination occurred when persons would not lie about the job loss numbers.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Abandoned Mine Land Grant Distribution - OMB has finalized the sequestration reduction percentage at 7.3%. The FY 2015 AML grant distribution amounts are being calculated for the coal mining states and tribes. Following the Director's approval of the grant amounts, announcement of the grant distribution amounts will be made via a news release.

The public comment period on the Mississippi certification that it has completed the reclamation of abandoned coal mines will close Dec 12, 2014. The comments will be considered and the Director will make the final decision. The decision will affect the final AML grant calculations for the states.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On December 6, the OSMRE Knoxville Field Office (KFO) issued Premium Coal Company, Inc.'s Gum Branch Coal Slurry Impoundment an imminent harm cessation order. An inspection conducted in November discovered anomalies with the face of the impoundment. An engineer's preliminary findings indicate that seeps along the face of the fill and a slight deformation on the face of the fill would constitute an imminent harm situation given certain conditions, and recommended an imminent harm cessation order, which requires this company to certify stability of the structure. The operator has retained the services of an engineering consulting firm that immediately responded, conducted an interim assessment, is conducting a full assessment of the site and is coordinating with the KFO on corrective measures.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**  
**December 10 – December 19, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events:** *On Dec. 10, I traveled to Denver to speak at the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association's Annual meeting. Mid-West Electric represents the Federal power customers and their consumers within the Missouri River Basin. Following that I will be attending the Colorado River Water Users Association annual meeting in Las Vegas. Apart from meetings at those two events, I have no planned stakeholders meeting for Dec. 10-19. Next week, I expect to be in Washington, DC all week.*

**Public Announcements**

Tuesday, December 9

**2014 Federal Energy and Water Management Award:** Reclamation's Oklahoma-Texas Area Office (OTAO) employees James Allard, Nicholas Garmon, Darion Mayhorn, and Matthew Warren were recipients of the 2014 Federal Energy and Water Management Award for their efforts in visualizing water savings at Mountain Park Project near Snyder, Oklahoma. This award recognizes individuals, groups, and agencies for their outstanding contributions in the areas of energy efficiency, water conservation and the use of advanced and renewable energy technologies at Federal facilities. Staff from OTAO and Regional Director Michael Ryan will be in Washington, D.C. to accept the award.

Wednesday, December 10

**Mid-West Electric Consumers Association (CO):** Principal Deputy Commissioner Estevan López is the keynote speaker at the Mid-West Electric Consumers Association's annual meeting in Denver, Colorado.

**Colorado River Water Users Association Meeting (NV):** From December 10-12, Reclamation leaders will attend the annual Colorado River Water Users Association meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year's topic is *Challenged but Unbroken: Sustaining the Colorado River*.

**EAP Tabletop Exercise (WA):** Reclamation will conduct an Emergency Action Plan Tabletop Exercise for Grand Coulee Dam in eastern Washington.

**Business Opportunity for Marina Concession Development/Operation at New Melones Lake (CA):** Reclamation will announce the availability for prospective contractors to submit proposals for the development of new long-term commercial recreation services and support facilities at New Melones Lake, located in Calaveras County, California. Reclamation will accept proposals for 60 days.

**Lake Berryessa Open House Scoping Session (CA):** Reclamation will host an Open House to solicit public comment on resource and recreation needs at Lake Berryessa, near Napa, California. Reclamation staff will present planning information for long-term concessions development. Public input is requested by December 17 on topics to be addressed in the environmental review process, including significant issues and concerns and the types of facilities and services visitors want. The information received will assist with the preparation of a prospectus to plan and manage future commercial concession services at Lake Berryessa.

**Meetings on Draft Central Valley Project (CVP) Municipal and Industrial (M&I) Water Shortage Policy (CA):** The second of four public meetings to solicit comments on the topics addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the CVP's M&I Water Shortage Policy will be held in Willows, California. Finalization of the EIS will result in implementation of guidelines addressing the allocation of

limited CVP water supplies during periods of shortage. Comments are due to Reclamation by January 12, 2015. Other meetings will be held on December 16 in Fresno and December 17 in Oakland.

Thursday, December 11

**Desalination and Water Purification Pilot Projects and Research and Laboratory Studies Funding Opportunity Announcement:** Reclamation will announce two funding opportunities from the Desalination and Water Purification Program. One will be seeking proposals for research and laboratory studies and the other will be seeking pilot projects. Each research and laboratory study may receive up to \$150,000. Pilot projects may receive up to \$400,000 with no more than \$200,000 a year and no more than two years for the project. The goal of the Desalination and Water Purification Research Program is to reduce the costs and environmental impacts of treating impaired and unusable waters.

Friday, December 12

**Interagency 2015 Drought Strategy (CA):** Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Water Resources and California Department of Fish and Wildlife are scheduled to finalize a preliminary drought strategy and associated documentation that will inform the Drought Operations Plan to be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board on Jan. 15, 2015.

**Navajo Generating Station-Kayenta Mine Complex (NGS-KMC) Scoping Summary Report (NM):** Reclamation will issue a news release by early next week to announce the availability of the Scoping Summary Report for the NGS-KMC Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Scoping Summary Report provides further details regarding the efforts undertaken in carrying out the scoping process for the NGS-KMC Project EIS.

Saturday, December 13

**Everything is Connected/Let's Move Outside Event (CA)** Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside event at New Melones Lake in Central California. During an easy 1-mile hike along the Norwegian Gulch Trail, participants will learn how co-dependence in nature is critical to the ecosystem and how the alteration of the natural environment can cause unintended negative effects to the ecosystem.

Sunday, December 14 - Monday, December 15

Nothing to report.

Tuesday, December 16

**Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science to Tour Klamath Project (OR):** Camille Touton, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, will travel to Klamath Falls, Oregon, to meet with Reclamation's Klamath Basin Area Office management and tour the Klamath Project.

**Combined Joint Operating Committee Awards Ceremony (ID):** Reclamation will participate in a ceremony at the Combined Joint Operating Committee meeting in Boise, Idaho. Representatives from Bonneville Power Administration and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will also participate.

Wednesday, December 17

**Climate Change Adaptation Policy Released for External Review (New):** Reclamation will release a draft policy on Climate Change Adaptation for external review. The proposed policy is intended to address climate

change impacts on Reclamation's mission, facilities, operations and personnel. Reclamation will issue a news release requesting customers, stakeholders and the public comment on the proposed policy.

Thursday, December 18

**Klamath Basin Settlement Agreements (OR):** Klamath Basin stakeholders will hold informal discussions in Ashland, Oregon, to develop an action plan for furthering the goals of the Klamath Settlement Agreements as impacted by the 2014 elections and the status of the federal legislation currently under review by Congress. Jason Phillips, the Mid-Pacific Deputy Regional Director, plans to attend.

Friday, December 19

**San Joaquin River Restoration Program Stakeholder Meeting (CA):** Reclamation is hosting the second meeting with the settling parties, implementing agencies and third parties to the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement to work on updating the Implementation Framework for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. The process is focused on developing a realistic and achievable schedule, sequence and budget for the SJRRP to track progress and measure success and is expected to take several months. Participants have been asked to work through this process and not elevate issues through respective agencies or congressional representatives.

**Windy Gap Firing Project (CO):** Reclamation will sign the Record of Decision for the Windy Gap Firing Project (WGFP), in Colorado. The purpose of the WGFP is to deliver a firm annual yield of about 30,000 acre-feet (AF) of water from the existing Windy Gap Project to meet a portion of the water deliveries anticipated from the original Windy Gap Project and to provide up to 3,000 AF of storage to firm water deliveries for the MPWCD.

### Major Press Inquiries

John Fleck of the *Albuquerque Journal* is seeking information on how much supplemental water was released last year to benefit endangered species in the Middle Rio Grande and how much Reclamation spent to lease that water. This is information Mr. Fleck requests annually to keep tabs on Reclamation's efforts. He may do a brief story on how the irrigation year ended. This story is expected to be neutral.

On December 8, *Capital Press* reporter Don Jenkins interviewed Columbia Cascades Area Manager Dawn Wiedmeier about Reclamation's position on water contract proposal for Odessa Subarea. Mr. Jenkins was told that Reclamation may consider the System 1 Proposal, authored by the Columbia Snake River Irrigators Association, if it met the needs of the Odessa Subarea Ground Water Replacement Program. Also, the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District must agree to perform Operation and Maintenance on the project. The story will be published Dec 9.

*RAI (Italian Public Television)*, a TV production company based in Rome, Italy, is in the United States from November 20 through December 16 shooting video for a production that will air in February on climate, environment and pollution. They received funding from the United Nations. They filmed in California at Shasta Lake on December 4, Yosemite National Park from December 5-8, Fresno, California on December 9 and in the Central Valley from December 9-11. Subsequently, they will be in Colorado shooting B-roll on December 14 and recording interviews at Reclamation's Hydraulic Laboratory in Denver on December 15-16.

On Dec. 2, *Estes Park Trail Gazette* and the *Estes Park News* posted an article about the sediment testing done in Fish Creek for hazardous contaminants, based on the report released by Reclamation to the City of Estes Park. The newspaper reported that reports showed "very low Coli numbers" and were "well below EPA's recreation contact standards."

## **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:**

**Rain/Hydrology in the Mid-Pacific Region (California):** Heavy storms last week brought significant precipitation to Northern California, with flows into the Delta up from about 5,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to around 30,000 cfs. Pumping in the Delta has ramped up, with the federal Jones Pumping Plant currently operating at approximately 850 cfs, and the state's Banks Pumping Plant diverting approximately 4,500 cfs. Delta salinity management is a primary consideration before further increasing Delta pumping. Salinity readings increased markedly just prior to the December 2 rains, with tides a foot higher than forecast. Under those conditions, the higher initial flows into the Delta are necessary to push the salinity out to the San Francisco Bay before significantly ramping up Delta pumping. Increased pumping is anticipated soon, depending in part on salinity conditions and additional rain. We are monitoring turbidity and possible migration of Delta smelt to prevent conditions that might trigger actions under the Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion. Delta pumping is currently higher at the state facilities, and will continue that way for the near future to balance out water accounting requirements under the Coordinated Operations Agreement that governs water sharing between the state and federal facilities. Another strong storm system will impact Northern California December 10-11, with significant winds and widespread heavy precipitation expected. Rain amounts of 2-4 inches in the Sacramento Valley and 5-10 inches in the foothills and mountains are possible.

**2015 Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for Colorado River Reservoirs:** The 2015 AOP contains the projected plan of operation of Colorado River reservoirs for 2015 based on the most probable runoff conditions. The 2015 AOP was prepared by Reclamation in consultation with: the seven Colorado River Basin States Governors' representatives; the Upper Colorado River Commission; Native American tribes; other relevant Federal agencies; representatives of the academic and scientific communities, environmental organizations, the recreation industry; water delivery contractors; contractors for the purchase of Federal power; others interested in Colorado River operations; and the general public, through the Colorado River Management Work Group. The AOP and is currently being reviewed by the Department. Once it is signed by the Secretary, it will be distributed to leaders of Congress and the governors of the Colorado River Basin states.

**Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (California) (Updated):** The Final Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation is being reviewed and surnamed throughout the Department. This study evaluates the potential to enlarge Shasta Dam and Reservoir. Briefings were held for Departmental reviewers on December 8 and 9, and completion of Departmental review is expected by December 12. The documents will then be transmitted under the Secretary's signature to the Office of Management and Budget for their review; that transmittal is targeted for the week of December 15.

## **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Central Valley Project Stakeholders' Meeting (CA):** Reclamation is working to schedule the third stakeholders' meeting of water year 2015 to share perspectives on what occurred in water year (WY) 2014 and continue planning efforts for a potentially dry 2015. Participants are asked to provide input on what water planning efforts Reclamation should focus in WY 2015 and how our agencies can improve collaboration and communication.

**Reclamation to Release Report on Irrigation Demand and Reservoir Evaporation (CO):** Reclamation will release a technical assessment on the observed and future impacts of climate change on crop irrigation demands and evaporation from selected reservoirs in the major Reclamation basins. Understanding how climate change will affect agricultural irrigation requirements and reservoir evaporation losses in the West is important for

Reclamation to understand due to its mission and operations. The assessment finds that net irrigation water requirements will increase 5.8 percent by the 2080s with geographic variability ranging from 0.9 percent in the Sacramento and San Joaquin river basins to 18.7 percent in the Rio Grande basin. The assessment also found that annual evaporation and net evaporation (evaporation minus precipitation) are projected to increase in all basins. The release date is TBD, but likely between December 15 through the end of the month.

**Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge (ID):** Several local agencies are working cooperatively to develop a long-term plan to provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities in and around the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge located near Nampa Idaho. The project area includes facilities and lands managed by Reclamation. This project is being funded by the Federal Highway Administration's Federal Lands Access Program and is a cooperative effort that includes Reclamation, Canyon County Highway District, Nampa Highway District, the Cities of Nampa and Caldwell, and Deer Flat NWR. As part of the process, a Technical Advisory Committee is being formed to provide input on the many issues that surround this effort. The first meeting is TBD in December.

**French Flat Frisbee Golf/Let's Move Outside Event (CA):** On December 21, Reclamation will host a Let's Move Outside event at New Melones Lake in Central California. Rangers will set a course filled with clues about the natural and cultural history of New Melones for this first-ever Frisbee golf interpretive program. The 9-hole course will be set in the rambling oak woodlands of French Flat. Participants will hit the targets, acquire the clues and answer the questions to win a prize.

**Initiation of FY 2015 Basin Study Selection Process:** On January 13, 2015, Reclamation will announce that it is initiating the FY 2015 Basin Study Selection Process. Eligible stakeholders will be contacted to solicit letters of interest in the program. In addition, a news release will be distributed. Through Basin Studies, Reclamation works with state and local partners to conduct comprehensive water supply and demand studies of river basins in the western United States. Reclamation anticipates funding two to three studies in 2015.

**Idaho Water Users Association (ID):** On January 20-22, 2015 Reclamation will attend the Idaho Water Users Association Annual Convention in Boise, Idaho.

**Jensen Unit Block Notice (UT):** On January 22, 2015, a ceremony will be held to commemorate the prepayment for the Jensen Unit. A Block Notice was approved for the sale of 3,300 acre-feet of Jensen Unit water to the Uintah Water Conservancy District. As part of this decision, Reclamation will continue to convey up to 780 acre-feet of water into Stewart Lake when the water is called for. Reclamation prepared an environmental assessment to examine the potential environmental impacts of this action, which resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact.

**Shasta Dam Fish Passage Evaluation (CA):** A draft Environmental Assessment of the Pilot Implementation Plan for the Shasta Dam Fish Passage Project is scheduled for a 30-day public comment period in early January 2015. The Project is a joint effort of Reclamation, NMFS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, California Water Board, and the University of California. Reclamation initiated the Project in response to the June 4, 2009, issuance of the NMFS Biological Opinion on the coordinated long-term operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. On November 28, the Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service and federal and state partner agencies, as part of the Shasta Dam Fish Passage Project, released the Habitat Assessment Report. On December 4, a webinar presented the methodology and key results of the report to the public.

**Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Feasibility Study Funding Opportunity Announcement:** In early January, Reclamation will make a funding opportunity available to assist communities to determine if water recycling and reuse are feasible. This funding opportunity is part of the Department's WaterSMART initiative, which focuses on improving water conservation, sustainability and helping water resource managers make sound decisions about water use. Applications will be due on February 10, 2015.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**  
**December 10-19, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On **December 10-11**, USGS Acting Director, Suzette Kimball, will participate in the National Science Foundation, Roundtable on Science and Technology for Sustainability in Washington, D.C.

On **December 12**, Suzette will participate in the USGS Innovation Center for Earth Sciences Workshop Fall 2014, "A world of natural hazards," in Menlo Park, California.

From **December 15-19**, Suzette will be attending the 2014 AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco, California.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, December 10

**News Release—The impact of road salt on watersheds:** In the **next several days**, the USGS will announce new findings showing that average chloride concentrations often exceed toxic levels in many northern streams associated with the use of road salt. The study, which has been ongoing since 1960 in some cities, will be published in the journal *Science of the Total Environment*. A news release will be coordinated with the publication date. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

Thursday, December 11

**News Release—Airborne Geophysical Data Reveals Subsurface Features about Virginia Earthquake:** Sometime **in the coming week**, USGS will announce a new online paper that describes how high-resolution airborne geophysical data combined with ground sample measurements were used to image subsurface geologic features associated with the 2011 central Virginia earthquake and aftershocks. Analysis of the data suggest that the earthquake occurred near a complex "crossroads" of geologic contacts, which contributed to the efficient distribution of seismic energy causing moderate to high levels of damage as far away as Washington, D.C. The paper is available online at *GSA Special Papers*. A news release is planned. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—New Detailed Map of Mars:** On **December 11**, USGS will release the highest-resolution geologic map of Mars ever created by the USGS portraying the most detailed representation of the Red Planet. This new map provides geologic and structural information on layered sedimentary rocks at a scale comparable to what a field geologist would see on Earth, including a precise illustration of a portion of the "Grand Canyon of Mars," or Valles Marineris. The map provides new targets for continued scientific investigation of past, potentially habitable environments on Mars. A Top Story will be posted on the USGS website.

Friday, December 12

Nothing to report.

Saturday & Sunday, December 13 & 14

Nothing to report.

Monday, December 15

**News Release—Polar Bear Capture and Release Is Not Harmful:** On **December 15**, USGS will announce a new study that shows a polar bear capture and release-based research program has no adverse long-term effects on feeding behavior, body condition, and reproduction. The study used over 40 years of capture-based data collected by USGS from polar bears in the Alaska portion of the southern Beaufort Sea. The paper will be published in the journal *Wildlife Research* and is available online. A news release is planned. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–USGS-NASA Climate Resilience Data Challenge:** On **December 15**, NASA, in partnership with USGS kickoff the Climate Resilience Data Challenge — an effort to spur data innovation in support of resilience in communities and ecosystems. The Challenge will continue for three months and offers over \$35,000 in prizes. A news release is planned.

Tuesday, December 16

Nothing to report.

Wednesday, December 17

Nothing to report.

Thursday, December 18

**News Release–2014 CSC Project Award Announcement:** On **December 18**, USGS will distribute nine press releases announcing the 2014 research projects funded by the eight Climate Science Centers and USGS National Wildlife and Climate Change Science Center. Each CSC will have a separate news release and a comprehensive release will be distributed nationally by Interior. The announcements are planned for the 2014 AGU Fall Meeting in San Francisco, Calif. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

Friday, December 19

Nothing to report.

TBD

**Climate and Active-Layer Data Acquired in NPRA & ANWR:** The USGS has recently completed a report providing data collected by the DOI climate monitoring array on federal lands in arctic Alaska over the period 1998-2013. The array is part of the Global Terrestrial Network for Permafrost, (DOI/GTN-P). The report also describes monitoring, data collection, and quality-control methods used to gather the data. The array of 16 monitoring stations is distributed across a 150,000 square kilometer area, capturing air temperature, wind speed and direction, ground temperature, soil moisture, snow depth, rainfall totals, up- and downwelling shortwave radiation, and atmospheric pressure information. The data are collected by USGS in close collaboration with BLM and FWS. A news release is not planned.

**News Release–Marcellus Development Impacts on Salamander Ranges:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper that indicates that habitat loss may be significant for terrestrial salamanders in the Marcellus Shale as a result of oil and gas development activities. USGS researchers modeled losses of forest habitat in the Marcellus shale play, and estimated the corresponding reduction in forest-dependent salamander ranges based on a variety of shale gas development scenarios. All scenarios showed forest loss and potentially large range restriction for the salamanders. Despite the uncertainty in the species' distribution modeling, the results indicate that habitat loss may be significant, implying a real potential impact on terrestrial salamander populations. Given other threats facing terrestrial, range-restricted species, such an impact from a single source would indeed be concerning. A full assessment of extinction risk will require better and more extensive data, and though the scenarios are insufficient to fully assess this risk, the results from our simulations are a first step. The paper will be published in the journal *Biological Conservation*, and a news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–New research on Carolina Northern Flying Squirrel:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce new research, to be published in the journal *Endangered Species Research*, that will help wildlife managers define, protect and enhance endangered Carolina northern flying squirrel habitat. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release–Study Evaluates Post-Fire Rehabilitation Efforts:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Ecosphere* that presents results from 5-years of vegetation and



sediment flux monitoring following the 2007 Milford Flat Fire in west-central Utah, USA with the goal of informing future post-fire management decisions. Results suggest the post-fire rehabilitation efforts conducted in the lower elevation regions affected by the Milford Flat Fire were not generally successful and future post-fire rehabilitation efforts should be planned that are resilient to dry conditions. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**Understanding Exposure to Arsenic from Private Well Waters:** In the coming weeks, City University of New York may announce a new paper (USGS was second author) explaining that measures to determine risk of exposure to arsenic in private well water is insufficient, and that alternative actions and further research are necessary to ensure that populations are not exposed to arsenic in their drinking water. The summary paper is part of a special issue in *Science for the Total Environment* on arsenic in the northeast U.S. and Nova Scotia. USGS is not issuing a news release.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Tampa Tribune Inquiry on USGS/Cuba Projects:** A reporter with the *Tampa Tribune* recently contacted the USGS for information on joint research projects (existing or planned) with the Cuban government. This is for an article on all environmental research projects between Cuba and the U.S. The article is planned to be published this week.

**New Yorker Interview on Induced Earthquakes:** A reporter with *The New Yorker* magazine recently interviewed USGS research geophysicist Bill Ellsworth for an upcoming piece about induced earthquake and USGS plans for future earthquake hazard maps. Publication date is currently unknown.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing to report.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**News Release—New Findings on Polar Bear Genetic Structure and Diversity:** On January 6, USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *PLOS One* that shares new findings on the circumpolar genetic structure of polar bears. USGS scientists led an international team to share data on polar bear genetics, in order to determine how genetic diversity and structure have changed in response to dramatic declines in the sea-ice habitat of polar bears, how current genetic patterns compare with past patterns, and how genetic demography changed with historical fluctuations in climate. This major analysis on subpopulation connectivity during recent sea ice decline provides a substantially updated baseline for the conservation framework currently under development by the 5 nations (U.S., Canada, Greenland, Norway, Russia) with polar bears. A news release is planned and briefings are planned for FWS in Alaska and Alaska Native co-management partners. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**Energy Assessment for the Anadarko Basin Province:** In the coming weeks, USGS will release an analysis of the petroleum systems and an assessment of undiscovered oil and gas resource potential for the Anadarko Basin Province of western Oklahoma and Kansas, northern Texas, and southeastern Colorado. This province area includes the Las Animas arch of southeastern Colorado, part of the Palo Duro Basin of Texas, and the Anadarko Basin. Results of the geologic analysis and resource assessment are based on the geologic elements of each defined total petroleum system, including hydrocarbon source rocks, reservoir rocks, hydrocarbon traps, and seals. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Nutrients In the Chesapeake's Eastern Shore:** In December, USGS will announce a new report that explains how the Chesapeake Bay's Eastern Shore receives nearly twice as much nitrogen and phosphorus applications, per area, than the remainder of the watershed. The primary source for the elevated levels of nitrogen and phosphorous are from agricultural runoff. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Funding for new Gages in Minnesota:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce NSIP funding for new streamgages in Minnesota. The announcement will be similar to the September 9 announcement for new streamgage funding in Idaho, distributed to the Minnesota media outlets. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Drought Impacts on Mojave Bird Species:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper to be published in the journal *Auk*. The study, led by the University of Arizona, finds that drought-caused delays in nesting, coupled with the effects of nest depredation and parasitism, will have a negative effect on birds in the Mojave Desert. A news release is being planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—USGS to Release Study on Disease Virulence Evolution:** In the **coming weeks**, a news release will announce new research, led by the USGS, that finds that diseases that cause debilitating symptoms are expected to evolve lower virulence along the epidemic front compared to the epidemic origin. Motivated by real-world observations of a new disease in songbirds, a mathematical investigation shows that disease virulence—the increased death rate of infected individuals—is expected to evolve to lower levels along the epidemic front compared to the disease origin. The paper will be published in *The American Naturalist*. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Freshwater Fisheries and Global Food Security:** In the **coming weeks**, Michigan State University will distribute a news release describing the importance of inland fisheries to global food security, the challenges faced due to competing demands for freshwater and possible solutions. USGS scientists contributed to the publication and will be identified in the news release. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Upper Klamath ET Maps:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will distribute a press release for upcoming evapotranspiration maps of the upper Klamath Basin. The announcement will be coordinated with other local activities in the Klamath area. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**Coal Geology of the Powder River Basin:** In the **coming months**, the USGS will publish a professional paper that describes the coal geology of the Powder River Basin and how it informs the assessment of coal resources and reserves. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY–INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND THE BUREAUS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION**

**December 10 to December 19, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On December 10, the AS-IA will meet with Chairman O'Neal of Northern Arapaho Indian Tribe to discuss the dissolution of the Joint Business Council on the Wind River Reservation.

On December 11-12, the Division of Energy and Mineral Development's (DEMD) oil and gas staff members will attend the annual North American Property Expo (NAPE) Conference – Rockies in Denver, CO. DEMD will set up an exhibit booth to show areas of potential oil and gas properties (including unconventional shale plays) on several reservations in the U.S., specifically Navajo allotments in northwest New Mexico, the Blackfeet Tribe Reservation (Montana), the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Reservation (Colorado) and Crow Tribe Reservation (Montana).

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On December 14-16, the AS-IA will participate in settlement mediation on Ramah Navajo Chapter v. Jewell (case regarding contract support costs) in Albuquerque, NM.

On December 15, BIE Director Roessel will host a monthly call with the five tribes that accepted the Sovereignty in Indian Education (SIE) enhancement initiative funds.

On December 18, the AS-IA will meet with the Governor and Attorney General of Minnesota to discuss the federal government's position on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribe's reservation boundaries in and around Mille Lacs County in Minnesota.

On December 18-19, the BIA Office of Justice Services will participate on a panel discussion at the Women in Law Enforcement Leadership Training Program.

On December 19, BIE Director Roessel will be in Albuquerque, NM to meet with the Dine Bi'Olta School Board Association (DBOSBA), which represents 66 schools on the Navajo Reservation.

**Public Announcements**

**Wednesday, December 10**

The Director of the BIA Office of Justice Services will participate on a panel at the 14th National Indian Nation Conference on Justice for Victims of Crime. The conference is being held at the Agua Caliente Reservation in California through December 13th.

Congresswoman Grisham's staff is expected to visit the SIPI campus to discuss the possibility of setting up a mobile office.

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Nothing to report

Monday, December 15

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Tuesday, December 16

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Wednesday, December 17

Nothing to report

Thursday, December 18

Nothing to report

Friday, December 19

Written comments are due today on the published notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Snow Mountain Solar Project on the Las Vegas Paiute Indian Reservation, Clark County, Nevada.

**Major Press Inquiries**

The West Point (VA) Tidewater Review requests information about the Pamunkey Tribe.

The Forsyth (MT) Independent Press and Rosebud County News request information about the death of Brett Beckman.

The Clinton (OK) Daily News, Wright Radio News in Weatherford, OK, the Elk City (OK) Daily News, and the Weatherford (OK) Daily News all request information about a fatal shooting on Indian land in Roger Mills County, OK. The BIA is investigating the shooting which might be a hunting fatality.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

During the Thanksgiving holiday, the Department of State alerted Indian Affairs staff to two auctions in Paris, France on December 10 and 15, 2014. More than 100 North American tribal objects are up for sale, dozens of which are regarded as sacred by tribal officials.

The Department of State is engaging tribal representatives to coordinate public messaging against the sale. At most, the U.S. Embassy in Paris can urge a postponement of the sale of some or all of the objects in order to afford tribes time to examine the objects. Similar U.S. requests for postponements were ignored by the auction houses.

The BIA extended the deadline for tribal leaders to comment on the Risk-Based Wildland Fire Management plan to January 9, 2015.

There were nine new wildfire starts in Oklahoma from November 28 through December 4 that burned 778 trust acres. There is one new large fire burning on the Osage Agency that has already burned 300 acres and is 30% contained.

Letters of approval for the Hopi Tribe and the Pueblo of Isleta to convert tribal identified BIE operated schools to Tribally Controlled Schools under Public Law 100-297 were cleared through the Data Tracking System

process. The Hopi Tribe will convert two schools: First Mesa Elementary and Keams Canyon Elementary. The Pueblo of Isleta will convert the Isleta Elementary School. The conversions are to be complete by July 1, 2015.

The Final Rule on Land Acquisitions in Alaska (25 CFR 151) has been signed and submitted to OMB for review.

The Tribal Transportation Program (25 CFR 170) proposed rule is currently in surname.

BIE is consulting on the Draft Rule on Tribal Colleges and Universities (25 CFR 41) rule at numerous locations this fall.

A notice extending the comment period on the Proposed Rule on Secretarial Elections (25 CFR 81) is currently in the surname process. The comment period, scheduled to expire on December 18, will be extended 30 days to mid-January.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

December 22 is the deadline for comments on the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Aiya Solar Project on the Moapa River Indian Reservation, Clark County, NV.

On February 9-12, The American Indian Higher Education Consortium will hold its winter meeting in Washington, D.C.

On February 19-20, the Division of Economic Development (DED) will host Native American inventors to take part in a "Shark Tank" style competition sponsored jointly by DED and the Native American Intellectual Property Enterprise Council in Atlanta, Georgia. The competition will be called "Bear Pit" and will offer Native inventors the chance to introduce their inventions to potential investors and partners.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS (OST)**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup> –December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

December 15-18 – Vincent G. Logan, Special Trustee will conduct business regarding priorities at OST-Masthead in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, December 10

The Concho Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) is giving a presentation to the National American Indian Elder Justice Project on behalf of the Southern Plains Elder Task Force. One of the task force's priorities is protecting beneficiary IIM Accounts. [*THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT*]

Thursday, December 11

The Tulsa FTO will attend a meeting sponsored by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in Oklahoma City. The organization provides assistance and financial protection to consumers in Oklahoma and provides information on protection from scams and fraudulent transactions.

The Director of Financial Education along with the Pima Agency staff will be attending the First Nation's Crazy Cash City event on the Gila River Reservation in Gila, Arizona. The Director will be assisting in three financial management scenarios for youth and representing OST's commitment to financial literacy. [*THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT*]

Friday, December 12

The Tulsa FTO will attend the semi-annual business meeting of the Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council in Norman, Oklahoma. The organization provides business assistance and financial planning to Native American business owners in Oklahoma.

Saturday, December 13

The Tulsa FTO will make a presentation on the Land Buy-Back Program (LBBP) to the Seminole Nation Tribal Council in Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Monday, December 15

The Cherokee and Eastern Oklahoma Region FTO will attend the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Meeting in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The FTO regularly attends these meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries.

Tuesday, December 16

The Winnebago Agency FTO will be presenting a financial empowerment presentation at the Lincoln Indian Center in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Wednesday, December 17

The Cherokee and Eastern Oklahoma Region FTO will attend the Inter-Tribal Council Meeting of the Miami area Tribes in Miami, Oklahoma. The FTO regularly attends these meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries.

Thursday, December 18 – Sunday December 21

The Rapid City Urban Office FTO along with the Santee/Yankton/Ponca FTO and Pine Ridge FTO will participate in the Lakota Nations Invitational (LNI) basketball tournament and outreach. In addition to having a booth at LNI, OST will hold two Financial Empowerment Skill sessions at the Ramkota Inn, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Friday, December 19

The Pacific Agency FTO and staff will manage a table at the Friendship House of San Francisco Christmas event. Staff will provide Trust Services information and Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) cards with the toll-free number.

**Major Press Inquiries**

None to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (DDC) Tribal Litigation for Quinn-Leinbach, Settlement Proposal to the Obama Administration (SPOA) Tribes, and other Litigating Tribes**

The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) is actively supporting the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) tribal litigation team's efforts to reach a settlement on the remaining cases.

**Chickasaw & Choctaw:** Fact discovery related to the Nation's trust accounting and trust management claims predating 1946 is has been extended to February, 2015.

**San Carlos Apache Tribe:** New litigation OHTA received a request from SOL for a Box Index Search System (BISS) query.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

None to report.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE of INSULAR AFFAIRS**  
**December 3-12, 2014**

**Highlights (Chronologically) of Travel (AS-IN), Meetings and other Public Events**

**Friday, December 3** – Meeting with USFWS and Navy officials on long term conservation strategies for Guam and the Northern Marianas

**Monday, December 8** – Meeting with Department of State officials on the U.S.-Federated States of Micronesia maritime boundary treaty

**Wednesday, December 10** – Meetings with (i) the Director of the Washington Office of the Governor of Guam, (ii) Department of State officials on the impact of the recent South Pacific tuna treaty on American Samoa, and (iii) Chair, Ninth Circuit Pacific Islands Committee, re: judicial education in the U.S. territories and Freely Associated States

**Thursday, December 11** – Climate Change Panel with Ambassadors from the Freely Associated States of Micronesia (South Interior auditorium)

**Friday, December 12** – Outgoing luncheon meeting with Congresswoman Donna Christensen (Dem.-USVI)

**Public Announcements**

**Press Inquiries/OIA in the News:**

AS-IN APPROVES \$1,260,000 FOR A REPLACEMENT SCHOOL IN AMERICAN SAMOA

- <http://www.mvariety.com/regional-news/71727-interior-approves-1-3m-for-american-samoa-school-project>
- <http://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/interior-oks-1-3m-new-school-building-samoa/>
- <http://www.samoanews.com/content/en/community-briefs-87>
- <http://www.talane.com/news/Kiaaina-approves-funding-for-new-Samoana-building/20456854>

THROUGH OIA THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA RECEIVED \$13,800,000 IN COMPACT PAYMENTS

- [HTTP://WWW.SAIPANTRIBUNE.COM/INDEX.PHP/US-PROVIDES-13-8M-COMPACT-PAYMENTS-FSM/](http://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/us-provides-13-8m-compact-payments-fsm/)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FROM THE MAYOR OF TINIAN (NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS)

- <http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi/cnmi-news/local/71823-farrell-reiterates-tinian-s-need-for-technical-assist-on-military-development>

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal or Policy Issues**

**Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)** – After six years of work, it now appears that a study of whether to make areas of Rota a National Park will become law. The House has approved the Rota study as part of the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2015, and the Senate is expected to approve the bill, which the President will sign. In 2005 the Department of the Interior reported that Rota contained archaeological, historical and natural resources of national significance. In 2010, 2012 and 2013 Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Dem.-CNMI) got the necessary authorizing legislation through the House, but each time the Senate failed to act. Inclusion in the *must-pass* Defense bill seems to have overcome the final hurdle. Having a National Park would put Rota on the map as an international destination for eco-tourists and adventure travelers.

**Tinian, CNMI** – The Governor of the CNMI and most CNMI residents believe that Tinian (population: about 3500) would be better than Saipan (population: about 50,000) as a divert field for the U.S. Air Force. Consequently, Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan



(Dem.-CNMI) has included language in the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2015 to allow the \$29,000,000 which the Congress has provided for the divert field to be used anywhere in the CNMI. Last week, however, a final version of the bill, worked out by House and Senate negotiators, passed the House without this language. The negotiators concluded that it was premature to make this change as the Air Force was still carrying out an environmental impact study (EIS). Nevertheless, language in the joint explanatory statement accompanying the bill welcomes a legislative proposal from the Air Force to modify the scope or location for the project should the EIS Record of Decision, expected in 2015, decide that Tinian is the preferred location.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Climate Change Coordinator** – OIA hopes to have a job position announced by January 2015.

**Policy Director** – OIA hopes to have a job position announced by January 2015.

**2015 Summer Internships** – OIA hopes to have job position for three internships announced by January 15.



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## News Release: Midwest Region Director Named

1 message

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Bcc: blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov

Wed, Dec 17, 2014 at 1:26 PM



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1 message

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Wed, Dec 17, 2014 at 2:08 PM

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1 message

**Sholly, Cam** <cam\_sholly@nps.gov>

Wed, Dec 17, 2014 at 3:47 PM

To: "Androff, Blake" <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

Blake - thanks for the message. I'm really looking forward to this next assignment. Let's catch up soon and come visit in Omaha --

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## Week ahead + items of note

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Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 3:26 PM

On Saturday, January 17, the Secretary will participate in a day of service at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in honor of MLK Day. Joining the National Park Service, IMPACT, and the Boeing Corporation, the Secretary and approximately two hundred volunteers from around the region will help mulch, clean trash, re-paint, and clean up the memorial and its surroundings. We plan to invite a photographer from the Washington Post and alert local TV desks who may be interested in covering the event.

On January 21, Secretary Jewell will participate in a press conference in Washington, D.C. with the City Parks Alliance to discuss the positive economic impacts of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) on urban parks and their communities. Joining Secretary Jewell will be a number of bipartisan mayors who are part of the Mayors for Parks coalition, including Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker. CEQ's Mike Boots has also been invited to participate.

On January 21, Secretary Jewell will participate in the White House's Big Block of Cheese Day by holding a Twitter Q&A on climate, conservation and energy. We plan to amplify on our social media channels.

On January 22, Secretary Jewell may travel to Atlanta to officially launch the Every Kid initiative. Secretary Jewell, NPS Director Jarvis, and CEQ's Mike Boots (invited), will tentatively hold a press conference at Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area with local 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers.

On Saturday, January 23, Secretary Jewell may join a congressional delegation visiting the Hopi reservation in Arizona over the weekend. No press is currently invited.

On January 23, Secretary Jewell, Senators Heinrich and Udall (invited), and a TBD DoD representative may hold an event in Albuquerque, NM to approve the SunZia Southwest Transmission Line, which includes two proposed 500 kilovolt transmission lines and associated infrastructure located between central New Mexico and central Arizona. The ROD will include approval to bury several segments of the line within an area just north of the White Sands Missile Range to address concerns raised by the Department of Defense regarding potential impacts to DoD testing facilities. This is one of the priority projects of the Obama Administration's Rapid Response Team for Transmission, which aims to improve the overall quality and timeliness of electric transmission infrastructure permitting. The project has the potential to add 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of electric capacity to the desert southwest region of the United States, increasing energy security for the Nation by providing access to currently stranded renewable energy resources in eastern New Mexico.

On Sunday, January 24, Secretary Jewell may spend a day with the Bureau of Land Management in Carlsbad, NM in the Permian Basin, one of the oldest and most productive oil fields in the nation. Secretary Jewell would learn about potentially wasteful venting, flaring, and leaks of natural gas (e.g.,



methane), from oil and gas wells. This entirety of the visit would be open press and will be an opportunity to continue to amplify the Administration's methane announcement on January 14 regarding efforts specific to the oil and gas industry.

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# **WEEKLY REPORT**

**January 12-16, 2015**

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

January 14 – January 24, 2015

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

#### *Legislative Testimony:*

None.

#### *Meetings:*

On January 15, Christy will have a courtesy meeting with committee staff for Senator Murkowski and Senator Portman to discuss the new session of Congress and the NPS Centennial.

On January 15, Christy will meet with Representative Dave Reichert (D-WA-8), Co-Chair of the National Parks Caucus, to discuss the new session of Congress and the Centennial

#### *Travel:*

On January 16, Peggy will be in St. Louis for a meeting on the City Arch River project.

On January 22, Jon will travel to Atlanta, Georgia, to highlight the *Every Kid in a Park* initiative.

### Public Announcements

#### January 14

Nothing to report.

#### January 15

On January 15, the Tournament of Roses Association will announce the theme for the January 1, 2016, Rose Parade, which will celebrate the NPS Centennial.

#### January 16

Nothing to report.

#### January 17

Nothing to report.

#### January 18

Nothing to report.

#### January 19

Beginning January 19, Clara Barton National Historic Site (Maryland) will be closed to the public up to two years to allow for a large and critical rehabilitation. The rehabilitation project will help to preserve the

historic house and its museum collections by replacing the failing metal roof and improving the fire detection and suppression system. The park conducted stakeholder and Congressional outreach prior to announcing the closure.

January 20

Nothing to report.

January 21

Nothing to report.

January 22

Nothing to report.

January 23

Nothing to report.

January 24

Nothing to report.

TBD

On January 29, DOI is planning to submit *Key Works of Modern Architecture by Frank Lloyd Wright*, a nomination of 10 separate buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, to the World Heritage Committee on behalf of the U.S Government. The nomination, with properties in Arizona, California, Illinois, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, was reviewed and recommended for submission by the Federal Interagency Panel for World Heritage. If approved by DOI, the nomination will be forwarded to the State Department for onward transmittal to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre no later than January 30 for a decision by the World Heritage Committee on whether or not to inscribe the sites on the World Heritage List in 2016.

**Major Press Inquiries**

A local PBS station is in the preliminary planning stages of filming a documentary about Everglades National Park (FL). Requested filming dates are between January 13-15, or the following week. Details are still being worked out.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Point Reyes National Seashore (CA) – Removal of Commercial Oyster Production Facility at Drakes Estero.** During the week of January 5, contractors initiated removal of all onshore commercial oyster production structures and facilities (*i.e.*, dock, oyster processing and retail facility, sheds, workshop, and setting tanks) associated with the former Drakes Bay Oyster Company (DBOC) at Drakes Estero. The work to remove these structures will take approximately two weeks. Separately, the NPS has contracted with Overland Pacific & Cutler, Inc., to provide all services associated with extending relocation benefits to eligible residents at the DBOC site. Removal of residential structures will not occur until claims for relocation assistance have been

resolved. These removal activities follow the December 31 closure of DBOC, consistent with the Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree approved by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California on October 8. The removal activities are the beginning of the planned removal of all infrastructure from the onshore and offshore areas of Drakes Estero.

**Ozark National Scenic Riverways, (MO) Final GMP** - The Final GMP for Ozark National Scenic Riverways was released on December 12, 2014. This planning process has been controversial since it began in 2005. The original 60-day comment period for the Draft was extended to 90 days to accommodate requests from elected officials. The Draft GMP was modified after careful and extensive consideration of public comments. The response to the Final GMP was initially fairly positive. In the past week, there have been requests for an extension to the 30-day "no action" period, including from some members of the Congressional delegation. The regional staff told the delegation that they will coordinate with them closely on the next planning processes that tier off the GMP, starting with the roads and trails plan.

**Homestead National Monument of America (NE) - America the Beautiful Quarters.** The 26th quarter in the America the Beautiful quarters series will feature Homestead National Monument of America. The Homestead quarter will be released on February 10, 2015, during a formal lunch ceremony. A quarter party and coin exchange will follow at the monument's Education Center. Interest in the quarter is high in Nebraska.

**Big Cypress National Preserve and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge (FL) – Updates to Fire Management Plans.** The managers of Big Cypress National Preserve (BICY) and the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge (FPNWR) are joining together to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed updates to their Fire Management Plans (FMPs). Considering the proximity of each management area and the similarity of resources and issues, the agencies feel that completing a joint EA will be more efficient and cost effective. This EA will facilitate proposed updates and changes in fire management strategies, fire terminology, management of threatened and endangered species, and fuel loading that has occurred since the previous FMPs were approved. This EA process will be employed to gather public input and suggestions for the interagency EA and the FMPs to follow. A public meeting associated with this EA is being scheduled for January 21 in Everglades City, Florida.

**Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park (MA, RI) – Stakeholder’s Meeting.** On January 26, Senator Reed will speak to stakeholders of Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park to explore next steps in “standing-up” the newly-designated park. Other Members of the Congress, community leaders, and partners are expected to be in attendance. Media interest is expected.

**Rock Creek Park/Civil War Defenses of Washington (DC) – Release of Environmental Assessment.** The Fort Totten – North Michigan Park Pedestrian Access Improvement Project Environmental Assessment is open for public comment through February 19. The Environmental Assessment examines three action alternatives for improving pedestrian access from the North Michigan Park neighborhood to the Fort Totten Metrorail and bus facility. The preferred alternative involves the proposed construction of a multi-use trail with an alignment that provides clear sight lines for public safety. The preferred alternative also addresses damages to park resources by proposing to close and re-vegetate unofficial trails in the project area, which has a history of robberies and assaults.

**Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve (AK) and Denali National Park and Preserve (AK) – Proposed Natural Gas Pipelines.** Two natural gas pipelines are currently proposed in Alaska from the North Slope to Cook Inlet (both more than 700 miles long): the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) and the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Pipeline (LNG). The proposed routes for both pipelines are located near Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and Denali National Park and Preserve. One route alternative for ASAP runs through Denali National Park and Preserve. The Army Corps of Engineers is the lead federal agency for a supplemental EIS on the ASAP project for which the NPS is a cooperating agency. The FERC process is initiated for the Alaska LNG evaluation; an EIS is likely to commence in 2016. If a pipeline route is selected

that passes through Denali National Park and Preserve, the NPS will process the right of way permit application as required by Title XI of ANILCA, the Denali Parks Improvement Act, and other applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

**Denali National Park and Preserve (AK) – Prospectus for Mountaineering Guide Services.** The NPS has issued a prospectus soliciting proposals for up to six concession contracts for mountaineering guide services in Denali National Park and Preserve. Proposals are due February 12 and contracts will begin in 2016.

**Yellowstone National Park (ID, MT, WY) – Bison Capture Operations.** The park will begin implementing bison capture operations, pursuant to the Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP), as early as the week of January 5. The IBMP partner agencies developed a 2014/15 operations plan that targets removal of at least 900 bison this winter through public and treaty hunting outside the park in Montana (~350), and the capture/transport of bison to meat processing facilities (~500-600). The late fall bison population count was approximately 4,900 animals. The capture and shipment of bison to processing facilities is extremely controversial and generates negative publicity. The NPS has signed agreements with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, InterTribal Buffalo Council, and the Nez Perce Tribe to provide them with surplus Yellowstone bison for direct transfer to approved processing facilities and subsequent distribution to Native Americans to support their culture and nutrition. The Governor of Montana has been notified of the intent to ship bison into or through Montana, and has not objected.

**Gateway National Recreation Area (NY, NJ) – Staten Island South Shore Report and EIS.** The US Army Corps of Engineers' Staten Island South Shore report and EIS, which designs for protection of the adjacent coastal communities that experienced heavy impacts from Hurricane Sandy, is expected to be released for public comment no later than the end of January. Proposed actions include constructing a buried seawall across NPS property that would eliminate a significant natural dune system and have a major adverse impact on adjacent cultural resources. Other potential impacts to NPS land include accelerated erosion at already vulnerable points. Discussions between the NPS and Corps on how to minimize and/or mitigate impacts are underway. Media coverage is likely to be local, though intense. Members of the congressional delegation whose districts cover Staten Island are likely to be watching closely and may comment.

**Gateway National Recreation Area (NY, NJ) – Requests for Proposals for Leasing of Historic Army Buildings.** The park has released three Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for leasing historic Army buildings within the Fort Hancock and Sandy Hook Proving Ground National Historic Landmark, which encompasses all of Gateway's Sandy Hook Unit. The park will accept lease applications through April 17. In this pilot phase of Fort Hancock's renewal, Gateway will lease up to six buildings: two as bed-and-breakfasts, two as residences or residence/offices, and two for not-for-profit/education organizations. The deliberate pace of rehabilitation will help the NPS lay a secure foundation for a community that will include over three dozen historic structures in the heart of Fort Hancock.

**Rocky Mountain National Park (CO) – Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for East Shore Trail Environmental Assessment (EA).** The FONSI for the East Shore Trail EA selects the alternative that will allow for bicycle use on an existing hiking and equestrian trail and is expected to be released by February 1. Rulemaking will be required before bicycle use will be permitted on a ¼ mile section of the trail that must be rerouted to safely accommodate bicycles.

**National Capital Parks – East (DC) – Anacostia Park Wetlands and Resident Canada Goose Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement.** A Record of Decision for the Anacostia Park Wetlands and Resident Canada Geese Management Plan/FEIS is expected to be released in January. The FEIS/ROD calls for the implementation of Alternative B, which combines an intensive wetlands management approach with an intensive level of goose management, including lethal control. A Notice of Availability for the FEIS was published in the Federal Register on December 3. The park initiated an EA in 2007 but as a result

of public scoping the park ultimately determined that an EIS was required. A draft EIS was released for public comment in 2011. Communications planning documents are under development to support this project.

**NPS Alaska Region – Public Comment Re-opening.** The NPS will re-open the public comment period on proposed regulations which focus on sport hunting in national preserves. Several organizations and Senator Murkowski requested an extended comment period. To date, more than 120,000 people have weighed in on the proposals. The level of feedback has ranged from a signature on a petition to substantial input from the State of Alaska and several Alaska organizations and tribes. The new comment period will be 30 days, and is expected to begin soon. The original comment period was 90 days, ending on December 3. The original comment period also included 17 public hearings. The public comment period will also be planned to be consistent with the updates to Superintendent’s Compendia.

**North Cascades National Park (WA) – Grizzly Restoration.** A Notice of Intent to initiate public scoping for the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected to publish in the Federal Register in January. Public meetings will be held in mid to late January in northern Washington. The NPS and USFS are joint lead agencies.

**New Location Fee Schedules for Commercial Filming and Still Photography.** The location fee schedules for commercial filming and still photography permits have been approved by the NPS, BLM, USFWS, and USFS. Publication of a Federal Register notice is anticipated soon following review by the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks and the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management. The location fee schedules will be effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

**Valley Forge National Historical Park (PA) – White-tailed Deer Management Plan.** Through March 2015, the NPS will conduct the fifth season of lethal reduction of the park’s white-tailed deer herd. The action addresses the over browsing of vegetation by an abundant deer population which prevents native forests from regenerating and reduces habitat for native wildlife species. The Record of Decision for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement was completed in 2009 and withstood subsequent legal challenge. After the first four winters of the lethal reduction phase of the plan, the estimated deer density in spring 2014 was 49 deer per square mile (260 deer). Although still above the plan’s target level of 31-35 deer per square mile, this represents a significant reduction from the estimated 241 deer per square mile (1,277 deer) present in 2009. 1,433 deer have been removed and 44,369 pounds (over 22 tons) of venison have been donated to regional food banks to date.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Notice of Availability for Off-road Vehicle Management Plan.** A Notice of Availability is expected to be published soon in the Federal Register of the Glen Canyon Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/FEIS) which analyzes a range of alternatives and actions for managing off-road use of motor vehicles and on-road use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and street-legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). The Plan/FEIS assesses the environmental impacts that could result from continuing current management (the no-action alternative) or implementing any of the four action alternatives. The recommended action in the final plan would allow OHV/ATV use on seven miles of road presently closed to OHV/ATV use. These seven miles would complete a loop on an existing roads network on NPS and BLM lands. Local and national interest in the Plan/FEIS is expected.

**Yellowstone National Park (IT, MT, WY) – Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Management Plan for Yellowstone-area Bison.** A Notice of Intent is expected to be published soon in the Federal Register announcing that the NPS and the State of Montana (State) are serving as joint-lead agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act in the preparation of an EIS for a Management Plan for Yellowstone-area bison. Bison are currently managed under the 2000 Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP) and subsequent adaptive management adjustments ([www.ibmp.info](http://www.ibmp.info)). Because of new information and changed conditions since the 2000 IBMP, a new plan is being prepared. The purpose of the plan/EIS is to

conserve a wild and migratory population of Yellowstone-area bison, while minimizing the risk of brucellosis transmission between these wild bison and livestock. The NPS and the State have developed a range of preliminary alternative concepts that includes a no-action alternative and five action alternatives. The preliminary alternatives primarily differ in terms of bison abundance, bison tolerance outside of the park and the tools that could be used to manage brucellosis transmission risk from bison to cattle. Public scoping meetings are being planned within the 90-day public comment period. Substantial local and potentially national media coverage is anticipated.

**National Partnership Office (WASO) – NPSAB Philanthropy and Partnerships Committee Report being finalized.** On December 5, 2015 the National Park System Advisory Board (NPSAB) approved the final draft report of the Philanthropy and Partnerships Committee (Committee). The final report will be available by the end of January 2015. The report encourages the NPS to align with best practices in the philanthropic sector. The Committee's report provides guidance that will assist the NPS in articulating a strategic vision for philanthropy and partnering, to develop new partnering practices, and to support the NPF and others to further their work to engage new audiences and develop new corporate alliances. The report will be used as a key document to update Director's Order #21: Donations and Fundraising (DO-#21) which was last updated in 2008. The revised DO-#21 will provide policy guidance enabling the NPS to align itself with the best practices relative to public private partnerships. The revised DO-#21 is expected to be completed in April 2015.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

A Draft Fire Island National Seashore (NY) General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement will be available for a 60 day public review period in late February. No major controversies are anticipated.

The NPS is preparing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Bryce Canyon National Park (UT) Multi-use Visitor Path/Environmental Assessment. The primary purpose of the project is to address the safety of visitors who choose to use nonmotorized transportation to experience Bryce Canyon. Visitor safety will be improved by separating motor vehicles from bicyclists, pedestrians, and other nonmotorized user groups. The project has had significant support from a large number of partners including Utah Department of Transportation, Federal Highways, US Forest Service, and Garfield County, UT. When completed, the multi-use path will connect Red Canyon to Bryce Canyon. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2015 and conclude by late fall 2015. Federal Highways is managing all contracts associated with construction, and the opening of the trail is anticipated for spring 2016. This will be one of the park's Centennial projects.

Denali National Park and Preserve (AK) expects to issue a prospectus for a concession contract to provide public transportation along the park road and certain facilities in the front country of the park. Doyon/Aramark Joint Venture holds the existing contract, which, upon extension, will run through 2015.

In January, the NPS expects to send to ORIA proposed regulations to modernize oversight of nonfederal oil and gas development in the National Park System. The proposed rule updates 35-year old NPS regulations and would bring currently exempt oil and gas operations in parks up to NPS resource protection standards, make an operator's financial assurance equal to the cost of reclaiming an operation, add needed compliance tools, and add a provision for the NPS to receive compensation for the use of federal lands outside of an operator's nonfederal mineral right.

In February, the NPS intends to publish a proposed gathering rule, which would provide the authority for permitting the gathering of plant resources within units of the National Park System by members of federally recognized Indian tribes, as defined in the rule. The proposed rule would apply to Indian tribes with traditional associations to specific park units. It would be implemented through agreements between the NPS and Indian tribes and subject to annual permits. Appropriate levels of NEPA and NHPA review and compliance would be required. Collection for commercial uses would be prohibited. This rule change would provide reasonable, resource protection based use of park resources while assisting in support of the continued lifeways of



American Indian tribes. National tribal consultations indicate that the approach in the proposed rule would be constructive and respectful of tribal sovereignty while continuing to respect the NPS mission to protect and conserve park resources.

## **FWS SECRETARIAL WEEK-AHEAD REPORT**

**Jan. 14, 2015**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings and other Public Events**

Jan. 15- 26: FWS is hosting meetings to discuss the proposed revisions to the Native American Policy (NAP). The meetings are scheduled for Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin (Jan 15); Albuquerque, New Mexico (Jan 20); Phoenix, Arizona (Jan 22); Norman, Oklahoma (Jan 26); and Arlington, Virginia (Feb. 9). R2 & R3

Jan. 16: FWS will meet with Undersecretary Perez (the Fisheries Chief) from the Philippines to discuss Chambered Nautilus conservation issues. HQ

Jan. 20: A public meeting will take place on the Santa Rosa Plain Draft Recovery Plan, which outlines recovery measures for the endangered Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment of the California tiger salamander and three endangered plants: Sonoma sunshine, Burke's goldfields, and Sebastopol meadowfoam. FWS released the Draft Recovery Plan for the Santa Rosa Plain to the public on Dec. 11. The deadline for comments is Feb. 9. R8

Jan. 21-23: The Federal Subsistence Board is holding a public meeting to consider and take action on proposed changes to federal subsistence fish and shellfish regulations. The Board will also take action to adopt a new process for making rural determinations, as recommended to and approved by the secretaries of Interior and Agriculture. R7

Jan. 24: Top officials of Phi Beta Sigma, an African-American fraternity founded more than 100 years ago, will be touring Wapanocca NWR, Tennessee. This will be the first time officials of the fraternity's Sigma Beta program for young men, ages 8-18, officially visit a national wildlife refuge as FWS works to solidify the fraternity's local involvement as part of the Service's Memorandum of Understanding with this important constituency.

### **Public Announcements**

#### Thursday, Jan. 15

FWS will announce a proposed 4(d) rule for the northern long-eared bat, with a public comment period. With publication of this rule, FWS also reopens the comment period on its proposal to list the species as endangered. Although proposed to be listed as endangered, FWS is considering whether a threatened listing may be appropriate and, if so, would attempt to finalize a 4(d) rule concurrent with a final listing determination. The proposed 4(d) rule would exempt take of the species resulting from specific forest management activities and other categories of activities from the take prohibitions of the Act. In conjunction with the announcement, FWS will conduct information briefings for states, tribes, industry, NGOs and members of Congress in the 38-state range the bat on Jan. 14, (states, tribes and members of Congress) and Jan. 15 (industry and NGOs). Outreach planned. R3

The Strategic Growth Policy for the National Wildlife Refuge System and response to public comments will publish in the *Federal Register*. This policy instructs FWS to focus on acquiring interests in lands and waters that support the following three priorities: recovery of threatened and endangered species, implementation of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, and conservation of migratory birds of conservation concern. While the policy has already been available online for some months, FWS will conduct limited outreach to ensure the *Federal Register* notice is publicized appropriately. HQ

#### Friday, Jan. 16

FWS will send a rule to the *Federal Register* adding five species of sawfish – narrow, dwarf, largetooth, green, and the non-U.S. distinct population segment of smalltooth – to the List of Endangered and Threatened

Wildlife. These additions are based on previously published proposed and final listing determinations by the National Marine Fisheries Service, which has jurisdiction over these species. HQ

The final rules revising the regulations for the nonessential experimental 10(j) population of the Mexican wolf and listing the Mexican wolf as an endangered subspecies will publish in the *Federal Register*. Outreach was conducted earlier in the week when the rule was submitted. R2

A briefing with DOI Solicitors and NOAA General Counsel is scheduled on the proposed DOI conveyance of submerged lands (0-3 nautical miles) around three islands within the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). FWS and NOAA continue coordination with CNMI representatives and per Proclamation 9077. A Memorandum of Agreement and Patent have been drafted, along with a NEPA compliance document. R1

Monday, Jan. 19

Nothing to report – FEDERAL HOLIDAY

Tuesday, Jan. 20

A Notice of Intent to formally initiate public scoping for the North Cascades Ecosystem (NCE) Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected to publish in the *Federal Register* near this date. Public meetings will be held in February in northern Washington. The National Park Service and FWS are joint lead agencies. R1

Wednesday, Jan. 21

A joint NOAA Fisheries-FWS rule will be sent to the *Federal Register* proposing to list 11 DPSs of green sea turtle; eight as threatened and three as endangered. This proposed rule also constitutes the 12-month finding on a petition to reclassify the Hawaiian population of green sea turtles as a DPS and delist the DPS.

Thursday Jan. 22

Nothing to report

Friday, Jan. 23

Nothing to report

TBD

The Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking has been cleared by the inter-agency Task Force and is currently under review by the White House. The final draft plan has also been shared with the Advisory Council for review. We anticipate that the plan will be finalized and released later this month. HQ

FWS anticipates finalizing the approval of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Programmatic Conservation Bank (PCBA) in Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado in January. This is the first PCBA to be approved by FWS, the goal of which is to streamline the process for lands to be approved as conservation banks and therefore provide for the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat. The PCBA benefits the landowner by generating income, keeping large parcels of land intact for future generations, and may reduce their taxes. No *Federal Register* publication is required for this action. Outreach planned. R2

A proposed Safe Harbor Agreement with Garrapata State Park is planned to go out for a 30 day public comment period toward the end of January. The 2,900-acre Garrapata State Park provides approximately 1,450 acres of suitable habitat for the federally endangered Smith's blue butterfly and approximately 107 acres of suitable habitat for the federally threatened California red-legged frog. Working collaboratively with the park district, Service biologists are developing a proposed 15-year agreement that identifies management activities on park lands to support recovery efforts for both species. This agreement expands upon existing conservation efforts on

adjacent lands at neighboring Palo Corona Regional Park, which signed a Safe Harbor Agreement with FWS in 2011, and provides an existing 204 acres of suitable Smith's blue butterfly habitat and 55 acres of suitable California red-legged frog habitat. R8

Towards the end of January/beginning of February, at a national press event, FWS intends to announce the signing of an MOU with the National Wildlife Federation regarding conservation of monarch butterflies. At this time, FWS will also announce key FWS conservation activities and investments that will be located along the I-35 corridor. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation may also participate in the event to announce key funding initiatives for monarch conservation. HQ

### **Major Press Inquiries**

FWS continues to receive international media inquiries regarding two applications for import permits for black rhino hunting trophies from Namibia. No details are currently available as to when this request will be processed, but it is expected within the next two to three weeks. HQ

Media interest continues in FWS's potential response to the court decisions for Wyoming and the Western Great Lakes gray wolf populations. An opinion piece by Center for Biological Diversity published in the Minneapolis Star Tribune. The Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association recently wrote a letter to Secretary Jewell urging file an appeal to the court ruling. R3HQ

Associated Press (Medford, OR), Medford Mail Tribune (Medford, OR), Oregonian (Portland, OR), Bend Bulletin (Bend, OR) and KTVL CBS (Medford, OR) interviewed John Stephenson, wolf biologist in FWS Bend Field Office, on the naming of gray wolf OR-7's new pack, designated the Rogue Pack. Printed, posted and aired Jan. 7-8. R1

There was significant media interest this week regarding a suspicious death of Whooping Crane. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issued a news release on Jan. 6 seeking information to assist in the joint investigation. R2

Texas Tribune reporter Colin McDonald is doing a story about his trek along the Rio Grande and stopping at points of interest along the route, including Santa Ana NWR. He will be at the refuge to discuss wildlife use, pollinators and riparian management. R2

The Progressive Farmer interviewed Mexican Wolf Recover Program staff regarding programs addressing wolf-livestock interactions and livestock producers' acceptance of and resistance to wolf recovery. Much of the focus was on the Mexican Wolf-Livestock Coexistence Council, and the Coexistence Plan and pay-for-presence program. Publication expected in February issue of The Progressive Farmer Magazine. R2

Articles continue to appear in local and national media about a collared northern Rocky Mountain wolf that was mistakenly killed by a hunter in Beaver County, Utah, on Dec. 28. Media and environmental groups speculated that the animal was a wolf that has repeatedly been observed and photographed on Kaibab National Forest, just north of Grand Canyon National Park. This incident remains under investigation. R2

The Sacramento Bee asked for comments on the FWS proposal to list the West Coast population of fisher as a threatened species. The reporter wanted to know what other species may be impacted by rodenticide use and illegal pot farms. Response was that FWS is concerned about impacts on forests, streams and has funded studies to determine potential impacts to Northern Spotted Owls. R8

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

On Jan. 5, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources announced to the public that a water sample from southeastern Minnesota pools of the Mississippi River tested positive for bighead eDNA. The positive sample was one out of 500 collected in August and analyzed in December by FWS. R3

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has served a notice of intent to sue with Interior Department officials regarding the FWS recovery plan for endangered Mexican wolves. On Wednesday, Jan. 7, Congressman Paul A. Gosar (R-AZ-04) released a statement supporting the State agency's position. R2

A coalition of conservation groups (including the Defenders of Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity [CBD]) will file a notice of intent to sue FWS on the 10(j) rule for Mexican wolves in the coming weeks. Defenders of Wildlife and CBD also recently filed a lawsuit (November, 2014) that would require the Service to complete a Mexican wolf recovery plan within one year. R2

FWS is finalizing an agreement with the Sweetwater Conservancy to create a large-scale habitat conservation bank on approximate 50,576 deeded acres of prime habitat for the greater sage-grouse within the Pathfinder Ranch in central Wyoming. Pathfinder Ranch is a working cattle ranch with associated grazing leases and permits on approximately 181,000 acres of state and federal land. Most of the Sweetwater River Conservancy Conservation Bank (SRCCB) is classified as core sage-grouse habitat by the State of Wyoming. In addition to sage-grouse, the Conservancy will manage the property to preserve and enhance for other wildlife habitat and to promote improved water quality and quantity within the SRCCB. Outreach planned but no firm date. R6

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

A Memorandum of Understanding with Zeta Phi Beta, a historically African-American sorority, is expected to be signed in late January 2015. This would create a partnership to reach an audience that has not traditionally visited national wildlife refuges. HQ

FWS will issue a draft biological opinion on the EPA's proposal to approve Idaho water quality standards for 11 inorganic metals and 11 organic toxic chemicals. The draft is expected to determine the proposed action is likely to jeopardize listed species and to adversely modify critical habitat. It is expected to be issued to the EPA about Feb. 1 for their review and comment. A final biological opinion is expected to be issued about Mar. 31 in accordance with a proposed settlement agreement on litigation initiated by NW Environmental Advocates. Potential for controversy. No outreach planned. R1

The Phoenix Zoo has received two California condors for eventual public display and interpretation. An announcement of the addition and dedication ceremony is planned for Feb. 11. The Phoenix Zoo continues to be a significant partner in endangered species research, recovery and public education efforts. Coordinated outreach planned. R2

FWS will finalize the designation of critical habitat in Arizona for the acuña cactus and Fickeisen plains cactus. The final rule designates approximately 18,535 acres in Maricopa, Pima and Pinal Counties for the acuña cactus and 17,456 acres in Coconino and Mohave Counties for the Fickeisen plains cactus. Anticipated *Federal Register* publication is Feb. 13. Outreach planned. R2

In mid-February, FWS will hold an event to announce the final delisting of the Oregon chub, the first fish delisted under the ESA due to recovery. State and congressional officials are expected to attend. Not controversial. Outreach planned. R1

In mid-February, FWS will hold an event announcing two greater sage-grouse Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAAs) that will cover all non-federal sage grouse land in Oregon. The final Multi-County CCAA covers more 2 million acres in seven counties. The draft Oregon Division of State Lands

CCAA will cover 630,000 acres. This is an important, positive announcement because it highlights the partnership of the Service with ranchers, the state and elected officials. Not controversial. Outreach planned. R1

The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council will meet Feb. 24 and 25 in Florida. The tentative agenda includes a wide range of topics associated with Department of Interior programs, including updates on the National Park Service's access plans for Key Biscayne, Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR), federal agency budget updates, and a report on their review of FWS' National Outreach and Communication Program/Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. HQ

FWS is nearing completion of a proposed rule to amend the ESA special rule for the African elephant. The proposed rule, if enacted, would further restrict the import, export and domestic sale of ivory. The most significant change would be a prohibition on interstate commerce in African elephant ivory with certain exceptions for items that qualify as antiques or that contain de minimis quantities of ivory. Once the proposed rule is signed, it will be subject to OMB review before publication; OMB has up to 90 days to complete their review. FWS expects to deliver the proposed rule to OMB within the next two weeks. HQ

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 requires that the FWS Director provide an annual report to Congress about strategies, expenditures, and progress made in addressing the threat of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi River and Ohio River basins. The report was approved by the FWS Director's office on Jan. 7 and was assigned to the Assistant Secretary for Fish Wildlife and Parks. R3

In early 2015, Kenai NWR will propose to amend its public use regulations through publication of a draft rule that would: clarify existing regulations; implement management decisions from the refuge's June 2010 Revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan; establish regulations for managing wildlife attractants, including food, refuse and retained fish to decrease the potential for negative human-bear interactions; and revise regulations for hunting and trapping, including those governing these activities within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area. R7

Early in 2015, Alaska Maritime NWR will release for public review and comment a draft environmental impact statements and compatibility determinations on the issue of unauthorized cattle grazing on two refuge islands (Chirikof and Wosnesenski). The issue is contentious and will likely generate local interest. R7

FWS Southwest Region will announce public meetings on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (dEIS) and the Southern Edwards Plateau draft Habitat Conservation Plan (dHCP). FWS published the dHCP, dEIS and incidental take permit request on Dec. 19, 2014. The applicants and FWS will conduct public meetings in early February in Helotes and Kerrville, Texas. Outreach announcing the public meetings planned at least two weeks before the public meetings. R2

The annual aerial and ground survey of the Mexican wolf experimental population in Arizona and New Mexico will be conducted in late January and early February. The 2014 population results will be announced mid-February. An increase from 2013 count (83) is anticipated. Media interest in annual results is typically high. Outreach planned. R2

FWS will publish a notice of intent to prepare a NEPA document for a pending habitat conservation plan and incidental take permit application from OwnEnergy Inc. for the proposed construction and operation of the 47-turbine Copenhagen Wind Farm in Jefferson and Lewis counties, New York, within the next 30-60 days. The company seeks to minimize effects from the project to federally endangered Indiana bats and proposed endangered northern long-eared bats. Outreach planned. R5

FWS awarded a \$16.7 million contract to AMEC Environment and Infrastructure, Inc., to restore a 4,000-acre tidal salt marsh at Prime Hook NWR. The project, funded with Hurricane Sandy disaster relief funding, will begin in 2015 and is contingent on final environmental review, permitting and the completion of related work to

restore dunes and barrier beaches damaged during the storm. Outreach is planned to coincide with the release of the supplemental environmental impact statement, which is expected to be released in late January/early February 2015. R5

FWS and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection have identified three projects to preserve over 330 acres in western Massachusetts using funds acquired to restore natural resources injured from the Housatonic Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration process. The agencies previously provided \$5 million for restoration. The agencies will provide \$869,500 to the Berkshire Natural Resources Council to acquire 218 acres along Thomas and Palmer Brook in Great Barrington; \$90,000 to the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game (MADFG) to preserve 90 acres adjacent to the Hinsdale Flats Wildlife Management Area in Duquette; and \$187,500 also to MADFG to preserve 23.4 acres along the Green River in Rawlings. Outreach is planned. R5

Visitor centers open at Kenai NWR, Alaska (Feb. 13) and two at Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex in Nevada: Pahrangat NWR (Jan. 24) and Ash Meadows NWR (Feb. 21).

FWS is working on a final rule that addresses listing of five species of large constrictor snakes: reticulated python, DeSchauensee's anaconda, green anaconda, Beni anaconda and boa constrictor – as injurious under the Lacey Act. Announcement date TBD.

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The following endangered species actions are scheduled to be sent to the *Federal Register* in Jan. and Feb. (announcement dates TBD but most will coincide with the date each notice is placed on public inspection in the reading room):

- Adding five Species of Sawfish to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Jan. 16, HQ
- Eleven DPSs of green sea turtle (led by NOAA-NMFS), Jan. 21, R1
- Vandenberg Monkeyflower, final critical habitat, Jan. 30, R8
- White-haired goldenrod delisting, proposed delisting, Feb. 6, R4
- eastern cougar, proposed delisting, Feb. 6, R5
- Black-Footed Ferret Statewide 10(j) in Wyoming, Listing - 10(j) Experimental, Feb. 13, R6
- Black Pine Snake, proposed critical habitat, Feb. 13, R4
- 2 AZ Plants (Echinomastus erectocentrus var. acunensis, Pediocactus peeblesianus fickeiseniae), final critical habitat, Feb. 13, R2
- Florida Bristle Fern, proposed critical habitat, Feb. 16, R4
- Zuni Bluehead Sucker, notice of intent, Feb. 16, R2
- Oregon chub, Final delisting, Feb 18 (tentative), R1
- Reinstatement of Protections for the Gray Wolf in Wyoming and WGL, Feb. 20, HQ

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

January 18 - 24, 2015

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

Neil Kornze and Steve Ellis will travel to Denver, Col. for a Jan. 20-21 meeting on sage-grouse. Linda Lance will be in Washington, DC.

### Public Announcements

Friday, Jan. 16

BLM plans to announce the DEIS for the **Bull Mountain Master Development Plan in Colorado** to drill up to 146 natural gas wells and develop associated infrastructure. The proposal area covers 19,670 acres of federal and private subsurface mineral in Gunnison County, CO. The BLM analyzed this project through an EA that determined the need for an EIS due to potential impacts to air, water, socioeconomic sectors and wildlife. There is a 45-day comment period.

Monday, Jan. 19

*Federal Holiday*

Tuesday, Jan. 20

**The Final EA/Environmental Impact Report for the 485-MW Blythe Mesa Solar connected action project** is anticipated to be released. The draft EA was published in June 2014 with a 45-day comment period.

Public meetings continue in Nev. as part of **the Draft RMP/EIS for the Carson City District**. They are planned for Jan. 20 in Hawthorne, Jan. 22 in Minden, Jan. 24 in Carson City and Jan. 29 in Yerington. These follow meetings in Sparks Jan. 13 and Fallon Jan. 15. The 120-day public comment period closes March 27.

The EPA will host a public meeting in Riddle, OR, on a Formosa Proposed Plan that outlines **proposed cleanup actions at the Superfund Site** located on BLM (2 acres) and private (76 acres) land. The BLM, working with EPA, USGS and others, is initiating removal to address drainage. The site is an abandoned copper and zinc mine in steep mountainous terrain in the BLM's Roseburg District.

Three public scoping meetings will be held Jan. 20-22 on the EIS for the **Hycroft Mine Expansion Project – Phase 2** in Nev. A 30-day comment period will close Jan. 29. The project is not expected to be controversial.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

The BLM will hold an open house in, Arco, ID, on **the Moran Tunnel**, an Abandoned Mine Lands site. The BLM will discuss the recently released administrative record file and preferred cleanup alternatives and answer questions. The site is 8 miles north of the Craters of the Moon National Monument; mining ceased in 1946.

Thursday, Jan. 22

*Nothing to report.*

Friday, Jan. 23

*Nothing to report.*

Expected in January

**ROD for the Greater Mooses Tooth 1 (GMT1 - Alaska):** The Final SEIS for the oil and gas development project in the NPR-A was released to the public Nov. 7, 2014.



The BLM expects to announce the **Tres Rios Approved RMP/Final EIS** for public lands and mineral estate in southwestern Colorado. The public lands in the planning area contribute about \$94.6 million to the local economy each year supporting 3,061 jobs. The plan updates direction for oil and gas leasing and adopts the FS San Juan National Forest's oil and gas leasing decisions as outlined in the San Juan NF Land & Resource Mgmt. Plan ROD of 2013. *BLM Colo. will issue a press release and has a complete communications plan.*

The BLM anticipates signing the ROD approving the transmission ROW for the **Sun Zia Transmission Project**, a 460-mile double 500kV AC line from NM to AZ, crossing White Sands Missile Range/Buffalo Soldier Testing Range and close to Gran Quivira National Monument. The ROD incorporates mitigation measures proposed by the DOD.

BLM-CA anticipates announcing the **ROD for the Bakersfield (CA) RMP/EIS** in January. The plan provides direction for management of 400,000 acres of public lands and 1.2 million acres of mineral estate. The Salinas River ACEC was reinstated as a result of protests. Decisions related to the oil and gas program are expected to be controversial. *BLM Calif. will issue a press release.*

**Chokecherry/Sierra Madre Wind project draft EA #2 (Phase I of wind turbine placement)** is expected to be released for cooperating agency review in mid-January. The **final EA #1** Decision package for the project's road infrastructure, rail facility and rock quarry was signed Dec. 23 and will be announced soon in the New Year. *BLM Wyoming will provide draft communications materials for coordination with ASLM and DOI Comms.*

In mid-January, the BLM-UT Price Field Office will begin **scoping for the San Rafael Desert Travel Management and Transportation Plan EA**. Each route will receive a designation of "open," "closed," or "limited to designated routes." BLM-UT will host two informational open houses during the scoping period to allow the public to provide written input on route designation criteria and travel routes important to them. Scoping runs through Feb. 21.

In late January, the BLM-UT Monticello Field Office will sign a **decision record for the Indian Creek ATV Trail proposal**. The EA analyzed San Juan County's proposal for a 5-mile right-of-way intended to enhance recreation and ATV experiences in the Indian Creek Basin. The BLM worked with San Juan County, NPS, and several other interested publics to collaboratively draft a proposal for analysis.

In late Jan, the USFS will sign a ROD for the **Greens Hollow coal project**, a 6,334-acre underground tract adjacent to an existing SUFCO Mine near Salina, UT. The FS administers the surface, while the BLM administers the subsurface coal resources estimated at 73 million in-place-tons (approximately 56 million tons recoverable). The BLM will issue a lease sale announcement once the FS provides a consent to lease, in approximately 3 months.

A helicopter gather of approximately **160 Wild Horses in the Humboldt HA** will begin Jan. 26. about 30 miles south of Winnemucca, NV. The goal will be to safely remove all horses from the Humboldt HA while providing the public with opportunities for viewing. The project is expected to be controversial. *BLM-NV will issue news releases and social media stories.*

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Patrick Rucker of *Reuters* contacted the BLM regarding reclamation bonding, focusing on the financial status of coal companies and their ability to comply with "self-bonding" requirements. From preliminary discussions, it appears that OSM has the lead on response. Rucker wrote extensively about the BLM's coal program in 2014, which prompted Congressional interest.

Valerie Richardson, a reporter with the *Washington Times* contacted the BLM about the Las Vegas RMP and ACECs. She wanted to know the acres in each alternative and how alternative 2 is different from what is in the current RMP.

Freelance reporter Kathleen Sharp is working on a feature article about the Cerberus artifact collection curated by BLM-UT. Sharp, who has written for major publications such as the *New York Times Magazine*, is targeting *Smithsonian Magazine* for the story and plans to focus on curating the collection, conducting tribal outreach and the NAGPRA process for artifact repatriation. A positive tone is expected; publication date unknown.

*Outside.com (Outside Magazine)* contacted BLM-NV about Tule Springs National Monument. The BLM provided general information, including access, hours, and restrictions, when the area was under BLM management. In Dec., the area was designated a NM under the National Park Service. The reporter also spoke to the NPS on their management plans for the Monument.

*Via Magazine*, an AAA magazine focusing on Western States, contacted BLM-NV regarding Red Rock Canyon NCA.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

BLM-CA will assist the Department of the Navy with the **Centennial Wild Horse and Burro Gather** at the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station Jan. 16 - 20. Up to 250 animals will be transported to the BLM's Ridgecrest Wild Horse and Burro Facility. The gather will be within a DOD restricted area and closed to the public and media. This is expected to be controversial.

BLM-AK is discussing alternatives with stakeholders on **remediating the Red Devil Mine site**. Because the site is located in a core township with mandatory transfer, SOL has recommended a legislative land exchange with the Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC). BLM-AK presented that option to TKC in lieu of the offsite disposal solution and is awaiting a response.

**The FEIS for the Jordan Cove LNG/Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline Project** is scheduled for mid-March or early April. This is a proposed 232-mile long, 36-inch diameter natural gas pipeline from Malin to Coos Bay, OR and liquefaction facility (Jordan Cove LNG) for the export of up to 1 billion cfd of natural gas. The BLM and FS issued a joint NOA for the DEIS Dec. 18; the comment period closes Feb. 13. FERC held public meetings in 6 cities in Dec. 2014.

The BLM plans to issue new guidance soon on **Bald and Golden Eagle Take Permits**. The IM will update 2010 guidance to BLM staff on the processing of wind and solar right-of-way applications in a manner that is consistent with recent guidance issued by FWS relating to compliance with the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**BLM draft rule to update oil and gas venting and flaring.** The BLM has worked closely with the EPA and DOE on a draft rule to update policy that is more than 30 years old. Publication is expected by spring 2015 with significant press interest expected.

**Vegetation Treatments Programmatic EIS**— The BLM's Draft Vegetation PEIS is under final review. The BLM has initiated formal consultation with the NMFS; informal consultation is underway with the FWS. The anticipated public release date is February/March 2015.

The BLM anticipates publication of the **hydraulic fracturing final rule**, "Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands" in Feb. or March. The initial proposed rule, "Oil and Gas; Well Stimulation, Including Hydraulic Fracturing, on Federal and Indian Lands" published May 11, 2012 generated more than 177,000 comments. The BLM then published a supplemental proposed rule May 24, 2013, which generated

more than 1.3 million additional comments. *The BLM is coordinating with DOI on comm. materials; press interest will be high.*

**Jan. 27:** BLM-MT will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Jan. 28:** BLM-AK and Northern Light Media will host a Twitter “Women of the Iditarod” Tweet Chat from 9 – 11 a.m. Alaska time (1 – 3 p.m. Eastern Time). Mushers will answer questions submitted by schools in advance and from schools and the public during the chat as time allows.

**Jan. 31 - Feb. 6: Society for Rangeland Management Annual Meeting** – The BLM will participate in the “Managing Diversity” meeting in Sacramento, CA. Participants represent Federal, State, and local agencies, universities, and the ranching and conservation community. The BLM will offer training on the Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring Strategy.

**Feb. 3:** BLM-WY will offer 153 parcels totaling 157, 335 acres in an **oil and gas lease sale**.

**Feb. 9 – 13:** BLM Executive Leadership Team meeting, Phoenix, AZ

**Feb. 9:** First Solar and NextEra Energy will dedicate the completed **550-MW Desert Sunlight Solar PV project in Riverside County, CA**. It is the largest operating solar project on BLM public lands and is providing power generation to Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric. The BLM approved the project in August 2011. First Solar and NextEra Energy have requested that officials from BLM and DOI attend the dedication.

**Feb. 12:** BLM-CO will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Feb. 17:** BLM-UT will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Feb 23: DRECP** public comment period closes. Originally set to close Jan. 9, it was extended 45 days by public request.

**March 8 – 13: North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference will be held in Omaha, NE.**

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

**January 14 – January 24, 2015**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

January 12-15: West Coast Marine Planning Meeting and Ocean Summit in Portland, OR. Pacific Regional Director, Regional Supervisor for Office of Strategic Resources and Leasing Specialist will participate with other federal, state and tribal representatives. BOEM Ocean Science and other informational material will be distributed to attendees.

January 15: Fishermen's Advisory Council of Tillamook County, OR. At the request of the Council, a Pacific Leasing Specialist will be attending the council meeting to collect information and answer questions from the Council on the Pacific Regional Ocean Uses Atlas mapping project.

January 19-23: BOEM Regional Director and staff are attending the Alaska Marine Science Symposium in Anchorage, Alaska. The symposium is an opportunity for the scientific community to share studies from the over the last year. Federal agencies, the state, stakeholders, and congressional staff regularly attend.

January 22: Director Hopper is scheduled to meet with the American Wind Energy Association and its members to discuss a variety of issues, including the New Jersey offshore wind lease sale.

January 23: Director Hopper is meeting with Shell to discuss its business in the Gulf of Mexico.

February 9-12: BOEM is hosting public meetings in North Carolina to provide an overview and obtain public comments on the Environmental Assessment of North Carolina Wind Energy Area activities

February 12: BOEM leadership will speak at Conference on Mexican Energy Reforms in Houston. The conference is hosted by the Woodrow Wilson Center's Mexico Institute, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, the American Petroleum Institute, the Center for Offshore Safety, and the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law. Closed press event.

### **Public Announcements**

**January 22 (tentative):** BOEM press release on the publication of an Environmental Assessment for the North Carolina offshore wind area.

**January TBD:** DOI release of the 2017-2022 Draft Proposed Five Year Program.

**January TBD:** DOI release of proposed Arctic regulations.

**Late January:** Press Release announcing Final Notice of Sale for the Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 235, which will be held in March 2015.

**Late January:** Note to Stakeholders announcing Draft Supplemental EIS and public meetings for Gulf of Mexico Central Planning Area Sales 241/247 and Eastern Planning Area Sale 226.

**January 29:** Announcement of Massachusetts offshore wind lease sale and subsequent announcement of provisional winner(s).

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**RI and MA Public Radio:** Interview requests on Massachusetts wind energy lease sale.

**Al Jazeera:** Queries on fracking and coordinating with BSEE and DOI on response.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Draft Proposed Program (DPP):** The DPP for OCS oil and gas leasing in 2017-2022 is undergoing Departmental review. BOEM has also prepared a Notice of Intent for the Programmatic EIS for the Five Year Program, which will publish as the same day at the DPP notice. Publication is planned for January. BOEM is planning on holding scoping meetings for the EIS in February and March in the regions included in the DPP.

**2012-2017 Five Year Program, 2014 Annual Progress Report:** BOEM expects to release the 2014 Annual Progress Report on the current Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program in late January. It is currently with ASLM. It will be posted on BOEM's website.

**Central Planning Area Lease Sale:** By January 30, BOEM will publish a Final Notice of Sale for the March 2015 Central Planning Area Gulf Lease Sale. The sale will offer approximately 7,769 unleased blocks covering 41 million acres.

**Massachusetts Offshore Wind:** On January 29, BOEM will hold a lease sale for the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area, which includes more than 742,000 acres offshore. It is the largest competitive lease sale to date. Twelve companies have qualified to participate in the auction. The mock auction is scheduled for January 26.

**Chukchi Lease Sale 193:** On February 20, BOEM will publish the Final Supplemental EIS for Lease Sale 193. This will be followed by a 30 day waiting period before the Secretary can make a final decision whether or not to reaffirm Lease Sale 193.

**Arctic Rule:** BOEM, BSEE and DOI are working with OMB to address final issues with the proposed regulations with the hope of releasing the rule in January. The bureaus are also coordinating with DOI on press and outreach in advance of the release.

**Virginia Offshore Technology Advancement Project (VOWTAP):** In February, BOEM tentatively plans to execute one of the VOWTAP research leases. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) has submitted a research activities plan that describes the proposed construction, operation, maintenance, and eventual decommissioning of VOWTAP. BOEM is working with the Commonwealth, DoD, and SOL on resolving a couple of outstanding issues. DMME's project would consist of the installation and operation of two 6-megawatt wind turbine generators and cable to shore. The proposed project would be located 24 nautical miles off the coast of Virginia Beach adjacent to the Virginia commercial lease area, and would inform the future production of offshore wind energy. VOWTAP is among seven projects selected nationally by DOE for a \$4 million award supporting the project.

**Final Leasing Rule:** In February, BOEM will publish a final rule to update and streamline the existing OCS leasing regulations and clarify implementation of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead (Please note that this will NOT be included in the Secretary's report)**

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT**

### **January 14 – January 23, 2015**

#### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

January 20: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with Tim Butters, Acting Administrator of PHMSA. They plan to discuss possible areas for collaboration.

January 21: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with executives from Saltchuk, a consortium of several companies that provide ground and sea logistics support in several geographic locations, primarily Alaska. The meeting was requested by Saltchuk to identify areas of overlapping interests.

**Public Announcements: None**

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Proposed Rule for Arctic Operations:** This proposed rule, which addresses exploratory drilling operations in the Arctic, has undergone further review by OMB. BSEE has addressed the interagency comments and the document has been returned to OMB for final clearance. The proposed rule will be published in the *Federal Register* at a date to be determined. A public comment period will follow.

**Proposed Well Control Rule (AKA Blowout Preventer Rule):** A proposed rule for well control including the use of BOPs was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget on December 12, 2014. It incorporates industry standards, revises existing regulations, and also includes critical reforms in the areas of well design, well-control, casing, cementing, real-time well monitoring, and subsea containment. BSEE expects to receive interagency comments through OMB on January 14, 2015.

**BSEE Proposed Realignment Briefings:** BSEE is working with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget and congressional affairs to arrange times for briefing appropriations and authorizing committees of the House and Senate on a proposed realignment of bureau functions. The Office of Management and Budget will be briefed prior to discussions with the congressional committees. The briefings will be timed to complement the President's release of the FY16 budget, which will reflect the proposed realignment.

#### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

January 27: Director Salerno is tentatively scheduled to meet with the Air Force Assistant Secretary for Installations, Environment and Logistics. The Air Force requested the meeting to discuss issues of mutual interest in the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific.

February 12: Doug Morris, Chief of Offshore Regulatory Programs, is scheduled to speak at a forum on Mexican Energy Reform in Houston, TX. The agenda includes discussions on transboundary oil and gas development.

February: Director Salerno is planning to meet with personnel from the BSEE Gulf of Mexico Regional office and District offices in New Orleans, Houma, and Lafayette, LA. He plans to discuss the proposed realignment and other BSEE priorities for 2015.

February 20: Associate Director Anderson is scheduled to participate in a panel at the Oil and Gas Law Conference in Houston, TX. Former Director Mike Bromwich is moderating the panel.

Early March: Director Salerno is planning to meet with personnel from the Pacific Regional office and the Alaska Regional office. He plans to discuss the proposed realignment and other BSEE priorities for 2015. He may also visit a village on the North Slope during the trip.

March 10-12 or 17-19: BSEE is planning to convene the annual inspectors meeting in New Orleans, LA. The purpose of the meeting is to assemble all BSEE Inspectors for three days of policy discussions and training. Over 150 people are expected to attend including US Coast Guard personnel.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING  
RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT  
JANUARY 14 – 24, 2015**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

Nothing to report

**Public Announcements**

Final Rule to Limit Liability for Certified States and Tribes to Reclaim Non-Coal Mine Sites: Sometime in the next few weeks OSMRE will publish in the *Federal Register* a final rule that will allow eligible states and tribes to reclaim non-coal mine sites without incurring certain civil liabilities. Under a previous interpretation of the SMCRA, OSMRE determined that certified states and tribes could not use Abandoned Mine Land (AML) funding for non-coal projects and enjoy limited liability. To date, several states (LA, MT, TX and WY) and three tribes (Hopi, Crow and Navajo Nation) are certified. Some of these states and tribes, however, have non-coal abandoned mines that threaten human health, safety, or the environment. OSMRE plans to distribute a News Release to announce the Limited Liability Rule.

Wednesday, January 14

Nothing to report

Thursday, January 15

Nothing to report

Friday, January 16

Nothing to report

Saturday, January 17

Nothing to report

Sunday, January 18

Nothing to report

Monday, January 19

Nothing to report

Tuesday, January 20

Nothing to report

Wednesday, January 21

Nothing to report

Thursday, January 22

Nothing to report

Friday, January 23

Nothing to report

Saturday, January 24

Nothing to report

Major Press Inquiries



None to report

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

#### **OSMRE to Release Technical Paper on How to Measure for Compaction Standards at Coal Refuse Dams:**

On January 30, 2015, OSMRE plans to release a technical position paper on the proper techniques for measuring whether materials have been properly compacted during the construction of coal waste dams. The 50-page, highly-technical document has been peer reviewed with favorable comments from most commenters, although OSMRE and Mine Safety and Health Administration engineers are not fully aligned on the importance of certain testing techniques. We are proceeding with what we believe is the best way to fulfill our statutory obligation to protect the public and the environment. The document will be of little interest to the general public and is not considered controversial at this time. However, as OSMRE generates further reports on industry compliance while attempting to ensure that industry consultants are using proper testing techniques, the relevance of the technical publication will become more evident.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

#### **Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project EIS:**

OSMRE is processing Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (a business entity owned by the Navajo Nation) permit application for the Pinabete Mine permit area, located south of the existing Navajo Mine. The Pinabete Mine will supply coal to the Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP) for an additional 25 years. To assist OSMRE in its decision on the permit application, a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and a subsequent preliminary final EIS have been prepared by OSMRE. The EIS includes analysis of impacts related to lease extensions submitted by Arizona Public Service and the Public Service Company of New Mexico to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the FCPP and associated transmission lines. OSMRE provided a review copy of the preliminary final EIS (PFEIS) to the cooperating agencies, including the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, BIA, BLM, USFWS, NPS, and EPA, on November 10, 2014, and received review comments from all but three of these agencies by the requested response date of January 2, 2015. The review comments on the PFEIS from the Hopi Tribe, the BLM and the NPS are pending submittal to OSMRE. OSMRE plans to publish the final EIS in mid-March 2015. The draft EIS generated public controversy, as will the final EIS upon publication and as have every action taken in this area.

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

January 14-23, 2015

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

From **January 14-22**, USGS Acting Director, Suzette Kimball, will be in Reston, Va./Washington, D.C. On **January 23** Suzette will attend the dedication of an art installation commemorating USGS scientist Abby Sallenger in St. Petersburg, Fla.

### Public Announcements

Wednesday, January 14

**News Release–Walker Basin Hydro Mapper Released:** On **January 14**, USGS will announce an web-based Walker Basin Hydro Mapper designed to provide real-time visualization of streamflow, and waterbody stage and volume in the Nevada and California Walker River Basin. Developed in cooperation with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Bureau of Reclamation, the mapper will present water data in a user friendly and easily accessible format to stakeholders in the Walker River Basin. A local (CA and NV) news release is planned.

Thursday, January 15

**USGS to be featured in White House Blog Post on Citizen Science:** Sometime **this week**, the White House will feature accomplishments for encouraging citizen science and advancing “crowdsourcing” by the National Map Corps in a blog post. The blog may highlight quotes from The National Map Corps Volunteer Geographic Information participants and success of the program.

Friday, January 16

Nothing to report.

Saturday & Sunday, January 17 & 18

Nothing to report.

Monday, January 19

Nothing to report.

Tuesday, January 20

Nothing to report.

Wednesday, January 21

Nothing to report.

Thursday, January 22

Nothing to report.

Friday, January 23

Nothing to report.

TBD

**News Release–Future Wave & Wind Projections for the U.S. Pacific Islands:** About **mid-January**, USGS will announce a new open-file report that provides wave and wind projections for the U.S. Pacific islands. Waves dominate the morphology and ecosystem structure of islands throughout the tropical Pacific. They also impact coastal infrastructure, natural and cultural resources and coastal-related economic activities in the islands. Since changes in future wave climates from climate change are not well understood in the tropical

Pacific Ocean, this report provides a forecast of wave height, period and direction through the year 2100 using wind parameter outputs from four atmosphere-ocean global climate models. A news release is planned once the report is published.

**News Release—Study Identifies Mineral Resource Potential in CYP, Alaska:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new study that used GIS to identify mineral resource potential for six selected deposit groups in the BLM Central Yukon Planning Area, Alaska. The information is prepared to assist BLM mineral resource management planning. Estimated mineral resource potential and certainty are mapped for six mineral deposit groups that include most of the strategic and critical elements that are of the greatest interest including rare earth elements, gold, copper, platinum and others. A news release is planned.

**News Release—New Fact Sheet on Tantalum Supply Chain:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a recently published fact sheet, the second in a series about 3TG minerals (tantalum, tin, tungsten, and gold), that focuses on the tantalum supply chain by listing selected processors that produced tantalum materials commercially worldwide during 2013–14. It does not provide any information regarding the sources of material processed in these facilities. The analysis will assist in identifying risks associated with the supply of critical and strategic minerals to the United States and in providing greater supply chain transparency so that policy-makers have the information necessary for ensuring domestic legislation compliance under U.S. Public Law 111-203 (Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.) The fact sheet is available online.

**News Release—Characteristics of Hawaiian Volcanoes:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce the recently released professional paper, “Characteristics of Hawaiian Volcanoes.” The paper establishes a benchmark for the current understanding of volcanism in Hawaii over the first 100 years of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. A news release is planned.

**News Release—Dead Zones Hinder Pallid Sturgeon Recovery:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a forthcoming paper to be published in the journal *Fisheries* that suggests oxygen-depleted environmental conditions above a dam are the mechanism for the lack of endangered pallid sturgeon recruitment, and thus constitute an ecological sink for the fish. The data suggest dams on the Upper Missouri River obstruct pallid sturgeon embryos drift distances; in an open river system, embryos would drift hundreds of kilometers. USGS is planning a press release once the paper is published.

**News Release—Nutrients In the Chesapeake’s Eastern Shore:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new report that explains how the Chesapeake Bay’s Eastern Shore receives nearly twice as much nitrogen and phosphorus applications, per area, than the remainder of the watershed. The primary source for the elevated levels of nitrogen and phosphorous are from agricultural runoff. A news release is planned. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK’S REPORT]*

**News Release—New research on Carolina Northern Flying Squirrel:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce new research, to be published in the journal *Endangered Species Research*, that will help wildlife managers define, protect and enhance endangered Carolina northern flying squirrel habitat. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK’S REPORT]*

**News Release—Landscape Thresholds for Avian Species from Mountaintop Mining:** In the **coming months**, USGS will announce a new study that identifies thresholds in landcover change from mountaintop mining activities that result in changes to the avian community in the central Appalachian Mountains. The results can be used by land managers to prioritize habitat management for avian species. The paper will be published in the journal *Landscape Ecology* and a news release is planned.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**USGS Statistician Introduces Children to Careers in Wildlife Statistics through Weekly Classroom News Magazine:** USGS research statistician, Rebecca Taylor, spoke with *Time for Kids* about why being a research

statistician is a great career choice for people who want their work to be challenging, interesting and relevant. Taylor discussed how formal training in probability theory helps a statistician pull together disparate pieces of information to form a cohesive scientific story, and how analyses of wildlife population data can be used by decision makers. Taylor used a primary example that came from current USGS research on population dynamics of the Pacific walrus. The *Time for Kids* article is to be published next Earth Day.

**Film Interviews for Great Lakes Documentary:** USGS scientists Kevin Kenow and Jon Amberg will be interviewed this week about their research by Great Lakes Media for an upcoming documentary “Battle for the Great Lakes.” Kenow will highlight research to assess avian botulism exposure by tracking common loons, and Amberg will discuss development of microparticle pesticides to control Asian carp.

**CNN Information Request on Oklahoma Earthquakes:** USGS was contacted by CNN to gather information for an upcoming feature story on earthquakes in Oklahoma. The producer spoke with USGS scientist Rob Williams and was directed to several USGS and Oklahoma Geological websites.

**PBS Inquiry on Changes in Oil & Gas Drilling:** PBS NewsHour contacted USGS to get information for an upcoming story about changes in oil and natural gas drilling in the U.S. since 2000. Air date is unknown.

**AP Interview on How Oil and Gas Formation:** Last week, the Associated Press interviewed USGS scientist Doug Duncan about the formation of oil and gas, particularly shale resources, and other general information topics regarding petroleum. AP is working on a “context of the Shale boom” story. Publication date is unknown.

**Politico Requests ANWR Assessment from USGS:** Last week, Politico requested the latest USGS energy resource assessments for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, as background for an upcoming story on proposed legislation to designate ANWR as a National Wilderness Area. Publication date is unknown.

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing to report.

#### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**News Release—Funding for new Gages in Minnesota:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce NSIP funding for new streamgages in Minnesota. The announcement will be similar to the September 9 announcement for new streamgage funding in Idaho, distributed to the Minnesota media outlets. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—USGS to Release Study on Disease Virulence Evolution:** In the **coming weeks**, a news release will announce new research, led by USGS, that finds that diseases that cause debilitating symptoms are expected to evolve lower virulence along the epidemic front compared to the epidemic origin. Motivated by real-world observations of a new disease in songbirds, a mathematical investigation shows that disease virulence—the increased death rate of infected individuals—is expected to evolve to lower levels along the epidemic front compared to the disease origin. The paper will be published in *The American Naturalist*. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Freshwater Fisheries and Global Food Security:** In the **coming weeks**, Michigan State University will distribute a news release describing the importance of inland fisheries to global food security, the challenges faced due to competing demands for freshwater and possible solutions. USGS scientists contributed to the publication and will be identified in the news release. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Upper Klamath ET Maps:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will distribute a press release for upcoming evapotranspiration maps of the upper Klamath Basin. The announcement will be coordinated with other local activities in the Klamath area. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**Coal Geology of the Powder River Basin:** In the **coming months**, USGS will publish a professional paper that describes the coal geology of the Powder River Basin and how it informs the assessment of coal resources and reserves. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

January 14-23, 2015

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events:** *I have no planned stakeholders meetings for Jan. 14-23. I will be traveling to Reno, NV, from Jan. 20-22 for Regional Meetings and to speak at Reclamation's annual Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference.*

### Public Announcements

Tuesday, January 13

**Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Feasibility Study Funding Opportunity Announcement:**

Reclamation will distribute a news release announcing a funding opportunity for Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse feasibility studies. This funding opportunity is part of the Department of the Interior's WaterSMART initiative.

**News Release on Selection of Deputy Area Manager (WA):** Reclamation will issue a news release announcing Carolyn Chad as the new Columbia-Cascades Deputy Area Manager.

Wednesday, January 14

**Four States Irrigation Council Meeting:** Reclamation's Regional Director Michael Ryan will attend speak at the Four States Irrigation Council Annual Meeting that is being held January 14-16 in Fort Collins, Colorado. The Four States Irrigation Council serves as a forum for irrigators in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming to exchange ideas and information, specific irrigation-related problems. In addition to the Regional Director, Reclamation's Area Managers from the Wyoming, Nebraska-Kansas, and Colorado area offices will also attend. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT.]

Thursday, January 15

**Congressional Visit at Hoover Dam (NV):** Congressman Paul Gosar (R-AZ) and approximately 10 of his staff will take a VIP tour of Hoover Dam. Regional Director Terry Fulp will lead the tour.

**Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program Meeting (NM):** The Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program Executive Committee will meet in Albuquerque, N.M. The group will be briefed on the current water conditions/snowpack for the Middle Rio Grande, current status of endangered species, federal budgets for the program and its work toward transitioning to a Recovery Program. *No media coverage is expected.* [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Updates (AZ, NM):** Reclamation is tentatively scheduled to give a project update to the Navajo Nation Council in Window Rock, Arizona. *No media coverage is expected.*

**FY 2015 Basin Study Selection Process:** Reclamation will distribute a news release requesting letters of interest for FY 2015 Basin Studies. Letters will also be sent to eligible stakeholders. Through Basin Studies, Reclamation works with state and local partners to conduct comprehensive water supply and demand studies of river basins in the western United States. Reclamation anticipates funding two to three studies in 2013.

Friday, January 16

**Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Meetings (NM):** Reclamation will meet with representatives from the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources, Navajo Nation Department of Justice, and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to continue coordination on project issues. Reclamation, Western Area Power Administration, and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority will also meet to continue discussions regarding the electrical transmission system for the project. *No media coverage is expected.*

Saturday, January 17 through Monday, January 19

Nothing to report.

Tuesday, January 20

**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program's Annual Meeting (AZ):** The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program will have its 2015 Annual Reporting Meeting and a meeting of its Technical Work Group on January 21 in Phoenix, Arizona. The purpose of these meetings is to review the results of monitoring and research from 2014, including results of the recently completed 2014 High Flow Experiment at Glen Canyon Dam. *No media coverage is expected.* [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Wild Rose Park News Release (ID):** Reclamation will issue a news release announcing Wild Rose Park in Emmett, Idaho, will no longer be closed from September 2015 through September 2018.

**Idaho Water Users Association (ID):** On January 20-22, Reclamation staff will attend the Idaho Water Users Association Annual Convention in Boise, Idaho. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Wednesday, January 21

**Mid-Pacific Region's Water Users Conference (CA/NV):** Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region staff will participate in the 48th Annual Water Users Conference January 21-23 in Reno, Nevada. In preparation for the Region's initial water year 2015 water allocation announcement in late-February, Reclamation will provide information on water supply conditions for the federal Central Valley Project and other regional projects. Commissioner López will attend and speak at the opening of the conference along with Mid-Pacific Regional Director David Murillo.

Thursday, January 22

**Uintah Basin Water Conference (UT):** Reclamation will conduct a presentation regarding the Steinaker Dam sloughing incident and repair, as well as the Canal Enclosure Project at the annual Uintah Basin Water Conference in Vernal, Utah. This year's keynote speaker is Utah State Senator Ralph Okerlund. The Jensen Unit Block Notice Prepayment Ceremony (see post below) will take place in conjunction with the conference.

**Jensen Unit Block Notice (UT):** Reclamation will issue a Block Notice for the sale of 3,000 acre-feet (AF) of Jensen Unit water to the Uintah Water Conservancy District, with a prepayment ceremony scheduled for 12:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Uintah Basin Water Conference. As part of this decision, Reclamation will continue to convey up to 780 AF of water into Stewart Lake when the water is called for. As part of this decision, Reclamation will continue to convey up to 780 AF of water into Stewart Lake when the water is called for. Reclamation prepared an environmental assessment to examine the potential environmental impacts, which resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact, subsequent approval. Reclamation coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for possible endangered species issues, and FWS agreed with Reclamation's determination that no consultation was needed for the proposed project. *A media advisory for the Jensen Unit Block Notice Prepayment Ceremony will be issued.*

Friday, January 23

**Technical Report on Irrigation Demand and Reservoir Evaporation:** Reclamation will release a technical assessment on the observed and future impacts of climate change on crop irrigation demands and evaporation from selected reservoirs in the major Reclamation basins. The assessment finds that net irrigation water requirements will increase 5.8 percent by the 2080s with geographic variability. The assessment also found that annual evaporation and net evaporation (evaporation minus precipitation) are projected to increase in all basins. Understanding how climate change will affect agricultural irrigation requirements and reservoir evaporation losses in the West is important for Reclamation to understand due to its mission and operations. *A news release will be distributed.*

**Water Year 2015 Central Valley Project (CVP) Water Supply Outlook (CA/NV):** In preparation for Reclamation's initial water year 2015 water allocation announcement for the Central Valley Project in late-February, Reclamation will provide initial information on water supply conditions for the Project during the last day of the Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference in Reno. The initial outlook will include hydrology information and current snowpack and reservoir conditions. The first official 2015 CVP water allocation announcement is planned for late-February as required by contract terms. Water supply updates will then be made monthly or more often as appropriate and will be posted on Reclamation's website. *A news release on the 2015 CVP water conditions will be distributed today.*

### **Major Press Inquiries**

On Tuesday, January 7, 2015, Reclamation was contacted by Mary Schinn with the *Durango Herald*. Ms. Schinn was writing an article on a City of Durango resolution supporting the delivery of water from Lake Nighthorse (part of the Animas-La Plata Project) to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. The Tribe has water in Lake Nighthorse, but no infrastructure to deliver it. Reclamation gave the new reporter background information on the project, the amount of water that belongs to the Tribes, and a recreation update.

On January 9, *Yakima Herald Republic* reporter Kate Prengamen interviewed Technical Projects Program Manager Wendy Christensen about the Draft EIS for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant (KDRPP) and Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance projects. Ms. Prengamen was told that KDRPP provides up to 200,000 acre-feet of water for pro-ratable irrigation districts in a drought year. KKC re-routes water from Keechelus to Kachess which allows Reclamation to optimize flows downstream of Keechelus Reservoir for fish habitat and refill Kachess after a drought year. The story was published January 12.

Terray Sylverter, reporter with *High Country News*, is working on a story related to the outbreak of disease (ichthyophthirius multifiliis) that occurred among salmon in the lower Klamath Basin last fall and Reclamation's response to the outbreak. He will also be writing about the impacts of the ongoing drought on the Klamath and Trinity rivers. He provided several questions to Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region, and responses are due by Wednesday, January 14. There is no anticipated publication date yet.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:**

**Delta Smelt Reconsultation/Incidental Take Limit:** On January 9, 2015, the Bureau of Reclamation requested reinitiation of Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on the estimated adult Delta smelt Incidental Take Limit (ITL) authorization in their 2008 Biological Opinion. ESA regulations require action agencies to reinitiate consultation when the estimate of incidental take included in the take statement is exceeded. The adult Delta smelt incidental take limit for 2015 is 78, and the concern level is 58 (75% of the ITL). As of January 9, the expanded take of adult Delta Smelt was 56. Being so near to the concern level of 58 adult Delta smelt, Reclamation's memorandum to FWS included a request to consider using a new method for calculating the ITL. Later in the day on January 9, the FWS announced that they would be using a new calculation method for 2015, and set the new ITL at 196. Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources will continue to manage operations to reduce the risk of take of Delta smelt.

**Drought Contingency Plan State Board Submittal (CA):** Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources are preparing a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The DCP will be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on January 15, 2015, as required by the SWRCB's final Temporary Urgency Change Order dated October 7, 2014. The DCP provides an overview of current conditions in the Central Valley Project and State Water Project reservoirs and the Delta related to salinity and fisheries, as well as an overview of available supplies for multiple beneficial uses based on projected flow and storage conditions using a range of hydrological scenarios. Reclamation will participate in a



media call with other state and federal agencies that afternoon to discuss the submittal of the plan, the continued need for conservation, and how the agencies intend to work together to manage the projects through what may be another difficult year.

**Supreme Court Denial of Cert for Delta Smelt Cases:** On January 12, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court denied two petitions that were filed for a Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court in October 2014. In December 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a Biological Opinion (BO) analyzing the effects of the long-term operation of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) on Delta smelt. The BO was challenged by CVP and SWP contractors and the California Department of Water Resources, among others. The U.S. District Court found the BO arbitrary and capricious; however, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed the District Court and found the BO was reasonable and supported by the record. The CVP and SWP contractors, along with a separate filing by the Pacific Legal Institute on behalf of another farmer, filed for a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court in October 2014.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Recreation Facilities at Black Canyon Dam Parks News Release (ID):** On January 26, Reclamation will issue a news release announcing Reclamation will begin accepting reservations for the gazebos and shelter facilities at the five parks near Black Canyon Dam.

**Pre-Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Workshop Sessions (CO, UT):** On January 27 and 28, Reclamation will hold pre-FOA workshop sessions to inform the public about the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program, Reclamation's Basinwide and Basin States Salinity Control Programs, and the upcoming FOA. The salinity staff will be on hand to answer questions about the FOA process, the Salt Load Reduction Worksheet, application evaluation and scoring criteria, salinity areas, salt loading, along with recommendations on how to improve the FOA process. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention (CO):** From January 28-30, Reclamation will attend the Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention in Denver. The Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention attracts more than 500 attendees collaborating on the important water issues facing Colorado.

**Ririe Winter Storage Study Final EA and FONSI News Release (ID):** On January 29, Reclamation will issue a news release announcing the Final Environmental Assessment for the Ririe Winter Storage Study with a Finding of No Significant Impact.

**Aamodt Litigation Settlement Parties Meeting (NM):** On January 29, the Aamodt Litigation Settlement parties will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They will begin development of the Operating Agreement for the Projoaque Basin Rural Water System being planned and constructed by Reclamation. *No media coverage is expected.*

**A&B Irrigation District Final EA and FONSI News Release (ID):** On January 30, Reclamation will issue a news release announcing the Final Environmental Assessment for the A&B Irrigation District Pumping Plant with a Finding of No Significant Impact.

**Drought Response Program Criteria for Public Comment:** On January 30, Reclamation will begin implementation of a new Drought Response Program. Funding will be allocated through a competitive process for drought contingency planning, drought resiliency projects, and emergency response actions. The evaluation criteria for each of these areas will be made available for public comment. The comment period will be open for thirty days.

**Hood River Basin Study (ID):** In late January, Reclamation will announce the completion of the study for the Hood River Basin. The study area is in northwestern Oregon and drains north into the Columbia River.

Reclamation and Hood River County are conducting the Basin Study to develop a comprehensive water resource management plan for the Hood River Basin. It will include options to meet current and future water demands. The 339-square-mile Hood River Basin relies heavily on surface water flows for irrigation, and groundwater wells primarily for drinking water and domestic/municipal use. The basin also provides habitat for multiple ESA-listed species (steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, and bull trout) and many non-listed species that require water at specific times and in specific quantities for their continued existence. The report has been received by the program and is being reviewed. Once reviewed, appropriate briefings will be scheduled. Reclamation is working with the Department and OMB on the review of basin studies.

**Shasta Dam Fish Passage Evaluation (CA):** In late January, a draft Environmental Assessment of the Shasta Dam Fish Passage Project Pilot Implementation Plan will be released for a 30-day public comment period. The Project is a joint effort of Reclamation; National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; University of California; and California's Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife and State Water Resources Control Board. Reclamation initiated the Project in response to the June 4, 2009, NMFS Biological Opinion on the coordinated long-term operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. On November 28, the federal and state partner agencies, as part of the Shasta Dam Fish Passage Project, released the Habitat Assessment Report. On December 4, a webinar presented the methodology and key results of the report to the public. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**14<sup>TH</sup> Annual Northwest Stream Restoration Symposium (WA):** On February 3-5, Reclamation staff will engage with 450 stream restoration professionals in Stevenson, Wash. The conference host, River Restoration Northwest, is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization. Its mission is to advance the science and standards of practice of river restoration through an interdisciplinary approach.

**Texas Water Day (DC):** Texas Water Day will be held February 3-5 in Washington, D.C. Texas congressional members, key congressional committee members and staff will join leaders from the Corps of Engineers, Reclamation and USGS and others to discuss Texas water issues and opportunities with attendees.

**Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum's Work Group Meeting (CA):** On February 17-19, Reclamation will attend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum's Work Group meeting in Hemet, Calif. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss on-going and future salinity control activities with Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey and Natural Resources Conservation Service. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Land and Water Summit Focused on Watershed Health (NM):** The Xeriscape Council of New Mexico will host a Land and Water Summit focused on Watershed health on February 19-20. Reclamation staff will make a presentation on Climate Change on February 19<sup>th</sup> as well as take part in a panel discussion on February 20.

**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program's Adaptive Management Work Group Meeting (UT):** On February 25-26, the Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Program's Adaptive Management Work Group will meet in Salt Lake City, Utah. The group will receive updates on: (1) the Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement, (2) current basin hydrology and drought impacts, (3) reports from the Glen Canyon Dam Tribal and Federal Liaisons, and (4) science results from the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center staff. The group will also address other administrative and resource issues pertaining to the Glen Canyon Dam AMP. *No media coverage is expected.* [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program High Flow Experimental (HFE) Protocol Workshop (UT):** On February 27, the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program will conduct a workshop in Salt Lake City, Utah to review the first three High-Flow Experiments conducted at Glen Canyon Dam under the 2012 HFE Protocol. Scientists, managers, and stakeholders will review the results of monitoring and research for HFEs conducted at Glen Canyon Dam in 2012, 2013, and 2014. *No media coverage is expected.*

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY–INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND THE BUREAUS OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION  
January 14 to January 23, 2015**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On January 14, Assistant Secretary Washburn will meet with Chairman Garza of the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas to discuss the Tribe's effort to offer Class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

On January 15, Assistant Secretary Washburn will meet with Chairman Haozous of Ft. Sill Apache Tribe to discuss a proposed Class III gaming compact for certain New Mexico tribes and the negative effect of this proposed compact on the Ft. Sill Apache Tribe.

On January 20, Assistant Secretary Washburn will meet with the Tribal Counsel and General Counsel of the Seminole Tribe of Florida to discuss the Tribe's request of October 8, 2014, for a written confirmation of the Department's position with respect to issues involving gaming compact exclusivity payments.

On January 21, Assistant Secretary Washburn will address the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Board. Key partners in Congress and the White House have also been invited to discuss NCAI's policy priorities and strategies for this year.

On January 22, Assistant Secretary Washburn will meet with Chairman St. Clair of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe to discuss jurisdiction and authority issues on the Wind River Indian Reservation. The Eastern Shoshone share the reservation with the Northern Arapaho Tribe and share governance of jointly owned resources and programs through the Joint Business Council. The Northern Arapaho Tribe voted to dissolve the Joint Business Council in September 2014.

On January 23, Assistant Secretary Washburn AS-IA and BIE Director Roessel will join the Congressional delegation (Representatives Calvert, Cole, Simpson and McCollum) as they visit Hopi and Navajo and perhaps a BIE-funded schools.

**Public Announcements**

**Wednesday, January 14**

The Federal Register Notice requesting nominations for members of the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children will be published today.

**Thursday, January 15**

BIA's Division of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration will hold a tribal consultation on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for the Tribal Transportation Program regulations, 25 CFR Part 170 in Phoenix, AZ.

**Friday, January 16**

New deadline for comments on the proposed rule to update the BIA's 25 CFR Part 81 Secretarial elections regulations. The original deadline was December 17, 2014.

**Saturday & Sunday, January 17 & 18**

Nothing to report

**Monday, January 19**

Nothing to report

**Tuesday, January 20**

Nothing to report

### Wednesday, January 21

The BIE Director will host the Native American Student Information System (NASIS) quarterly meeting in Washington, D.C. NASIS is the longitudinal data system the BIE uses to track numerous metrics, including student achievement. The primary focus of the meeting will be on Data Collection elements and the appropriate use of NASIS in data collection.

### Thursday, January 22

Nothing to report

### Friday, January 23

Nothing to report

### **Major Press Inquiries**

The Lake Havasu (AZ) Today's News-Herald has questions about a dispute involving the Colorado River Indian Tribes and an effort by tribal members to block roads and river access and to remove non-members off of land claimed by the Tribes.

The Wisconsin Associated Press, Fox News, and the Milwaukee Sentinel (WI) request details on the decision rejecting the amendment to the compact between Forest County Potawatomi tribe and the state of Wisconsin.

USA Today is seeking to confirm a report by Human Rights Watch that indicates the Office of Indian Affairs had a \$20 million loan guarantee for the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. USA Today is asking why such a large amount would have been approved for the tribe, which it said has financial improprieties, when the typical maximum for the loan guarantee program is \$500,000.

CBS Evening News would like to interview an Interior official on the state of American Indian education.

The Washington Post (DC) is asking for an update in the status of the Pamunkey Tribe's federal recognition application.

Greenwire is looking for a comment on historical compliance of NAGPRA as it enters its 25<sup>th</sup> year.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

The BIA's Division of Real Estate Services is scheduling conference calls for the week of January 12th with representatives from the Squaxin Island Tribe and the Makah Indian Tribe, to discuss the initial review of each Tribe's leasing code submitted for approval under the HEARTH Act. A total of 15 tribal regulations have been approved under the HEARTH Act (25 U.S.C. § 415(h)) in addition to the Navajo Nation's leasing regulations under 25 U.S.C. § 415(e).

The Acting Associate Deputy Director (ADD) for Bureau Operated Schools terminated the Principal at Havasupai Elementary School. The Principal had been on paid leave for several months. The decision to terminate was because she was never going to be allowed to return to the Havasupai reservation to do the work she was hired to do. The Havasupai Tribal Council was adamant they did not want her to return to their land. The ADD worked closely with the Human Resources Employee and Labor Relations to issue a letter to the employee on Wednesday, January 7, 2015.

The Final Rule on Land Acquisitions in Alaska (25 CFR 151) published on December 23, 2015, and becomes effective on January 22, 2015. Copies of the final rule are being delivered to the House and the Senate, in accordance with Congressional Review Act requirements, this week.

The comment period on the Proposed Rule on the Tribal Transportation Program (25 CFR 170) has been extended to March 20. Six consultation sessions will be held in January and February 2015.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

January 25, is the deadline for the Oglala Sioux Tribe compact currently under review in the Office of the Solicitor.

On January 26, AS-IA Washburn and BIA Office of Justice Services Director Cruzan, will meet with tribal leaders of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation at the Yakama Reservation to consult on the State of Washington's partial retrocession of civil & criminal jurisdiction.

On January 27, BIA will hold the third of six tribal consultation sessions on the proposed rule to update its Tribal Transportation Program regulations at the Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport, in Bloomington, MN.

On January 28-29, the Office of Self Governance will attend the Self-Governance Advisory Committee quarterly meeting in Washington, D.C. Assistant Secretary Washburn is scheduled to speak at this meeting on January 29, 2015.

On January 29, BIA will hold the fourth of six tribal consultation sessions on the proposed rule to update its Tribal Transportation Program regulations at Oklahoma State University, in Oklahoma City, OK.

February 2 is the deadline for BIE-funded schools to report their Annual Tribal Child Count for Part B and Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

On February 5, AS-IA Washburn will be honored with the ABA's Spirit of Excellence Award at the ABA Midyear in Houston, TX. The Spirit of Excellence Award celebrates the accomplishments of lawyers who promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession.

On February 10, BIA will hold the fifth of six tribal consultation sessions on the proposed rule to update its Tribal Transportation Program regulations in Anchorage, AK.

On February 11, BIA will hold the second of four tribal consultation sessions on a proposed rule amending its Housing Improvement Program regulations in Anchorage, AK.

On February 12, BIA will hold the last of six tribal consultation sessions on the proposed rule to update its Tribal Transportation Program regulations in Seattle, WA.

On February 18, BIA will hold the third of four tribal consultation sessions on a proposed rule amending its Housing Improvement Program regulations by teleconference.

On February 19-20, the Division of Economic Development (DED) will host Native American Inventors Conference to take part in a "Shark Tank" style competition sponsored jointly by DED and the Native American Intellectual Property Enterprise Council in Atlanta, Georgia. The competition will be called "Bear Pit" and will offer Native inventors the chance to introduce their inventions to potential investors and partners.

On February 22, BIA will hold the fourth of four tribal consultation sessions on a proposed rule amending its Housing Improvement Program regulations at the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session at the Capital Hilton, in Washington, D.C.

March 6, is the deadline for comments on the proposed rule to amend the BIA's Housing Improvement Program regulations. The comment period opened on January 2, 2015.

March 20, is the deadline for comments on the proposed rule to revise the BIA's Tribal Transportation Program regulations. The comment period opened on December 19, 2014.

On March 26-27, the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children will hold its next meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS (OST)**  
**January 14<sup>th</sup> –January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

January 12-15 – Vincent G. Logan, Special Trustee for American Indians traveled to Denver, Colorado to attend the semi-annual Indian Energy Minerals Steering Committee meeting. The meeting was held at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Energy and Minerals Office (DEMR) in Denver, Colorado. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, January 14

The Warm Springs Agency Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) and the BIA Superintendent are conducting a meeting with Burns Paiute members and their relatives who own and lease trust interests in Burns Public Domain allotments.

The Colorado River Agency FTO is visiting the Quechan Senior Center for the monthly outreach to discuss basic money management.

**Major Press Inquiries**

None to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

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**Quapaw, Goodeagle/Bear & Bear:** OHTA will continue its work related to the list of 783 putative individual Goodeagle Plaintiffs and efforts to respond to Plaintiff's 30(b)(6) deposition follow-up document request.

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE of INSULAR AFFAIRS

January 7-16, 2015

### Highlights (Chronologically) of Travel (AS-IN), Meetings and other Public Events

- **January 7** – Meeting with DOJ officials on Chamorro Land Trust; Asian and Pacific Islander Community Event for Asian Pacific American Congressional members
- **January 8** – Meetings with the Deputy Secretary; and on Capitol Hill with Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett (Dem.-USVI) and at OIA with Congresswoman Amata Coleman Radewagen (Rep.-Am. Samoa)
- **January 9** – DOI Assistant Secretaries Meeting
- **January 12** – DOI Climate Change Working Group Meeting
- **January 15** – Conference call on FY 2016 budget schedule and roll-out
- **January 16** – Meetings with DOI Assistant Secretaries; DOI Inspector General; and the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health

### Public Announcements

**January 8** – AS-IN issued two press releases.

**Paid DC Internships** - The first announced the Insular Affairs Internship Program for Summer 2015. Modelled closely after the President's Pathways Program launched in 2011, AS-IN's internship program will help build the professional capacity of students interested in the territories or the freely associated states. Applicants must have completed two full years of post-secondary education. The application period opened on January 8 and will close on January 23. Three interns will be selected.

**CNMI Field Representative** - The second press release announced the career-service appointment of Colonel Harry Camacho Blanco, USA (Ret'd), as the OIA field representative in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). Colonel Blanco is the first person from the CNMI to achieve the rank of colonel in the Army and is the CNMI's highest-ranking Army officer. As the OIA field representative in the CNMI, Colonel Blanco will work to strengthen the Federal-CNMI relationship, CNMI Government efficiency, labor and immigration issues and the implementation of capital improvement projects. Colonel Blanco also will assist OIA with military expansion proposals and climate change and natural resources management initiatives.

### Press Inquiries/OIA in the News

A/S KIA'AINA ANNOUNCES INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

- <http://www.talanei.com/news/Asst-Sec-Kia-aina-announces-scholarship/20679420>
- <http://www.samoanews.com/content/en/doi-asst-sec-kiaaina-announces-internship-program>

TERRITORIAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

- **AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN (REP.-AM. SAMOA) TAKES OFFICE.**  
<http://www.talanei.com/news/Aumua-Amata-takes-oath/20654772>  
<http://www.samoanews.com/content/en/cong-aumua-amata-opens-district-office>
- **STACEY PLASKETT (DEM.-USVI) TAKES OFFICE.**  
<http://virginislandsdailynews.com/news/plaskett-sworn-in-as-delegate-to-congress-in-washington-1.1813605>  
<http://stcroixsource.com/content/news/local-news/2015/01/09/plaskett-named-congressional-agriculture-committee>
- **Madeleine Bordallo (Dem.-Guam) begins her seventh term.**  
<http://www.guampdn.com/article/20150108/NEWS01/150108007/Bordallo-sworn-7th-term>
- **GREGORIO KILILI SABLAN (DEM.-CNMI) BEGINS HIS FOURTH TERM.**  
<http://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/kilili-sworn-4th-term-congress/>



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**Proposed Coverage for Territorial Schools in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016** – Currently in the draft NDAA Bill for the next fiscal year is a provision which, if enacted, would include elementary and secondary schools in the territories within the definition of “overseas Defense dependents’ schools”. If passed, this amendment would authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish a Student Meal Program in the territories.

**Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Bill** – Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo (Dem.-Guam) re-introduced on January 6 her legislation to give the people of Guam closure to claims arising from the enemy occupation of Guam December 1941-July 1944. Although this bill has faced obstacles in prior Congresses, Congresswoman Bordallo continues her stalwart advocacy for its passage. If the bill is enacted:

- Section 3 would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to establish in the U.S. Treasury a special claims fund for the payment of claims submitted by compensable victims in Guam and their statutory survivors.
- Section 6 would direct the **Secretary of the Interior** to establish a grants program to memorialize the enemy occupation of Guam. The **Secretary of the Interior** would not be allowed to award such a grant unless the person seeking the grant submitted an application to the **Secretary** in such manner as the **Secretary** had specified.

Among H.R. 44’s seven original co-sponsors are the Minority Whip and the Members from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Tropical Depression in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)** – The Joint Typhoon Warning Center and the National Weather Service have reported that Tropical Depression 1-W has formed in the Western Pacific. As of 10 a.m., EST, on January 13 the storm was located approximately 215 miles east of the FSM State of Yap and was moving west-northwesterly at nine miles per hour. This general motion is expected to continue through January 15 with the storm expected to pass to the north of Yap on January 13 or 14. Maximum sustained winds are thirty miles per hour with additional strengthening continuing through January 15. A tropical-storm warning has been issued for Yap, and heavy rainfall is expected to affect the area until January 14 with two to four inches of precipitation likely.

### 30-60 Day Look Ahead

- **Later in January** – Job announcements for OIA Climate Change Coordinator and OIA Policy Director.
- **Week of February 2** – AS-IN will be travelling to the Virgin Islands with our OIA Policy Director for her first official visit. Planning being coordinated with the new VI Governor and new VI Delegate.
- **February 24** – Interagency Group on Insular Areas meeting, which the Secretary of the Interior and White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs chair. Newsworthy will be \$7 million for climate change efforts for the U.S. insular areas in the President’s budget and the selection of the OIA Climate Change Coordinator.



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## Fwd: Briefing Book Assignment: Arizona CODEL--1/23-24

14 messages

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Thank you!

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All,

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Thanks Monty. For the information on transformation, I think you need to distinguish between what is public and discussed with hill and what is under consideration. For example, I think we should include the recent Hill briefing discussion and if we spoke to them about ERCs or if she raises will this be a surprise.

Adding Tommy to make sure he is in the loop on pulling the budget figures.

And I thought I should ask – Sarah, you all are pulling the briefing materials together for the trip, right? PMB is not planning to coordinate because we are focused on budget rollout. We are happy to review.

> On Jan 19, 2015, at 6:56 AM, Roessel, Charles <charles.roessel@bie.edu> wrote:

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Good morning!


Attached are the member profiles I pulled as a starting point.

Thanks!

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 **Congressional Delegation Trip briefing materials v1.docx**  
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 **Attachment C Moencopi and Hopi Day Schools FCI.pdf**  
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 **Attachment D Moencopi Day School Student Achievement Data.xlsx**  
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Thanks!

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Thanks. OCL working with us on bios. Thanks to Team OCL!

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Hi all, attached is a revised Attachment C that summarizes the facility conditions of the two schools currently on the itinerary. I'm happy to revise the briefing memo to reflect the addition of Little Singer School, but it's not clear to me who has the pen right now.

Lindsey, maybe we could upload on Google docs so everyone can edit simultaneously?

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I am still behind on emails so apologies for asking for this information on my last email. I think this information would be good for the briefing memo.

Before the briefing tomorrow, I thought we might want some group think about "what does success look like for DoI coming out of the visit?" in order to make sure Sally, Kevin, Monty and I hit all the necessary points during our time with the CoDel.

For me, success is – Congress understanding that we need reform in order to change the status quo for students and that could be difficult as we make changes to organizational structure. Also, it is important for the Federal government to work with tribes on accountability and performance targets. Finally, unless we raise the caps on discretionary funding, we will not have the necessary investments for transformation and meeting our obligations.

I think we might want to also provide material to Jodi when final.

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Zaina,

Please find attached separate briefings for the Secretary on the issue of Navajo-Hopi relocation as well as a briefing on livestock impoundment. I have also included an OIG report issued last month on the Office of the Navajo-Hopi Relocation which should be an attachment.

thanks,


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#### SIE Update:

1. Sovereignty in Indian Education Initiative Update: The purpose of the grants is to increase tribal capacity to manage and operate tribally controlled schools as singular school system. These funds will support development of a school-reform plan to improve educational outcomes for students and improve efficiencies and effectiveness in the operation of BIE-funded schools within a reservation.
2. Currently, five tribes were awarded funds and the Oglala Sioux Tribe pulling out of the grant. Four tribes have been awarded their funds and one tribe is awaiting a tribal resolution to approve the acceptance of the fund. Bureau of Indian Education is having weekly contact with tribes. These Tribal Education Departments are collaborating with each other about best practices throughout this process.
3. Student and School Impact of 5 tribes = One-half of our schools and enrollment are impacted:
  - a) Gila River Indian Community School – 3 schools with 954 students
  - b) Standing Rock Sioux Tribe – 3 schools with 776 students
  - c) Tohono O’odham Nation—4 schools with 704 students
  - d) Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians-5 schools with 1,935 students
  - e) Navajo Nation – 66 Schools with 13,709 students
4. Hopi tribal school boards thwarted an effort by the Hopi Tribal Education Department to apply for Sovereignty in Indian Education funds. Despite this, Hopi has inquired about year 2 funding. In addition, BIE has received 10 inquiries for year 2 funding applications.
5. Initial assessment: Hugely successful initiative – especially for \$1M.

#### Transformation Update:

1. In order to expedite services to schools and tribes during this transformation, BIE split the implementation transformation into two phases:
  - a. Phase 1 Educational: Finalized organization charts for staffing of current BIE educational activities from central office through the Area Division Directors (ADD) to the new Education Resource Centers (ERCs). We are waiting to meet with Congress to authorize reprogramming of funds to begin implementation. Org charts are available.
  - b. Phase 2 School Operations: The transformation of Secretarial Order #3334 is in progress with teams meeting to design new staffing and structure. Teams are Facilities, Human Resources, Communication, Acquisitions and Contracts, and Information Technology (IT). Teams are finalizing transferred functions and beginning the organizational chart development to begin transfer from DASM and BIA to BIE. Teams that have completed this process are Acquisitions and Contracts, Communication, and Human Resources.
2. BIE has completed a staffing realignment and submitted to Human Resources.
3. Human Resources will begin developing retention registry for approximately 87 staffing across the BIE System. This needs to be expedited.
4. Six Education Line Offices will close, five will remain open for facilities, eleven will remain open for the Education Resource Centers, and three new sites are being established.
5. Educational Resource Centers have been selected and discussions with tribes have begun.



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The Honorable James P. Moran, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
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Washington, DC 20515

Subject: Final Evaluation Report – Operations of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian  
Relocation  
Report No. WR-EV-MOA-0003-2014

Dear Mr. Calvert and Mr. Moran:

This letter transmits our report on the operations of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR). We performed this evaluation at the request of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, which included language in ONHIR's fiscal year 2014 appropriation directing ONHIR to provide the Office of Inspector General (OIG) with funding for audits and investigations of ONHIR's operations.

Based on our evaluation, we concluded that it will not be possible for ONHIR to complete its relocation work and cease operations in the near future without legislative changes and/or an increase in annual appropriations. Our report provides background on the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act and activities authorized by the Act, as well as up-to-date information on the status of ONHIR's relocation activities and the work that remains to be completed.

At the request of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), ONHIR prepared a report in April 2014 setting forth funding options to accelerate the relocation work and alternatives to ONHIR's current practice of providing certified applicants with a relocation home. ONHIR's report to OMB included seven options for closing out ONHIR and the relocation program, including the possibility of providing a lump-sum payment to each certified applicant in lieu of a replacement home. The estimated costs of these options, some of which would require legislative changes, range from \$38.5 million to \$82 million. We concluded that ONHIR's estimates reasonably reflect its current operating costs and can be used by the congressional subcommittee members to determine which approach will best control costs and complete the relocation mission in an acceptable, fair, and expeditious manner.

We have provided four suggestions that the subcommittee may want to consider in determining what actions, if any, should be taken to expedite Navajo and Hopi relocation activities.

Should the subcommittee provide funding for additional oversight of ONHIR operations in fiscal year 2015, OIG anticipates reviewing ONHIR's eligibility determination, administrative appeal, and relocation practices. Our efforts would be focused on identifying and documenting the activities ONHIR performs within each of these processes, determining the amount of time spent on each activity, and identifying opportunities to eliminate activities or amend processes in order to expedite the completion of ONHIR's work. If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-208-5745.

Sincerely,



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## Results in Brief

Forty years after the passage of the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act (Pub. L. No. 93-531) in 1974, we found that the relocation effort—to move Navajo households living on lands partitioned to the Hopi Tribe and Hopi households living on lands partitioned to the Navajo Nation—is not yet completed. Although all Navajo and Hopi households have moved off the lands partitioned to each other, some applicants still await eligibility determination and some eligible families await relocation benefits. The effort continues today at an appropriations total of about \$564 million as of fiscal year 2014.

The 1974 law put a 5-year timeframe on the relocation process. For a variety of reasons, this deadline was not met, and the relocation effort continues to this day with no clear completion date. We noted two causes for the delay: (1) the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) is still performing relocation benefit eligibility determinations; and (2) the administrative appeals process is not complete. The exact number of households entitled to receive relocation benefits will remain uncertain until ONHIR completes final eligibility determinations on all applications and all denied applicants who appeal ONHIR's determination have their cases heard.

The relocation program's completion date depends on several factors, including the length of time it will take to complete applicant eligibility determinations and administrative appeals, appropriation levels, and how quickly housing can be obtained for eligible families. In our opinion, setting a program completion date and providing the appropriations needed to fund housing for certified applicants are critical steps, because the longer the program continues, the greater the risk that litigation might further extend its life. Moreover, the longer relocations take to complete, the greater their cost due to the annual administrative costs involved and the potential loss of the historical and cultural knowledge of ONHIR staff members through attrition or otherwise.

A September 6, 2012 Congressional Research Service memorandum addressed to the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, reported that some members of Congress have expressed frustration with the length of time and the cost of the relocation effort. The memorandum stated that, on at least two occasions, Congress has considered bills to set an end date for the relocation process and to abolish ONHIR and transfer its functions to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Recently, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requested from ONHIR a report setting forth alternatives to ONHIR's practice of providing certified applicants with a relocation home, including the possibility of providing a lump-sum payment to each certified applicant in lieu of a replacement home. In April 2014, ONHIR submitted to OMB a report with seven options for closing out



ONHIR and the relocation program. The close-out plans used an estimate of 200 families eligible for relocation homes at a cost of \$150,000 for each family for a replacement home and varying administrative and eligibility-determination costs. The estimated costs of the close-out options, some of which would require legislative changes, ranged from \$38.5 million to \$82 million.

As a result of our evaluation of ONHIR's historical costs and accomplishments, its current organizational structure, and the relocation work remaining to be completed, we concluded that the cost estimates and other assumptions in ONHIR's close-out options appear reasonable. For example, we noted that ONHIR's annual appropriations for the past 5 years have averaged about \$7.7 million, which has funded about 19 relocations a year. These data appear to be in line with ONHIR's first close-out option estimate that it can move 20 families in a year if given an appropriation level of \$8.2 million.

Based on our review of the program, ONHIR is not in a position to complete its work or cease operations in the near term unless legislative changes are made, such as the authorizing of a lump-sum payment in lieu of a replacement home. ONHIR's close-out options, which have merit and appear to be sound, are a good starting point when considering how long the relocation program should continue, how much to fund the program, and whether a target completion date for the program should be proposed.

We suggest that the congressional subcommittee members and other cognizant officials consider ONHIR's proposed operational alternatives and determine which approach will best control costs and complete the relocation mission in an acceptable, judicious, and timely manner. Along with this suggestion, we also offer three other suggestions in our report:

- Focus on completing eligibility determinations and administrative appeals.
- Legislate a sunset date for the relocation program and provide the requisite level of appropriations to meet ONHIR's statutory obligations by that date.
- Develop a transition plan for the eventual transfer of assets and remaining responsibilities to appropriate offices and agencies.

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## Introduction

### Objective

The objective of our evaluation was to determine (1) the status of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation's (ONHIR) relocation efforts, and (2) how ONHIR is using its appropriated funds. See Appendix 1 for the scope and methodology of this report.

### Background

In 1882, President Chester Arthur set aside a reservation, 70 miles long and 55 miles wide, for the Hopi and "such other Indians as the Secretary of the Interior may see fit to settle thereon." At the time, about 1,800 Hopi and 300 Navajo Indians were living on the Hopi reservation. By 1958, when Congress passed the first law in an effort to resolve the land dispute between the tribes, there were about 8,800 Navajo residing within the 1882 Hopi reservation.

In a 1962 court case, *Healing v. Jones*, the Hopi claimed exclusive rights to the entire reservation and the Navajo claimed exclusive rights to about 80 percent of the reservation. The court held that, except for a portion of the reservation used exclusively by the Hopi (known as District 6), both tribes have joint and equal interests to the surface (and subsurface) lands. This jointly owned area (referred to as the Joint Use Area, or JUA) was used almost exclusively by the Navajo.

In 1974, Congress passed the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act (Pub. L. No. 93-531), which partitioned the JUA and directed an even split of the area between the tribes. It also required Navajo households residing on lands partitioned to the Hopi Tribe to relocate, and Hopi households residing on lands partitioned to the Navajo Nation to relocate. (See Figure 1 for a location map of the reservation and Figure 2 for a map of Navajo and Hopi partitioned lands.)

The law established the Navajo and Hopi Relocation Commission to carry out the relocation process,<sup>1</sup> and instructed that the process be completed 5 years after Congress approved a relocation plan submitted by the Commission. Because this plan was approved by Congress in 1981, the relocation process should have been completed by July 7, 1986.

The law also established eligibility requirements for relocation benefits, which included the following:

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<sup>1</sup> In 1988, Pub. L. No. 100-666 abolished the Commission and replaced it with ONHIR.

- The applicant had to be a head of a household as of July 7, 1986.
- The head of household or his or her immediate family must have been a legal resident of lands partitioned to the other tribe as of December 22, 1974, the date on which the relocation law was enacted.
- The applicant had to apply for relocation benefits before the July 7, 1986 deadline.<sup>2</sup>

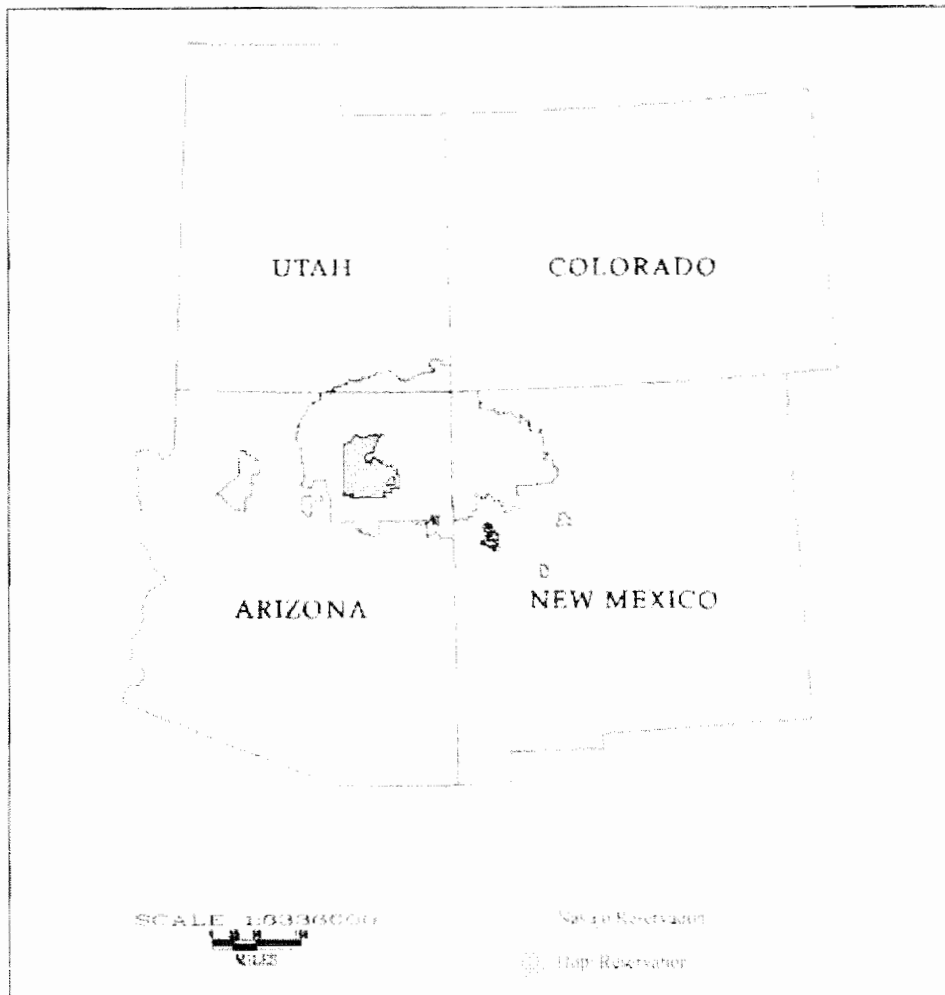


Figure 1. Navajo and Hopi reservation location map.

<sup>2</sup> ONHIR lost an Administrative Procedure Act (see Footnote 6) appeal of one of its eligibility determinations in 2008. As a result, some heads of household who met the eligibility criteria as of 1986 were able to apply for benefits as late as August 31, 2010. In the *Noller Pete Herbert* case—decided in February 2008—the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona determined that ONHIR knew Noller Pete Herbert to be a member of a family residing on the Hopi Partitioned Lands and that he might qualify for relocation benefits on his own when he turned 18. The court found that ONHIR had not provided personal notice to Noller Pete Herbert before July 7, 1986, so as to enable him to apply for relocation benefits. In response to this decision and after consultation with the U.S. Department of Justice, ONHIR reopened the application process and accepted applications for relocation benefits from October 2008 through August 2010.

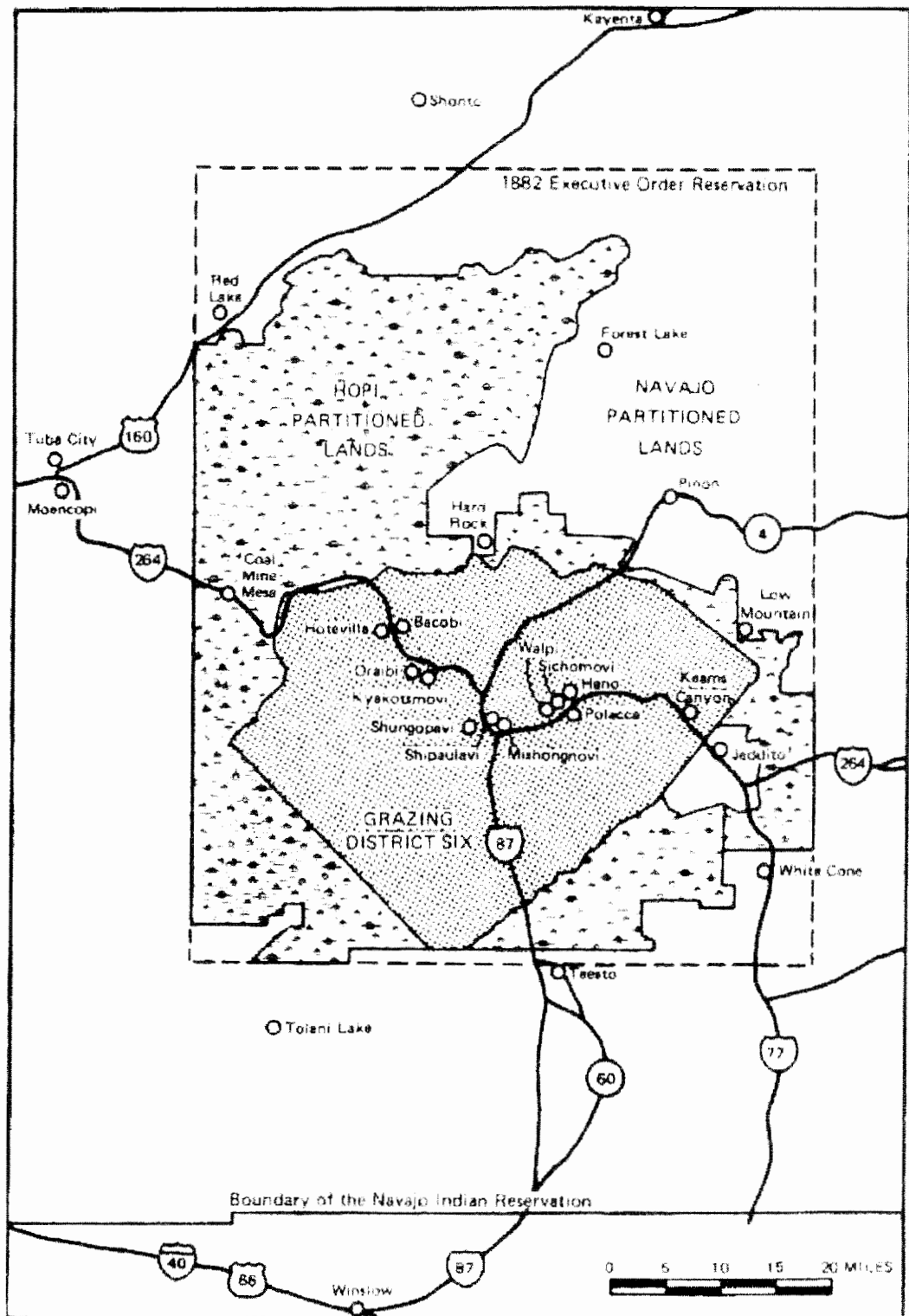


Figure 2. Navajo and Hopi partitioned lands.

Pub. L. No. 93-551 also provided for a range of relocation benefits for eligible families, including the provision of new housing; payments for moving expenses; bonus payments of up to \$5,000 for families that applied for relocation benefits within a certain time period; and relocation assistance payments for new housing, which were originally set at \$17,000 for a household of three or fewer, and \$25,000 for a household of four or more.<sup>3</sup>

The July 7, 1986 deadline for relocation was not met, and 28 years later, the relocation process continues. One reason the deadline was not met is that the number of households eligible for relocation benefits was nearly four times higher than initially anticipated. Also, in the early years of the program, several problems arose, including substandard housing provided to relocated families and relocated families having to adjust to life in new areas, particularly off the reservation. A shortage of suitable land to which the relocated households could move also delayed the relocation process.

The relocation law was amended several times, including the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments Act of 1980 (Pub. L. No. 96-305); the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments of 1988 (Pub. L. No. 100-666); and the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute Settlement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-301). These laws made a number of changes to the relocation process, including authorizing—

- the Secretary of the Interior to transfer additional land to the Navajo Nation to be used for relocation;<sup>4</sup>
- an increase in appropriations for bonus payments and housing benefits;
- funds for projects related to relocation;
- the Hopi Tribe to provide 75-year leases to Navajo households residing on the Hopi Partitioned Lands; and
- the abolishment of the original Commission and in its place the establishment of ONHIR to carry out the relocation process.

The Commission, and subsequently ONHIR, had several responsibilities in carrying out the relocation process. These responsibilities included certifying families as eligible for relocation benefits; acquiring relocation housing for eligible families; acquiring and managing land and constructing new housing and infrastructure where necessary; and providing pre- and post-move counseling and other services to assist eligible households with the transition.

A September 6, 2012 Congressional Research Service memorandum addressed to the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,

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<sup>3</sup> The relocation assistance payments for new housing are currently set at \$123,000 for a household of three or fewer, and \$129,000 for a household of four or more.

<sup>4</sup> Pub. L. No. 96-305 authorized the Secretary to transfer lands (not to exceed 250,000 acres) within the States of Arizona and New Mexico and under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management to the Navajo Nation; and accept title, on behalf of the United States in trust for the benefit of the Navajo Nation, to private lands (not to exceed 150,000 acres) acquired by the Navajo Nation.

and Related Agencies, reported that some members of Congress have expressed frustration with the length of time and the cost of the relocation effort. The memorandum stated that on at least two occasions Congress has considered bills to set an end date for the relocation process and to abolish ONHIR and transfer its functions to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). In 1996, a bill was introduced (S. 2111, 104th Cong.) that would have abolished ONHIR on September 30, 2001, and transferred its remaining functions to a newly created Office of Relocation within DOI. The bill also would have prohibited any benefit payments to a head of household who was not certified as eligible for benefits by September 30, 2001, and provided for benefits to be held in trust for eligible heads of household who had not yet received replacement homes. In 2005, the Senate passed a bill (S. 1003, 109th Cong.) that included provisions similar to those in the 1996 bill. No final law was passed in either instance.

# Status of Relocation Effort and Potential Future Operations

## Relocation Program Status

Appropriations enacted for the Commission and ONHIR from fiscal years (FYs) 1976 to 2014 to carry out the relocation process total about \$564 million. The original estimate of the total cost of the relocation effort was \$41 million. ONHIR does not have a specific target completion date for the relocation process. Figure 3 provides a snapshot, as reported by ONHIR, of the accomplishments and status of the relocation effort.

<b>Relocation Status as of August 31, 2014</b>
ONHIR has accepted a total of 7,211 applications for relocation benefits. Of this number, 3,828 (53 percent) have been certified, 3,318 (46 percent) have been denied, and 65 (1 percent) require an eligibility determination.
Of the 3,828 certified as eligible for benefits, 3,589 (94 percent) have been relocated, 119 (3 percent) are awaiting relocation, and 120 (3 percent) have had their cases closed without relocating (generally because households were not responsive or the head of household died without an heir prior to relocation).
Of the 3,589 relocations, 3,562 (99 percent) were Navajo relocations and 27 (1 percent) were Hopi relocations. (Note: No Hopi households are waiting to be relocated.)
Of the 3,589 relocations, 2,389 (67 percent) relocated to homes on reservation lands and 1,200 (33 percent) relocated to homes off reservation lands. (Note: Of the 1,200 off-reservation relocations, at least 151 relocations—about 13 percent—were outside Arizona and New Mexico.)
There are 119 certified applicants awaiting relocation. Of this number, 32 (27 percent) are either in the process of building or buying a home or are seeking a home or contract. The remaining 87 (73 percent) have not yet received home acquisition counseling and are awaiting availability of relocation benefit funds.
Of the 65 applications that still require an eligibility determination, 47 are from applicants who have (1) not maintained contact with ONHIR and, therefore, ONHIR has no way of contacting these applicants, or (2) died, and ONHIR has no information on the identity of possible heirs or contact information for such heirs.*
There are 294 pending administrative appeals. In addition, some or all of the 65 applicants whose eligibility has not yet been determined could appeal.
Except for four "resisters," all Navajos have moved off the Hopi Partitioned Lands. There are no plans to forcibly remove the resisters from the Hopi lands.

\* ONHIR reported that it requested assistance from all 110 Navajo Nation chapter house presidents in obtaining current contact or heirship information, but as of September 9, 2014, no such information had been received. ONHIR planned to administratively close these pending applications if the information was not received by September 30, 2014.

Figure 3. Relocation accomplishments and status as of August 31, 2014.

## ONHIR Organization and Operations

ONHIR was established as an independent entity under the Executive Office of the President with oversight provided by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress. A presidentially appointed Commissioner serves as the head of ONHIR. This position has been vacant for about 20 years. A Senior Executive Service Executive Director, acting under delegated authorities, runs the office. The total staff size of the office is 35 people. If ONHIR should close, 20 of the 35 employees (57 percent) are eligible to retire, 9 employees (26 percent) are eligible for early retirement, and the remaining 6 employees (17 percent) would be offered severance pay.

Over the past 5 years, ONHIR expended an average of \$9.8 million and completed an average of 19 relocations per year.<sup>5</sup> During this period, ONHIR received appropriated funds averaging \$7.7 million per year and used prior year carryover funds averaging \$2.1 million per year. On average, ONHIR used these funds in the following manner —

- \$5.6 million for administrative operations, which includes \$3.9 million for employee salaries and benefits;
- \$3.6 million for housing and bonuses for relocated households; and
- \$564,000 for discretionary activities.

The time it will take to relocate the remaining certified households and complete the eligibility appeal process depends on ONHIR's appropriation levels, the speed in which housing can be obtained for the families that are certified and waiting to relocate, and the length of time needed for ONHIR to review pending applications and to hear the administrative appeals for relocation benefits. For applications with eligibility determinations made in FYs 2009 through 2013, we found the average time it took to perform these eligibility determinations was 704 days (or close to 2 years). Administrative appeals that were heard in FYs 2009 through 2013 took an average of 960 days (or over 2½ years) from the date the appeal was received to the date the hearing decision was made. Administrative appeals in connection to applications that were filed as a result of the *Noller-Pete Herbert* court decision took an average of 506 days (or not quite 1½ years). Yet another factor affecting the speed in which the relocation efforts are completed is the right of an applicant who has been denied relocation benefits to seek Federal court review under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).<sup>6</sup> The statute of limitations for an applicant to file an appeal with a Federal court is 6 years from the date of ONHIR's final agency eligibility determination.

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<sup>5</sup> In contrast, ONHIR reported that in FY 1991, with a staff of 95 people and a total budget of about \$33.6 million and expenditures of about \$31.9 million, 215 relocations were processed. Relocation benefits at that time were set at \$62,000 for households of three or fewer, and \$72,000 for households of four or more.

<sup>6</sup> The APA, Pub. L. No. 79-404, enacted June 11, 1946, is the Federal statute that governs the way in which administrative agencies of the U.S. Government may propose and establish regulations. The APA also sets up a process for the Federal courts to directly review agency decisions.



Until ONHIR has completed all relocation benefit eligibility determinations and all administrative appeals have been decided, it is difficult, if not impossible, to know the exact number of households entitled to relocation benefits. Even after eligibility determinations are completed, successful eligibility appeals may extend the life of the relocation program; such was the case with the *Noller Pete Herbert* court decision, which resulted in ONHIR receiving about 3,000 additional applications after losing the appeal. In addition to the uncertainty about when the relocation process will be completed, there is also a problem of cost, because the longer relocations take to complete, the greater the cost of the relocation program due to the annual administrative costs incurred.

### **Operational Alternatives**

Recently, OMB requested that ONHIR prepare a report setting forth alternatives to ONHIR's practice of providing certified applicants with a relocation home, including the possibility of providing a lump-sum payment to each certified applicant in lieu of a replacement home. In April 2014, ONHIR submitted a report to OMB with seven close-out plan options based on the assumptions of \$150,000 cost per replacement home (includes an infrastructure cost component), and 200 families left to move after September 30, 2014 (although they may not be all certified at that time). The estimated costs of the close-out options ranged from \$38.5 million to \$82 million. See Figure 4 for a summary of ONHIR's close-out plans.

Close-Out Plan	Proposed Operational Alternatives
No. 1	Move 20 families per year, assuming an appropriation level of \$8.2 million for 10 years, totaling <b>\$82 million</b> (includes annually \$4.3 million in administration costs, \$500,000 in eligibility determination costs, and \$400,000 in New Lands' improvement work)
No. 2	Move 40 families per year, assuming an appropriation level of \$11.9 million for 5 years, totaling <b>\$59.5 million</b> (includes annually \$4.4 million in administration costs, \$1 million in eligibility determination costs,† and \$500,000 in New Lands improvement work).
No. 3	Move 70 families per year, assuming an appropriation level of \$17.5 million for 3 years, totaling <b>\$52.5 million</b> (includes annually \$4.8 million in administration costs, \$1.7 million in eligibility determination costs, and \$500,000 in New Lands improvement work).
No. 4	Mandatory buyout: 200 buyouts, totaling <b>\$38.5 million</b> (includes \$3.5 million in administration costs and \$5 million in eligibility determination costs). <i>This option would require legislative changes to the relocation law.</i> Any remaining appeals and certifications arising from those appeals would be done by another agency. A mandatory buyout could possibly be completed in 1 year.
No. 5	Continue the program for 2 years with an optional buyout. Move 70 families per year, assuming an appropriation level of \$17.5 million for 2 years and 70 buyouts at the end, totaling <b>\$45.5 million</b> (includes annually \$4 million in administration costs, \$2.5 million in eligibility determination costs, and \$500,000 in New Lands improvement work). <i>The buyout option would require legislative changes.</i>
No. 6	Turn the program over to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, another DOI office, or other Federal agency. <i>This option would require legislative changes.</i>
No. 7	Turn the program over to the Navajo Nation. <i>This option would require legislative changes, and conflicts of interest may arise unless the eligibility processes are separated and given to another agency/office.</i>

\* ONHIR refers to the lands acquired pursuant to the relocation law as "New Lands."

† ONHIR reported that the increase in estimated administration costs from Close-Out Plan No. 1 to Close-Out Plan Nos. 2 and 3 and the increase in estimated eligibility determination costs from Close-Out Plan No. 1 to Close-Out Plan Nos. 2 through 5 arise from ONHIR's anticipated need for increased personnel (e.g., inspectors) and/or increased use of contracted services (e.g., the services of an independent hearing officer and outside counsel) for the appeals process) in order to complete the relocation efforts in a shorter period of time.

Figure 4. ONHIR's proposed operational alternatives, from an April 2014 report to OMB.

Based on our evaluation of ONHIR's historical costs and accomplishments, its current organizational structure, and the relocation work remaining to be completed, we concluded that the cost estimates and other assumptions in ONHIR's close-out options appear reasonable. For example, ONHIR's first close-out option estimate that it can move 20 families in a year if given an appropriation level of \$8.2 million appears in line with its current annual average of 19 relocations at an appropriation level of \$7.7 million. ONHIR's various operational scenarios demonstrate the direct relationship between ONHIR's appropriations and the speed in which the relocation mission can be completed. For example, ONHIR estimates that the 200 certified applicants presumed to be remaining can be relocated within 3 years if given an annual appropriation of \$17.5 million during those 3 years (for a total appropriation of \$52.5 million), and that the same 200 families can be relocated within 10 years if given an annual appropriation of \$8.2 million during that 10-year period (for a total appropriation of \$82 million). As shown in Figure 4, the longer the relocation time period, the more costly the relocation program becomes due to the annual administrative costs involved.

ONHIR's Close-Out Plan No. 4, which is a mandatory buyout option that could possibly complete the relocation mission in 1 year, offers the least costly alternative. This option would require legislative changes to the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act. In evaluating this option, one issue to consider is whether to require that the \$150,000 lump-sum payment be used for replacement housing

Absent from ONHIR's Close-Out Plan Nos. 6 and 7 are the cost estimates for turning over the relocation program to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, another DOI office or other Federal agency, or the Navajo Nation. ONHIR contends, and we agree, that given its knowledge of and expertise in the relocation program and the likelihood that such knowledge and expertise will be lacking in another office or agency, turning over the relocation program to another entity will have the effect of merely transferring the costs of the relocation program, not reducing them. Furthermore, we believe that transferring the program to another office or agency will, in all likelihood, increase program costs in the long run and further delay the completion of the relocation efforts.

Based on our review of the program, we concluded that it will not be possible for ONHIR to complete its work and cease operations in the near future without legislative changes and/or an increase in annual appropriations. We believe ONHIR's operational alternatives have merit and can be used as a reference tool when discussing how long the relocation program should continue, how much to fund the program, and whether a target completion date for the program should be proposed. In our opinion, setting a program completion date and providing the appropriations needed to fund housing for certified applicants are critical steps, because the longer the program continues, the greater the risk that litigation (or adverse APA decisions) might further extend its life. Moreover, the longer relocations take to complete, the greater their cost, due to the annual

administrative costs involved and the potential loss of the historical and cultural knowledge of ONHIR staff members who retire or otherwise leave the office.

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## **Suggestions for Congressional Subcommittee Members, ONHIR, and Other Cognizant Officials**

Based on our review of the relocation program, our suggestions to congressional subcommittee members, ONHIR, and other cognizant officials are as follows:

1. Consider ONHIR's proposed operational alternatives and determine which approach will best control costs and complete the relocation mission in an acceptable, judicious, and timely manner.
2. Focus on completing eligibility determinations and administrative appeals.
3. Legislate a sunset date for the relocation program and provide the requisite level of appropriations to meet ONHIR's statutory obligations by that date.
4. Develop a transition plan for the eventual transfer of assets and remaining responsibilities to appropriate offices and agencies.

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# Appendix I: Scope and Methodology

## Scope

Our objective was to determine (1) the status of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation's (ONHIR) relocation efforts, and (2) how ONHIR is using its appropriated funds. The original objective included a third component of determining whether the ONHIR relocation and administrative operations are managed in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, directives, and sound business practices. We deferred work on the third objective in order to focus our initial efforts on operational alternatives to complete ONHIR's mission in a timely manner.

We did not perform an economy-and-efficiency review of ONHIR's eligibility determination, administrative appeals, and relocation processes.

## Methodology

We conducted our evaluation in accordance with the Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation as put forth by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. We believe that the work performed provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions and recommendations.

To accomplish the evaluation, we—

- reviewed laws, regulations, policies, and procedures related to the Navajo-Hopi relocation effort and ONHIR operations;
- obtained an understanding of ONHIR's relocation and administrative processes, including its eligibility determination, replacement housing or house acquisition assistance, new land development, appeals processes, and accounting and contracting activities;
- reviewed ONHIR's appropriated fund and expenditure data for fiscal years (FYs) 2009 through 2014; ONHIR's relocation program status as of August 31, 2014; ONHIR's FY 2015 "Passback: Report and Background Narrative" dated April 11, 2014, sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); ONHIR's audited financial statements for FYs 2011, 2012, and 2013; and other data related to the relocation program;
- reviewed previous reports and testimony on ONHIR's operations, including:
  - a Congressional Research Service memorandum to the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, dated September 6, 2012;
  - the U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Navajo-Hopi Settlement, Hearing on S. 1003, Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Amendments of 2005, 109th Cong., 1st sess. July 21, 2005, S. Hrg. 109-183; and

- a July 1986 Office of Inspector General report and April 1995, March 1991, October 1985, and July 1981 Government Accountability Office reports related to the Navajo and Hopi Indian relocation program;
- conducted site visits at ONHIR's Flagstaff, AZ. office;
- interviewed ONHIR, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and OMB officials regarding the relocation program;
- obtained legal advice from our Office of General Counsel; and
- met with ONHIR's certified public accountants in Phoenix, AZ.

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**House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Congressional Delegation Trip to Navajo and Hopi Lands, Arizona  
January 22-26, 2015**

**Point of Contact: Darren Benjamin (202) 591-6954 (cell); (202) 225-3081 (office)**

Congressional Delegation

**Hon. Ken Calvert (CA-42)**, Subcommittee Chairman  
**Hon. Betty McCollum (MN-4)**, Subcommittee Ranking Minority Member  
**Hon. Mike Simpson (ID-2)**, Subcommittee Vice-Chairman  
**Hon. Tom Cole (OK-4)**, Subcommittee Member  
**Hon. Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ-1)** (*joining the delegation beginning Saturday morning*)

Accompanied by

**Ms. Jodi Gillette**, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, White House  
**Ms. Kristin Sarri**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management and Budget,  
Department of the Interior  
**Mr. Rick Healy**, Subcommittee staff  
**Mr. Darren Benjamin**, Subcommittee staff

Interactive Map

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Thursday, January 22 (Travel Day)

3:00 PM	Last Votes; Meet at Reagan National boarding gate
5:00 PM	U.S. Airways/American Airlines 589 DCA direct to Phoenix (PHX)
8:12 PM	Arrive Phoenix airport; Board Marriott hotel shuttle <i>Call shuttle when in baggage claim (602) 273-7373</i>
8:45 PM	Arrive <u>Phoenix Airport Marriott</u> ; Check in; Retire

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Friday, January 23

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on your own at hotel; Check out
- 8:00 AM Board Marriott shuttle for airport
- 9:48 AM U.S. Airways/American Airlines 2695 PHX direct to Flagstaff
- 10:41 AM Arrive Flagstaff airport; Board charter bus  
*Joined by Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) officials:*  
*Mr. Chris Bavasi, Executive Director*  
*Ms. Nancy Thomas, Chief Financial Officer*  
*Mr. Lawrence Ruzow, Attorney*  
*Ms. Mae Salago-King, New Lands Manager*
- 12:05 PM Arrive Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites, Tuba City, AZ; Check in
- 12:30 PM Lunch on your own (walk to Tuuvi Café or Denny's)
- 1:30 PM Executive Session with Hopi Tribal Council and Meetings with Hopi Department of Natural Resources, Moenkopi Legacy Inn  
*Joined not later than 3:00 by Department of the Interior officials:*  
*Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary*  
*Hon. Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs*
- 4:25 PM Adjourn; Walk 5 minutes to Moenkopi Day School  
*Joined by Hopi officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Department of the Interior officials*
- 4:30 PM Arrive Moenkopi Day School; Tour  
*Joined by Hopi officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Department of the Interior officials:*  
*Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary*  
*Hon. Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs*  
*Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education*
- 5:15 PM Walk back to Moenkopi Legacy Inn; Break
- 6:00 PM Dinner with the Hopi Leadership, Moenkopi Legacy Inn, Tuba City, AZ  
*Joined by Department of the Interior officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Dinner Headcount: 4 Members + 2 Staff + 8 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR = 18 + Hopi*
- 8:00 PM Retire

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Saturday, January 24

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on your own (walk to Tuuvi Café or Denny's); Check out
- 8:00 AM Board charter bus; Tour Hopi land sites  
*Joined by Hopi officials:*  
*Hopi Tribal Council members*  
*Dept. of Natural Resources tour guides*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Some sites may require transferring to Hopi Gov't 4WD vehicles*  
*Vehicle Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR = 14 + Hopi*
- 11:15 AM Arrive Hopi Detention Center, Keams Canyon, AZ; Tour  
*Joined by Hopi officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 12:15 PM Board charter bus; Depart for Spider Mound Community
- 12:30 PM Arrive Spider Mound Community Building; Lunch  
*Lunch hosted by the Community*  
*Lunch Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR + bus driver = 15 + Hopi*
- 1:30 PM Community presentation; Board Hopi Gov't 4WD vehicles; Tour  
*Joined by Hopi officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Vehicle Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR = 14 + Hopi*
- 3:30 PM Transfer to charter bus; Depart for Jeddito, AZ  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 3:40 PM Arrive Jeddito Chapter, Navajo Nation; Brief stop to meet Navajo officials;  
Depart for Window Rock, AZ  
*Joined by Navajo officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 5:30 PM Arrive Quality Inn, Window Rock, AZ; Check in; Break
- 6:30 PM Reception and Dinner with the Navajo Leadership, Quality Inn  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Dinner Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR = 14 + Navajo*
- 8:00 PM Retire

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Sunday, January 25

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on your own at hotel; Check out
- 8:00 AM Meet with Navajo officials, Navajo Nation Council Chambers  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 9:00 AM Board charter bus; Depart for New Lands  
*Joined by Navajo officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 10:00 AM Arrive New Lands; Tour  
*Tour will be co-led by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*
- 11:30 PM Lunch; Continue tour  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Lunch Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR + bus driver = 15 + Navajo*
- 1:00 PM Depart for Little Singer Community School, Winslow, AZ  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Rep. Kirkpatrick will leave the delegation at this juncture.*
- 2:30 PM Transfer to BIE school bus for travel on unpaved roads  
*Junction of North Park Drive north of Winslow, AZ, and Indian Route 2*  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education*
- 3:00 PM Arrive Little Singer Community School, Winslow, AZ; Tour  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education.*
- 3:45 PM Depart for Flagstaff, AZ  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education*
- 4:15 PM Transfer to charter bus for travel on paved roads  
*Junction of North Park Drive north of Winslow, AZ, and Indian Route 2*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 5:15 PM Arrive Courtyard by Marriott, Flagstaff, AZ; Check in; Break
- 6:30 PM Board charter bus; Working dinner / wrap-up session with ONHIR officials  
*Dinner Headcount: 4 Members + 3 Staff + 1 WH + 4 ONHIR = 12*
- 8:00 PM Retire

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Monday, January 26 (Travel Day)

6:00 AM	Breakfast on your own at hotel; Check out
7:00 AM	Board Marriott shuttle for airport
8:00 AM	U.S. Airways/American Airlines 2720 Flagstaff direct to Phoenix (PHX)
8:57 AM	Arrive PHX; Change planes
9:47 AM	U.S. Airways/American Airlines 595 PHX direct to DCA
3:55 PM	Arrive DCA; Individual arrangements for transport back to Capitol
6:30 PM	First Votes

## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TRIP TO ARIZONA OVERSIGHT OF THE NAVAJO-HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION PROGRAM

**DATE:** January 22-26, 2015 (You will be joining the Delegation on January 23)  
**LOCATION:** Hopi Reservation, Arizona  
**TIME:** 4:30 PM-6:00 PM  
**FROM:** Don Yu, BIE, 202-208-7163

#### I. PURPOSE OF EVENT

The purpose of this Congressional Delegation (CoDel) trip to the Navajo and Hopi Reservations is for members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies to learn more about: (1) implementation of a settlement of a decades old land conflict between the Navajo and Hopi Indian Tribes; and (2) school infrastructure needs at BIE-funded schools. You will join the Delegation on the leg of the trip to discuss DOI's efforts to reform the BIE and provide a preview of DOI's FY16 budget.

#### II. PARTICIPANTS

- Representative Ken Calvert (R-CA)
- Representative Tom Cole (R-OK)
- Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN)
- Representative Mike Simpson (R-ID)
- Representative Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)
- Jodi Gillette, WH DPC
- Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- Kris Sarri, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for PMB
- Monty Roessel, BIE Director
- Rick Healy (Committee Staff)
- Darren Benjamin (Committee Staff)
- Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Officials (TBD)
- Navajo and Hopi Tribal Officials (TBD)

#### III. KEY FACTS/BACKGROUND

*Background on Navajo-Hopi Relocation*

The federal Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act, commonly referred to as the Relocation Act of 1974, was an attempt by the federal government to settle a land dispute between the Hopi and Navajo tribes. The Act established the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation to implement the settlement of the land conflict and drew boundaries that separated the two tribal nations. The mission of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation is to provide quality services to eligible households and others impacted by the relocation act, in such a way that tribal citizens affected by the Act have the opportunity to re-establish their lives in a positive and productive manner.

#### *Moencopi Day School*

Moencopi Day school is a grant school located in the village of Moenkopi, on the Hopi Reservation. It is the westernmost village of the twelve villages that comprise the Hopi Tribe across First, Second, and Third Mesas. This village is situated at the western gateway to Hopi on Third Mesa and the community adjoins the Navajo community of Tuba City. Moencopi, which means "Running Water", is comprised of two villages: Lower Moencopi and Upper Moencopi, sometimes referred to as "traditional" and "progressive" Hopi respectively. There are approximately over 1,500 residents in both villages.

Moencopi Day School serves students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> with a current enrollment of 168 students. There is one Kindergarten classes, two first grade classes, two second grade classes, one third grade class, one fourth grade class, two fifth grade classes, and one sixth grade class. The kindergarten and first grade classes are housed in the main building with the remaining classes (2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades) unhoused in the modular units. Moencopi Day School was originally built to serve students in kindergarten through third grade; however, due to increased enrollment there was a need to expand without receiving funding resources from the BIA to construct additional buildings. Although the school board at the time did not want modular buildings, such buildings were given to Moencopi Day School to meet the need for additional school construction. The governing body of Moencopi Day School consists of five community members voted into office by members of the community.

The following items are a few safety concerns and general concerns for justification of a new building that will house all grade levels:

- Over 50 percent of enrolled students are housed in modular units.
- There are several instances of cracking in the block walls of the main school building. One of the cracks can be identified both inside and outside the building.
- The Intercom system is outdated and needs installation of a new system. 3 out of 7 modular units do not have intercoms. There is no outside horn or speaker.

- Lack of storage space has forced the school to purchase steel containers for storage, a freezer for the kitchen is located outside the building, and the server room is located in an area not suitable for a server.
- The gymnasium also serves as a cafeteria and the gymnasium is small.
- There parking area for parents, community members, and staff is inadequate and visitors park in the sand.
- The ceiling joists are damaged and were not intended to support the weight and movement of those who need to access the attic.

The Moencopi Day, like the other Hopi School, is relatively high-performing compared to most other BIE-funded schools in Arizona. During the 2012-13 school year, Moencopi's student attendance was 95.25 percent, 71.57 percent of the school's students scored proficient in reading, and 55.88 percent scored proficient in math (see Attachment D for additional details).

#### *Little Singer Community School*

Little Singer, a K-6 school, was the vision in the 1970s of a medicine man of the same name who wanted local children educated in his community. The school building is the original structure that was built in the early 1950's. 20 years ago a new structure was built to serve as the school gym. Little Singer Community School has been on the Department's priority list for replacement since 2004. In the FY15 omnibus, Little Singer received funding for the planning and design of a new school. There is no teacher housing, a few of the teachers carpool each day for about a 90 minute drive that includes 7 miles of unpaved road each morning from Flagstaff, AZ or other neighboring towns. Recruiting teachers is very difficult because of the remoteness of the school and lack of teacher housing.

Little Singer has 86 students and 100 percent of the student body is eligible for free and reduced price lunch. The school is organized in multigrade levels. Less than one-quarter of students were deemed proficient in reading and math on the 2012-2013 standards based assessment (AIMS). Teachers may receive performance pay based on student academic growth,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in December and the other half in May. Navajo language and culture is utilized to teach content concepts in reading and math to students who are not proficient in the English language.

#### **IV. TOPLINE MESSAGES**

##### Overall Top Lines

- POTUS has made unprecedented commitments to Indian Country, and especially for Native youth (e.g., *WH Council, Tribal Nations Conference, Institutionalized by Executive Action*)
- POTUS accepts responsibility for a broken history – committed early on to right the wrongs
- POTUS tasked the Cabinet to get to work:
  - Make it easier for tribes to access federal gov – Yearly TNC, WH Council
  - Give tribal communities the opportunity to lead (self-determination/reliance)



- Focus on the next generation of tribal leaders: Transform Indian Education
  - This is one of my top priorities as Secretary
  - Accept the responsibility for federal neglect and broken promises, and recognize we need to do better by listening to tribes and resetting the relationship
  - Put education back in the hands of tribes
  - Give them the choice of how best to teach their kids
  - Provide resources and support from Washington, but not direct management

**Indian Ed – School Construction Budget**

- Obama Administration is working correct this - restructure, transform, recommit
- Grateful for the +19M in FY15 omnibus for replacement school construction
- As identified in various reports, the price tag to bring all BIE-funded schools into good condition is over \$1 billion dollars
- Of 183 institutions, 63 BIE schools are considered in "poor" condition
- FY16 preview: +58.7M for replacement school construction; +20M for major repairs; and +34.2M to bring high-speed Internet to all BIE over three years.

**V. BIOGRAPHIES**

***Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.)***

42nd District, Western Riverside County -- Corona, Murrieta



- Residence: Corona
- Born: June 8, 1953; Corona, Calif
- Religion: Episcopalian
- Family: Divorced
- Education: Chaffey College, A.A. 1973 (business); San Diego State U., B.A. 1975 (economics)
- Military Service: None
- Career: Real estate executive; restaurant executive

- First Elected: 1992 (12th term)
- Latest Election: 2014 General (65.74%)
- Political Highlights: Sought Republican nomination for U.S. House, 1982; Riverside County Republican Party chairman, 1984-88
- Committees:
  - Appropriations

You met with Chairman Calvert in late July to discuss wildland fire funding and I WCF, and spoke with him by phone on Dec. 12.

**Additional issues**

### California Drought

In the last Congress, Chairman Calvert supported Rep. Valadeo's Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act, which was strongly opposed by the Administration and Senator Feinstein, because it would preempt California water law and pit water users against one another.

### Salton Sea Project

One of the top priorities for Riverside County, which Chairman Calvert represents, is the designation of land at the Salton Sea as a renewable energy development focus area, similar to the DRFCP. Nearly one year ago, the Department signed an MOU with the Salton Sea Authority, agreeing to share available technical and scientific information to aid the project.

### Earthquake Hazards

Chairman Calvert has a strong supporter of USGS and their earthquake hazards program. USGS gave him a leadership award in 2013.

### Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.)

4th District, South central -- Norman, Lawton, part of Oklahoma City



- Residence: Moore
- Born: April 28, 1949; Shreveport, La.
- Religion: Methodist
- Family: Wife, Ellen Cole; one child
- Education: Grinnell College, B.A. 1971 (history); Yale U., M.A. 1974 (British history); U. of Oklahoma, Ph.D. 1984 (19th Century British history)
- Military Service: None
- Career: Political consultant; party official; congressional district

director; professor

- First Elected: 2002 (7th term)
- Latest Election: 2014 General (70.8%)
- Political Highlights: Okla. Republican Party chairman, 1985-89; Okla. Senate, 1989-91; Okla. secretary of state, 1995-99
- Committees:
  - Appropriations
  - Rules
  - Joint Library

Rep. Cole is a member of the Chickasaw Nation; he is one of two Native Americans serving in Congress. Cole's mother, Helen Cole, was Oklahoma's first Native American state senator. Rep.

Cole is Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, along with Congresswoman Betty McCollum.

You met with Rep. Cole in late July in late July to discuss Indian Education issues, and spoke with him by phone on Dec. 5.

#### **Additional issues**

##### **Chickasaw National Recreation Area**

Congressman Cole supports the opportunity for tribal-Federal partnership at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, which is a unit of the National Park Service located in southern Oklahoma. The Park Service is working on an agreement to formalize the working relationship between the Tribe and NPS.

##### **Tribal recognition process**

Last year, Reps. Cole and McCollum wrote to you regarding the Department's proposed reforms to the tribal recognition process. Their letter commended DOI for working to reform the "broken" tribal recognition process, but asked for additional time for public comments and for additional meetings so tribal members who were unable to travel to one of the six tribal consultations would be able to participate. In response to the request by Rep. Cole and others, the Department extended the public comment period and added two additional tribal consultations.

##### **Lesser Prairie-Chicken**

Congressman Cole is concerned that the listing of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken would affect the ability of private landowners to use their lands and have a negative impact on local economies, particularly oil and gas development in his district.

#### **Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.)**



4th District, St. Paul and suburbs

- Residence: St. Paul
  - Born: July 12, 1954; Minneapolis, Minn.
  - Religion: Roman Catholic
  - Family: Divorced; two children
  - Education: Inver Hills Community College, A.A. 1980; College of St. Catherine, B.A. 1987 (education)
  - Military Service: None
  - Career: Teacher; retail saleswoman
- First Elected: 2000 (8th term)
  - Latest Election: 2014 General (61.19%)

- Political Highlights: Candidate for North St. Paul City Council, 1984; North St. Paul City Council, 1987-92; Minn. House, 1993-2001
- Committees:
  - Appropriations

Rep. McCollum is Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, along with Rep. Tom Cole. You met with Rep. McCollum in late July to discuss LWCF and Indian Education issues.

#### Additional issues

##### **Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School**

In August, you visited the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation in Bena, Minnesota. The deteriorating building, which serves almost 200 students K-12, has multiple safety and security concerns. Rep. McCollum has been a strong supporter of funding for native schools in general, and the Bug School in particular.

##### **Asian Carp**

Rep. McCollum has long been concerned about the spread of Asian Carp and has been a supporter of FWS and USGS as they work to address the issue.

##### **Opposition to the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System**

You have met with Minnesota Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken about their strong support for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, which will deliver water to communities in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. You should be aware that Rep. McCollum does **not** support the water project, and has opposed it since her days in the Minnesota State Legislature. She is the only Member of the Minnesota Congressional delegation to take this stance.

#### **Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho)**



2nd District, East -- Pocatello, Idaho Falls, part of Boise

- Residence: Idaho Falls
- Born: Sept. 8, 1950, Burley, Idaho
- Religion: Mormon
- Family: Wife, Kathy Simpson
- Education: Utah State U., attended 1968-72 (pre-dentistry), Washington U. (Mo.), D.M.D. 1977; Utah State U., B.S. 2002 (pre-dentistry)
- Military Service: None
- Career: Dentist
- First Elected: 1998 (9th term)
- Latest Election: 2014 General (61,36%)

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- Residence:Flagstaff
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- Religion:Roman Catholic
- Family:Husband, Roger Curley; two children
- Education:U. of Arizona, B.A. 1972 (social studies), J.D. 1979
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Briefing Paper  
Over-Permitted Livestock Round-Up and Impoundment on the Hopi Partitioned Lands  
October 30, 2014

Background: Pursuant to a 1996 settlement between the United States and the Hopi Tribe, certain Navajo families were allowed to remain on Hopi partition lands for a period of time before relocating off of Hopi lands if they entered an Accommodation Agreement. As part of the Accommodation Agreements, the Hopi Tribe allows each of the Navajo families to have a certain number of permitted livestock units.

Hopi has contracted the grazing program from BIA, but the BIA retains certain authority for carrying out inherently federal functions. If a Navajo family violates the amount of livestock allowed under their permit, after notice of the violation has been given (which is sent by the BIA) Hopi can lawfully impound excess livestock if no action is taken by the Navajo family to cure the violation.

Current Issue: Impoundment

On October 22-23, 2014, and October 28, 2014, the Hopi Tribe, with technical support of the BIA—Hopi Agency, conducted round-up and impoundment of livestock on the Hopi Partition Lands which were either not permitted or exceeded the grazing permits granted to the Navajo individuals. The trespass actions were conducted in compliance with Federal grazing regulations 25 C.F.R. Part 168 Grazing Regulations for the Hopi Partitioned Lands Area and Hopi Ordinance 43, which applies to the Hopi Reservation, including the Hopi Partition Lands occupied by Navajo families.

Certain allegations have been made by various Navajo individuals regarding the recent round up and impoundment (i.e., BIA and Hopi used helicopters in the roundup and Navajo children were impounded) however, the majority of those allegations are without factual basis.

The Solicitor's Office is currently working with the BIA—Hopi Agency, the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo families to resolve any outstanding issues and improve on the ground communication in the event there are future impoundments.

### Navajo-Hopi Relocation

In December 2014, the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of the Inspector General published a report on the operations of the Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR), an independent government entity in the executive branch that operates outside of the Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, at the request of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, which included language in ONHIR's fiscal year 2014 appropriation directing ONHIR to provide the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) with funding for audits and investigations of ONHIR's operations. Based on its evaluation, the Office of the Inspector General concluded it would not be possible for ONHIR to complete its relocation work and cease operations in the near future without legislative changes and/or an increase in annual appropriations. The OIG report is attached here: background information on the Navajo-Hopi Relocation is provided below.

### **Background**

Public Law 93-531, the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974, was enacted to settle disputes over lands that have existed between the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Indian tribe for over a century.

The disputes arose from an Executive Order signed by President Chester Arthur in 1882 that set aside approximately 2.5 million acres of land, approximately 70 miles long and 55 miles wide, in northern Arizona for the Hopi Tribe and "such other Indians as the Secretary [of the Interior] may see fit to settle thereon," and a 1934 Act of Congress setting aside lands for the Navajo Nation. Since the Executive Order in 1882, members of the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation have disputed the right to occupy certain lands set aside by the 1882 Executive Order. These disagreements led to case in the Federal District Court of Arizona in 1962, *Healing v. Jones*, where the Court ruled that both the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation had joint rights to use the lands in dispute. The Court held that the Department of the Interior had settled Navajos on lands of the 1882 Hopi Reservation through implication, indirection and neglect. Thus, the Court found that both tribes had rights to certain lands within the 1882 Hopi Reservation.

Congress passed the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act in 1974 (Public Law 93-531), which authorized litigation between the two tribes to determine each tribe's respective rights to the lands in question. The lands comprising this area became known as the "joint use area" (JUA). Conflict over the JUA continued, however, and the relations between the tribes became so tense over the access to sacred religious sites and development on the lands that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at this time, Robert Bennett, implemented a freeze on any development on the disputed land in 1966. This was termed the "Bennett Freeze" after Commissioner Robert Bennett. The freeze forbade any development on the lands at issue in litigation, including the building of houses, improvement to property, public work projects, power and water lines, public agency improvements, and associated rights of way.



Tensions in the JUA and over the Bennett freeze led Congress to pass the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act, which established a three member Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Commission to manage the relocation of members of the Navajo Nation who were living on the lands set aside for the Hopi Tribe and members of the Hopi Tribe who were living on lands set aside for the Navajo Nation. The 1974 law contemplated that the relocation activities would be fulfilled by 1986, and the cost of providing relocation benefits to approximately 6,000 Navajos eligible for relocation was estimated to be about \$40 million. However, the total cost has exceeded \$500 million with no near term end in sight.

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In 2005, the Navajo and Hopi tribes entered into an intergovernmental agreement that resolved all outstanding issues regarding the land in dispute. The intergovernmental agreement clarifies the boundaries of the Navajo and Hopi reservations in Arizona and guarantees access to protected religious sites of both tribes. The agreement also puts an end to the ban on development on the disputed lands. The agreement was approved by the Secretary of the Interior in November 2006. Therefore, there is no additional need for the Bennett Freeze. Both the Navajo and Hopi tribes support this legislation to repeal section 196f of Public Law 93-531, the Bennett Freeze

The relocation law was amended several times, including the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments Act of 1980 (Pub. L. No. 96-305); the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments of 1988 (Pub. L. No. 100-666); and the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute Settlement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-301). These laws made a number of changes to the relocation process, including authorizing:

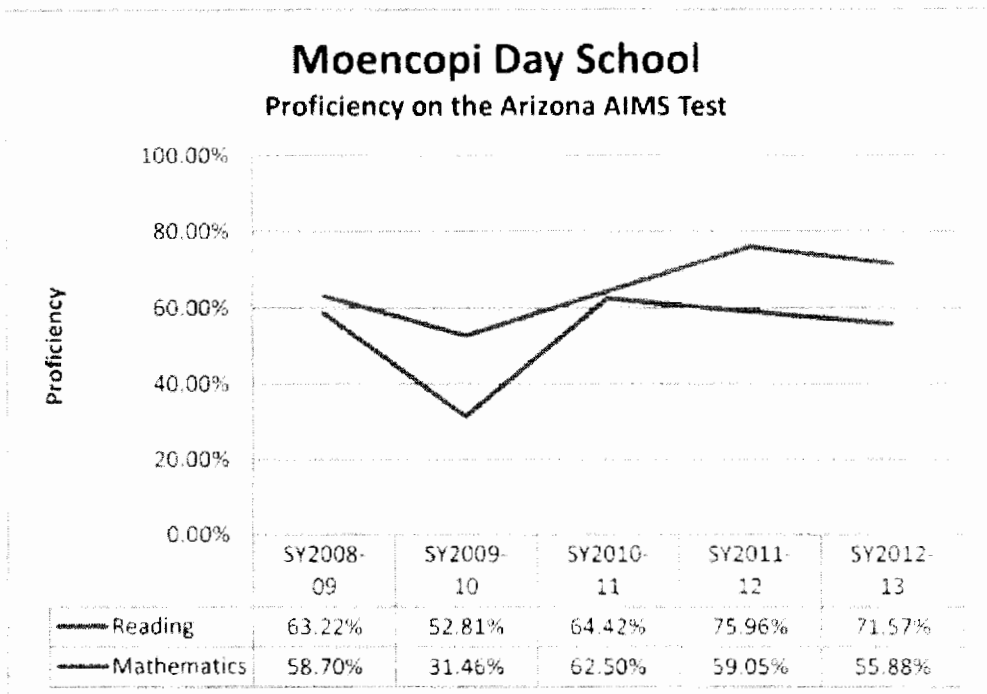
- The Secretary of the Interior to transfer additional land to the Navajo Nation to be used for relocation;
- An increase in appropriations for bonus payments and housing benefits;
- Funds for projects related to relocation;
- The Hopi Tribe to provide 75-year leases to Navajo households residing on the Hopi Partitioned Lands (Accommodation Agreements); and
- The abolishment of the original Commission and in its place the establishment of Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) to carry out the relocation process.

The Commission, and subsequently ONHIR (Congress replaced the Commissioner with ONHIR), had several responsibilities in carrying out the relocation process. These responsibilities included certifying families as eligible for relocation benefits; acquiring relocation housing for eligible families; acquiring and managing land and constructing new housing and infrastructure where necessary; and providing pre- and post-move counseling and other services to assist eligible households with the transition.

A September 6, 2012 Congressional Research Service memorandum addressed to the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, reported that some members of Congress have expressed frustration with the length of time and the cost of the relocation effort. The memorandum stated that on at least two occasions Congress has considered bills to set an end date for the relocation process and to abolish ONHIR and transfer its functions to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). In 1996, a bill was introduced (S. 2111, 104th Cong.) that would have abolished ONHIR on September 30, 2001, and transferred its remaining functions to a newly created Office of Relocation within DOI. The bill also would have prohibited any benefit payments to a head of household who was not certified as eligible for benefits by September 30, 2001, and provided for benefits to be held in trust for eligible heads of household who had not yet received replacement homes. In 2005, the Senate passed a bill (S. 1003, 109th Cong.) that included provisions similar to those in the 1996 bill. No final law was passed in either instance.

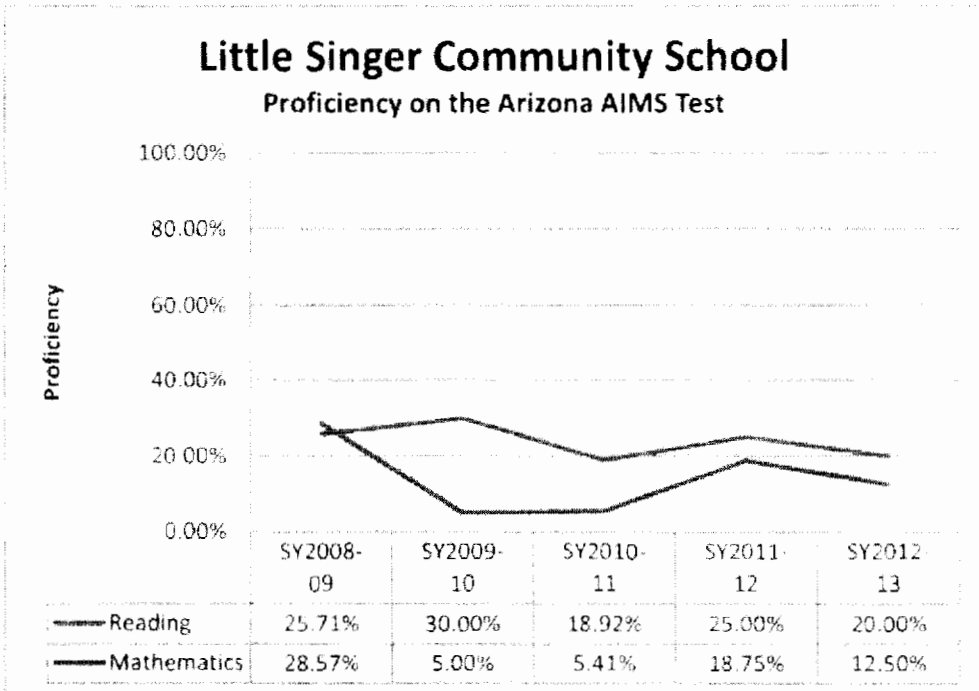
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Mathematics	SY2008-09 58.70%	SY2009-10 31.46%	SY2010-11 62.50%	SY2011-12 59.05%	SY2012-13 55.88%



# Little Singer Community School

	SY2008-09	SY2009-10	SY2010-11	SY2011-12	SY2012-13
Enrollment	92	92	95	91	89
	SY2008-09	SY2009-10	SY2010-11	SY2011-12	SY2012-13
Attendance	90.97%	90.68%	92.52%	91.97%	91.58%
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Reading	25.71%	30.00%	18.92%	25.00%	20.00%
Mathematics	28.57%	5.00%	5.41%	18.75%	12.50%





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## Briefing Materials for Arizona 1/23 - CoDel

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Good Evening--

Attached are the Secretary's briefing materials for her trip to Arizona.

Thank you,

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## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TRIP TO ARIZONA OVERSIGHT OF THE NAVAJO-HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION PROGRAM

DATE: January 22-26, 2015 (You will be joining the Delegation on January 23)  
LOCATION: Hopi Reservation, Arizona  
TIME: 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM  
FROM: Don Yu, BIE, 202-208-7163

#### I. PURPOSE OF EVENT

The purpose of this Congressional Delegation (CoDel) trip to the Navajo and Hopi Reservations is for members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies to learn more about: (1) implementation of a settlement of a decades old land conflict between the Navajo and Hopi Indian Tribes; and (2) school infrastructure needs at BIE-funded schools. You will join the Delegation on the leg of the trip to discuss DOI's efforts to reform the BIE and provide a preview of DOI's FY16 budget.

#### II. PARTICIPANTS

- Representative Ken Calvert (R-CA)
- Representative Tom Cole (R-OK)
- Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN)
- Representative Mike Simpson (R-ID)
- Representative Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)
- Jodi Gillette, WH DPC
- Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- Kris Sarri, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for PMB
- Monty Roessel, BIE Director
- Rick Healy (Committee Staff)
- Darren Benjamin (Committee Staff)
- Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Officials (TBD)
- Navajo and Hopi Tribal Officials (TBD)

#### III. BACKGROUND

*Background on Navajo/Hopi Relocation*

The federal Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act, commonly referred to as the Relocation Act of 1974, was an attempt by the federal government to settle a land dispute between the Hopi and Navajo tribes. The Act established the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation to implement the settlement of the land conflict and drew boundaries that separated the two tribal nations. The mission of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation is to provide quality services to eligible households and others impacted by the relocation act, in such a way that tribal citizens affected by the Act have the opportunity to re-establish their lives in a positive and productive manner.

### *Moencopi Day School*

Moencopi Day school is a grant school located in the village of Moenkopi, on the Hopi Reservation. It is the westernmost village of the twelve villages that comprise the Hopi Tribe across First, Second, and Third Mesas. This village is situated at the western gateway to Hopi on Third Mesa and the community adjoins the Navajo community of Tuba City. Moencopi, which means “Running Water”, is comprised of two villages: Lower Moencopi and Upper Moencopi, sometimes referred to as “traditional” and “progressive” Hopi respectively. There are approximately over 1,500 residents in both villages.

Moencopi Day School serves students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> with a current enrollment of 168 students. There is one Kindergarten classe, two first grade classes, two second grade classes, one third grade class, one fourth grade class, two fifth grade classes, and one sixth grade class. The kindergarten and first grade classes are housed in the main building with the remaining classes (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades) unhoused in the modular units. Moencopi Day School was originally built to serve students in kindergarten through third grade; however, due to increased enrollment there was a need to expand without receiving funding resources from the BIA to construct additional buildings. Although the school board at the time did not want modular buildings, such buildings were given to Moencopi Day School to meet the need for additional school construction. The governing body of Moencopi Day School consists of five community members voted into office by members of the community.

The following items are a few safety concerns and general concerns for justification of a new building that will house all grade levels:

- Over 50 percent of enrolled students are housed in modular units.
- There are several instances of cracking in the block walls of the main school building. One of the cracks can be identified both inside and outside the building.
- The Intercom system is outdated and needs installation of a new system, 3 out of 7 modular units do not have intercoms. There is no outside horn or speaker.



- Lack of storage space has forced the school to purchase steel containers for storage, a freezer for the kitchen is located outside the building, and the server room is located in an area not suitable for a server.
- The gymnasium also serves as a cafeteria and the gymnasium is small.
- There parking area for parents, community members, and staff is inadequate and visitors park in the sand.
- The ceiling joists are damaged and were not intended to support the weight and movement of those who need to access the attic.

The Moencopi Day, like the other Hopi School, is relatively high-performing compared to most other BIE-funded schools in Arizona. During the 2012-13 school year, Moencopi's student attendance was 95.25 percent, 71.57 percent of the school's students scored proficient in reading, and 55.88 percent scored proficient in math (see Attachments for additional details).

#### *Little Singer Community School*

Little Singer, a K-6 school, was the vision in the 1970s of a medicine man of the same name who wanted local children educated in his community. The school building is the original structure that was built in the early 1950's. 20 years ago a new structure was built to serve as the school gym. Little Singer Community School has been on the Department's priority list for replacement since 2004. In the FY15 omnibus, Little Singer received funding for the planning and design of a new school. There is no teacher housing, a few of the teachers carpool each day for about a 90 minute drive that includes 7 miles of unpaved road each morning from Flagstaff, AZ or other neighboring towns. Recruiting teachers is very difficult because of the remoteness of the school and lack of teacher housing.

Little Singer has 86 students and 100 percent of the student body is eligible for free and reduced price lunch. The school is organized in multigrade levels. Less than one-quarter of students were deemed proficient in reading and math on the 2012-2013 standards based assessment (AIMS). Teachers may receive performance pay based on student academic growth, half in December and the other half in May. Navajo language and culture is utilized to teach content concepts in reading and math to students who are not proficient in the English Language.

#### **IV. TOPLINE MESSAGES**

##### **Overall Top Lines**

- POTUS has made unprecedented commitments to Indian Country, and especially for Native youth (*e.g., WH Council, Tribal Nations Conference, Institutionalized by Executive Action*)
- POTUS accepts responsibility for a broken history – committed early on to right the wrongs
- POTUS tasked the Cabinet to get to work:
  - Make it easier for tribes to access federal gov – Yearly TNC, WH Council
  - Give tribal communities the opportunity to lead (self-determination/reliance)

- Focus on the next generation of tribal leaders: Transform Indian Education
  - This is one of my top priorities as Secretary
  - Accept the responsibility for federal neglect and broken promises, and recognize we need to do better by listening to tribes and resetting the relationship
  - Put education back in the hands of tribes
  - Give them the choice of how best to teach their kids
  - Provide resources and support from Washington, but not direct management

**Indian Ed – School Construction Budget**

- Obama Administration is working correct this – restructure, transform, recommit
- Grateful for the +19M in FY15 omnibus for replacement school construction
- As identified in various reports, the price tag to bring all BIE-funded schools into good condition is over \$1 billion dollars
- Of 183 institutions, 63 BIE schools are considered in ‘poor’ condition
- FY16 preview: +58.7M for replacement school construction; +20M for major repairs; and +34.2M to bring high-speed Internet to all BIE over three years.

**V. BIOGRAPHIES**

***Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.)***

42nd District, Western Riverside County -- Corona, Murrieta



- Residence: Corona
- Born: June 8, 1953; Corona, Calif.
- Religion: Episcopalian
- Family: Divorced
- Education: Chaffey College, A.A. 1973 (business); San Diego State U., B.A. 1975 (economics)
- Military Service: None
- Career: Real estate executive; restaurant executive
- First Elected: 1992 (12th term)
- Latest Election: 2014 General (65.74%)
- Political Highlights: Sought Republican nomination for U.S. House, 1982; Riverside County Republican Party chairman, 1984-88
- Committees:
  - Appropriations

You met with Chairman Calvert in late July to discuss wildland fire funding and LWCF, and spoke with him by phone on Dec. 12.

**Additional issues**

## California Drought

In the last Congress, Chairman Calvert supported Rep. Valadeo's Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act, which was strongly opposed by the Administration and Senator Feinstein, because it would preempt California water law and pit water users against one another.

## Salton Sea Project

One of the top priorities for Riverside County, which Chairman Calvert represents, is the designation of land at the Salton Sea as a renewable energy development focus area, similar to the DRECP. Nearly one year ago, the Department signed an MOU with the Salton Sea Authority, agreeing to share available technical and scientific information to aid the project.

## Earthquake Hazards

Chairman Calvert has a strong supporter of USGS and their earthquake hazards program. USGS gave him a leadership award in 2013.

## Rep. Tom Cole (R–Okla.)

4th District, South central -- Norman, Lawton, part of Oklahoma City



- Residence: Moore
- Born: April 28, 1949; Shreveport, La.
- Religion: Methodist
- Family: Wife, Ellen Cole; one child
- Education: Grinnell College, B.A. 1971 (history); Yale U., M.A. 1974 (British history); U. of Oklahoma, Ph.D. 1984 (19th Century British history)
- Military Service: None
- Career: Political consultant; party official; congressional district director; professor
- First Elected: 2002 (7th term)
- Latest Election: 2014 General (70.8%)
- Political Highlights: Okla. Republican Party chairman, 1985-89; Okla. Senate, 1989-91; Okla. secretary of state, 1995-99
- Committees:
  - Appropriations
  - Rules
  - Joint Library

Rep. Cole is a member of the Chickasaw Nation; he is one of two Native Americans serving in Congress. Cole's mother, Helen Cole, was Oklahoma's first Native American state senator. Rep.

Cole is Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, along with Congresswoman Betty McCollum.

You met with Rep. Cole in late July in late July to discuss Indian Education issues, and spoke with him by phone on Dec. 5.

### **Additional issues**

#### **Chickasaw National Recreation Area**

Congressman Cole supports the opportunity for tribal-Federal partnership at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, which is a unit of the National Park Service located in southern Oklahoma. The Park Service is working on an agreement to formalize the working relationship between the Tribe and NPS.

#### **Tribal recognition process**

Last year, Reps. Cole and McCollum wrote to you regarding the Department's proposed reforms to the tribal recognition process. Their letter commended DOI for working to reform the "broken" tribal recognition process, but asked for additional time for public comments and for additional meetings so tribal members who were unable to travel to one of the six tribal consultations would be able to participate. In response to the request by Rep. Cole and others, the Department extended the public comment period and added two additional tribal consultations.

#### **Lesser Prairie-Chicken**

Congressman Cole is concerned that the listing of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken would affect the ability of private landowners to use their lands and have a negative impact on local economies, particularly oil and gas development in his district.

### **Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.)**



4th District, St. Paul and suburbs

- Residence: St. Paul
  - Born: July 12, 1954; Minneapolis, Minn.
  - Religion: Roman Catholic
  - Family: Divorced; two children
  - Education: Inver Hills Community College, A.A. 1980; College of St. Catherine, B.A. 1987 (education)
  - Military Service: None
  - Career: Teacher; retail saleswoman
- First Elected: 2000 (8th term)
  - Latest Election: 2014 General (61.19%)

- Political Highlights: Candidate for North St. Paul City Council, 1984; North St. Paul City Council, 1987-92; Minn. House, 1993-2001
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### **Additional issues**

#### **Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School**

In August, you visited the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation in Bena, Minnesota. The deteriorating building, which serves almost 200 students K-12, has multiple safety and security concerns. Rep. McCollum has been a strong supporter of funding for native schools in general, and the Bug School in particular.

#### **Asian Carp**

Rep. McCollum has long been concerned about the spread of Asian Carp and has been a supporter of FWS and USGS as they work to address the issue.

#### **Opposition to the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System**

You have met with Minnesota Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken about their strong support for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, which will deliver water to communities in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. You should be aware that Rep. McCollum does **not** support the water project, and has opposed it since her days in the Minnesota State Legislature. She is the only Member of the Minnesota Congressional delegation to take this stance.

#### **Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho)**



2nd District, East -- Pocatello, Idaho Falls, part of Boise

- Residence: Idaho Falls
- Born: Sept. 8, 1950; Burley, Idaho
- Religion: Mormon
- Family: Wife, Kathy Simpson
- Education: Utah State U., attended 1968-72 (pre-dentistry); Washington U. (Mo.), D.M.D. 1977; Utah State U., B.S. 2002 (pre-dentistry)
- Military Service: None
- Career: Dentist
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- Attachment H: Navajo Hopi Relocation Memo *[below]*

ATTACHMENT E:

Briefing Paper

Over-Permitted Livestock Round-Up and Impoundment on the Hopi Partitioned Lands  
October 30, 2014

Background: Pursuant to a 1996 settlement between the United States and the Hopi Tribe, certain Navajo families were allowed to remain on Hopi partition lands for a period of time before relocating off of Hopi lands if they entered an Accommodation Agreement. As part of the Accommodation Agreements, the Hopi Tribe allows each of the Navajo families to have a certain number of permitted livestock units.

Hopi has contracted the grazing program from BIA, but the BIA retains certain authority for carrying out inherently federal functions. If a Navajo family violates the amount of livestock allowed under their permit, after notice of the violation has been given (which is sent by the BIA) Hopi can lawfully impound excess livestock if no action is taken by the Navajo family to cure the violation.

Current Issue: impoundment

On October 22-23, 2014, and October 28, 2014, the Hopi Tribe, with technical support of the BIA--Hopi Agency, conducted round-up and impoundment of livestock on the Hopi Partition Lands which were either not permitted or exceeded the grazing permits granted to the Navajo individuals. The trespass actions were conducted in compliance with Federal grazing regulations 25 C.F.R. Part 168 Grazing Regulations for the Hopi Partitioned Lands Area and Hopi Ordinance 43, which applies to the Hopi Reservation, including the Hopi Partition Lands occupied by Navajo families.

Certain allegations have been made by various Navajo individuals regarding the recent round up and impoundment (i.e., BIA and Hopi used helicopters in the roundup and Navajo children were impounded) however, the majority of those allegations are without factual basis.

The Solicitor's Office is currently working with the BIA—Hopi Agency, the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo families to resolve any outstanding issues and improve on the ground communication in the event there are future impoundments.

Navajo-Hopi Relocation

In December 2014, the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of the Inspector General published a report on the operations of the Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR), an



independent government entity in the executive branch that operates outside of the Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, at the request of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, which included language in ONHIR's fiscal year 2014 appropriation directing ONHIR to provide the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) with funding for audits and investigations of ONHIR's operations. Based on its evaluation, the Office of the Inspector General concluded it would not be possible for ONHIR to complete its relocation work and cease operations in the near future without legislative changes and/or an increase in annual appropriations. The OIG report is attached here; background information on the Navajo-Hopi Relocation is provided below.

## **Background**

Public Law 93-531, the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974, was enacted to settle disputes over lands that have existed between the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Indian tribe for over a century.

The disputes arose from an Executive Order signed by President Chester Arthur in 1882 that set aside approximately 2.5 million acres of land, approximately 70 miles long and 55 miles wide, in northern Arizona for the Hopi Tribe and "such other Indians as the Secretary [of the Interior] may see fit to settle thereon," and a 1934 Act of Congress setting aside lands for the Navajo Nation. Since the Executive Order in 1882, members of the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation have disputed the right to occupy certain lands set aside by the 1882 Executive Order. These disagreements led to a case in the Federal District Court of Arizona in 1962, *Healing v. Jones*, where the Court ruled that both the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation had joint rights to use the lands in dispute. The Court held that the Department of the Interior had settled Navajos on lands of the 1882 Hopi Reservation through implication, indirection and neglect. Thus, the Court found that both tribes had rights to certain lands within the 1882 Hopi Reservation.

Congress passed the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act in 1974 (Public Law 93-531), which authorized litigation between the two tribes to determine each tribe's respective rights to the lands in question. The lands comprising this area became known as the "joint use area" (JUA). Conflict over the JUA continued, however, and the relations between the tribes became so tense over the access to sacred religious sites and development on the lands that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at this time, Robert Bennett, implemented a freeze on any development on the disputed land in 1966. This was termed the "Bennett Freeze" after Commissioner Robert Bennett. The freeze forbade any development on the lands at issue in litigation, including the building of houses, improvement to property, public work projects, power and water lines, public agency improvements, and associated rights of way.

Tensions in the JUA and over the Bennett freeze led Congress to pass the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act, which established a three member Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Commission to manage the relocation of members of the Navajo Nation who were living on the

lands set aside for the Hopi Tribe and members of the Hopi Tribe who were living on lands set aside for the Navajo Nation. The 1974 law contemplated that the relocation activities would be fulfilled by 1986, and the cost of providing relocation benefits to approximately 6,000 Navajos eligible for relocation was estimated to be about \$40 million. However, the total cost has exceeded \$500 million with no near term end in sight.

In 1980, Congress amended the 1974 Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act to codify the Bennett Freeze. The goal of the amendment was to not allow any development on the disputed lands with the consent of both tribes. However, the result has been that the American Indians living in the Bennett Freeze region reside in conditions that have not changed since 1966, and need to be improved.

In 2005, the Navajo and Hopi tribes entered into an intergovernmental agreement that resolved all outstanding issues regarding the land in dispute. The intergovernmental agreement clarifies the boundaries of the Navajo and Hopi reservations in Arizona and guarantees access to protected religious sites of both tribes. The agreement also puts an end to the ban on development on the disputed lands. The agreement was approved by the Secretary of the Interior in November 2006. Therefore, there is no additional need for the Bennett Freeze. Both the Navajo and Hopi tribes support this legislation to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93-531, the Bennett Freeze.

The relocation law was amended several times, including the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments Act of 1980 (Pub. L. No. 96-305); the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments of 1988 (Pub. L. No. 100-666); and the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute Settlement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-301). These laws made a number of changes to the relocation process, including authorizing:

- The Secretary of the Interior to transfer additional land to the Navajo Nation to be used for relocation;
- An increase in appropriations for bonus payments and housing benefits;
- Funds for projects related to relocation;
- The Hopi Tribe to provide 75-year leases to Navajo households residing on the Hopi Partitioned Lands (Accommodation Agreements); and
- The abolishment of the original Commission and in its place the establishment of Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) to carry out the relocation process.

The Commission, and subsequently ONHIR (Congress replaced the Commissioner with ONHIR), had several responsibilities in carrying out the relocation process. These responsibilities included certifying families as eligible for relocation benefits; acquiring relocation housing for eligible families; acquiring and managing land and constructing new

housing and infrastructure where necessary; and providing pre- and post-move counseling and other services to assist eligible households with the transition.

A September 6, 2012 Congressional Research Service memorandum addressed to the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, reported that some members of Congress have expressed frustration with the length of time and the cost of the relocation effort. The memorandum stated that on at least two occasions Congress has considered bills to set an end date for the relocation process and to abolish ONHIR and transfer its functions to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). In 1996, a bill was introduced (S. 2111, 104th Cong.) that would have abolished ONHIR on September 30, 2001, and transferred its remaining functions to a newly created Office of Relocation within DOI. The bill also would have prohibited any benefit payments to a head of household who was not certified as eligible for benefits by September 30, 2001, and provided for benefits to be held in trust for eligible heads of household who had not yet received replacement homes. In 2005, the Senate passed a bill (S. 1003, 109th Cong.) that included provisions similar to those in the 1996 bill. No final law was passed in either instance.



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## Week Ahead + Items of Note

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On January 23, Secretary Jewell will spend a day with the Bureau of Land Management in Carlsbad, NM in the Permian Basin, one of the oldest and most productive oil fields in the nation. Secretary Jewell may learn about potentially wasteful venting, flaring, and leaks of natural gas (e.g., methane), from oil and gas wells. This visit would be open press and will be an opportunity to continue to amplify the Administration's methane announcement on January 14 regarding efforts specific to the oil and gas industry.

On Saturday, January 24, Secretary Jewell, Senator Heinrich, and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy & Environment, will hold a press event in Albuquerque, NM to approve the SunZia Southwest Transmission Line, which includes two proposed 500 kilovolt transmission lines and associated infrastructure located between central New Mexico and central Arizona. The ROD will include approval to bury several segments of the line within an area just north of the White Sands Missile Range to address concerns raised by the Department of Defense regarding potential impacts to DoD testing activities. This is one of the priority projects of the Obama Administration's Rapid Response Team for Transmission, which aims to improve the overall quality and timeliness of electric transmission infrastructure permitting. The project has the potential to add 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of electric capacity to the desert southwest region of the United States, increasing energy security for the Nation by providing access to currently stranded renewable energy resources in eastern New Mexico.

On January 27, Secretary Jewell will hold a press call to announce the next step in the development of the nation's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. Concurrently, the White House is expected to announce that the President is withdrawing several areas in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas from drilling under his Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act authority. After receiving more than a half a million comments and hearing from a wide variety of stakeholders and states, the Secretary is releasing the Draft Proposed Program (DPP), which includes 14 potential lease sales in eight planning areas -- 10 sales in the Gulf of Mexico, three off the coast of Alaska, and one in a portion of the Mid and South Atlantic. No sales are scheduled for the Pacific OCS. The DPP makes available areas with high potential for oil and gas, including nearly 80 percent of the undiscovered technically available resources, while protecting environmental resources.

On Saturday, January 23, Secretary Jewell will join a congressional delegation visiting the Hopi reservation in Arizona. No press have been invited, but we have received inquiries about the Secretary's travel from AP and the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

On January 26, Deputy Secretary Connor will meet with the new Democratic Staff Director for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

On January 28, a *CBS Evening News* piece on Indian education is scheduled to air. Secretary Jewell was interviewed for the piece, which will focus on the Bug school in Minnesota detailing the school construction issues in Indian Country.

On January 28, Secretary Jewell may give remarks at a ceremony swearing in Robert MacLean as the Chief of the United States Park Police. The event will take place at Ford's Theatre.

On February 2, Secretary Jewell will hold a press call to announce the President's proposed budget. Top themes will include a strong budget for Indian Country, especially Indian education, as well as opportunities leading up to the National Park Service Centennial.

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# **WEEKLY REPORT**

**January 19-23, 2015**

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**  
**January 21 – January 31, 2015**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

*Meetings:*

On January 22, Jon will speak before the parks committee of the National Conference of Mayors.

On January 23, Jon will meet with Natchez (MS) mayor Butch Brown.

On January 27, Jon will attend the meeting with the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees.

*Travel:*

On January 29, Jon will meet with National Park Foundation board members in Atlanta.

**Public Announcements**

January 22

On January 22, Jon Jarvis will speak before the parks committee of the National Conference of Mayors.

January 25

On January 25, Rock Creek Park and the Rock Creek Conservancy will host an event at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC to celebrate the beginning of a year-long recognition of the park's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The partners will announce a Green Ribbon Panel charged by the Conservancy with writing a report on the status of the park and making recommendations for its future. The event is open press but closed to the public.

January 26

On January 26 or during that week, the National Park Service, 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Park, and National Cherry Blossom Festival will announce the first ever Anacostia River Festival. The Festival is co-presented by the three partners and is a new premier offering that culminates the 2015 National Cherry Blossom Festival. The free event on April 12 furthers the park's goal of turning Anacostia Park into a signature urban park. The 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Park initiated planning for the event and has received significant multi-year financial commitments from corporate sponsors.

On January 26, Senator Reed will speak to stakeholders of Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park to explore next steps in "standing-up" the newly-designated park. Other Members of the Congress, community leaders, and partners are expected to be in attendance. Media interest is expected.

January 28

On January 28, Robert MacLean will be sworn in as the Chief, United States Park Police, in a ceremony at Ford's Theatre.

TBD

The NPS is preparing a report on deferred maintenance as there is a major request for deferred maintenance funding in the President's budget under the umbrella of the centennial. The report will include the servicewide 2014 deferred maintenance numbers, broken out by park and state. As part of the rollout package, the NPS will prepare FAQs, key messages, and talking points for field communications staff. There will be news release templates for regions and parks to use to talk about deferred maintenance at the local level. A national level news release will precede state and local park releases. The date of release is still under consideration.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Grand Canyon National Park (AZ)** – NBC Nightly News has requested an interview with Superintendent Dave Uberuaga on the subject of the Navajo Nation proposal for the Escalade Development Project. NBC has tentatively scheduled an on-camera interview for February 2, 2015. This interview is one of several that NBC News is planning for the story, which is tentatively set to air later in the month of February.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**World Heritage Nomination:** DOI has submitted *Key Works of Modern Architecture by Frank Lloyd Wright*, a nomination of 10 separate buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, to the World Heritage Committee on behalf of the U.S Government. The nomination, with properties in Arizona, California, Illinois, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, was reviewed and recommended for submission by the Federal Interagency Panel for World Heritage. The State Department will transmit it to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre no later than January 30 for a decision by the World Heritage Committee on whether or not to inscribe the sites on the World Heritage List in 2016.

**George Washington Memorial Parkway (VA) – Fort Hunt Site Development Plan/Environmental Assessment.** GWMP will initiate a 30-day public comment period in late-January on new alternative concepts for the Fort Hunt Site Development Plan. The concept alternatives reflect information learned during three previous public review opportunities since 2010, and includes NPS analysis conducted since 2012. GWMP will hold a public meeting on February 5 to update stakeholders on the project and solicit comments. Previous alternative concepts had elicited passionate responses from the public, and while many of their concerns have been taken into account and resolved in the new alternative concepts, there is potential for controversy based on conflicting desires of the user groups and park preservation priorities.

**George Washington Memorial Parkway/Clara Barton National Historic Site (MD) – Site Remaining Open.** GWMP was planning to close the Clara Barton NHS beginning January 19 for rehabilitation, but after reviewing the probable time frame for commencing the work, the NPS has decided to delay the closure of the site. The rehabilitation project will help to preserve the historic house and the museum collections on exhibit in the house by replacing the failing metal roof and improving the fire detection and suppression system. The museum collection was moved out October 2014 in preparation for the construction.

**Golden Gate National Recreation Area (CA) – General Management Plan.** The final GMP/EIS for Golden Gate NRA including Alcatraz Island, and Muir Woods National Monument was released April 25, 2014. A Record of Decision (ROD) documenting the decision rationale and responding to questions and concerns raised by the public and elected officials is now ready to be signed by the Regional Director. The organized off-leash dog walking community continues to misrepresent the GMP as a way for the park to reduce recreation opportunities, and to ban dogs. A small but vocal minority of residents of southern Marin County have incorrectly characterized the GMP as a plan for increased visitation and development at Muir Woods. Both of these stakeholder groups launched campaigns demanding that the Regional Director not sign the ROD. Park



management has worked with local communities and political offices to clear up any misunderstandings and to correct the information being put out by outside interests.

**NPS Alaska Region – Public Comment Re-opening.** The NPS has re-opened the public comment period on proposed regulations which focus on sport hunting in national preserves. Several organizations and Senator Murkowski requested the additional comment period. To date, more than 120,000 people have weighed in on the proposals. The level of feedback has ranged from a signature on a petition to substantial input from the State of Alaska and several Alaska organizations and tribes. The new comment period will be from January 15 to February 15. The original comment period was 90 days, ending on December 3. The original comment period also included 17 public hearings. The public comment period will also be planned to be consistent with the updates to Superintendent's Compendia.

**Glacier National Park (MT) – Acquisition of Land -** Within the next three weeks, the NPS will acquire 0.11 acres of land valued at \$15,000. The tract is located in the extreme southwest portion of the park and is part of the Glacier Summer Sites, a 375 parcel subdivision. Because there is no vehicular access to this area, there has been little development in the subdivision. Additionally, the NPS will also be acquiring a tract of land containing 0.04 acres valued at \$20,000. This tract is a lot in the Glacier Park Villa Sites subdivision located on the eastern side of Lake McDonald, south of the Lake McDonald Hotel.

**Devils Tower National Monument (WY) – Proposal to Board on Geographic Names to Change Name of Devils Tower -** A proposal to change the name of the geographic feature "Devils Tower" to "Bear Lodge" has been received by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN), on behalf of a spiritual leader of the Lakota Nation. As part of the BGN's decision-making process, the Board has requested the position of the National Park Service. The NPS position has not yet been provided to the BGN. The BGN decision process includes contacting all potentially-interested parties, state and local governments, and Tribal Nations, and could take a year or more. The park has briefed Wyoming Congressional staffers and the Crook County Commissioners on this proposal.

**Homestead National Monument of America (NE) – America the Beautiful Quarters.** The 26th quarter in the America the Beautiful quarters series will feature Homestead National Monument of America. The Homestead quarter will be released on February 10, 2015, during a formal lunch ceremony. A quarter party and coin exchange will follow at the monument's Education Center. Interest in the quarter is high in Nebraska.

**Yellowstone National Park (ID, MT, WY) – Bison Capture Operations.** The park has begun to implement bison capture operations, pursuant to the Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP). The IBMP partner agencies developed a 2014/15 operations plan that targets removal of at least 900 bison this winter through public and treaty hunting outside the park in Montana (~350), and the capture/transport of bison to meat processing facilities (~500-600). The late fall bison population count was approximately 4,900 animals. The capture and shipment of bison to processing facilities is extremely controversial and generates negative publicity. The NPS has signed agreements with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, InterTribal Buffalo Council, and the Nez Perce Tribe to provide them with surplus Yellowstone bison for direct transfer to approved processing facilities and subsequent distribution to Native Americans to support their culture and nutrition. The Governor of Montana has been notified of the intent to ship bison into or through Montana, and has not objected.

**Gateway National Recreation Area (NY, NJ) – Staten Island South Shore Report and EIS.** The US Army Corps of Engineers' Staten Island South Shore report and EIS, which designs for protection of the adjacent coastal communities that experienced heavy impacts from Hurricane Sandy, is expected to be released for public comment no later than the end of January. Proposed actions include constructing a buried seawall across NPS property that would eliminate a significant natural dune system and have a major adverse impact on adjacent cultural resources. Other potential impacts to NPS land include accelerated erosion at already vulnerable points. Discussions between the NPS and Corps on how to minimize and/or mitigate impacts are

underway. Media coverage is likely to be local, though intense. Members of the congressional delegation whose districts cover Staten Island are likely to be watching closely and may comment.

**Gateway National Recreation Area (NY, NJ) – Requests for Proposals for Leasing of Historic Army Buildings.** The park has released three Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for leasing historic Army buildings within the Fort Hancock and Sandy Hook Proving Ground National Historic Landmark, which encompasses all of Gateway's Sandy Hook Unit. The park will accept lease applications through April 17. In this pilot phase of Fort Hancock's renewal, Gateway will lease up to six buildings: two as bed-and-breakfasts, two as residences or residence/offices, and two for not-for-profit/education organizations. The deliberate pace of rehabilitation will help the NPS lay a secure foundation for a community that will include over three dozen historic structures in the heart of Fort Hancock.

**National Capital Parks – East (DC) – Anacostia Park Wetlands and Resident Canada Goose Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement.** A Record of Decision for the Anacostia Park Wetlands and Resident Canada Geese Management Plan/FEIS is expected to be released in January. The FEIS/ROD calls for the implementation of Alternative B, which combines an intensive wetlands management approach with an intensive level of goose management, including lethal control. A Notice of Availability for the FEIS was published in the Federal Register on December 3. The park initiated an EA in 2007 but as a result of public scoping the park ultimately determined that an EIS was required. A draft EIS was released for public comment in 2011. Communications planning documents are under development to support this project.

**North Cascades National Park (WA) – Grizzly Restoration.** A Notice of Intent to initiate public scoping for the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected to publish in the Federal Register in January. Public meetings will be held in mid to late January in northern Washington. The NPS and USFS are joint lead agencies.

**Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (UT/AZ) – Notice of Availability for Off-road Vehicle Management Plan.** A Notice of Availability is expected to be published soon in the Federal Register of the Glen Canyon Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/FEIS) which analyzes a range of alternatives and actions for managing off-road use of motor vehicles and on-road use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and street-legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). The Plan/FEIS assesses the environmental impacts that could result from continuing current management (the no-action alternative) or implementing any of the four action alternatives. The recommended action in the final plan would allow OHV/ATV use on seven miles of road presently closed to OHV/ATV use. These seven miles would complete a loop on an existing roads network on NPS and BLM lands. Local and national interest in the Plan/FEIS is expected.

**Yellowstone National Park (IT, MT, WY) – Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a Management Plan for Yellowstone-area Bison.** A Notice of Intent is expected to be published soon in the Federal Register announcing that the NPS and the State of Montana (State) are serving as joint-lead agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act in the preparation of an EIS for a Management Plan for Yellowstone-area bison. Bison are currently managed under the 2000 Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP) and subsequent adaptive management adjustments ([www.ibmp.info](http://www.ibmp.info)). Because of new information and changed conditions since the 2000 IBMP, a new plan is being prepared. The purpose of the plan/EIS is to conserve a wild and migratory population of Yellowstone-area bison, while minimizing the risk of brucellosis transmission between these wild bison and livestock. The NPS and the State have developed a range of preliminary alternative concepts that includes a no-action alternative and five action alternatives. The preliminary alternatives primarily differ in terms of bison abundance, bison tolerance outside of the park and the tools that could be used to manage brucellosis transmission risk from bison to cattle. Public scoping meetings are being planned within the 90-day public comment period. Substantial local and potentially national media coverage is anticipated.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Later this year the Utah Board of Water Resources will be submitting a license application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to construct a pipeline to transport water from Lake Powell to St. George, Utah. This will begin the streamlined preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement under the FERC Integrated Licensing Process. Within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, the proposed project infrastructure would be located in an area administered by the Bureau of Reclamation under a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Park Service. Reclamation's position is that Utah should obtain from Reclamation a realty outgrant pursuant to 43 CFR § 429 for the construction of facilities within this administrative area. The NPS believes that it retains authority to issue a right-of-way permit regardless of the MOA that authorizes Reclamation's administrative use. Utah would prefer to obtain a permit from Reclamation.

The NPS is preparing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Bryce Canyon National Park (UT) Multi-use Visitor Path/Environmental Assessment. The primary purpose of the project is to address the safety of visitors who choose to use nonmotorized transportation to experience Bryce Canyon. Visitor safety will be improved by separating motor vehicles from bicyclists, pedestrians, and other nonmotorized user groups. The project has had significant support from a large number of partners including Utah Department of Transportation, Federal Highways, US Forest Service, and Garfield County, UT. When completed, the multi-use path will connect Red Canyon to Bryce Canyon. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2015 and conclude by late fall 2015. Federal Highways is managing all contracts associated with construction, and the opening of the trail is anticipated for spring 2016. This will be one of the park's Centennial projects.

Soon the NPS expects to send to ORIA proposed regulations to modernize oversight of nonfederal oil and gas development in the National Park System. The proposed rule updates 35-year old NPS regulations and would bring currently exempt oil and gas operations in parks up to NPS resource protection standards, make an operator's financial assurance equal to the cost of reclaiming an operation, add needed compliance tools, and add a provision for the NPS to receive compensation for the use of federal lands outside of an operator's nonfederal mineral right.

The NPS expects to send to ORIA a proposed gathering rule, which would provide the authority for permitting the gathering of plant resources within units of the National Park System by members of federally recognized Indian tribes, as defined in the rule. The proposed rule would apply to Indian tribes with traditional associations to specific park units. It would be implemented through agreements between the NPS and Indian tribes and subject to annual permits. Appropriate levels of NEPA and NHPA review and compliance would be required. Collection for commercial uses would be prohibited. This rule change would provide reasonable, resource protection based use of park resources while assisting in support of the continued lifeways of American Indian tribes. National tribal consultations indicate that the approach in the proposed rule would be constructive and respectful of tribal sovereignty while continuing to respect the NPS mission to protect and conserve park resources.

## **FWS SECRETARIAL WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Jan. 21, 2015**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings and other Public Events**

Jan. 22-Feb. 12: FWS is hosting meetings to discuss the proposed revisions to the Native American Policy (NAP). The meetings are scheduled for Phoenix, Arizona (Jan 22); Norman, Oklahoma (Jan 26); Las Vegas, Nevada; (Feb. 3); Reno, Nevada; (Feb. 5); Sacramento, California (Feb. 9); Arlington, Virginia (Feb. 9); Yreka, California, (Feb. 10) and Carlsbad, California, (Feb. 12). R2, R5, R8

Jan. 21-23: The Federal Subsistence Board is holding a public meeting to consider and take action on proposed changes to federal subsistence fish and shellfish regulations. The Board will also take action to adopt a new process for making rural determinations, as recommended to and approved by the secretaries of Interior and Agriculture. R7

Jan. 24: Top officials of Phi Beta Sigma, an African-American fraternity founded more than 100 years ago, will be touring Wapanocca NWR, Tennessee. FWS is working to solidify the fraternity's local involvement as part of a Memorandum of Understanding. HQ

Jan. 26-27: The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation will meet in San Diego, California. RBFF receives approximately \$12 million annually from FWS through a cooperative agreement to implement the National Outreach and Communications Program, which was originated by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council. HQ

Jan. 27, 29: FWS will hold a series of public meetings and public hearings in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI). They are a result of public requests received during the comment period to list 23 species in Guam and the CNMI. There is potential for controversy, though the original proposed listing announcement didn't create any. R1

Jan. 28: FWS will travel to Puebla, Mexico, to transfer endangered masked bobwhite to Africam Safari. Africam is a private zoological park and the first in Latin America to be accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. The quail will be used to start a captive breeding program to support eventual release of birds into suitable habitat in Mexico. This partnership is an important step in conservation of this species, which is thought to be extinct in the wild. R2

### **Public Announcements**

#### **Monday, Jan. 26**

A Notice of Intent to formally initiate public scoping for the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is expected to publish in the *Federal Register* around Jan. 26. Public meetings will be held in February in northern Washington. The National Park Service and FWS are joint lead agencies, however the National Park Service will be taking the lead for issuing this Notice of Intent. R1

#### **TBD**

FWS will announce a new unit to the Oregon Islands NWR. The 10.87 acre Whale Cove Unit was transferred to FWS in December 2014. The initial acquisition was funded by the Federal Highway Administration, Oregon Parks and Recreation (OPRD) and over \$1 million in donation by the landowner Bryce Buchanan. The Oregon Department of Transportation was also a critical partner in the acquisition. Outreach TBD, to be led by OPRD. R1

The Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking is being revised to reflect input from the Advisory Council. The plan will be circulated again to the Task Force agencies and the White House, with public release expected within the next 30 days. Building upon the three objectives outlined in the National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking – strengthening enforcement, reducing demand for illegally traded wildlife and expanding international cooperation – the implementation plan lays out next steps, identifies lead and participating agencies for each objective, and defines how progress will be measured. Examples include: Continuing efforts to implement and enforce administrative actions to strengthen controls over trade in elephant ivory in the United States; leveraging partnerships to reduce demand both domestically and abroad; and strengthening enforcement capacity, cooperation, and partnerships with counterparts in other countries, among others. HQ

Towards the end of January/beginning of February, at a national press event, FWS intends to announce the signing of an MOU with the National Wildlife Federation regarding conservation of monarch butterflies. At this time, FWS will also announce key FWS conservation activities and investments that will be located along the I-35 corridor. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation may also participate in the event to announce key funding initiatives for monarch conservation. HQ

FWS anticipates finalizing the approval of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Programmatic Conservation Bank (PCBA) in Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado in early to mid-February. This is the first PCBA to be approved by FWS, the goal of which is to streamline the process for lands to be approved as conservation banks and therefore provide for the conservation of the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat. The PCBA benefits the landowner by generating income, keeping large parcels of land intact for future generations, and may reduce their taxes. No *Federal Register* publication is required for this action. Outreach planned. R2

Within the next two weeks FWS expects to announce the revised comprehensive conservation plan and final environmental impact statement for the Arctic NWR. The plan calls for the addition of 12.8 million acres within the refuge to the National Wilderness Preservation System and four rivers – the Atigun, Hulahula, Kongakut and Marsh Fork Canning – into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. If enacted by Congress, this would be the largest wilderness area ever created.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Media has begun inquiring about possible damage to fish and wildlife resources resulting from the Yellowstone River oil spill. Investigations into the extent of the spill and the damages to protected species are still ongoing. FWS is part of the incident command response. EPA is the lead agency. R6

Audubon Magazine is doing a feature for the May-June issue on a law enforcement case from last year concerning Jim Neiger, a professional photographer and photography instructor and guide who pled guilty in February 2013 to violating the ESA by harassing snail kites in Florida to get better photos of them. In addition to finding out our stance on this, if this is a trend, if this is a precedent setting case, and what punishment resulted, they also would like to include guidance to photographers seeking to photograph species protected under the ESA. R4

Letitia Stein, Tampa-based correspondent with Thomson Reuters, is writing about the winter protections for manatees at Three Sisters Springs on Crystal River NWR (see story in Items of Note section). This story is following the release of a draft Environmental Assessment that was available for public review last month which proposes new measures to increase manatee protection at the springs while still allowing public access during the winter season. R4.

Coverage continues of the bill to remove gray wolves from federal protection in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Wyoming continues (see legislative section below). Media calls have been received in HQ and

regions for comments on the bill, whether FWS will be appealing the court decisions, and the status of the proposal to delist the wolf in the remainder of its range. HQ

There was significant media interest and widespread coverage continues on the announcements regarding the Mexican wolf experimental population 10(j) rule revision and the rule listing the Mexican wolf as an endangered subspecies. R2

Associated Press contacted FWS regarding black-footed ferret recovery efforts. R2

Cronkite News, D.C. Bureau and Arizona Daily Star contacted FWS regarding the proposed Sunnyside exploratory (mining) drilling project in the Patagonia, Arizona area. US Forest Service withdrew its permit as a result of FWS withdrawing ESA section 7 concurrence. DOI and Forest Service are named in litigation on this project; FWS is now declining comment. R2

BBC Natural History Unit is producing a new series, "Ocean." An early episode titled "Forests" focuses on kelp forest ecosystem, with the sea otter as the focusing 'character.' FWS will be working with USGS, Monterey Bay Aquarium and California Fish and Wildlife Department in coming months on requests to film sea otters in their natural habitat. Filming is planned to begin this summer and continue over the next two years. R8

FWS continues to receive media inquiries on the pending trophy import permit applications for black rhinos. Interest flared when the Dallas Safari Club announced they would be holding another auction for an elephant hunt, but this auction was subsequently canceled. HQ

CBS News is investigating producing a story about endangered species, focusing primarily on the bald eagle and its status following delisting, as well as other charismatic species that may be listed, are listed or have been delisted. Craig Baker, writing for the Saturday Evening Post, is also working on a story about endangered species. HQ

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

FWS has been working with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a management plan/EIS to reduce predation by double-crested cormorants on ESA-listed salmonids in the Columbia River Estuary. The Corps released a Draft EIS in June 2014 identifying a preferred alternative with lethal control of approximately 16,000 birds over a four-year period, resulting in a total. Over 150,000 public comments (37 substantive) were received, identifying scientific issues that needed to be addressed, as well as voicing opposition to lethal control. FWS has been working with the Corps to develop a modified management strategy combining reduced lethal control (to about 11,000 individuals) with egg oiling (about 15,000 nests). The Corps is currently targeting to release the final EIS on Feb. 12. Some controversy. R1

Since 2008, FWS has partnered with Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to better understand the potential impacts from offshore wind development to high priority marine birds. FWS developed a database of seabird distribution, conducted satellite telemetry for three important seabirds, and completed a pilot "nanotag" study to determine precise locations of birds. Research results have helped BOEM determine specific areas to remove from lease consideration to minimize impacts to birds. BOEM has decided to invest an additional \$450,000 in nanotag work on roseate terns and piping plovers, two high priority listed species. Staff are working with BOEM to develop a communications strategy to announce these important new investments. R5

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

January 25 - 31, 2015

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

Neil Kornze, Steve Ellis and Linda Lance will be in Washington, DC.

### Public Announcements

#### Monday, Jan. 26

The Science Technical Advisory Panel of the **North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) will meet in Barrow** Jan. 26-28 to discuss the North Slope Scenarios Project and a long-term monitoring strategy. Meetings are open to the public; public comment is scheduled during the meeting.

A helicopter gather of approximately **160 Wild Horses in the Humboldt HA** will begin Jan. 26 about 30 miles south of Winnemucca, NV. The goal will be to safely remove all horses from the Humboldt HA while providing the public with opportunities for viewing. The project is expected to be controversial. *BLM-NV will issue news releases and social media stories.*

#### Tuesday, Jan. 27

**Montana will hold an oil and gas lease sale**, offering 7 parcels totaling 1,742 acres in ND (5 BLM parcels totaling 462 acres and two FS parcels totaling 1,280 acres). No protests were received. Four parcels were deferred; two due to their location in priority sage-grouse habitat.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 28

BLM-UT will begin a public comment period for **Wapiti's proposal to construct one well pad** with associated roads and pipelines covering 4.2 acres. The proposed project is south of Myton in the Desert Federal Exploratory Unit. SUWA claims the proposed project area contains wilderness characteristics; BLM reviewed the area and determined that it does not.

**Southwest Adaptive Resource Management Open House:** BLM Utah will make a presentation to this group, comprising representatives from State government (DNR and Wildlife) as well as Utah State University. The BLM will focus on land-use plans and sage-grouse, wildfire management, and habitat restoration planned in southwestern Utah.

Public meetings are scheduled for Jan. 28 in Mattawa, WA and Jan. 29, in Selah, WA on the **Vantage to Pomona Heights Transmission Line Project**. The Supplemental DEIS 45-day comment period opened Jan. 2 and will close Feb. 17. The SDEIS analyzes a New Northern Route Alternative for the 230kV transmission line with design options that vary in length from 40 to 48 miles as well as a Preferred Alternative that is 67 miles.

BLM-AK and Northern Light Media will host a Twitter "Women of the Iditarod" Tweet Chat from 9 – 11 a.m. Alaska time (1 – 3 p.m. Eastern Time).

#### Friday, Jan. 30

The BLM and FS will announce the 2015 Federal grazing fee for western public lands managed by the two agencies. The National Agricultural Statistics Service will release the information. The 2014 fee was \$1.35 per AUM, which has been unchanged for several years.

**Jan. 31 - Feb. 6: Society for Rangeland Management Annual Meeting** – The BLM will participate in the "Managing Diversity" meeting in Sacramento, CA. Participants will represent Federal, State, and local agencies, universities, and the ranching and conservation community. The BLM will offer training on the Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring Strategy.

Expected in January

**ROD for the Greater Mooses Tooth 1 (GMT1 - Alaska):** The Final SEIS for the oil and gas development project in the NPR-A was released to the public Nov. 7, 2014.

The BLM expects to announce the **Tres Rios Approved RMP/Final EIS** for public lands and mineral estate in southwestern Colorado. The plan updates direction for oil and gas leasing and adopts the San Juan National Forest's oil and gas leasing decisions as outlined in the San Juan NF Land & Resource Mgmt. Plan ROD of 2013. *BLM Colo. will issue a press release and has a complete communications plan.*

**Chokecherry/Sierra Madre Wind project draft EA #2 (Phase I of wind turbine placement)** is expected to be released for cooperating agency review. The **final EA #1** Decision for the project's road infrastructure, rail facility and rock quarry was signed Dec. 23 and will be announced soon. *BLM WY will draft comm. materials for coordination with ASLM and DOI.*

In late Jan., the BLM-UT Monticello Field Office will sign a **decision record for the Indian Creek ATV Trail proposal**. The EA analyzed San Juan County's proposal for a 5-mile right-of-way intended to enhance recreation and ATV experiences in the Indian Creek Basin. The BLM worked with San Juan County, NPS, and others to collaboratively draft a proposal for analysis.

In late Jan., the USFS will sign a ROD for the **Greens Hollow coal project**, a 6,334-acre underground tract adjacent to an existing SUFCO Mine near Salina, UT. The FS administers the surface, while the BLM administers the subsurface coal resources estimated at 73 million in-place-tons (approximately 56 million tons recoverable). The BLM will issue a lease sale announcement once the FS provides a consent to lease, in approximately 3 months.

### Major Press Inquiries

Update - Freelance reporter Kathleen Sharp interviewed BLM cultural staff on the Four Corners/Cerberus Artifact Collection. The reporter is planning to visit Salt Lake City to view the collection and continue research. BLM is working on her request for law enforcement officers who could speak on the Cerberus case, tribal contacts and general information on BLM museum collections. Sharp is targeting *Smithsonian Magazine* with publication expected this fall.

*Alaska Dispatch News* reporter Alex DeMarban contacted BLM Jan. 13 regarding the difference between Alternatives for the NPR-A Greater Mooses Tooth Unit 1 Final SEIS. The BLM emphasized that a final decision has not been made. The story will focus on the Native Village of Nuiqsit and a Jan. 6 meeting between Gov. Bill Walker and Secretary Jewell.

### Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues

On Jan. 29, BLM, DOE and EPA will brief Senate Armed Services Committee staff on the Defense Related Uranium Mines report.

On Jan. 30, BLM staff will brief House Natural Resources Committee minority staff on recent revisions to BLM coal program manuals and handbooks.

The BLM plans to update its 2010 guidance for ROW solar applications relating to **Bald and Golden Eagle Take Permits** to be consistent with recent FWS guidance relating to the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

The draft **National Seed Strategy** will soon undergo review by partners, including AFWA, WGA, Plant Conservation Alliance and multiple federal agencies. The BLM, as lead federal partner, will compile a final strategy to roll out at the April National Native Seed Conference in Santa Fe, NM.



BLM NV has reassessed its position on human remains and objects found in **Spirit Cave** following a legal challenge to its 2000 determination that they were not culturally identifiable with any modern Indian Tribe. BLM-NV has now determined that affiliation with the Northern Paiute is appropriate, and is also allowing DNA analysis prior to repatriation. The scientific community and Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe may challenge the BLM over these determinations. A draft Decision Letter and FR Notice are under review. The BLM plans to conduct outreach before publication of the FR Notice.

**The BLM Cottonwood, ID Field Manager** provided updates to the **staff of the central ID Congressional Delegation** regarding the planned new Cottonwood FO, the Riggins Gun Range legislation included in the appropriations bill, forestry and fuels goals and RAC appointments.

**Tribal Consultations are Scheduled on Topock Remediation Project:** BLM-AZ and the DOI Topock Remediation Project Manager will meet Jan. 31 with the Fort Mohave Indian Tribal Council and the Chemehuevi Tribal Council on the remedy design for the Topock Project, a groundwater cleanup (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act/CERCLA) action involving the DOI, BLM, USFWS, BOR, and multiple state, local, and tribal stakeholders. The area was contaminated by a PG&E compressor station and contains significant traditional cultural properties and other cultural resources of importance to multiple tribes.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The BLM anticipates publication of the **hydraulic fracturing final rule**, "Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands" in Feb. or March.

**BLM draft rule to update oil and gas venting and flaring.** The BLM has worked closely with the EPA and DOE on a draft rule to update policy that is more than 30 years old. Publication is expected by spring 2015 with significant press interest expected.

**Vegetation Treatments Programmatic EIS.** The BLM's Draft Vegetation PEIS is under final review. The BLM has initiated formal consultation with the NMFS; informal consultation is underway with the FWS. The anticipated public release date is February/March 2015.

**Feb. 3:** BLM-WY will offer 153 parcels totaling 157, 335 acres in an **oil and gas lease sale**.

**Feb. 9-13:** BLM Executive Leadership Team meeting, Phoenix, AZ.

**Feb. 9:** First Solar and NextEra Energy will dedicate the completed **550-MW Desert Sunlight Solar PV project in Riverside County, CA**. It is the largest operating solar project on BLM public lands and is providing power generation to Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric. The BLM approved the project in August 2011. First Solar and NextEra Energy have requested that officials from BLM and DOI attend the dedication.

**Feb. 9-13: 17<sup>th</sup> Alaska Forum on the Environment in Anchorage.** BLM will participate in the largest statewide gathering of environmental professionals from government agencies, nonprofits, community elders and leaders, youth, conservationists, and biologists with more than 80 sessions and keynotes during the week. One session on the agenda is "Public Land – Your Community – Your Voice, BLM Land Use Planning in Alaska" to discuss how tribes and communities can effectively work with the BLM through the planning process.

**Week of Feb. 9: The BLM will move 700 horses** from an off range pasture in Hominy, OK, where the contractor wishes to hold fewer horses. The animals are in good body condition and will be moved to other open pastures and to BLM corral facilities.

**Feb. 12:** BLM-CO will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Feb. 17:** BLM-UT will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**Feb 23: DRECP** public comment period closes. Originally set to close Jan. 9, it was extended 45 days by public request.

**Feb. 23-28: National Invasive Species Awareness Week in Washington, DC.**

**March 8-13: North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference will be held in Omaha, NE.**

**Week of March 9,** BLM-OR State Director will brief the Oregon Congressional Delegation (attendees TBD) on the status of the Western Oregon RMPs.

**March 10:** BLM-NV will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**March 19:** BLM-Eastern States will hold an oil and gas lease sale.

**March/April: FEIS for Jordan Cove LNG/Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline:** Proposed is a 232-mile long, 36-inch diameter natural gas pipeline from Malin to Coos Bay, OR and liquefaction facility (Jordan Cove LNG) for the export of up to 1 billion cfd of natural gas.

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

**January 21 – January 31, 2015**

### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On January 19-23, the BOEM Alaska Regional Director and staff are attending the Alaska Marine Science Symposium in Anchorage, Alaska. The symposium is an opportunity for the scientific community to share studies from the last year. Federal agencies, state representatives, stakeholders, and congressional staff regularly attend.

On January 22, Director Hopper is scheduled to meet with the American Wind Energy Association and its members to discuss the New Jersey offshore wind lease sale.

On January 21-22, the intergovernmental Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body will hold its next in-person meeting in New York, NY. BOEM's Bob LaBelle, the Federal co-lead, will participate.

On January 23, Director Hopper is scheduled to conduct several external meetings, including a meet and greet with Exxon, a meeting with Shell on its Gulf of Mexico business and a meeting with the International Association of Geophysical Contractors to discuss geophysical and geological permitting in the Atlantic.

On January 27, Director Hopper is scheduled to meet with Ranking Member Grijalva.

On January 30, Director Hopper is meeting with the National Ocean Industries Association.

On February 4, BOEM will participate in workshop in Raleigh hosted by the State of North Carolina on the environmental and economic impacts of offshore energy exploration and development in the mid-Atlantic. BOEM's Jim Bennett will attend and provide a basic overview of our Five Year Planning process and our wind energy program. The state is inviting NGOs, among others, to participate in the meeting.

On February 9-12, BOEM is hosting public meetings in North Carolina to provide an overview and obtain public comments on the Environmental Assessment of North Carolina Wind Energy Area activities

On February 12, BOEM leadership will speak at a Conference on Mexican Energy Reforms in Houston. The conference is hosted by the Woodrow Wilson Center's Mexico Institute, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, the American Petroleum Institute, the Center for Offshore Safety, and the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law. Closed press event.

### **Public Announcements**

**January 22:** DOI press release on the publication of an Environmental Assessment for the North Carolina offshore wind area.

**January TBD:** DOI release of the 2017-2022 Draft Proposed Five Year Program.

**January TBD:** DOI release of proposed Arctic regulations.

**January 29:** Announcement of Massachusetts offshore wind lease sale and subsequent announcement of provisional winner(s).

**Late January:** Note to Stakeholders announcing Draft Supplemental EIS and public meetings for Gulf of Mexico Central Planning Area Sales 241/247 and Eastern Planning Area Sale 226.

**Late January/February TBD:** Announcement and potential signing ceremony on BOEM/Virginia lease execution of Virginia Offshore Technology Advancement Project research lease.

**February 2:** Press release on BOEM's budget (in coordination with DOI)

**Early February:** Press Release announcing Final Notice of Sale for the Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 235, which will be held in March 2015.

**February 13:** Press release announcing the Final Supplemental EIS on Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**RI and MA Public Radio:** Interview requests on Massachusetts wind energy lease sale. Director Hopper is planning on doing interviews on Jan. 22.

**Washington Post:** Deputy Director had a background interview on Jan. 16 regarding MA wind energy lease sale.

**Standard-Times:** BOEM staff had background interview on the Massachusetts offshore wind lease sale.

**New York Offshore Wind:** BOEM staff provided background interviews for New York Times and New York Environment Report on wind energy planning efforts offshore New York. Publication TBD.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Draft Proposed Program (DPP):** The DPP for OCS oil and gas leasing in 2017-2022 is ready for publication. BOEM has also prepared a Notice of Intent for the Programmatic EIS for the Five Year Program, which will publish as the same day at the DPP notice. Publication is planned for late January; the exact timing is contingent on direction from both DOI and the White House. BOEM will hold scoping meetings for the EIS in February and March in the regions included in the DPP. BOEM is coordinating with DOI on the announcement.

**2012-2017 Five Year Program, 2014 Annual Progress Report:** BOEM expects to release the 2014 Annual Progress Report on the current Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program in late January. It is currently with ASLM. It will be posted on BOEM's website.

**Central Planning Area Lease Sale:** In early February, BOEM will publish a Final Notice of Sale for the March 2015 Central Planning Area Gulf Lease Sale. The sale will offer approximately 7,769 unleased blocks covering 41 million acres.

**Massachusetts Offshore Wind:** On January 29, BOEM will hold a lease sale for the Massachusetts Wind Energy Area, which includes more than 742,000 acres offshore. While it is the largest competitive lease sale to date, not all of the areas offered will be leased (internal information only). The mock auction is scheduled for January 26.

**Chukchi Lease Sale 193:** On February 13, BOEM will announce the Final Supplemental EIS for Lease Sale 193 and file it with EPA for publication on February 20. This will be followed by a 30 day waiting period before the Secretary can make a final decision whether or not to reaffirm Lease Sale 193.

**Arctic Rule:** BOEM, BSEE and DOI are working with OMB to address final issues with the proposed regulations with the hope of releasing the rule soon. The bureaus are also coordinating with DOI on press and outreach in advance of the release.

**Virginia Offshore Technology Advancement Project (VOWTAP):** In February, BOEM tentatively plans to execute one of the VOWTAP research leases. The Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) has submitted a research activities plan for VOWTAP. BOEM is working with the Commonwealth, DoD, and SOL on resolving several outstanding issues. DMME's project would consist of the installation and operation of two 6-megawatt wind turbine generators and cable to shore. The proposed project would be located 24 nautical miles off the coast of Virginia Beach adjacent to the Virginia commercial lease area, and would inform the future production of offshore wind energy. VOWTAP is among seven projects selected nationally by DOE for a \$4 million award supporting the project. The Commonwealth indicated interest in a lease signing ceremony, as long as such an event does not cause a significant delay in the timing of lease execution.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead (Please note that this will NOT be included in the Secretary's report)**

**Risk Management:** On February 26, the Risk Management Program will host a forum on offshore financial assurance to discuss general concepts on the draft Supplemental Bonding Notice to Lessees and the ANPR responses with industry. The tentative format will include an introductory presentation from BOEM potentially followed by five smaller-group breakout discussions. The overall goal is to host as many people as possible, with preliminary estimates of 300-400 in attendance.

**Final Leasing Rule:** In February, BOEM tentatively will publish a final rule to update and streamline the existing OCS leasing regulations and clarify implementation of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act.

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT**

### **January 21 – January 30, 2015**

#### **Message to the Secretary**

This week, I met with Tim Butters, Acting Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to discuss opportunities to work together. It was our first meeting since his appointment to the position. The pipelines that BSEE oversees that transport oil and gas from the Outer Continental Shelf eventually connect with pipelines under PHMSA's jurisdiction. We currently have a memorandum of understanding in place that has worked well. We discussed plans for our respective staffs to meet about every six months to ensure coordination and mutual support, including such areas as: the near miss reporting system that BSEE is developing with the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, our relationship with the Center for Offshore Safety, and the International Regulators Forum that BSEE is hosting later this year.

#### **Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

January 21: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with executives from Saltchuk, a consortium of several companies that provide ground and sea logistics support in several geographic locations, primarily Alaska. The meeting was requested by Saltchuk to identify areas of overlapping interests. Saltchuk will operate as part of Shell's 2015 Arctic exploration campaign.

January 27: Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with the Air Force Assistant Secretary for Installations, Environment and Logistics and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure and Environment. The Air Force requested the meeting to discuss issues of mutual interest in the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific.

#### **Public Announcements:**

A public announcement will be made when the proposed Arctic Rule is published in the *Federal Register* and available for public comment. A specific date will not be known until OMB clears the proposed rule. BSEE Public Affairs has developed a communication package in coordination with the Department.

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Meeting with Senate Energy and Natural Resources Staff:** Director Salerno is scheduled for a courtesy visit with the committee staff (Majority and Minority) on January 27.

**Meeting with Ranking Member Raúl Grijalva:** Director Salerno is scheduled for a courtesy visit with Representative Grijalva on January 27.

**Proposed Rule for Arctic Operations:** This proposed rule, which addresses exploratory drilling operations in the Arctic, has undergone further review by OMB and was returned to BSEE with comments regarding the impact assessment. BSEE will revise the document and return it to OMB for final clearance. The proposed rule will be published in the *Federal Register* at a date to be determined. A public comment period will follow.

**Proposed Well Control Rule (AKA Blowout Preventer Rule):** A proposed rule for well control including the use of BOPs was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget on December 12, 2014. It incorporates industry standards, revises existing regulations, and also includes critical reforms in the areas of well design, well-control, casing, cementing, real-time well monitoring, and subsea containment. BSEE expects to receive interagency comments through OMB on January 14, 2015.

**BSEE Proposed Realignment Briefings:** BSEE is working with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget and congressional affairs to arrange times for briefing appropriations and authorizing committees of the House and Senate on a proposed realignment of bureau functions. The Office of Management and Budget will be briefed prior to discussions with the congressional committees. The briefings

will be timed to complement the President's release of the FY16 budget, which will reflect the proposed realignment.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

February 12: Doug Morris, Chief of Offshore Regulatory Programs, is scheduled to speak at a forum on Mexican Energy Reform in Houston, TX. The agenda includes discussions on transboundary oil and gas development.

February: Director Salerno is planning to meet with personnel from the BSEE Gulf of Mexico Regional office and District offices in New Orleans, Houma, and Lafayette, LA. He plans to discuss the proposed realignment and other BSEE priorities for 2015.

February 20: Associate Director Anderson is scheduled to participate in a panel at the Oil and Gas Law Conference in Houston, TX. Former Director Mike Bromwich is moderating the panel.

Early March: Director Salerno is planning to meet with personnel from the Pacific Regional office and the Alaska Regional office. He plans to discuss the proposed realignment and other BSEE priorities for 2015. He may also visit a village on the North Slope during the trip.

March 10-12 or 17-19: BSEE is planning to convene the annual inspectors meeting in New Orleans, LA. The purpose of the meeting is to assemble all BSEE Inspectors for three days of policy discussions and training. Over 150 people are expected to attend including US Coast Guard personnel.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING  
RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT  
JANUARY 21 – 31, 2015**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

Nothing to report

**Public Announcements**

Final Rule to Limit Liability for Certified States and Tribes to Reclaim Non-Coal Mine Sites: Sometime in the near future OSMRE will publish in the *Federal Register* a final rule that will allow eligible states and tribes to reclaim non-coal mine sites without incurring certain civil liabilities. Under a previous interpretation of the SMCRA, OSMRE determined that certified states and tribes could not use Abandoned Mine Land (AML) funding for non-coal projects and have limited liability as they do for coal AML projects. To date, several states (LA, MT, TX and WY) and three tribes (Hopi, Crow and Navajo Nation) are certified. Some of these entities, however, have non-coal abandoned mines that threaten human health, safety, or the environment. OSMRE plans to distribute a News Release to announce the Limited Liability Rule in conjunction with the publication of the final rule.

Friday, January 23

Mining Plan Modification for the Signal Peak Energy, LLC's Bull Mountain's Mine No. 1: OSMRE Western Region (WR) has coordinated review of Bull Mountain's Mine No. 1, Amendment 3, Environmental Assessment (EA), responses to public comments, and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with the Rocky Mountain Solicitors Office. OSMRE is planning to finalize the MPDD by Jan 23, then send to the Director's office for review, before submitting to ASLM for approval. Due to delays associated with completing additional NEPA analysis, it is requested that the mining plan modification be approved by January 31 to avoid temporary shutdown of the mine. The mining plan modification will allow the mine operator to remove an additional 37.5 million tons of coal from the Federal lease.

Monday, January 26

Award of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Grants to MCR States: OSMRE plans to award funds for the FY2015 AML program grants to AR (\$2,781,001), OK (\$2,700,001) and LA (\$65,637). As uncertified states, Arkansas and Oklahoma will use the money for the administration of their AML program and the continued reclamation and restoration activities within their state. As a certified state, LA will use the money for the purposes established by the LA legislature, including addressing the impacts of past coal mining practices and the impacts of past solid mineral development.

Friday, January 30

OSMRE to Release Technical Paper on How to Measure for Compaction Standards at Coal Refuse Dams: OSMRE plans to release a technical position paper on the proper techniques for measuring whether materials have been properly compacted during the construction of coal waste dams. The 50-page, highly-technical document has been peer reviewed with favorable comments from most commenters, although OSMRE and Mine Safety and Health Administration engineers are not fully aligned on the importance of certain testing techniques. We are proceeding with what we believe is the best way to fulfill our statutory obligation to protect the public and the environment. The document will be of little interest to the general public and is not considered controversial at this time. However, as OSMRE generates further reports on industry compliance while attempting to ensure that industry consultants are using proper testing techniques, the relevance of the technical publication will become more evident.



### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

#### Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project EIS:

OSMRE is processing Navajo Transitional Energy Company's (a business entity owned by the Navajo Nation) permit application for the Pinabete Mine permit area, located south of the existing Navajo Mine. The Pinabete Mine will supply coal to the Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP) for an additional 25 years. To assist OSMRE in its decision on the permit application, a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and a subsequent preliminary final EIS have been prepared by OSMRE. The EIS includes analysis of impacts related to lease extensions submitted by Arizona Public Service and the Public Service Company of New Mexico to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the FCPP and associated transmission lines. OSMRE provided a review copy of the preliminary final EIS (PFEIS) to the cooperating agencies, including the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, BIA, BLM, USFWS, NPS, and EPA, on November 10, 2014, and received review comments from all but three of these agencies by the requested response date of January 2, 2015. The review comments on the PFEIS from the Hopi Tribe, the BLM and the NPS are pending submittal to OSMRE. OSMRE plans to publish the final EIS in mid-March 2015. The draft EIS generated public controversy, as will the final EIS upon publication and as have every action taken in this area.

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: BUREAU OF RECLAMATION: January 21-30, 2015**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events:** *I am traveling to Reno, NV, from January 20-22 for Meetings with field office staff and to speak at Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference. On Friday, January 23, I have a call with North Dakota Governor Dalrymple regarding the McClusky Canal (see below). On January 27-28, I have courtesy visits with Rep. Doug LaMalfa (CA-1) and new House Water, Power & Oceans Subcommittee Chairman Rep. John Fleming (LA-4). I will be speaking at the Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention on January 30.*

### **Public Announcements**

Wednesday, January 21

**New Hydroelectric Generating Unit Delayed at Black Canyon Dam (ID):** Reclamation will issue a news release announcing that construction of the new hydroelectric generating unit at Black Canyon Diversion Dam will be postponed at least six months from the projected fall 2015 date.

**Wild Rose Park (ID):** Reclamation will issue a news release announcing Wild Rose Park in Emmett, Idaho, will no longer be closed from September 2015 through September 2018.

**Five-Year Contracts for Conveyance of Non-Project Water, Klamath Project (OR/CA):** This week, Reclamation will release an Environmental Assessment for public comment that would allow Reclamation to enter into Excess Capacity contracts with the Klamath, Tulelake and Langell Valley irrigation districts. These contracts would allow Klamath Project water users to transport Non-Project water, such as groundwater, through Klamath Project facilities during water-short years.

**Crow Irrigation Project (CIP) (MT):** The Crow Tribe and their contractors are nearing completion of the Final Environmental Assessment for the CIP. A Final EA is expected to be transmitted to Reclamation during this week.

**Idaho Water Users Association (ID):** Jan. 20-22, Reclamation staff will attend the Idaho Water Users Association Annual Convention in Boise, Idaho. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program's Annual Meeting (AZ):** The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program will have its 2015 Annual Reporting Meeting and a meeting of its Technical Work Group in Phoenix, Arizona. The purpose of these meetings is to review the results of monitoring and research from 2014, including results of the recently completed 2014 High Flow Experiment at Glen Canyon Dam. *No media coverage is expected.* [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Mid-Pacific Region's Water Users' Conference (CA/NV):** Reclamation staff will participate in the 48th Annual Water Users' Conference Jan. 21-23 in Reno, Nevada. In preparation for the Region's initial water year 2015 water allocation announcement in late-February, Reclamation will provide information on water supply conditions for the federal Central Valley Project and other regional projects. Commissioner López will attend and speak at the opening of the conference along with Mid-Pacific Regional Director David Murillo. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Thursday, January 22

**Colorado River Energy Distributors Association (CREDA) Board Meeting (NV):** Reclamation will attend the CREDA Board meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Meetings (NM):** Reclamation will meet with staff from the Navajo Nation Traditional Cultural Properties group in Window Rock, Arizona, to discuss issues on Reach 27.6 of the project.

**Jensen Unit Block Notice (UT):** Reclamation will issue a Block Notice for the sale of 3,000 acre-feet (AF) of Jensen Unit water to the Uintah Water Conservancy District, with a prepayment ceremony scheduled in conjunction with the Uintah Basin Water Conference. As part of this decision, Reclamation will continue to convey up to 780 AF of water into Stewart Lake when the water is called for. Reclamation prepared an environmental assessment to examine the potential environmental impacts, which resulted in a Finding of No Significant Impact, subsequent approval. Reclamation coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for possible endangered species issues, and FWS agreed with Reclamation's determination that no consultation was needed for the proposed project. *A media advisory for the Jensen Unit Block Notice Prepayment Ceremony was issued. A news release will be distributed.*

**Uintah Basin Water Conference (UT):** Reclamation will conduct a presentation regarding the Steinaker Dam sloughing incident and repair, as well as the Canal Enclosure Project at the annual Uintah Basin Water Conference in Vernal, Utah. This year's keynote speaker is Utah State Senator Ralph Okerlund. The Jensen Unit Block Notice Prepayment Ceremony (see above) will take place in conjunction with the conference. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Friday, January 23

**Klamath Settlement Agreements (OR/CA):** Klamath Basin stakeholders will meet with Federal agencies in Medford, Oregon, to continue discussions on the future of the Klamath Settlement Agreements in relation to S. 133 (introduced January 8, 2015). S 133 would approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements to improve natural resources management, support economic development and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and in the interest of the United States.

**Technical Report on Irrigation Demand and Reservoir Evaporation:** Reclamation will release a technical assessment on the observed and future impacts of climate change on crop irrigation demands and evaporation from selected reservoirs in the major Reclamation basins. The assessment finds that net irrigation water requirements will increase 5.8 percent by the 2080s with geographic variability. The assessment also found that annual evaporation and net evaporation (evaporation minus precipitation) are projected to increase in all basins. Understanding how climate change will affect agricultural irrigation requirements and reservoir evaporation losses in the West is important for Reclamation to understand due to its mission and operations. *A news release will be distributed.* [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Water Year 2015 Central Valley Project (CVP) Water Supply Outlook (CA/NV):** In preparation for Reclamation's initial water year 2015 water allocation announcement for the Central Valley Project in late-February, Reclamation will provide initial information on water supply conditions for the Project during the last day of its Mid-Pacific Region Water Users' Conference in Reno. The initial outlook will include hydrology information and current snowpack and reservoir conditions. The first official 2015 CVP water allocation announcement is planned for late-February as required by contract terms. Water supply updates will then be made monthly or more often as appropriate and will be posted on Reclamation's website. *A news release on the 2015 CVP water conditions will be distributed.* [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Monday, January 26

**Recreation Facilities Reservations at Black Canyon Dam Parks (ID):** Reclamation will issue a news release announcing that Reclamation will accept reservations for the gazebos and shelter facilities at the five parks near Black Canyon Dam. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Tuesday, January 27

**Briefing for Congressional Offices (CA):** Reclamation, along with representatives of California Department of Water Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, will conduct an in-person briefing for Congressional offices in Washington, D.C. The

briefing will focus on the 2015 California Drought Operations Plan delivered earlier this month to the State Water Resources Control Board and related actions.

**Pre-Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Workshop Sessions (CO, UT):** On January 27 and 28, Reclamation will hold pre-FOA workshop sessions to inform the public about the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Program, Reclamation's Basinwide and Basin States Salinity Control Programs and the upcoming FOA. The salinity staff will be on hand to answer questions about the FOA process, the Salt Load Reduction Worksheet, application evaluation and scoring criteria, salinity areas, salt loading, along with recommendations on how to improve the FOA process. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Friday, January 28

**Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention (CO):** From January 28-30, Reclamation will attend the Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention in Denver. The Colorado Water Congress Annual Convention attracts more than 500 attendees collaborating on the important water issues facing Colorado.

Friday, January 29

**Ririe Winter Storage Study Final EA and FONSI (ID):** Reclamation will issue a news release announcing the Final Environmental Assessment for the Ririe Winter Storage Study with a Finding of No Significant Impact. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Aamodt Litigation Settlement Parties Meeting (NM):** The Aamodt Litigation Settlement parties will meet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They will begin development of the Operating Agreement for the Projoaque Basin Rural Water System being planned and constructed by Reclamation. No media coverage is expected. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

Friday, January 30

**Drought Response Program Criteria for Public Comment:** Reclamation will begin implementation of a new Drought Response Program. Funding will be allocated through a competitive process for drought contingency planning, drought resiliency projects, and emergency response actions. The evaluation criteria for each of these areas will be made available for public comment. The comment period will be open for thirty days.

**A&B Irrigation District Final EA and FONSI News Release (ID):** Reclamation will issue a news release announcing the Final Environmental Assessment for the A&B Irrigation District Pumping Plant with a Finding of No Significant Impact. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Allen Best, a freelance journalist, has inquired about the Lease of Power Privilege (LOPP) program. He is looking at a broader story on LOPP that he hopes to sell to a publication. Best has already written a story on LOPP at Granby Dam for his online publication, *Mountain Town News*. Reclamation is trying to arrange an interview with Senior Advisor for Hydropower Kerry McCalman.

Terray Sylverter, reporter with *High Country News*, is working on a story related to the outbreak of disease (*ichthyophthirius multifiliis*) that occurred among salmon in the lower Klamath Basin last fall and Reclamation's response to the outbreak. He will also be writing about the impacts of the ongoing drought on the Klamath and Trinity rivers. He provided several questions to Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Region, and responses are due by Wednesday, Jan. 14. There is no anticipated publication date yet. [THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:**

**California Hydrology Update (CA):** Strong high pressure will continue to create dry weather in California this week. Temperatures will also begin to rise above normal by Wednesday. The high pressure ridge over the west coast will be at peak strength by this weekend, and this will bring near-record high temperatures to the Sacramento Valley. The storm event forecasted for last weekend traveled well north of California, with only the very northern part of the state getting any measurable rainfall. It has now been an entire month since Northern California has had any notable widespread rain or snow. The last significant rain event was on December 20-21, and the current 10-day forecast continues to project dry conditions. Although January is typically the wettest month in California, January 2015 looks to be the third very dry January in a row for the State.

**Discovery of Quagga Mussels in Deer Creek Reservoir (UT):** Routine water sampling by Reclamation and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) has led to the detection of veliger (juvenile) quagga mussels at Deer Creek Reservoir. On January 15, 2015, press releases were issued by Reclamation and UDWR notifying the public of the discovery. As part of the press release, UDWR issued an order requiring all boaters to decontaminate their boats before leaving Deer Creek State Park. There is currently little risk of the quagga mussel population expanding at Deer Creek Reservoir because quagga mussels require water temperatures above 50 degrees Fahrenheit and an adult population in order to reproduce (no adults have yet been discovered). In the spring, when water temperatures begin to rise, Reclamation and UDWR will begin water sampling to ascertain whether adult quagga mussels are present in the reservoir, on its shores, or in the Provo River downstream of the dam.

**Proposed Uses of the McClusky Canal (ND):** North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple has scheduled a call with Reclamation's Commissioner Estevan López on January 23 to discuss the State's interest in using the McClusky Canal for domestic and industrial water supply. The McClusky Canal is a major feature of the Garrison Diversion Unit Principal Supply Works and provides irrigation benefits by supplying water from Audubon Lake to mile marker 58 in central North Dakota. The canal is authorized to provide water to irrigate up to 23,700 acres of land, though a much smaller area is currently under irrigation. Reclamation will study other proposed uses of the McClusky Canal for domestic and industrial water supply and evaluate how a new use may affect the Canal's construction repayment and operation and maintenance charges.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Hood River Basin Study (ID):** In late January/early February, Reclamation will announce the completion of the study for the Hood River Basin. The study area is in northwestern Oregon and drains north into the Columbia River. Reclamation and Hood River County are conducting the Basin Study to develop a comprehensive water resource management plan for the Hood River Basin. It will include options to meet current and future water demands. The 339-square-mile Hood River Basin relies heavily on surface water flows for irrigation, and groundwater wells primarily for drinking water and domestic/municipal use. The basin also provides habitat for multiple ESA-listed species (steelhead, Chinook, and coho salmon, and bull trout) and many non-listed species that require water at specific times and in specific quantities for their continued existence. The report has been received by the program and is being reviewed. Once reviewed, appropriate briefings will be scheduled. Reclamation is working with the Department and OMB on its review and clearance to be released.

**Shasta Dam Fish Passage Evaluation (CA):** In late January/early February, a draft Environmental Assessment of the Shasta Dam Fish Passage Project Pilot Implementation Plan will be released for a 30-day public comment period. The Project is a joint effort of Reclamation; National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; University of California; and California's Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife and State Water Resources Control Board. Reclamation initiated the Project in response to the June 4, 2009, NMFS Biological Opinion on the coordinated long-term operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project. On Nov. 28, the federal and state partner agencies, as part of the Shasta

Dam Fish Passage Project, released the Habitat Assessment Report. On Dec. 4, a webinar presented the methodology and key results of the report to the public.

**14<sup>TH</sup> Annual Northwest Stream Restoration Symposium (WA):** On Feb. 3-5, Reclamation staff will engage with 450 stream restoration professionals in Stevenson, Washington. The conference host, River Restoration Northwest, is a nonprofit scientific and educational organization. Its mission is to advance the science and standards of practice of river restoration through an interdisciplinary approach.

**Public Meetings for Draft EIS for Kachess and Keechelus Projects (WA):** Reclamation will host two public meetings for oral comments regarding the Draft EIS for Kachess and Keechelus Projects. The first meeting will be held on Feb. 3 in Ellensburg, Washington, and the second on Feb. 5 in Cle Elum, Washington.

**Texas Water Day (DC):** Texas Water Day will be held Feb. 3-5 in Washington, D.C. Texas congressional members, key congressional committee members and staff will join leaders from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Reclamation, USGS and others to discuss Texas water issues and opportunities with attendees.

**Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum's Work Group Meeting (CA):** On Feb. 17-19, Reclamation will attend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum's Work Group meeting in Hemet, Calif. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss on-going and future salinity control activities with Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**Land and Water Summit Focused on Watershed Health (NM):** The Xeriscape Council of New Mexico will host a Land and Water Summit focused on Watershed health on February 19-20. Reclamation staff will make a presentation on Climate Change on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> as well as take part in a panel discussion on Feb. 20.

**Rio Grande Compact Commission Meeting (NM):** On Feb. 24, The Engineer Advisors to the Rio Grande Compact Commission will meet in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to prepare for the annual Compact Commission meeting that will be held on March 24, 2015, in Austin, Texas.

**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program's Adaptive Management Work Group Meeting (UT):** On Feb. 25-26, the Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Program's Adaptive Management Work Group will meet in Salt Lake City, Utah. The group will receive updates on: (1) the Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement, (2) current basin hydrology and drought impacts, (3) reports from the Glen Canyon Dam Tribal and Federal Liaisons, and (4) science results from the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center staff. The group will also address other administrative and resource issues pertaining to the Glen Canyon Dam AMP. *No media coverage is expected.*

**Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program High Flow Experimental (HFE) Protocol Workshop (UT):** On Feb. 27, the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program will conduct a workshop in Salt Lake City, Utah to review the first three High-Flow Experiments conducted at Glen Canyon Dam under the 2012 HFE Protocol. Scientists, managers, and stakeholders will review the results of monitoring and research for HFEs conducted at Glen Canyon Dam in 2012, 2013 and 2014. *No media coverage is expected.*

## WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY: January 21-30, 2015

### Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events

On **January 23** USGS Acting Director, Suzette Kimball will attend the dedication of an art installation commemorating USGS scientist Abby Sallenger in St. Petersburg, Fla. From **January 21, 22, & 26-30**, Suzette will be in Reston, Va./Washington, D.C.

### Public Announcements

Wednesday, January 21

**Water Quality in Principal Aquifers of the United States:** On **January 21**, USGS will post a Top Story on the USGS website describing a new suite of circulars on groundwater quality in some of the most heavily used aquifers across the U.S. Major findings show that one in five wells sampled that are used for drinking water contained geologic or manmade contaminants that pose a potential human-health concern, and our actions today are determining groundwater quality for decades to come. A news release is not being planned.

Thursday, January 22

**News Release—Future Wave & Wind Projections for the U.S. Pacific Islands:** On **January 22**, the USGS will announce a new open-file report that provides wave and wind projections for the U.S. Pacific islands. Waves dominate the morphology and ecosystem structure of islands throughout the tropical Pacific. They also impact coastal infrastructure, natural and cultural resources and coastal-related economic activities in the islands. Since changes in future wave climates from climate change are not well understood in the tropical Pacific Ocean, this report provides a forecast of wave height, period and direction through the year 2100 using wind parameter outputs from four atmosphere-ocean global climate models. A news release is planned once the report is published. [*THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT.*]

**Technical Announcement—Undiscovered Copper Assessment for Permian Basin, Europe:** On **January 22**, USGS will issue a technical announcement for a new assessment of undiscovered copper resources associated with the Permian Kupferschiefer shale, of the southern Permian Basin in Europe. The report was prepared in cooperation with the Polish Geological Institute-National Research Institute and is currently available from the USGS Publications Warehouse.

Friday, January 23

**News Release—Dead Zones Hinder Pallid Sturgeon Recovery:** On **January 23**, USGS will announce a forthcoming paper to be published in the journal *Fisheries* that suggests oxygen-depleted environmental conditions above a dam are the mechanism for the lack of endangered pallid sturgeon recruitment, and thus constitute an ecological sink for the fish. The data suggest dams on the Upper Missouri River obstruct pallid sturgeon embryos drift distances; in an open river system, embryos would drift hundreds of kilometers. A news release is planned.

Monday, January 26

**News Release—Natural Breakdown of Petroleum Underground Can Release Arsenic into Groundwater:** On **January 26**, USGS will announce a new paper, to be published in the journal *Groundwater*, which finds that changes in geochemistry from the natural breakdown of petroleum hydrocarbons underground promotes the release (mobilization) of naturally occurring arsenic into groundwater. Results from this long-term study reveal that arsenic concentrations can reach 230 micrograms per liter (mg/L), or 23 times the current drinking water standard of 10 mg/L in the intensively studied hydrocarbon plume at the Bemidji, Minn. study site. Because the study site is not extraordinary, these findings suggest that the geochemical process could occur virtually anywhere in the course of the biodegradation of petroleum hydrocarbons. Also, elevated arsenic levels in groundwater used for drinking water pose a significant public health concern since arsenic, a toxin and carcinogen, is linked to numerous forms of skin, bladder, and lung cancer. A news release is planned.

**News Release—New Flood Warning Tool for Johnson County, Kansas:** On **January 26**, USGS will announce a new online resource to improve flood forecasting and emergency management along Tomahawk and Indian Creeks in Johnson County, Kansas. The Flood Inundation Mapping product is an interactive web-based tool, developed by USGS in cooperation with the City of Overland Park, showing the extent and depth of flood waters at a given stream level. The maps illustrate what portions of the land surface are or will be flooded based upon real-time streamgage readings provided by the USGS and stream forecasts by the National Weather Service. A news release is planned.

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**News Release—On-Site Mitigation Improves Sage-Grouse Chick Survival:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new paper showing that on-site mitigation techniques in areas of oil and gas development increased the number of surviving Greater sage-grouse nests relative to areas where no mitigation techniques were applied. From 2008 to 2011, scientists with Big Horn Environmental Consultants, the USGS, and Boise State University monitored sage-grouse nests in a natural gas field in the Powder River Basin, Wyo. They compared nest survival in mitigated and non-mitigated development areas and relatively unaltered areas to determine if specific mitigation practices were enhancing nest survival. Some on-site mitigation techniques, such as piping discharge water to a treatment facility instead of constructing an on-site reservoir, increased sage-grouse nest survival relative to development areas where no mitigation techniques were applied. Results may help inform future sage-grouse conservation efforts in energy development areas. The paper will be published in the journal *Wildlife Biology* and a news release is planned.

**News Release—Historical Hydraulic Fracturing Trends & Data:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new publication that highlights historical hydraulic fracturing trends, techniques and data from 1947 to 2010. This analysis of data on nearly 1 million hydraulically fractured wells and 1.8 million fracturing treatment records is used to identify hydraulic fracturing trends in drilling methods and use of proppants, treatment fluids, additives, and water in the U.S. These trends are compared to the literature in an effort to establish a common understanding of the differences in drilling methods, treatment fluids, and chemical additives and of how the newer technology has affected the water use volumes and areal distribution of hydraulic fracturing. The report is available online and a news release is planned.

**Technical Announcement—Groundwater Toolbox:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce the release of the Groundwater Toolbox. The Groundwater Toolbox is a graphical and mapping interface for analysis of hydrologic data. With its data retrieval and analysis tools, the Groundwater Toolbox provides methods to estimate many of the components of the water budget for a hydrologic basin, including precipitation; streamflow; base flow; runoff; groundwater recharge; and total, groundwater, and near-surface evapotranspiration. A technical announcement is planned.

**News Release—Study Identifies Mineral Resource Potential in CYP, Alaska:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new study that used GIS to identify mineral resource potential for six selected deposit groups in the BLM Central Yukon Planning Area, Alaska. The information is prepared to assist BLM mineral resource management planning. Estimated mineral resource potential and certainty are mapped for six mineral deposit groups that include most of the strategic and critical elements that are of the greatest interest including rare earth elements, gold, copper, platinum and others. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—New Fact Sheet on Tantalum Supply Chain:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a recently published fact sheet, the second in a series about 3TG minerals (tantalum, tin, tungsten, and gold), that focuses on the tantalum supply chain by listing selected processors that produced tantalum materials commercially worldwide during 2013–14. It does not provide any information regarding the sources of material processed in these facilities. The analysis will assist in identifying risks associated with the supply of critical and strategic minerals to the United States and in providing greater supply chain transparency so that policy-



makers have the information necessary for ensuring domestic legislation compliance under U.S. Public Law 111-203 (Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.) The fact sheet is available online. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Characteristics of Hawaiian Volcanoes:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce the recently released professional paper, “Characteristics of Hawaiian Volcanoes.” The paper establishes a benchmark for the current understanding of volcanism in Hawaii over the first 100 years of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**Technical Announcement—Coal Geology of the Powder River Basin:** In the **coming months**, USGS will announce a forthcoming professional paper that describes the coal geology of the Powder River Basin and how it informs the assessment of coal resources and reserves. A technical announcement is planned. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Nutrients In the Chesapeake's Eastern Shore:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce a new report that explains how the Chesapeake Bay's Eastern Shore receives nearly twice as much nitrogen and phosphorus applications, per area, than the remainder of the watershed. The primary source for the elevated levels of nitrogen and phosphorous is from agricultural runoff. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—New research on Carolina Northern Flying Squirrel:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce new research, to be published in the journal *Endangered Species Research*, that will help wildlife managers define, protect and enhance endangered Carolina northern flying squirrel habitat. A news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Landscape Thresholds for Avian Species from Mountaintop Mining:** In the **coming months**, USGS will announce a new study that identifies thresholds in landcover change from mountaintop mining activities that result in changes to the avian community in the central Appalachian Mountains. The results can be used by land managers to prioritize habitat management for avian species. The paper will be published in the journal *Landscape Ecology* and a news release is planned. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

### **Major Press Inquiries**

**Interview for Climate Documentary:** USGS climate scientist Virginia Burkett was recently interviewed for a forthcoming *Al Jazeera America* documentary program on the current state of global climate talks and the future of Louisiana's coast. Questions focused primarily on sea level rise and related impacts in the Mississippi Delta. The broadcast timeframe is unknown.

**Interview for Renewable Energy Story:** USGS statistician Manuela Huso was recently interviewed by a writer with *The Wildlife Professional* magazine for a forthcoming story about renewable energy.

**Inquiry about Environmental DNA and Sampling Techniques:** *Associated Press* in Seattle, Wash. contacted USGS to inquire about opportunities to accompany scientists collecting eDNA samples in the field. The call was in response to the USGS news release, “Endangered Salmon Population Monitored with eDNA for First Time,” (January 5).

**Upcoming Article on Drought, Climate Change, Fire, and Bark Beetles in Southwest Forests:** USGS Ecologist Craig D. Allen provided fact checking for an upcoming article to be published in the April 2015 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. The article discusses the linked impacts of drought, warming climate, fire, and particularly bark beetles on forests in northern New Mexico and the Southwest. The article is part of a larger story focusing on mountain pine beetle outbreaks in the West. The story resulted from hosting a National Geographic reporter and photographer during field work in the Jemez Mountains in 2013.

**Oil and Gas Production and Saltwater Disposal Wells:** *Dickinson Press* (North Dakota) contacted USGS scientist Seth Haines regarding quantities of produce waters, wastewater disposal, and possible well integrity issues associated with saltwater disposal wells and energy production activities. General information was provided on the high variability of water/oil production ratios associated with oil and gas production and other related USGS research activities.

#### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing to report.

#### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**News Release—Funding for new Gages in Minnesota:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will announce NSIP funding for new streamgages in Minnesota. The announcement will be similar to the September 9 announcement for new streamgage funding in Idaho, distributed to the Minnesota media outlets. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—USGS to Release Study on Disease Virulence Evolution:** In the **coming weeks**, a news release will announce new research, led by the USGS, that finds that diseases that cause debilitating symptoms are expected to evolve lower virulence along the epidemic front compared to the epidemic origin. Motivated by real-world observations of a new disease in songbirds, a mathematical investigation shows that disease virulence—the increased death rate of infected individuals—is expected to evolve to lower levels along the epidemic front compared to the disease origin. The paper will be published in *The American Naturalist*. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Freshwater Fisheries and Global Food Security:** In the **coming weeks**, Michigan State University will distribute a news release describing the importance of inland fisheries to global food security, the challenges faced due to competing demands for freshwater and possible solutions. USGS scientists contributed to the publication and will be identified in the news release. *[THIS WAS IN LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**News Release—Upper Klamath ET Maps:** In the **coming weeks**, USGS will distribute a press release for upcoming evapotranspiration maps of the upper Klamath Basin. The announcement will be coordinated with other local activities in the Klamath area. *[THIS IS UPDATED FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT]*

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY–INDIAN AFFAIRS  
AND THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND INDIAN EDUCATION  
January 21 to January 30, 2015**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On January 21, Assistant Secretary Washburn will address the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Board. Key partners in Congress and the White House have also been invited to discuss NCAI's policy priorities and strategies for this year.

On January 21, Assistant Secretary Washburn will meet with Cow Creek Tribe's General Counsel to discuss the Proposed Coquille Indian Tribe Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project, City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon. Coquille is a restored tribe seeking to construct a class II gaming facility on land in Medford, Oregon. Cow Creek opposes the proposed gaming facility because it says the land is within Cow Creek's aboriginal territory and because of concerns about the economic effects on Cow Creek's existing gaming facility.

On January 22, Assistant Secretary Washburn will meet with Chairman St. Clair of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe to discuss jurisdiction and authority issues on the Wind River Indian Reservation. The Eastern Shoshone share the reservation with the Northern Arapaho Tribe and share governance of jointly owned resources and programs through the Joint Business Council. The Northern Arapaho Tribe voted to dissolve the Joint Business Council in September 2014.

On January 22, Assistant Secretary Washburn and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Roberts will attend the National Congress of American Indians 13th State of Indian Nations live broadcast at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

On January 24, Assistant Secretary Washburn and BIE Director Roessel will join the Congressional delegation (Representatives Calvert, Cole, Simpson and McCollum) as they visit Hopi and Navajo and a BIE-funded school.

On January 26, Assistant Secretary Washburn and BIA Office of Justice Services Director Cruzan, will meet with tribal leaders of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation at the Yakama Reservation to consult on the State of Washington's partial retrocession of civil & criminal jurisdiction. This consultation was rescheduled from January 12.

On January 27, Assistant Secretary Washburn will join a meeting with the Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office with Chairman Barnes of the Blackfeet Tribe to discuss a proposed water rights settlement.

On January 28, Assistant Secretary Washburn and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary will attend a meet-and-greet with the newly sworn-in Senator Daines (R-MT) at the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C. Discussion topics will likely include law enforcement issues, education revitalization and construction improvement and replacement, the new federal acknowledgment rule, and Indian irrigation projects.

On January 29, Assistant Secretary Washburn and Indian Affairs staff will attend the Self-Governance Advisory Committee quarterly meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Public Announcements**

Tuesday, January 27

BIA will hold the third of six tribal consultation sessions on the proposed rule to update its Tribal Transportation Program regulations at the Embassy Suites Minneapolis Airport, in Bloomington, MN.

Thursday, January 29

BIA will hold the fourth of six tribal consultation sessions on the proposed rule to update its Tribal Transportation Program regulations at Oklahoma State University, in Oklahoma City, OK.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Atlanta (GA) ABC station WSB is asking if Indian Affairs or the National Indian Gaming Commission has approved a fee-to-trust application from the Tunica-Biloxi Tribe in connection with a tribal enterprise called Red Alligator that has taken 30 land parcels and is developing or has developed a casino on them.

Peninsula Daily News (WA) requests information on the overseeing agency on tribal jail matters. Specific questions include the status jail conditions and whether federal money for the jail is used for its intended purpose at the jail.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (WI) is requesting the number of off-reservation Indian casinos and how many DOI has approved and disapproved.

Taos (NM) News is following up on a tribal issues task force that AS-IA Washburn was a part of and wants to know what has become of it and to interview the AS-IA about the United States Sentencing Commission, Tribal Advisory Group. The Tribal Advisory Group is still forming and has not yet met.

CBS News is fact-checking information on federally funded schools on Native American reservations.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

On January 28, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will tentatively hold an oversight hearing on Indian Country Priorities. There has been no request for a DOI witness. The anticipated witnesses are Tribes and/or Tribal Organizations.

The Office of Indian Services will meet with the Great Plains Region, and the Fort Totten Agency to discuss, among other things, a "Memorandum of Agreement" between the BIA social service and Spirit Lake social services programs to increase coordination and provide seamless services to Spirit Lake children. The group will also discuss the "co-location" of the Spirit Lake social services, BIA social services and Spirit Lake Law Enforcement. Co-location of social services and law enforcement has been identified as an important component of successful family advocacy programs.

The Final Rule on Land Acquisitions in Alaska (25 CFR 151) published on December 23, 2015, and becomes effective on January 22, 2015. Copies of the final rule are being delivered to the House and the Senate, in accordance with Congressional Review Act requirements, this week.

The Council of Chief State School Officers shared the draft Elementary and Secondary Education Act for BIE's review. Deadline for review is within the next week. A hearing is expected in the not too distant future.

The comment period on the Proposed Rule on the Housing and Improvement Program (25 CFR 256) has been extended to March 6. Four consultation sessions will be held in February 2015.

The comment period on the Proposed Rule on the Tribal Transportation Program (25 CFR 170) has been extended to March 20. Six consultation sessions will be held in January and February 2015.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

February 2 is the deadline for BIE-funded schools to report their Annual Tribal Child Count for Part B and Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

On February 4, AS-IA and BIA staff will participate in tribal listening session by teleconference on Secretarial Order #3336, Rangeland Fire Protection.

On February 5, AS-IA Washburn will be honored with the ABA's Spirit of Excellence Award at the ABA Midyear in Houston, TX. The Spirit of Excellence Award celebrates the accomplishments of lawyers who promote a more racially and ethnically diverse legal profession.

On February 10, BIE Director Roessel will participate in the United South and Eastern Tribes Legislative Summit to provide a BIE update and meet with School Boards.

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On February 11, BIA will hold the second of four tribal consultation sessions on a proposed rule amending its Housing Improvement Program regulations in Anchorage, AK.

On February 12, BIA will hold the last of six tribal consultation sessions on the proposed rule to update its Tribal Transportation Program regulations in Seattle, WA.

On February 18, BIA will hold the third of four tribal consultation sessions on a proposed rule amending its Housing Improvement Program regulations by teleconference.

On February 19, the AS-IA will participate in the first of two tribal consultation sessions on Secretarial Order #3336, Rangeland Fire Protection. This consultation will be held in Portland, Oregon.

On February 22, BIA will hold the fourth of four tribal consultation sessions on a proposed rule amending its Housing Improvement Program regulations at the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session at the Capital Hilton, in Washington, D.C.

February 23 is the deadline for tribal written comments on Secretarial Order #3336, Rangeland Fire Protection, to be considered for the March 1 plan.

On February 26, the Department of State will host two consultation sessions on the follow-up to the UN World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. The first consultation is with federally recognized tribes, and the second is with indigenous groups and non-governmental organizations. The State Department is planning to invite observers to attend the afternoon session and has asked Assistant Secretary Washburn to moderate one or both of the sessions.

March 6, is the deadline for comments on the proposed rule to amend the BIA's Housing Improvement Program regulations. The comment period opened on January 2, 2015.

March 20, is the deadline for comments on the proposed rule to revise the BIA's Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) regulations. The comment period opened on December 19, 2014.

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March 20, is the deadline for nominations of individuals to fill six positions on the Bureau of Indian Education's Advisory Council for Exceptional Children. The request for nominations was published in the Federal Register on January 14, 2015.

**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS (OST)  
January 21 –January 30, 2015**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

No travel, meetings or other public events to report

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, January 21

The Cherokee and Eastern Oklahoma Region Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) is attending the Inter-Tribal Council Meeting of the Miami area Tribes in Miami, OK. The FTO regularly attends these meetings to maintain accountability to tribal leaders and beneficiaries.

Friday January 23

The Western Nevada Agency FTO will present “Youth Spending Frenzy” a class intended to teach budgeting basics to approximately 50 students at UNLV Language and History Symposium in Las Vegas, NV.

Monday January 26 – Tuesday January 27

The Papago FTO and Eastern Navajo FTO will be attending the “3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tribal Lands Conference on Indian Trust Lands: AIPRA, Probate and Cobell” at the University of Arizona which will include representatives from the Tohono O’odham Nation. Additionally, the Deputy Special Trustee-Field Operations will be presenting on a panel regarding Family Managed Trusts.

Wednesday, January 28

The Blackfeet FTO will conduct two Oil and Gas Outreach Sessions in collaboration with Office of Natural Resource Revenue (ONRR), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the BIA Blackfeet Agency and the Eagle Shields Senior Center. Beneficiary questions will be answered regarding oil and gas activities, Land Buy-Back Program, management of trust assets, estate planning, locating Whereabouts Unknowns (WAU), and Individual Indian Monies (IIM) inquiries.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (DDC) Tribal Litigation for Quinn-Leinbach, Settlement Proposal to the Obama Administration (SPOA) Tribes, and other Litigating Tribes** The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) is actively supporting the Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and The Department of Justice (DOJ) tribal litigation team’s efforts to reach a settlement on the remaining cases.

**Chickasaw & Choctaw:** OHTA will continue to support discovery response efforts. The next face-to-face mediation session for Plaintiffs and the Government has been tentatively scheduled for Oklahoma. Date is still being negotiated.

**Quapaw, Goodeagle/Bear & Bear:** OHTA will continue its work related to the list of nearly 800 putative individual Plaintiffs.

## **WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: OFFICE of INSULAR AFFAIRS: January 14-23, 2015**

### **Highlights (Chronologically) of Travel (AS-IN), Meetings and other Public Events**

- **January 21** – Tele-conference with U.S. Army Corps Hawaii on the NEPA process they help oversee for Capital Improvement Projects in the territories
- **January 22** – Meeting with Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources staff and Hawaii Senator Hirono’s office on the Amended Compact between the United States and Palau and Compact Impact Aid

### **Public Announcements**

**January 15** – AS-IN issued a press release announcing her grant to the American Samoa Government (ASG) of \$18 million in assistance for fiscal year 2015. These funds are what remained of the annual subsidy of \$22,750,000 needed to support the daily operations of ASG, the LBJ Tropical Medical Center, the American Samoa Community College and the High Court of American Samoa. The purpose of this program is to fund the difference between budget needs and local revenue and to remain constant each year to promote self-sufficiency requiring ASG to absorb other costs such as inflation.

### **Press Inquiries/OIA in the News**

- GOVERNOR INOS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS (CNMI) TO WRITE **THE PRESIDENT** TO CONVENE COVENANT SECTION 902 TALKS – MILITARY ISSUES TO BE FRONT AND CENTER PLUS SUBMERGED LANDS <http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi/cnmi-news/local/72777-governor-section-902-talks-a-priority>
- GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (FSM) RECEIVES **THROUGH OIA** \$5,300,000 IN COMPACT FUNDS FOR DECEMBER 2014 <http://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/us-provides-5-3m-compact-payments-dec/>

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal or Policy Issues**

**Omnibus Territories Bill** – OIA is working on drafting an omnibus territories bill for DOI consideration to propose to Capitol Hill. The office will work closely with OCL and the Office of the Solicitor before proceeding. Elements being considered include the Palau Compact Agreement, Territorial Eligibility for Energy Development on the Outer-Continental Shelf, Compact Impact Aid, Cabotage for America Samoa, and China-Visa Waiver for Guam.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

- **Later in January** – Job announcements for OIA Climate Change Coordinator and OIA Policy Director.
- **First Week of February** – AS-IN and the Director of OIA will go on official travel to the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI). This will be AS-IN’s first visit to the USVI in her present capacity. While in the USVI, AS-IN and the OIA Director will meet with the new Governor of the USVI, Kenneth E. Mapp, other USVI officials, Legislative leaders, and others on issues or projects under OIA’s oversight or jurisdiction.
- **February 23** – Closing date for AS-IN’s job announcement for Climate Change interns.
- **February 24** – Interagency Group on Insular Areas meeting, which the Secretary of the Interior and White House Director of Intergovernmental Affairs chair. Newsworthy will be \$7,000,000 for climate change efforts for the U.S. insular areas in the President’s budget and the selection in May of the OIA Climate Change Coordinator.



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## Fwd: Week Ahead + Items of Note

1 message

**Kershaw, Jessica** <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Jan 22, 2015 at 1:34 PM

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Cc: Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>

I admittedly didn't edit Nikki's weekly at all but these are off - and making sure nothing has changed in our understanding, yet:

NOT CONFIRMED: On January 28, a *CBS Evening News* piece on Indian education is scheduled to air. Secretary Jewell was interviewed for the piece, which will focus on the Bug school in Minnesota detailing the school construction issues in Indian Country.

(We of course were thinking the 29): On January 30, Secretary Jewell and a DPC official will preview the President's proposed budget for Indian Country with reporters.

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From: **Beyer, Emily** <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Subject: Week Ahead + Items of Note

To:

On January 23, Secretary Jewell will spend a day with the Bureau of Land Management in Carlsbad, NM in the Permian Basin, one of the oldest and most productive oil fields in the nation. Secretary Jewell may learn about potentially wasteful venting, flaring, and leaks of natural gas (e.g., methane), from oil and gas wells. This visit would be open press and will be an opportunity to continue to amplify the Administration's methane announcement on January 14 regarding efforts specific to the oil and gas industry.

On Saturday, January 24, Secretary Jewell, Senator Heinrich, and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy & Environment, will hold a press event in Albuquerque, NM to approve the SunZia Southwest Transmission Line, which includes two proposed 500 kilovolt transmission lines and associated infrastructure located between central New Mexico and central Arizona. The ROD will include approval to bury several segments of the line within an area just north of the White Sands Missile Range to address concerns raised by the Department of Defense regarding potential impacts to DoD testing activities. This is one of the priority projects of the Obama Administration's Rapid Response Team for Transmission, which aims to improve the overall quality and timeliness of electric transmission infrastructure permitting. The project has the potential to add 3,000 to 4,500 megawatts of electric capacity to the desert southwest region of the United States, increasing energy security for the Nation by providing access to currently stranded renewable energy resources in eastern New Mexico.

On January 27, Secretary Jewell will hold a press call to announce the next step in the development of the nation's Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. Concurrently, the White House is expected to announce that the President is withdrawing several areas in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas from drilling under his Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act authority. After receiving more than a half a million comments and hearing from a wide variety of



stakeholders and states, the Secretary is releasing the Draft Proposed Program (DPP), which includes 14 potential lease sales in eight planning areas -- 10 sales in the Gulf of Mexico, three off the coast of Alaska, and one in a portion of the Mid and South Atlantic. No sales are scheduled for the Pacific OCS. The DPP makes available areas with high potential for oil and gas, including nearly 80 percent of the undiscovered technically available resources, while protecting environmental resources.

On Saturday, January 23, Secretary Jewell will join a congressional delegation visiting the Hopi reservation in Arizona. No press have been invited, but we have received inquiries about the Secretary's travel from AP and the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

On January 26, Deputy Secretary Connor will meet with the new Democratic Staff Director for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

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On February 2, Secretary Jewell will hold a press call to announce the President's proposed budget. Top themes will include a strong budget for Indian Country, especially Indian education, as well as opportunities leading up to the National Park Service Centennial.

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**For Review: Choctaw School Visit**

2 messages

**Lambert, Lauren** <lauren\_lambert@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 11:46 AM

To: Press\_Review &lt;press\_review@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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Hello,

Attached and below is the draft Choctaw advisory we plan to issue at 1:30 p.m. ET today.

**Please let me know by 12:30 a.m. today if you have any edits.**

Thanks,

Lauren

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It's ready for your further notifications under a 1:30 p.m. embargo.

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# Media Advisory

Date: October 27, 2014

Contact: Jessica Kershaw, [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)

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**any idea what this is about?**

3 messages

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**Neimeyer, Sarah** <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>  
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Cc: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 1:48 PM

**DOJ Fighting To Keep Secretary Jewell Testifying About Management Of Native American Assets.** The National Law Journal (3/1) reports that "the US Department of Justice is fighting to keep Interior Secretary Sally Jewell from having to answer questions about the government's alleged mismanagement of Native American assets since the early 20th century."

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Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 3:16 PM

Yes. The Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations have a longstanding lawsuit alleging breach of trust against the U.S. Their counsel sought to depose Secretary Jewell, who has no personal information on the alleged mismanagement issues, and we moved for a protective order. The motion is fully briefed but the court is delaying ruling while settlement discussions continue. Ken Dalton is overseeing the litigation and can provide additional information if needed (but he's out until Thursday).

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Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 3:46 PM

That'll do it.  
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## LWCF projects for FY15 and FY16

2 messages

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 2:25 PM

To: "Jenkins, Amelia" &lt;Amelia.Jenkins@mail.house.gov&gt;

Hi Amelia,

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Jeremy

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**Jenkins, Amelia** <Amelia.Jenkins@mail.house.gov>

Mon, Mar 2, 2015 at 2:29 PM

To: "Bratt, Jeremy" &lt;jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov&gt;

This is great. Thanks so much.

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**From:** Bratt, Jeremy [mailto:jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov]**Sent:** Monday, March 02, 2015 2:26 PM**To:** Jenkins, Amelia**Subject:** LWCF projects for FY15 and FY16

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## The Land and Water Conservation Fund: 2016 Budget Request

In 1965, Congress created the Land and Water Conservation Fund to embody its bipartisan commitment to safeguard natural areas, water resources and our cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. LWCF is helping to create and protect America’s outdoor spaces—public and private, large and small, urban and rural—as envisioned by the American people.

Americans care deeply about our outdoor heritage, want to enjoy and protect it, and are willing to take collective responsibility to protect it for their children and grandchildren. The Land and Water Conservation Fund has provided funding to secure access for recreational opportunities throughout the country. Over its 50 year history, the Fund has protected conservation and recreation land in every state and supported tens of thousands of state and local projects.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund plays an important economic role for local communities. Recreation activities in national parks, wildlife refuges, forests, marine sanctuaries, and other federally managed lands and waters contributed approximately \$51 billion and 880,000 jobs to the U.S. economy in 2012.<sup>i</sup> Nationally, outdoor recreation activities contribute \$646 billion to the economy annually and support 6.1 million jobs.<sup>ii</sup> Moreover, the Land and Water Conservation Fund is a sound investment: for every \$1.00 invested in Federal land acquisition through LWCF, there is a return of \$4.00.<sup>iii</sup> It is also a smart investment: in Denver, Colorado, every federal LWCF dollar spent on revitalization of the South Platte River leveraged more than \$2,000 in local and private funding.<sup>iv</sup>

Conserving landscapes and meeting the present-day needs of local communities requires collaboration among all stakeholders, including private landowners, conservation and recreation groups, and local, state, tribal, and federal governments. The Administration’s LWCF request supports broad collaboration around locally driven priorities and more efficient and coordinated ways of investing in, restoring, and managing the country’s natural and cultural resources.

In 2016, the total LWCF request is \$900 million: \$400 million in discretionary funding and \$500 million in permanent funding as part of a multi-year strategy leading to full permanent funding for LWCF in 2017.

<b>2016 LWCF President’s Budget Request (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Discretionary</b>	<b>Permanent</b>	<b>Total</b>
LWCF State and Local Assistance Grants	53.2	47.0	100.2
Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Grants	50.0	50.0	100.0
Forest Legacy Grants	61.0	39.0	100.0
Urban Parks & Recreation Grants	0.0	25.0	25.0
<b>Grants to States Total</b>	<b>164.2</b>	<b>161.0</b>	<b>325.2</b>
NPS Land Acquisition	64.3	106.7	171.0
BLM Land Acquisition	38.0	55.4	93.4
FWS Land Acquisition	58.5	106.3	164.8
FS Land Acquisition	63.0	64.7	127.7
DOI Office of Valuation Services	12.0	6.0	18.0
<b>Federal Land Acquisition Total</b>	<b>235.8</b>	<b>339.0</b>	<b>574.8</b>
<i>DOI subtotal</i>	<i>276.0</i>	<i>396.3</i>	<i>672.3</i>
<i>USDA subtotal</i>	<i>124.0</i>	<i>103.7</i>	<i>227.7</i>
<b>Total LWCF Program Funding</b>	<b>400.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>900.0</b>

## **Permanent Funding for LWCF**

LWCF enjoys widespread popularity, and there are more willing sellers than available LWCF funding. Yet the program is constrained by uncertainty about annual current appropriations. Unpredictable funding prevents the agencies—along with local and state partners—from engaging in the multi-year planning that large-scale conservation and effective collaboration with local communities requires. Annual planning driven by the budget process can favor funding individual projects which may not be the most strategic in terms of advancing broader conservation objectives.

These challenges also impact the partners who work with agencies to protect critically important habitat and recreation areas. Chronic uncertainty and underfunding have made it increasingly challenging for local, state and federal managers to use this tool to address the development threats facing the nation's most important open spaces, pristine habitats, and cultural sites—the lands and waters that support vibrant outdoor economies, provide community recreation opportunities, and preserve our history.

The Administration proposes to address these challenges by pursuing full and permanent funding for LWCF programs. Permanent funding will increase financial certainty needed to build and enhance local and community conservation partnerships and optimize valuable investments by leveraging other federal and non-federal funds. Permanent appropriations will support the efficiencies demonstrated by the LWCF programs and facilitate a more predictable, transparent and inclusive process. Permanent funding will also finally achieve the original intent of the LWCF Act: to dedicate a meaningful portion, \$900 million, of the royalties private companies pay to access the nation's offshore oil and gas reserves to preserving the nation's lands and waters for the benefit of all Americans, now and in the future.

## **LWCF Grants to States**

LWCF funds grant programs run by the Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the Fish & Wildlife Service. A total of \$325 million would fund grants to States for conservation and recreation.

The **LWCF State Grants** program provides matching grants to States and local governments for locally supported projects that provide close-to-home recreation areas and facilities. Since its inception, there have been more than 42,000 matching grants totaling over \$4 billion more in local public and private investment. \*

The **Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF)** grants provide funds to States to work with private landowners, conservation organizations, and other partners to protect and conserve the habitat of threatened and endangered species.

The **Urban Park Recreation and Recovery Program (UPARR)** provides matching grants to select physically and economically distressed urban communities to revitalize and improve recreation opportunities. UPARR provides grants directly to local governments to rehabilitate recreation facilities; demonstrate innovative ways to enhance park and recreation opportunities; and develop local plans.

The **Forest Legacy Program (FLP)** supports State efforts to protect privately owned forest lands. FLP is an entirely voluntary program administered through the Forest Service in cooperation with State partners. FLP also encourages partnerships with local governments and land trusts, recognizing the important contributions landowners, communities, and private organizations make to forest conservation efforts.

## **Federal Land Conservation, Recreation and Access**

A total of \$575 million of the Administration's LWCF request will support conservation, access and recreational opportunities on federal land. The Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture work in cooperation with local communities, rely on willing sellers, and maximize opportunities for easement acquisitions. LWCF funds address urgent threats to some of America's most special places, and support more efficient land management and State and local priorities.

Land acquisition funds are used to secure access for the American public to their Federal lands. Agencies work with willing landowners to secure rights-of-way, easements or fee simple lands that provide public access, or consolidate Federal ownership so that the public has intact spaces to hike, hunt, and fish. Over 90 percent of line-item land acquisition funding supports projects that will provide public access. In addition, the Forest Service will use up to \$5 million in current funding to acquire parcels that provide access to national forest lands where access is not currently available, chronically difficult to access or impeded, and Interior bureaus request \$15 million in current and permanent funding for projects to support public access for recreation. This total of \$20 million requested for designated recreational access projects represents 3.5% of all land acquisition funding.

The President's 2016 budget includes 173 projects across the four land management agencies in 43 states. The wide range of projects proposed for funding includes important waterfowl nesting habitat in the Prairie Pothole region, historic battlefields in Pennsylvania, scenic vistas in Maine's Acadia National Park, and popular public recreation sites in national monuments in California and Arizona.

The Administration's strategic approach to using LWCF land acquisition funds includes the Collaborative LWCF Initiative. This interagency program brings DOI and USDA together with local stakeholders to identify large natural areas where LWCF funds can achieve the most important shared conservation and community goals in the highest priority landscapes. Conserving large scale natural areas provides multiple resource and economic benefits to the public, including clean drinking water, recreational opportunities, protected habitat for at-risk and game species and jobs generated on and off these lands. Since the Collaborative Initiative was launched in 2013, investments totaling \$116 million have restored and led to stabilization of critical landscapes in Montana's Crown of the Continent, the California Desert, and the longleaf pine ecosystem of South Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture follow a rigorous merit-based based evaluation process to select collaborative landscapes for investment. After evaluating and prioritizing multiple ecosystems, they selected eight landscapes for 2016 funding:

- Island Forests at Risk (HI)
- Upper Rio Grande (CO, NM)
- High Divide (ID, MT)
- Rivers of the Chesapeake (VA, MD, DE)
- National Trails System (nationwide)
- Florida-Georgia Longleaf Pine (FL, GA)
- Pathways to the Pacific (OR, WA)
- Northern Coastal California (CA)

## Benefits of Proposed FY2016 LWCF Investments: Highlights

### Reduced Costs for Land Management

*LWCF funds will be used to acquire parcels that make it easier and less costly to manage existing public lands. Instead of raising operating costs, the acquisition of inholdings can reduce maintenance and manpower costs by reducing boundary conflicts, simplifying resource management activities, and easing access to and through public lands for agency employees and the public.*

Acquisitions in North Carolina's **Pisgah and Uwharrie National Forests** protect mountain streams and public water supplies, and provide access for camping, hunting, fishing and hiking including the Appalachian Trail. Management savings from these acquisitions are estimated to exceed \$200,000 and are attributed to the elimination of proposed residential developments in the Forest which removes the need for the Forest Service to administer rights-of-way and roads to those developments and eliminates the attendant costs resulting from the sedimentation of streams, introduction of invasive species and need to protect those homes from wildfire. Savings are also achieved through the consolidation of lands which eliminates the need to mark and maintain several miles of boundary line and reduces illegal trespass and off-highway vehicle conflicts.

Proposed acquisitions at **Lake Clark National Park and Preserve** in Alaska are expected to yield significant cost-savings through reduced firefighting costs over time. For firefighting purposes, native-allotment tracts, such as most of the tracts included in the FY16 budget for this park unit, are designated at the "full" protection level, meaning they are high priority for extensive fire suppression actions, and can incur significant costs to protect. NPS acquisition of these tracts would eliminate the requirement to commit intensive firefighting resources to suppress fires on these tracts, and would yield an estimated savings of \$60,000 per allotment during fire events.

At **Saguaro National Park**, protecting 137 acres of Arizona's Sonoran Desert would significantly reduce administrative management costs for employee housing. Existing structures on a small portion of the acquired land would be used for employee housing, reducing the cost of rental housing and alleviating the need for ongoing rental of storage space for maintenance needs. The estimated reduction in operating costs would total at least \$10,000 per year.

### Access for Hunting and Fishing and Recreation

*Participants in the America's Great Outdoors listening sessions made it clear that access to our nation's lands for all kinds of recreation – including hunting and fishing – is a national priority. This LWCF request will fund strategic acquisitions that improve access to public lands for sportsmen and women.*

The FY2016 budget will enable the purchase of one of the largest private inholdings within the **Smith River National Recreation Area in Oregon**. Designated a Wild and Scenic River, the Smith River is a sought after destination for fishing and outdoor recreation due to its scenic beauty and clear water cutting through steep mountain terrain. This acquisition includes nine miles of streams and will improve the quality and availability of access for fishing and other outdoor recreational opportunities. Acquisition of this parcel will allow stream habitat and watershed improvements for several trout and other fish species.

At the **Niobrara National Scenic River**, most access to the river is presently controlled by private landowners/outfitters along the river. NPS acquisition of the 19.6-acre Rocky Ford tract, the easternmost landing site on the “canoe-able” reach of the river, would secure public access in perpetuity to the recreational portion of Niobrara. The Rocky Ford property is a privately owned developed landing with camping facilities.

The **Continental Divide National Scenic Trail**, one of the crown jewels of the National Trails System, traverses five states over 3,100 miles between Canada and Mexico. Since the Trail’s establishment, Federal agencies and local partners have protected the majority of the route for dedicated trail, but portions remain where hikers and horseback riders must travel on dirt or paved roads. In New Mexico, acquisition of the 5,227-acre Alamocita Creek parcel – currently threatened with rural residential subdivision – would nearly close an existing gap and eliminate a 52-mile temporary route along state highway shoulders.

#### **Economic Benefits for Communities**

*Investing in healthy ecosystems benefits the Federal government, local communities and taxpayers. Timely acquisition of important natural areas today can help avoid much higher costs to taxpayers in future years by protecting water supplies, important species habitat, recreational and cultural sites, and other natural resources with economic value to the public.*

The 7,150 acre **Trumbull Creek Watershed Forest Legacy Program project** will protect highly productive commercial forestland in the heart of the Northern Rockies Crown of the Continent eco-region. The project area is owned by the oldest family-owned wood products company in Montana. It employs 120 people and supports another 112 jobs through their timber operations and business. The project will help to support the area's outdoor recreation and tourism industries by securing permanent public access for hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking and other outdoor pursuits and access to almost 65 miles of logging roads and trails on the property.

Southeast of Moab, the 90,000-acre **Colorado Riverway Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA)** is one of Utah’s busiest recreation areas. Drawn by the spectacular red rock scenery, over 800,000 visitors annually enjoy the scenic and recreational opportunities offered within this area, including 60,000 visitors who float the “daily” stretch of the Colorado River that flows through the SRMA. The river is an important economic asset to the local community as it supports many local river-running businesses. The SRMA contains developed boating access facilities, campgrounds, motorized and non-motorized trailheads, as well as some of Moab's most popular hiking trails, including Corona Arch, Negro Bill Canyon and Fisher Towers, and several of the most popular rock climbing areas in southeastern Utah. Protecting parcels proposed for BLM acquisition would eliminate the immediate threat of development.

#### **Protection from Urgent Threats**

*LWCF funds are used to acquire lands that are in imminent danger from industrial or residential development. Civil War and Revolutionary War battlefields, for example, are the hallowed ground of our nation’s history; preserving these lands as parks for the American public prevents irreparable loss.*

In Pennsylvania, **Gettysburg National Military Park** preserves and interprets the site of the bloody Civil War battle in July of 1863 that repulsed the second Confederate invasion of the North. The adjacent Gettysburg National Cemetery, final resting place for over 6,000 veterans, was the setting for President Lincoln's timeless Gettysburg Address. The proposed project would acquire an inholding containing the remains of McAllister's Mill, the only documented Underground Railroad site within the park boundary. The tract contains many landscape features and structures that affected the outcome of the battle or were used for field hospitals. There is intense pressure to commercially develop privately owned lands in and around Gettysburg NMP. Such development would threaten the historic integrity of the park.

The area around **Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve** on Washington's Whidbey Island has experienced tremendous growth and development in recent years, threatening the integrity of the cultural landscape and the historic patterns of land use. The Reserve protects an unbroken historical record of Puget Sound exploration and settlement from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the present, including land use patterns unchanged since the 1850s. The NPS proposes to partner with local landowners to secure conservation easements on four tracts in the north end of the reserve, to forestall the increasing threat of residential subdivision and conserve the historical and cultural integrity of the Reserve.

Resort development is an imminent threat at **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (Kahuku)**, where acquisitions are proposed at Pohue Bay, home to monk seal habitat, anchialine pond communities and coastal strands of endangered plants, as well as significant archaeological sites, cultural landscapes, petroglyphs and ancient trails. The landowner has submitted a proposal and EIS to rezone from conservation to medium density urban and resort development in preparation for resort development in the event that Federal funds are unavailable to protect the property as part of the National Park. Located adjacent to the South Kona wilderness and county open space, portions of the parcel include trails that are part of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, which preserves and interprets Native Hawaiian culture and natural resources.

#### *Supporting Local Priorities*

*Federal acquisitions projects are planned collaboratively with local stakeholders, and often depend on the significant support of State or local government, or of locally-based nonprofit conservation partners. These partners sometimes act as intermediary landowners, holding land temporarily to protect it from development until the Federal government can secure the funds to assume ownership.*

Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City and the City of Ogden are urging the Forest Service to protect several tracts in Mill Creek Canyon and access to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail on the **Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest** adjacent to metropolitan Salt Lake City, Utah. Mill Creek Canyon has intense use by residents and visitors for outdoor activities like hiking and skiing. This canyon is also a source of water for Salt Lake City. Pressure to develop these tracts is intense; the Wasatch Front is predicted to have a 68% increase in population by 2040. There is strong support for the protection of Mill Creek Canyon to sustain water supplies and safeguard abundant outdoor recreation opportunities.

A nearly 600 acre conservation easement through the Forest Legacy Program to support the local Rainbow Ridge forest stewardship collaboration would secure trail access to Rainbow Ridge and link to existing recreational routes in the **Upper Sacramento River Headwaters** area including the Lake Siskiyou trail, Pacific Crest Trail, and the historic Callahan-Sisson Trail. The Rainbow Ridge conservation



easement is supported by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Shasta Valley Conservation District, Mount Shasta Fire Safe Council, Mount Shasta Trails Association, and the California Wildlife Conservation Board.

Weaving a fragile thread of green through the high plains of central Wyoming, the vegetative corridor hugging the banks of the North Platte River represents the rarest of Western ecosystems: only 1% of land in Wyoming constitutes riparian/wetland habitat. The 4,600-acre **North Platte River Special Recreation Management Area** includes a 45-mile segment of the North Platte between Pathfinder National Wildlife Refuge and the City of Casper. The North Platte is regarded by the Wyoming Game & Fish Department as a "Blue Ribbon/Class I" trout fishery. Minutes away from Casper's 50,000 residents, an intermingled land ownership pattern stymies public access to and use of the river, and local outdoor enthusiasts and area visitors have turned to the BLM to address their growing demand for river access. BLM investments to secure public access along the North Platte complement state and local efforts, including the popular Platte River Parkway, Casper's highly successful "greenway" project initiated in 1982, and public fishing access easements purchased by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

#### *Building Resilient Landscapes*

*The first strategy identified by the National Fish, Wildlife and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy is to conserve ecologically-connected networks of terrestrial, freshwater, coastal, and marine conservation areas that are likely to be resilient to climate change which can support a broad range of fish, wildlife, and plants under changed conditions. LWCF funds are critical tools in efforts to conserve these resilient landscapes.*

The **Big Six Forest Legacy Program project in Maine** will ensure 23,000 acres of productive forest are protected within one of the Focal Areas of High Estimated Resilience that were developed by The Nature Conservancy. This property is expected to be viable for supporting sugar maple even with potentially significant changes in climate. Some models indicate that over the next hundred years, the range of sugar maple may become limited to New England's high mountains and northern Maine. The Big Six project is one of the largest maple syrup producing properties in the United States accounting for 24% of Maine's production (3.4% of national production).

Long ago, thousands of birds were drawn to the wetlands of Colorado's San Luis Valley for breeding, resting, and foraging during their long migrations. After decades of water over-appropriation caused the lowering of the valley's water table, the rapid disappearance of wetlands and plummeting bird populations, State and Federal agencies initiated wetland restoration efforts in the 1960's, including the development of BLM's Blanca Wetlands Area. Today, the newly-expanded **Blanca Wetlands Area of Critical Environmental Concern** covers over 124,000 acres, 10,000 acres of which are managed by the BLM as a wetlands network of playa lakes, ponds, marshes and wet meadows. The BLM and its partners have made great strides in preserving and managing the landscape to provide rich and diverse habitats for wildlife – including 13 threatened and endangered species and 160 species of water birds – and a haven for people. The project would fulfill goals identified in the Integrated Activity Plan for Blanca Wetlands by purchasing over 12,000 acres of land bordering the northern boundary of the site. These acquisitions would essentially merge wetlands owned by BLM, State of Colorado, NPS, FWS, and The Nature Conservancy, and would encourage management across jurisdictions to achieve broad scale connectivity and resource objectives.

## Collaborative Landscape Conservation Highlights

**Island Forests at Risk:** The Islands of Hawai'i are diverse and include habitats ranging from coastal to alpine, wet and dry forests, as well as grasslands. The Hawaiian culture is closely tied to the natural environment and native wildlife. Yet, one-third of all birds listed under the Endangered Species Act occur in Hawai'i. This collaborative will benefit species and ecosystems which will in turn benefit Native Hawaiian cultural resources. The 2016 President's Budget proposes \$15 million in current and \$24 million in permanent funding.

Facilitating cultural connections with the native plants and animals of Hawai'i is a primary component of this proposal. Funding will enable acquisition of willing-seller private inholdings at Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, which will restore habitat connectivity for species such as the 'Alala (Hawaiian Crow), the Palila, and Hawaiian Hawksbill sea turtles nesting areas. An important acquisition on Maui contains the last unprotected piece of sub-alpine habitat on Maui and restoration will provide habitat for many species.

**Upper Rio Grande Collaborative Landscape:** Investment in the *Upper Rio Grande* landscape will support conservation in the headwaters of the Rio Grande River in Colorado and New Mexico, a land of soaring peaks and spectacular river gorges within a day's drive of five million people. The Upper Rio Grande collaborative landscape partnership builds on a multi-year effort among Federal agency personnel from all levels, local private landowners and conservation groups. Over the last 30 years, grassroots, community-based efforts on both sides of the state line have made incredible strides to permanently protect critical cultural, wildlife, ecological, and recreational lands under a variety of Federal and state authorities. At the same time, private, partnership-based efforts have made significant investments to protect the working landscapes across the Upper Rio Grande through conservation easements and increased public awareness of the importance of landscape-scale conservation.

The 2016 budget proposes a total of \$22 million in current and \$18 million in permanent funding for the Upper Rio Grande landscape. Proposed acquisitions will create an un-fragmented core of protected lands on more than 1.3 million acres, enabling more efficient land management and conservation of resources across the landscape. Conservation plans include 5,000 acres of wetlands restoration and historic wetlands protection. This restoration has the potential to support over 160 species of birds, including 19 waterfowl and 22 shorebird species and Colorado's largest population of breeding Western snowy plovers, and remarkable macroinvertebrate diversity. Plans for the landscape also include protection of unique cultural and historic sites. To date, approximately 650 archeological sites have been recorded within the 22,000 acres (8.9%) of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument that have been comprehensively inventoried, and local experts believe that thousands of additional archeological and historical resources remain undocumented.

**High Divide Collaborative Landscape:** Investment in the *High Divide* landscape will support a crucial wildlife lifeline along the spine of the continent in Idaho and Montana that links Yellowstone National Park to Idaho's Frank Church Wilderness. This landscape collaborative includes 11 units of four land management agencies; Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS); two state wildlife agencies; seven conservation groups, community groups, and science organizations; and ranchland groups, land owners,

and private foundations. The collaborative brings mature local partnerships together to achieve regional landscape conservation and community goals.

High Divide counties rely on outdoor recreation opportunities for local residents and more than 3.8 million annual visitors. Recreation tourism brings in \$320.1 million annually to local county economies, and includes popular activities such as wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, and river floats. The 2016 budget proposes \$18 million in current and \$9 million in permanent funding for the High Divide landscape. LWCF investments will enhance public access to dispersed recreation lands and waterways, and will protect the Nez Perce, Continental Divide, and Lewis and Clark National Trails.

LWCF investments in the High Divide will protect corridor bottleneck lands to allow grizzly bear, lynx, wolverine, and big game animals to move freely through the High Divide; ensure that habitats for endangered sockeye salmon, threatened Chinook, steelhead, and bull trout, and candidate arctic grayling are ecologically functional; and protect core sage grouse habitats to support the broader NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative. The plan includes keeping strategic lands in private ownership, supporting the working ranchlands that are central to the region's economy and culture.

**Rivers of the Chesapeake:** The Chesapeake Bay is the nation's largest and most productive estuary. The Bay provides high-value forests, critical habitat for many species, contains sites representing thousands of years of cultural heritage, and recreation opportunities for 14 million people. The LWCF Collaborative process is an important component of stakeholder engagement with headwater communities and will enhance federal-state collaboration as part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement. The 2016 budget proposes \$10 million in current funding and \$23 million in permanent funding.

LWCF investments will protect high-value forests that contribute to water quality, add dozens of new public access sites, protect a network of critical stopover sites and uplands for migrating birds, and expand brook trout habitat. Many of the projects will protect important cultural and historical sites including Harriet Tubman's birthplace, important Native American landscapes, and civil war battlefield sites. Projects in all of the focus areas for this proposal will further expand public access to Bay and its rivers. Increasing access to the water is a priority for local governments. Public water access is critical to promoting watershed stewardship and providing opportunities to engage in the great outdoors.

**National Trails:** LWCF investment in the *National Trails Collaborative Landscape* will benefit the country's world-class system of 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails totaling over 54,000 miles in length, traversing 49 States and every ecological biome in the Nation, and touching wilderness, rural landscapes, and historic and cultural corridors. These long-distance trails, stretching for hundreds or thousands of miles each, connect with 70 national wildlife refuges, 80 national parks, 90 national forests, and 100 major metropolitan areas. They protect crucial conservation areas and wildlife migration corridors and provide education, recreation, and fitness opportunities for all ages. The request will support acquisitions to improve safety, access, connectivity, and integrity for 16 trails in 18 States.

The collaborative nature of the national scenic and historic trails means that a financial investment by any of the partners has the potential to be greatly leveraged by contributions from other partners, including State agencies, local governments, and land trusts. Federal investment in these Trails

stimulates citizen engagement in public resource stewardship and volunteerism, connects citizens with the Nation's natural and cultural heritage, and strengthens communities across the land. The 2016 President's Budget proposes \$9 million for the National Trail landscape in current and \$10 million in permanent funding.

**Florida-Georgia Longleaf Initiative:** LWCF investment in the *Florida-Georgia Longleaf Initiative* is crucial to the ecological well-being and recovery of the diminishing longleaf pine ecosystem in the South. Longleaf pines, which once covered up to 98 million acres of the Southeast, have been reduced to about 3 million acres, much of it in poor condition.

The 2016 budget proposes a total of \$19 million in permanent funding for the Florida-Georgia Longleaf Initiative. Lands targeted for acquisition represent the highest priority to protect and restore critical habitat for several listed species, and protect and restore the headwaters of the free-flowing Suwannee and St. Mary's Rivers – the largest intact watershed in the East. Both rivers are critical watersheds that recharge the Floridan Aquifer, which provides drinking water for much of north Florida. Projects will support the 170,000-acre Suwannee Wildlife Corridor, enhance public access for recreation, and protect private lands from wildfire. The project supports local economies by protecting highly prized natural landscapes for public outdoor recreation and tourism. The working forest component further enhances economic vitality of local communities by providing forest products that support local infrastructure.

**Pathways to the Pacific:** The Pathways to the Pacific landscape includes the lower Columbia River basin from the John Day River to the Pacific Ocean and includes many key tributaries. The 2016 budget proposes \$14 million in permanent funding.

The Columbia River is the largest North American river flowing to the Pacific Ocean and drains large portions of Oregon and Washington. It was once the stronghold of Pacific salmon and steelhead producing more fish than any other Lower 48 river. This collaborative LWCF proposal will focus on stabilizing imperiled fish runs while also benefiting many other sensitive species. Situated along the Pacific Flyway, the Columbia also supports thousands of migratory songbirds, waterfowl and shorebirds.

The Pathways to the Pacific projects will improve public access with acquisitions in the Oregon National Historic Trails, the John Day Wild and Scenic River, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, and several national wildlife refuges including Willapa NWR and Ridgefield NWR.

**Northern California Coastal:** The Northern California Coastal collaborative landscape is bounded by the Oregon border to the north, San Francisco Bay to the south and Interstate 5 to the east and includes vast stretches of undeveloped coast, old growth forests, and sections of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the California Coastal Trail. The 2016 budget proposes \$7 million in permanent funding.

The projects in this landscape will expand recreational opportunities by adding trails and providing more miles of accessible and protected rivers and streams for anglers, paddlers and others. The landscape is fire prone and proposal projects include acquisition of key tracts that will enable better management of fuel load and wildland fire response, ultimately increasing safety and reducing costs.

Proposed acquisitions also support the climate and adaptation and resilience initiatives of many partners. Temperatures are projected to increase in the area by 4 to 7 degrees by 2050, stressing these unique habitats and increasing the impact of reduced snowpack, more severe wildland fires, and sea level rise. In addition to the threat of a changing climate, this landscape collaboration is focused on decreasing habitat fragmentation and denial of public access due to a dramatic rise in rural real estate values and associated development and road building.

Many iconic and popular areas will receive funding including the California Coastal National Monument, Cache Creek, the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, the Smith and Trinity Rivers, Snow Mountain Wilderness, and Redwood National Park and Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

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## FY2016 LWCF National Project Priorities -President's Budget Request

### Bureau of Land Management

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2016 Request (Current)
1		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>	
	CO	Blanca Wetlands ACEC/SRMA	\$6,346,000
	NM	Rio Grande del Norte National Monument	<u>\$2,900,000</u>
		Upper Rio Grande Total	\$9,246,000
2	WY	North Platte River SRMA	\$1,310,000
3	OR	Sandy River ACEC/Oregon National Historic Trail	\$750,000
4	AZ	Ironwood Forest National Monument	\$1,000,000
5		<b>High Divide</b>	
	ID	Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	\$740,000
	ID	Sands Desert Habitat Management Area/Teton River	\$3,500,000
	ID	Thousand Springs ACEC	\$250,000
	ID	Oregon National Historic Trail/Craters of the Moon NP	<u>\$1,315,000</u>
		High Divide Total	\$5,805,000
6	CA	Panoche-Coalinga ACEC	\$900,000
7	CA	Carrizo Plain National Monument	\$300,000
8		<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake</b>	
	VA	Meadowood SRMA	\$2,400,000
	MD	Nanjemoy National Resource Management Area	<u>\$191,000</u>
		Rivers of the Chesapeake Total	\$2,591,000
9	OR	Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument	\$2,600,000
10		<b>National Trails System</b>	
	NM	Continental Divide National Scenic Trail	<u>\$2,300,000</u>
		National Trails System Total	\$2,300,000
11	CA	California Wilderness	\$482,000
12	OR	North Umpqua National Wild and Scenic River	\$2,000,000
13	UT	Colorado Riverway SRMA	\$1,100,000
		Sportsman/Recreational Access	\$4,000,000
		Emergency/Inholding/Hardship	\$1,616,000
		Acquisition Management	\$2,000,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$38,000,000</b>

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2016 Request (Permanent)
14		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>	
	CO	Rio Grande Natural Area	<u>\$3,850,000</u>
		Upper Rio Grande Total	<u>\$3,850,000</u>
15	OR	John Day National Wild and Scenic River	\$4,000,000
16		<b>High Divide</b>	
	MT	Madison River SRMA	\$8,300,000
	ID	Thousand Springs ACEC	\$200,000
	ID	Henrys Lake ACEC	<u>\$296,000</u>
		High Divide Total	<u>\$8,796,000</u>
17	CA	California Wilderness	\$2,299,000
18		<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake</b>	
	MD	Nanjemoy National Resource Management Area	<u>\$465,000</u>
		Rivers of the Chesapeake Total	<u>\$465,000</u>
19	CA	Panoche-Coalinga ACEC	\$3,800,000
20		<b>National Trails System</b>	
	MT	Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	<u>\$4,750,000</u>
		National Trails System Total	<u>\$4,750,000</u>
21	AZ	Agua Fria National Monument	\$3,300,000
22		<b>Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine</b>	
	FL	Lathrop Bayou Habitat Management Area	<u>\$412,000</u>
		Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine Total	<u>\$412,000</u>
23	UT	Santa Clara River/Land Hill ACEC	\$1,900,000
24		<b>Pathways to the Pacific</b>	
	OR	John Day/South Fork John Day National Wild and Scenic River	\$7,075,000
	OR	Sandy River ACEC/Oregon National Historic Trail	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
		Pathways to the Pacific Total	<u>\$8,075,000</u>
25		<b>Northern California Coastal</b>	
	CA	North Cow Mountain Recreation Area	<u>\$3,250,000</u>
		Northern California Coastal Total	<u>\$3,250,000</u>
		Sportsman/Recreational Access	\$6,000,000
		Emergency/Inholding/Hardship	\$1,500,000
		Acquisition Management	\$3,000,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,397,000</b>

Fish and Wildlife Service

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2016 Request
1		<b>Island Forests at Risk</b>	
	HI	Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge	<u>\$8,589,000</u>
		Island Forests at Risk total	\$8,589,000
2	ND/SD	Dakota Grassland Conservation Area	\$6,500,000
3		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>	
	CO/NM	Sangre de Cristo Conservation Area	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
		Upper Rio Grande total	\$1,000,000
4	ND/SD	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie Wildlife Management Area	\$3,000,000
5		<b>High Divide</b>	
	ID	Camas National Wildlife Refuge	\$280,000
	MT	Red Rocks Lake National Wildlife Refuge	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
		High Divide Total	\$1,280,000
6	FL	Everglades Headwaters Conservation Area	\$2,091,000
7		<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake</b>	
	VA	Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge	\$1,600,000
	MD	Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge	<u>\$1,511,000</u>
		Rivers of the Chesapeake total	\$ 3,111,000
8	FL	Everglades Headwaters Conservation Area	\$2,500,000
9		<b>National Trails System</b>	
	ID	Gray's Lake National Wildlife Refuge	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>
		National Trails System total	\$ 2,500,000
10	MN/IA	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge	\$ 500,000
11	CT/MA/NH/VT	Silvio O. Conte NFWR	\$2,000,000
12	ID/UT/WY	Bear River Watershed Conservation Area	\$2,000,000
13	KS	Flint Hills Conservation Area	\$840,000
		Sportsman/Recreational Access	\$2,500,000
		Emergency/Inhoding/Hardship	\$5,351,000
		Acquisition Management	\$12,773,000
		Exchanges	\$1,500,000
		Land Protection Planning	\$465,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,500,000</b>



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14		<b>Island Forests at Risk</b>	
	HI	Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge	\$11,411,000
		Island Forests at Risk total	\$11,411,000
15	ND/SD	Dakota Grassland Conservation Area	\$6,548,000
16		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>	
	CO	Baca National Wildlife Refuge	\$3,439,000
	CO/NM	Sangre de Cristo Conservation Area	\$1,890,250
		Upper Rio Grande total	\$5,329,250
17	ND/SD	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie Wildlife Management Area	\$2,000,000
18	TX	Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge	\$1,000,000
19	KS	Flint Hills Conservation Area	\$1,134,000
20	TX	Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge	\$1,500,000
21	MT	Montana Refuges	\$3,000,000
22		<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake</b>	
	VA	Rappahannock River	\$3,890,000
	VA	James River National Wildlife Refuge	\$950,000
	MD	Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge	\$1,900,000
		Rivers of the Chesapeake total	\$6,740,000
23	CA	Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge	\$2,000,000
24	IL/IA/MN/WI	Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge	\$2,000,000
25		<b>National Trails System</b>	
	VA	Rappahannock River - Captain J Smith National Historic Trail	\$3,530,000
		National Trails System total	\$3,530,000
26	CA	Grasslands Wildlife Management Area	\$2,000,000
27	AR	Cache River National Wildlife Refuge	\$2,000,000
28	TX	Neches River National Wildlife Refuge	\$3,000,000
29		<b>Florida-Georgia Longleaf Pine</b>	
	FL	St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge	\$12,000,000
		Florida-Georgia Longleaf Pine total	\$12,000,000
30	AR	Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge	\$3,000,000
31	VA	Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge	\$2,000,000
32	GA/FL	Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge	\$2,000,000
33		<b>Pathways to the Pacific</b>	
	WA	Willapa National Wildlife Refuge	\$4,203,000
	WA	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	\$259,750
		Pathways to the Pacific total	\$4,462,750
34	FL	Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area	\$3,000,000
35	IA/MN	Northern Tallgrass National Wildlife Refuge	\$1,000,000
36	NJ	Cape May National Wildlife Refuge	\$1,000,000
37	TX	Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge	\$1,200,000
38		<b>Northern Coastal California</b>	
	CA	Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge	\$917,000
		Northern Coastal California total	\$917,000
39	WA	Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge	\$1,500,000
40	IL	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge	\$2,000,000
		Emergency/Inholding/Hardship	\$3,000,000
		Acquisition Management	\$12,000,000
		Exchanges	\$1,000,000
		Land Protection Planning	\$3,000,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,272,000</b>

National Park Service

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2016 Request (Current)
1		<b>Island Forests at Risk</b>	
	HI	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	\$6,000,000
		Island Forests at Risk total	\$6,000,000
2	TN	Obed Wild and Scenic River	\$1,204,000
3	NY	Saratoga National Historic Park	\$740,000
4	AL	Little River Canyon National Preserve	\$625,000
5		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>	
	CO/NM	Great Sand Dunes National Park	\$6,852,000
		Upper Rio Grande total	\$6,852,000
6	WA	Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve	\$1,450,000
7	AK	Lake Clark National Park and Preserve	\$943,000
8	FL	Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve	\$110,000
9		<b>High Divide</b>	
	MT	Big Hole National Battlefield	\$300,000
		High Divide Total	\$300,000
10	GA	Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area	\$2,123,000
11	FL	Fort Caroline National Monument	\$324,000
12	WI	Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway	\$223,000
13		<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake</b>	
	DE	Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail	\$2,237,000
		Rivers of the Chesapeake total	\$ 2,237,000
14	NM	Pecos National Historical Park	\$386,000
15	AK	Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park	\$810,000
16	AZ	Saguaro National Park	\$1,348,000
17		<b>National Trails System</b>	
	MA	New England National Scenic Trail	\$875,000
		National Trails System total	\$875,000
18	MD	Piscataway Park	\$571,000
19	PA	Gettysburg National Military Park	\$285,000
20	WA	Olympic National Park	\$1,581,000
21	WV	Gauley River National Recreation Area	\$2,617,000
22	NY	Saratoga National Historical Park	\$749,000
21	ME	Acadia National Park	\$2,467,000
		Sportsman/Recreational Access	\$2,000,000
		Emergencies/Hardships/Relocations/Deficiencies	\$3,928,000
		Acquisition Management	\$9,679,000
		Inholdings/Exchanges/Donations	\$4,928,000
		American Battlefield Protection Grants	\$8,986,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,339,000</b>

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2016 Request (Mandatory)
24	WY	Grand Teton National Park	\$45,100,000
25	<b>Island Forests at Risk</b>		
	HI	Hawaii Volcanoes National Park	\$13,000,000
	Island Forests at Risk total		\$13,000,000
26	AZ	Saguaro National Park	\$3,027,000
27	WA	Olympic National Park	\$2,833,000
28	AK	Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	\$645,000
29	AK	Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve	\$2,500,000
30	NE	Niobrara National Scenic River	\$2,060,000
31	NY	Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River	\$550,000
32	TX	Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park	\$2,625,000
33	ID	City of Rocks National Reserve	\$535,000
34	MS	Natchez National Historical Park	\$833,000
35	WV	New River Gorge National River	\$368,000
36	TN	Shiloh National Military Park	\$300,000
37	<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake</b>		
	DE	Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail	\$5,178,000
	VA	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$3,000,000
	VA	Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park	\$500,000
	VA	Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park	\$1,814,000
Rivers of the Chesapeake total		\$10,492,000	
Sportsman/Recreational Access		\$500,000	
Emergencies/Hardships/Relocations/Deficiencies		\$6,000,000	
Acquisition Management		\$4,000,000	
Inholdings/Exchanges/Donations		\$6,800,000	
American Battlefield Protection Grants		\$4,530,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$171,037,000</b>	

U.S. Forest Service

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2016 Request
1		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>	
	CO/NM	Rio Grande NF	\$5,000,000
		<b>Upper Rio Grande total</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>
2	CA	Hurdygurdy: Six Rivers NF	\$700,000
3	UT	Wasatch Watersheds-Bonneville Shoreline Trail	\$2,320,000
4	NC	North Carolina Treasures Pisgah NF	\$1,250,000
5	NC	North Carolina Treasures Uwharrie	\$450,000
6-10		<b>High Divide</b>	
	MT	Beaverhead Deerlodge	\$1,525,000
	ID	Caribou-Targhee	\$1,625,000
	MT	Gallatin	\$2,000,000
	ID	Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness	\$425,000
	ID	Sawtooth	\$2,500,000
		<b>High Divide total</b>	<b>\$8,075,000</b>
11	CA	Tahoe	\$1,400,000
12	CO	Toll Properties, Roosevelt NF	\$800,000
13	TN	Tennessee Mountains, Cherokee NF	\$1,635,000
14	MO	Current River, Mark Twain NF	\$2,070,000
15		<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake</b>	
	VA	George Washington and Jefferson NF	\$1,990,000
		<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake total</b>	<b>\$1,990,000</b>
16	AZ	Fossil Creek, Coconino NF	\$1,000,000
17	MN	Minnesota Northwoods Chippewa NF	\$2,175,000
18	MN	Minnesota Northwoods Superior NF	\$515,000
19	FL	Florida Longleaf, Osceola	\$3,900,000
20-22		<b>National Trails</b>	
	WA	Pacific Crest Trail	\$3,000,000
	CA	Pacific Crest Trail	\$200,000
	MT	Continental Divide National Scenic Trail	\$255,000
		<b>National Trails total</b>	<b>\$3,455,000</b>
23	WY	Upper Gros Ventre, Bridger-Teton NF	\$1,000,000
24	OR	Pacific Northwest Streams, Umatilla NF	\$840,000
25	WY	Pacific Northwest Streams, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF	\$550,000
26	WY	Greater Yellowstone, Bridger Teton NF	\$1,025,000
27	CA	Castle Crags, Shasta Trinity NF	\$2,800,000
28-29		<b>High Divide</b>	
	ID	Sawtooth NF	\$2,300,000
	MT	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	\$200,000
		<b>High Divide Total</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
30	MI	Great Lakes-Northwoods, Ottawa NF	\$1,800,000
		Priority Recreational Access	\$5,000,000
		Cash Equalization	\$250,000
		Acquisition Management	\$8,500,000
		Critical Inholdings/Wilderness	\$2,000,000
		<b>Total, U.S. Forest Service Land Acquisition</b>	<b>\$ 63,000,000</b>

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31	CO	Wedge Properties, Arapaho NF	\$1,275,000
32-33		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>	
	NM	Carson NF	\$3,000,000
	CO	Rio Grande, NF	\$6,000,000
		<b>Upper Rio Grande total</b>	<b>\$9,000,000</b>
34	NC	North Carolina Treasures, Pisgah NF	\$1,100,000
35	NC	North Carolina Treasures, Uwharrie NF	\$500,000
36	TN	Tennessee Mountains, Cherokee	\$4,200,000
37	WA	Cascades Yakima Basin	\$3,000,000
38-39		<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake</b>	
	VA	George Washington and Jefferson	\$2,700,000
	WV	George Washington and Jefferson	\$3,000,000
		<b>Rivers of the Chesapeake total</b>	<b>\$5,700,000</b>
40	AK	Cube Cove, Tongass NF	\$4,000,000
41	GA	Disappearing Wildlands of GA Mountains and Rivers: Chattahoochee-Oconee	\$3,035,000
42	NM	Heart Bear Ranch	\$2,500,000
43-44		<b>National Trails System</b>	
	CA	Pacific Crest NST	\$1,000,000
	WA	Pacific Crest NST	\$1,000,000
		<b>National Trails System total</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
45	MT	Jenkins Gulch, Helena NF	\$560,000
46	MT	Montana Legacy Completion, Flathead NF	\$2,000,000
47	ID	Salmon Selway, Sawtooth NF	\$3,500,000
48-49		<b>Pathways to the Pacific</b>	
	WA	Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area	\$660,000
	OR	Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area	\$465,000
		<b>Pathways to the Pacific total</b>	<b>\$1,125,000</b>
50		<b>Florida-Georgia Longleaf Pine</b>	
	FL	Osceola NF	\$6,775,000
		<b>Florida-Georgia Longleaf Pine total</b>	<b>\$6,775,000</b>
51	CO	Rocky Mountain Nature Association McMahon Owens, Arapaho NF	\$250,000
52	OR	Wassen Creek, Siuslaw NF	\$3,000,000
53	IN	Hoosier Uplands	\$1,325,000
54		<b>Northern Coastal California</b>	
	CA	Shasta-Trinity NF	\$2,828,000
		<b>Northern Coastal California total</b>	<b>\$2,828,000</b>
		Acquisition Management	\$7,000,000
		<b>TOTAL, U.S. Forest Service Land Acquisition</b>	<b>\$64,673,000</b>

FY 2016 Forest Legacy Program Proposed Projects

<b>Rank</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Forest Legacy Project Name</b>	<b>FY 2016 Request (Current)</b>
		Administrative Funds	\$6,400,000
1	MT	Trumbull Creek Watershed	\$6,500,000
2	GA	Lentile Longleaf Pine Tract	\$ 3,500,000
3	ID	Hall Mountain-Kootenai Valley	\$3,300,000
4	FL	Silver Springs Watershed	\$3,700,000
5	NY	Rensselaer Plateau Working Forest	\$5,455,000
6	ME	Big Six Forest	\$3,800,000
7	WA	Mt. St. Helens Forest Phase 2	\$3,800,000
8	UT	Zion-Orderville Gulch	\$2,630,000
9	TN	Sherwood Forest	\$3,345,000
10	OR	East Moraine Wallowa Lake	\$3,000,000
11	NC	East Fork of French Broad Headwaters Phase III	\$2,800,000
12	CT	Whip-Poor-Will Woods (WPWW)	\$1,430,000
13	AR	Pine-Flatwoods Recovery Initiative	\$1,150,000
14	HI	Helemano Wilderness Area	\$3,000,000
15	PA	The Northeast Connection	\$2,985,000
16	TX	Longleaf Ridge	\$2,000,000
17	SC	Chestnut Ridge Extension	\$1,005,000
18	CA	Rainbow Ridge Wherrit Conservation Easement	\$650,000
19	MI	Pilgrim River Forest	\$550,000
		<b>Subtotal, Current Funding, Forest Legacy Program</b>	<b>\$61,000,000</b>

<b>Rank</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Forest Legacy Project Name</b>	<b>FY 2016 Request (Permanent)</b>
20	VT	Worcester Woods	\$4,000,000
21	WA	South Puget Sound Coastal Forest	\$3,500,000
22	UT	Tavaputs Plateau	\$1,425,000
23	OR	West Klamath Lake Forest	\$2,000,000
24	HI	Jimmy and the Giant Palms	\$2,060,000
25	NY	Fort Ann Working Forest	\$710,000
26	TN	Grassy Cove Project	\$1,540,000
27	FL	Wolfe Creek Forest	\$2,000,000
28	VT	Groton Forest Legacy Initiative	\$1,335,000
29	MO	Eleven Point Forest	\$3,000,000
30	MI	Gitcha-ninj Nebish Forest	\$680,000
31	CA	Pacific Union College Forest	\$3,000,000
32	NH	Oliverian Valley	\$510,000
33	AR	Wye Mountain Headwaters	\$2,000,000
34	AL	Coastal Headwaters Forest	\$2,500,000
35	MS	Pascagoula River Conservation Lands	\$1,600,000
36	VA	New River Headwaters	\$1,665,000
37	FSM	Yela Forest Watershed	\$560,000
38	DE	Sussex Timberlands	\$1,860,000
39	KY	Knobs State Forest and Wildlife Management Area	\$1,200,000
40	VA	The Cove	\$1,035,000
41	RI	Arcadia Woodlands	\$820,000
		<b>Subtotal, Permanent Funding, Forest Legacy Program</b>	<b>\$39,000,000</b>
		<b>Total Funding, Forest Legacy Program</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>

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BLM Discretionary			<b>California Desert SW</b>				
	1	CA	California Wilderness	\$1,720,000	various	various	
		CA	Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument	\$1,000,000	CA-36	Ruiz-D	
		CA	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail	\$950,000	CA-45	Campbell-R	
		CA	San Sebastian Marsh/San Felipe Creek ACEC	\$982,000	CA-51	Vargas-D	
	2	ID	Upper Snake/South Fork Snake River ACEC/SRMA	\$1,000,000	ID-2	Simpson-R	
	3	OR	John Day National Wild and Scenic River	\$600,000	OR-2	Walden-R	
	4	OR	Sandy River ACEC/Oregon National Historic Trail	\$1,000,000	OR-3	Blumenauer-D	
	5	WY	North Platte River SRMA	\$1,200,000	WY-1	Lummis-R	
	6	CO	Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	\$1,200,000	CO-3	Tipton-R	
				<b>National Trails System</b>			
	7	ID	Nez Perce National Historic Trail/Henrys Lake ACEC	\$3,000,000	ID-2	Simpson-R	
		OR	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail	\$542,000	OR-2	Walden-R	
		MT	Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	\$1,032,000	MT-1	Daines-R	
	8	CO	McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area	\$210,000	CO-3	Tipton-R	
	9	CO	Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area	\$288,000	CO-3	Tipton-R	
10	AZ	Ironwood Forest National Monument	\$950,000	AZ-7	Pastor-D		
11	NM	Rio Grande del Norte National Monument	\$2,900,000	NM-3	Lujan-D		
12	OR	Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument	\$906,000	OR-2	Walden-R		
			<b>California Desert SW</b>				
13	CA	California Wilderness	\$0	various	various		
	CA	Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument	\$4,824,000	CA-36	Ruiz-D		
	CA	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail	\$1,511,000	CA-45	Campbell-R		
	CA	San Sebastian Marsh/San Felipe Creek ACEC	\$1,367,000	CA-51	Vargas-D		
	CA	Big Morongo ACEC	\$800,000	CA-41	Takano-D		
14	ID	Upper Snake/South Fork Snake River ACEC/SRMA	\$1,900,000	ID-2	Simpson-R		
15	OR	John Day National Wild and Scenic River	\$2,250,000	OR-2	Walden-R		
16	OR	Sandy River ACEC/Oregon National Historic Trail	\$2,500,000	OR-3	Blumenauer-D		
			<b>National Trails System</b>				
17	MT	Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	\$1,148,000	MT-1	Daines-R		
18	CO	McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area	\$1,625,000	CO-3	Tipton-R		



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19	AZ	Ironwood Forest National Monument	\$1,170,000	AZ-7	Pastor-D
20		<b>Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine</b>			
	FL	Lathrop Bayou Habitat Management Area	\$275,000	FL-2	Southerland-R
21	OR	Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument	\$5,000,000	OR-2	Walden-R
22	CA	Carrizo Plain National Monument	\$300,000	CA-22	Nunes-R
23	MT	Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River	\$3,408,000	MT-1	Daines-R
24	AZ	Agua Fria National Monument	\$3,300,000	AZ-2	Barber-D
25		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>			
	CO	Blanca Wetlands ACEC/SRMA	\$6,426,000	CO-3	Tipton-R
	NM	Rio Grande del Norte National Monument	\$1,660,000	NM-3	Lujan-D
26	CA	Panoche-Coalinga ACEC	\$3,300,000	CA-20	Peters-D
27	CO	Colorado River SRMA	\$2,000,000	CO-2	Polis-D
28		<b>High Divide</b>			
	ID	Sands Desert Habitat Management Area	\$1,850,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
	ID	Salmon River SRMA/Salmon River Watershed	\$3,725,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
	ID	Chilly Slough/Thousand Springs ACEC	\$250,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
	ID	Oregon National Historic Trail	\$440,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
	MT	Madison River SRMA	\$868,000	MT-1	Daines-R

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FWS Discretionary	1		<b>California Desert SW</b>			
		CA	San Diego NWR	\$5,000,000	CA-50, 51, 52	Hunter-R
	2	ND/SD	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie Wildlife Management Area	\$3,000,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R
	3	ND/SD	Dakota Grassland Conservation Area	\$7,000,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R
	4		<b>National Trails System</b>			
		VA	Rappahanock River NWR (Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT)	\$2,000,000	VA-1	Wittman-R
	5	MT	Rocky Mountain Front CA	\$2,000,000	MT-1	Daines-R
	6	FL	Everglades Headwaters NWR and Conservation Area	\$3,000,000	FL-12, 15, 16	Bilirakis-R
	7	AR	Cache River NWR	\$1,071,000	AR-1	Crawford-R
8	CT/MA/ NH/VT	Silvio O. Conte NFWR	\$2,000,000	CT-1, 2, 3; MA-	Larson-D	
9		<b>Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine</b>				
	FL	St. Marks NWR	\$6,000,000	FL-4	Crenshaw-R	
	GA	Okefenokee NWR	\$4,000,000	GA-1	Kingston-R	
copy	10	CA	<b>California Desert SW</b>			
		CA	San Diego NWR	\$6,770,000	CA-50, 51, 52	Hunter-R
	11	ND/SD	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie Wildlife Management Area	\$3,887,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R
	12	ND/SD	Dakota Grassland Conservation Area	\$7,000,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R
	13		<b>National Trails System</b>			
		VA	Rappahanock River NWR (Capt John Smith Chesapeake NHT)	\$3,560,000	VA-1	Wittman-R
		ID	Grays Lake NWR (California National Historic Trail)	\$3,500,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
		AK	Innoko NWR (Iditarod National Historic Trail)	\$100,000	AK-1	Young-R
		WA	Ridgefield NWR (Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail)	\$500,000	WA-3	Beutler-R
		TN	Chickasaw NWR (Trail of Tears National Historic Trail)	\$3,000,000	TN-8	Fincher-R
	14	FL	Everglades Headwaters NWR and Conservation Area	\$5,000,000	FL-12, 15, 16	Bilirakis-R
	15	AR	Cache River NWR	\$2,000,000	AR-1	Crawford-R
	16	CT/MA/ NH/VT	Silvio O. Conte NFWR	\$3,000,000	CT-1, 2, 3; MA-	Larson-D
17	CA	San Joaquin River NWR	\$1,000,000	CA-18	Eshoo-D	
18		<b>Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine</b>				
	FL	St. Marks NWR	\$19,049,000	FL-4	Crenshaw-R	
19	CA	Grasslands WMA	\$1,000,000	CA-18	Eshoo-D	

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20	ID/UT / WY	Bear River Watershed Conservation Area	\$2,000,000	ID-2, UT-1, WY	Simpson-R
		<b>South Carolina Long Leaf Pine</b>			
21	SC	ACE Basin NWR	\$2,500,000	SC-1	Sanford-R
	SC	Waccamaw NWR	\$1,766,000	SC-1	Sanford-R
	SC	Santee NWR	\$3,000,000	SC-1	Sanford-R
	SC	Cape Romain NWR	\$2,986,500	SC-1	Sanford-R
	SC	Carolina Sandhills NWR	\$1,000,000	SC-1	Sanford-R
22	KS	Flint Hills Legacy Conservation Area	\$1,000,000	KS-1, 2, 4	Huelskamp-R
23	TX	Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR	\$2,000,000	TX-15, 27, 28	Hinojosa-D
		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>			
24	CO	Baca NWR	\$2,653,500	CO 3	Tipton-R
25	TX	Balcones Canyonlands NWR	\$1,000,000	TX-21	Smith-R
26	MN/IA	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR	\$500,000	MN-1, 7; IA-2,	Walz-D
		<b>Grasslands/Prairie Potholes</b>			
27	ND/SD	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie Wildlife Management Area	\$3,000,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R
	ND/SD	Dakota Grasslands CA	\$7,500,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R
28	WA	Willapa NWR	\$1,000,000	WA-3	Beutler-R
		<b>High Divide</b>			
29	MT/ID	Red Rock Lakes NWR	\$1,000,000	MT-1	Daines-R

	Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2015 Request (Current)	CD	House	
NPS Discretionary	1		<b>California Southwest Desert CLP</b>				
		CA	Joshua Tree National Park	\$138,000	CA-8	Cook-R	
		CA	Mojave National Preserve	\$1,873,000	CA-8	Cook-R	
	2	CA	Redwood National Park	\$6,250,000	CA-2	Huffman-D	
	3		<b>NPS Civil War Sesquicentennial Units</b>				
		MO	Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Park	\$900,000	MO-7	Long-R	
		NM	Pecos National Historical Park	\$1,205,000	NM-3	Lujan-D	
		VA	Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields NMP	\$1,519,000	VA-1, 7	Wittman-R	
	4	PA	Gettysburg National Military Park	\$376,000	PA-4	Perry-R	
			<b>National Trails System</b>				
		HI	Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail	\$2,000,000	HI-2	Gabbard-D	
		VT	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$533,000	VT-1	Welch-D	
		NH	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$2,250,500	NH-2	Kuster-D	
		VA	Capt. John Smith National Historic Trail	\$4,000,000	VA-1	Wittman-R	
		WI	Ice Age National Scenic Trail	\$1,664,000	WI-2	Pocan-D	
	5	MA	New England National Scenic Trail	\$247,100	MA-2	McGovern-D	
		MI	North Country National Scenic Trail	\$519,400	MI-3	Amash-R	
	6	WV	Gauley River National Recreation Area	\$2,814,000	WV-3	Rahall-D	
7	CA	Death Valley National Park	\$455,000	CA-8	Cook-R		
8	GA	Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area	\$1,535,500	GA-6	Price-R		
8	NY	Saratoga National Historical Park	\$705,500	NY-21	Owens-D		
	9		<b>California Southwest Desert</b>				
		CA	Joshua Tree National Park	\$1,956,000	CA-8	Cook-R	
		CA	Mojave National Preserve	\$1,351,000	CA-8	Cook-R	
	10	NY	Saratoga National Historical Park	\$144,500	NY-21	Owens-D	
	11	ME	Acadia National Park	\$776,000	ME-1, 2	Michaud-D	
	12	NY	Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River	\$540,000	NY-19	Gibson-R	
			<b>National Trails System</b>				
	HI	Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail	\$2,000,000	HI-2	Gabbard-D		
	MA	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$777,000	MA-1	Neal-D		
	NH	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$200,000	NH-2	Kuster-D		

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13	PA	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$500,000	PA-11	Barletta-R
	VA	Capt. John Smith National Historic Trail	\$2,000,000	VA-1	Wittman-R
	WI	Ice Age National Scenic Trail	\$2,248,000	WI-2	Pocan-D
	MI	North Country National Scenic Trail	\$543,000	MI-3	Amash-R
	NM	Continental Divide National Scenic Trail	\$4,310,000	NM-2	Pearce-R
	ID	Nez Perce National Historic Trail	\$1,210,000	ID-1	Labrador-R
14	WA	Olympic National Park	\$5,220,000	WA-6	Kilmer-D
15		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>			
	CO	Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve	\$3,365,000	CO-3	Tipton-R
16	AZ	Saguaro National Park	\$2,139,000	AZ-2, 3	Barber-D
17	CA	Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area	\$3,760,000	CA-33	Waxman-D
18		<b>Grasslands/Prairie Potholes CLP</b>			
	SD	Wind Cave National Park	\$574,000	SD-1	Noem-R
	ND	Theodore Roosevelt National Park	\$1,438,000	ND-1	Cramer-R
19	CO	Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site	\$1,690,000	CO-4	Gardner-R
20	MD	Piscataway Park	\$1,437,000	MD-5	Hoyer-D
22	MT	Big Hole National Battlefield	\$150,000	MT-1	Daines-R
	AK	Katmai National Park and Preserve	\$2,545,000	AK-1	Young-R
23	MN	Voyageurs National Park	\$1,241,000	MN-8	Nolan-D
24		<b>Greater Yellowstone CLP</b>			
	WY	Grand Teton National Park	\$45,000,000	WY-1	Lummis-R
25	CA	Golden Gate National Recreation Area	\$3,743,500	CA-2	Huffman-2

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2015 Request (Current)	CD	House
		<b>California Desert SW</b>			
1	CA	San Bernardino	\$2,100,000		
	CA	Pacific Crest NST	\$1,265,000		
2	CA	Sierra Nevada Checkerboard; Royal Gorge; Tahoe	\$2,200,000		
3	MT	Tenderfoot: Lewis and Clark	\$2,000,000		
		<b>National Trails</b>			
4	TN	Appalachian NST	\$330,000		
	WA	Pacific Northwest NST	\$2,700,000		
	WA	Pacific Crest NST	\$1,320,000		
5	NC	North Carolina Threatened Treasures: Pisgah	\$2,100,000		
		<b>Wilderness Inholdings</b>			
6	NM	Gila Wilderness	\$500,000		
	NM	White Mountain Wilderness	\$100,000		
	KY	Beaver Creek Wilderness	\$50,000		
	AK	Stikine LeConte Wilderness	\$145,000		
	CA	Ventana Wilderness	\$240,000		
		<b>Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine</b>			
7	FL	Osceola	\$5,000,000		
8	IL	Mid-America's Great Rivers: Shawnee	\$2,200,000		
9	OR	Pacific Northwest Streams: Siuslaw	\$150,000		
	WA	Pacific Northwest Streams: Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$350,000		
10	WA	Washington Cascades-Yakima River Watershed (Okanogan-Wenatchee)	\$2,700,000		
11	MI	Great Lakes Northwoods: Ottawa	\$650,000		
	WI	Great Lakes Northwoods: Chequamegon-Nicolet	\$2,500,000		
12	NM	Miranda Canyon: Carson	\$2,600,000		
		<b>South Carolina's Longleaf Legacy</b>			
13	SC	Francis Marion	\$2,000,000		
14	UT	Wasatch Watersheds-Bonneville Shoreline Trail: Unita-Wasatch-Cache	\$1,500,000		

15	CA	Hurdygurdy: Six Rivers	\$1,300,000
16	MO	Missouri Ozarks-Current River: Mark Twain	\$1,000,000
17	MT	Montana Legacy: Lolo; Flathead	\$4,000,000

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2015 Request (Permanent)
18		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>	
	CO	Rio Grande	\$4,700,000
19	OR	Pacific Northwest Streams: Mount Hood	\$2,300,000
	OR	Pacific Northwest Streams: Umpqua	\$800,000
20		<b>Grasslands/Prairie Potholes</b>	
	SD	Black Hills	\$2,856,000
21	TN	Tennessee Mountains Trails and Waters-Rich Mountain Inholding: Cheokee	\$3,700,000
22	AZ	Heinrich-Fossil Creek: Coconino	\$1,000,000
23	VA	Chesapeake Bay Headwaters Protection: George Washington and Jefferson	\$1,545,000
24		<b>High Divide</b>	
	ID	Caribou-Targhee	\$1,325,000
	ID	Payette and Salmon Challis	\$4,260,000
	MT	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	\$200,000
	MT	Gallatin	\$2,000,000
25	WY	Greater Yellowstone Area: Bridger-Teton	\$3,000,000
26	CA	Castle Crags: Shasta-Trinity	\$2,800,000
27	GA	Disappearing Wildlands of GA Mountains and Rivers: Chattahoochee-Oconee	\$2,700,000
28	VT	Taconic and Green Mountain Range: White Mountain	\$1,000,000
29	MT	Montana Legacy	\$4,000,000
30	NC	North Carolina Threatened Treasures	\$3,500,000
31		<b>Wilderness Inholdings</b>	
	GA	Brasstown Wilderness	\$350,000
	VA	Barbours Creek Wilderness	\$200,000

	ID	Frank Church Wilderness	\$1,590,000
	OR	Wild Rogue Wilderness	\$350,000
		<b>National Trails System</b>	
32	CA	Pacific Crest NST	\$3,600,000
	WA	Pacific Crest NST	\$1,500,000
	MT	Nez Perce NHT-Holland Ranch	\$1,050,000
	TN	Appalachian NST	\$2,720,000
33	MN	Great Lakes Northwoods: Superior	\$3,000,000
34		<b>Florida-Georgia Longleaf Pine Initiative</b>	
	FL	Osceola	\$3,677,000
35		<b>South Carolina's Longleaf Legacy</b>	
	SC	Francis Marion	\$4,000,000
36	UT	Wasatch Watersheds-Bonneville Shoreline Trail	\$1,500,000
37	IN	Mid-America's Great Rivers	\$950,000
38	AK	Cube Cove	\$3,000,000





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## **Representative Ken Calvert (R-California)**

42nd District, Western Riverside County - Corona, Murrieta



**Residence:** Corona

**Education:** Chaffey College, A.A. 1973 (business); San Diego State U., B.A. 1975 (economics)

**Career:** Real estate executive; restaurant executive

**Elected:** 1992 (12th term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations (Defense; Energy-Water; Interior-Environment - chairman)
- Budget

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Joined with Senator Feinstein requesting a delay pending the outcome of a State Ballot Measure, regarding new gaming activities for a casino near Madera, CA proposed by the North Fork Tribe of Rancheria. Proposition 46 was defeated in November, overturning State legislation approving the casino.
- Last year, joined with CA delegation requesting action to capture the maximum amount of water for the Central Valley Project and State Water Project.

**Overview:** Chairman Calvert works closely with the CA delegation on water issues, and supports funding to mitigate impacts of droughts, earthquakes and wildland fires. He supports Indian Country issues, especially Indian education. The Chairman expressed interest in offshore energy development, specifically in the Arctic and the Atlantic Ocean and voted in favor of the Keystone pipeline. He expressed concern with high visibility endangered species and their impact on development – specifically delta smelt and sage grouse. He expressed interest in working with Interior to find a solution to fund PILT and SRS and asked Interior to find offsets, and was open to linking them to LWCF.

### **Member Specific Issues:**

**Drought:** Actively supports drought issues in California's Central Valley. In the last Congress, co-sponsored the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act, H.R. 3964, limiting Secretarial authority regarding water availability for species protection or restoration in the Central Valley.

In 2014, he described Southern California's hard work in conservation and water storage and need for all of California to improve water metering and other efforts and expressed support for efforts to encourage similar water conservation and storage measures throughout the State. He criticized the "complicating factors" facing the State from "federally-mandated policies that allow special interest groups to file environmental lawsuits to block water deliveries. As a result, California water agencies were forced to flush 800,000 acre-feet of water last year alone into the Pacific Ocean to comply with court-imposed restrictions." *[See CA Water Budget Qs and As and Major Issue Paper on Bay Delta]*

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**Endangered Species Act:** Expressed concerned for ESA’s impacts on development and general economic interests. He sponsored the REBUILD Act to transfer Federal NEPA review responsibilities to the States. In 2014, he wrote:

“Too many of our critical water policies are decided by judges. In the end, we have water use policies that aren’t helping people or endangered species. That broken system is exactly why Congress should take action and restore some common sense to our environmental policies by updating the Endangered Species Act to allow for the use of modern, innovative methods of species recovery and restoration.”

**Sage-Grouse:** Expressed concern in hearings about the listing of the sage-grouse on the endangered species list. He said, “My hope is the Fish and Wildlife Service will consider conservation efforts taking place in Western States and the significant impact listing the sage-grouse would have on domestic energy production in making its determination. Recent environmental pre-emptive actions by this Administration have risen speculation about what is coming next.” *[see Sage Steppe Landscape Budget Q and A]*

**Earthquake Hazards Program:** Received the USGS Coalition Leadership Award in September 2013, and praised USGS’ work to support emergency planners. He is a strong supporter of the Earthquake Early Warning system, for which the Subcommittee added \$5 million in FY 2015 for capabilities in Southern California. The increase furthers ShakeAlert development, expanded seismic network coverage to ensure accurate earthquake alerts, and integrated real-time GPS data. The 2016 budget reduces this activity by \$1.5 million, retaining most of the increase. The reduction reflects one-time costs in 2015 for equipment. *[see Hazards Budget Q and A]*

**Indian Education:** The BIA/BIE operated school, **Sherman Indian High School** in Riverside (CA), is in the Chairman’s district. The school serves grades 9-12 and has 7 dormitory facilities. The school is off-reservation and students represent over 76 federally recognized Tribes from across the U.S. with 68% of students coming outside of the local area.

**Question on DoDEA School Construction and Bonds:** Chairman Calvert asked whether DoDEA used bonds to finance school construction and how that might be applied to Indian schools. DoDEA did not use bonds. Because DoDEA schools are Federal schools, DoD has the responsibility for the construction. Congress did give DoD a small amount of funding to help repair public schools located on military bases. This was done because States had difficulty raising bonds for these schools. Voters believed even though they were public schools, the military should fix them because of their location on military bases. Congress provided for a cost share with local education authorities (LEAs) and LEAs used bonds for their share.

**Key Legislation:**

- Sponsored the **REBUILD Act** – amends NEPA to assign Federal review responsibilities, including those of Interior, to the States
- Cosponsor of the **Wildfire Disaster Funding Act**
- Cosponsor of the **Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act**, exempts tribally owned and operated enterprises or institutions, located on its lands, from the National Labor Relations Act

# CALIFORNIA

(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 7,113 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges, services to Tribes, and other programs in California

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 45 locations in the State with 20% of Interior employees stationed in Sacramento, CA, largely for the Bureau of Reclamation

**California is home to:**

- Over 15 million acres of **public lands** are managed by BLM in California, with four national monuments and three national conservation areas
- 30 **National Parks**, historic sites, recreation areas, and national memorials and shares several park units and historic trails with adjoining States
- 30 **National Wildlife Refuges**, four wildlife management areas, two fish hatcheries and a fish health center
- Over 100 **Indian Tribes** and 2 **BIE Schools**

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of California received over \$210 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014, the most current payment to date.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	45,299
Mineral Leasing Payments	100,470
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	16,287
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	3,690
Wildlife Restoration	25,301
Cooperative Endangered Species	16,624
State & Wildlife Grants	2,394
	210,065

## 2016 Funding

**Project Funding**

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$1.7 million for **land acquisition** and \$17.7 million for **construction** projects designated for California.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request (in 000s)
<b>2016 Land Acquisition Projects</b>		
BLM	California Wilderness	482
BLM	Carrizo Plain National Monument	300
BLM	Panoche-Coalinga Area of Critical Environmental Concern	900
		1,682
<b>2016 Construction Projects</b>		
FWS	San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge	1,125
NPS	Golden Gate National Recreation Area	9,954
NPS	Yosemite National Park	6,606
		17,685

## CALIFORNIA

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The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$25.3 million for major **Bureau of Reclamation** projects designated for California.

<b>Bureau</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>FY 2016 Request (in 000s)</b>
<b>2016 Bureau of Reclamation Projects</b>		
BOR	California-Construction	5,000
BOR	Coleman Fish Hatchery- Construction	140
BOR	Delta-Mendota Canal-Construction	1,020
BOR	Folsom Dam- Construction-Construction	770
BOR	Gianelli Pumping/Generating Plant-Construction	5,000
BOR	JF Carr Power Plant, Trinity Powerplant, Spring Creek Powerplant-Construction	2,490
BOR	Keswick Dam and Powerplant-Construction	1,774
BOR	Nimbus Dam-Construction	1,358
BOR	Shasta Powerplant-Construction	400
BOR	Tracy Fish Facility-Construction	440
BOR	Trinity Dam-Construction	3,840
BOR	Whiskeytown Dam-Construction	3,070
		<hr/> 25,302

**Bureau of Land Management:** The budget proposes \$7.2 million, an increase of \$2.3 million in 2016 for the following areas:

- California Coastal Monument
- Carrizo Plain National Monument
- Fort Ord National Monument
- Santa Rosa-San Jacinto Mountains National Monument
- King Range National Conservation Area
- Headwaters Forest Reserve
- Picdras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding National Area

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## National Park Service

Operating funding for California park service units totals \$160.6 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change in \$
César E. Chávez NM	369	369	0
Channel Islands NP	7,331	7,437	106
Death Valley NP <sup>1</sup>	8,758	8,872	114
Devils Postpile NM	607	614	7
Eugene O'Neill NHS	683	694	11
Fort Point NHS	527	531	4
Golden Gate NRA (including Alcatraz Island)	25,692	26,071	379
John Muir NHS	1,017	1,032	15
Joshua Tree NP	6,159	6,245	86
Lassen Volcanic NP	5,271	5,345	74
Lava Beds NM	2,166	2,348	182
Manzanar NHS	1,304	1,324	20
Mojave NP Res	4,929	5,326	397
Muir Woods NM	445	454	9
Pinnacles NP	3,457	3,508	51
Point Reyes NS	7,577	7,690	113
Port Chicago Naval Magazine Nmem	190	193	3
Redwood NP	8,851	8,981	130
Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front NHP	1,322	1,342	20
San Francisco Maritime NHP	7,379	7,505	126
Santa Monica Mountains NRA	8,592	8,704	112
Sequoia NP & Kings Canyon NP	16,738	16,991	253
Whiskeytown NRA	4,330	4,392	62
World War II Valor in the Pacific NM <sup>1</sup>	3,511	3,628	117
Yosemite NP	28,909	30,974	2,065
<b>Total, CA</b>	<b>156,114</b>	<b>160,570</b>	<b>4,456</b>

<sup>1</sup> Unit crosses State boundaries.

### ***National Historic Trails:***

California National Historic Trail (also in CO, ID, KS, MO, NE, NV, OR, UT and WY)

Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail (Nogales, AZ or San Francisco, CA)

Old Spanish National Historic Trail (also in AZ, CO, NV, NM, and UT)

Pony Express National Historic Trail (also in CO, KS, MO, NE, NV, UT, and WY)

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## Fish and Wildlife Service

Operating funding for California FWS field units totals \$85 million in 2016.

Field Station	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office	5,956	6,190	234
Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge	313	0	-313
California/Nevada Fish Health Center	397	402	5
Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office	8,746	9,686	940
Coleman National Fish Hatchery	88	89	1
Grasslands Wildlife Management Area	0	2,000	2,000
Hopper Mountain National Wildlife Refuge Complex	2,388	2,640	252
Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge	866	1,848	982
Kern National Wildlife Refuge Complex	1,086	1,169	83
Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex	3,614	3,848	234
Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Office	2,499	2,652	153
Modoc National Wildlife Refuge	3,025	1,088	-1,937
Red Bluff Fish and Wildlife Office	266	268	2
Resident Agent In Charge-Sacramento, California	747	817	70
Resident Agent In Charge-Torrance, California	1,190	1,280	90
Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office	9,457	10,462	1,005
Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex	3,473	3,706	233
Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge	0	2,000	2,000
San Diego National Wildlife Refuge*	5,040	41	-4,999
San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex	2,339	2,501	162
San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex	4,529	4,865	336
San Francisco Bay-Delta Fish and Wildlife	3,579	4,001	422
San Luis National Wildlife Refuge Complex	2,888	3,089	201
San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge	0	1,125	1,125
Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge Complex	1,599	1,722	123
Special Agent In Charge-Sacramento California	1,637	1,696	59
Special Agent-Burlingame, California	511	555	44
Special Agent-San Diego, California	284	307	23
Stockton Fish and Wildlife Office	1,045	1,152	107
Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge	734	793	59
Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office	6,058	6,724	666
Wildlife Inspector-Burlington, California	475	475	0
Wildlife Inspector-San Diego, California	130	130	0
Wildlife Inspector-Torrance, California	1,293	1,293	0
Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office	4,292	4,435	143
<b>Total, CA</b>	<b>80,544</b>	<b>85,049</b>	<b>4,505</b>

\* 2015 total includes \$5M land acquisition

**Bureau of Indian Education:** California is the home to the following BIE schools:

- Noli School (San Jacinto)
- Sherman Indian High School (Riverside)



## **Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho)**

2nd District, East – Pocatello, Idaho Falls, part of Boise



**Residence:** Idaho Falls

**Education:** Utah State U., attended 1968-72 (pre-dentistry); Washington U. (Mo.), D.M.D. 1977; Utah State U., B.S. 2002 (pre-dentistry)

**Elected:** 1998 (9th term)

**Committees:** Appropriations (Energy-Water - chairman; Interior-Environment; Labor-HHS-Education)

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Expressed concerns with the lack of transparency of the evaluation of science and lack of coordination with and assurances to affected States related to efforts to avoid a listing under the ESA of the Greater Sage Grouse
- Urged the Department to take whatever steps are necessary to permit requesting Tribes to assume as many of the land acquisition functions associated with Land Buy Back as they have the capacity to administer. In December, Interior sent \$9 million in purchase offers to more than 400 landowners with fractional interests at the Coeur d'Alene Reservation in Idaho.
- Expressed concerns with delays in reaching the Draft EIS milestone for the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) 500 kV transmission line

**Overview:** Rep. Simpson is a strong advocate on behalf of western public lands issues, particularly grazing, PILT, sage-grouse and wildfire. He authored the Wildfire Disaster Funding Act similar to the fire cap adjustment proposal in the President's budget. He is a supporter of Native American issues and increased funding when Chairman of the Subcommittee. Rep. Simpson expressed concern for ESA issues and claimed authorship of language delaying the decision to list the Sage-Grouse as an endangered species by one year. He favors an all-of-the-above energy approach, which includes expanding all sources of renewable and conventional energy sources including nuclear, and he voted in favor of the Keystone pipeline.

### **Member Specific Issues:**

**Sage Grouse:** Concerned about the pending listing determination for the Sage-Grouse, and the negative impact an endangered listing would have on a number of industries in the West. He worked with stakeholders to improve conservation areas to prevent a listing, and supported BLM revision of land management plans. The 2016 budget includes \$78 million for efforts to advance sage steppe conservation. *[See Sage Steppe Landscape Budget Q and A]*

**Grazing:** For years, Rep. Simpson has been concerned about the backlog of grazing permits in the BLM and has included appropriations language to extend existing permits to minimize impacts on the range. For FY 2014, the backlog was 5,600 of the nearly 17,800 permits.

The 2016 budget proposes a pilot project to accelerate grazing permit renewal by charging a fee to administer the permits. A fee of \$2.50 per animal unit month is estimated to generate \$16.5

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2nd District, East – Pocatello, Idaho Falls, part of Boise

million in fee collections in 2016. This would provide a total of \$93 million for Rangeland Management activities, an increase of \$13.9 million from 2015. Rep. Simpson will likely object to the fee proposal which is higher than the \$1 per AUM fee proposed last year, and point out the request for appropriations is \$3 million less than 2015. The response is this is consistent with our approach to recover costs to the extent possible. Given the importance of the Rangeland Management program to our Sage Steppe landscape efforts, we propose that all of the collections directly support a higher level of activity.

**PILT:** A strong supporter of continued PILT payments and introduced legislation making program funding mandatory for five years. The 2015 Consolidated Appropriations Act provides \$372 million in current funding and the National Defense Authorization Act provides mandatory funding of \$33.0 million in 2015 and \$37 million in 2016. The 2016 budget proposes \$452 million in mandatory funding for PILT.

**Wolf Management:** Advocates active management of the recently delisted gray wolf populations in Idaho through legalized hunts and other forms of predator control at the State level. In FY 2015, Congress provided \$1,000,000 to fund grants to States and Tribes for livestock producers conducting proactive, non-lethal activities to reduce the risk of livestock loss due to predation by wolves and to compensate livestock producers for losses from predators. FWS proposes to discontinue funding in FY 2016 citing other programs better suited to deliver this funding. The 2014 Farm Bill makes Livestock Indemnity Payments (LIP) a permanent program and provides retroactive authority to cover eligible livestock losses back to Oct. 1, 2011.

**Wild Horse and Burro Program:** Concerned about the costs of this program and the impact wild horse and burro populations have on western rangelands. He stated a desire to scrutinize the costs of this program as well as the restrictions placed upon BLM in managing these animals. The 2016 budget includes an increase of \$3 million to expand ongoing research on population control methods.

**Public Lands Centennial:** Strong supporter of the National Park Service. He may be interested in discussing the National Parks and Public Lands Centennial proposal and the emphasis on deferred maintenance backlogs. *[see National Parks and Public Lands Centennial in Budget Q and A]*

**Public Lands:** Supports increased recreational access on public lands and the impact local communities have in decisions impacting public lands within Idaho. He would be interested in the proposal for LWCF, especially funding requested to improve access for sportsmen. The budget includes \$8.5 million in current funding set aside for projects to improve access for sportsmen/hunters and recreation – an increase of \$6.5 million over FY 2015. The mandatory funding proposal includes an additional \$6.5 million for sportsmen’s access projects, for a total of \$15 million. The 2016 budget includes \$8.6 million in proposed land acquisition projects in Idaho – **High Divide** (ID, MT) collaborative landscape.

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**Key Legislation:**

- Sponsored the **Wildfire Disaster Act**
- Sponsored legislation providing for **Indian Trust reform** authorizing a demonstration project with assets managed by the Tribe in accordance with an approved asset management plan
- Co-sponsored legislation directing Interior to reissue final rules relating to listing of the **gray wolf** in the Western Great Lakes and Wyoming
- Co-sponsored legislation to provide tax incentives for **conservation easements** on working farm and ranch lands
- Co-sponsored legislation providing for a Congressional Gold Medal for participants of the final **Selma to Montgomery** Voting Rights Act march
- In the last session of Congress, co-sponsored legislation prohibiting the issuance of regulations regarding the possession and sale of **ivory** products

# IDAHO

(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 2,110 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges, services to Tribes, and other programs in Idaho

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 30 locations in the State with 58% of Interior employees stationed in Ada, ID, largely for the Bureau of Land Management

**Idaho is home to:**

- Nearly 12 million acres of BLM managed **public lands** in Idaho, with a national monument and a national conservation area
- 6 units of the **National Park Service**
- 6 **National Wildlife Refuges**, a waterfowl production area, 3 fish hatcheries, and a fish health center
- 5 **Indian Tribes** and 2 **BIE schools**

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of Idaho received over \$55.5 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Mineral Leasing Payments	5,377
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	28,597
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	5,656
Wildlife Restoration	14,631
State & Wildlife Grants	570
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	462
Cooperative Endangered Species Grants	232
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	55,525

## 2016 Funding

### Project Funding

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$8.6 million for the following **land acquisition** projects designated for the State of Idaho.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request
<b>2016 Land Acquisition Project</b>		
BLM	Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	740
BLM	Oregon National Historic Trail/Craters of the Moon National Park	1,315
BLM	Sands Desert Habitat Management Area/Teton River	3,500
BLM	Thousand Springs Area of Critical Environmental Concern	250
FWS	Carnas National Wildlife Refuge	280
FWS	Gray Lake National Wildlife Refuge	2,500
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		8,585

**IDAHO**  
(dollars in thousands)

**Bureau of Land Management**

The budget proposes \$2.9 million, an increase of \$595,000 in 2016 for these areas.

- Craters of the Moon National Monument
- Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area

**National Park Service**

Operating funding for Idaho park service units totals over \$41 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
City of Rocks National Reserve	454	454	0
Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve	1,584	1,609	25
Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument	928	940	12
Minidoka National Historic Site	450	456	6
Nez Perce National Historical Park (also in MT, OR, and WA)	2,556	2,591	35
Yellowstone National Park (also in MT and WY)	34,712	35,200	488
	40,684	41,250	566

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

Operating funding for Idaho FWS field units totals over \$16 million in 2016.

Field Station	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge	5	5	0
Carnas National Wildlife Refuge	1	281	280
Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge	643	693	50
Dworshak National Fish Hatchery	37	37	0
Grays Lake National Wildlife Refuge*	2	2,502	2,500
Hagerman National Fish Hatchery	36	36	0
Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office	7,363	8,216	853
Idaho Fish Health Center	315	318	3
Idaho Fisheries Resource Office	557	556	-1
Kooskia National Fish Hatchery	685	703	18
Lower Snake River Compensation Plan Office	11	11	0
Southeast Idaho National Wildlife Refuge Complex	2,101	2,260	159
Special Agent - Boise, Idaho	312	354	42
Special Agent-Idaho Falls, Idaho	293	332	39
<b>Total, ID</b>	<b>12,361</b>	<b>16,304</b>	<b>3,943</b>

\* Includes proposed land acquisition in 2016

**Bureau of Reclamation**

Water projects serving Idaho include:

Project	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Boise Area Projects	5,450	4,909	-541
Columbia and Snake River Salmon Recovery	17,000	18,000	1,000
Lewiston Orchards Project	455	642	187
Preston Bench	12	12	0
<b>Total, Idaho</b>	<b>22,917</b>	<b>23,563</b>	<b>646</b>

**Bureau of Indian Education:** Coeur d'Alene Tribal School, Sho-Ban School District No. 512

**Rep. Mark Amodei (R–Nevada)**  
2nd District, North – Reno, Carson City, Elko



**Residence:** Carson City

**Education:** U. of Nevada, B.A. 1980 (political science); U. of the Pacific, J.D. 1983

**Career:** Mining association president; lawyer

**Elected:** 2011 (2nd full term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations (Financial Services; Interior-Environment; Legislative Branch)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Expressed concerns with the lack of transparency of the evaluation of science and lack of coordination with and assurances to affected States related to efforts to avoid a listing under the ESA of the **Greater Sage-Grouse**.
- Ongoing correspondence with Ren Lohofener, the FWS Regional Director, Pacific Southwest with specific questions and requests for information regarding sage-grouse activities in Nevada relating to the listing decision.
- With the Governor of Nevada and the Congressional delegation, requested reports of actions taken since 2011 by Interior and Agriculture to sage-grouse habitat management and rehabilitation, and whether there is an analysis of the economic costs of a listing decision.
- Expressed concern for the way in which high-profile public meetings are conducted and for Interior to ensure the broadest number of stakeholders has maximum notice.

**Overview:** Rep. Amodei is in favor of preserving natural resources in a way that balances conservation with sustainable recreational and historical use. He supports an inclusive energy strategy that favors all forms of renewable and conventional energy generation and supports approval of the Keystone XL pipeline. Rep. Amodei is also working to strengthen local input into Federal lands decisions affecting the State, citing over 80% of the State is Federally owned.

**Member Issues:**

**Sage-Grouse:** Opposed to listing the Sage-Grouse on the Endangered Species List. He is very concerned about this issue. The sagebrush steppe ecosystem extends across 11 States, the conservation of which requires a collaborative conservation effort unprecedented in geographic scope and magnitude. The 2016 budget includes \$78 million for efforts to advance sage steppe conservation.

Rep. Amodei championed the sage-grouse listing rider in the 2015 Interior-Appropriations bill. He argues a listing does not address the primary threat to sage-grouse habitat: wildfire. He was quoted by Congressional Quarterly as saying in 2014, “the Interior agencies haven’t asked for the money for forest thinning or restoration. How can you talk about ... a potential listing when you’re the majority landowner, and you’re doing nothing to protect or restore the resource to the same standards that you want to hold everybody else to?”

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**Public Lands:** Calls himself a “firm believer in multiple use,” the principle that various kinds of economic activity can take place on a parcel of public land. He states people hoping to expand mining and grazing operations have an interest in preserving lands, and their reputations as good-faith stewards, for future economic opportunities. In statements regarding public lands measures he co-sponsored, he expressed strong belief in local involvement and engagement in national monument designations and other land use proposals.

**Energy Development:** Strong supporter of energy development on Federal lands and will be interested in the 2016 budget for BLM onshore oil and gas activities. The budget includes a program increase of \$12 million for master leasing plans, automation, and expanded permitting activities, and a new budget structure reflecting the NDAA shift of APD fees to mandatory spending.

**Water:** Added language to the House version of the 2015 Interior Appropriation banning the Federal government from requiring the transfer of privately held water rights when permits for the use of public lands are up for renewal. He defended State control of ground water saying “When you’re in the Great Basin and you’re talking about land use, and we have kind of the exclusive control over ground water, that’s pretty much our only lever.”

**Critical Minerals:** Introduced legislation in support of critical mineral production, passed by the House, to expedite permits to mine for critical minerals on public lands. The USGS budget for 2016 includes an increase of \$2.4 million to assess availability of critical minerals within the United States.

**Key Legislation:**

- Introduced the House version of the **Douglas County Conservation Act of 2015** supported by Nevada delegation to expand recreational opportunities, promote conservation, and jump-start economic development in Douglas County, Nevada
- Introduced the **Nevada Land Sovereignty Act** prohibiting the further extension or establishment of national monuments in Nevada except by express authorization of Congress
- Co-sponsor of Rep. Simpson’s **Wildfire Disaster Funding Act**
- Co-sponsor of the **Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act** to address the bark beetle epidemic, drought, deteriorating forest health conditions, and high risk of wildfires on public lands to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States
- Co-sponsor of the **Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2015** authorizing block grants through HUD
- Co-sponsored legislation providing for a Congressional Gold Medal for participants of the final **Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights Act** march

**NEVADA**  
(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are 2,005 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges, services to Tribes, and other programs in Nevada

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 15 locations in the State with 49% of Interior employees stationed in Clark, NV largely for the Bureau of Reclamation

**Nevada is home to:**

- Nearly 48 million acres of BLM managed public lands in Nevada, with 3 national conservation areas
- 3 units of the **National Park Service**
- 9 **National Wildlife Refuges** and a hatchery
- 15 **Indian Tribes** and 2 **BIE schools**

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of Nevada received over \$53 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Mineral Leasing Payments	8,345
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	25,439
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	4,741
Wildlife Restoration	13,470
State & Wildlife Grants	817
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	582
	53,394

**2016 Funding**

**Bureau of Land Management:** The budget proposes \$3 million, an increase of \$1.8 million in 2016 for these areas. The areas include:

- Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area
- Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area

**National Park Service**

Operating funding for Washington State park service units totals over \$31 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Death Valley National Park (also in CA)	8,758	8,872	114
Great Basin National Park	2,744	2,785	41
Lake Mead National Recreation Area (also in AZ)	18,888	19,627	739
	30,390	31,284	894

*Trails*

California National Historic Trail (also in CA, CO, ID, KS, MO, NE, NV, OR, and WY)

Old Spanish National Historic Trail (also in AZ, CA, CO, NV, and NM)

Pony Express National Historic Trail (also in CA, CO, KS, MO, NE, NV, and WY)



**NEVADA**  
(dollars in thousands)

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

Funding for Nevada FWS field units totals over \$15 million in 2016.

Field Station	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex	2,734	2,934	200
Lahontan National Fish Hatchery	2,478	2,521	43
Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office	6,574	7,266	692
Ruby Lake National Wildlife Refuge	662	711	49
Special Agent-Las Vegas, Nevada	153	168	15
Special Agent-Reno, Nevada	152	166	14
Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Complex	1,614	1,731	117
<b>Total, NV</b>	<b>14,367</b>	<b>15,497</b>	<b>1,130</b>

**Bureau of Reclamation**

Water projects directly benefitting Nevada and shared with other States, total \$50 million

Project	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Lake Mead/Las Vegas Wash Program	775	700	-75
Lake Tahoe Regional Wetlands Development	115	115	0
<b>Total, Nevada</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>-75</b>
<b>Other project that may benefit Nevada:</b>			
Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Project, Title II	6360	8423	2063
Lower Colorado River Operations Program	28,345	28,345	0
Lahontan Basin Project	9,801	9,801	0
Colorado River Front Work and Levee System	2,100	2,303	203
Colorado River Water Quality Improvement Program	380	380	0
<b>Total, Nevada</b>	<b>46,986</b>	<b>49,252</b>	<b>2,266</b>

**Bureau of Indian Education:** Nevada is the home to the following BIE schools:

- Duckwater Shoshone Elementary School (Duckwater)
- Pyramid Lake High School (Nixon)

## **Rep. David Joyce (R-Ohio)**

14th District, Northeast – Cleveland and Akron suburbs



**Residence:** Russell Township

**Education:** U. of Dayton, B.S. 1979 (accounting), J.D. 1982

**Career:** County public defender

**Elected:** 2012 (2nd term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations (Interior-Environment; Military Construction-VA; Transportation-HUD)

**Overview:** Congressman Joyce's District is along Lake Erie and he is a strong advocate for Great Lakes issues, such as Asian Carp. According to his press statements, he was active in securing sufficient funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in EPA's budget. Interior is an active participant in the Initiative and submits proposals for funding to EPA. He voted for the Keystone pipeline.

### **Member Specific Issues:**

**Great Lakes/Asian Carp:** Shares a concern for the spread of Asian Carp with his colleagues on the Subcommittee and supports the work of FWS and USGS to address the issue. The 2015 enacted level was a \$4.0 million increase above 2014. In 2016, the budget includes \$13.7 million for Asian Carp activities, an increase of \$2.4 million over 2015 in FWS.

Of the total increase, \$2.1 million supports coordinated interagency efforts to protect the Great Lakes watershed from Asian carp. The increased funding for the Great Lakes will support ongoing early detection and monitoring using both traditional and molecular techniques focused on areas of invasion concern, and rapid assessment and response in areas of positive detection using additional eDNA and/or traditional sampling.

**Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding:** Department-wide, the budget identifies \$68.2 million in **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative** funding requested through the EPA. This includes \$42.6 million, an increase of \$2.7 million, in the FWS budget for coastal wetlands and national wildlife refuge activities in the Great Lakes region. The types of projects supported include:

- Protect and restore habitats for native lake sturgeon, brook trout, migratory birds, and threatened and endangered species populations within the Great Lakes basin. IL, IN, MI (FWS)
- Wild river rice restoration at Pine Creek, MI (BIA, Nottawaseppi Huron Band)
- Mercury cycling and bio-accumulation in the Great Lakes (USGS)
- Chemical tools to control Asian carp and Dreissenid mussels (USGS)

The EPA budget proposes \$250 million for the program in 2016, a decrease of \$50 million from 2015, which Rep. Joyce will likely seek to restore.

**Ashtabula River Cleanup:** Announced last year, completion of all cleanup work required to remove the Ashtabula River on Lake Erie from the binational list of Great Lakes Areas of

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Concern. In a joint announcement with EPA, the Army Corps, the Midwest Director of the FWS Charlie Wooley said: "I believe our actions here and in other Great Lakes AOCs will be remembered for years to come as the point in history when our country rallied our expertise, our resources and our hope to usher in an era of Great Lakes water stewardship."

**Cuyahoga Valley National Park:** Located about 30 minutes each way between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. This park preserves 33,000 acres along 22 miles of the Cuyahoga River. The park's budget is nearly \$11 million in 2016, including a small increase from 2015 to cover fixed cost increases.

**Key Legislation:**

- Introduced legislation to extend authorization for the **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative** (through EPA) for FY 2016-2020
- Co-sponsored Rep. Simpson's **Wildfire Disaster Funding Act** legislation
- Co-sponsored legislation to provide tax incentives for **conservation easements** on working farm and ranch lands
- Co-sponsored a 10-year reauthorization of the National Heritage Areas
- Co-sponsored legislation providing for a Congressional Gold Medal for participants of the final **Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights Act** march

**OHIO**  
(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 350 Interior employees for the operation of parks, refuges and other programs in Ohio

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 13 locations in the State with 22% of Interior employees stationed in Franklin, OH largely for the U.S. Geological Survey

**Ohio is home to:**

- 9 units of the National Park Service
- 3 National Wildlife Refuges

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of Ohio received almost \$39 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Mineral Leasing Payments	266
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	601
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	6,222
Wildlife Restoration	16,243
State & Wildlife Grants	1,365
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	1,278
Abandoned Mine Land Funds	13,000
	38,975

**2016 Funding**

**Project Funding**

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$8.6 million for the following construction designated for the State of Ohio.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request
NPS	Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial - Construction	8,561

**National Park Service**

Operating funding for Ohio park service units totals close to \$18.5 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument	209	510	301
Cuyahoga Valley National Park	10,825	10,980	155
Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park	1,958	1,985	27
First Ladies National Historic Site	987	989	2
Hopewell Culture National Historical Park	1,332	1,351	19
James A Garfield National Historic Site	755	766	11
Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial	1,091	1,105	14
William Howard Taft National Historic Site	811	822	11
	17,968	18,508	540

**OHIO**  
(dollars in thousands)

*Affiliated NPS Areas*

National Aviation Heritage Area

North Country National Scenic Trail (also in MI, MN, ND, NY, PA, and WI)

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

Funding for Washington State FWS field units totals \$2.9 million in 2016.

<b>Field Station</b>	<b>Funding FY 2015</b>	<b>Funding FY 2016</b>	<b>Change</b>
Columbus Ecological Services Field Office	992	1,136	144
Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge	1,297	1,381	84
Special Agent-Columbus, Ohio	298	337	39
<b>Total, OH</b>	<b>2,587</b>	<b>2,854</b>	<b>267</b>

## **Rep. Tom Cole (R–Oklahoma)**

4th District, South Central – Norman, Lawton, part of Oklahoma City



**Residence:** Moore

**Education:** Grinnell College, B.A. 1971 (history); Yale U., M.A. 1974 (British history); U. of Oklahoma, Ph.D. 1984 (19th Century British history)

**Elected:** 2002 (7th term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations (Defense; Interior-Environment; Labor-HHS-Education - chairman)
- Budget
- Rules
- Joint Library

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Urged the Department to take whatever steps are necessary to permit requesting Tribes to assume as many of the land acquisition functions associated with Land Buy Back as they have the capacity to administer
- Urged an extension to the comment period for reform of the Federal recognition process for Tribes

**Overview:** Rep. Cole serves as a deputy whip for the House leadership and has a broad role serving on the Budget and Rules Committees in addition to Appropriations. As a member of the Chickasaw Nation, Rep. Cole supports a wide variety of Indian issues including improving Indian Health Services and public safety, and strengthening Indian education. Given the importance of oil and gas activities to Oklahoma, Rep. Cole has an interest in energy development and public lands issues, particularly the impact of endangered species listing activities – lesser prairie chicken and the greater sage grouse.

### **Member Specific Issues**

**Indian Affairs:** There are 38 federally recognized Tribes in Oklahoma, and much interest in tribal issues within the delegation. He is an effective advocate on behalf of Indian Country and will be very interested in the 2016 request for Indian Education, Tiwahe, and the legislative proposal for mandatory Contract Support Costs. He is a consistent supporter of legislation to address ambiguity regarding Interior’s authority to take land into trust.

**Onshore Oil and Gas Development:** Voted in favor of the Keystone pipeline and supports using hydraulic fracturing to increase recoverable natural gas in Oklahoma and elsewhere. From 2013-2015, the USGS responded to significant increases in earthquake rates in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. Additional funding for induced seismicity research appropriated by Congress in 2014 and 2015 is being used to develop methods to forecast which types of injections in which geologic setting would likely induce or trigger earthquakes and to perform comprehensive studies at carefully-selected field sites. This information will help industry to develop injection practices that reduce the possibility of triggering earthquakes. The 2016 request would continue work on induced seismicity, and includes an additional \$5.3 million for hydraulic fracturing

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related research that would result in products that contain decision-ready information about the national unconventional oil and gas endowment, and assess impacts to water availability impacts and human and ecological health.

**Chickasaw National Recreation Area:** Supportive of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area and a previous proposal by the Chickasaw Nation to manage the area on behalf of the NPS as part of self-governance negotiations. The 2016 request provides \$3.9 million for the Chickasaw NRA, essentially level with 2015. *[Checking on the status of the Chickasaw proposal]*

**South Central Climate Science Center:** Supportive of the South Central Climate Science Center hosted at the University of Oklahoma, with membership of the Chickasaw Nation and the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. The 2016 budget includes an increase of \$10.7 million for the DOI Climate Science Centers, with \$2.5 million for Tribal Climate Partnerships to identify and implement best practices for the integration of traditional ecological knowledge into CSC science products and work with Tribes in the development of climate adaptation strategies.

**Key Legislation:**

- Co-sponsor of Rep. Simpson's **Wildfire Disaster Funding Act**
- Co-sponsor of Rep. McCollum's legislation clarifying the authority of Interior to take **land into Trust** (Carcieri fix)
- Co-sponsored legislation to remove Interior's listing of the **lesser prairie chicken** as threatened and prohibit further treatment of the species as threatened or endangered before January 31, 2020
- Co-sponsored legislation directing a feasibility study to add the **Chief Standing Bear National Historic Trail** to the national trails system
- Co-sponsored Rep. Simpson's legislation providing for **Indian Trust reform**
- Co-sponsor of the **Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act**, exempts tribally owned and operated enterprises or institutions, located on its lands, from the National Labor Relations Act
- In the last session of Congress, sponsored legislation to improve the livelihood of Native American children through a Commission on Native American Children to address high poverty rates, unemployment, child abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, and few economic opportunities

## OKLAHOMA

(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 1,000 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges, services to Tribes, and other programs in Oklahoma

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 30 locations in the State with 38 percent of Interior employees stationed in Caddo, OK largely for the Bureau of Indian Affairs

**Oklahoma is home to:**

- 4 units of the **National Park Service**
- 9 **National Wildlife Refuges**, 4 wildlife management areas, and 2 fish hatcheries
- 35 **Indian Tribes** and 5 **BIE schools**

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of Oklahoma received over \$36 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Mineral Leasing Payments	5,353
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	3,042
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	6,594
Wildlife Restoration	17,326
State & Wildlife Grants	722
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	623
Abandoned Mine Land Funds	2,800
	36,460

### 2016 Funding

**Project Funding**

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$60,000 for the following construction project designated for the State of Oklahoma.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request
FWS	Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery – Construction	60

**National Park Service**

Operating funding for Oklahoma park service units totals \$6.5 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Chickasaw National Recreation Area	3,850	3,900	50
Fort Smith National Historic Site	1,067	1,083	16
Oklahoma City National Memorial	779	789	10
Washita Battlefield National Historic Site	760	770	10
	6,456	6,542	86

*National Trails:*

Santa Fe National Historic Trail

Trail of Tears National Historic Trail



## OKLAHOMA

(dollars in thousands)

### Fish and Wildlife Service

Funding for Washington State FWS field units totals \$11 million in 2016.

Field Station	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge	773	830	57
Little River National Wildlife Refuge	394	416	22
Oklahoma Ecological Services	2,034	2,191	157
Oklahoma FWS Conservation Office	263	261	-2
Optima National Wildlife Refuge	9	10	1
Ozark Plateau National Wildlife Refuge	333	361	28
Salt Plains National Wildlife Refuge	630	678	48
Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge	798	855	57
Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery	889	970	81
Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge	770	822	52
Washita National Wildlife Refuge	606	653	47
Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge	2,786	2,974	188
<b>Total, OK</b>	<b>10,285</b>	<b>11,021</b>	<b>736</b>

**Bureau of Indian Education:** Oklahoma is the home to the following BIE schools:

- Chickasaw Children's Village (Carter)
- Eufaula Dormitory
- Jones Academy
- Riverside Indian School
- Sequoyah High School

**Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah)**  
2nd District, Most of Salt Lake City; Southwest



**Residence:** Farmington

**Education:** Utah State U., B.S. 1984 (economics)

**Career:** Management and leadership consulting company executive; author

**Elected:** 2012 (2nd term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations (Homeland Security; Interior-Environment; State-Foreign Operations)
- Select Intelligence

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Requested a 60-day extension of the comment period for the “Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform.”
- Expressed concerns with the lack of transparency of the evaluation of science and lack of coordination with and assurances to affected States related to efforts to avoid a listing under the ESA of the Greater Sage Grouse
- Urged support for a Utah public lands bill to protect lands surrounding Canyonlands National Park in the last session of Congress
- Opposed the use of Antiquities Act Authority to designate a national monument in Utah
- Opposed BLM plans to transport Nevada cattle to Utah

**Overview:** Chris Stewart called for greater freedom to develop coal and natural gas energy sources across the State, calling the Administration’s approach to energy development “anti-fossil-fuel, pro-environmental alarmism.” He introduced and co-sponsored legislation shifting various Federal lands management activities to States and Tribes.

**Member Specific Issues:**

**Alton Coal Strip Mine:** Represents the Alton Coal Mine, a 600-acre coal strip mine located 12 miles southwest of Bryce Canyon National Park and 25 miles northeast of Zion National Park. The mine operator seeks to expand operation onto 3,500 acres of federally-owned public lands. BLM is completing a supplemental environmental impact statement of the proposed mine expansion, which follows previous regional environmental reviews recommending approval of the expansion project. Rep. Stewart is following the status of the review and is concerned by delays. The project is being reviewed for potential impacts to Sage-Grouse habitat.

**Sage-Grouse:** Concerned about the pending listing decision for the Sage-Grouse and the negative impact a listing would have on a number of industries. The 2016 budget includes \$78 million to advance sage steppe conservation.

**Wild Horse and Burro Program:** Concerned about the costs of this program and the impact current wild horse and burro populations have on western rangelands. He stated a desire to scrutinize the costs of this program as well as the restrictions placed upon BLM in managing these animals. Rep. Stewart introduced legislation to let willing States and Tribes manage free roaming horses and burros within their boundaries. The 2016 budget includes a \$3 million

**Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah)**  
2nd District, Most of Salt Lake City; Southwest

increase in BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Management program to expand ongoing research on population control methods.

**Grazing:** Introduced legislation to protect grazing rights in the Grand Staircase-Escalante monument. Rep. Stewart is concerned BLM is in the process of amending the management plan for the Grand Staircase-Escalante, which may include decreasing or even eliminating grazing rights. He stated, "Severely restricting grazing – or eliminating it altogether – goes against the historical use of the land in and around the monument and is directly at odds with the original proclamation designating the monument."

**Payments in Lieu of Taxes:** Supporter of continued PILT payments. The 2015 consolidated appropriations act provides \$372 million in current funding and the National Defense Authorization Act provides mandatory funding of \$33.0 million in 2015 and \$37 million in 2016. The 2016 budget proposes \$452 million in mandatory funding for PILT.

**CUPCA:** As a member of the Utah delegation, Congressman Stewart will likely be interested in the Central Utah Project Completion Act. The budget requests \$7.3 million, \$2.5 million below the 2015 enacted level, for construction, program oversight, the Ute Tribal Settlement, fish and wildlife development, and Endangered Species Recovery. Although the project has additional capacity, within a constrained budget environment, difficult choices are necessary.

**ESA/Utah Prairie Dog:** Introduced legislation in the last Congress to amend the ESA to include species on State and private lands in determining whether a species is endangered or threatened. This is consistent with concerns raised by local officials in Utah who would like FWS to count Utah Prairie Dogs on private lands toward recovery criteria to identify a specific number of species which must be present in protected habitat. These are defined as Federal lands or non-Federal lands secured and managed in perpetuity for the conservation of the Utah Prairie Dog. The FWS is working with local communities to address concerns -- including development of habitat conservation plans, for Iron and Garfield counties, and land and conservation easement acquisition for protected habitat.

**Key Legislation:**

- Introduced legislation to restore livestock grazing to the level of usage in 1996 within the **Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument**
- Introduced the **Wild Horse Oversight Act** directing Interior and Agriculture to allow a requesting State or Tribe to assume all functions with regard to wild free-roaming horses and burros on land within the boundaries of the State or Tribe
- Co-sponsor of Rep. Simpson's **Wildfire Disaster Funding Act**
- Co-sponsor of legislation to require Interior to convey to a State all right, title, and interest in and to a percentage of the amount of royalties and other amounts required to be paid to the State under that Act with respect to public land and deposits in the State
- Co-sponsor of legislation to empower States to control the development and production of all forms of energy on all available Federal land
- Co-sponsor of the **Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act** to provide emergency measures for high-risk areas identified by such States

# UTAH

(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 2,071 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges, services to Tribes, and other programs in Utah

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 19 locations in the State with 24% of Interior employees stationed in Salt Lake, UT largely for the Bureau of Land Management

**Utah is home to:**

- 13 units of the **National Park Service**
- 3 **National Wildlife Refuges** and 2 **Hatcheries**
- Over 22 million acres of **public lands** managed by the BLM are in Utah, about 42% of the State, including a national monument and two national conservation areas
- 7 **Indian Tribes** and 2 **BIE schools**

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of Utah received over \$233 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Mineral Leasing Payments	170,818
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	37,903
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	5,880
Wildlife Restoration	13,814
State & Wildlife Grants	697
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	583
Abandoned Mine Land Funds	4,100
	233,795

## 2016 Funding

### Project Funding

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$3.1 million for **land acquisition**, \$2.1 million for **NPS Construction**, \$3.6 million for **CUPCA Construction**, and \$8.7 million for **Bureau of Reclamation** projects.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request
<b>2016 Land Acquisition</b>		
BLM	Colorado Riverway Special Recreation Management Area	1,100
FWS	Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge	2,000
		3,100
<b>2016 Construction</b>		
NPS	Timpanogos Cave National Monument	2,148
CUPCA	Central Utah Project	3,572
		5,720

### Bureau of Land Management

The budget proposes \$7.8 million, an increase of \$1.8 million in 2016 for the following areas.

- Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
- Red Cliffs National Conservation Area
- Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area

**UTAH**  
(dollars in thousands)

**National Park Service**

Operating funding for Utah park service units totals \$41.2 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Arches National Park	1,938	1,965	27
Bryce Canyon National Park	3,279	3,323	44
Canyonlands National Park	6,237	6,319	82
Capitol Reef National Park	2,357	2,393	36
Cedar Breaks National Monument	681	690	9
Dinosaur National Monument (also in Colorado)	3,568	3,613	45
Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (also in Arizona)	11,631	11,770	139
Golden Spike National Historic Site	1,078	1,094	16
Hovenweep National Monument (also in Colorado)	546	554	8
Natural Bridges National Monument	525	532	7
Rainbow Bridge National Monument	140	142	2
Timpanogos Cave National Monument	1,102	1,117	15
Zion National Park	7,621	7,723	102
	40,703	41,235	532

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

Funding for Utah FWS field units totals \$10.3 million in 2016.

Field Station	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge*	1,787	3,910	2,123
Colorado River Fishery Project-Vernal	310	324	14
Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge	558	597	39
Jones Hole National Fish Hatchery	581	597	16
Ouray National Fish Hatchery	672	695	23
Ouray National Wildlife Refuge	1,128	1,214	86
Special Agent-Brigham City, Utah	156	177	21
Special Agent-St George, Utah	149	168	19
Utah Ecological Services Field Office	2,034	2,234	200
Utah Fish and Wildlife Management Assist Office	407	404	-3
<b>Total, UT</b>	<b>7,782</b>	<b>10,320</b>	<b>2,538</b>

\* Includes proposed land acquisition in 2016

**UTAH**  
(dollars in thousands)

**Bureau of Reclamation**

Water projects with direct benefit and shared benefit to the State of Utah total almost \$20 million in 2016

Project	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Project, Title II	6,360	8,423	2,063
Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP), Section 5	4,441	4,442	2,063
Hyrum Project	353	355	2
Moon Lake Project	97	95	-2
Newton Project	127	125	-2
Ogden River Project	502	484	-18
Provo River Project	1,708	1,738	30
Sanpete	71	70	-1
Scofield Project	490	693	203
Strawberry Valley Project	922	930	8
Upper Colorado River Operations Program	270	270	0
Weber Basin Project	2,207	2,122	-85
Weber River Project	146	148	2
<b>Total, Utah</b>	<b>17,694</b>	<b>19,895</b>	<b>4,263</b>

**Bureau of Indian Education:** Utah is the home to the following BIE schools:

- Aneth Community School (Aneth)
- Richfield Dormitory (Richfield)

**Rep. Evan Jenkins (R-W.Va.)**  
3rd District, South – Huntington, Beckley



**Residence:** Huntington

**Education:** U. of Florida, B.S. 1983 (marketing); Samford U., J.D. 1987

**Career:** State physicians association executive; lawyer

**Elected:** 2014 (1st term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations

**Overview:** Rep. Jenkins is the newest member of the Appropriations subcommittee. He supports an all-inclusive energy policy including expansion of all renewable and conventional domestic energy resources, with a focus on coal and natural gas production. According to CQ, he says, “My passion and my efforts in Congress will be to be a strong, consistent and committed voice to making sure coal is an important part of an all-of-the-above energy strategy,” and he calls out President Barack Obama for what he calls a “war on coal,” which Jenkins says has devastated his district. To this end he opposes increased regulation for coal and liquefied coal operations. He also supports passage of the Keystone Pipeline.

**Member Specific Issues:**

**West Virginia Coal Economy:** Opposes increasing regulations on coal and is thoroughly against any increased regulations that would impede coal or natural gas production in West Virginia. He may ask about the two Power+ legislative proposals to accelerate AML payments for environmental restoration and economic revitalization, and shore up the UMW pension plans. All of the counties in his district have poverty rates of nearly 20 percent or more; in McDowell, the southernmost county in the State, more than one third of all residents live in poverty and the population declined by nearly 20 percent since 2000.

He would likely not support continued proposals to increase coal production fees for AML cleanup.

**Natural Gas:** Upon voting to streamline liquefied natural gas (LNG) permitting processes at the Department of Energy, Rep. Jenkins said, “Natural gas development has helped to spur the Nation’s recovery and is an important part of revitalizing West Virginia’s economy. The Marcellus Shale formation offers WV a great opportunity, and we cannot allow the DOE to hamstring efforts to develop our Nation’s energy. We ought to allow our natural gas producers to ship natural gas overseas, and in doing so, create good-paying jobs here in WV.”

**Key Legislation:**

- Co-sponsor of Rep. Simpson’s **Wildfire Disaster Funding Act**
- Co-sponsored legislation to establish the **Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area**
- Co-sponsored legislation providing for a Congressional Gold Medal for participants of the final **Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights Act** march

## WEST VIRGINIA

(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 626 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges and other programs in West Virginia

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 15 locations in the State with 69% of Interior employees stationed in Jefferson, WV largely for the National Park Service

**West Virginia is home to:**

- 6 units of the **National Park Service**
- 2 **National Wildlife Refuges** and 1 **Hatchery**

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of West Virginia received \$67.5 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Mineral Leasing Payments	322
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	3,109
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	3,257
Wildlife Restoration	8,058
State & Wildlife Grants	476
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	463
Abandoned Mine Land Funds	51,800
	67,485

### 2016 Funding

**Project Funding**

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$2.6 million for the following **land acquisition** project designated for the State of West Virginia.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request
NPS	Gauley River National Recreation Area – Land Acquisition	2,617

**National Park Service**

Operating funding for West Virginia park service units totals \$24.5 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change in \$
Appalachian National Scenic Trail (also in States from Maine to Georgia)	1,559	1,577	18
Bluestone National Scenic River	75	76	1
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park (also Chesapeake Bay Gateways – Potomac River, DC, MD, WV)	9,547	9,675	128
Gauley River National Recreation Area	803	815	12
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park	6,682	6,781	99
New River Gorge National River	7,441	7,538	97
	26,107	26,462	355



## WEST VIRGINIA

(dollars in thousands)

### Fish and Wildlife Service

Funding for West Virginia FWS field units totals \$3.9 million in 2016.

<b>Field Station</b>	<b>Funding FY 2015</b>	<b>Funding FY 2016</b>	<b>Change</b>
Appalachian Partnership Coordination Office	592	589	-3
Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge	879	945	66
Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge	882	949	67
Special Agent-Elkins, West Virginia	163	183	20
West Virginia Ecological Services Field Office	589	644	55
White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery	603	621	18
<b>Total, WV</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>3,931</b>	<b>223</b>

**Rep. Harold Rogers (R-Kentucky)**  
5th District, East and Southeast - Somerset, Middleboro



**Residence:** Somerset

**Education:** Western Kentucky U., attended 1956-57; U. of Kentucky, B.A. 1962, LL.B. 1964

**Career:** Lawyer

**Elected:** 1980 (18th term)

**Committees:** Appropriations - Chairman

**Overview:** Chairman Rogers is focused on reducing the scope of the government by reining in Federal spending, conducting rigorous but thoughtful oversight of Federal agencies, and restoring fiscal discipline and regular order to the budget process. He favors an “all of the above” approach to energy development, with an emphasis on coal production. He supports the Keystone Pipeline.

**Member Specific Issues:**

**Coal Country Economy:** Chairman Rogers is a strong supporter of the coal economy and opposes coal regulation. The Fifth Congressional District of his home State of Kentucky is home to nearly 500 mining operations supporting over 17,000 jobs. He will be interested in the Power+ legislative proposals to accelerate environmental remediation with economic revitalization in coal country, and support the UMWA pension plan.

**State and Tribal Regulatory Grants:** The Chairman has long opposed reductions in this program, restoring them each year. The House Committee report directed the Department to discontinue cuts to be offset by increased fees from States and Tribes. The 2016 budget provides for a full program and does not rely on State fees. The budget includes \$65.5 million for the regulatory grants. Although a decrease of \$3.1 million below 2015, the budget fully funds estimated State requirements. Funds from prior years are available to address any shortages which might occur in 2016.

**Stream Protection Rule:** The Chairman opposes issuance of the pending Stream Protection Rule and in past House bills included riders prohibiting issuance. The Rule has been in preparation for five years. OSMRE expects a proposed rule will be published in spring 2015. OSMRE’s proposed revisions will reflect the best available science to modernize 30 year old rules, better protect communities from the adverse effects of coal mining, and provide greater certainty to the mining industry while addressing recent court decisions.

**Mill Springs Battlefield:** Chairman Rogers included legislation in the National Defense Authorization Act directing Interior to determine the feasibility of adopting Mill Springs Battlefield into the National Park System. In the early 1990s, Interior classified the site of the Battle of Mill Springs, in Pulaski and Wayne Counties, as one of the most endangered battlefields in Kentucky. In the 2016 budget, Mills Springs Battlefield is listed as one of the areas the Special Resource Studies program would evaluate as a potential national park.

**Key Legislation:** No DOI Related legislation

## KENTUCKY

(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 372 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges and other programs in Washington

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 15 locations in the State with 42% of Interior employees stationed in Edmonson, KY largely for the National Park Service

**Kentucky is home to:**

- 12 units of the **National Park Service**
- 35 **National Wildlife Refuges** and hatcheries
- 29 **Indian Tribes** and 8 **BIE schools**

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of Kentucky received over \$58 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Mineral Leasing Payments	88
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,183
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	4,752
Wildlife Restoration	13,387
State & Wildlife Grants	636
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	650
Abandoned Mine Land Funds	36,600
	58,296

### 2016 Funding

**Project Funding**

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$1.2 million for the following construction project designated for the State of Kentucky.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request
FWS	Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery - Construction	1,168

**National Park Service**

Operating funding for Kentucky State park service units totals \$15.9 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change in \$
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park	1,327	1,347	20
Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area	4,445	4,510	65
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park	3,497	3,542	45
Mammoth Cave National Park	6,431	6,523	92
	15,700	15,922	222

# KENTUCKY

(dollars in thousands)

## Fish and Wildlife Service

Funding for Kentucky FWS field units totals \$3.8 million in 2016.

<b>Field Station</b>	<b>Funding FY 2015</b>	<b>Funding FY 2016</b>	<b>Change</b>
Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge	724	774	50
Kentucky Ecological Services Field Office	1,556	1,718	162
Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, Jamestown, KY	115	1,285	1,170
<b>Total, KY</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>3,777</b>	<b>1,382</b>

**Rep. Betty McCollum (D–Minnesota)**

4th District, St. Paul and suburbs



**Residence:** St. Paul

**Education:** Inver Hills Community College, A.A. 1980;  
College of St. Catherine, B.A. 1987 (education)

**Career:** Teacher; retail saleswoman

**Elected:** 2000 (8th term)

**Committees:** Appropriations

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Supports increased funding for USGS' Earthquake Early Warning System
- Supports reform of the process for Federal acknowledgement of Indian Tribes
- Advocate on behalf of repairs for the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School in MN
- Strong supporter of the Mississippi National River Recreation Area
- Requested extension of the public comment period for BLM's Greater Mooses Tooth 1 Draft SEIS, citing the importance of the wildlife rich northeastern corner of the NPR-A.

**Overview:** Ranking Member McCollum co-chairs the Congressional Native American Caucus and is a strong supporter of tribal issues, in particular Indian education. She supports environmental concerns and has expressed an interest in urban refuges, and groundwater issues, and the problems of International Wildlife Trafficking. As a co-sponsor of Rep. Sewall's legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants of the Selma to Montgomery march, Rep. McCollum is likely to be interested in the NPS' Civil Rights Initiative.

**Member Specific Issues:**

**BIE Schools:** Concerned about the lack of funding available for improving school conditions for BIE schools. Regarding the FY 2016 budget increase for Indian Education, she issued a statement, "In Minnesota, children from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe who attend the Bug O Nay Ge Shig School will still face harsh February days in a converted pole barn that was only ever intended to be a temporary solution. But there is reason to be hopeful that will not be reality for those children for much longer. President Obama and Secretary Jewell have taken a significant action to set us on a path towards ensuring that all children in Indian Country have access to a safe place to learn." *[See Indian Education Transformation Budget Q and A]*

**Carriers Fix, Land Into Trust:** Introduced "Carriers fix" legislation to reaffirm the right of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for all federally recognized Native American tribes. The FY 2016 budget proposes appropriations language to accomplish the same objective.

**Wildlife Trafficking:** Expressed interest in international conservation work and specifically international wildlife trafficking. Last year, she convened representatives from International programs across all agencies funded in the Interior and Environment bill. The FY 2016 budget includes \$74.5 million for FWS law enforcement, an increase of \$8 million to combat illegal wildlife trafficking and support conservation efforts on the ground in Africa and across the globe. Additional funds are requested in FWS International Affairs targeting market and

**Rep. Betty McCollum (D–Minnesota)**  
4th District, St. Paul and suburbs

consumer demand for illegal wildlife products.

**Groundwater:** McCollum has regularly expressed interest in groundwater monitoring and assessments, and submitted questions for the record on this topic. The USGS budget includes an increase of \$1.0 million to enhance activities related to the National Groundwater Monitoring Network to improve drought forecasting.

**Asian Carp:** McCollum is concerned about the spread of Asian Carp and supports the work of the FWS and USGS to address the spread of these invasive species. The 2016 request for Interior Asian Carp activities is \$13.7 million. This includes an increase of \$ 2.4 million for FWS to prevent the influx of Asian carp into the Great Lakes and address populations in the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

**Lewis and Clark Rural Water Project:** McCollum is supportive of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water Project to address the low quality and insufficient supply of existing drinking water throughout five counties in southeast South Dakota, two counties of southwest Minnesota, and four counties of northwest Iowa. As of September 30, 2014, the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System project was approximately 78 percent complete. The Federal Government has committed \$214 million (or 55 percent) of its total cost-share of \$423 million towards completing the project; the non-Federal sponsor has committed 100 percent. *[See Rural Water Project Budget Q and A and Major Topics paper]*

**Key Legislation:**

- Introduced legislation reaffirming Interior’s authority to take land into Trust on behalf of Native Americans (Carcieri fix)
- Co-sponsor of H.R. 963 recently introduced by Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ) to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims. No other summary available.
- Co-sponsor of legislation extending the **North Country National Scenic Trail** in northeastern Minnesota into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian NST
- Co-sponsor of Rep. Sewall’s legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to participants in the final **Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights Act** march.
- Co-sponsor of the **Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2015** authorizing block grants through HUD
- Co-sponsored legislation to limit the number of tribal casinos within the State and the Phoenix area as agreed in compacts approved by Arizona voters
- Co-sponsor of legislation supporting the **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative** Federal programs

**MINNESOTA**  
(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 750 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges, services to Tribes, and other programs in Minnesota

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 28 locations in the State with 41% of Interior employees stationed in Hennepin, MN, largely for the Fish and Wildlife Service

**Minnesota is home to:**

- 5 units of the **National Park Service**
- 20 **National Wildlife Refuges** and wetland management districts
- 8 **Indian Tribes** and 4 **BIE schools**

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of Minnesota received over \$39.2 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014, the most current payment to date.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	2,181
Mineral Leasing Payments	18
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	11,956
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	759
Wildlife Restoration	23,341
State & Wildlife Grants	950
	39,205

**2016 Funding**

**Project Funding**

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$500,000 for **land acquisition** designated for Minnesota and \$2.8 million for the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request
<b>2016 Land Acquisition Project</b>		
FWS	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge	500
<b>2016 Bureau of Reclamation Project</b>		
BOR	Lewis and Clark Rural Water System	2,774

**National Park Service**

Operating funding for Minnesota park service units totals \$12.8 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change in \$
Grand Portage NM	1,343	1,359	16
Mississippi NRRRA	1,955	1,987	32
Pipestone NM	1,101	1,115	14
Saint Croix NSR & Lower Saint Croix NSR	3,877	3,936	59
Voyageurs NP	4,380	4,442	62
Total, MN	12,656	12,839	183

## MINNESOTA

(dollars in thousands)

### Fish and Wildlife Service

Funding for Minnesota FWS field units totals \$26.8 million in 2016.

Field Station	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge	878	944	66
Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge	569	612	43
Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge	131	137	6
Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District	1,102	1,171	69
Fergus Falls Wetland Management District	2,022	2,170	148
Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge	258	268	10
Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge	2	2	0
Litchfield Wetland Management District	1,933	2,055	122
Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge	2,293	2,456	163
Morris Wetland Management District	1,502	1,598	96
Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge*	0	500	500
Resident Agent In Charge-St. Paul, Minnesota	750	841	91
Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge	387	416	29
Rydell National Wildlife Refuge	407	437	30
Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge	2,706	2,875	169
Special Agent In Charge-Bloomington, Minnesota	1,594	1,773	179
Special Agent-Duluth, Minnesota	118	132	14
Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge	1,106	1,183	77
Twin Cities Ecological Services Field Office	1,085	1,213	128
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge	1,022	1,106	84
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge-Winona	1,004	1,068	64
Windom Wetland Management District	801	857	56
<b>Total, MN</b>	<b>21,670</b>	<b>26,814</b>	<b>5,144</b>

\* Proposed land acquisition

**Bureau of Indian Education:** Minnesota is the home to the following BIE schools:

- Bug-O-Nay-Ge Shig School (Bena)
- Circle of Life Academy (Ogema)
- Fond Du Lac Ojibwe School (Cloquet)
- Nay Ah Shing School (Onamia)

**Indian Affairs:** Minnesota is the home to 8 American Indian tribes:

- Lower Sioux Community in the State of Minnesota;
- Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota;
- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Minnesota;
- Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, in Minnesota;
- Upper Sioux Community;
- Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota (Six component Bands: Boise Forte (Nett Lake), Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, and White Earth); and
- Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.



**Rep. Chelle Pingree (D–Maine)**  
1st District, South – Portland, Augusta



**Residence:** North Haven

**Education:** U. of Southern Maine, attended 1973; College of the Atlantic. B.A. 1979 (human ecology)

**Career:** Inn owner; Common Cause president; knitting company owner; farmer

**Elected:** 2008 (4th term)

**Committees:** Appropriations

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Urged rejection of Chukchi Lease Sale 193, highlighting the stress of climate change on the Arctic area

**Overview:** Representing the southern-most part of coastal Maine, she is a strong advocate for climate change mitigation. She is concerned about the effects of climate change on fishing, including possible damage to shellfish populations. Representative Pingree is supportive of climate change mitigation strategies, clean energy production (including offshore wind production), conserving fishing stocks for sustainable coastal communities, and preserving working waterfronts for marine-related industries and the communities they support. Close to Acadia National Park, her district enjoys the majority of tourism in the State. She opposes rushing the approval of the Keystone Pipeline.

### **Member Specific Issues:**

**Coastal Issues:** Rep. Pingree may be interested to hear about the \$50 million **Coastal Resilience Fund** proposal included in the 2016 budget. Funding would support competitive grants supporting planning, restoration and mitigation projects similar to those awarded in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. She may also be interested in the \$30 million Tribal Climate Resilience Fund program to support tribal concerns regarding climate, and \$11 million in the USGS for a community resilience toolkit – a web based clearinghouse of data, tools, and shared applications for resource managers, and an increase of \$5.1 million in USGS for coastal science.

**York River:** Pingree introduced the York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2014 to include the York River in the National Park Service's Wild and Scenic River program. The NPS 2016 budget includes the York River on its Anticipated List of Rivers and Trails Studies to consider possible inclusion in the National Scenic and Historic Trails or Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems.

**Beatrice Rafferty School:** In 2015, the Subcommittee provided \$18.1 million for the school. The BIE is currently working with the school to finalize the square footage of the replacement building. BIE recently approved an expanded student count but anticipates this will not impact funding requirements. Design of the school will proceed once the final agreement is reached.

**Wind Energy Offshore of Maine:** There are no offshore renewable energy projects in Federal waters offshore Maine after the withdrawal of the Statoil project in 2013. Offshore wind and

**Rep. Chellie Pingree (D–Maine)**  
1st District, South – Portland, Augusta

tidal energy remain of significant interest to the Maine delegation. The University of Maine is very active in research related to floating offshore wind turbines receiving close to \$7 million last year from the Department of Energy for cooperative research. The 2016 budget includes \$750K for BSEE to begin to establish a renewable energy offshore inspection program.

**Ocean Acidification:** Rep. Pingree has raised the issue of ocean acidification and its adverse effects on shellfish at previous hearings. The USGS is doing research on this topic, studying ocean acidification in polar, temperate, tropical and subtropical regions. They participate in international and interagency working groups on the topic. Recent studies have focused on habitats around Florida where shellfish may find refuge from rising pH levels. A new study in Tampa Bay, FL, looks at thriving sea grass beds where pH levels are increasing. A study of corals in mangroves has demonstrated positive effects on calcification including in shellfish.

**Key Legislation:**

- Co-sponsor of Rep. Simpson's **Wildfire Disaster Act**
- Co-sponsored legislation to provide tax incentives for **conservation easements** on working farm and ranch lands
- Co-sponsored legislation providing for a Congressional Gold Medal for participants of the final **Selma to Montgomery** Voting Rights Act march
- Co-sponsored legislation to improve **environmental literacy** in students in preparation for postsecondary education and careers
- In the last session of Congress, introduced legislation directing NOAA to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to **ocean acidification**; and to designate a specified segment of the **York River** in Maine and all of its associated tributaries for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System

**MAINE**  
(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 320 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges, services to Tribes, and other programs in Maine

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 9 locations in the State with 73% of Interior employees stationed in Hancock, ME, largely for the National Park Service

**Maine is home to:**

- 4 units of the **National Park Service**
- 10 **National Wildlife Refuges** and 2 **FWS Hatcheries**
- 4 **Indian Tribes** and 3 **BIE schools**

**Major Grants and Payments:** The State of Maine received over \$12.6 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	316
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	3,257
Wildlife Restoration	8,163
State & Wildlife Grants	479
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	422

**2016 Funding**

**Project Funding**

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$2.5 million for the following **land acquisition** projects designated for the State of Maine.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request
NPS	Acadia National Park – Land Acquisition	2,467

**National Park Service**

Operating funding for Maine park service units totals \$11.4 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change in \$
Acadia NP	8,022	8,130	108
Appalachian NST	1,559	1,577	18
Saint Croix Island HIS	228	232	4
Roosevelt Campobello International Park - Affiliated Area	1,492	1,492	0
	11,301	11,431	130

**MAINE**  
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**Fish and Wildlife Service**

Funding for Maine FWS field units totals \$9.2 million in 2016.

<b>Field Station</b>	<b>Funding FY 2015</b>	<b>Funding FY 2016</b>	<b>Change</b>
Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge	34	36	2
Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery	1,039	1,068	29
Green Lake National Fish Hatchery	847	870	23
Gulf of Maine Coastal Program	787	805	18
Maine Coastal Islands National Wildlife Refuge Complex	1,320	1,424	104
Maine Ecological Services Field Office	1,396	1,623	227
Maine Fishery Resources Office	345	344	-1
Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge	1,359	1,455	96
Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge	1,064	1,137	73
Special Agent-East Orland, Maine	328	347	19
Wildlife Inspector-Calais, Maine	87	87	0
<b>Total, ME</b>	<b>8,606</b>	<b>9,196</b>	<b>590</b>

**Bureau of Indian Education:** Maine is the home to the following BIE schools:

- Beatrice Rafferty School (Perry)
- Indian Island School (Old Town)
- Indian Township School (Princeton)

**Indian Affairs:** Maine is the home to four Tribes, including the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians of Maine, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians of Maine, Passamaquoddy Tribe of Maine, and the Penobscot Tribe of Maine.

## **Rep. Steve Israel (D–New York)**

3rd District, Part of Queens; Northern Nassau County; Northwest Suffolk County



**Residence:** Huntington

**Education:** Nassau Community College, A.A. 1978 (liberal arts); Syracuse U., attended 1978-79; George Washington U., B.A. 1982 (political science)

**Career:** Public relations and marketing firm manager; assistant county executive; university fundraising director; Jewish advocacy group county director; congressional aide

**Elected:** 2000 (8th term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Urged rejection of Chukchi Lease Sale 193, highlighting the stress of climate change on the Arctic area
- Demanded BLM stop the proposed removal of horses and burros from management areas in Wyoming as inhumane and against the intent of the authorizing legislation
- Expressed concern for the quality of security screening technology used by the U.S. Park Police and support for effective anti-terrorism products

**Overview:** Rep. Israel is new to the Subcommittee having taken a break from Appropriations Committee duties to focus on his role as Chair of the DCCC. He supports efforts to address climate change and protect the Long Island Sound, renewable and next generation energy sources, lowered energy prices, protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and upholding the clean air and water standards.

### **Member Specific Issues:**

**Climate Resilience:** Supports efforts to build climate resilience – included language in the Water Resources bill last year, directing Army, Interior, and Commerce to work with the National Academy of Science to recommend infrastructure and coastal restoration options for extreme weather events like Sandy. He said, “Our infrastructure is critical to our local economy and quality of life, and extreme weather events like Hurricane Sandy can have a huge impact on it.” Rep. Israel would likely be interested in the \$50 million proposed for a Coastal Resilience Fund in the 2016 budget.

**Long Island Sound:** Interested in protecting Long Island Sound, authoring the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act to identify and protect land along Long Island Sound.

**Civil Rights:** Co-sponsored the Harriet Tubman National Historic Parks Act in the last Congress and would likely support the \$50 million Civil Rights proposal in the 2016 NPS budget which includes \$400,000 for operation of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad sites.

### **Key Legislation:**

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<b>2016 Construction Projects</b>		
NPS	Gateway National Recreation Area	5,594
NPS	Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site	5,275
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<b>2016 Land Acquisition Project</b>		
NPS	Saratoga National Historical Park – Land Acquisition	1,489

**NEW YORK**  
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**NEW YORK**  
(dollars in thousands)

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

Operating funding for New York FWS field units totals over \$10 million in 2016.

<b>Field Station</b>	<b>Funding FY 2015</b>	<b>Funding FY 2016</b>	<b>Change</b>
Highlands Conservation Act*	750	0	-750
Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	979	1,062	83
Long Island Ecological Services Field Office	341	377	36
Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex	1,467	1,582	115
Lower Great Lakes Fishery Resources Office	1,311	1,486	175
Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge	935	1,012	77
New York Ecological Services Field Office	1,787	1,959	172
Resident Agent In Charge-Valley Stream, New York	2,091	2,167	76
Special Agent-Albany, New York	190	204	14
Special Agent-Amherst, New York	614	625	11
St. Lawrence Wetlands and Grass Management District	95	100	5
Wildlife Inspector-Champlain, New York	133	140	7
<b>Total, NY</b>	<b>10,693</b>	<b>10,714</b>	<b>21</b>

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**Indian Affairs:** New York is home to 7 Native American Tribes:

- Cayuga Nation of New York
- Oneida Nation of New York
- Onondaga Nation of New York
- Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Seneca Nation of New York
- Shinnecock Indian Nation
- Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians of New York
- Tuscarora Nation of New York



**Rep. Derek Kilmer (D–Washington)**  
6th District, West – Bremerton, Tacoma, Olympic Peninsula



**Residence:** Gig Harbor  
**Education:** Princeton U., A.B. 1996 (public and international affairs);  
Oxford U., D.Phil. 2003 (Marshall scholar)  
**Career:** Nonprofit economic development organization executive;  
management consultant  
**Elected:** 2012 (2nd term)  
**Committees:**

- Appropriations

**Overview:** Rep. Kilmer fills the seat vacated by Rep. Norm Dicks and is new to the Subcommittee. He is concerned with protecting and conserving natural resources, the protection and recovery of Puget Sound, and supporting Indian Country across Washington and the US. The 6<sup>th</sup> District includes Olympic National Park, and Representative Kilmer is interested in outdoor recreation and tourism.

**Member Specific Issues:**

**Indian Affairs:** There are 11 Tribes in or near the Washington 6<sup>th</sup> District, West. He is concerned with the protecting tribal communities from negative impacts associated with climate change, improving economic opportunities on reservations, and mitigating severe weather impacts on coastal tribal communities.

**Puget Sound:** Rep. Kilmer established the Puget Sound Recovery Caucus, focused on protecting the Puget Sound and improving critical environmental issues impacting the health and vitality of the Puget Sound. The 2016 budget includes \$19.3 million for the Puget Sound ecosystem across the Department which includes an increase of \$750,000 in USGS (Ecosystems, Water Resources and Core Science Systems).

**Key Legislation:**

- Co-sponsored Rep. Simpson's **Indian Trust reform** legislation authorizing a demonstration project with assets managed by the Tribe in accordance with an approved asset management plan
- Co-sponsored legislation providing for a Congressional Gold Medal for participants of the final **Selma to Montgomery** Voting Rights Act march
- Co-sponsor of the **Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2015** authorizing block grants through HUD
- Co-sponsor of the Indian Health Service Advance Appropriations Act
- In the last Congress, sponsored establishment of **Maritime National Heritage Area** in Washington State

## WASHINGTON

(dollars in thousands)

**Interior Staffing:** There are over 2,530 Interior employees for the operation of parks and refuges, services to Tribes, and other programs in Washington

**Interior Facilities:** There are over 30 locations in the State with 22% of Interior employees stationed in Grant, WA, largely for the Bureau of Reclamation

**Washington State is home to:**

- 12 units of the **National Park Service**
- 35 **National Wildlife Refuges** and hatcheries
- 29 **Indian Tribes** and 8 **BIE schools**

### Major Grants and Payments

The State of Washington received over \$46.4 million for the following grants and payments in FY 2014, the most current payments to date.

Grant or Payment	FY 2014
Mineral Leasing Payments	7
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	19,273
Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration	6,826
Wildlife Restoration	14,414
State & Wildlife Grants	1,012
Land and Water Conservation Fund, State Grants	908
Cooperative Endangered Species	4,000
	<u>46,440</u>

### 2016 Funding

#### Project Funding

The FY 2016 budget request proposes \$3 million for the following **land acquisition** projects.

Bureau	Project	FY 2016 Request
<b>2016 Land Acquisition</b>		
NPS	Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve	1,450
NPS	Olympic National Park	1,581
		<u>3,031</u>

## WASHINGTON

(dollars in thousands)

### National Park Service

Operating funding for Washington State park service units totals nearly \$49 million in 2016.

Park Area	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change in \$
Ebey's Landing NHR	346	349	3
Fort Vancouver NHS	1,937	1,964	27
Klondike Gold Rush - Seattle Unit NHP	721	731	10
Lake Roosevelt NRA	5,975	6,045	70
Lewis & Clark NHP	1,658	1,680	22
Minidoka NHS	450	456	6
Mount Rainier NP	12,481	12,657	176
Nez Perce NHP	2,556	2,591	35
North Cascades NP, and others	7,388	7,488	100
Olympic NP	12,977	13,168	191
San Juan Island NHP	1,002	1,016	14
Whitman Mission NHS	803	815	12
<b>Total, WA State</b>	<b>48,294</b>	<b>48,960</b>	<b>666</b>

### Fish and Wildlife Service

Funding for Washington State FWS field units totals \$50.6 million in 2016.

Field Station	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Abernathy Fish Technology Center	3,146	2,167	-979
Carson National Fish Hatchery	90	101	11
Columbia River Fisheries Program Office	5,063	5,084	21
Hanford Reach National Monument	1	1	0
Inland Northwest National Wildlife Refuge Complex	2,510	2,680	170
Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery	31	32	1
Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery	46	51	5
Lower Columbia River Fish Health Center	428	432	4
Makah National Fish Hatchery	954	983	29
Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex	4,587	4,944	357
Mid-Columbia River Fisheries Resource Office	1,250	1,249	-1
Nasqually National Wildlife Refuge Complex	1,165	2,763	1,598
Olympia Fish Health Center	435	440	5
Quilcene National Fish Hatchery	786	808	22
Quinalt National Fish Hatchery	1,746	907	-839
Resident Agent In Charge-Redmond, Washington	1,073	1,175	102
Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge	1,728	2,122	394
Special Agent-Olympia, Washington	198	224	26
Special Agent-Spokane, Washington	148	166	18
Special Agent-Vancouver, Washington	174	197	23
Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery	26	30	4
Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge	0	0	0
Washington Fish and Wildlife Office	12,343	13,516	1,173
Washington Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Complex	694	750	56
Western Washington Fisheries Resource Office	2,460	2,489	29
Wildlife Inspector-Blaine, Washington	218	219	1
Willapa National Wildlife Refuge Complex	2,571	6,955	4,384
Willard National Fish Hatchery	97	108	11
<b>Washington Total</b>	<b>43,968</b>	<b>50,593</b>	<b>6,625</b>

## WASHINGTON

(dollars in thousands)

### Bureau of Reclamation

Water projects serving the State of Washington include:

Project	Funding FY 2015	Funding FY 2016	Change
Columbia Basin Project (Ephrata)	4,691	5,060	369
Columbia Basin Project (Grand Coulee)	6,380	9,750	3,370
Washington Area Projects	643	475	-168
Yakama Project	7,642	7,571	-71
Yakama River Basin Water Enhancement Project	11,000	12,811	1,811
<b>Total, Washington</b>	<b>30,356</b>	<b>35,667</b>	<b>5,311</b>

**Bureau of Indian Education:** Washington is the home to the following BIE schools:

- Chief Leschi School System (Puyallup)
- Lummi High School
- Lummi Tribal School System
- Muckleshoot Tribal School
- Paschal Sherman Indian School
- Quileute Tribal School
- Wa He Lut Indian School
- Yakama Tribal School

**Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D–New York)**

17th District, Rockland and part of Westchester counties – White Plains, Peekskill



**Residence:** Harrison

**Education:** Mount Holyoke College, B.A. 1959 (political science)

**Career:** State government aide; homemaker

**Elected:** 1988 (14th term)

**Committees:** Appropriations - Ranking Member

**Overview:** Rep. Lowey is the ranking member on the House Appropriations committee. She is a proponent of renewable and green energy investment, reducing gas emissions, and increasing efficiency of energy consumption. She opposed hydraulic fracturing and rushing the environmental approval of the Keystone pipeline. Rep. Lowey is opposed to opening the ANWR, providing tax breaks and subsidies for companies drilling for environmentally dangerous forms of energy, and placing the burden on environmental mitigation and clean-up on end-users. Rep. Lowey is against animal cruelty and abuse, having enacted legislation to require humane euthanasia for downed animals, tougher regulations for puppy mills, and harsher sentencing for animal fighting crimes. Rep. Lowey co-sponsored legislation relating to the Selma to Montgomery Voting Act march, and may be interested in the NPS's \$50 million Civil Rights Initiative.

**Member Specific Issues:**

**National Heritage Areas:** At last year's hearing, Rep. Lowey expressed disappointment in the proposed reduction for the National Heritage Area program. She invited the Secretary to visit the Hudson River Valley NHA. Although congressional interest in these areas is high, OMB continues to push for self-sufficiency, and funding requested in recent years has been about half of the appropriated prior year amount.

The 2016 budget includes \$10.0 million for the program, a reduction of \$10.4 million from the 2015 level of \$20.3 million. NPS is working in collaboration with the heritage areas to develop a methodology to allocate program dollars to the full spectrum of heritage areas – new and mature.

**Clean Energy:** Rep. Lowey is a consistent advocate of forceful actions to reduce energy consumption and stop global climate change. She supports investing in alternative energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and promoting weatherization and conservation to protect the environment and help consumers save money on energy bills. The 2016 budget includes \$100.4 million, an increase of \$8.4 million, to review and permit renewable energy projects on public lands and offshore waters.

**Hydraulic Fracturing:** In the last Congress, Rep. Lowey co-sponsored the FRAC Act, which would repeal exemptions under the Safe Drinking Water Act for those companies who use hydraulic fracturing to drill for natural gas and force those companies to disclose the chemicals they use to the EPA. She opposes allowing industry representatives to sit on the Department of Energy's working group on hydraulic fracturing due to the clear conflict of interest. The 2016 request for the USGS includes an additional \$5.3 million for hydraulic fracturing related research

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that would result in products that contain decision-ready information about the national unconventional oil and gas endowment, and assess impacts to water availability impacts and human and ecological health.

**Coastal Resilience:** Rep. Lowey may be interested in the 2016 budget request of \$50 million for a Coastal Resilience Fund. The greater New York City metro areas was impacted significantly by Hurricane Sandy, and the following projects could be highlighted as examples of Interior work to increase coastal resilience:

- *The Science and Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay* is a cooperative effort initiated by the National Park Service and the City of New York. The *Institute* is a consortium of top-tier research institutions, led by the City University of New York, with the broad mission of understanding resiliency within urban ecosystems.

DOI Hurricane Sandy Mitigation funds are providing an excellent boost to the recently created Institute, supporting research projects to guide habitat restoration, adaptation and resilience efforts throughout Gateway National Recreation Area's Jamaica Bay and with relevance to other urban coastal systems.

The following projects were funded with the competitive grants administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation:

*New York City Department of Parks and Recreation "Strengthening Coney Island's Resiliency through Green Streets (NY)"*

- Surveying and soil testing has begun in the districts to determine future green street sites
- Design plans will be conducted by New York City Parks' green infrastructure landscape architects in spring 2015, once surveying and soil testing is completed

*New York City Department of Parks and Recreation "Designing a Daylighting Plan to Improve Harlem River's Water Quality and Resiliency (NY)"*

Meeting with potential consultants for daylighting design plan and discussing project goals

- Developing RFP for potential daylighting design consultants
- Design consultant will be selected before June 2015
- Consultant will conduct surveying, site testing, inventory sites, soil analysis, and develop a daylighting plan

**Key Legislation:**

- Co-sponsor of legislation designating certain public lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior in the States of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming as wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, wildland recovery areas, and biological connecting corridors
- Co-sponsor of legislation extending authorization of the **Highlands Conservation Act**
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- Shinnecock Indian Nation
- Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians of New York
- Tuscarora Nation of New York

	Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2015 Request (Current)	CD	House
BLM Discretionary			<b>California Desert SW</b>			
	1	CA	California Wilderness	\$1,720,000	various	various
		CA	Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument	\$1,000,000	CA-36	Ruiz-D
		CA	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail	\$950,000	CA-45	Campbell-R
		CA	San Sebastian Marsh/San Felipe Creek ACEC	\$982,000	CA-51	Vargas-D
		2	ID	Upper Snake/South Fork Snake River ACEC/SRMA	\$1,000,000	ID-2
	3	OR	John Day National Wild and Scenic River	\$600,000	OR-2	Walden-R
	4	OR	Sandy River ACEC/Oregon National Historic Trail	\$1,000,000	OR-3	Blumenauer-D
	5	WY	North Platte River SRMA	\$1,200,000	WY-1	Lummis-R
	6	CO	Canyons of the Ancients National Monument	\$1,200,000	CO-3	Tipton-R
	7		<b>National Trails System</b>			
		ID	Nez Perce National Historic Trail/Henrys Lake ACEC	\$3,000,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
		OR	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail	\$542,000	OR-2	Walden-R
		MT	Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	\$1,032,000	MT-1	Daines-R
	8	CO	McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area	\$210,000	CO-3	Tipton-R
	9	CO	Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area	\$288,000	CO-3	Tipton-R
10	AZ	Ironwood Forest National Monument	\$950,000	AZ-7	Pastor-D	
11	NM	Rio Grande del Norte National Monument	\$2,900,000	NM-3	Lujan-D	
12	OR	Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument	\$906,000	OR-2	Walden-R	
			<b>California Desert SW</b>			
	13	CA	California Wilderness	\$0	various	various
		CA	Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument	\$4,824,000	CA-36	Ruiz-D
		CA	Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail	\$1,511,000	CA-45	Campbell-R
		CA	San Sebastian Marsh/San Felipe Creek ACEC	\$1,367,000	CA-51	Vargas-D
		CA	Big Morongo ACEC	\$800,000	CA-41	Takano-D
		14	ID	Upper Snake/South Fork Snake River ACEC/SRMA	\$1,900,000	ID-2
	15	OR	John Day National Wild and Scenic River	\$2,250,000	OR-2	Walden-R
	16	OR	Sandy River ACEC/Oregon National Historic Trail	\$2,500,000	OR-3	Blumenauer-D
	17		<b>National Trails System</b>			
		MT	Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail	\$1,148,000	MT-1	Daines-R
	18	CO	McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area	\$1,625,000	CO-3	Tipton-R

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2015 Request (Current)	CD	House
19	AZ	Ironwood Forest National Monument	\$1,170,000	AZ-7	Pastor-D
20		<b>Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine</b>			
	FL	Lathrop Bayou Habitat Management Area	\$275,000	FL-2	Southerland-R
21	OR	Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument	\$5,000,000	OR-2	Walden-R
22	CA	Carrizo Plain National Monument	\$300,000	CA-22	Nunes-R
23	MT	Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River	\$3,408,000	MT-1	Daines-R
24	AZ	Agua Fria National Monument	\$3,300,000	AZ-2	Barber-D
25		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>			
	CO	Blanca Wetlands ACEC/SRMA	\$6,426,000	CO-3	Tipton-R
	NM	Rio Grande del Norte National Monument	\$1,660,000	NM-3	Lujan-D
26	CA	Panoche-Coalinga ACEC	\$3,300,000	CA-20	Peters-D
27	CO	Colorado River SRMA	\$2,000,000	CO-2	Polis-D
28		<b>High Divide</b>			
	ID	Sands Desert Habitat Management Area	\$1,850,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
	ID	Salmon River SRMA/Salmon River Watershed	\$3,725,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
	ID	Chilly Slough/Thousand Springs ACEC	\$250,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
	ID	Oregon National Historic Trail	\$440,000	ID-2	Simpson-R
	MT	Madison River SRMA	\$868,000	MT-1	Daines-R

	Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2015 Request (Current)	CD	House	
FWS Discretionary	1		<b>California Desert SW</b>				
		CA	San Diego NWR	\$5,000,000	CA-50, 51, 52	Hunter-R	
	2	ND/SD	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie Wildlife Management Area	\$3,000,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R	
	3	ND/SD	Dakota Grassland Conservation Area	\$7,000,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R	
	4		<b>National Trails System</b>				
		VA	Rappahanock River NWR (Captain John Smith Chesapeake NHT)	\$2,000,000	VA-1	Wittman-R	
	5	MT	Rocky Mountain Front CA	\$2,000,000	MT-1	Daines-R	
	6	FL	Everglades Headwaters NWR and Conservation Area	\$3,000,000	FL-12, 15, 16	Bilirakis-R	
	7	AR	Cache River NWR	\$1,071,000	AR-1	Crawford-R	
	8	CT/MA/ NH/VT	Silvio O. Conte NFWR	\$2,000,000	CT-1, 2, 3; MA-	Larson-D	
9		<b>Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine</b>					
	FL	St. Marks NWR	\$6,000,000	FL-4	Crenshaw-R		
	GA	Okefenokee NWR	\$4,000,000	GA-1	Kingston-R		
Priority	10	CA	<b>California Desert SW</b>				
		CA	San Diego NWR	\$6,770,000	CA-50, 51, 52	Hunter-R	
	11	ND/SD	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie Wildlife Management Area	\$3,887,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R	
	12	ND/SD	Dakota Grassland Conservation Area	\$7,000,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R	
	13		<b>National Trails System</b>				
		VA	Rappahanock River NWR (Capt John Smith Chesapeake NHT)	\$3,560,000	VA-1	Wittman-R	
		ID	Grays Lake NWR (California National Historic Trail)	\$3,500,000	ID-2	Simpson-R	
		AK	Innoko NWR (Iditarod National Historic Trail)	\$100,000	AK-1	Young-R	
		WA	Ridgefield NWR (Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail)	\$500,000	WA-3	Beutler-R	
		TN	Chickasaw NWR (Trail of Tears National Historic Trail)	\$3,000,000	TN-8	Fincher-R	
	14	FL	Everglades Headwaters NWR and Conservation Area	\$5,000,000	FL-12, 15, 16	Bilirakis-R	
	15	AR	Cache River NWR	\$2,000,000	AR-1	Crawford-R	
	16	CT/MA/ NH/VT	Silvio O. Conte NFWR	\$3,000,000	CT-1, 2, 3; MA-	Larson-D	
17	CA	San Joaquin River NWR	\$1,000,000	CA-18	Eshoo-D		
18		<b>Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine</b>					
	FL	St. Marks NWR	\$19,049,000	FL-4	Crenshaw-R		
19	CA	Grasslands WMA	\$1,000,000	CA-18	Eshoo-D		

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20	ID/UT/ WY	Bear River Watershed Conservation Area	\$2,000,000	ID-2, UT-1, WY	Simpson-R
		<b>South Carolina Long Leaf Pine</b>			
21	SC	ACE Basin NWR	\$2,500,000	SC-1	Sanford-R
	SC	Waccamaw NWR	\$1,766,000	SC-1	Sanford-R
	SC	Santee NWR	\$3,000,000	SC-1	Sanford-R
	SC	Cape Romain NWR	\$2,986,500	SC-1	Sanford-R
	SC	Carolina Sandhills NWR	\$1,000,000	SC-1	Sanford-R
22	KS	Flint Hills Legacy Conservation Area	\$1,000,000	KS-1, 2, 4	Huelskamp-R
23	TX	Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR	\$2,000,000	TX-15, 27, 28	Hinojosa-D
		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>			
24	CO	Baca NWR	\$2,653,500	CO-3	Tipton-R
25	TX	Balcones Canyonlands NWR	\$1,000,000	TX-21	Smith-R
26	MN/IA	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR	\$500,000	MN-1, 7; IA-2,	Walz-D
		<b>Grasslands/Prairie Potholes</b>			
27	ND/SD	Dakota Tallgrass Prairie Wildlife Management Area	\$3,000,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R
	ND/SD	Dakota Grasslands CA	\$7,500,000	ND, SD	Cramer-R
28	WA	Willapa NWR	\$1,000,000	WA-3	Beutler-R
		<b>High Divide</b>			
29	MT/ID	Red Rock Lakes NWR	\$1,000,000	MT-1	Daines-R

	Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2015 Request (Current)	CD	House	
NPS Discretionary	1		<b>California Southwest Desert CLP</b>				
		CA	Joshua Tree National Park	\$138,000	CA-8	Cook-R	
		CA	Mojave National Preserve	\$1,873,000	CA-8	Cook-R	
	2	CA	Redwood National Park	\$6,250,000	CA-2	Huffman-D	
	3		<b>NPS Civil War Sesquicentennial Units</b>				
		MO	Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Park	\$900,000	MO-7	Long-R	
		NM	Pecos National Historical Park	\$1,205,000	NM-3	Lujan-D	
		VA	Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County Battlefields NMP	\$1,519,000	VA-1, 7	Wittman-R	
		PA	Gettysburg National Military Park	\$376,000	PA-4	Perry-R	
	4		<b>National Trails System</b>				
		HI	Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail	\$2,000,000	HI-2	Gabbard-D	
		VT	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$533,000	VT-1	Welch-D	
		NH	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$2,250,500	NH-2	Kuster-D	
		VA	Capt. John Smith National Historic Trail	\$4,000,000	VA-1	Wittman-R	
		WI	Ice Age National Scenic Trail	\$1,664,000	WI-2	Pocan-D	
		MA	New England National Scenic Trail	\$247,100	MA-2	McGovern-D	
		MI	North Country National Scenic Trail	\$519,400	MI-3	Amash-R	
	5	WV	Gauley River National Recreation Area	\$2,814,000	WV-3	Rahall-D	
6	CA	Death Valley National Park	\$455,000	CA-8	Cook-R		
7	GA	Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area	\$1,535,500	GA-6	Price-R		
8	NY	Saratoga National Historical Park	\$705,500	NY-21	Owens-D		
	9		<b>California Southwest Desert</b>				
		CA	Joshua Tree National Park	\$1,956,000	CA-8	Cook-R	
		CA	Mojave National Preserve	\$1,351,000	CA-8	Cook-R	
	10	NY	Saratoga National Historical Park	\$144,500	NY-21	Owens-D	
	11	ME	Acadia National Park	\$776,000	ME-1, 2	Michaud-D	
	12	NY	Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River	\$540,000	NY-19	Gibson-R	
			<b>National Trails System</b>				
		HI	Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail	\$2,000,000	HI-2	Gabbard-D	
		MA	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$777,000	MA-1	Neal-D	
		NH	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$200,000	NH-2	Kuster-D	

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2015 Request (Current)	CD	House
13	PA	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	\$500,000	PA-11	Barletta-R
	VA	Capt. John Smith National Historic Trail	\$2,000,000	VA-1	Wittman-R
	WI	Ice Age National Scenic Trail	\$2,248,000	WI-2	Pocan-D
	MI	North Country National Scenic Trail	\$543,000	MI-3	Amash-R
	NM	Continental Divide National Scenic Trail	\$4,310,000	NM-2	Pearce-R
	ID	Nez Perce National Historic Trail	\$1,210,000	ID-1	Labrador-R
14	WA	Olympic National Park	\$5,220,000	WA-6	Kilmer-D
15		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>			
	CO	Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve	\$3,365,000	CO-3	Tipton-R
16	AZ	Saguaro National Park	\$2,139,000	AZ-2, 3	Barber-D
17	CA	Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area	\$3,760,000	CA-33	Waxman-D
		<b>Grasslands/Prairie Potholes CLP</b>			
18	SD	Wind Cave National Park	\$574,000	SD-1	Noem-R
	ND	Theodore Roosevelt National Park	\$1,438,000	ND-1	Cramer-R
19	CO	Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site	\$1,690,000	CO-4	Gardner-R
20	MD	Piscataway Park	\$1,437,000	MD-5	Hoyer-D
	MT	Big Hole National Battlefield	\$150,000	MT-1	Daines-R
22	AK	Katmai National Park and Preserve	\$2,545,000	AK-1	Young-R
23	MN	Voyageurs National Park	\$1,241,000	MN-8	Nolan-D
		<b>Greater Yellowstone CLP</b>			
24	WY	Grand Teton National Park	\$45,000,000	WY-1	Lummis-R
25	CA	Golden Gate National Recreation Area	\$3,743,500	CA-2	Huffman-2

Rank	State	Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name	FY2015 Request (Current)	CD	House
		<b>California Desert SW</b>			
1	CA	San Bernardino	\$2,100,000		
	CA	Pacific Crest NST	\$1,265,000		
2	CA	Sierra Nevada Checkerboard; Royal Gorge: Tahoe	\$2,200,000		
3	MT	Tenderfoot: Lewis and Clark	\$2,000,000		
		<b>National Trails</b>			
4	TN	Appalachian NST	\$330,000		
	WA	Pacific Northwest NST	\$2,700,000		
	WA	Pacific Crest NST	\$1,320,000		
5	NC	North Carolina Threatened Treasures: Pisgah	\$2,100,000		
		<b>Wilderness Inholdings</b>			
6	NM	Gila Wilderness	\$500,000		
	NM	White Mountain Wilderness	\$100,000		
	KY	Beaver Creek Wilderness	\$50,000		
	AK	Stikine LeConte Wilderness	\$145,000		
	CA	Ventana Wilderness	\$240,000		
7		<b>Florida-Georgia Long Leaf Pine</b>			
	FL	Osceola	\$5,000,000		
8	IL	Mid-America's Great Rivers: Shawnee	\$2,200,000		
9	OR	Pacific Northwest Streams: Siuslaw	\$150,000		
	WA	Pacific Northwest Streams: Rogue River-Siskiyou	\$350,000		
10	WA	Washington Cascades-Yakima River Watershed (Okanogan-Wenatchee)	\$2,700,000		
11	MI	Great Lakes Northwoods: Ottawa	\$650,000		
	WI	Great Lakes Northwoods: Chequamegon-Nicolet	\$2,500,000		
12	NM	Miranda Canyon: Carson	\$2,600,000		
13		<b>South Carolina's Longleaf Legacy</b>			
	SC	Francis Marion	\$2,000,000		
14	UT	Wasatch Watersheds-Bonneville Shoreline Trail: Unita-Wasatch-Cache	\$1,500,000		



15	CA	Hurdygurdy: Six Rivers	\$1,300,000
16	MO	Missouri Ozarks-Current River: Mark Twain	\$1,000,000
17	MT	Montana Legacy: Lolo; Flathead	\$4,000,000
Rank	State	<b>Collaborative Landscape/Project Name or Core Project Name</b>	<b>FY2015 Request (Permanent)</b>
18		<b>Upper Rio Grande</b>	
	CO	Rio Grande	\$4,700,000
19	OR	Pacific Northwest Streams: Mount Hood	\$2,300,000
	OR	Pacific Northwest Streams: Umpqua	\$800,000
20		<b>Grasslands/Prairie Potholes</b>	
	SD	Black Hills	\$2,856,000
21	TN	Tennessee Mountains Trails and Waters-Rich Mountain Inholding: Cheokee	\$3,700,000
22	AZ	Heinrich-Fossil Creek: Coconino	\$1,000,000
23	VA	Chesapeake Bay Headwaters Protection: George Washington and Jefferson	\$1,545,000
		<b>High Divide</b>	
24	ID	Caribou-Targhee	\$1,325,000
	ID	Payette and Salmon Challis	\$4,260,000
	MT	Beaverhead-Deerlodge	\$200,000
	MT	Gallatin	\$2,000,000
25	WY	Greater Yellowstone Area: Bridger-Teton	\$3,000,000
26	CA	Castle Crags: Shasta-Trinity	\$2,800,000
27	GA	Disappearing Wildlands of GA Mountains and Rivers: Chattahoochee-Oconee	\$2,700,000
28	VT	Taconic and Green Mountain Range: White Mountain	\$1,000,000
29	MT	Montana Legacy	\$4,000,000
30	NC	North Carolina Threatened Treasures	\$3,500,000
		<b>Wilderness Inholdings</b>	
31	GA	Brasstown Wilderness	\$350,000
	VA	Barbours Creek Wilderness	\$200,000

	ID	Frank Church Wilderness	\$1,590,000
	OR	Wild Rogue Wilderness	\$350,000
		<b>National Trails System</b>	
	CA	Pacific Crest NST	\$3,600,000
32	WA	Pacific Crest NST	\$1,500,000
	MT	Nez Perce NHT-Holland Ranch	\$1,050,000
	TN	Appalachian NST	\$2,720,000
33	MN	Great Lakes Northwoods: Superior	\$3,000,000
		<b>Florida-Georgia Longleaf Pine Initiative</b>	
34	FL	Osceola	\$3,677,000
		<b>South Carolina's Longleaf Legacy</b>	
35	SC	Francis Marion	\$4,000,000
36	UT	Wasatch Watersheds-Bonneville Shoreline Trail	\$1,500,000
37	IN	Mid-America's Great Rivers	\$950,000
38	AK	Cube Cove	\$3,000,000



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**FW: district info and members of congress version**

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Ann Bledsoe Downes <ann.bledsoedownes@bia.gov>

Mon, Feb 9, 2015 at 5:58 PM

To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Jeremy,

Attached is the word document with Congressional reps listed. Rellani had a few outstanding questions. Darren was VERY helpful but there were just a few things we were not sure about and those three items are listed below. We are doing a Thursday press release and roll-out, exact time TBD once we learn Kevin's speaking schedule.

Thanks for all your help and let me know if you have questions.

Ann Marie

**From:** Ogumoro, Rellani [mailto:rellani.ogumoro@bia.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, February 09, 2015 1:56 PM

**To:** Ann Bledsoe Downes

**Subject:** district info and members of congress version

Hi AM,

Attached is the document with the members of congress and district info.

3 items are in red as I was not sure about their district numbers.

1.) California, seems like many districts have been changed over the last two years, information in document is from Darren's shop although there is info on internet that say otherwise).

2.) Massachusetts (Darren's shop lists Wampanoag Tribe under 10th District but current hill listing stops at 9th, so it is listed as the 9th District in document)

3.) Coalition of Five Southern Plains Tribes (I assumed this was the Five Civilized Tribes and used that info to get congressional districts for this item).

Best,

Rellani

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Ann Bledsoe Downes <ann.bledsoedownes@bia.gov>

Tue, Feb 10, 2015 at 4:05 PM

Great, thank you! This should be all we need for our Hill notifications.

Do you know if we are planning a press release as well, or if there is a website that lists this information without the Congressionals listed?

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**Ann Bledsoe Downes** <ann.bledsoedownes@bia.gov>  
To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Feb 10, 2015 at 6:19 PM

Yes, we have a press release drafted but not a final approved one I can share right now. We will post this info without Congressionals listed on the BIA website. HOWEVER, as the result of a meeting today we are pushing back the announcements until Tuesday so the Secretary can include in her remarks in her trip to Alaska. So, we are in a holding pattern right now. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

AM

**From:** Bratt, Jeremy [mailto:jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 4:05 PM  
**To:** Ann Bledsoe Downes  
**Subject:** Re: FW: district info and members of congress version

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Ann Bledsoe Downes <ann.bledsoedownes@bia.gov>

Wed, Feb 11, 2015 at 9:43 AM

ok, thanks...I'll hold until next week!

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jacquelyn Hanley <kallie.hanley@bia.gov>

Fri, Feb 13, 2015 at 11:12 AM

here's what I've got...I hope this is the right one!  
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**Hanley, Jacquelyn** <kallie.hanley@bia.gov>  
To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Feb 13, 2015 at 12:44 PM

Yes it is - thank you!  
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**Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Climate Change Competitive Grant Program  
FY14 Adaptation Awards  
Planning, Training and Capacity Building**

**Training Development and Presentation:**

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**Web-based Tribal Adaptation and Mitigation Forums**

<b>Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation</b>	<b>Grant Award: \$149,574</b> <b>Matching Funds: \$ 14,000</b> <hr/> <b>Total Project Funds: \$163,574</b>
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*Project Description: Design and present web based climate adaptation tribal adaptation planning*  
*Leveraged Benefit: 18 monthly webinar forums with for tribal managers highlighting adaptation and mitigation opportunities. Partnered with Intertribal Council on Utility Policy, and the Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Working Group.*

South Dakota (at large)  
House of Representatives: Kristi Noem  
Senators: John Thune and Mike Rounds

**Capacity Building Workshop: Monitoring of Toxic Phytoplankton Impacts on Subsistence Foods.**

<b>Sitka Tribe of Alaska</b>	<b>Grant Award: \$47,900</b> <b>Matching Funds: \$ 86,600</b> <hr/> <b>Total Project Funds: \$134,500</b>
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*Project Description: Provide training for tribal staff to monitor for toxic algal blooms of phytoplankton to enable tribes to protect the health of subsistence harvesters as climate change increases the recurrence of dangerous conditions*

*Leveraged Benefit: Build monitoring capacity for 7 tribes, cooperative funding from the Environmental Protection Agency and patterned with the Southeast Alaska Tribal Toxins organization, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Alaska.*

Alaska (at large)  
House of Representatives: Don Young  
Senators: Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan

**Workshop: Characterizing Tribal Cultural Landscapes  
and Values in the Context of Rising Sea Levels.**

Grant Award:	\$59,800
Matching Funds:	\$ 800
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$60,600</b>

*Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation, California*

*Project Description:* Host an intertribal workshop using Cultural Landscape Approach to identify tools best practices and case studies for tribes to identify and communicate areas of significance that will be impacted by rising ocean waters as a result of climate change.

California (1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Doug LaMalfa  
Senators: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

**Climate Adaptation Planning, Vulnerability Assessments & Monitoring:**

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**Comprehensive Climate Change Adaptation Planning**

**Red Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**

Grant Award:	\$110,000
Matching Funds:	\$110,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>

*Project Description:* Comprehensive Climate Change Adaptation Planning and Tribal Vulnerability Monitoring Strategy

*Leveraged Benefit:* 70+ internal tribal programs, vulnerability assessment template for regional tribes in similar ecosystems.

Minnesota (7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Collin C. Peterson  
Senators: Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken

**Preparing the Cherokee Nation for Climate Change Policy Development**

**Cherokee Nation**

Grant Award:	\$225,000
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>

*Project Description:* Comprehensive Tribal Wide Climate Change Adaptation Planning Process  
*Leveraged Benefit:* None.

Oklahoma (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Markwayne Mullin  
Senators: James M. Inhofe and James Lankford

**Climate Change Adaptation Planning Tools and Analysis for Michigan Tribes**

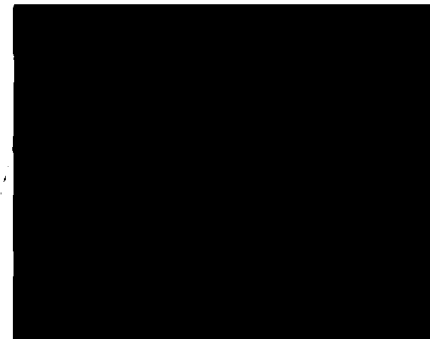
**Intertribal Council of Michigan**

Grant Award:	\$101,683
Matching Funds:	\$0
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$101,683</b>

*Project Description:* Climate Adaptation Planning Tools: Data/climate projections, analyses, vulnerability assessment and the development of adaptation strategies to enable Michigan's Federally Recognized Tribes to create Adaptation plans.

*Leveraged Benefit:* 12 Tribes Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe), Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Michigan (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>)  
House of Representatives: Timothy J. Walz, John Kline, Betty McCollum, Tom Emmer  
Senators: Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters





**Southern Plains Climate Vulnerability Assessment**

*Coalition of Five Southern Plains Tribes, BIA Southern Plains Regional Office, University of Oklahoma, and South Central Climate Center.*

Grant Award:	\$125,000
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>

*Project Description. A cooperative coalition of tribes, the University of Oklahoma, the BIA and the South Central Climate Science Center to pilot five climate action plans, provide regional training and a vulnerability assessment for tribes in Oklahoma to enable participating tribes to create climate adaptation plans*

*Leveraged Benefit: Five tribes training and regional vulnerability assessment process framework will be offered as support for an additional 18 tribes in OK, cooperative support from the South Central Climate Science Center and the University of Oklahoma.*

Oklahoma (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Markwayne Mullin, Tom Cole and Steve Russell  
Senators: James M. Inhofe and James Lankford

**Create a Strategic Climate Adaptation Plan**

*Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation*

Grant Award:	\$287,028
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$287,028</b>

*Project Description. Expand the climate change analysis in the Tribe's Integrated Resource Management Plan to encompass health, first foods, and*

*Leveraged Benefit: Four Tribes in the Upper Columbia United Tribes organization will receive the output of the vulnerability assessment.*

Washington (5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Senators: Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

**Tribal Climate Vulnerability Assessment Pilot Program for Eight Tribes in the Coalition.**

*Native American Protection Coalition*

Grant Award:	\$73,360
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$73,360</b>

*Project Description:*

*Leveraged Benefit: Pechanga, La Jolla, Pala, La Posta, Santa Rosa, Rincon, Santa Ysabel, and Manzanita with vulnerability assessments and templates available as guides for an additional 24 member tribes. Partnership support from Climate Education Partnership of the University of San Diego, US Environmental Protection Agency grant will also support the outcomes.*

California (36<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Raul Ruiz, Darrel E. Issa, Scott H. Peters  
Senators: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

**Tribal Government Adaptation Plan and Vulnerability Assessment Template**

**North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California**

Grant Award:	\$26,426
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$26,426</b>

*Project Description: Vulnerability Assessment and development of a strategic climate adaptation plan*

*Leveraged Benefit: Will provide adaptation plan vulnerability assessment template to 3 other Western Mono tribes, Tule River Indian Tribe, Cold Springs Rancheria of Mono Indians of California, and the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians of California*

California (4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Tom McClintock  
Senators: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

**Strategic Plan for Sea Level Rise and Climate Change**

**Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head**

Grant Award:	\$66,098
Matching Funds:	\$54,734
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$120,832</b>

*Project Description: Create a strategic plan for climate change adaptation and identify management strategies, including tribal programs for land use, natural resources, historic preservation, planning health, education, and human services.*

*Leveraged Benefit: The tribe will commit matching funds.*

Massachusetts (9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: William Keating  
Senators: Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey

**Klamath Basin Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Climate Change Science Internship**

**Quartz Valley Indian Reservation**

Grant Award:	\$116,600
Matching Funds:	\$36,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$152,600</b>

*Project Description: Integrate western science and traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) for climate change planning and adaptation in the Klamath Basin*

*Leveraged Benefit: Hoopa Valley Tribe, Karuk Tribe, Klamath Tribes of Oregon, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation, Resighini Rancheria and Yurok Tribe.*

California (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Jared Huffman  
Senators: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

**Tools & Network Development for Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Planning**

Grant Award:	\$86,819
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<b>Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah</b>	<b>Matching Funds:</b> \$0,000 <b>Total Project Funds:</b> \$86,819
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*Project Description: Enhance tribe's current investment in a decision support tool needed to complete a Shivwits Paiute Band Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment.*

*Leveraged Benefit: Providing climate tools to five additional Southern Paiute Tribes (Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians, Moapa Band of Paiute Indians, and San Juan Southern Paiute Indians), and Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Southern Rockies Landscape Conservation Cooperative partners.*

Utah (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Chris Stewart  
Senators: Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee

**Development of a Climate Adaptation Plan, Vulnerability Assessment**

<b>Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria</b>	<b>Grant Award:</b> \$22,291 <b>Matching Funds:</b> \$17,709 <b>Total Project Funds:</b> \$40,471
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*Project Description:*

*Leveraged Benefit: The Tribe aligned grant with Environmental Protection Agency General Assistance Program funding to advance the planning process. In addition, the Tribe will partner with the North Olympic Peninsula Resource Conservation and Development Council (share planning products with other tribes in the three country area with similar ecosystems (potentially 8 tribes)).*

California (6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Doris O. Matsui  
Senators: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

**North Olympic Peninsula Climate Impacts Assessment and Makah Climate Action Plan**

<b>Makah Indian Tribe</b>	<b>Grant Award:</b> \$156,761 <b>Matching Funds:</b> \$14,416 <b>Total Project Funds:</b> \$171,177
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*Project Description: Coordinate a partnership with N. Olympic Peninsula land managers for a collaborative climate impact assessment and follow up with the development of a tribal Adaptation Plan.*

*Leveraged Benefit: The Tribe aligned grant with Environmental Protection Agency General Assistance Program funding to advance the planning process. Collaborative will invite tribes (Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and Lower Elwha Tribal Community), and the N. Olympic Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development council (2 counties, 6 cities, the, and citizen groups to participate in the impact assessment*

Washington (6th Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Derek Kilmer  
Senators: Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

**Develop a Climate Action Plan for Kansas Tribes**

*Kickapoo Tribe of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas*

Grant Award:	\$52,655
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$52,655</b>

*Project Description: Climate adaptation initiative to determine the current and projected impacts of climate change on the Kickapoo community and reservation and prioritize key areas for adaptation management, culminating in the development of a Kansas tribal adaptation plan*

*Leveraged Benefit: Coordinate with the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska to develop a Kansas wide adaptation plan. University cooperators will provide interns to support the project and develop the next generation of tribal managers and leaders*

Kansas (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Lynn Jenkins  
Senators: Pat Roberts and Jerry Moran

**Tribal Climate Adaptation Plan**

*Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation*

Grant Award:	\$99,756
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$99,756</b>

*Project Description: Strategic adaptation planning process to include emergency management and response, traditional ecological knowledge and integrate tribal program's climate change planning.*

*Leveraged Benefit: Partners include Stone Child College and the University of Montana. Planning framework to be offered to area tribes.*

Montana (at large)  
House of Representatives: Ryan K. Zinke  
Senators: Jon Tester and Steve Daines

**Fish & Wildlife Vulnerability Assessment and Web-Based Tribal Govt. Adaptation Planning Tool Development, and Adaptation Plan.**

*Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe*

Grant Award:	\$100,000
Matching Funds:	\$40,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>

*Project Description: Comprehensive adaptation planning process including conducting a climate change vulnerability assessment including sea level rise, development of a web-based "Tribal Government Adaptation Planning Tool" capable of rapid climate exposure, culminating in an adaptation plan to address economic and resilience concerns of the tribe.*

*Leveraged Benefit: Planning Tool will support 17 area tribes with analysis tool and framework. Partners include Hood Canal Coordinating Council, Point No Point Treaty Council, Puget Sound Partnership and the University of Washington's Climate Change Impacts Group.*

Washington (6th Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Derek Kilmer  
Senators: Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

**Tribal Adaptation Plan**

*Seneca Nation of Indians*

Grant Award:	\$22,100
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$22,100</b>

*Project Description: The Seneca Nation implement a comprehensive adaptation planning process to creating an adaptation plan and requested only travel support for the project.*

*Leveraged Benefit: The Nation will commit significant staff time to the project but chose not to list the value.*

New York (27th Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Chris Collins  
Senators: Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten E. Gillibrand

**Capacity Building: Travel Support for Technical Sessions & Coordination:**

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**Travel Support for Regional Workshop and Technical Sessions.**

*Forest County Potawatomi Community*

Grant Award:	\$6,215
Matching Funds:	\$6,119
Total Project Funds:	\$12,334

Wisconsin (8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Reid Ribble  
Senators: Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin

**Travel Support for Regional Workshops and Technical Sessions.**

*Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma*

Grant Award:	\$2,725
Matching Funds:	\$ 0.00
Total Project Funds:	\$2,725

Oklahoma (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Markwayne Mullin  
Senators: James M. Inhofe and James Lankford

**Travel Support for Climate Adaptation Training**

*Native Village of St. Michael*

Grant Award:	\$5,000
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
Total Project Funds:	\$5,000

Alaska (at large)  
House of Representatives: Don Young  
Senators: Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions**

*Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation*

Grant Award:	\$5,868
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
Total Project Funds:	\$5,868

Idaho (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Michael Simpson  
Senators: Mike Crapo and James E. Risch

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions, Adaptation Training and Participation in Climate Science Center and Landscape Conservation Cooperative Workgroups**

*Quapaw Tribe of Indians*

Grant Award:	\$7,183
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$7,183</b>

Oklahoma (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Markwayne Mullin  
Senators: James M. Inhofe and James Lankford

**Travel Support for Training**

*Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation*

Grant Award:	\$9,063
Matching Funds:	\$65,610
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$74,673</b>

Montana (at large)  
House of Representatives: Ryan K. Zinke  
Senators: Jon Tester and Steve Daines

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions**

*Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria*

Grant Award:	\$10,000
Matching Funds:	\$10,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

California (1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Doug LaMalfa  
Senators: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions and Forums**

*Oglala Sioux Tribe*

Grant Award:	\$10,000
Matching Funds:	\$10,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

South Dakota (at large)  
House of Representatives: Kristi Noem  
Senators: John Thune and Mike Rounds

**Travel Support for Adaptation Training Technical Session**

*Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians of California*

Grant Award:	\$10,267
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$10,267</b>

California (1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Doug LaMalfa

Senators: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions and to Participate  
in Climate Science Center Activities**

*Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma*

Grant Award:	\$13,529
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$13,529</b>

Oklahoma (5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Steve Russell  
Senators: James M. Inhofe and James Lankford

**Travel Support for Training and Technical Sessions**

*The Chickasaw Nation*

Grant Award:	\$14,732
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$14,732</b>

Oklahoma (4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Tom Cole  
Senators: James M. Inhofe and James Lankford

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions**

*Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation*

Grant Award:	\$15,000
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

Washington (4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Dan Newhouse  
Senators: Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

**Travel Support for Training**

*Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin*

Grant Award:	\$15,737
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$15,737</b>

Wisconsin (8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Reid Ribble  
Senators: Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin

**Travel Support for Training and Technical Sessions**

*Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*

Grant Award:	\$16,724
Matching Funds:	\$4,063
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$20,787</b>

Minnesota (8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Richard M. Nolan  
Senators: Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken



**Travel Support for Technical Sessions and Participation in  
Landscape Conservation Cooperative Activities**

Grant Award:	\$17,848
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
Total Project Funds:	\$17,848

*Omaha Tribe of Nebraska*

Nebraska (1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Jeff Fortenberry  
Senators: Deb Fischer and Ben Sasse

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions**

*Swinomish Indians of the Swinomish Reservation of  
Washington*

Grant Award:	\$19,282
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
Total Project Funds:	\$19,282

Washington (2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Rick Larsen  
Senators: Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions**

*Smith River Rancheria*

Grant Award:	\$19,877
Matching Funds:	\$13,169
Total Project Funds:	\$30,046

California (1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Doug LaMalfa  
Senators: Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions**

*Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*

Grant Award:	\$29,765
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
Total Project Funds:	\$29,765

Wisconsin (7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Sean P. Duffy  
Senators: Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin

**Travel Support for Climate Adaptation Training (16 tribes of the Council)**

*Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska for: Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Klawock Cooperative Association, Craig Tribal Association, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, Petersburg Indian Association, Organized Village of Kasaan, Wrangell Cooperative Association, Chilkat Indian Association, Chilkoot Indian Association, Hydaburg Cooperative Association, Ketchikan Indian Community, Douglas Indian Association, Hoonah Indian Association, Skagway Traditional Council, Organized Village of Kake*

Grant Award:	\$55,246
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$55,246</b>

Alaska (at large)  
House of Representatives: Don Young  
Senators: Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions, and Participation in Ocean Planning (2 award categories, climate and ocean)**

*Quinault Indian Nation*

Grant Award:	\$36,140
Matching Funds:	\$0,000
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$36,140</b>

Washington (6th Congressional District)  
House of Representatives: Derek Kilmer  
Senators: Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions on Climate Impact Ocean Resource Monitoring**

*Klawock Cooperative Association*

Grant Award:	\$4,000
Matching Funds:	\$1,726
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$5,726</b>

Alaska (at large)  
House of Representatives: Don Young  
Senators: Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions on Climate Impact Ocean Resource Monitoring**

*Yakutat Tlingit Tribe*

Grant Award:	\$4,952
Matching Funds:	\$1,904
<b>Total Project Funds:</b>	<b>\$6,856</b>

Alaska (at large)  
House of Representatives: Don Young  
Senators: Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions on Climate Impact  
Ocean Resource Monitoring**

*Petersburg Indian Association*

Grant Award:	\$5,320
Matching Funds:	<u>\$2,128</u>
Total Project Funds:	\$7,448

Alaska (at large)  
House of Representatives: Don Young  
Senators: Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan

**Travel Support for Technical Sessions on Climate Impact  
Ocean Resource Monitoring**

*Craig Tribal Association*

Grant Award:	\$8,292
Matching Funds:	<u>\$2,925</u>
Total Project Funds:	\$11,217

Alaska (at large)  
House of Representatives: Don Young  
Senators: Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan

**Travel Support for Ocean Planning Coordination Sessions**

*Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation*

Grant Award:	\$14,700
Matching Funds:	<u>\$0,000</u>
Total Project Funds:	\$14,700

Alaska (at large)  
House of Representatives: Don Young  
Senators: Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan



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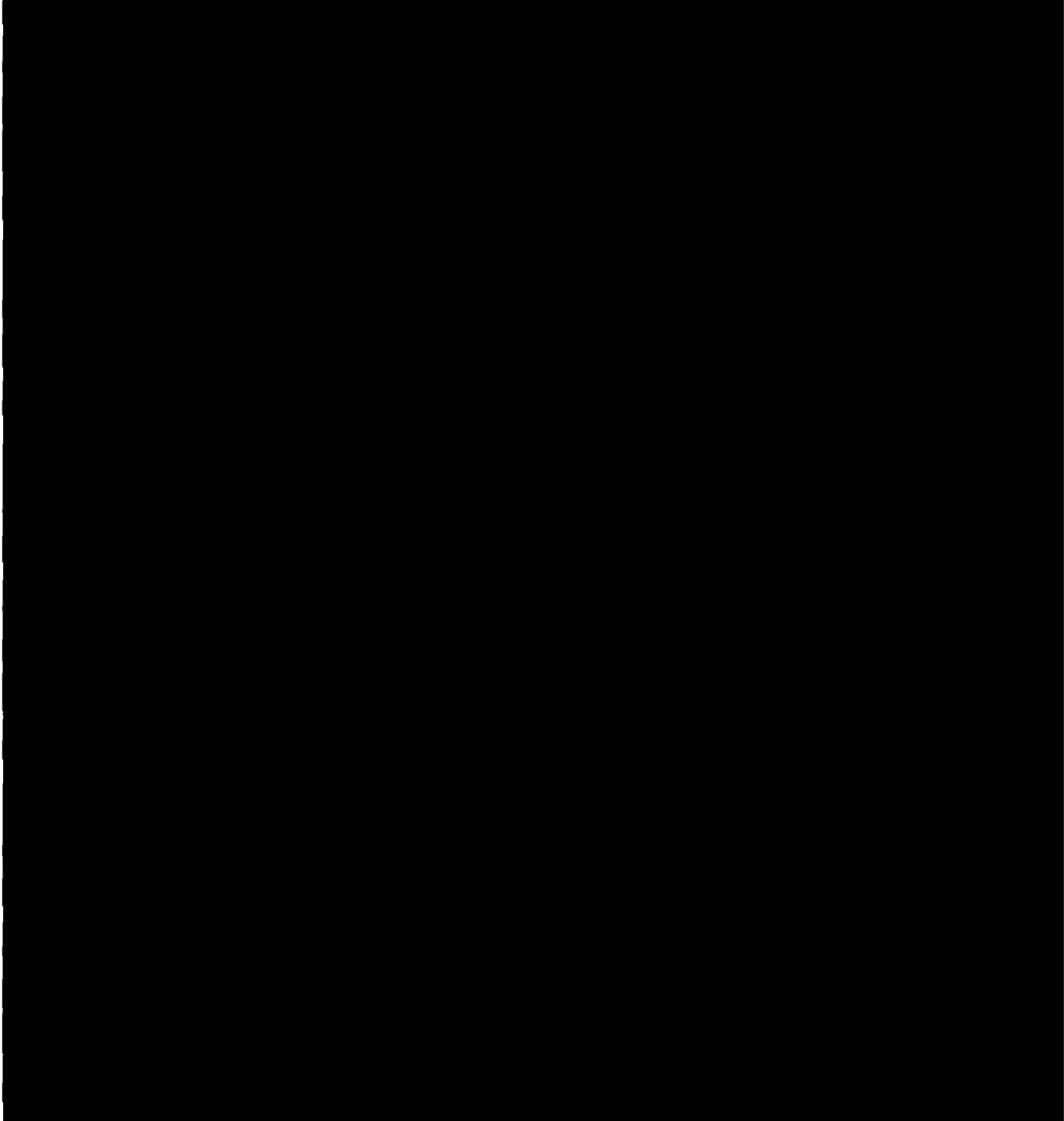
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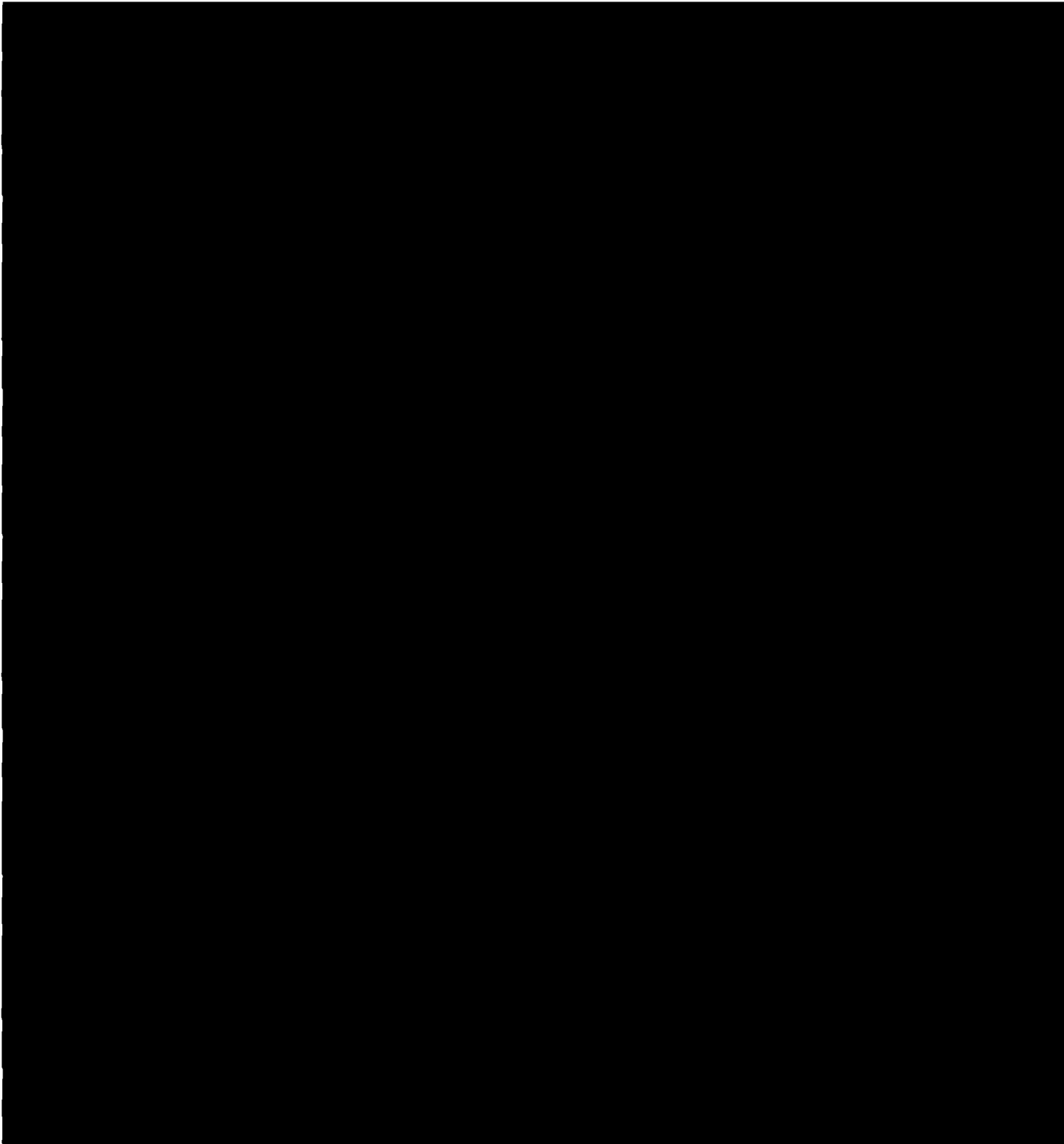
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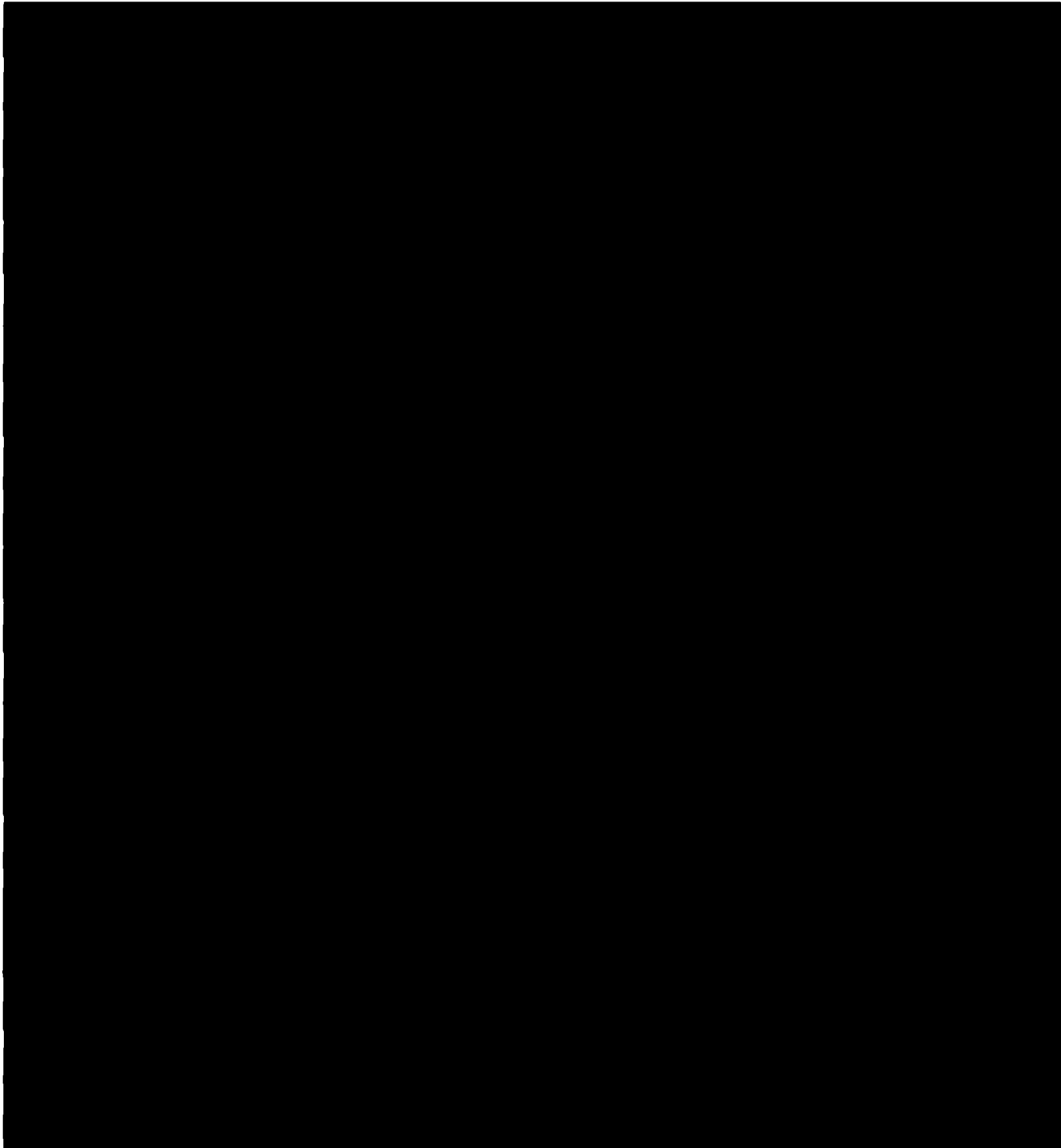
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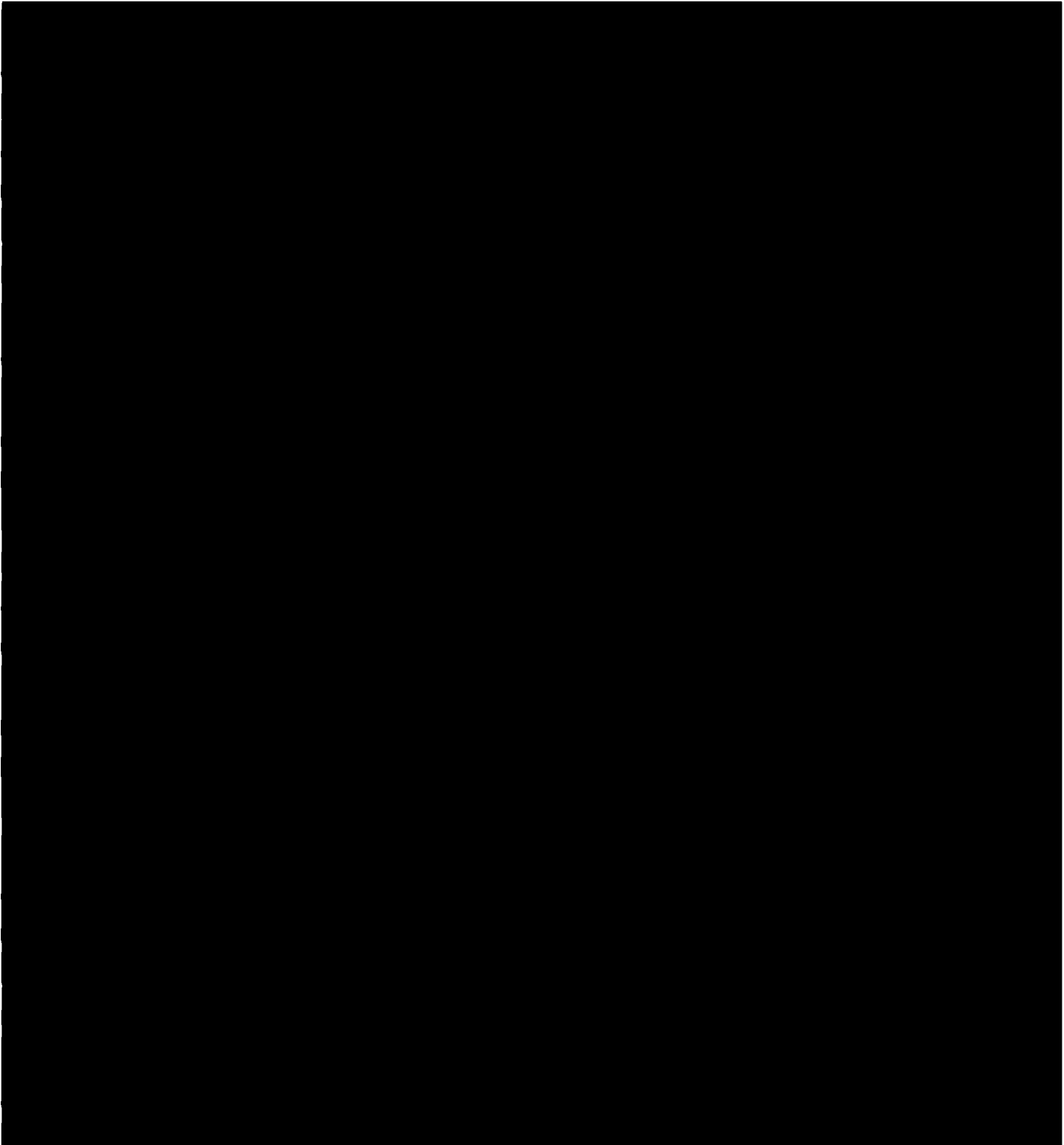


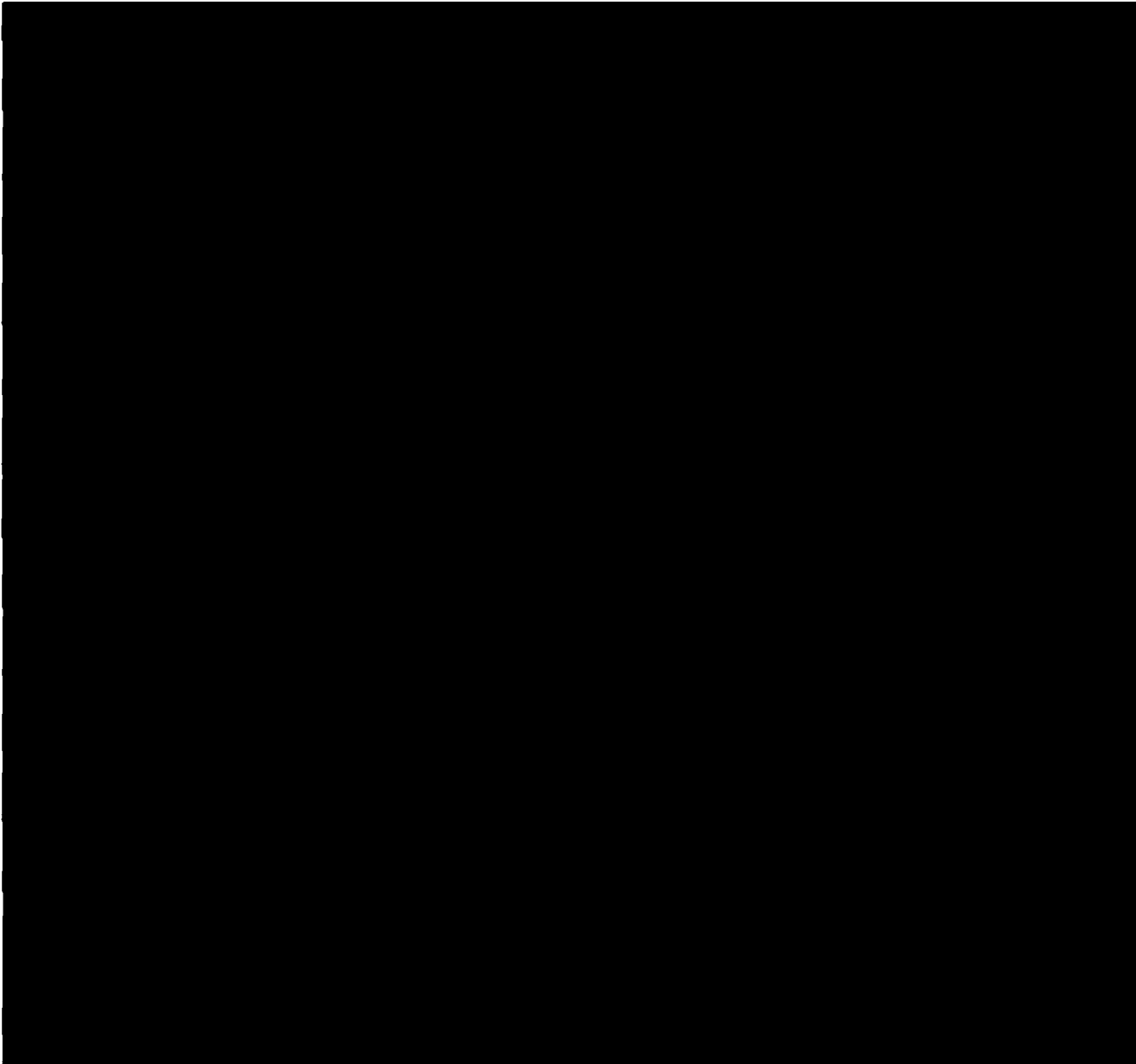
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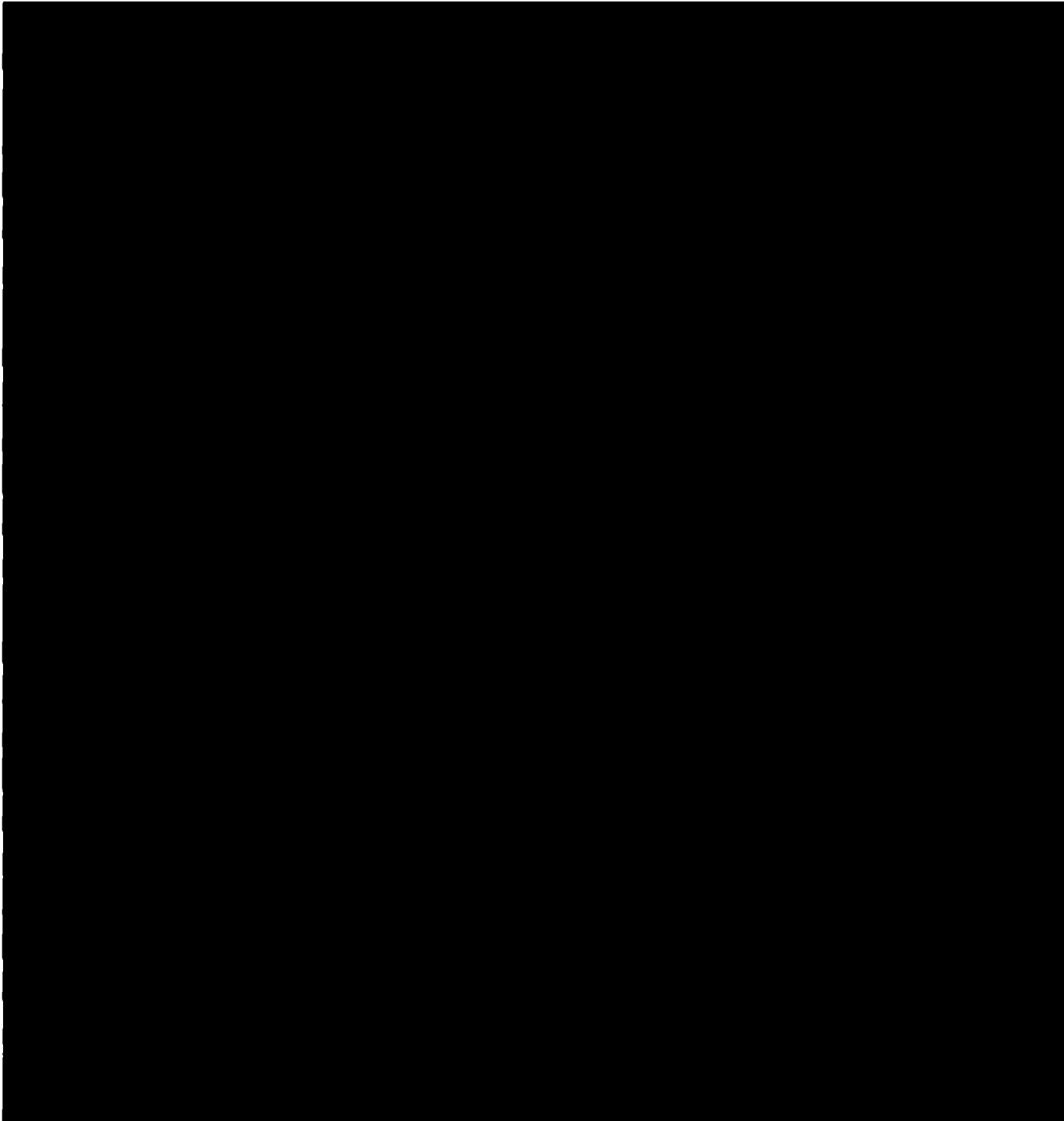


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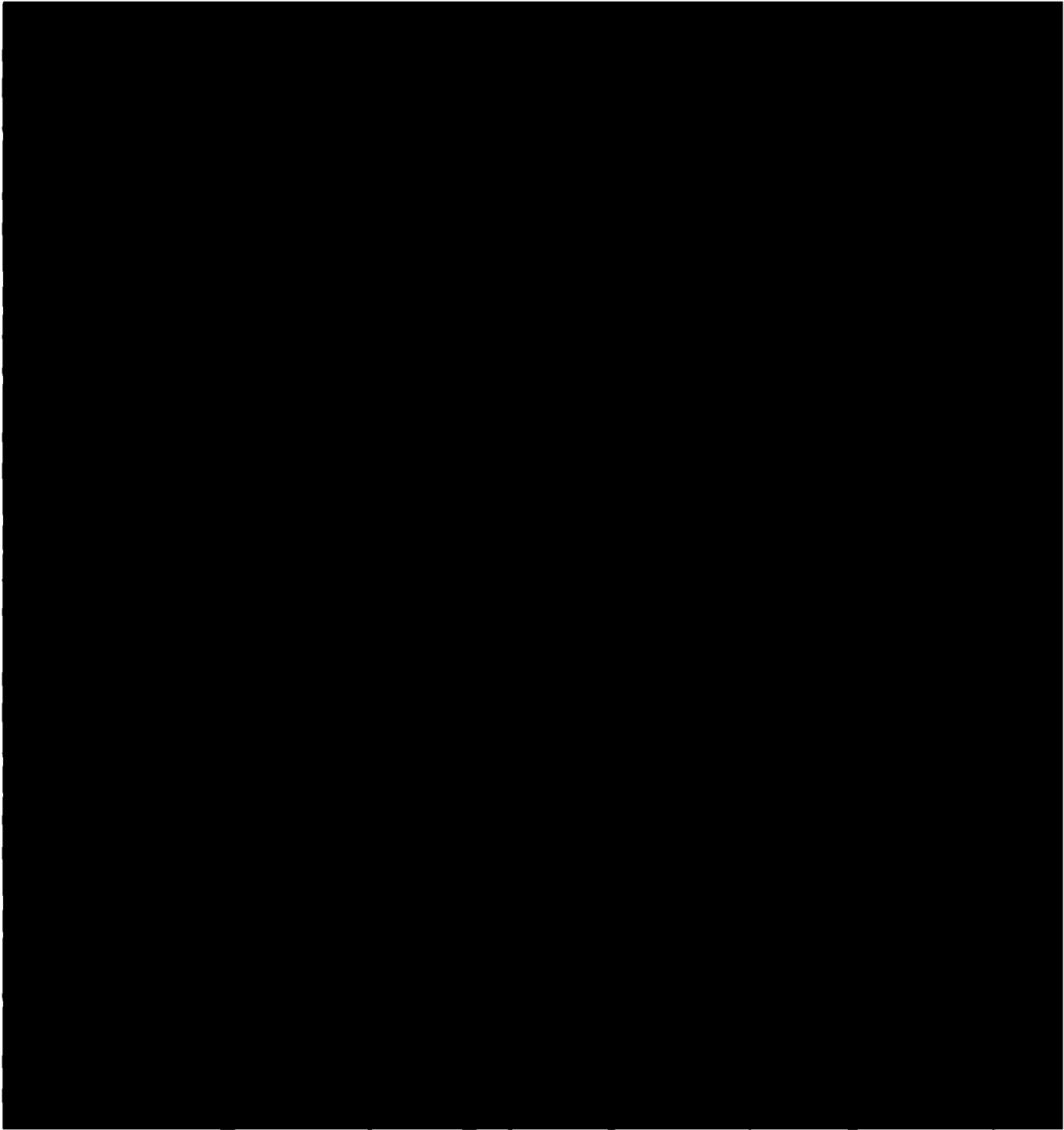




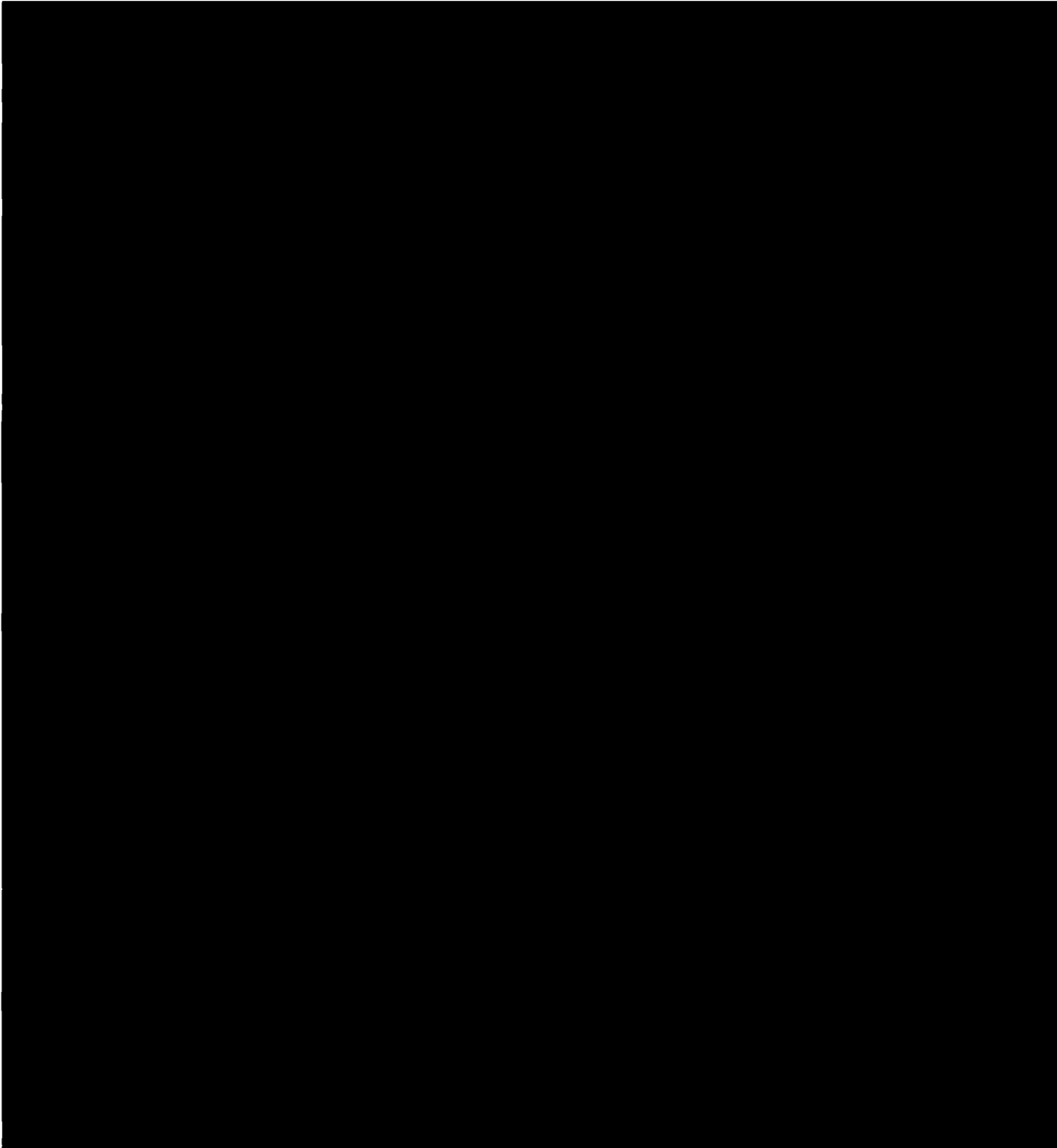
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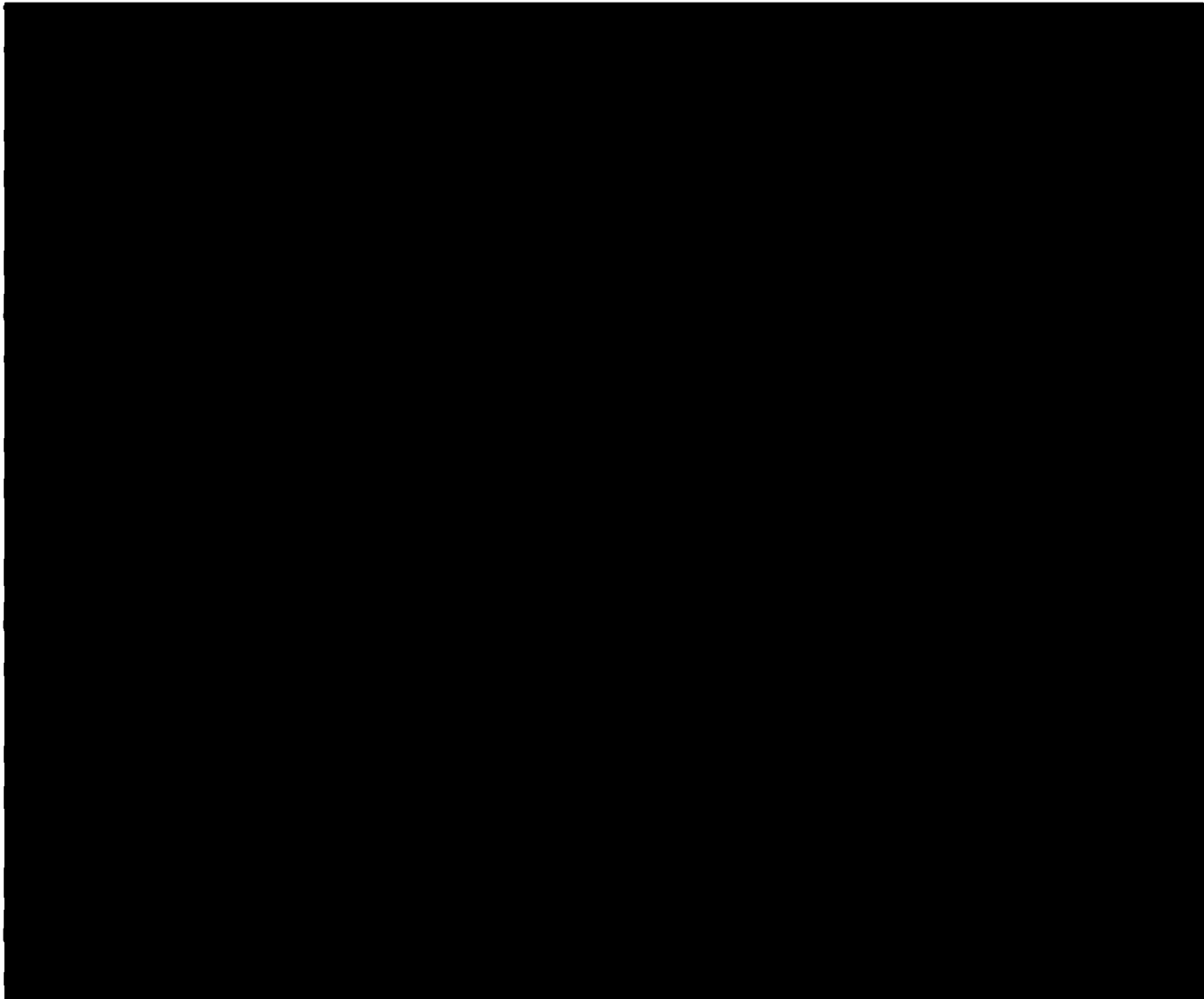


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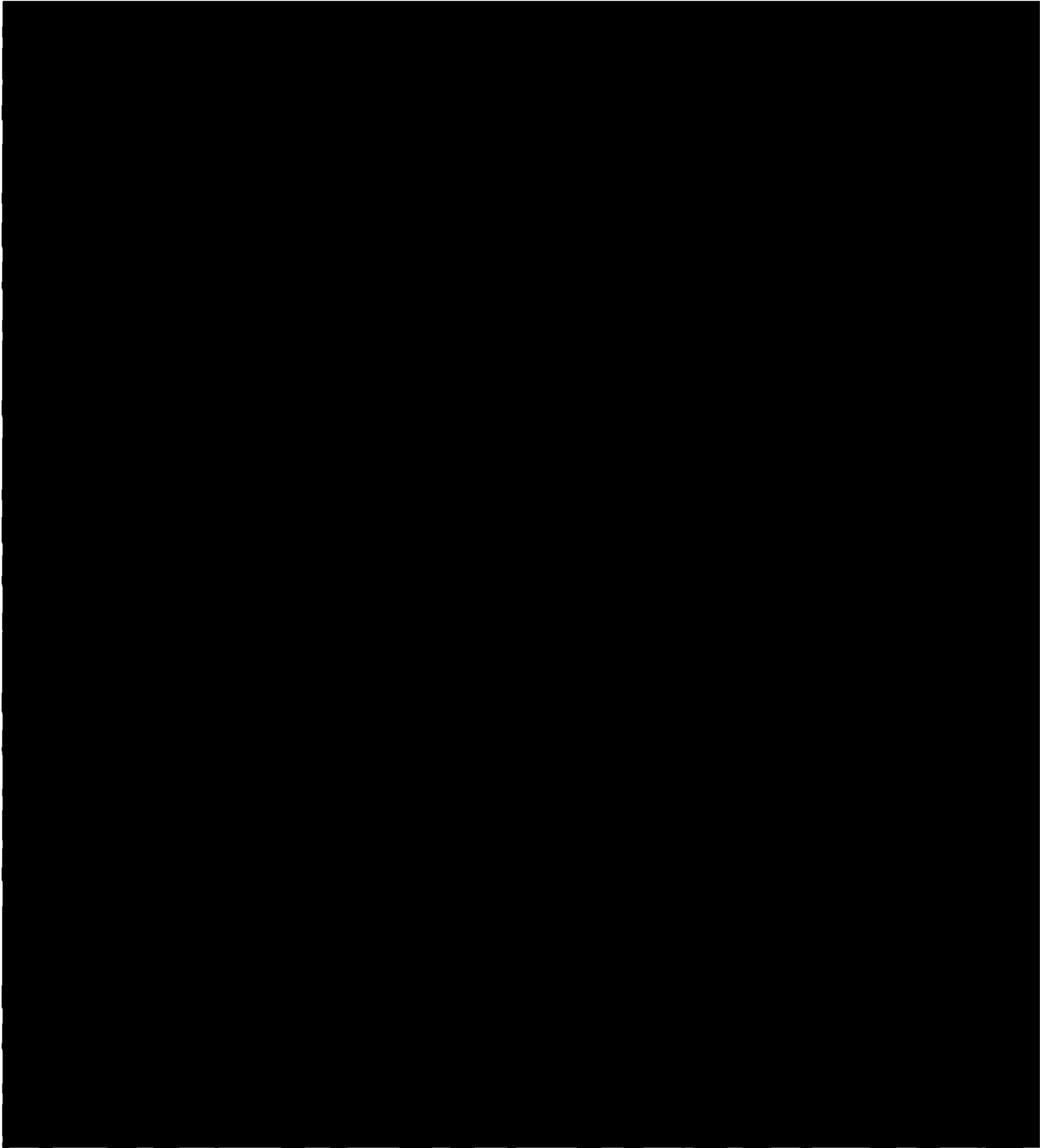


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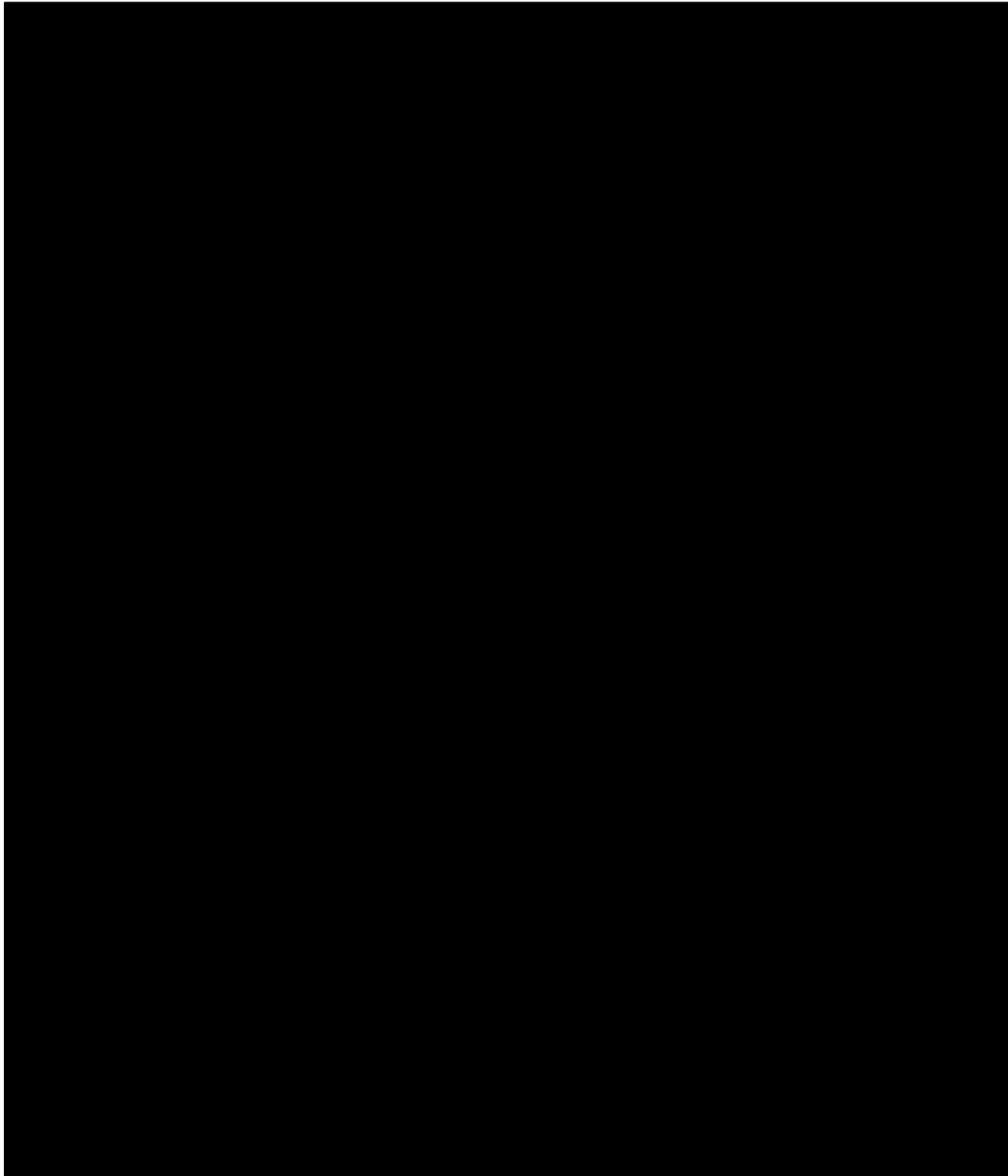


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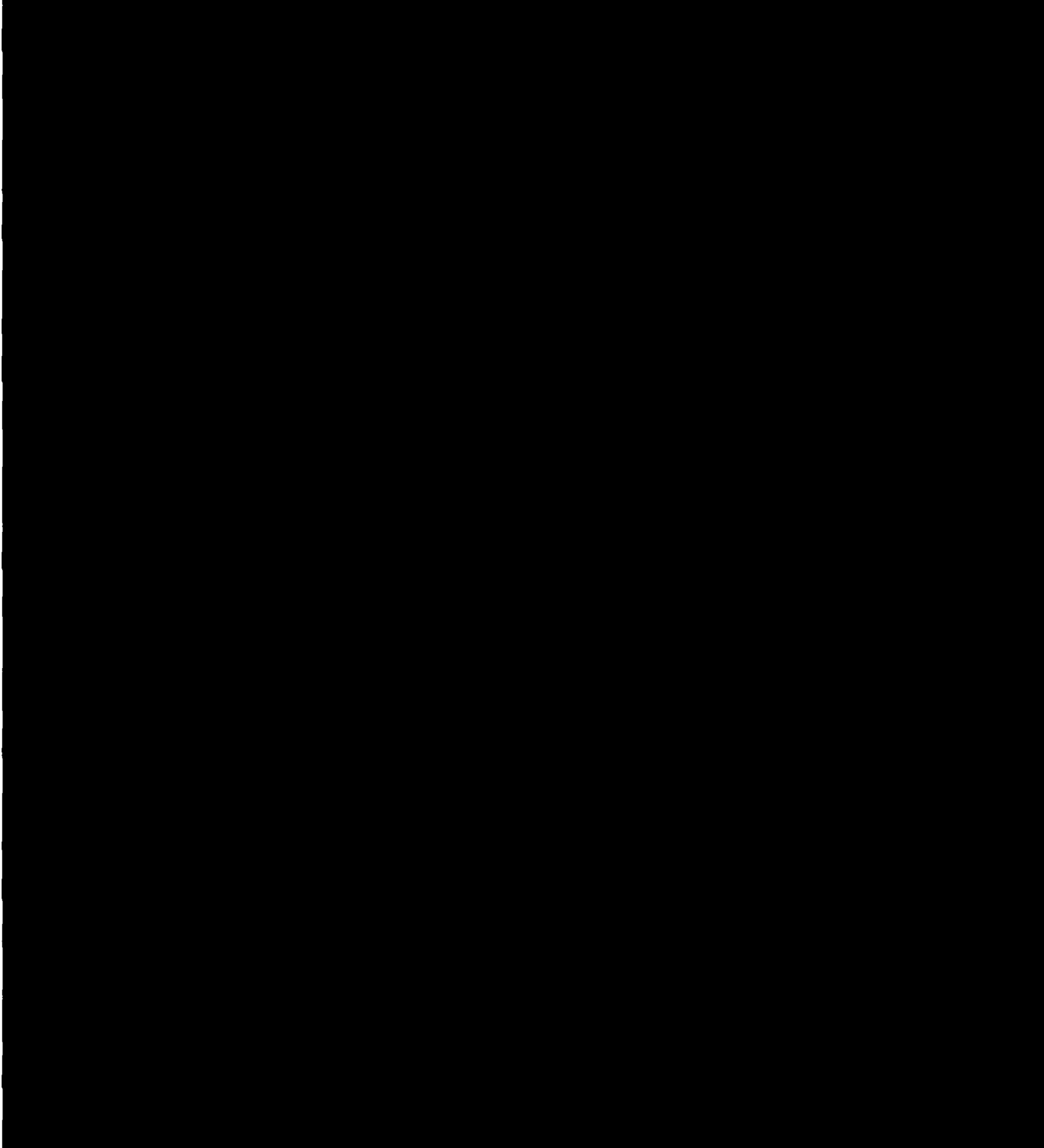
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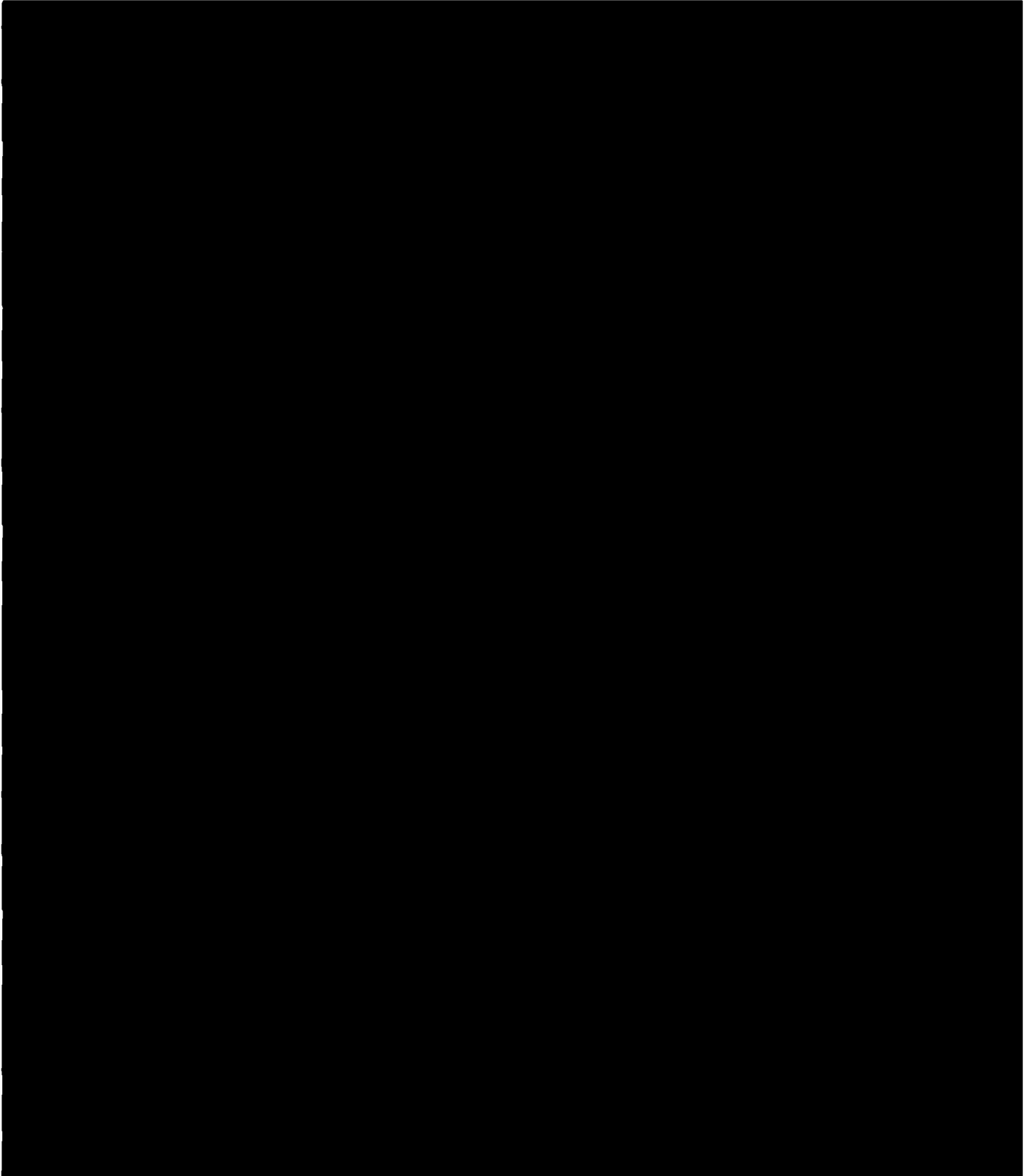




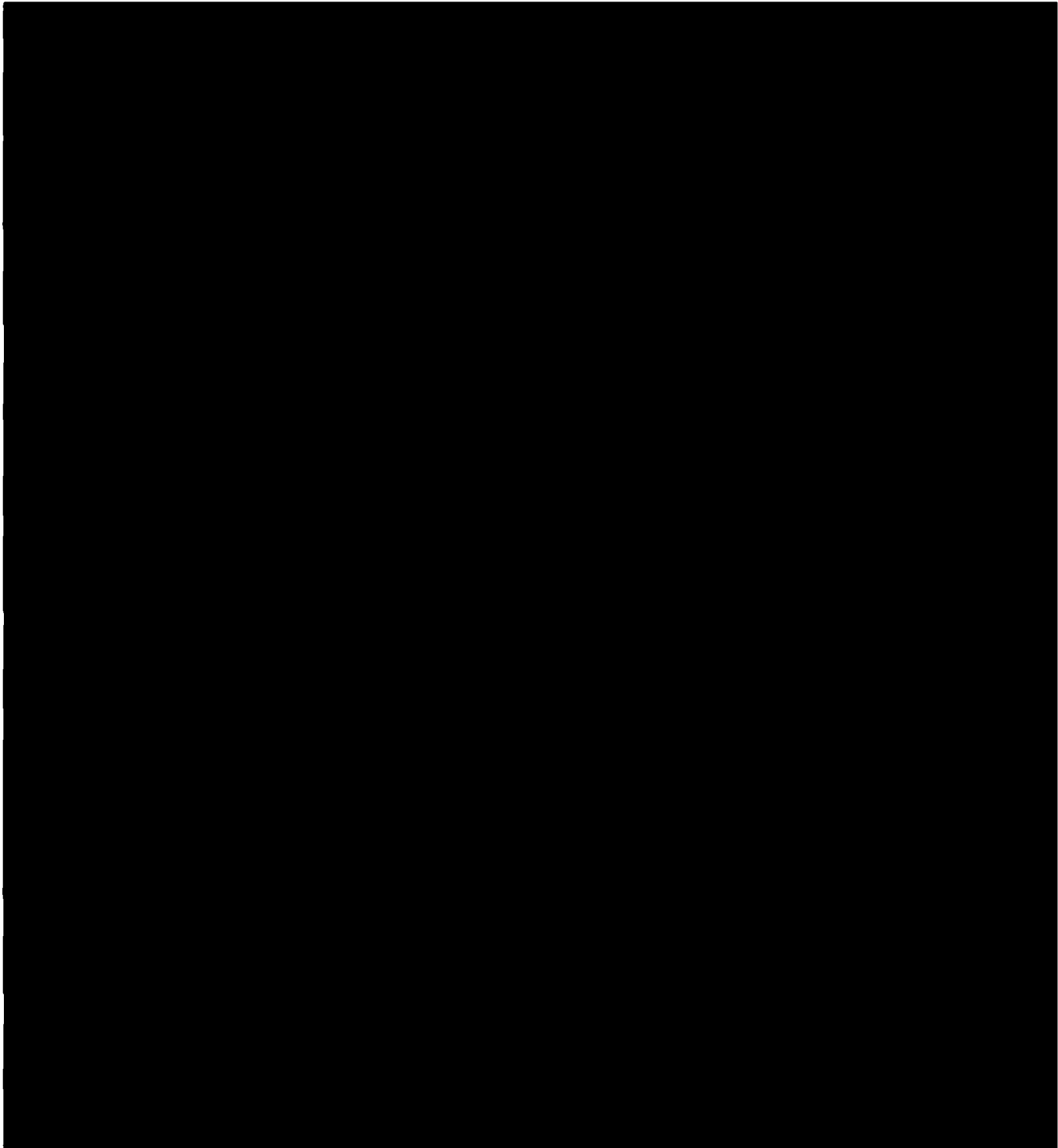
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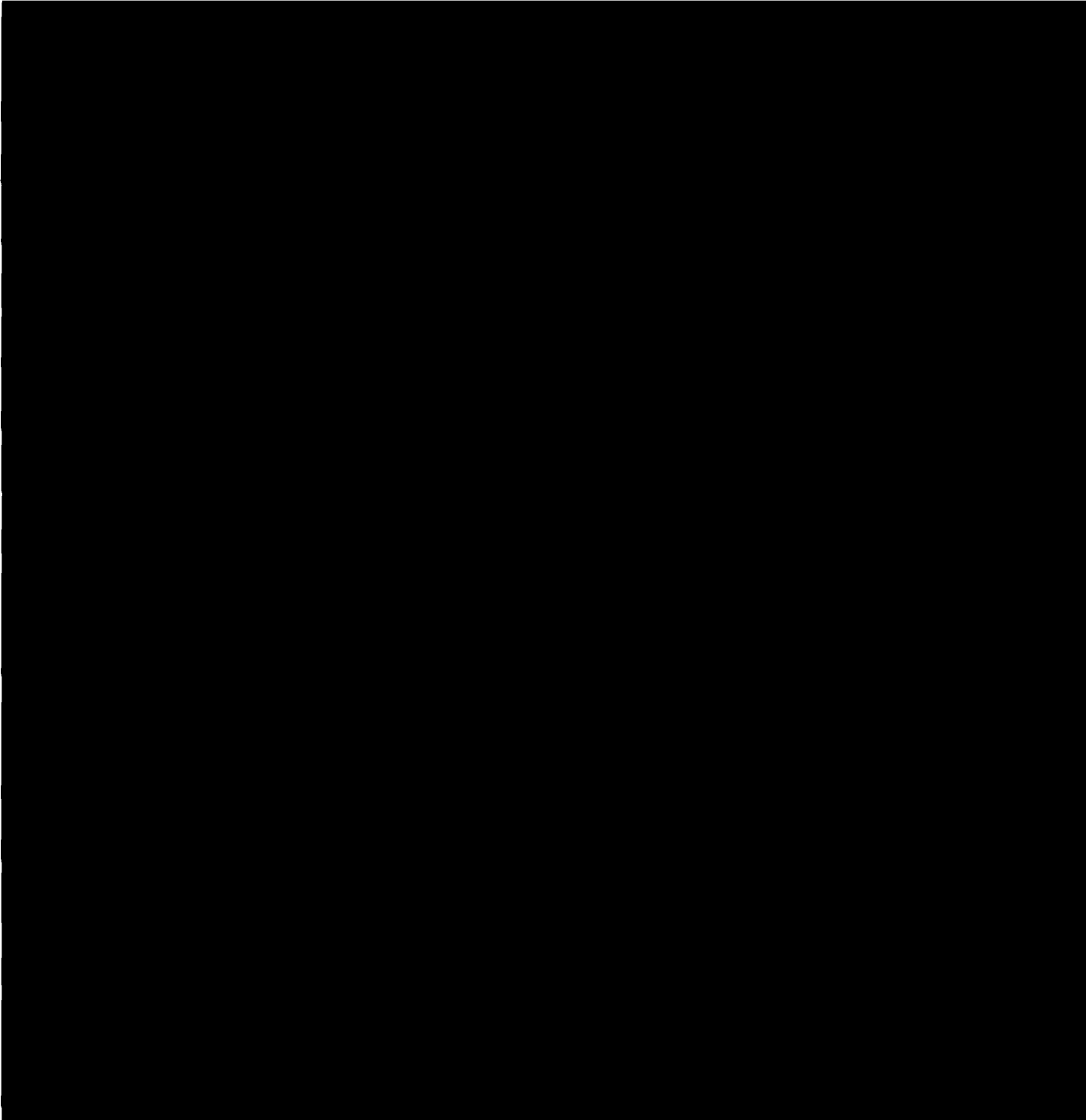
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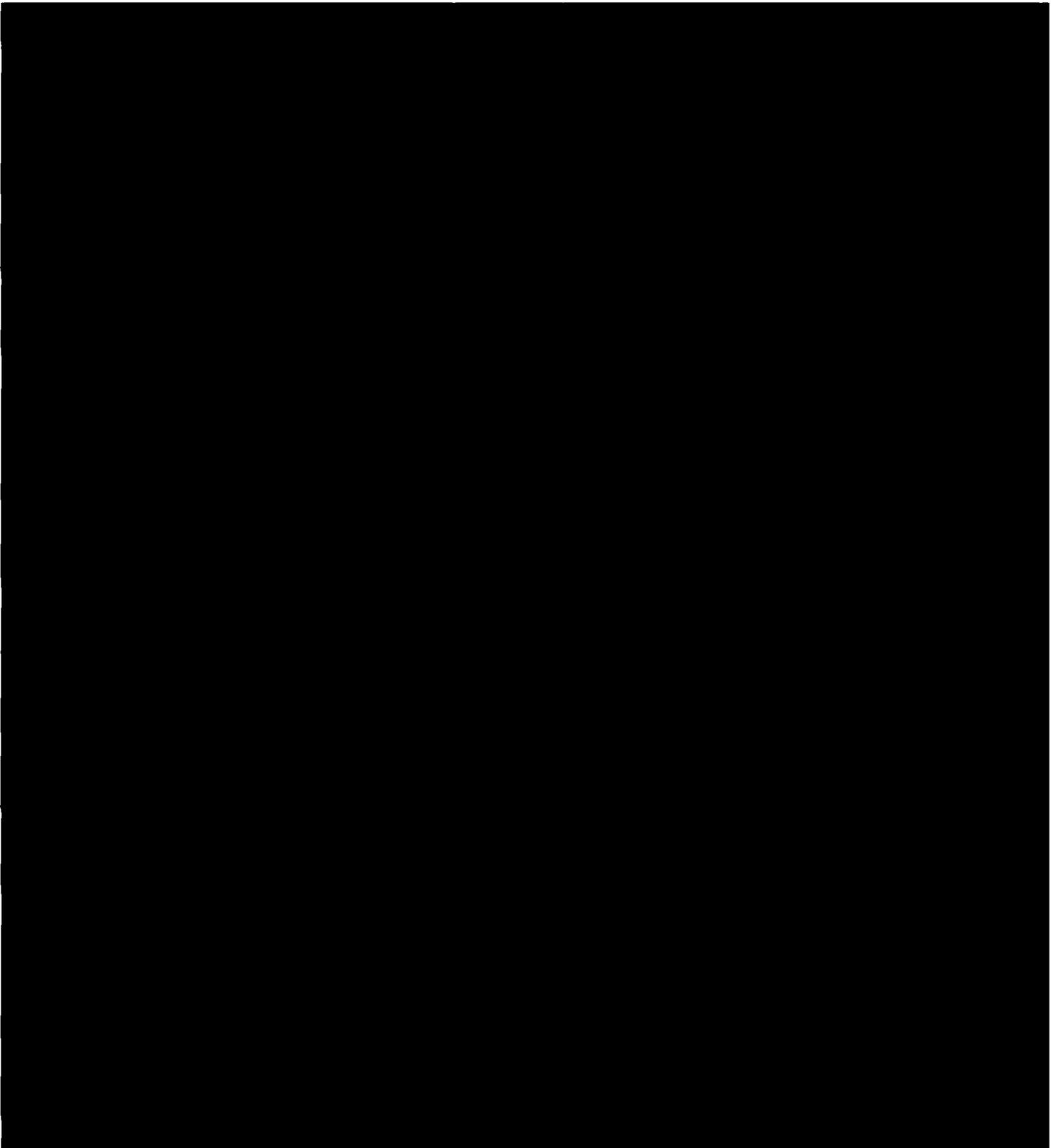
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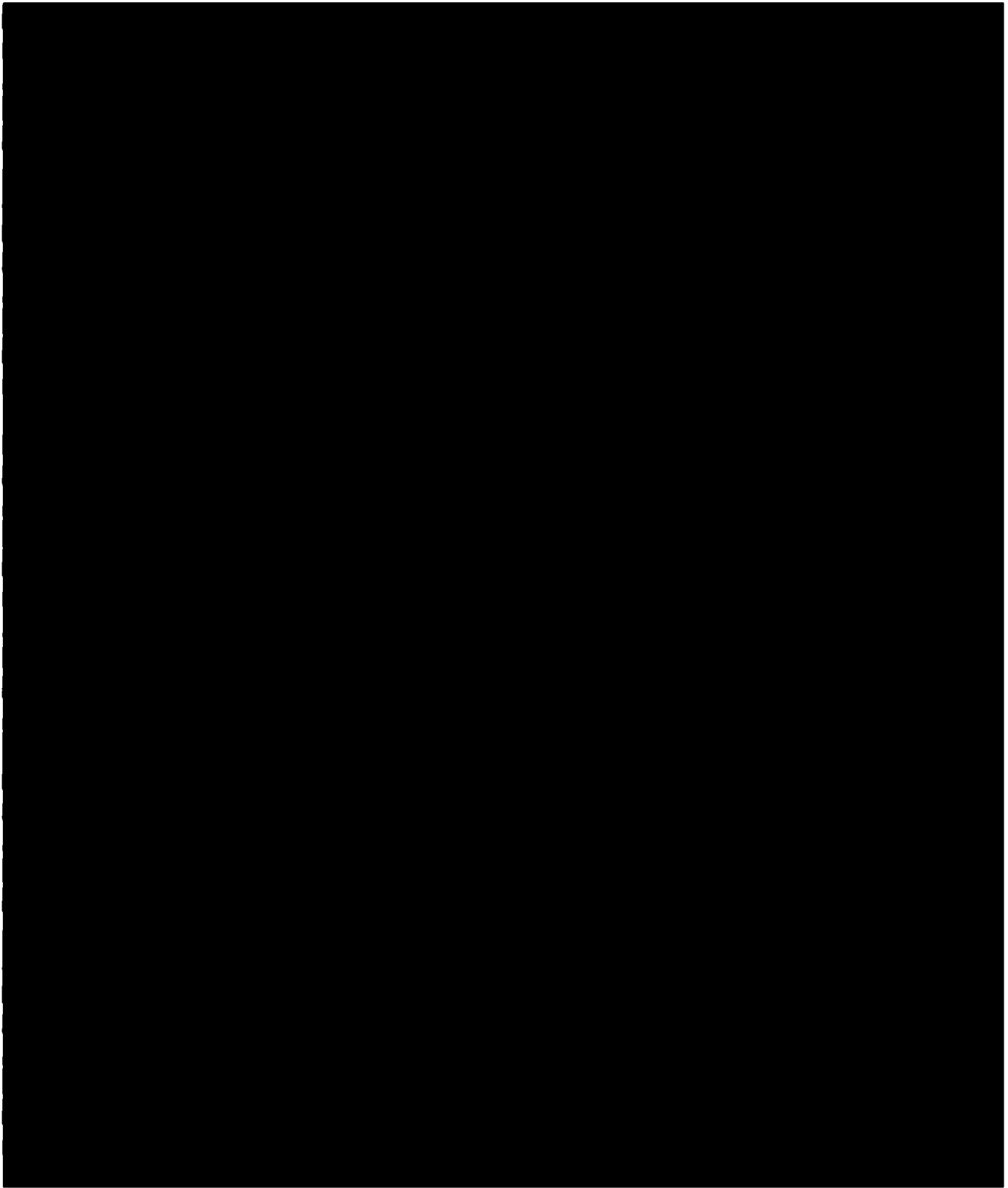
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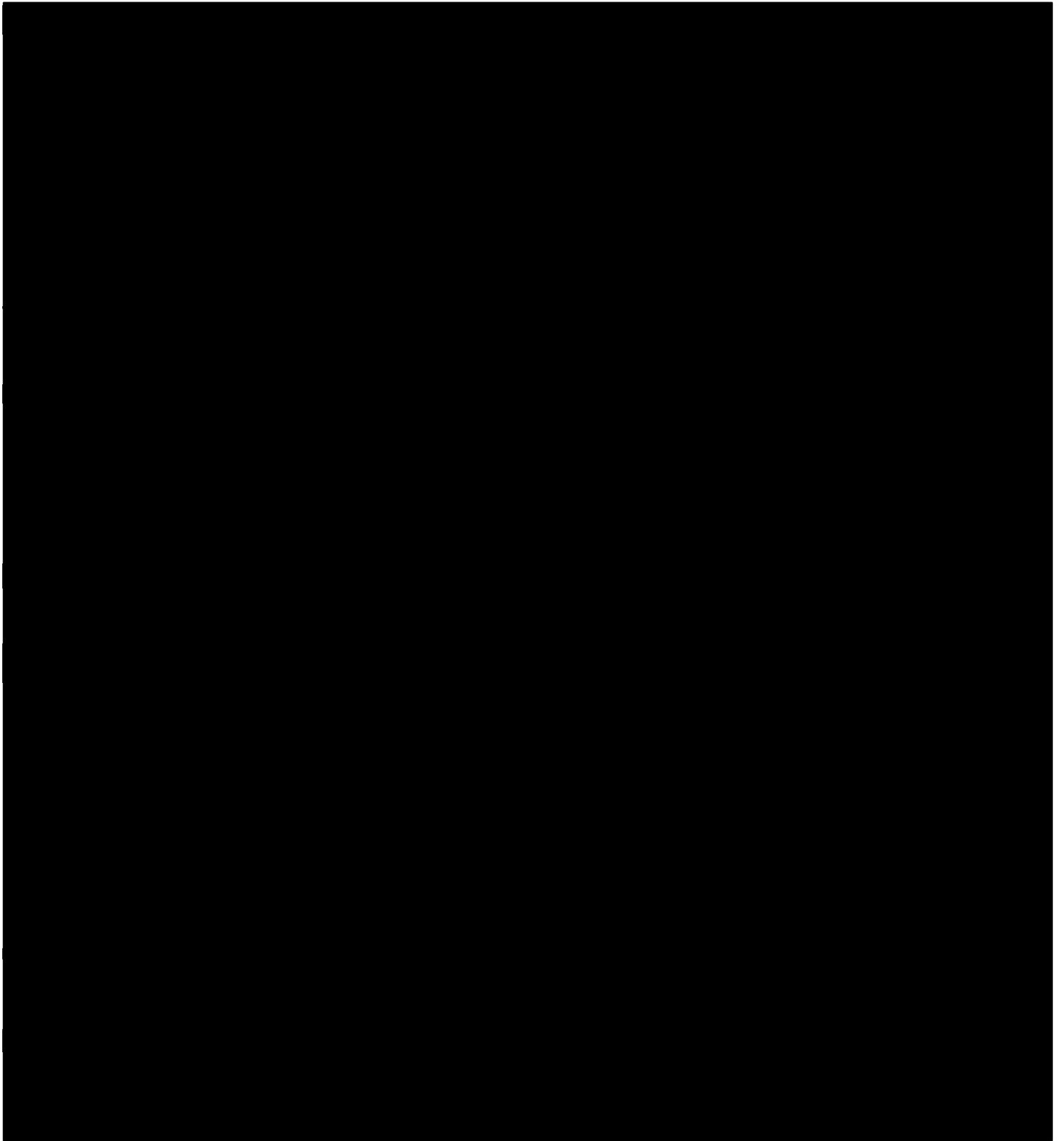
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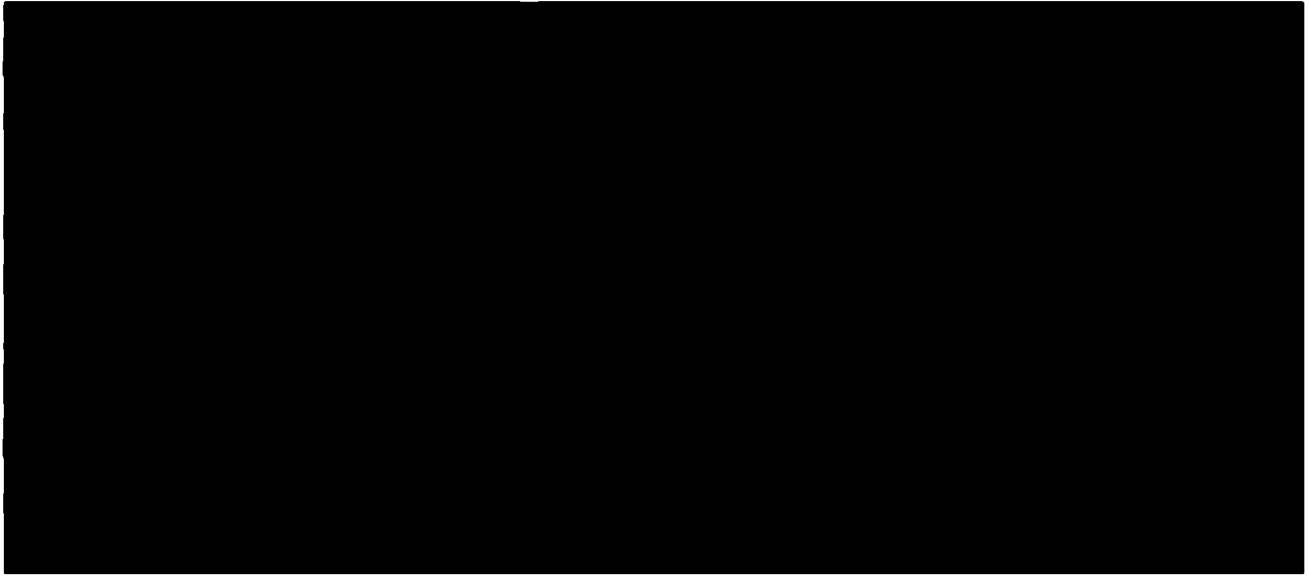
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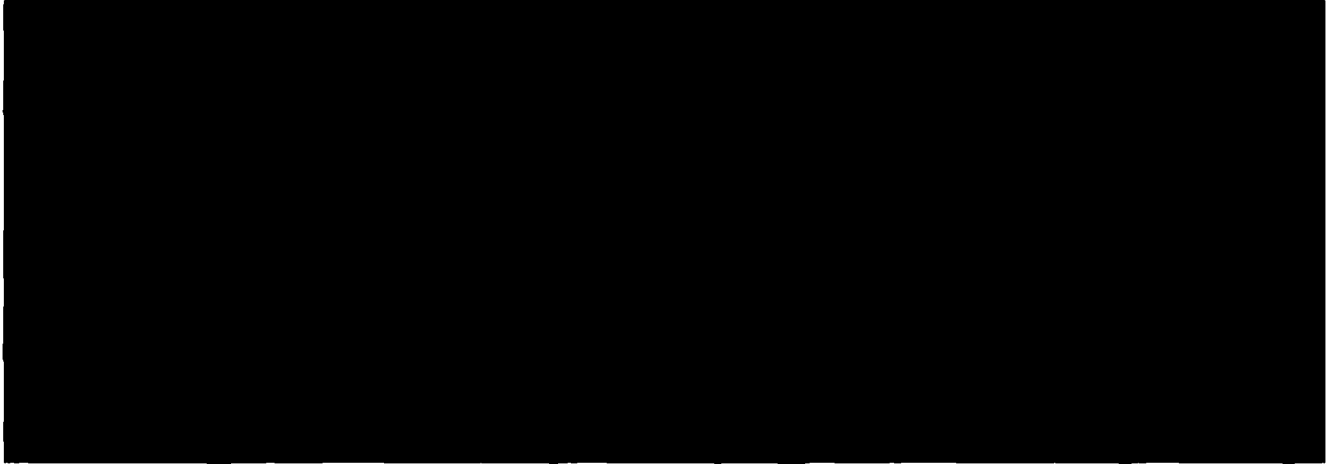


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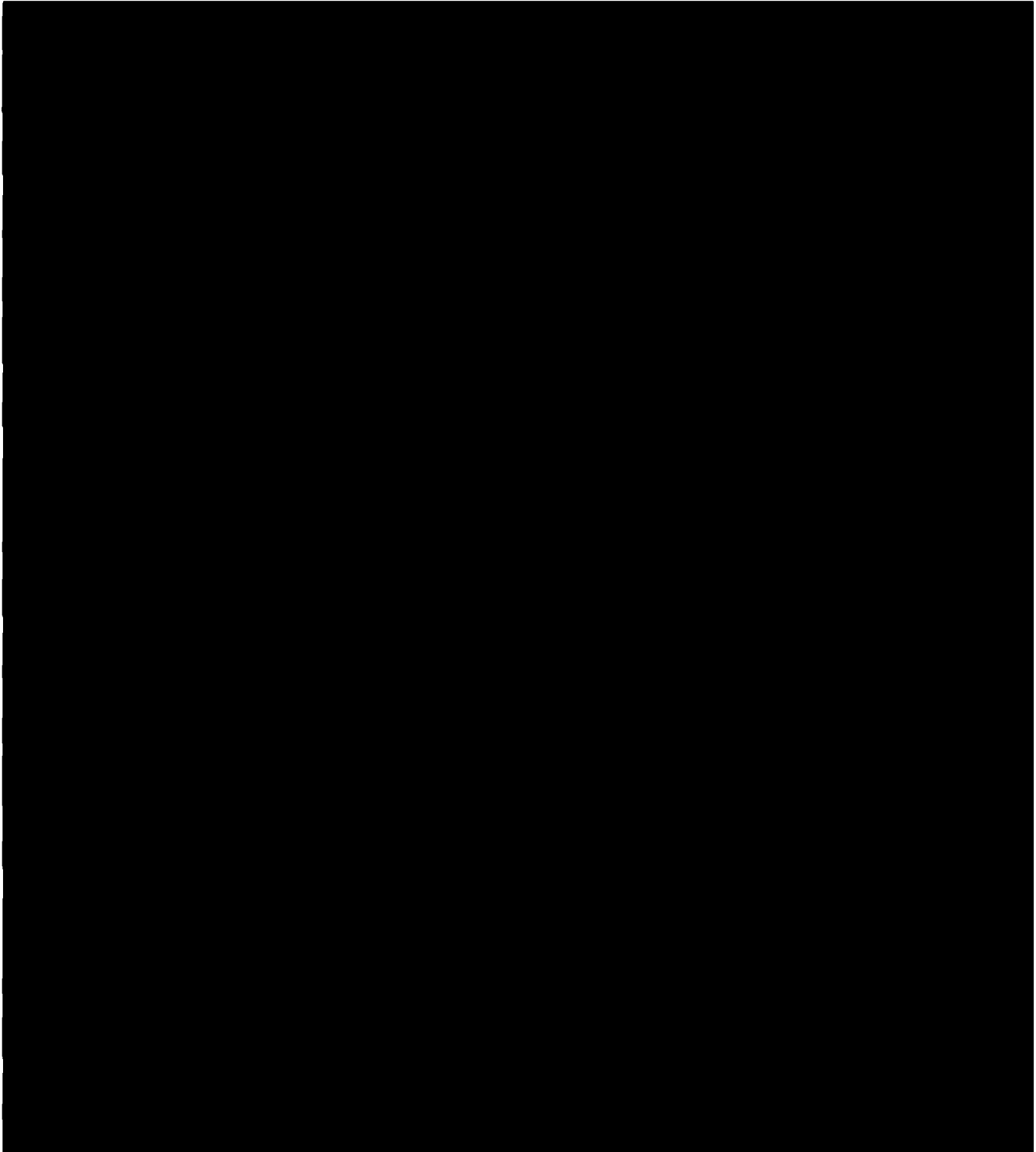
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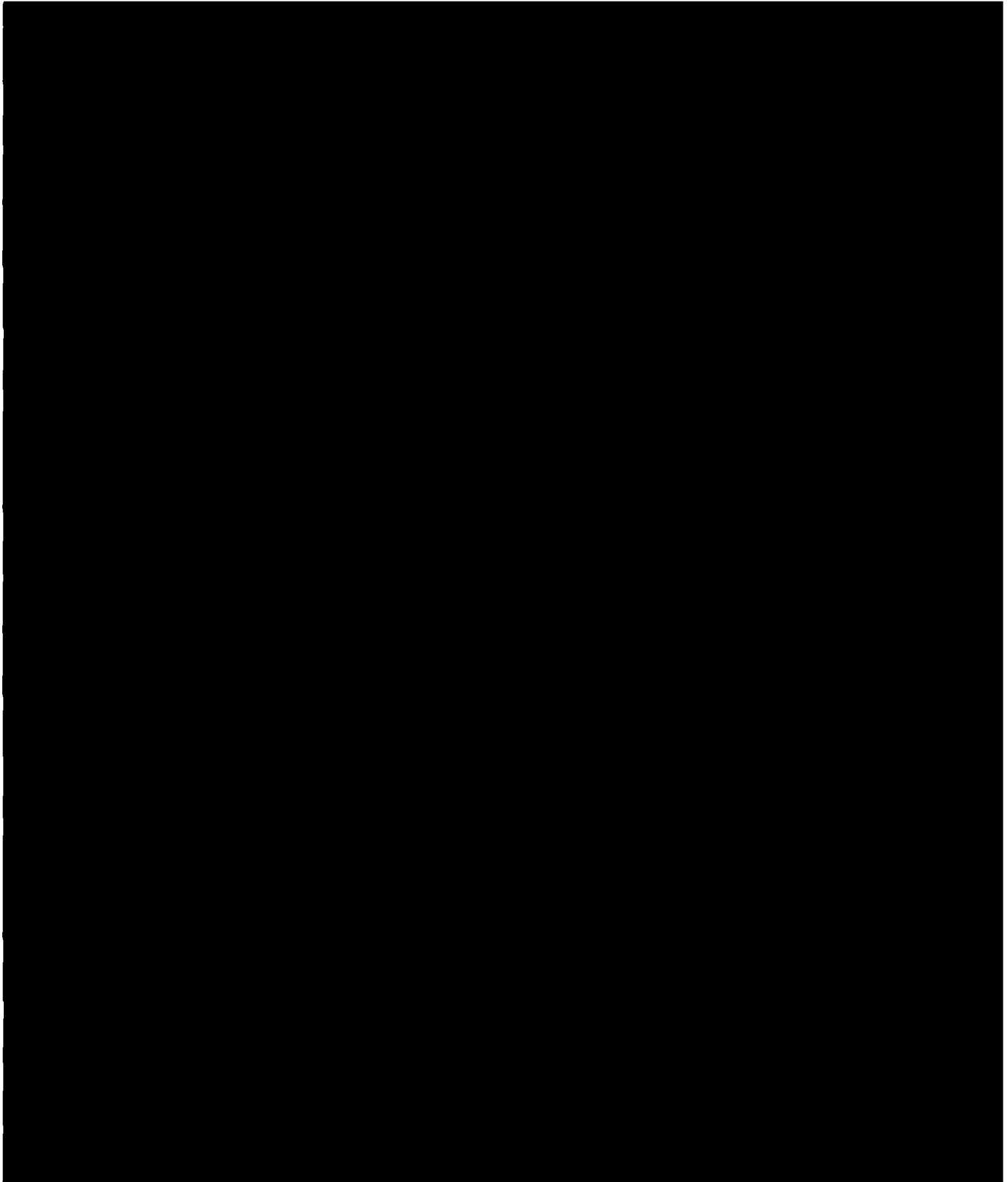


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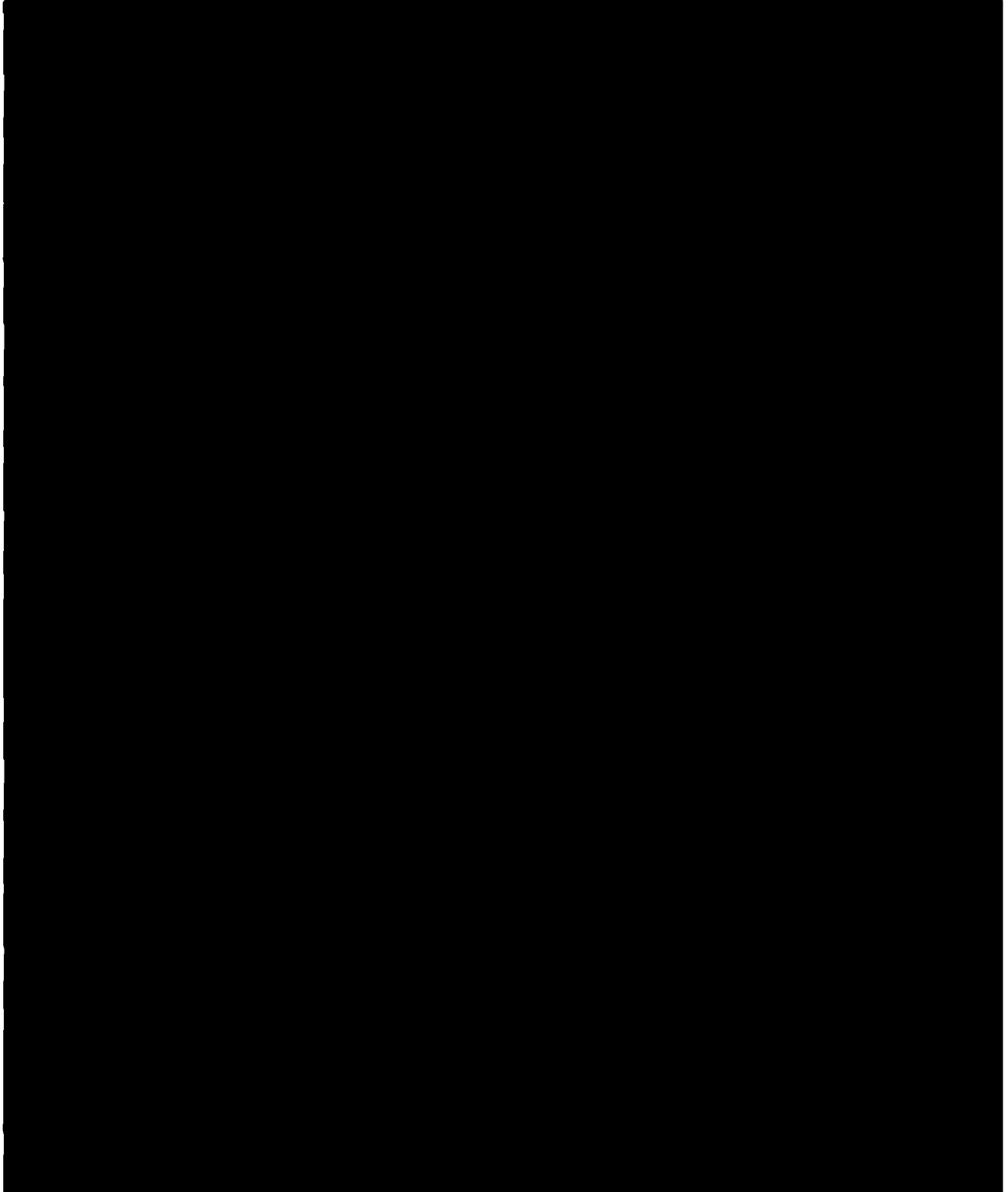


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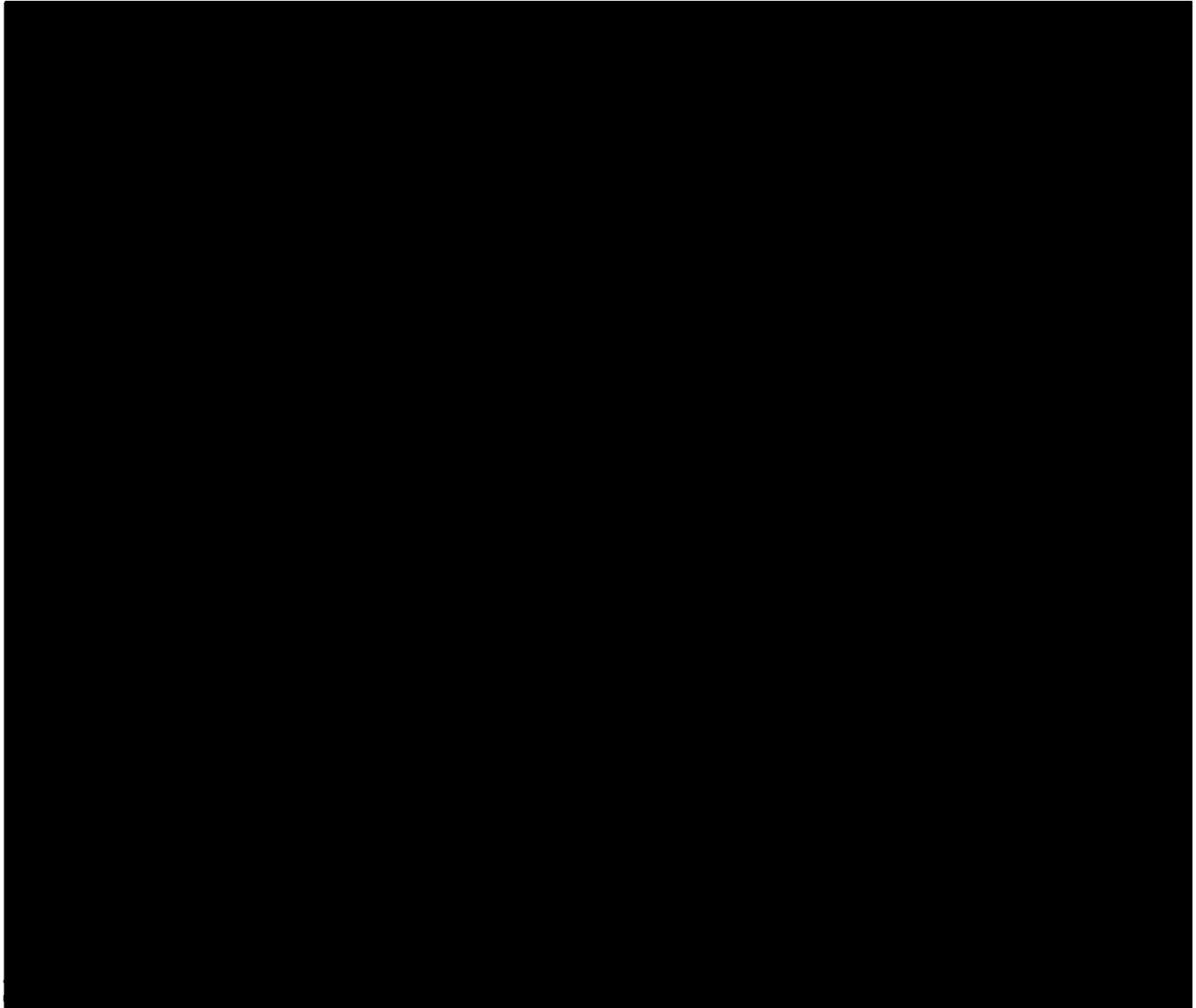
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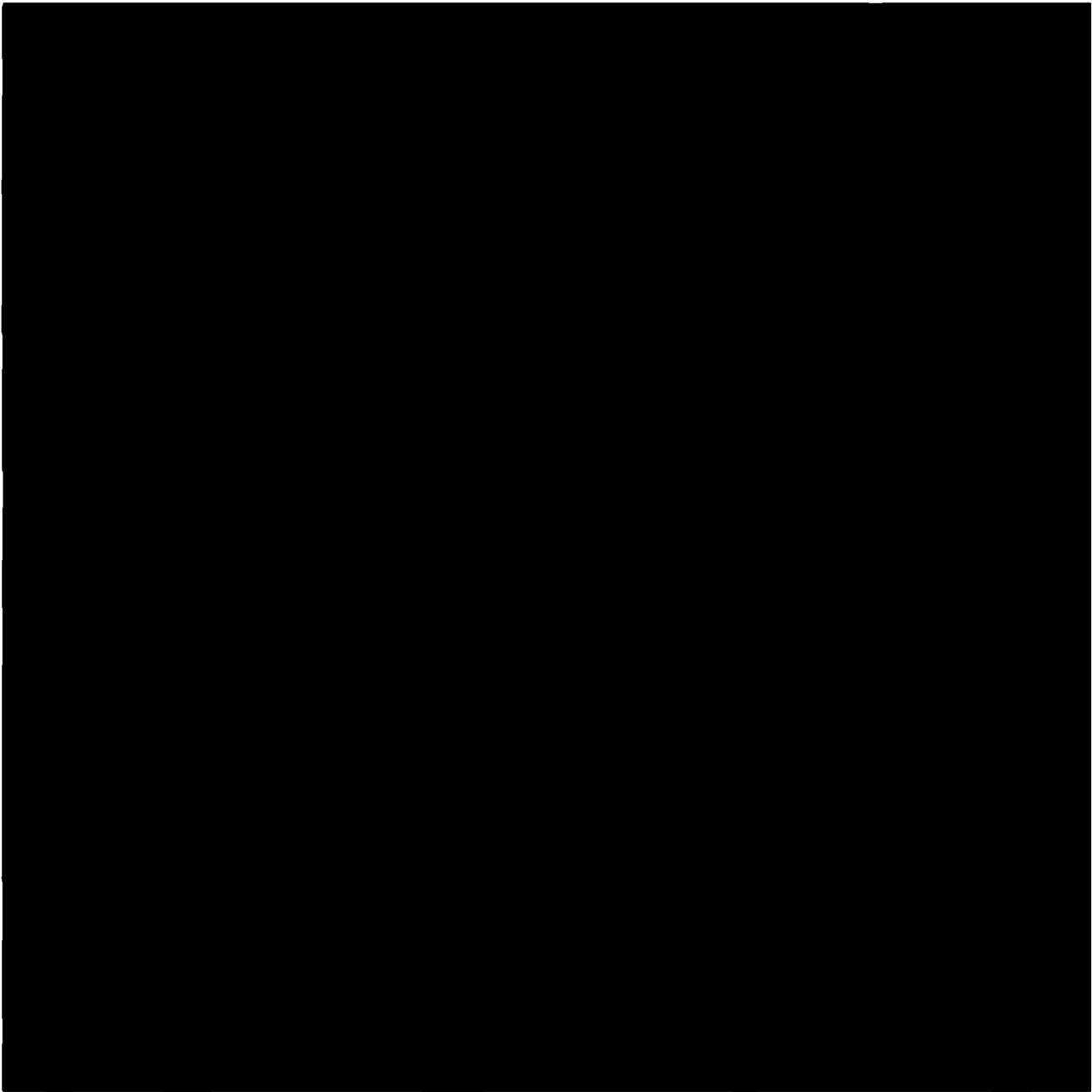
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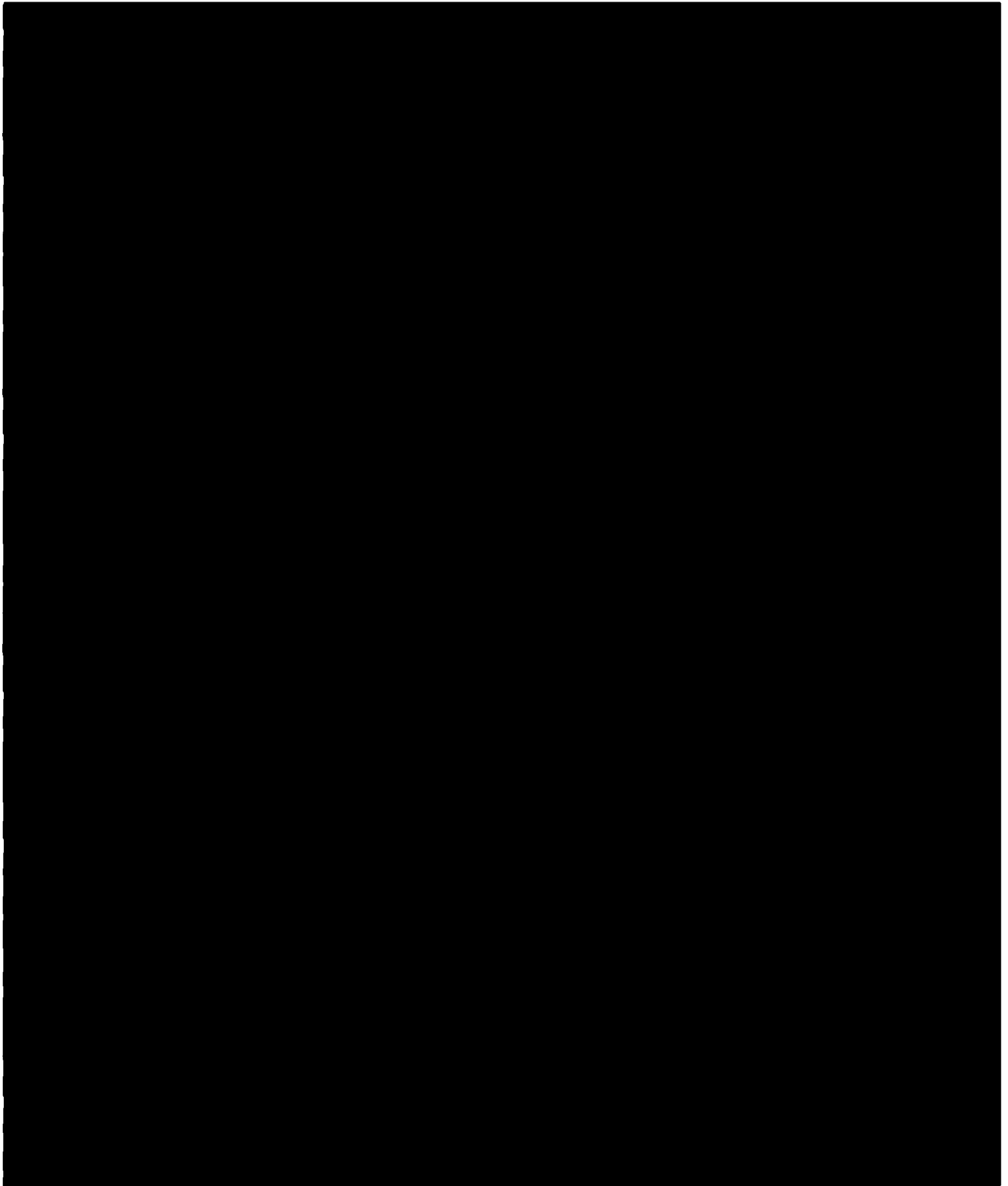


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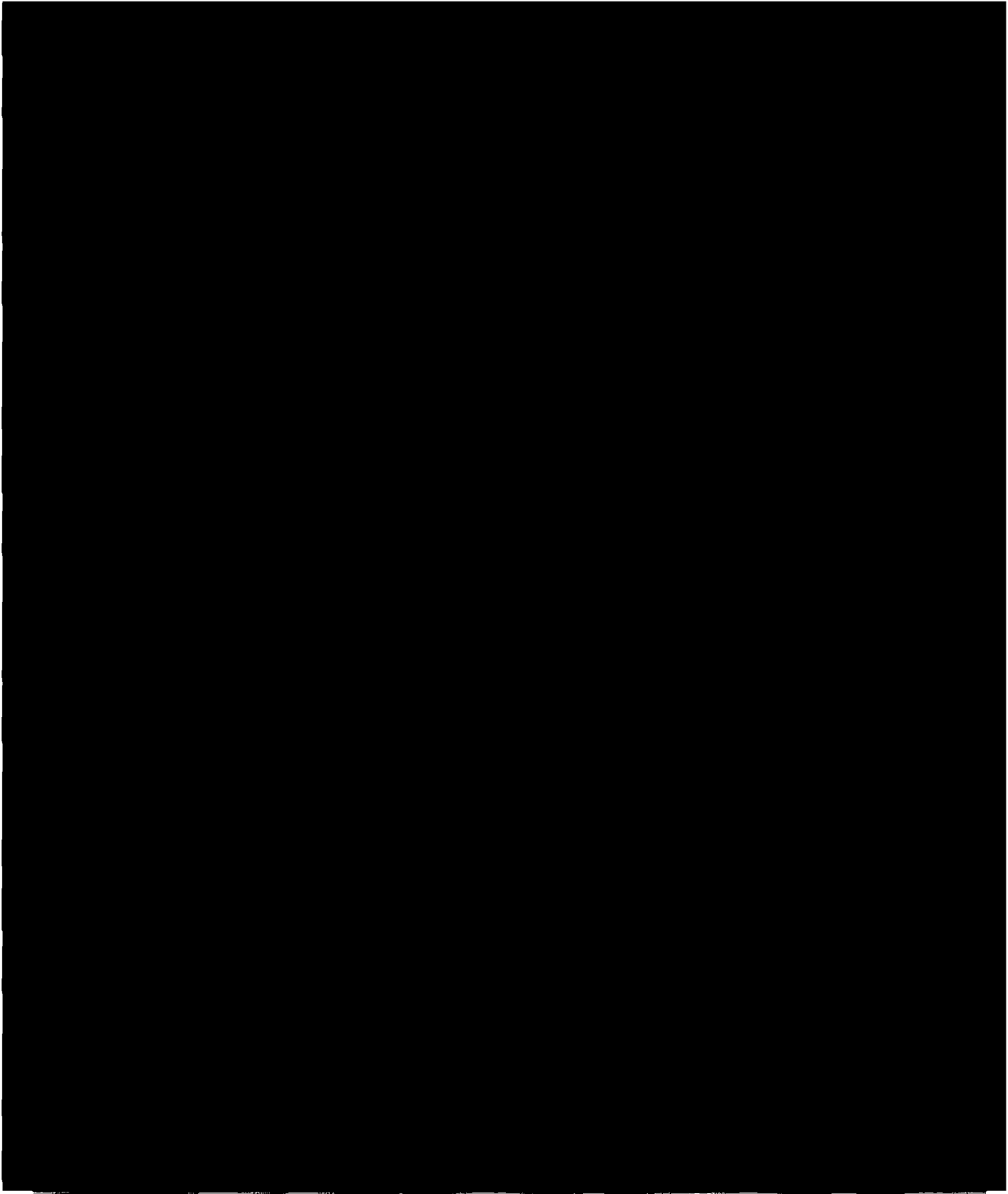




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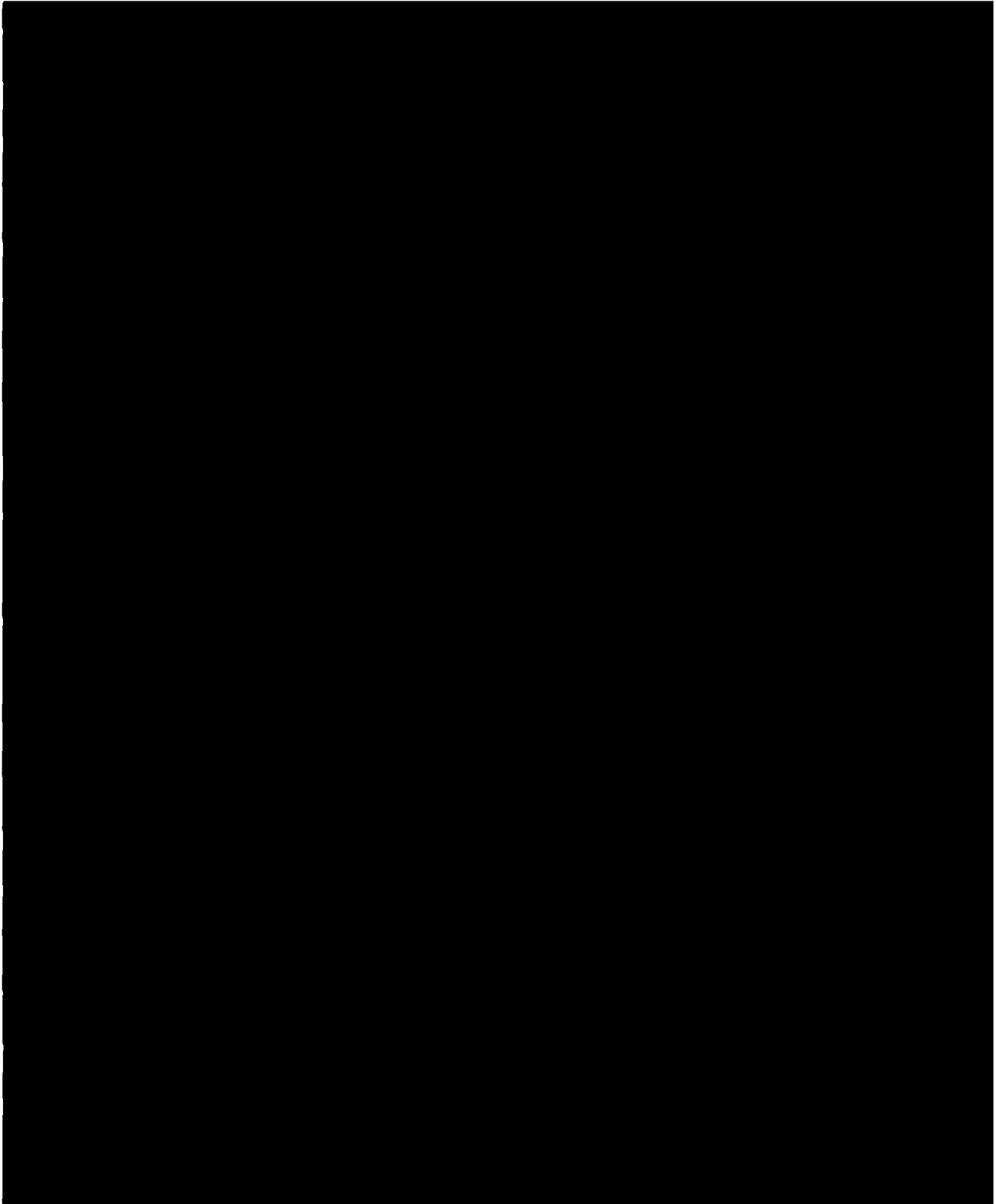


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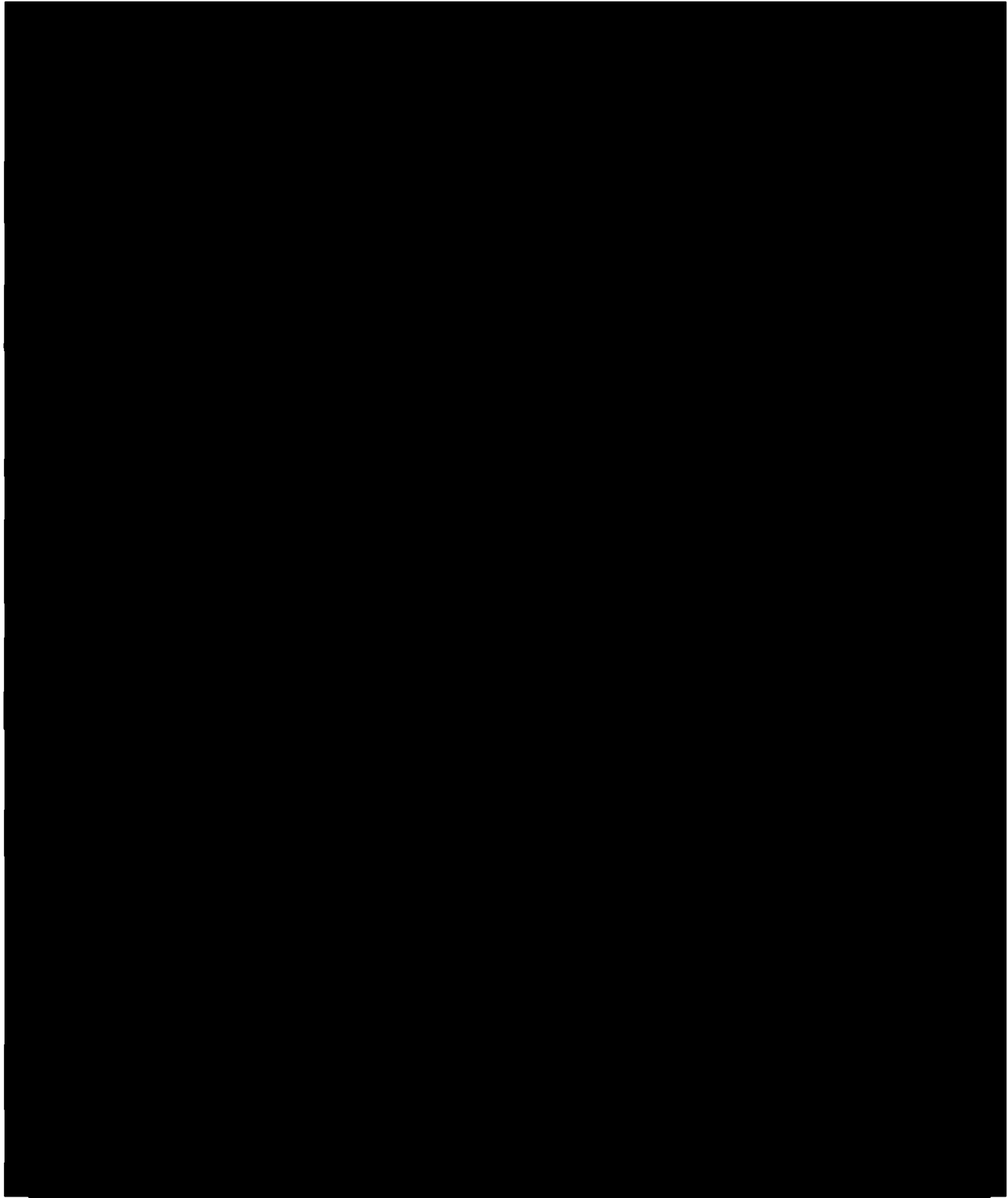


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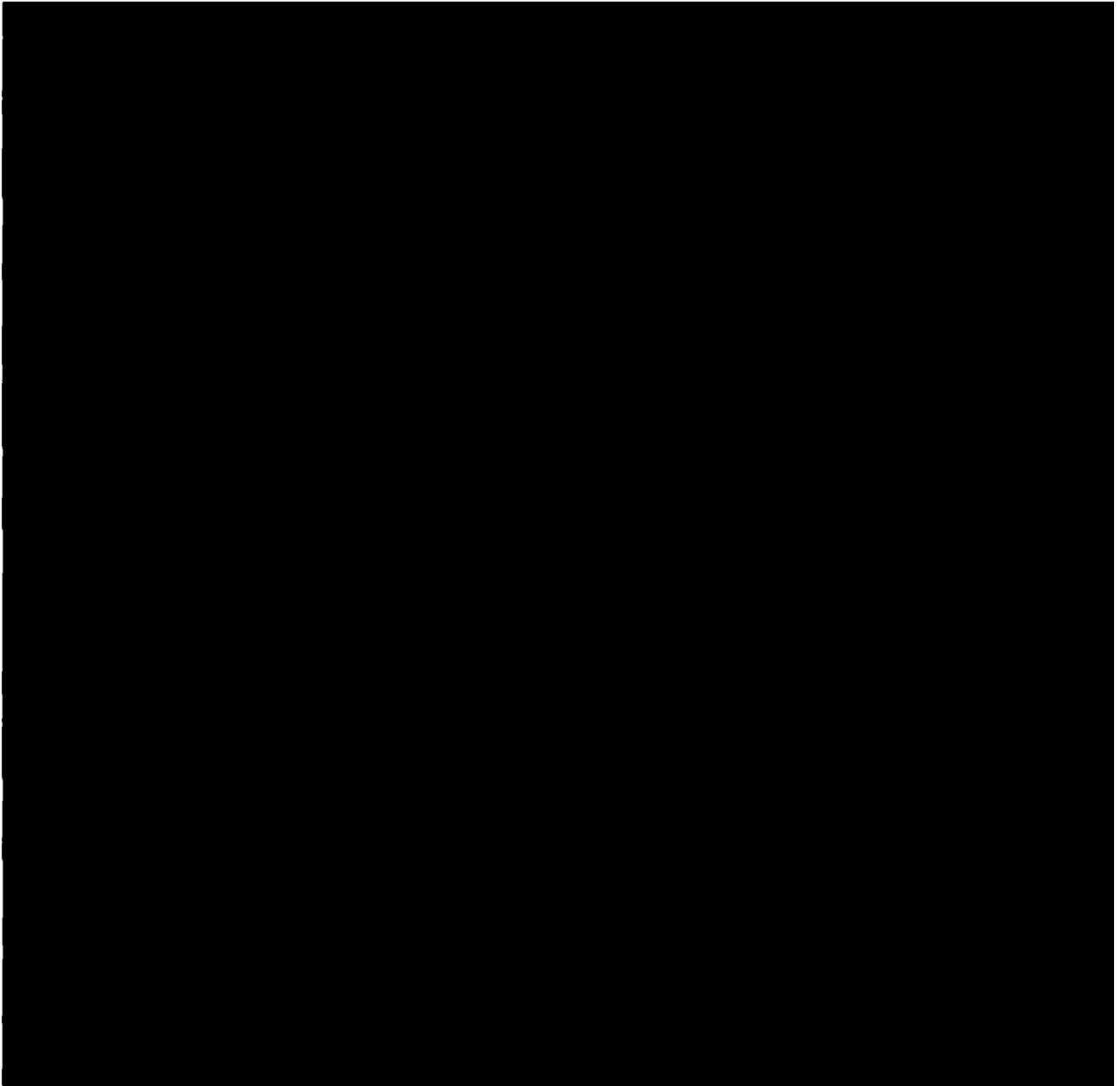
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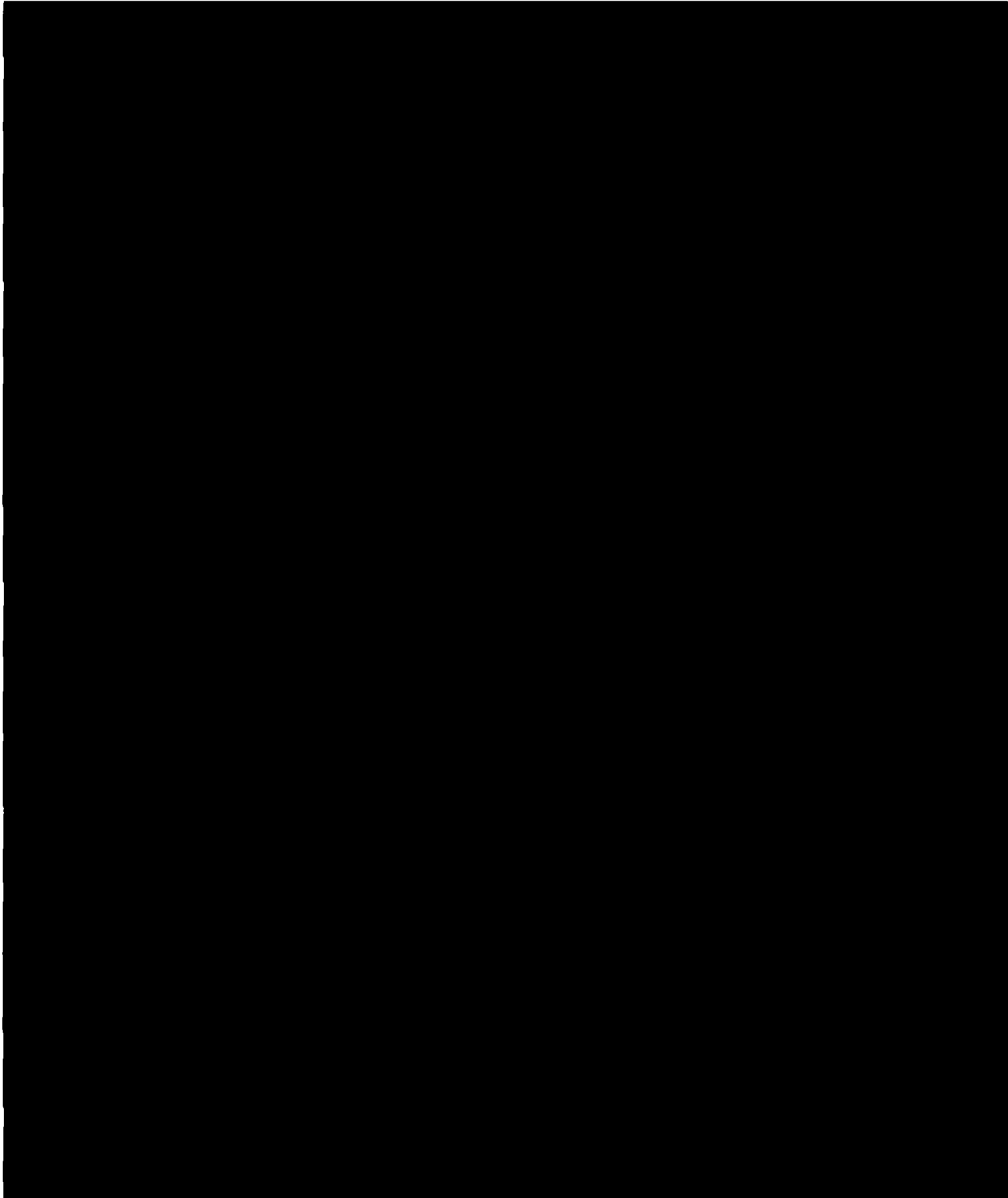


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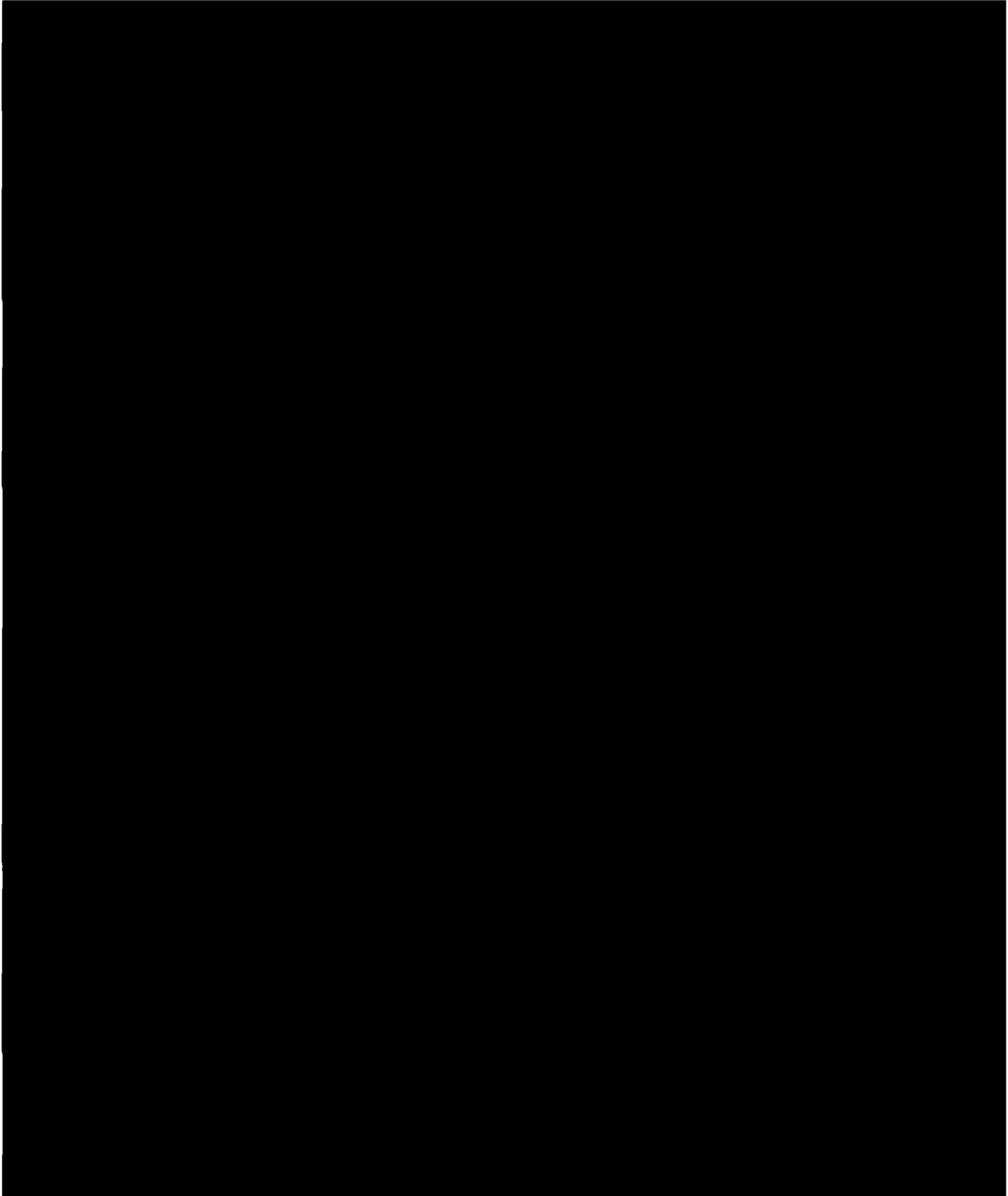
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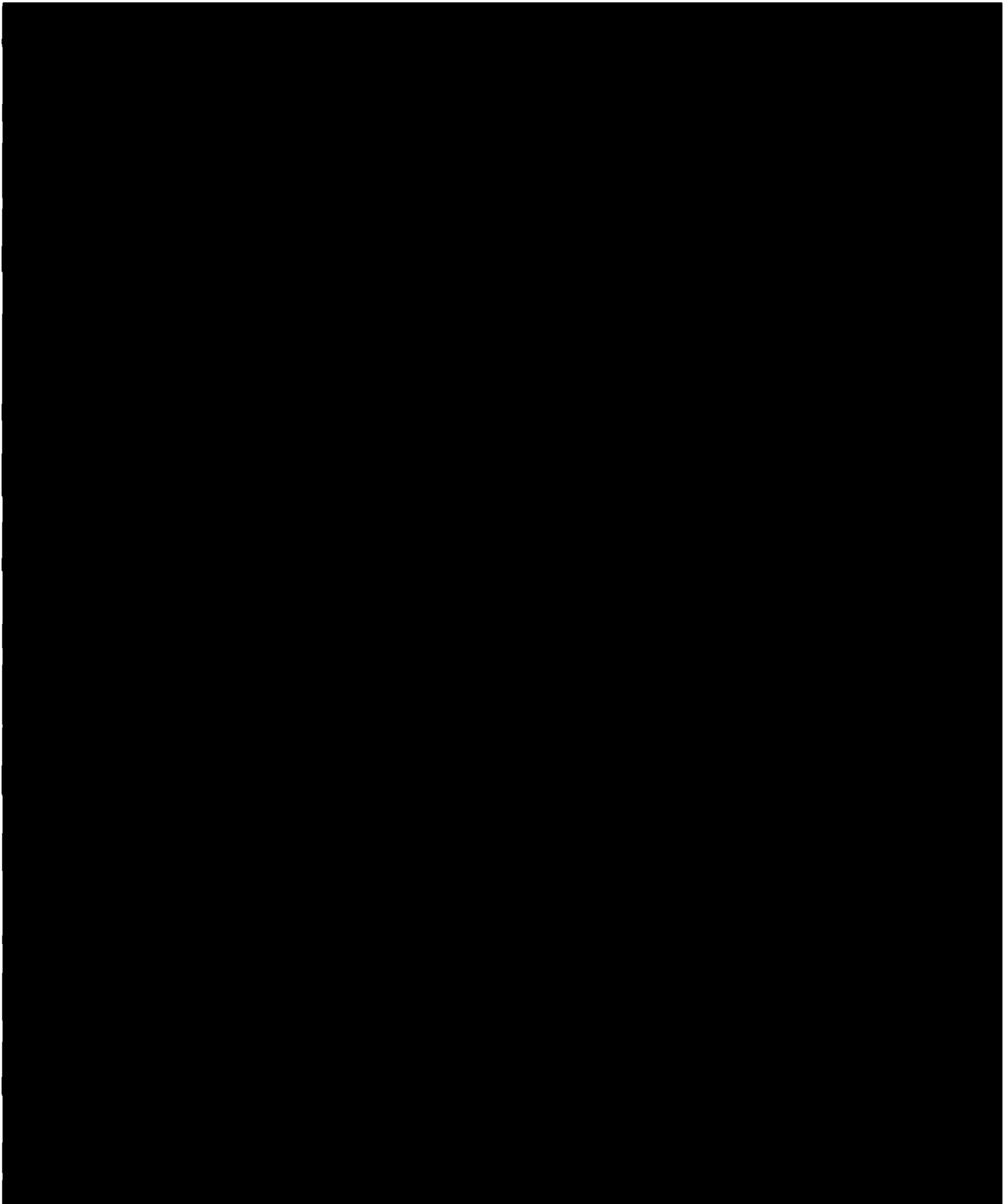


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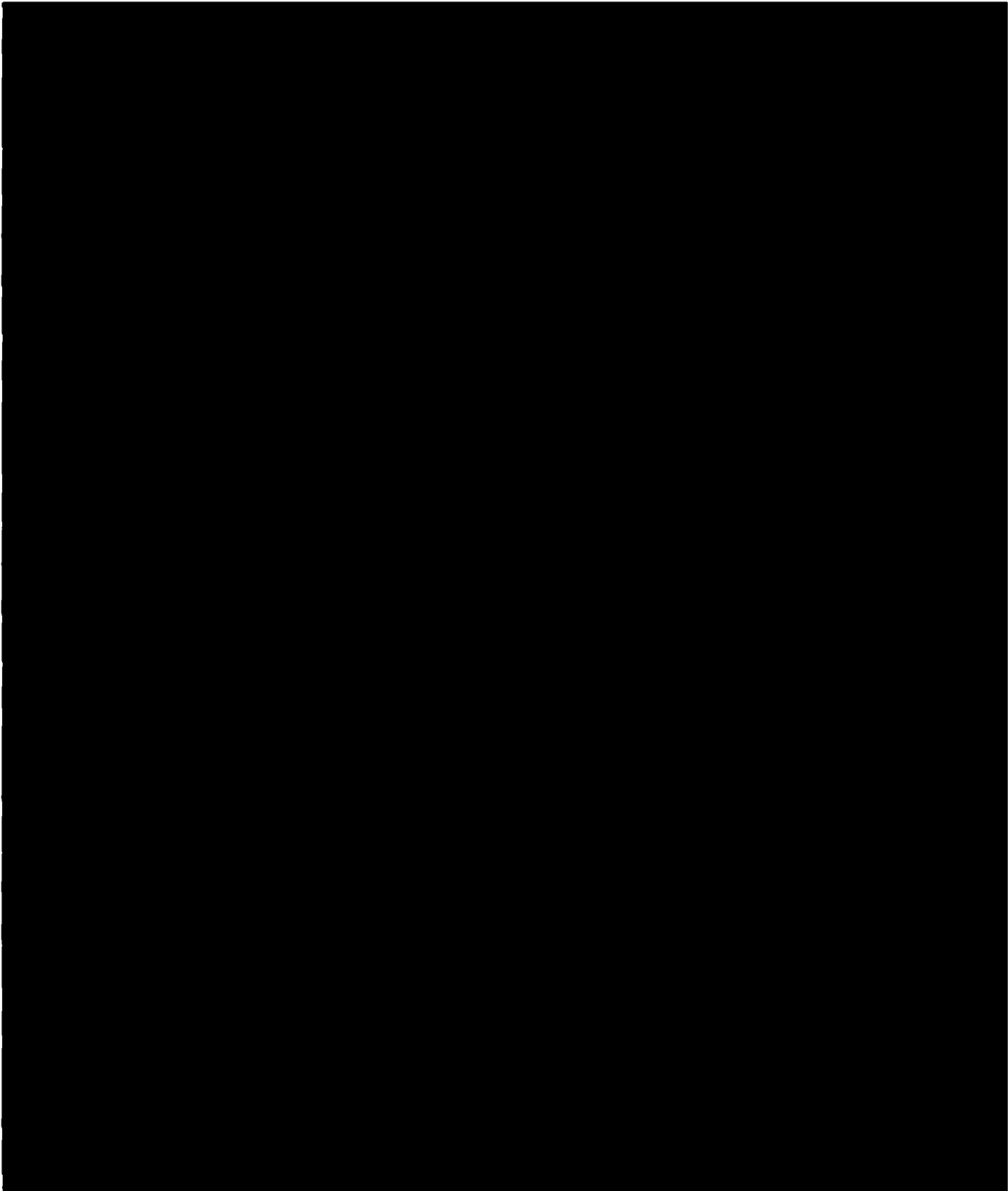




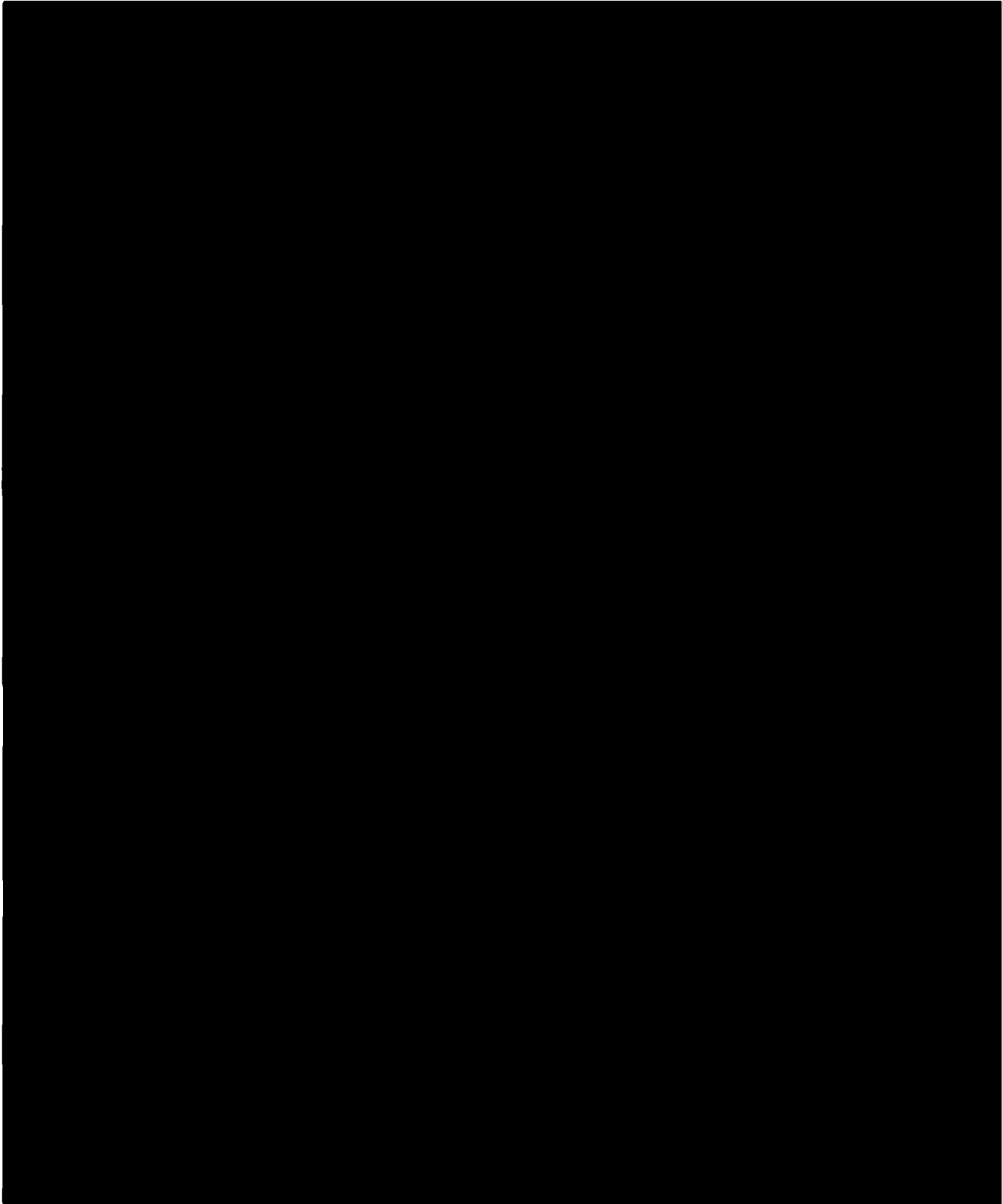
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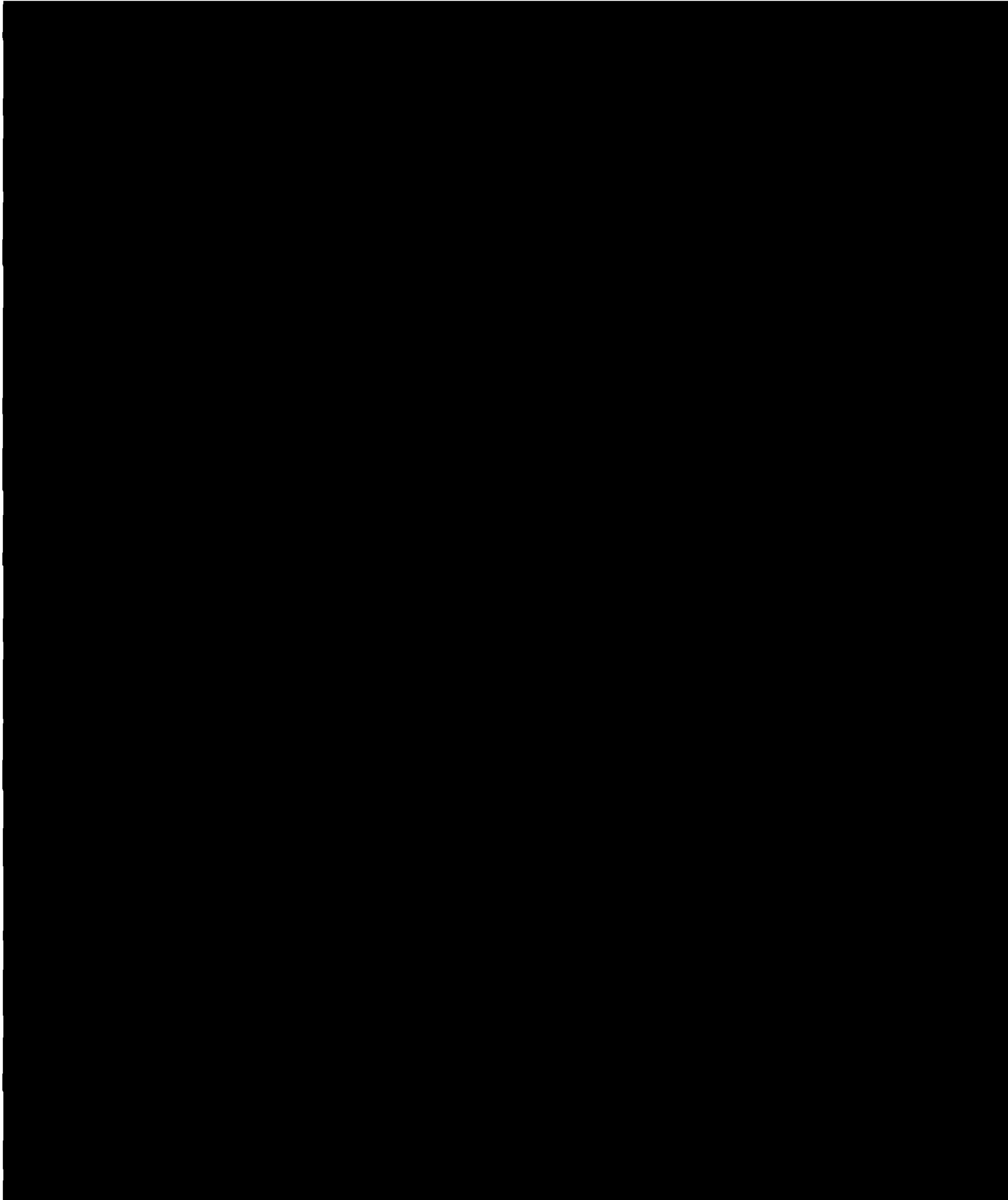


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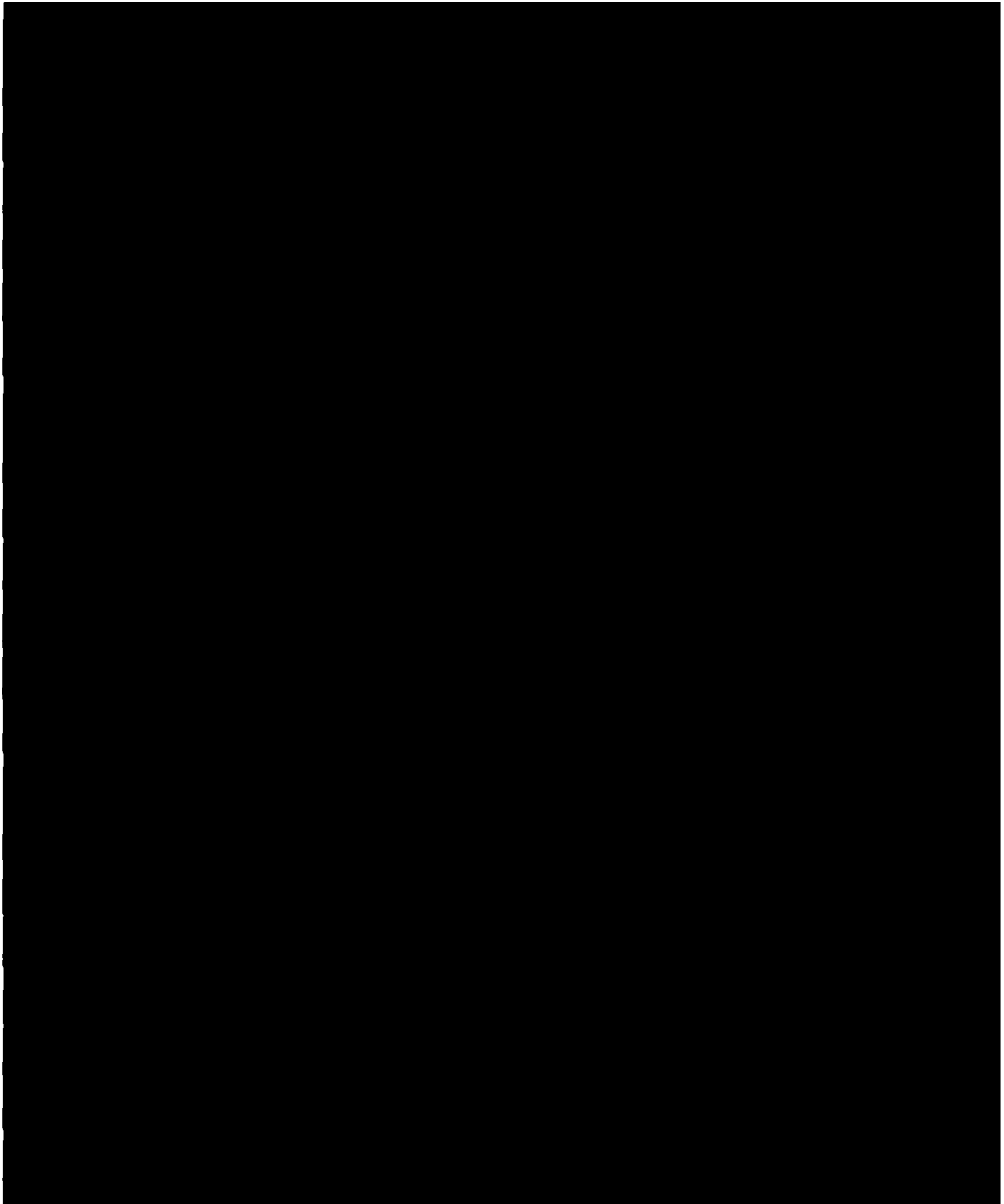


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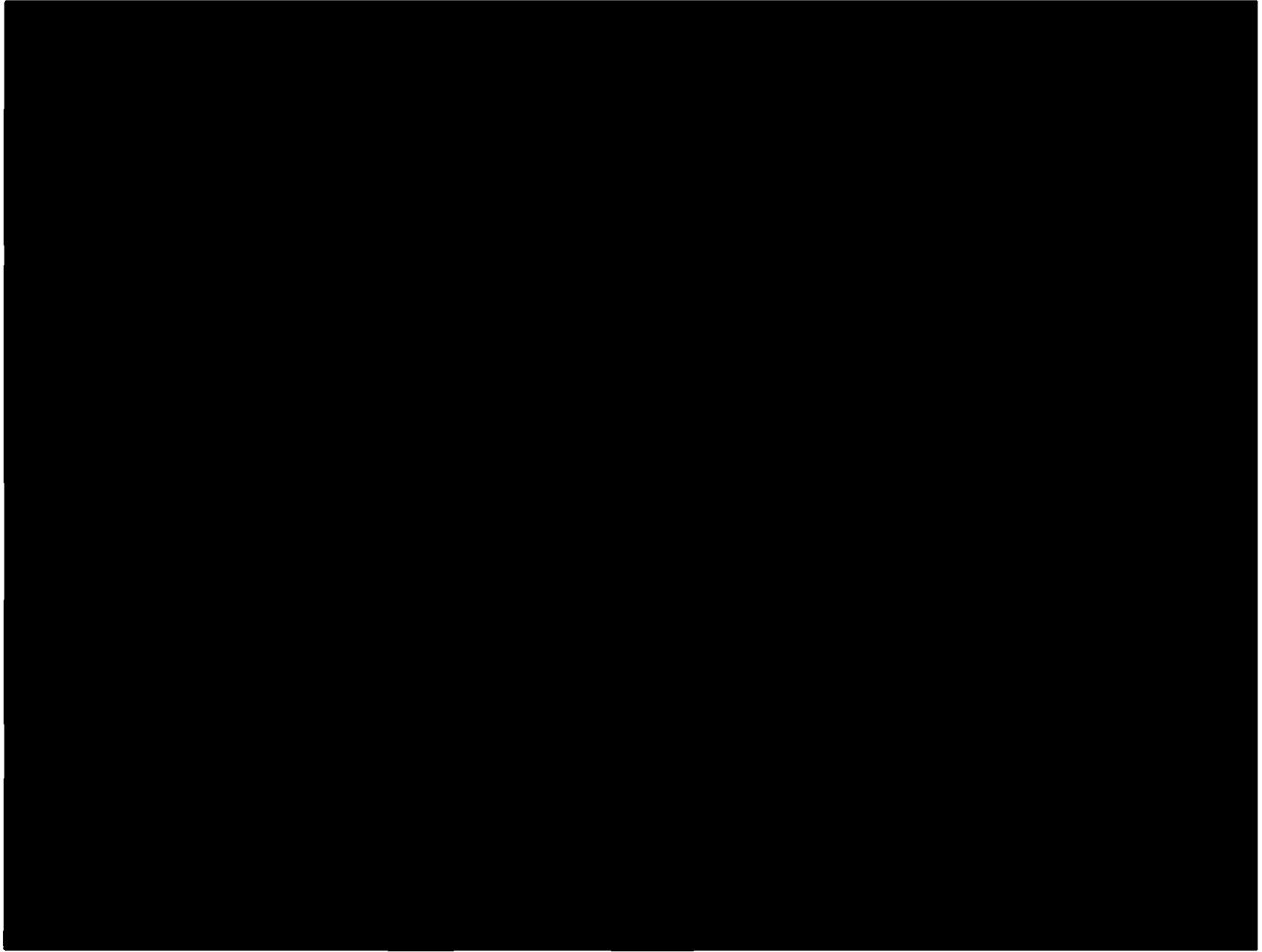


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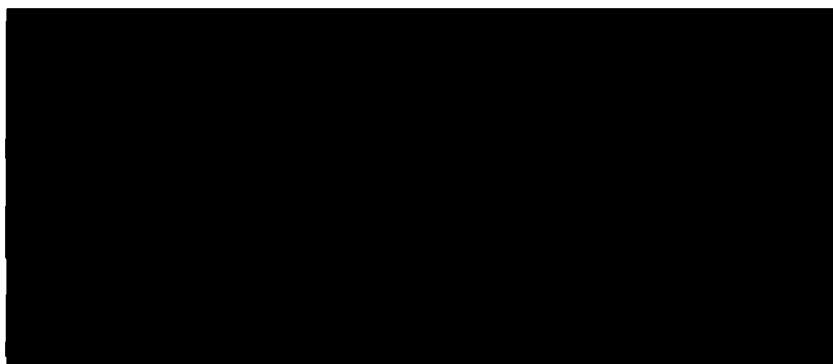
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**2011 SELF-GOVERNANCE MINIMUM DATA COLLECTION REQUESTED BY JULY 1, 2012**

**Tribe/Consortium:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporting Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL TRIBAL DATA INFORMATION**

**TRIBAL DEMOGRAPHICS & ENROLLMENT\*(1)(2):**

Requested Data	Tribal Response
Total Tribal enrollment	
Total Tribal Resident Indian Population (TRIP)	
TRIP under age 16 years old (by gender)	
TRIP between 16 - 64 years old (by gender)	
TRIP over 64 years old (by gender)	
TRIP between 16 - 64 years old not available for work	
TRIP employed in PUBLIC sector	
TRIP employed in PRIVATE sector	
Total TRIP employed, but below poverty level	
Total # Trust/Restricted Acres	

\*(1) List and describe sources used.

\*(2) Provide an explanation where TRIP has changed over or under 10%.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Requested Data	Tribal Response
Total Self-Governance direct funding received	
Total Contract Support Cost (CSC) request for BIA-funded programs	
Total CSC funded under Self-Governance for BIA-funded programs	
Total CSC un-funded (shortfall)	

**FTE=s (STAFFING):**

Requested Data	Tribal Response
Total Tribal FTE=s funded under S/G BIA-funded programs (direct funding)	



Budget Category	Tribal BIA/AFA Self-Governance Expenditures	Tribal Goals	Quantitative Outcome Measures (Relate to Tribal Goals)
Tribal Government			<b>Tribal Government</b> No Minimum Data Required
Human Services			<b>Welfare Assistance (breakdown by General Assistance, Child Welfare &amp; Disaster Assistance):</b> Total # of cases during the report year. Total \$ for these cases
			<b>Indian Child Welfare Act</b> # of Indian children placed in Indian homes # of Indian children placed in non-Indian homes # of family reunifications # of parental rights terminations # of Indian children who received services from ICWA during report period # of Indian children removed # of cases involving siblings
			<b>Child Abuse &amp; Neglect</b> # of child abuse/neglect cases (include all referrals) # of cases involving alcohol & substance abuse
Education			<b>Johnson O'Malley</b> Total # of Students Define range by grade

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Budget Category	Tribal BIA/AFA Self-Governance Expenditures	Tribal Goals	Quantitative Outcome Measures (Relate to Tribal Goals)
			# students in remedial education/tutoring
			<b>Scholarships/Higher Ed.</b> # of graduates # of students served + associated \$ (total cost)
			<b>AVT/Adult Education</b> # of adults receiving GED or High School Diploma Total # of Adults receiving training # of job placements resulting from training
Public Safety and Justice			<b>Tribal Courts</b> # of active cases during report year # of appeals (include Tribal and federal appeals)
			<b>Law Enforcement</b> Total # of Part I Actual Offenses: Homicide Forcible Rape Robbery Aggravated Assault Burglary Larceny - Theft Motor Vehicle Theft Arson  Total # of Offenses (other than Part I):

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Budget Category	Tribal BIA/AFA Self-Governance Expenditures	Tribal Goals	Quantitative Outcome Measures (Relate to Tribal Goals)
			Assaults (no weapons) Forgery/Counterfeiting Embezzlement Stolen property Vandalism Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.) Prostitution Sex Offenses Drug Abuse Violations (sell, manufacture, possess) Gambling DWI Liquor Laws Drunkenness Drug Abuse Violations (sell, manufacture, possess) Gambling
			<b>Law Enforcement (cont.)</b> Disorderly Conduct ARPA Violations All other offenses Curfews & loitering (persons under 18) Runaways (under 18) Thefts  Other: # of Domestic Violence Incidents
			<b>Community Fire Protection</b> No minimum data required (Tribal specific information only)
Community Development			<b>HIP</b> # of eligible applicants served.

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Budget Category	Tribal BIA/AFA Self-Governance Expenditures	Tribal Goals	Quantitative Outcome Measures (Relate to Tribal Goals)
			# of new home construction # of repaired homes
			<b>Economic Development Loans (Credit and Finance)</b> No minimum data required. (Tribal specific information only.)
			<b>Roads</b> # of miles of Indian Roads \$ expended for new construction of roads \$ expended for maintenance/repair of roads
Resource Management			<b>Forestry</b> Total # of Forest acres Reforestation Planted Acres Need Acres Stand Improvement Thinned Acres Need Acres Timber Volume Offered Sold Timber Harvested Volume Value \$ (Note: This information is also collected on the Position and Funding Analysis Report (PFAR). Therefore, it is a tribal option to also report here. <b>Tribes are asked to also send a copy of the (PFAR)</b> )

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Budget Category	Tribal BIA/AFA Self-Governance Expenditures	Tribal Goals	Quantitative Outcome Measures (Relate to Tribal Goals)
			<b>report to the OSG).</b> # of timber sales permits \$ amount of timber sales (Tribal option to report sales)
			<b>Fisheries</b> No minimum data required. (Tribal specific information only.)
			<b>Water Resources/Rights</b> No minimum data required. (Tribal specific information only.)
			<b>Irrigation</b> # of acres irrigated # of individual water users operation and maintenance cost per acre
Trust Services			<b>Realty/Appraisals</b> # of Appraisals (during Report Year) Submitted Approved Pending Approval # of Acquisitions

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Budget Category	Tribal BIA/AFA Self-Governance Expenditures	Tribal Goals	Quantitative Outcome Measures (Relate to Tribal Goals)
			<p>Approved (acres)  Pending (acres)  # of acres disposed (taken out of trust)  # of requests for probate  # of leases  Approved  Pending  # of Rights of Way  Approved  Pending  # of Environmental assessments (EA),  Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)  Finding Of No Significant Impact (Fonsi)  Approved  Pending</p>
			<p><b>Cadastral Survey</b>  # of miles surveyed and monuments sets</p>
			<p><b>Agriculture  Minerals &amp; Grazing:</b>  # of surface leases  Approved  Pending  # of mineral leases/permits  (specify transaction &amp; specify  resource)  Approved  Pending  # of Rights of Way</p>

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Budget Category	Tribal BIA/AFA Self-Governance Expenditures	Tribal Goals	Quantitative Outcome Measures (Relate to Tribal Goals)
			<p>Approved Pending</p> <p># of all other Transactions (ie, oil &amp; gas, specify transaction &amp; specify resource)</p> <p>Approved Pending</p> <p># of grazing permits</p> <p>Approved Pending</p> <p># of farming acres # of grazing units</p> <p># and kinds of livestock</p>
			<p><b>Other: Using the Approved and Pending Format, report on any of the following which are relevant to your tribe:</b></p> <p>Individual requests for mortgages Tribal requests for mortgages Individual and tribal requests for exchange applications; Gift and conveyance applications; Negotiated sales applications; Supervised sales applications Involuntary conveyances; Petitions for partition Applications for fee patents, certificates of competency, and removals of restrictions</p>
			<p><b>Unresolved Rights Protection</b></p>

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Budget Category	Tribal BIA/AFA Self-Governance Expenditures	Tribal Goals	Quantitative Outcome Measures (Relate to Tribal Goals)
			# of cases resolved
			Land, Titles & Records No minimum data identified at this time.
General Administration			Tribal Annual Audits
Economic Development			Economic Development No minimum data required. (Tribal specific)
Other Tribal Initiatives:  Examples include Inland hunting/fishing  Cultural programs			Other Tribal Initiatives:  Include other data elements the Tribe wishes to report regarding: Redesigned programs New programs

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Budget Category	Tribal BIA/AFA Self-Governance Expenditures	Tribal Goals	Quantitative Outcome Measures (Relate to Tribal Goals)
			Non-BIA programs within the DOI i.e., OST, BLM, NPS, etc. (Include programs operated, funding amount and funding agency.)

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Bratt, Jeremy &lt;jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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**Fwd: Request for Tom Cole to join Sally on Feb. 6 trip to school in OK?**

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**Milakofsky, Benjamin** <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 4:54 PM

To: Sarah Neimeyer &lt;sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Jeremy Bratt &lt;jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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 Forwarded message
From: **Yu, Donald** <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 4:48 PM

Subject: Request for Tom Cole to join Sally on Feb. 6 trip to school in OK?

To: "Kristen (Kris) Sami" &lt;knsten\_sami@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: Francis Iacobucci &lt;francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Katherine Kelly &lt;kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Ann Bledsoe Downes &lt;ann.bledsoedownes@bia.gov&gt;, Sarah Harris &lt;sarah.harris@bia.gov&gt;, Benjamin Milakofsky &lt;benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Jacquelynn Hanley &lt;kallie.hanley@bia.gov&gt;, Katherine Currie &lt;katherine\_currie@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Jessica Kershaw &lt;jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Tricia Hall &lt;Latricia\_A\_Hall@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Adrienne Moss &lt;adrienne\_moss@ios.doi.gov&gt;, "Roessel, Charles" &lt;charles.roessel@bie.edu&gt;

Hi Kris!

As you know, Sally will be launching the Cabinet's Native Youth tour on Feb 6 and highlighting the BIE's FY16 budget request at the same time. Providing all of our schools with high-speed Internet is a major component of our transformation work, and the scheduling and comms teams were thinking that we could visit a school that highlights the BIE's extremely poor informational technology infrastructure.

According to BIE's IT team, one BIE-funded school that would be a good place to visit is Jones Academy in Oklahoma. Since this is in Tom Cole's home state, we were wondering if he might be available to join Sally on a potential trip to the school on February 6?

Let us know if you need something else from me before we make the ask?

-Don

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Ben Milakofsky

Deputy Chief of Staff

Department of the Interior

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 5:46 PM

To: Donald Yu &lt;donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Cc: "Kristen (Kris) Sami" &lt;kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Sarah Neimeyer &lt;sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov&gt;, Benjamin Milakofsky &lt;benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Don, please let Kris and OCL coordinate, and one of our offices will reach out to Rep. Cole's office about a potential trip, and we'll circle back. Thanks.

Jeremy

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**Yu, Donald** <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 5:48 PM

To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Kristen (Kris) Sami" <kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>

Jeremy, sounds good!

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**Kristen (Kris) Sarri** <kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 7:51 AM

Cc: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>

Folks, I think this is a good idea and to also invite the Senators as well if possible, or at least Inhofe so we can work on the transpo angle too.

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 5:44 PM

To: "Kristen (Kris) Sami" <kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>

+ Booch.

Kris and I talked today, and I will reach out to Cole's office to issue the invitation, and also to the Senators. Since this is in Rep. Mullin's district, we'll have to invite him, too. I'll let you know what I hear back.

Jeremy

Jeremy Bratt

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**Sarri, Kristen (Kris)** <kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 5:56 PM

To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>

any thing we could do to move to Cole's district or the Chickasaw Nation?

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**Iacobucci, Francis** <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 6:39 AM

To: "Sami, Kristen (Kris)" <kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

+ Jessica

Part of the message/announcement is specific to a select few schools on broadband issues, so it's unlikely we'll be moving to another district in OK.

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Francis Iacobucci  
Director | Scheduling and Advance  
Department of the Interior  
202.208.5723 (direct)  
202.304.4166 (cell)

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**Kristen (Kris) Sarri** <kristen\_sarri@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 7:28 AM

To: "Iacobucci, Francis" <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

thanks.

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**Jeremy Bratt** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 8:02 AM

To: kristen\_sarri@ios.doi.gov, francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov

Cc: sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov, benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov, jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov

FYI, Sen Lankford is checking on the 2/6 date.

Rep. Cole's office sent this...are there other dates we are considering/would we want to consider moving if there was a chance Cole could attend?

> Unfortunately, my boss will be traveling to Atlanta on the 6th for a CDC visit. Do you have any other dates that you are looking at?

**From:** Kristen (Kris) Sarri [mailto:kristen\_sarri@ios.doi.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 04:28 AM

**To:** Iacobucci, Francis <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

**Cc:** Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>; Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>; Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>; Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Request for Tom Cole to join Sally on Feb. 6 trip to school in OK?

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**Iacobucci, Francis** <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 9:09 AM

To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "Kristen (Kris) Sarri" <kristen\_sarri@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

Likely not, unfortunately.

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**Jeremy Bratt** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 9:05 AM

To: francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov

Cc: kristen\_sarri@ios.doi.gov, sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov, benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov, jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov

Ok, thanks. I'll report that back.

**From:** Iacobucci, Francis [mailto:francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 06:09 AM  
**To:** Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
**Cc:** Kristen (Kris) Sarri <kristen\_sari@ios.doi.gov>; Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>; Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>; Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>  
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**Sarri, Kristen (Kris)** <kristen\_sari@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 9:26 AM  
**To:** Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
**Cc:** Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, "Milakofsky, Benjamin" <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>

that is unfortunate  
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**Iacobucci, Francis** <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 9:55 AM  
**To:** "Sari, Kristen (Kris)" <kristen\_sari@ios.doi.gov>  
**Cc:** Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, "Milakofsky, Benjamin" <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, EFB <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

Can we ask what his Saturday looks like?  
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**Jeremy Bratt** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 10:25 AM  
**To:** francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov, kristen\_sari@ios.doi.gov  
**Cc:** sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov, benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov, jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov, erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov

Yes, will do.

**From:** Iacobucci, Francis [mailto:francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 06:55 AM  
**To:** Sarri, Kristen (Kris) <kristen\_sari@ios.doi.gov>  
**Cc:** Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>; Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>; Milakofsky, Benjamin <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>; Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>; EFB <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>  
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**Jeremy Bratt** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 2:04 PM  
**To:** francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov, kristen\_sari@ios.doi.gov  
**Cc:** sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov, benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov, jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov, erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov

Saturday the 7th won't work for Cole, either. He has an unspecified unavoidable scheduling conflict. So I think we should move forward with whatever works best for SJ and take our chances with the senators or Rep. Mullin.

Regardless, his staff said they spoke to him about the request and our willingness to be flexible, so at least he knows we really wanted him to be there. For what that's worth.

**From:** Jeremy Bratt [mailto:jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 07:25 AM

**To:** 'francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov' <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>; 'kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov' <kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov>

**Cc:** 'sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov' <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>; 'benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov' <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>; 'jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov' <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>; 'erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov' <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

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**Iacobucci, Francis** <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jan 27, 2015 at 2:10 PM

To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov" <kristen\_sami@ios.doi.gov>, "sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov" <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, "benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov" <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, "jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov" <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, "erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov" <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>

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**Yu, Donald** <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Jan 28, 2015 at 3:13 PM

To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Hey Jeremy! I was just wondering if you've heard back from Cole's office? Let me know and thanks!

On Fri, Jan 23, 2015 at 5:46 PM, Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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**Jeremy Bratt** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Jan 28, 2015 at 3:11 PM

To: donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov

Cole couldn't make it, but it looks like this trip is no longer on the books anyway. Scheduling conflicts.

**From:** Yu, Donald [mailto:donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2015 12:13 PM

**To:** Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Request for Tom Cole to join Sally on Feb. 6 trip to school in OK?

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**Yu, Donald** <donald\_yu@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Jan 28, 2015 at 3:38 PM

To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Ah got it – thanks, Jeremy!

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Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

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## Changes to SCIA

3 messages

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**Buckner, Shawn** <shawn\_buckner@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 11:18 AM

To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: John Mcclanahan <john\_mcclanahan@ios.doi.gov>, James Ferguson <james\_ferguson@ios.doi.gov>, Tracy Goodluck <tracy\_goodluck@ios.doi.gov>

Jeremy,

Attached is a document that reflects the impact of 2014 midterm elections on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA).

Thanks,  
Shawn

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Shawn M. Buckner  
Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations  
Office of the Deputy Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 "C" Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20240  
(202) 208-1603

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 11:20 AM

To: "Buckner, Shawn" <shawn\_buckner@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: John Mcclanahan <john\_mcclanahan@ios.doi.gov>, James Ferguson <james\_ferguson@ios.doi.gov>, Tracy Goodluck <tracy\_goodluck@ios.doi.gov>

thank you!

Jeremy Bratt  
Deputy Director  
Congressional and Legislative Affairs  
Department of the Interior  
Jeremy\_Bratt@ios.doi.gov  
202-208-7696 (desk)

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**Goodluck, Tracy** <tracy\_goodluck@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 11:23 AM

To: "Buckner, Shawn" <shawn\_buckner@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, John Mcclanahan <john\_mcclanahan@ios.doi.gov>, James Ferguson <james\_ferguson@ios.doi.gov>

Thank you, Shawn!

On Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 11:18 AM, Buckner, Shawn <shawn\_buckner@ios.doi.gov> wrote:


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Tracy L. Goodluck  
Presidential Management Fellow  
Legislative Affairs Specialist  
Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs  
Office: 202.208.5919  
tracy\_goodluck@ios.doi.gov



**114<sup>th</sup> Congress: Senate Committee on Indian Affairs**

The United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress consists of 14 members, 8 Republicans (R) and 6 Democrats (D). The Republicans gained two seats on the SCIA as a result of the November 2014 midterm elections. 11 of the 14 members, 6 Democrats and 5 Republicans are returning members of the Committee. Republicans Steve Daines, James Lankford, and Jerry Moran are new members to the Committee. Financial figures and tribal information are as of January 14, 2015 unless otherwise noted.

Committee Members	State	Buy-Back Program tribes within state	Issues/Notes
<p>John Barrasso (R), Chairman</p> 	<p>Wyoming</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation and Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation**</li> </ul> <p>**included in implementation schedule of next 21 tribes through 2017</p>	<p>Named Chairman of SCIA in January 2015</p> <p>Senator Barrasso previously served as Vice Chairman of the SCIA.</p> <p>On June 25, 2014, the Program received a draft cooperative agreement proposal from the Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation. The Program has not received an application from Eastern Shoshone, although we contacted the tribal leadership to establish a line of communication and indicate the need for joint planning.</p> <p>Senator Barrasso supported the Cobell Settlement.</p>

Jon Tester (D), Vice  
Chairman



Montana

- Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation\*†
- Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana\*\*
- Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation\*†
- Crow Tribe of Montana\*†
- Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana\*†
- Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation\*†

\*included in implementation schedule of 21 tribes through 2015

\*\*included in implementation schedule of next 21 tribes through 2017

†tribe has an agreement or other arrangement with the Program

Served as Chairman of SCLIA February-December 2014

CSKT: The Program sent offers to 1,902 individuals with fractionated interests on the Flathead Reservation in September 2014. As of January 14, 2015, individuals accepted 474 offers totaling \$5,402,075, resulting in the consolidation of 4,197 equivalent acres.

Crow: The Program sent offers to 3,924 individuals with fractionated interests on the Crow Reservation in October 2014. As of January 14, 2015 individuals accepted 2,512 offers totaling \$129,424,914, resulting in the consolidation of 239,656 equivalent acres.



Fort Belknap: The Program sent offers to 105 individuals with fractionated interests on the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana in May 2014. Individuals accepted 25 offers totaling \$24,413, resulting in the consolidation of 66 equivalent acres.



Northern Cheyenne: The Program sent offers to 2,296 individuals with fractionated interests on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in August 2014. Individuals accepted 922 offers totaling \$6,862,410, resulting in the consolidation of 13,868 equivalent acres. The Program sent a second wave of offers to approximately 1,673 landowners totaling \$12,945,320 the week of January 12, 2015. Returned offers are due by March 7, 2015.

Blackfeet: In September 2013, the tribe submitted an application for a cooperative agreement. Program officials collaborated with tribe officials in fall 2013 on application feedback. As a result, the Program is awaiting a revised application.

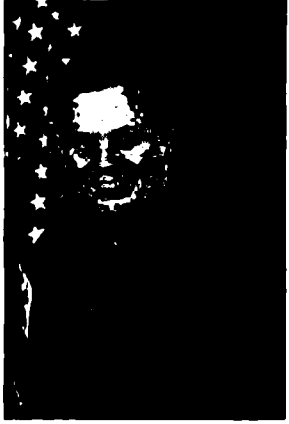
Senator Tester wrote a letter to the Program in 2013 on behalf of Blackfeet asking that the tribe be implemented as soon as possible.

Senator Tester is a strong supporter of the Cobell Settlement. Senator Tester held a community celebration with Elouise Cobell on the Blackfeet Reservation after the settlement became law and sponsored legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Elouise Cobell.

<p>John McCain (R)</p> 	<p>Arizona</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Indian Reservation</li> <li>• Fort Mojave Indian Tribe of Arizona, California and Nevada</li> <li>• Gila River Indian Community of the Gila River Indian Reservation*†</li> <li>• Hopi Tribe of Arizona</li> <li>• Navajo Nation*</li> <li>• Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation**†</li> <li>• Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona</li> <li>• Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation</li> </ul> <p>*included in implementation schedule of 21 tribes through 2015  **included in implementation schedule of next 21 tribes through 2017  †tribe has an agreement or other arrangement with the Program</p>	<p>The Program sent offers to 1,836 individuals with fractionated interests on the Gila River Indian Reservation in late 2014. A total of 979 offers amounting to \$51,456,006 were accepted, and 1,053 acres consolidated as of January 7, 2015. The Community signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Program on April 11, 2014.</p> <p>Navajo Nation submitted a formal complete application for a cooperative agreement in December 2014.</p> <p>Senator McCain supported the passage of the Cobell Settlement.</p> <p>Interesting Fact: McCain was one of the main authors of the 1988 Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, which codified rules regarding Native American gambling enterprises.</p>
<p>Lisa Murkowski (R)</p> 	<p>Alaska</p>	<p>[none]</p>	<p>Buy-Back Program is barred by statute from purchasing fractional interests located within the Alaska Region. 25 U.S.C. § 2219</p> <p>&lt;Placeholder for voting record on Cobell Settlement&gt;</p>

<p>John Hoeven (R)</p> 	<p>North Dakota</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation*†</li> <li>• Spirit Lake Tribe</li> <li>• Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North and South Dakota*†</li> <li>• Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation**</li> <li>• Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota**</li> </ul> <p>*included in implementation schedule of 21 tribes through 2015  **included in implementation schedule of next 21 tribes through 2017  †tribe has an agreement or other arrangement with the Program</p>	<p>The Program sent offers to 2,793 individuals with fractionated interests on the Lake Traverse Reservation in October 2014. As of January 14, 2015 individuals accepted 1,346 offers amounting to \$31,158,090 and 8,600 acres consolidated.</p> <p>Standing Rock Sioux Tribe submitted a cooperative agreement application to provide outreach and to support valuation effort. The Program awarded the agreement on July 14, 2014.</p> <p>Senator Hoeven was not serving in the Senate during passage of Cobell.</p>
<p>Michael Crapo (R)</p> 	<p>Idaho</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coeur d'Alene Tribe of the Coeur d'Alene Reservation*†</li> <li>• Kootenai Tribe of Idaho</li> <li>• Nez Perce Tribe**</li> <li>• Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation**</li> </ul> <p>*included in implementation schedule of 21 tribes through 2015  **included in implementation schedule of next 21 tribes through 2017  †tribe has an agreement or other arrangement with the Program</p>	<p>The Program sent offers to 421 individuals with fractionated interests on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation in December 2014. As of January 14, 2015 individuals accepted 89 offers amounting to \$2,127,765 and 88 consolidated acres.</p> <p>Senator Crapo supported the Cobell Settlement.</p>

Steve Daines (R)



Montana

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Senator Daines served on the House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress (2013-2014).

In July 2014, Daines introduced legislation H.R. 5020, Indian Tribal Self-Determination in Land Consolidation Act of 2014 in the House. The legislation authorizes self-determination contracts and compacts to implement the Buy-Back Program, extends the settlement time frame by 5 years, and requires annual reports to Congress. The bill did not go to a full House vote.

For Montana tribe information: please see Vice Chairman Senator Jon Tester above.

Senator Daines was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed.

James Lankford (R)



Oklahoma

- Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Cherokee Nation
- Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma
- Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, Comanche Nation, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians
- Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
- Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma\*\*
- Quapaw Tribe of Indians\*
- Sac & Fox Nation
- Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma
- The Chickasaw Nation
- The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- The Osage Nation\*\*
- The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawaknoie)

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†tribe has an agreement or other arrangement with the Program

In August 2014, the Program sent 20 offers totaling \$69,486 to individuals of the Quapaw Tribe of Indians. Nine offers were accepted totaling \$27,799 and 66 acres were consolidated.



The Muscogee (Creek) Nation submitted a letter of interest and tribal resolution on March 13, 2014.

Senator Lankford was not serving in Congress during the Cobell passage.

<p>Jerry Moran (R)</p> 	<p>Kansas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska</li> <li>• Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas</li> <li>• Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation*†</li> <li>• Sac &amp; Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska</li> </ul> <p>*included in implementation schedule of 21 tribes through 2015 †tribe has an agreement or other arrangement with the Program</p>	<p>The Program entered into a cooperative agreement with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in January 2015.</p> <p>Senator Moran was serving in the House of Representatives when the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (including the Cobell Settlement) passed, but did not vote on the bill.</p>
<p>Maria Cantwell (D)</p> 	<p>Washington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation**</li> <li>• Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation</li> <li>• Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation**</li> <li>• Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation</li> <li>• Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation*</li> <li>• Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation*†</li> <li>• Muckleshoot Indian Tribe</li> <li>• Nisqually Indian Tribe</li> <li>• Nooksack Indian Tribe</li> <li>• Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation</li> <li>• Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation</li> <li>• Quinault Indian Nation*</li> <li>• Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe</li> <li>• Skokomish Indian Tribe</li> <li>• Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation</li> <li>• Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation*†</li> <li>• Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port</li> </ul>	<p>In 2013 and 2014, the Program sent offers to a total of 666 individuals totaling \$1,779,281 on the Makah Reservation. Individuals accepted 282 offers totaling \$975,150 resulting in the consolidation of 64 acres. An informal working arrangement enabled the Program to be implemented on the Makah Reservation.</p> <p>In December 2014, the Program sent 622 offers totaling \$1,484,676 to individuals of the Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation. As of January 14, 2015, individuals accepted 78 offers totaling \$369, 161, resulting in 88 acres of consolidated land. The Program has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the tribe.</p> <p>The Program entered into a cooperative agreement award with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in December 2014.</p>

		<p>Madison Reservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swinomish Indian Tribal Community*†</li> <li>• Tulalip Tribes of Washington</li> </ul> <p>*included in implementation schedule of 21 tribes through 2015  **included in implementation schedule of next 21 tribes through 2017  †tribe has an agreement or other arrangement with the Program</p>	
<p>Tom Udall (D)</p> 	New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navajo Nation*</li> <li>• Pueblo of Acoma</li> <li>• Pueblo of Laguna</li> <li>• Pueblo of San Felipe</li> <li>• Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain Reservation</li> <li>• Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation</li> </ul> <p>*included in implementation schedule of 21 tribes through 2015</p>	<p>Navajo Nation submitted a formal final application for a cooperative agreement in December 2014.</p> <p>&lt;Placeholder for voting record on Cobell Settlement&gt;</p>
<p>Al Franken (D)</p> 	Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe</li> <li>• Fond du Lac Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe**</li> <li>• Grand Portage Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe</li> <li>• Leech Lake Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe</li> <li>• Mille Lacs Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe</li> <li>• White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe</li> <li>• Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians</li> <li>• Upper Sioux Community</li> </ul> <p>**included in implementation schedule of next 21 tribes through 2017</p>	<p>Co-sponsored legislation to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Elouise Cobell.</p> <p>&lt;Placeholder for voting record on Cobell Settlement&gt;</p>
Brian Schatz (D)	Hawaii	[none]	Senator Schatz was not serving in the Senate during Cobell passage.



			
<p>Heidi Heitskamp (D)</p> 	<p>North Dakota</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation*†</li> <li>• Spirit Lake Tribe</li> <li>• Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North and South Dakota*†</li> <li>• Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation**</li> <li>• Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota**</li> </ul> <p>*included in implementation schedule of 21 tribes through 2015  **included in implementation schedule of next 21 tribes through 2017  †tribe has an agreement or other arrangement with the Program</p>	<p>For North Dakota tribe information: please see Republican John Hoeven above.</p> <p>Senator Heitskamp was not serving in the Senate during Cobell passage.</p>

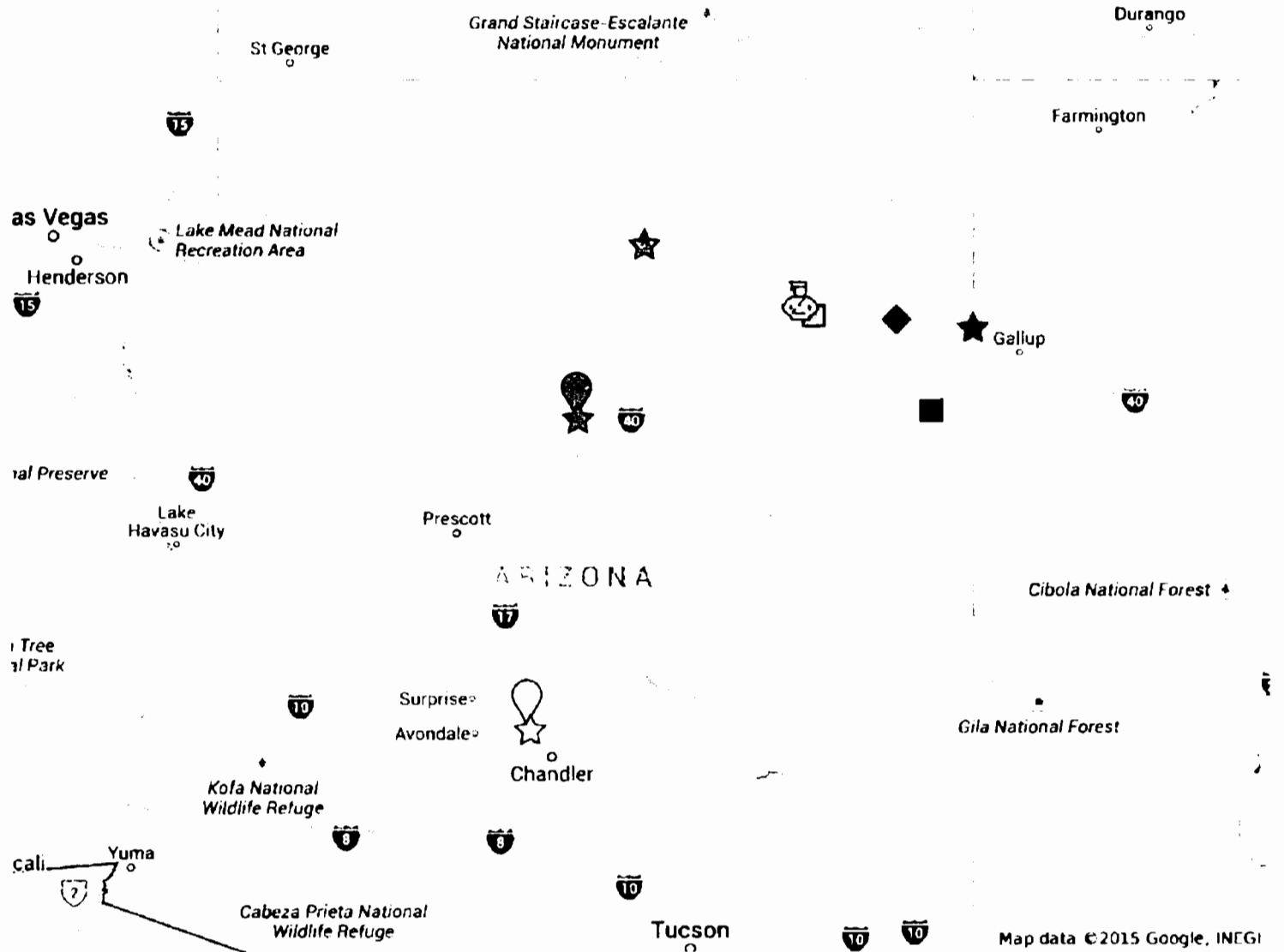
**113<sup>th</sup> Congress' Committee Members no longer serving on the SCIA**

1. Tim Johnson (D-SD) retired at the conclusion of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2014. Republican Mike Rounds won Johnson's Senate seat in the 2014 general election.
2. Mark Begich (D-AK) lost re-election in 2014 to Republican Dan Sullivan. No Buy-Back Program tribes are located in Alaska.
3. Deb Fisher (R-NM) is a returning member of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress but is no longer assigned to the Senate Committee on Indians Affairs.

# House Appropriations Delegation 1/22-26/2015

Known Destinations as of  
1/10/2015

- 📍 Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport
- ★ Phoenix Airport Marriott
- 📍 Flagstaff Pulliam Airport
- ★ Moenkopi Legacy Inn
- 📍 Hopi Detention Center
- ☐ Spider Mound Community
- ◆ Hubbell Trading Post NHS
- ★ Quality Inn Navajo Nation
- New Lands
- ★ Courtyard Flagstaff



**Indian Affairs | Office of Facilities, Property and Safety Management  
Division of Facilities Management and Construction (DFMC)  
Planning and Programming**

FMIS-Production, Run Date 13 Jan 2015 Structure Last Updated: 06-Jan-2015 Run Date: 13-Jan-2015 06:15 AM				Good: 80		
				Fair: 46	Good/Fair: 69.23%	
				Poor: 56	Poor: 30.77%	

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Education Locations 182

Education Facility Condition Index FY 2015 - 9-13 Jan 2015										Site/Grounds + Building Deferred Maintenance		Building Status Occupied and Occupied by Others, Exclude Quarters							FY 2014 Operations and Maintenance (O&M Funded)						
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<i>FCI Descending Sort Order</i>										SubTotals/Totals		300	0	\$1,311,135	\$3,122,548	\$13,268,977	0.2353	Poor	14	1983	31.79	72,543	\$249,967	\$228,982	\$478,949
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Western	HCB-13	Hop Day School	AZ	03	Yes	BLAGS	No	144		\$401,215	\$2,399,365	\$8,422,543	0.2489	Poor	5	1965	39.20	45,675	\$128,961	\$140,484	\$269,429				
Western	HCB-10	Whitcomb Elementary	AZ	03	Yes	BLAGS	No	277		\$709,920	\$783,487	\$1,446,434	0.2690	Poor	3	1991	25.33	26,868	\$121,022	\$88,498	\$209,520				

1/21/2015

**House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Congressional Delegation Trip to Navajo and Hopi Lands, Arizona  
January 22-26, 2015**

**Point of Contact: Darren Benjamin (202) 591-6954 (cell); (202) 225-3081 (office)**

Congressional Delegation

**Hon. Ken Calvert (CA-42)**, Subcommittee Chairman  
**Hon. Betty McCollum (MN-4)**, Subcommittee Ranking Minority Member  
**Hon. Mike Simpson (ID-2)**, Subcommittee Vice-Chairman  
**Hon. Tom Cole (OK-4)**, Subcommittee Member  
**Hon. Ann Kirkpatrick (AZ-1)** (*joining the delegation beginning Saturday morning*)

Accompanied by

**Ms. Jodi Gillette**, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, White House  
**Ms. Kristin Sarri**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management and Budget,  
Department of the Interior  
**Mr. Rick Healy**, Subcommittee staff  
**Mr. Darren Benjamin**, Subcommittee staff

Interactive Map

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Thursday, January 22 (Travel Day)

3:00 PM	Last Votes; Meet at Reagan National boarding gate
5:00 PM	U.S. Airways/American Airlines 589 DCA direct to Phoenix (PHX)
8:12 PM	Arrive Phoenix airport; Board Marriott hotel shuttle <i>Call shuttle when in baggage claim (602) 273-7373.</i>
8:45 PM	Arrive <u>Phoenix Airport Marriott</u> ; Check in; Retire

1/21/2015

Friday, January 23

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on your own at hotel; Check out
- 8:00 AM Board Marriott shuttle for airport
- 9:48 AM U.S. Airways/American Airlines 2695 PHX direct to Flagstaff
- 10:41 AM Arrive Flagstaff airport; Board charter bus  
*Joined by Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) officials:*  
*Mr. Chris Bavasi, Executive Director*  
*Ms. Nancy Thomas, Chief Financial Officer*  
*Mr. Lawrence Huzaw, Attorney*  
*Ms. Moe Salago-King, New Lands Manager*
- 12:05 PM Arrive Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites, Tuba City, AZ; Check in
- 12:30 PM Lunch on your own (walk to Tuuvi Café or Denny's)
- 1:30 PM Executive Session with Hopi Tribal Council and Meetings with Hopi Department of Natural Resources, Moenkopi Legacy Inn  
*Joined not later than 3:00 by Department of the Interior officials:*  
*Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary*  
*Hon. Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs*
- 4:25 PM Adjourn; Walk 5 minutes to Moencopi Day School  
*Joined by Hopi officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Department of the Interior officials.*
- 4:30 PM Arrive Moencopi Day School; Tour  
*Joined by Hopi officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Department of the Interior officials:*  
*Hon. Sally Jewell, Secretary*  
*Hon. Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs*  
*Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education*
- 5:15 PM Walk back to Moenkopi Legacy Inn; Break
- 6:00 PM Dinner with the Hopi Leadership, Moenkopi Legacy Inn, Tuba City, AZ  
*Joined by Department of the Interior officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Dinner Headcount: 4 Members + 2 Staff + 8 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR = 18 + Hopi*
- 8:00 PM Retire

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**Saturday, January 24**

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on your own (walk to Tuuvi Café or Denny's); Check out
- 8:00 AM Board charter bus; Tour Hopi land sites  
*Joined by Hopi officials:*  
*Hopi Tribal Council members*  
*Dept. of Natural Resources tour guides*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Some sites may require transferring to Hopi Gov't 4WD vehicles.*  
*Vehicle Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR = 14 + Hopi*
- 11:15 AM Arrive Hopi Detention Center, Keams Canyon, AZ; Tour  
*Joined by Hopi officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 12:15 PM Board charter bus; Depart for Spider Mound Community
- 12:30 PM Arrive Spider Mound Community Building; Lunch  
*Lunch hosted by the Community*  
*Lunch Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR + bus driver = 15 + Hopi*
- 1:30 PM Community presentation; Board Hopi Gov't 4WD vehicles; Tour  
*Joined by Hopi officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Vehicle Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR = 14 + Hopi*
- 3:30 PM Transfer to charter bus; Depart for Jeddito, AZ  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 3:40 PM Arrive Jeddito Chapter, Navajo Nation; Brief stop to meet Navajo officials;  
Depart for Window Rock, AZ  
*Joined by Navajo officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 5:30 PM Arrive Quality Inn, Window Rock, AZ; Check in; Break
- 6:30 PM Reception and Dinner with the Navajo Leadership, Quality Inn  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*  
*Dinner Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR = 14 + Navajo*
- 8:00 PM Retire

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Sunday, January 25

- 7:00 AM Breakfast on your own at hotel; Check out
- 8:00 AM Meet with Navajo officials, Navajo Nation Council Chambers  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 9:00 AM Board charter bus; Depart for New Lands  
*Joined by Navajo officials.*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 10:00 AM Arrive New Lands; Tour  
*Tour will be co-led by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*
- 11:30 PM Lunch; Continue tour  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Lunch Headcount: 5 Members + 3 Staff + 2 DOI/WH + 4 ONHIR + bus driver = 15 + Navajo*
- 1:00 PM Depart for Little Singer Community School, Winslow, AZ  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Rep. Kirkpatrick will leave the delegation at this juncture.*
- 2:30 PM Transfer to BIE school bus for travel on unpaved roads  
*Junction of North Park Drive north of Winslow, AZ, and Indian Route 2*  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Dr. Charles "Monty" Hoessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education.*
- 3:00 PM Arrive Little Singer Community School, Winslow, AZ; Tour  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education.*
- 3:45 PM Depart for Flagstaff, AZ  
*Joined by Navajo and ONHIR officials.*  
*Joined by Dr. Charles "Monty" Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education.*
- 4:15 PM Transfer to charter bus for travel on paved roads  
*Junction of North Park Drive north of Winslow, AZ, and Indian Route 2*  
*Joined by ONHIR officials.*
- 5:15 PM Arrive Courtyard by Marriott, Flagstaff, AZ; Check in; Break
- 6:30 PM Board charter bus; Working dinner / wrap-up session with ONHIR officials  
*Dinner Headcount: 4 Members + 3 Staff + 1 WH + 4 ONHIR = 12*
- 8:00 PM Retire

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Monday, January 26 (Travel Day)

6:00 AM	Breakfast on your own at hotel; Check out
7:00 AM	Board Marriott shuttle for airport
8:00 AM	U.S. Airways/American Airlines 2720 Flagstaff direct to Phoenix (PHX)
8:57 AM	Arrive PHX; Change planes
9:47 AM	U.S. Airways/American Airlines 595 PHX direct to DCA
3:55 PM	Arrive DCA; Individual arrangements for transport back to Capitol
6:30 PM	First Votes



## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TRIP TO ARIZONA OVERSIGHT OF THE NAVAJO-HOPI INDIAN RELOCATION PROGRAM

**DATE:** January 22-26, 2015 (You will be joining the Delegation on January 23)  
**LOCATION:** Hopi Reservation, Arizona  
**TIME:** 4:30 PM-6:00 PM  
**FROM:** Don Yu, BIE, 202-208-7163

#### I. PURPOSE OF EVENT

The purpose of this Congressional Delegation (CoDel) trip to the Navajo and Hopi Reservations is for members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies to learn more about: (1) implementation of a settlement of a decades old land conflict between the Navajo and Hopi Indian Tribes; and (2) school infrastructure needs at BIE-funded schools. You will join the Delegation on the leg of the trip to discuss DOI's efforts to reform the BIE and provide a preview of DOI's FY16 budget.

#### II. PARTICIPANTS

- o Representative Ken Calvert (R-CA)
- o Representative Tom Cole (R-OK)
- o Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN)
- o Representative Mike Simpson (R-ID)
- o Representative Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)
- o Jodi Gillette, WH DPC
- o Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- o Kris Sarri, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for PMB
- o Monty Roessel, BIE Director
- o Rick Healy (Committee Staff)
- o Darren Benjamin (Committee Staff)
- o Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Officials (TBD)
- o Navajo and Hopi Tribal Officials (TBD)

#### III. KEY FACTS/BACKGROUND

*Background on Navajo Hopi Relocation*

The federal Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act, commonly referred to as the Relocation Act of 1974, was an attempt by the federal government to settle a land dispute between the Hopi and Navajo tribes. The Act established the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation to implement the settlement of the land conflict and drew boundaries that separated the two tribal nations. The mission of the Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation is to provide quality services to eligible households and others impacted by the relocation act, in such a way that tribal citizens affected by the Act have the opportunity to re-establish their lives in a positive and productive manner.

#### *Moencopi Day School*

Moencopi Day school is a grant school located in the village of Moenkopi, on the Hopi Reservation. It is the westernmost village of the twelve villages that comprise the Hopi Tribe across First, Second, and Third Mesas. This village is situated at the western gateway to Hopi on Third Mesa and the community adjoins the Navajo community of Tuba City. Moencopi, which means "Running Water", is comprised of two villages: Lower Moencopi and Upper Moencopi, sometimes referred to as "traditional" and "progressive" Hopi respectively. There are approximately over 1,500 residents in both villages.

Moencopi Day School serves students in grades K-6<sup>th</sup> with a current enrollment of 168 students. There is one Kindergarten classes, two first grade classes, two second grade classes, one third grade class, one fourth grade class, two fifth grade classes, and one sixth grade class. The kindergarten and first grade classes are housed in the main building with the remaining classes (2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades) unhoused in the modular units. Moencopi Day School was originally built to serve students in kindergarten through third grade; however, due to increased enrollment there was a need to expand without receiving funding resources from the BIA to construct additional buildings. Although the school board at the time did not want modular buildings, such buildings were given to Moencopi Day School to meet the need for additional school construction. The governing body of Moencopi Day School consists of five community members voted into office by members of the community.

The following items are a few safety concerns and general concerns for justification of a new building that will house all grade levels:

- Over 50 percent of enrolled students are housed in modular units.
- There are several instances of cracking in the block walls of the main school building. One of the cracks can be identified both inside and outside the building.
- The Intercom system is outdated and needs installation of a new system, 3 out of 7 modular units do not have intercoms. There is no outside horn or speaker.

- Lack of storage space has forced the school to purchase steel containers for storage, a freezer for the kitchen is located outside the building, and the server room is located in an area not suitable for a server.
- The gymnasium also serves as a cafeteria and the gymnasium is small.
- There parking area for parents, community members, and staff is inadequate and visitors park in the sand.
- The ceiling joists are damaged and were not intended to support the weight and movement of those who need to access the attic.

The Moencopi Day, like the other Hopi School, is relatively high-performing compared to most other BIE-funded schools in Arizona. During the 2012-13 school year, Moencopi's student attendance was 95.25 percent, 71.57 percent of the school's students scored proficient in reading, and 55.88 percent scored proficient in math (see Attachment D for additional details).

#### *Little Singer Community School*

Little Singer, a K-6 school, was the vision in the 1970s of a medicine man of the same name who wanted local children educated in his community. The school building is the original structure that was built in the early 1950's. 20 years ago a new structure was built to serve as the school gym. Little Singer Community School has been on the Department's priority list for replacement since 2004. In the FY15 omnibus, Little Singer received funding for the planning and design of a new school. There is no teacher housing, a few of the teachers carpool each day for about a 90 minute drive that includes 7 miles of unpaved road each morning from Flagstaff, AZ or other neighboring towns. Recruiting teachers is very difficult because of the remoteness of the school and lack of teacher housing.

Little Singer has 86 students and 100 percent of the student body is eligible for free and reduced price lunch. The school is organized in multigrade levels. Less than one-quarter of students were deemed proficient in reading and math on the 2012-2013 standards based assessment (AIMS). Teachers may receive performance pay based on student academic growth, ½ in December and the other half in May. Navajo language and culture is utilized to teach content concepts in reading and math to students who are not proficient in the English language.

#### **IV. TOPLINE MESSAGES**

##### **Overall Top Lines**

- POTUS has made unprecedented commitments to Indian Country, and especially for Native youth (e.g., *WH Council, Tribal Nations Conference, Institutionalized by Executive Action*)
- POTUS accepts responsibility for a broken history - committed early on to right the wrongs
- POTUS tasked the Cabinet to get to work:
  - Make it easier for tribes to access federal gov - Yearly TNC, WH Council
  - Give tribal communities the opportunity to lead (self-determination/reliance)

- Focus on the next generation of tribal leaders: Transform Indian Education
  - This is one of my top priorities as Secretary
  - Accept the responsibility for federal neglect and broken promises, and recognize we need to do better by listening to tribes and resetting the relationship
  - Put education back in the hands of tribes
  - Give them the choice of how best to teach their kids
  - Provide resources and support from Washington, but not direct management

#### **Indian Ed – School Construction Budget**

- Obama Administration is working correct this – restructure, transform, recommit
- Grateful for the +19M in FY15 omnibus for replacement school construction
- As identified in various reports, the price tag to bring all BIE-funded schools into good condition is over \$1 billion dollars
- Of 183 institutions, 63 BIE schools are considered in ‘poor’ condition
- FY16 preview: +58.7M for replacement school construction; +20M for major repairs; and +34.2M to bring high-speed Internet to all BIE over three years.

#### **V. BIOGRAPHIES**

##### ***Rep. Ken Calvert (R–Calif.)***

42nd District, Western Riverside County -- Corona, Murrieta



- Residence: Corona
- Born: June 8, 1953; Corona, Calif.
- Religion: Episcopalian
- Family: Divorced
- Education: Chaffey College, A.A. 1973 (business); San Diego State U., B.A. 1975 (economics)
- Military Service: None
- Career: Real estate executive; restaurant executive

- First Elected: 1992 (12th term)
- Latest Election: 2014 General (65.74%)
- Political Highlights: Sought Republican nomination for U.S. House, 1982; Riverside County Republican Party chairman, 1984-88
- Committees:
  - Appropriations

You met with Chairman Calvert in late July to discuss wildland fire funding and LWCF, and spoke with him by phone on Dec. 12.

#### **Additional issues**

### California Drought

In the last Congress, Chairman Calvert supported Rep. Valadeo's Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act, which was strongly opposed by the Administration and Senator Feinstein, because it would preempt California water law and pit water users against one another.

### Salton Sea Project

One of the top priorities for Riverside County, which Chairman Calvert represents, is the designation of land at the Salton Sea as a renewable energy development focus area, similar to the DRECP. Nearly one year ago, the Department signed an MOU with the Salton Sea Authority, agreeing to share available technical and scientific information to aid the project.

### Earthquake Hazards

Chairman Calvert has a strong supporter of USGS and their earthquake hazards program. USGS gave him a leadership award in 2013.

### Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.)

4th District, South central -- Norman, Lawton, part of Oklahoma City



- Residence: Moore
- Born: April 28, 1949; Shreveport, La.
- Religion: Methodist
- Family: Wife, Ellen Cole; one child
- Education: Grinnell College, B.A. 1971 (history); Yale U., M.A. 1974 (British history); U. of Oklahoma, Ph.D. 1984 (19th Century British history)
- Military Service: None
- Career: Political consultant; party official; congressional district

director; professor

- First Elected: 2002 (7th term)
- Latest Election: 2014 General (70.8%)
- Political Highlights: Okla. Republican Party chairman, 1985-89; Okla. Senate, 1989-91; Okla. secretary of state, 1995-99
- Committees:
  - Appropriations
  - Rules
  - Joint Library

Rep. Cole is a member of the Chickasaw Nation; he is one of two Native Americans serving in Congress. Cole's mother, Helen Cole, was Oklahoma's first Native American state senator. Rep.

Cole is Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, along with Congresswoman Betty McCollum.

You met with Rep. Cole in late July in late July to discuss Indian Education issues, and spoke with him by phone on Dec. 5.

#### **Additional issues**

##### **Chickasaw National Recreation Area**

Congressman Cole supports the opportunity for tribal-Federal partnership at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, which is a unit of the National Park Service located in southern Oklahoma. The Park Service is working on an agreement to formalize the working relationship between the Tribe and NPS.

##### **Tribal recognition process**

Last year, Reps. Cole and McCollum wrote to you regarding the Department's proposed reforms to the tribal recognition process. Their letter commended DOI for working to reform the "broken" tribal recognition process, but asked for additional time for public comments and for additional meetings so tribal members who were unable to travel to one of the six tribal consultations would be able to participate. In response to the request by Rep. Cole and others, the Department extended the public comment period and added two additional tribal consultations.

##### **Lesser Prairie-Chicken**

Congressman Cole is concerned that the listing of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken would affect the ability of private landowners to use their lands and have a negative impact on local economies, particularly oil and gas development in his district.

#### **Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.)**



4th District, St. Paul and suburbs

- Residence: St. Paul
  - Born: July 12, 1954; Minneapolis, Minn.
  - Religion: Roman Catholic
  - Family: Divorced; two children
  - Education: Inver Hills Community College, A.A. 1980; College of St. Catherine. B.A. 1987 (education)
  - Military Service: None
  - Career: Teacher; retail saleswoman
- First Elected: 2000 (8th term)
  - Latest Election: 2014 General (61.19%)

- Political Highlights: Candidate for North St. Paul City Council, 1984; North St. Paul City Council, 1987-92; Minn. House, 1993-2001
- Committees:
  - Appropriations

Rep. McCollum is Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus, along with Rep. Tom Cole. You met with Rep. McCollum in late July to discuss LWCF and Indian Education issues.

#### **Additional Issues**

##### **Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School**

In August, you visited the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School on the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe reservation in Bena, Minnesota. The deteriorating building, which serves almost 200 students K-12, has multiple safety and security concerns. Rep. McCollum has been a strong supporter of funding for native schools in general, and the Bug School in particular.

##### **Asian Carp**

Rep. McCollum has long been concerned about the spread of Asian Carp and has been a supporter of FWS and USGS as they work to address the issue.

##### **Opposition to the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System**

You have met with Minnesota Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken about their strong support for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, which will deliver water to communities in South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. You should be aware that Rep. McCollum does **not** support the water project, and has opposed it since her days in the Minnesota State Legislature. She is the only Member of the Minnesota Congressional delegation to take this stance.

##### **Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho)**



2nd District, East -- Pocatello, Idaho Falls, part of Boise

- Residence: Idaho Falls
- Born: Sept. 8, 1950; Burley, Idaho
- Religion: Mormon
- Family: Wife, Kathy Simpson
- Education: Utah State U., attended 1968-72 (pre-dentistry); Washington U. (Mo.), D.M.D. 1977; Utah State U., B.S. 2002 (pre-dentistry)
- Military Service: None
- Career: Dentist
- First Elected: 1998 (9th term)
- Latest Election: 2014 General (61.36%)

- Political Highlights: Blackfoot City Council, 1980-84; Idaho House, 1984-98 (speaker, 1992-98)
- Committees:
  - Appropriations

You met with Rep. Simpson in late July to discuss wildland fire funding and LWCF, and spoke with him by phone on Dec. 12.

#### **Additional issues**

##### **Wildland Fire Management**

Rep. Simpson has been a strong ally in your efforts to change the budgeting process for wildfire management.

##### **Sage Grouse**

Rep. Simpson has supported funding for Bureau of Land Management to address the sage grouse in land management plans and is concerned about the impact of a Sage Grouse listing on economic development in the West.



**Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-Ariz.)** 1st District, North and east -- Flagstaff; southern Phoenix suburbs

- Residence:Flagstaff
- Born:March 24, 1950; McNary, Ariz.
- Religion:Roman Catholic
- Family:Husband, Roger Curley; two children
- Education:U. of Arizona, B.A. 1972 (social studies), J.D. 1979
- Military Service:None
- Career:Lawyer; county prosecutor; teacher
- First Elected:2008 (3rd term); Did not serve 2011-13
- Latest Election:2014 General (52.61%)
- Political Highlights:Ariz. House, 2005-07; U.S. House of Representatives, 2009-11; defeated for re-election to U.S. House, 2010
- Committees:
  - Agriculture
  - Transportation & Infrastructure

You spoke with Rep. Kirkpatrick on Dec. 9 about Resolution Copper. She also joined you at an event at Glen Canyon Dam in September

#### **Additional issues**

##### **Resolution Copper**



Rep. Kirkpatrick supported Rio Tinto's efforts to secure land in Tonto National Forest for development.

## VI. ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Complete itinerary
- Attachment B: Itinerary map
- Attachment C: Facilities Condition Index for Moencopi and Little Singer Schools
- Attachment D: Moencopi Day and Little Singer Schools student achievement data
- Attachment E: Briefing Paper on Over-Permitted Livestock Round-Up and Impoundment on the Hopi Partitioned Lands *[below]*
- Attachment F: Little Singer Community School Data
- Attachment G: Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Evaluation by IG
- Attachment H: Navajo Hopi Relocation Memo *[below]*

ATTACHMENT E:

Briefing Paper  
Over-Permitted Livestock Round-Up and Impoundment on the Hopi Partitioned Lands  
October 30, 2014

Background: Pursuant to a 1996 settlement between the United States and the Hopi Tribe, certain Navajo families were allowed to remain on Hopi partition lands for a period of time before relocating off of Hopi lands if they entered an Accommodation Agreement. As part of the Accommodation Agreements, the Hopi Tribe allows each of the Navajo families to have a certain number of permitted livestock units.

Hopi has contracted the grazing program from BIA, but the BIA retains certain authority for carrying out inherently federal functions. If a Navajo family violates the amount of livestock allowed under their permit, after notice of the violation has been given (which is sent by the BIA) Hopi can lawfully impound excess livestock if no action is taken by the Navajo family to cure the violation.

Current Issue: impoundment

On October 22-23, 2014, and October 28, 2014, the Hopi Tribe, with technical support of the BIA--Hopi Agency, conducted round-up and impoundment of livestock on the Hopi Partition Lands which were either not permitted or exceeded the grazing permits granted to the Navajo individuals. The trespass actions were conducted in compliance with Federal grazing regulations 25 C.F.R. Part 168 Grazing Regulations for the Hopi Partitioned Lands Area and Hopi Ordinance 43, which applies to the Hopi Reservation, including the Hopi Partition Lands occupied by Navajo families.

Certain allegations have been made by various Navajo individuals regarding the recent round up and impoundment (i.e., BIA and Hopi used helicopters in the roundup and Navajo children were impounded) however, the majority of those allegations are without factual basis.

The Solicitor's Office is currently working with the BIA—Hopi Agency, the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo families to resolve any outstanding issues and improve on the ground communication in the event there are future impoundments.

### Navajo-Hopi Relocation

In December 2014, the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of the Inspector General published a report on the operations of the Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR), an independent government entity in the executive branch that operates outside of the Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. at the request of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, which included language in ONHIR's fiscal year 2014 appropriation directing ONHIR to provide the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) with funding for audits and investigations of ONHIR's operations. Based on its evaluation, the Office of the Inspector General concluded it would not be possible for ONHIR to complete its relocation work and cease operations in the near future without legislative changes and/or an increase in annual appropriations. The OIG report is attached here; background information on the Navajo-Hopi Relocation is provided below.

### **Background**

Public Law 93-531, the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974, was enacted to settle disputes over lands that have existed between the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Indian tribe for over a century.

The disputes arose from an Executive Order signed by President Chester Arthur in 1882 that set aside approximately 2.5 million acres of land, approximately 70 miles long and 55 miles wide, in northern Arizona for the Hopi Tribe and "such other Indians as the Secretary [of the Interior] may see fit to settle thereon," and a 1934 Act of Congress setting aside lands for the Navajo Nation. Since the Executive Order in 1882, members of the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation have disputed the right to occupy certain lands set aside by the 1882 Executive Order. These disagreements led to case in the Federal District Court of Arizona in 1962, *Healing v. Jones*, where the Court ruled that both the Hopi Tribe and the Navajo Nation had joint rights to use the lands in dispute. The Court held that the Department of the Interior had settled Navajos on lands of the 1882 Hopi Reservation through implication, indirection and neglect. Thus, the Court found that both tribes had rights to certain lands within the 1882 Hopi Reservation.

Congress passed the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act in 1974 (Public Law 93-531), which authorized litigation between the two tribes to determine each tribe's respective rights to the lands in question. The lands comprising this area became known as the "joint use area" (JUA). Conflict over the JUA continued, however, and the relations between the tribes became so tense over the access to sacred religious sites and development on the lands that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at this time, Robert Bennett, implemented a freeze on any development on the disputed land in 1966. This was termed the "Bennett Freeze" after Commissioner Robert Bennett. The freeze forbade any development on the lands at issue in litigation, including the building of houses, improvement to property, public work projects, power and water lines, publican agency improvements, and associated rights of way.

Tensions in the JUA and over the Bennett freeze led Congress to pass the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act, which established a three member Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Commission to manage the relocation of members of the Navajo Nation who were living on the lands set aside for the Hopi Tribe and members of the Hopi Tribe who were living on lands set aside for the Navajo Nation. The 1974 law contemplated that the relocation activities would be fulfilled by 1986, and the cost of providing relocation benefits to approximately 6,000 Navajos eligible for relocation was estimated to be about \$40 million. However, the total cost has exceeded \$500 million with no near term end in sight.

In 1980, Congress amended the 1974 Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act to codify the Bennett Freeze. The goal of the amendment was to not allow any development on the disputed lands with the consent of both tribes. However, the result has been that the American Indians living in the Bennett Freeze region reside in conditions that have not changed since 1966, and need to be improved.

In 2005, the Navajo and Hopi tribes entered into an intergovernmental agreement that resolved all outstanding issues regarding the land in dispute. The intergovernmental agreement clarifies the boundaries of the Navajo and Hopi reservations in Arizona and guarantees access to protected religious sites of both tribes. The agreement also puts an end to the ban on development on the disputed lands. The agreement was approved by the Secretary of the Interior in November 2006. Therefore, there is no additional need for the Bennett Freeze. Both the Navajo and Hopi tribes support this legislation to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93-531, the Bennett Freeze.

The relocation law was amended several times, including the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments Act of 1980 (Pub. L. No. 96-305); the Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation Amendments of 1988 (Pub. L. No. 100-666); and the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute Settlement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-301). These laws made a number of changes to the relocation process, including authorizing:

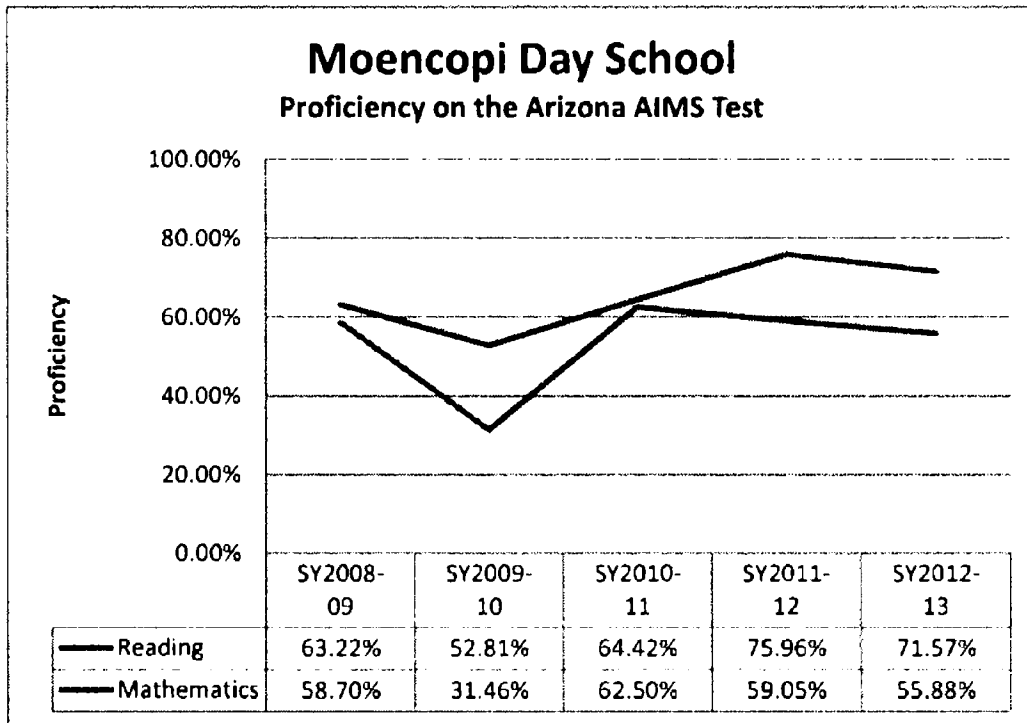
- The Secretary of the Interior to transfer additional land to the Navajo Nation to be used for relocation;
- An increase in appropriations for bonus payments and housing benefits;
- Funds for projects related to relocation;
- The Hopi Tribe to provide 75-year leases to Navajo households residing on the Hopi Partitioned Lands (Accommodation Agreements); and
- The abolishment of the original Commission and in its place the establishment of Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation (ONHIR) to carry out the relocation process.

The Commission, and subsequently ONHIR (Congress replaced the Commissioner with ONHIR), had several responsibilities in carrying out the relocation process. These responsibilities included certifying families as eligible for relocation benefits; acquiring relocation housing for eligible families; acquiring and managing land and constructing new housing and infrastructure where necessary; and providing pre- and post-move counseling and other services to assist eligible households with the transition.

A September 6, 2012 Congressional Research Service memorandum addressed to the House Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, reported that some members of Congress have expressed frustration with the length of time and the cost of the relocation effort. The memorandum stated that on at least two occasions Congress has considered bills to set an end date for the relocation process and to abolish ONHIR and transfer its functions to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). In 1996, a bill was introduced (S. 2111, 104th Cong.) that would have abolished ONHIR on September 30, 2001, and transferred its remaining functions to a newly created Office of Relocation within DOI. The bill also would have prohibited any benefit payments to a head of household who was not certified as eligible for benefits by September 30, 2001, and provided for benefits to be held in trust for eligible heads of household who had not yet received replacement homes. In 2005, the Senate passed a bill (S. 1003, 109th Cong.) that included provisions similar to those in the 1996 bill. No final law was passed in either instance.

# Moencopi Day School

	SY2008-09	SY2009-10	SY2010-11	SY2011-12	SY2012-13
Enrollment	210	227	240	244	226
	SY2008-09	SY2009-10	SY2010-11	SY2011-12	SY2012-13
Attendance	94.41%	94.36%	95.69%	95.19%	95.25%
	SY2008-09	SY2009-10	SY2010-11	SY2011-12	SY2012-13
Reading	63.22%	52.81%	64.42%	75.96%	71.57%
Mathematics	58.70%	31.46%	62.50%	59.05%	55.88%

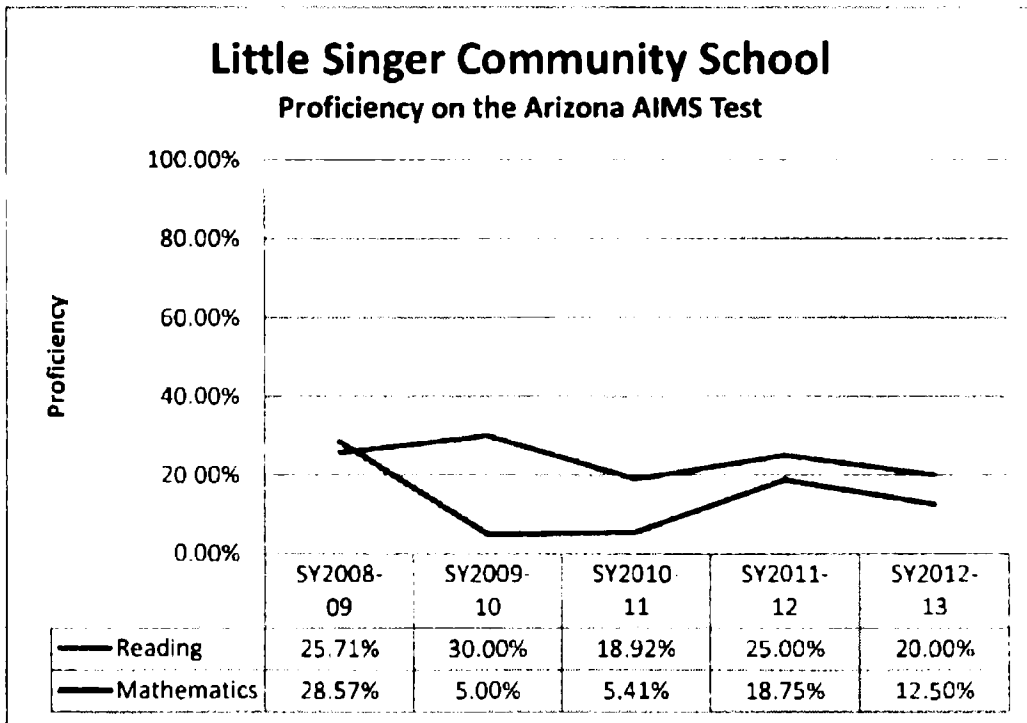


# Little Singer Community School

	SY2008-09	SY2009-10	SY2010-11	SY2011-12	SY2012-13
Enrollment	92	92	95	91	89

	SY2008-09	SY2009-10	SY2010-11	SY2011-12	SY2012-13
Attendance	90.97%	90.68%	92.52%	91.97%	91.58%

	SY2008-09	SY2009-10	SY2010-11	SY2011-12	SY2012-13
Reading	25.71%	30.00%	18.92%	25.00%	20.00%
Mathematics	28.57%	5.00%	5.41%	18.75%	12.50%





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PMB Folks/Don -

From the messaging perspective, we do not plan (unless Tricia confirms with me otherwise) for there to be a public facing/press component to the CODELL.

What I do think would be helpful from your shop, in addition to the itinerary and bios of the MoCs traveling, would be the handful of topline talking points you want to be sure the Secretary makes with the appropriators while we're there. There won't be a public presser or media availability, but the key tolines you want her to make with the MoC audience will be immensely helpful.

~Jessica

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From: Javaid, Zaina &lt;zaina\_javaid@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Date: Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 3:43 PM

Subject: Re: Briefing Book Assignment: Arizona CODEL--1/23-24

To: "Harris, Sarah" &lt;sarah.harris@bia.gov&gt;

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Hey Sarah! We are not 100% confirmed, but would appreciate just getting the ball rolling with background/hot topics (we can fill in agenda and participants later), because she has so much travel coming up that we want to give her as much time to digest information and read through the materials. So, as much as you can hand over to us, would be very helpfull

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 3:03 PM, Harris, Sarah &lt;sarah.harris@bia.gov&gt; wrote:

Hi Lindsey,

We are happy to put together a briefing on the possible Indian school visit during the CODEL trip. That said, have we confirmed participation or the agenda? I don't think it's possible for us to put together a briefing with the information that we have (which isn't more than the fact that there might be a trip).

Please let me know and we're happy to help!

Sarah

On Thursday, January 15, 2015, OS, dailybriefingbinder &lt;dailybriefingbinder@ios.doi.gov&gt; wrote:

Hello: You have been assigned the briefing materials for the Secretary's participation in the CODEL visit to Hopi on Friday, January 23rd-Saturday, January 24th. Please loop-in anyone from your teams that I may have missed.



While the specifics of the Secretary's role are still being flushed out, we wanted to get the briefing book process started. As the schedules develops, I will send any relevant updates.

The event memo should provide a description of the purpose, the participants (and bios), a specific agenda, hot topics which may be brought up or for the Secretary to bring up, any Q&A, suggested TPs, and any relevant background.

Given the long weekend, the Secretary is hoping to get a head start on her travel prep for next week. While I realize this is a quick turnaround, if you have any relevant background information that could be shared by **2:00 pm tomorrow (Friday)**, we will include in her briefing material for the weekend. Final briefing book materials should be submitted by **2:00 pm on Tuesday, January 20th** to [dailybriefingbinder@ios.doi.gov](mailto:dailybriefingbinder@ios.doi.gov).

Thank you!

Lindsey  
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For the bios, POB will run point. For the trip, can BIE prepare information on fy14 PB, fy14 enacted, fy15 pb, fy15 enacted, and fy16 levels for BIE programs and schools. Also, she needs a status update on transformation, including the new org chart for the fy16 budget and the update on SIE programs. With Darren on the trip then anything could come up.







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Hi Kris, I took the first cut at the briefing materials for this trip a few days ago. They may have been revised since then. I'm looping in Lindsey in case she has a more up-to-date version. Attachments A and B should be the itinerary and map which I do not have. I also just reached out to staff for information re: Little Singer School which should be added to the materials.

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-  **Congressional Delegation Trip briefing materials v1.docx**  
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-  **Attachment C Moencopi and Hopi Day Schools FCI.pdf**  
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-  **Attachment D Moencopi Day School Student Achievement Data.xlsx**  
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Hi Kris,

Yes, we're working with Lindsey and briefing book folks to pull materials together for the BIE portion of the trip. That said, we will still want to bios and any other materials you would like to include. We'll work with briefing book to make sure that info is incorporated into the materials.

Thanks!

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Jeremy and Janou will pitch in on the bios.

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Thanks. OCL working with us on bios. Thanks to Team OCL!

Can we review the briefing materials prior to finalizing for the Secretary?

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Hi all, attached is a revised Attachment C that summarizes the facility conditions of the two schools currently on the itinerary. I'm happy to revise the briefing memo to reflect the addition of Little Singer School, but it's not clear to me who has the pen right now.

Lindsey, maybe we could upload on Google docs so everyone can edit simultaneously?

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I am still behind on emails so apologies for asking for this information on my last email. I think this information would be good for the briefing memo.

Before the briefing tomorrow, I thought we might want some group think about "what does success look like for DoI coming out of the visit?" in order to make sure Sally, Kevin, Monty and I hit all the necessary points during our time with the CoDel.

For me, success is – Congress understanding that we need reform in order to change the status quo for students and that could be difficult as we make changes to organizational structure. Also, it is important for the Federal government to work with tribes on accountability and performance targets. Finally, unless we raise the caps on discretionary funding, we will not have the necessary investments for transformation and meeting our obligations.

I think we might want to also provide material to Jodi when final.

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Zaina,

Please find attached separate briefings for the Secretary on the issue of Navajo-Hopi relocation as well as a briefing on livestock impoundment. I have also included an OIG report issued last month on the Office of the Navajo-Hopi Relocation which should be an attachment.

thanks,

Kallie

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#### SIE Update:

1. Sovereignty in Indian Education Initiative Update: The purpose of the grants is to increase tribal capacity to manage and operate tribally controlled schools as singular school system. These funds will support development of a school-reform plan to improve educational outcomes for students and improve efficiencies and effectiveness in the operation of BIE-funded schools within a reservation.
2. Currently, five tribes were awarded funds and the Oglala Sioux Tribe pulling out of the grant. Four tribes have been awarded their funds and one tribe is awaiting a tribal resolution to approve the acceptance of the fund. Bureau of Indian Education is having weekly contact with tribes. These Tribal Education Departments are collaborating with each other about best practices throughout this process.
3. Student and School Impact of 5 tribes = One-half of our schools and enrollment are impacted:
  - a) Gila River Indian Community School – 3 schools with 954 students
  - b) Standing Rock Sioux Tribe – 3 schools with 776 students
  - c) Tohono O’odham Nation—4 schools with 704 students
  - d) Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians-5 schools with 1,935 students
  - e) Navajo Nation – 66 Schools with 13,709 students
4. Hopi tribal school boards thwarted an effort by the Hopi Tribal Education Department to apply for Sovereignty in Indian Education funds. Despite this, Hopi has inquired about year 2 funding. In addition, BIE has received 10 inquiries for year 2 funding applications.
5. Initial assessment: Hugely successful initiative – especially for \$1M.

#### Transformation Update:

1. In order to expedite services to schools and tribes during this transformation, BIE split the implementation transformation into two phases:
  - a. Phase 1 Educational: Finalized organization charts for staffing of current BIE educational activities from central office through the Area Division Directors (ADD) to the new Education Resource Centers (ERCs). We are waiting to meet with Congress to authorize reprogramming of funds to begin implementation. Org charts are available.
  - b. Phase 2 School Operations: The transformation of Secretarial Order #3334 is in progress with teams meeting to design new staffing and structure. Teams are Facilities, Human Resources, Communication, Acquisitions and Contracts, and Information Technology (IT). Teams are finalizing transferred functions and beginning the organizational chart development to begin transfer from DASM and BIA to BIE. Teams that have completed this process are Acquisitions and Contracts, Communication, and Human Resources.
2. BIE has completed a staffing realignment and submitted to Human Resources.
3. Human Resources will begin developing retention registry for approximately 87 staffing across the BIE System. This needs to be expedited.
4. Six Education Line Offices will close, five will remain open for facilities, eleven will remain open for the Education Resource Centers, and three new sites are being established.
5. Educational Resource Centers have been selected and discussions with tribes have begun.



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## Announcement of Cam Sholly as NPS MWR Director

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Thu, Dec 18, 2014 at 10:38 AM

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Jeremy,

My apologies for the late notice, but I wanted to let you know that the NPS reached out to the Congressionals and released a press release yesterday announcing Cam Sholly as the new Midwest region director for the NPS. We doubt that it will garner much attention, individual park superintendents tend to get more press, but I intended to give you all a heads up beforehand. My mistake, and my apologies.

Press release is attached. I'll let you all know if we hear anything from the hill.

Best,  
Kyle

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Thu, Dec 18, 2014 at 10:39 AM

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I am currently out of the office. If you need immediate assistance, please contact stephenne\_harding@ios.doi.gov. Thank you.

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## National Park Service News Release

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### Midwest Region Director Named

WASHINGTON – National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis has named Cameron (Cam) Sholly as the Midwest Region director. As regional director, Sholly will oversee approximately 60 national park units in 13 states of the Midwest and a workforce of over 2,000 employees. The region headquarters is in Omaha.

“Cam has the right blend of experience to take the helm of the Midwest Region,” Jarvis said. “He is a proven leader and collaborator, with a demonstrated performance record in managing large operations and partnering at all levels.”

Sholly has served as the associate director for the National Park Service's (NPS) Visitor and Resource Protection Directorate since 2012, overseeing a national portfolio that includes 30 program areas, 850 employees, and a budget exceeding \$200 million. During his tenure, he has focused largely on improving the NPS safety program, interagency wilderness partnerships, and the quality and consistency of NPS law enforcement training. His team also completed a wide range of national policies, reduced the NPS regulations backlog, and began a major realignment of the NPS wildland fire workforce to ensure better fiscal and operational effectiveness.

From 2009 to 2012, Sholly was the superintendent of the Natchez Trace Parkway, where he managed the eighth most-visited NPS unit in the country. As superintendent, he oversaw multiple partnership projects including a major rehabilitation of the Meriwether Lewis Death and Burial Site. He worked closely with Choctaw and Chickasaw nations on a variety of partnerships including completion of one of the largest Native American repatriations in the country. He also helped energize new economic, tourism, and conservation partnerships with the city of Nashville, and many other state and local partners along the three-state, 444-mile corridor. Sholly was named superintendent of the year for the Southeast Region in 2011.

From 2005 to 2009, Sholly was the deputy associate director for visitor and resource protection in Washington D.C. From 2002 to 2005, he was the chief of ranger operations in Yosemite National Park. In 2008, he served on detail as special assistant to the NPS director responsible for a major projects portfolio that included assisting with a new national monument designation and multiple other project areas.

"It's a privilege to be appointed to this position," Sholly said. "The Midwest Region has incredible people, parks, and partners. I look forward to working closely with the Midwest team as we move forward, together, toward the NPS centennial and beyond."

Sholly is a U.S. Army veteran and was deployed to Operation Desert Storm. He is also a six-year veteran of the California Highway Patrol.

Sholly received his master's degree from Duke University in environmental management with concentrations in economics and law and policy. He received his bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College of California in management. He is a graduate of the Harvard University Senior Executive Fellows Program and the FBI National Academy.

Sholly has been married for the past 19 years to Jill Sholly. They will relocate to Omaha in the spring of 2015.

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**Re: List of legislative proposals**

7 messages

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Thu, Nov 20, 2014 at 11:31 AM

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On Thu, Nov 20, 2014 at 10:54 AM, Hellmann, Donald &lt;don\_hellmann@nps.gov&gt; wrote:

Stephenne:

Per your request at our meeting the other day, I am attaching two lists of our legislative proposals. They consist of approximately 73 proposals received from our program offices and regions (via the parks). The first list is the proposals broken down by category, which I thought might help put them into context. The second list is a chart that had a bit more information on some of the specifics of the proposals, but which we are still currently completing.

On the list of proposals by category, you will notice a handful (less than 10) of the proposals that have a star next them. These are bills that might fall off the list as they are under consideration for the package at the end of this Congress for the Defense Authorization bill.

Since these proposals are not going to be put in the NPS Centennial bill, I may recommend to Jon that we put together a second bill of these proposals to show our parks and programs that we care about what they submitted and are attempting to do something to move the proposals forward.

Let me know if you have questions.

Don

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Thu, Nov 20, 2014 at 12:06 PM

See below. Is the stuff he wants to dump into another bill the same stuff he's been giving to the Committee in one form or another for the past few years?

"Since these proposals are not going to be put in the NPS Centennial bill, I may recommend to Jon that we put together a second bill of these proposals to show our parks and programs that we care about what they submitted and are attempting to do something to move the proposals forward."

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That is my sense. To be clear though, the stuff on this list is NOT the stuff that Christy and Bruce are interested in. This is the rejection list.

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<b>Service Wide Proposals</b>					
Office of Communications/ NPS Centennial Commemorative Coins	Authorize U.S. Mint to issue NPS Centennial Commemorative Coins in 2016, designating NPF as the recipient of proceeds, to be used at national park units.				
Policy Office/ National Park System Advisory Board extension	Continue the National Park System Advisory Board for an additional 10 years in the same structure as in current law.				
Commercial Services/Concessions Management Advisory Board extension	Continue the Concessions Management Advisory Board for an additional 10 years, identical in structure, composition and purpose.				
Law Enforcement, Security, and Emergency Services/Uniform Penalties	Amend the Criminal Fines Improvement Act of 1988 to reduce three-tiered system of fines to one-tiered system, providing uniform treatment of offenders at different types of NPS units.				
Volunteers in Parks /Authorization Increase	Eliminate the \$3.5 million authorization ceiling for the Volunteers in Parks program.**				
Park Planning/Japanese American Relocation Centers study	Authorize a Special Resource Study of seven World War II Japanese American relocation centers not currently within National Park System.				
National Heritage Area Program/NHA Program Authority	Provide legislative basis for NPS policy on studying, establishing and assisting national heritage areas. Includes modest permanent assistance to NHAs after their authorized assistance expires.				
National Heritage Area Program/NHA Evaluation Requirement	Provide requirement for evaluation 3 years prior to expiration of authorization of appropriations for those NHAs that lack the requirement. Would provide				

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	consistency among NHAs.				
National Park Service Interpretation and Education authority	Establish interpretation and education as a fundamental part of NPS mission, direct the Secretary to provide broad range of high quality programs with appropriate evaluation and cooperation with partners.				
National Park System Plan	Reinstate the requirement for the National Park Service to prepare a National Park System Plan to identify themes and candidate areas to be recommended for inclusion in the National Park System.				
International Affairs/National Park International Cooperation Authority	Provide clear, straightforward authority for agreements and programs to promote development, protection, and management of parks and protected areas in other countries as well as international migratory wildlife.				
Partnership Office/ Partnership Education and Interpretation Agreement authority	Provide clear, straightforward authority for partnership education and interpretation agreements with nonprofit educational organizations that have food and lodging component.				
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation/Addition of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Representative	Authorize addition of General Chairman of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation				
Visitor and Resource Protection/Visitor Care Reimbursement (submitted by YOSE)*	Amend 16 USC 1b(5) to clearly state that medical care provided by the NPS to visitors is authorized for reimbursement				

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<b>Alaska Region</b>					
<b>Nothing was submitted</b>					

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<b>Intermountain Region</b>					
Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park/Boundary Authority Clarification	Correct conflicting language between 1999 enabling act and 2003 boundary revision act, clarifying that private land authorized for acquisition would not be included in the park boundary until/unless it is acquired by NPS and that land NPS exchanged would be excluded from the boundary.	Approximately 2,530 acres were included in the boundary in the 2003 Act.	No costs – no new land acquisition authority		
Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument/Boundary Modification	Transfer land from the U.S. Forest Service to the NPS and adjust boundary. Would include in park boundary the NPS administrative area and a section of the road that connects the NPS entrance kiosk and the administrative area to the park.	Approximately 93 acres.		The 2004 GMP supported a 695-acre transfer from USFS to NPS; USFS (regional and Washington levels) currently supports transferring approximately 93 acres; NPS agrees with limiting the transfer to that amount.	
Saguaro National Park/Boundary and Land Purchase Authority Study	Authorize NPS to conduct study to determine if there are additional lands to be included in Saguaro NP's boundary and allow NPS to purchase 2,500 acres of Arizona State Trust Lands within park's boundaries				
Chickasaw National Recreation Area/Acreage Ceiling Increase	Increase the acreage ceiling from 10,000 acres to 12,500 acres to allow the acquisition of adjacent lands				
Chaco Culture National Historical Park/Boundary	Establish long-term agreements with counties and agencies to provide public access roads to CHCU and seek				yes

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Adjustment and Access Agreements*	authority to expend appropriated funds to maintain these roads. Adjust park boundary and seek authority to acquire all lands within the newly established boundary.				
San Antonio Missions National Historical Park/Boundary Adjustment	Adjust park boundary to include 137 acres currently owned or managed by the park.				

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<b>Midwest Region</b>					
Fort Scott National Historic Site/ Boundary Expansion	Provide authority to purchase land (in addition to accepting donation) and adjust boundary to include lands that are adjacent to Fort Scott for maintenance and curatorial facilities, and to preclude incompatible development.	The western parcel is 2.87 acres and the eastern parcel is less than an acre.	\$382,000 for western parcel and \$180,000 for eastern parcel.	The two parcels in question are currently on the market. Bourbon County Riverfront Authority has expressed interest in partnering with the park on one of the properties.	Yes
North Country National Scenic Trail/ Boundary Adjustment	Revise the route in NE Minnesota because the original route is not feasible due to extensive forests and wetlands; add segment in VT.	Increases trail by 400 miles to 4,600 miles	No significant costs (the trail is already developed on most of the alternate route).	Bills were introduced in the 112 <sup>th</sup> and 113 <sup>th</sup> Congresses by Sen. Klobuchar (D-MN) and Rep. Peterson (D-MN)/Rep. Rick Nolan(D-MN); no hearings.  No opposition to this change in the trail route surfaced during the study process. There is broad support by the North Country Trail Association, local stakeholders, US Forest Service and the State of Minnesota.	Yes
Voyageurs National Park/ Boundary Adjustment and Land Exchange/Transfer	Authorize a land exchange and/or transfer between NPS and the State of Minnesota and a land transfer from the Bureau of Land Management to NPS.	A 33 acre NPS parcel; 92 acres of state parcels; 64 acres of BLM parcels.	Minimal costs of approximately \$50,000 in legal fees.	Numerous parcels of Minnesota state and BLM land were never transferred to federal ownership when the park was established due to park's enabling legislation lacking authorization for the transfer. BLM and the State of Minnesota support the transfer.	Yes
Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site/	Modify boundary to include 7 residential properties that form part of the cultural landscape, along with another property	1.47 acres (7 properties) and less than an	\$50,000 for 5 years to help owners rehabilitate the	The Little Rock Mayor, Little Rock School District, Central High Neighborhood, Inc. and all property	Yes

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Boundary Adjustment	for a park maintenance facility. Provide authority to use cooperative agreements with owners or other entities to use appropriated funds for preservation and interpretation.	acre for a separate parcel.	homes. \$10,000 a year thereafter to encourage ongoing historic preservation.	owners have no objections.	
Badlands National Park/Boundary Expansion	Expand boundary to acquire a parcel identified in 2006 GMP to protect the black-footed ferret. There is a willing seller and a letter of intent has been issued.	4,660 acres	Approximately \$2.3M (no appraisal done)	The South Dakota Congressional delegation is supportive or neutral.	In progress
Badlands National Park/ Tribal National Park	Establish South Unit as a new Tribal National Park				No (In progress)
Pullman National Historical Park/ New Unit*	Establish Pullman historic district as a new unit of the National Park System.				No (In progress)
Apostle Islands National Park/ Ashland Light Boundary Adjustment*	Transfer the Ashland Light from the Coast Guard to NPS.				No (in progress)

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<b>National Capital Region</b>					
Catoctin Mountain Park/Redesignation and Statutory Authority	Redesignate the park as Catoctin Mountain National Park and provide in statute the establishment of the park				
George Washington Memorial Parkway/Land Exchange	Effect a land exchange between the NPS and the Federal Highway Administration in Arlington County, VA				
Prince William Forest Park/Redesignation	Redesignate Prince William Forest Park as Chopawamsic National Recreation Area				
Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail/Extension Authority	Authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate trails in the State of West Virginia as segments of the Potomac Heritage NST				
National Capital Region/District of Columbia Snow Removal Authority	Clarify responsibilities for snow removal on sidewalks outside of buildings owned or leased by Federal Agencies				

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<b>Northeast Region</b>					
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park/New Unit	Establish Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System within the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley NHA.				
Chesapeake Bay Program Office/Permanent Funding Authority	Provide permanent funding authorization for the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network				
Gettysburg National Military Park/Boundary Adjustment	Expand the park boundary to include the historic Lincoln Train Station in downtown Gettysburg, PA and a 45 acre tract known as Plum Run				
Petersburg National Battlefield/Boundary Expansion	Adjust boundary to include 7,238 acres				
Petersburg National Battlefield/Land Exchange	Exchange 1 acre with Fort Lee to accommodate security fence				
Petersburg National Battlefield/Acreage Increase*	Increase acreage ceiling at the City Point unit of Petersburg NB to accommodate land exchange				
Lower Farmington River WSR Designation*	Add 63.4 miles of the Lower Farmington River and its tributary Salmon Brook to the Wild and Scenic Rivers system				
Extension of Funding Authority for Multiple National Heritage Areas*	Authorize six NHAs to receive program funding beyond FY 2015: Rivers of Steel, PA Schuylkill River Valley, PA				

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	Lackawanna River Valley, PA Hudson River Valley, NY National Coal, WV Wheeling, WV				
Extension of Funding Authority and Amount for Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and Essex National Heritage Area*	Authorize two NHAs to receive program funding beyond FY 2015, and raise authorized funding ceiling for both: Delaware & Lehigh, PA Essex, MA				
Extension of Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission and Related Authorities*	Authorize Erie Canalway Commission to operate beyond FY 2015, provide for a transition in authority from the Federal commission to the local coordinating entity, and raise authorized funding ceiling				
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed, Nashua River, and York River Wild and Scenic River Studies.	Conduct studies of three New England river areas based on the Partnership Wild and Scenic River Study process in close partnership with local communities and the states.				
P.S. 103 and Related Sites in Baltimore Study*	Conduct a special resource study of elementary school attended by Thurgood Marshall and other civil rights sites in same area of Baltimore.				

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<b>Pacific West Region</b>					
WWII Valor in the Pacific NM (Tule Lake)/Separate unit for Tule Lake*	Make Tule Lake a separate unit from the WWII Valor in the Pacific National Monument and name it Tule Lake National Historic Site				
Oregon Caves National Monument/Boundary Adjustment**	Transfer 2300 acres of land from USFS to the NPS; remove 3.95 acres of land from the authorized boundary				
Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument/New Unit	Create a new unit of the National Park System: Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument				
Devils Postpile National Monument/Boundary Adjustment*	Transfer 275 acres of land from USFS to NPS				
Devils Postpile National Monument/San Joaquin River WSR Designation*	Designate the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River within Devils Postpile National Monument as a Wild and Scenic River				
North Cascades National Park Complex/Skagit River WSR Designation*	Designate the Skagit River from Gorge Powerhouse downstream to the boundary of Ross Lake NRA, Goodell Creek, and Newhalem Creek as Wild and Scenic River				
Lake Mead National Recreation Area/Air Tour Restriction	Amend Air Tour Management Act to repeal exemption for air tour operators flying over Lake Mead NRA en route to Grand Canyon				

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Lake Mead National Recreation Area/Boundary Adjustment – BoR Lands	Revoke withdrawal of approx. 212,000 acres of Bureau of Reclamation lands within Lake Mead National Recreation Area not being used for the purpose of reclamation and power				
Lake Mead National Recreation Area/Boundary Adjustment – Cotton Cove	For the administrative efficiency of park operations, transfer BLM land to Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Cotton Cove entrance vicinity				
Lake Mead National Recreation Area/SNPLMA Funding Eligibility	Amend Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Sections 4(e)(3)(i) and 4(e)(3)(v) to include “Lake Mead National Recreation Area”, making park areas in AZ eligible for funding				
Hawaii and Pacific Island Studies	Complete or update special resource studies for Mahaulepu, Kauai; Kau Coast, Hawaii; Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and Peleliu, Republic of Palau				

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<b>Southeast Region</b>					
Reconstruction Era Study	Authorize a Reconstruction Era theme study, from which areas could be recommended for a SRS				
Great Smoky Mountains National Park/North Shore Road Payment	Authorize payments in accordance with an MOA signed by the Secretary for Non-Construction of the North Shore Road				
Fort Sumter National Monument/Boundary Establishment and Redesignation	Establish a park boundary that includes Fort Moultrie, Battery Jasper, and Battery Bingham/McCorkle on Sullivan's Island and rename the park Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park				
Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve/Land Acquisition Authority	Amend Section 202 of P.L. 100-249 to authorize the park to acquire specified historic sites with appropriated funds or through land exchanges				
Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site/Redesignation	Redesignate Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site as Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park				
Cape Hatteras National Seashore/Boundary Adjustment*	Adjust boundary to include a .48 acre lot within the park boundary to provide additional parking				
Big Cypress National Preserve/Wilderness Designation*	Designate 47,192 acres in Big Cypress National Preserve as wilderness pursuant to Wilderness Act of 1964				

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Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area/Boundary Adjustment*	Modify boundary to include the Bryant House/Flat Rock Archives				
Ocmulgee National Monument/Boundary Adjustment and Redesignation**	Add 1,400 acres of land and redesignate as Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park				
Fort Frederica National Monument/Boundary Expansion*	Authorize Secretary to remove 250-acre ceiling, and adjust boundary to include Norm Marsh, Squire, Christ Church, and Allen properties in accordance with boundary study				
Natchez National Historical Park/Boundary Adjustment	Include lands associated with historic Forks of the Road Slave Market				
Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park/Boundary Adjustment	Adjust boundary and acquire by donation the Wallis House and Harrison Hill				
Shiloh National Military Park/Boundary Adjustment and Affiliated Area of Parkers Crossroads Battlefield	Expand park boundary to include Davis Bridge, Fallen Timbers and Russell House. Establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the NPS				
Castillo de San Marcos National Monument/Boundary Adjustment and Land Conveyance*	Transfer ownership of the state highway and seawall to the State of Florida				

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Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area/Boundary Study	Authorize study of lands along 45 miles of the Chattahoochee River corridor				
Jimmy Carter National Historic Site/Boundary Adjustment and Redesignation	Expand the boundary and redesignate park as Jimmy Carter National Historical Park				
Vicksburg National Military Park/Boundary Adjustment	Add three battlefield areas (Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond) to Vicksburg National Military Park				
Cape Lookout National Seashore/Boundary Adjustment	Provide boundary adjustment and increase acreage ceiling for additional administrative sites for ferry departure docks				

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## NPS legislative proposals – 114<sup>th</sup> Congress

### Service-wide proposals

- \*Authorize a NPS Centennial Coin
- Extension of NPS advisory board
- Extension of Concessions Mgt. advisory board
- Uniform penalties
- \*Eliminate ceiling on VIPS
- Establish a National Heritage Area program
- Reinstate requirement for a National Park System Plan
- Establish clear authority for providing international park assistance
- Establish clear authority for partnership education and interpretation agreements
- Add Tribal Historic Preservation Officer to Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
- Authorize NPS to be reimbursed for medical care provided to visitors

### Park establishment authorities

- Establish Pullman NHP
- \*Blackstone River Valley NHP
- Tule Lake NHP
- \*Tule Springs NM

### Park re-designation authorities

- South Unit of Badlands as Tribal National Park
- Catoctin Mountain NRA
- Chopawamsic NRA
- Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie NHP
- Martin Luther King, Jr., NHP
- Ocmulgee Mounds NHP

### Studies

- Seven World War II Japanese American relocation sites
- P.S. 103 and related sites in Baltimore
- Mahaulepu, Kauai
- Kau Coast, Hawaii
- \*Rota, CNMI
- Peleliu, Republic of Palau
- Reconstruction Era theme study
- Chattahoochee River related areas
- Saguaro National Park boundary study

### Boundary revisions and clarifications

- Black Canyon of the Gunnison
- Sunset Crater Volcano NM
- Chickasaw NRA
- \*San Antonio Missions NHP
- Fort Scott NHS

Voyageurs NP  
Little Rock Central High School  
Badlands NP  
\*Apostle Islands NL  
George Washington Parkway/FHA land exchange  
Gettysburg NMP  
Petersburg NB boundary and land exchange  
\*Oregon Caves NM  
Devils Postpile NM  
Lake Mead NRA boundary revision and land transfer  
Cape Hatteras NS  
Fort Frederica NM  
Natchez NHP  
Kennesaw Mountain NB  
Shiloh NMP  
Castillo de San Marcos NM  
Jimmy Carter NHP  
Vicksburg NMP  
Cape Lookout NS

#### Park-specific authorities

Chaco Culture NHP agreements for roads  
Repeal exemption from air tour regs for operators over Lake Mead NRA  
Amend SNPLMA funding restriction for Lake Mead NRA  
Great Smoky Mountains NP road payment  
Timucuan FHP acquisition authority

#### Trail authorities

North County NST – revise route  
Potomac Heritage NST

#### Wild and scenic rivers

Designation of Lower Farmington WSR  
Studies of Wood-Pawcatuck, Nashua and York rivers  
Designation of Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River WSR  
Designation of the Skagit River, Goodell Creek and Newhalem Creek as WSR

#### Wilderness designation

Big Cypress NP Res.

#### National Capital Region authorities

DC snow removal  
Chesapeake Bay Gateways permanent funding authority

#### National Heritage Areas

Three-year out reporting requirement for existing heritage areas



\*Extension of federal funding authority for areas with expiring authority  
Increase funding ceiling for DE & Lehigh and Essex NHA's  
Provide for a transition of Erie Canalway Commission to non-profit entity  
Arabia Mountain NHA boundary adjustment



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## Meeting

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Bureau	FOIA Number	Date Received	Requester Last Name	Requester First Name	Requester Organization	Subject
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00299	18-Nov-14	Lapin	Samantha	POD	Seeking copies of all contracts between BIA and Chickasaw Nation, dating from 2007 to present Award # - INICBF00070001
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00297	18-Nov-14	Lemieux	Lori Mae		OJS-D2-LE Copy of Police Report
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00296	18-Nov-14	Le	Uyen	Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indian	PACIFIC - Ewiiapaayp Band of Jumeayaay Indians land into trust application for the Walker parcel, APN 404-080-26 from September 3, 2013 to present. All documents that relate to the Walker parcel and any other related party, including its financial backers, and their agents and representatives.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00295	18-Nov-14	Jackson	Will	County of Tulare	PACIFIC - Tule River Indian Tribe - records related to fee to trust applications and related documents filed by or regarding the Tule River Indian Tribe, including, but not limited to, Environmental Impact Statements, scoping meetings and reports, comments, public hearing documents, Draft Environmental Impact Statements and final decisions"
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00294	14-Nov-14	Jackson	Will		OFA - "Petitions for federal acknowledgment under 25 CFR Part 83 and related documents filed by or regarding the Kaweah Indian Nation, Inc., the United Lumbee Nation of North Carolina and America, and the Monachi Indian Tribe; "Petitions for federal acknowledgment under 25 CFR Part 83 and related documents regarding any petitioner with a mailing address
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00292	17-Nov-14	Burke	Garance		OJS-D4-LE Copy of Case Files MOL310-10-033 (2010 Laguna Agency) MOL310-13-006 (2013 Laguna Agency)
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00291	14-Nov-14	Wauahdooh	Shayla		OJS-D2-LE Copy of Police Report.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00290	17-Nov-14	Carl	Chester	Hopi Tribe	OJS-D3-LE Request for police report.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00289	17-Nov-14	Velasquez	Latitia		OJS-D4-LE Copy of Police Report
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00288	17-Nov-14	Froud	Melinda		Requester seeks copies of: "Tribes have been authorized to conduct Class III gaming activities via such procedures, when and where this has occurred (State and Tribe), and why the parties were unable to reach a compact agreement
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00287	14-Nov-14	Fulk	Andrew	Goldasich & Associates, LLC	DASM OHCM - Part of the request will need to be answered by OFA #12-12. Please produce documentation of the name and/or identity of the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Acting Area Director, Eastern Area Office on November 28th, 1984. Request for Documents #13: 13. Please produce documentation of the length of employment, employment history and progressive job titles of Bill D. Ott, retired Bureau of Indian Affairs - Acting Area Director, Eastern Area Office. Request for Documents
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00286	14-Nov-14	BURKE	GARANCF	THE ASSOCIATED PRESS	OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00285	14-Nov-14	DUBOIS	ALLFNE		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00284	14-Nov-14	ESTES	DENISE		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00283	14-Nov-14	DAVIS	TODD		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00282	14-Nov-14	DIONNE	SUSAN		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00281	14-Nov-14	THOMAS	DARRELL		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00280	14-Nov-14	REPELLE	FARRAH		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00279	14-Nov-14	RENAULT	WADE		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00278	14-Nov-14	PERRY	AMANDA	AMERICNA FAMILY INSURANCE	OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00277	14-Nov-14	WILKIE	BRENDA		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00276	14-Nov-14	Blue Dog	William		GREAT PLAINS: A Title Examination and a Title Status Report for Tract No. 347-91325.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00275	12-Nov-14	Pinnick	Derek	Freelance Reporter	GREAT PLAINS: List of original landowners and their tracts that were seized for the creation of the Garrison Reservoir. Requesting on behalf of Roger Birdbear, Tribal Member.

Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00274	14-Nov-14	Sichler	E		OIS-DIV-LE-NPA - Request for report on stolen property.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00272	14-Nov-14	Sorrell	Liz		NAVAJO - Copy of deceased daughter's (Shirley Sorrell) Land Use Permit and copy of Farmland Conservation Plan
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00269	14-Nov-14	Bigman	Wilson		OIS-D3-LE Request for police report.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00268	14-Nov-14	Wittsell	Phyllis	Tewa Village Community Services	OIS-D3-LE Request for police report.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00267	14-Nov-14	Shupla	Edgar	Hopi OFRM	OIS D3 LE Request for police report.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00266	17-Nov-14	Le	Uyen		PACIFIC - Agency record for the land into trust application made by the Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indian for the Salerno parcel, APN 404-090-07. All documents related to Salerno, including all correspondence to, from, and between the Ewiiapaayp Band, and their agents, and all documents submitted by the Ewiiapaayp Band and any other related party, including its financial backers, and their agency and representatives concerning this request.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2015-00265	12-Nov-14	Emilio	Reyes		PACIFIC - Records for Mary Bega Grijalva (5676) to the Diegueno (San Diego) Tribe. Fred Baker's correspondence, records that show how you had the authority to assign Mary Bega Grijalva to this band and never reviewed her brother's application Guillermo Grijalva (9462) and sister's Aurelia Grijalva (9461) application.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00131	17-Nov-14	Fite	Katie	Western Watersheds Project	ID 2015-06 Pygmy Rabbit. Any documents relating to the habitat, population status, occurrence and/or viability of the pygmy rabbit since January 10, 2008 to present November 18, 2014.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00130	12-Nov-14	Cox	James	Thompson Coburn LLP	1. Documents describing or showing the identity, location and/or size of lands granted under the Stock Raising Homestead Act (SRHA). 2. Documents describing or showing the identity, location and/or size of 30 U.S.C. section 266 (m) federal units West of the Mississippi. 3. Documents describing or showing the acreage (or similar geographic measure) of SRHA lands within 30 U.S.C. section 226(m) federal units.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00128	18-Nov-14	Sweeney	Thomas		OR-2015-013 - Eight itemized categories of records pertaining to application information regarding BLM Spokane District Office, Border Field Manger position (OR Merit-2014-0291), which closed October 22, 2014.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00127	17-Nov-14	Fite	Katie	Western Watersheds Project	OR-2015-012 - Various records, since requester's previous FOIA request in 2008, relating to the habitat, population status, occurrence and/or viability of the pygmy rabbit <i>Brachylagus idahoensis</i> .
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00125	13-Nov-14	Green	Nikki	Adbay	the records of (or all copies of) the Floating and Fishing Daily Log Trips submitted by all guides who went on BLM lands in Natrona County, Wyoming for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00121	17-Nov-14	Fite	Kate	Western Watersheds Project	(BLM-CA) Any documents related to the habitat, population status, occurrence and/or viability of the pygmy rabbit <i>Brachylagus idahoensis</i> .
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00119	14-Nov-14	Scriber	Michael		(BLM-CA) Certain emails and telephone call recordings from the California Desert District concerning Gold Rush Expeditions, Underground Explorers, National Bureau of Mines, Underground 2014, and Mojave Underground, 1/1/2014-11/11/2014
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00118	13-Nov-14	Newell	Landon	Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance	UTSO 2015-04 Any/all information regarding the October 2014 XTO Energy Incorporated Horse Bench NE 24 PAD Determination of NEPA Adequacy, DOI-BLM UT 2014-0028-DNA.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00114	12-Nov-14	Love	William		FOIA 2015 MFO Map of all springs in and surrounding the Fidelity lease, all testing performed on the springs in the last five years, Geological studies in and around the area surrounding the Fidelity lease, all correspondence with Fidelity concerning any type of fracking or enhancement procedures during the last five years
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00110	13-Nov-14	QannaYahu	Kathryn		Documents concerning properties known as Durfee Hills

Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2015-00109	13-Nov-14	Reynolds	Lisa	State of Colorado	CO 15-017 Requesting BLM's response letter to FOIA Request CO 14 048, Jonathan Ratner, Western Watersheds.
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	BOEM-2015-00039	17-Nov-14	Hirsch	Melissa		All internal correspondence and memos between the MMS/BOEMRE/BOEM and the following companies: Shell, BP, Exxon, ExxonMobil, Mobil, Chevron, Phillips Petroleum Company and ConocoPhillips, related to oil/gas lease sales BF Lease Sale 97; Chukchi Lease Sale 109; Beaufort Lease Sale 124; Chukchi Lease Sale 126; Cook Inlet Lease Sale 149; Beaufort Lease Sale 144, Beaufort Lease Sale 170; Beaufort Lease Sales 186, 195, and 202; Cook Inlet Lease Sales 191 & 199; Chukchi Lease Sale 193
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	BOEM-2015-00038	17-Nov-14	Ravnitzky	Michael		An electronic/digital copy of the BOEM Shipwreck database.
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	BOEM-2015-00037	17-Nov-14	Ravnitzky	Michael		A copy of the final report and presentation for the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Grant M11AC00014 commercial Fishing Hang Data as a Proxy for Locating Ship Wreck Sites off the Mid-Atlantic Coast Date signed September 22, 2011 Amount of Grant: 250,000. Grantee: East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00070	17-Nov-14	Huber	Patrick	Friends of the River	A request for the public comments submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation on the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We wish to receive the public comments on disc or hard drive.
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00069	17-Nov-14	Huber	Patrick	Friends of the River	A request for the public comments submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation on the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We wish to receive the public comments on disc or hard drive.
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00067	17-Nov-14	Hanson	Kolby		PN-15-17 Minidoka Dam Contract# R11PC10003 Copies of certified payrolls Dalry Electric
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00066	17-Nov-14	Hogan	Nicole		A request for digital bathymetric data (ASCII files or ESRI shapefiles) for Caballo Reservoir in New Mexico surveyed by the BOR in 1999 and in 2007 (I would like to acquire both datasets), and Ute Reservoir surveyed by the BOR in 1992
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00065	17-Nov-14	Hogan	Nicole		A request for digital bathymetric data (ASCII files or ESRI shapefiles) for Caballo Reservoir in New Mexico surveyed by the BOR in 1999 and in 2007 (I would like to acquire both datasets), and Ute Reservoir surveyed by the BOR in 1992
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00064	12-Nov-14	Harper	Michelle		Request for any lease agreements made on a property in Cody, Wyoming. Legal description is: Cody Land Development Corporation, 120 acres +/- described as S/2SE/4SW/4SE/4 Sec. 20, S/2NE/4NE/4NW/4, Pt. of Sw/4NE/4NW/4, SE/4NW/4NW/4, NW/4SW/4NW/4, Lot 7 and Lot 9, all of Lot 10, pt. of lots 12 and 13, all of lot 14, pt. of lot 15, Sec. 29, Pt. of lots 31 and 31, Sec. 30 and all of Tr. 101, Secs. 20 and 29, T53 R101 (6 ac assessed for leased parc). The Parcel ID with Park County is 05530102907000.
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2015-00063	12-Nov-14	Harper	Michelle		Request for any lease agreements made on a property in Cody, Wyoming. Legal description is: Cody Land Development Corporation, 120 acres +/- described as S/2SE/4SW/4SE/4 Sec. 20, S/2NE/4NE/4NW/4, Pt. of Sw/4NE/4NW/4, SE/4NW/4NW/4, NW/4SW/4NW/4, Lot 7 and Lot 9, all of Lot 10, pt. of lots 12 and 13, all of lot 14, pt. of lot 15, Sec. 29, Pt. of lots 31 and 31, Sec. 30 and all of Tr. 101, Secs. 20 and 29, T53 R101 (6 ac assessed for leased parc). The Parcel ID with Park County is 05530102907000.
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	BSEE-2015-00053	13-Nov-14	Barry	Chris		Lola Crump and Fiona Burdick Emails Feb 2012 Present
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00215	14-Nov-14	Tansey	Ben	Energy NewsData	Copy of FWS 2013 00600 and all records that have been released for the request (from Region 6).
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00218	14-Nov-14	Oglesby	Edward	Kutak Rock, LLP	all documents regarding General Special Use Permit No. 43670-2014-010.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00216	14-Nov-14	Bale	Rachael	Center for Investigative Reporting	All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits and annual reports submitted by permit holders from calendar year 2011 through the end of 2013 for Florida and South Carolina.  Amended Request Copy of database seeking permittee name, address, permit issue date, expiration date, permit number, what species/how many are authorized to be taken, and what's actually taken, in addition to anything else that might be recorded.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00215	14-Nov-14	Knudson	Tom		All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits issued in TX, OK, NM and AZ along with all annual reports submitted by permit holders for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00214	17-Nov-14	Fite	Katie	Western Watersheds Project	All e-mails, phone logs, appointment calendars, memos, reports, notes, maps, meeting minutes and any other information related to the Pygmy Rabbit that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has in its keeping that was not provided to us in the Reno USFWS Office's response to the September 29, 2010, WWP or preceding WWP FOIA requests. See full request.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00213	17-Nov-14	Bale	Rachael	The Center for Investigative Reporting	All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits and annual reports submitted by permit holders from calendar year 2011 through the end of 2013 for Alaska If depredation actions are tracked in a database or other electronic form, I request that data
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00210	17-Nov-14	Knudson	Tom	The Center for Investigative Reporting	depredation permits issued in NY, NJ, MA, CT, PA, WV, ME, and GA (which we don't do) along with all annual reports submitted by permit holders for the years 2011, 2012, and 2013.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00209	17-Nov-14	Knudson	Mark	Center for Investigative Reporting	Request copies of the following documents maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: ¿ All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits issued in IA, MO, IL, MN, WI and MI along with all annual reports submitted by permit holders for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00206	14-Nov-14	Van Bruggen	Kale		Any and all records discussing easements held by the US Dept of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service, or other related federal agencies for waterfowl management rights on the following properties, which are located in McCook County SD.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00205	14-Nov-14	Arden	Elie		Paper copies of job announcement related records.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00204	14-Nov-14	Bale	Rachel	Center for Investigative Reporting	All Migratory Bird Treaty Act depredation permits and annual reports submitted by permit holders from calendar year 2011 through the end of 2013 for Region 9, Washington, D.C.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00203	14-Nov-14	Fellows	D Tyler	Alpert & Fellows Attorneys at Law	Specific information with regards to any retirement accounts and life insurance benefits for client Daniel J. Niquette.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00202	14-Nov-14	Talbott	Ryan	Allegheny Defense Project	Materials concerning endangered mussel species in French Creek watershed of southwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00201	13-Nov-14	Hartl	Brett		All final biological opinions completed by the Fish and Wildlife Service in fiscal year 2014 that are not publicly available on a Department of Interior website.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00200	12-Nov-14	Peiz	Jen		Any and all information, documentation, and correspondence by the Service or between the Service and the Albuquerque Bernalillo Water Utility Authority (¿Water Authority¿) concerning the Water Authority's compliance with the Biological Opinion dated February 23, 2004 on the effects of the Actions Associated with the Programmatic Biological Assessment (BA) for the City of Albuquerque Drinking Water Project (¿Drinking Water Project BOC¿).
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00199	12-Nov-14	French	Johnny		I seek copies of the documents showing compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA/CBRA) when the FHWA provided the grant to the State of Texas for the purchase and use of this property, which lies within Unit T10 of the Coastal Barrier Resource System.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00197	13-Nov-14	Hymas	Jay		All documentation that supported the decision to convert a cropland field (known as "Field 4") to native habitat at the McNary Refuge, Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00196	13-Nov-14	Hymas	Jay		"Monitoring" documentation per Cropland Management Plans for Mid-Columbia River NWR Complex.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00195	12-Nov-14	Chapman	Cynthia	Stop Hallam Wind	Records related to Potential Wildlife Impacts of the proposed Volkswind USA LLC and Volkswind Nebraska Land Holdings LLC Large Wind Energy Conversion Project project in Lancaster and Gage Counties Nebraska (Collectively, the Project')
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00194	12-Nov-14	Nicholson	Karmen		E-mails regarding temp promotions within BPFS, copies of position descriptions for all Management and/or Management Program analyst within B&A, copies of job announcements for the Management Analyst position in CGS and ARD-BA & copies of emails/documents regarding accretion of duties that have taken place from January 2013-present, within BPFS, ES & Mig Birds.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00193	13 Nov 14	Essenmacher	Monica	Port Crescent Hawk Watch	1. All correspondence from FWS to Geronimo Wind and Geronimo Wind to FWS, pertaining to its McKinley Twp, Winsor Twp, and Fairhaven Twp Huron County MI industrial wind project, "Apple Blossom," to include avian/bat and other ecological/environmental studies and assessments. 2. Results of Spring 2013 and Spring 2014 Aerial Surveys of Bald Eagle nests and breeding results in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties, MI.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00192	12-Nov-14	Donaghy	Timothy		1. The current full staff directory for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), including Headquarters, Regional Offices, Field Offices and all other FWS duty stations. See full request.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00191	13-Nov-14	Marker	Zack	Center for Food Safety	Any communications and consultation between FWS and the Food and Drug Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District regarding genetically engineered (GE) Aedes aegypti mosquitoes.  Any communications and consultation between FWS and biotechnology Oxitec regarding their potential release and testing of GE Aedes aegypti mosquitoes in Florida.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00190	12-Nov-14	Kirkpatrick	Bryon	Troutman Sanders	All documents relating to the Paulding County Business and Technology Park Roadway. Georgia Department of Transportation Project Number CSML 0007 00(285)/CSAPD-0008-00(037) and/or USFWS Log # 04EG1000-2014-I-0478.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00189	12-Nov-14	Leard	Debra	Liskow Lewis	Agency records relating to the proposal, establishment, ownership, operation, maintenance, management and control of the Ponderosa Ranch of Pointe Coupee Mitigation Bank located in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00188	12-Nov-14	Johson	Michelle	White & Case LLP	Documents related to the South Florida Water Management District's (CSFWMDC) temporary forward pumps for Lake Okeechobee.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00187	12-Nov-14	Yeager	Jessica	Potesta and Associates, Inc	Reports associated with survey efforts for the Indiana Bat (Myotis sodalists) done in association with M3 Appalachian Gathering, LLC Appalachia Pipeline Project South in Monongalia and Marion Counties, West Virginia. This work would have been coordinated with the Elkins Field office. The primary efforts were completed in late 2011.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00186	12-Nov-14	Lindberg	Kish	Cozen O'Connor Law Firm	Documentation pertaining to The Jorgensen Forge property, located at 8531 East Marginal Way South, in Seattle, Washington. As a party to the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund. Please see link to the site <a href="http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/northwest/lowerduwamishriver/index.html">http://www.darrp.noaa.gov/northwest/lowerduwamishriver/index.html</a> .
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00185	12-Nov-14	Brown	Dylan	Greenwire/E&E Publishing	Information detailing the number of ivory seizures, as well as the penalties associated, in the United States dating back to 1989.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00184	12-Nov-14	Smith	Steve	Historical Society of Pennsylvania	All information present (and past if possible) pertaining to the FWS decision that determined that trophy hunting does not pose a threat to the African Lion population.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2015-00183	12-Nov-14	Jackson	John	Conservation Force	All communications since 5/1/2014, by or between representatives of the FWS and reps of the government of the United Republic of Tanzania...communications sent in response to the 4/4/2014 announcement of the suspension of imports of tourist-hunted elephant trophies from Tanzania; the letter from Mr. Arroyo to Minister Nyalandu (4/4), and/or the negative enhancement and non-detriment findings made for Tanzania. See full request.
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00125	17-Nov-14	Heiken	Doug	Oregon Wild	CRIA - Bybee Vegetation Management Project on the Rogue River, Siskiyou National Forest, located immediately west of Crater Lake National Park.

National Park Service	NPS-2015-00124	17-Nov-14	Starling	Ray	General Counsel to NC Speaker of the House	CALO Records pertaining to citations, verbal warnings, written warnings issued by NPS at CALO since 2006 and copies of all comments submitted on the draft ORV Management/EIS
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00123	17-Nov-14	MCCLOSKEY	JOHN	MONTGOMERY COUNTY (MD) POLICE DEPARTMENT	RECORDS RELATING TO APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY NAMED PARTY.
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00122	18-Nov-14	GILMAN	MATTHEW	ARMY AND ARMY LLC	WASO-NR: RECORDS RELATING TO THE GENERAL RUFUS PUTNAM HOUSE (BLISS-MURRAY-PUTNAM) HOUSED IN RUTLAND, MA AND IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00120	18-Nov-14	SANTOS	ROSE	FOIA GROUP INC.	WASO CONTRACTING: COPY OF CONTRACT AND SOW FOR INP11PC00198 INTERAGENCY MONITORING OF PROTECTED VISUAL ENVIRONMENTS (ID:Q)
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00118	17-Nov-14	Haynes	Brenda	US Congressman Doug LaMalfa	WHIS - A copy of the report on the attempt to serve a warrant at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00117	17-Nov-14	Theriot	Chad	Kilpatrick Townsend	MABO - Certain documents and information regarding Task Order GOGA149952, held by the Major Acquisition Buying Offices, involving renovation and reconstruction services at the historic prison on Alcatraz Island in Golden Gate National Recreation Area
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00116	14-Nov-14	Miller	Jeff	Center for Biological Diversity	PORE / GOGA - Documents and correspondence concerning many aspects of ranching/dairying in Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area plus foundation statements and documents regarding 1980 PORE GMF
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00115	15-Nov-14	Chappell	Chuck		MORA - For a specific employee or contractor at Mount Rainier National Park for 2013: leave and earnings statements, position description, job announcement or contract; required certifications, resume.
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00114	17-Nov-14	JOHNSON	SCOTT		LESES-OPR: RECORDS AND E-MAILS RELATING TO OPR CASE
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00113	13-Nov-14	Pillsbury-Foster	Melinda		YOSE - Various archival materials regarding concessioner history in Yosemite
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00110	13-Nov-14	Goodwin	Lisa	Roebell Painting Co., Inc.	PPFL - DSC - SAHI: Copy of the Payment of Labor and Material Bond from E & A Restoration Inc. from contract P12PC00079: Rehabilitation of Sagamore Hill SAHI-077375.
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00109	13-Nov-14	Bernardo	Jeanette	Filius Corporation	PPFL - DSC: Statement of Work or Performance Work associated Contract No. INP11PA27900 by Managed Business Solutions (MBS).
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00108	12-Nov-14	Shaffer	Robert	Fox News Channel	CHIS - Request from Chumash Indians for repatriation of "Tucan Man" at Channel Islands National Park
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00107	12-Nov-14	Zraggen	Kristin	Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Division of Professional Practices	PORE - Investigative report and/or arrest report, and any other relevant information regarding individual referenced: DPP Case # 1-159470184
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00105	12-Nov-14	LUBANKS	VIRGINIA	LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK	NPSWIDE: RECORDS DESCRIBING NPS' COMPLIANCE WITH AND PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONWIDE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORT INITIATIVE (NSI): 41 ITEMS ON LIST.
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00103	12-Nov-14	Kramer	Jeffrey	NONE	GATE-Canada geese, records and corres pertaining to the live capture and removal over (70) on 6/25/14.
National Park Service	NPS-2015-00101	12-Nov-14	LUCID	MARY		RECORDS RELATING TO ANY REQUESTS FOR AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATED TO HERSELF
Office of Inspector General	OIG-2015-00033	18-Nov-14	Pinnick	Derek		all audits and reports conducted by the OIG on the Fort Berthold tribe from the last 5 years.
Office of Inspector General	OIG-2015-00032	17-Nov-14	Lott	Erik		copy of pre-employment background check
Office of Inspector General	OIG-2015-00031	12-Nov-14	MacFarlane	Scott	NBC4 Washington	All closing memos, photos and videos from closed travel card theft investigations in FY 2012, FY 2013 and FY 2014.
Office of Inspector General	OIG-2015-00030	12-Nov-14	Bogardus	Kevin	Greenwire	all documents related to 2015-C-00023.



Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00067	14-Nov-14	Molvar	Erik	WildEarth Guardians	Any and all records related to the Fish and Wildlife Service's 2003 Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts When Making Listing Decisions, 68 Fed. Reg. 15100 (Mar. 28, 2003) (PECE Policy)(i.e., all documents before the Department of Interior and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service addressing, regarding or otherwise relating to, directly or indirectly, the development and promulgation of the PECE policy, whether or not the agency relied on those documents).
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00066	17-Nov-14	Bogardus	Kevin	Greenwire	Requesting copies of all private and non-public messages sent and received by the following social media accounts from Jan. 1, 2013 to the present day: YouTube: USInterior Instagram: USInterior Tumblr: America's Great Outdoors Google+: USInterior Twitter: @Interior Twitter: @SecretaryJewell Twitter: @DOIPressSec Twitter: @DOIDepSec Twitter: @USInteriorJobs Facebook: USInterior Facebook: AmericasGreatOutdoors Flickr: USInterior Elo: Interior Pinterest: USInterior
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00065	14-Nov-14	Musgrave	Shawn	MuckRock News	Any contracts, purchase orders, service agreements and invoices with Digital Receiver Technology, Inc. pursuant to solicitation DOI-SNOTE-030422-001.
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00064	14-Nov-14	Weingarten	Robert	Friends of the Boundary Mountain	Copies of all emails, calendar entries, telephone logs, meeting agendas, meeting notes and all other documents from the files and records of Mr. Steven Black, former Counselor to former Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar as well as Mr. Black's deputies and staff members, for the period Jan. 1, 2009 to the present day, that pertain to, or reference, wind energy projects in the State of Maine proposed or operated by TransCanada Corporation and/or TransCanada Maine Wind Development Inc. See below
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00062	14-Nov-14	Rammelmeyer	Ross		A) Full final text with texts and signatures of State/Federal Agency Certifiers and NPS certifiers of the application (NPS Form 10-900, OMB # 1024-0018) for inclusion of the "Hale Ohia Tract", Tax Map Key 1-1-005 in the village of Volcano, County of Hawaii, State of Hawaii, Zip Code 96785.; as submitted by Ms. Jillian Marohnic in July 1999. B) Full text of the resulting historic designation document, with all caveats, conditions, covenants and restrictions concerning construction See below.
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00061	13-Nov-14	Myles	Kenitra		Copy of the successful candidate's application, resume, interview questions and notes and all other related materials the applicant submitted under vacancy announcement OS-EG 14-MMI 099524 (MP). I would also like the rating score and evaluation criteria.
Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00060	12-Nov-14	Froud	Melinda	Washington State Gambling Commission	Number of tribes that have been authorized to conduct Class III gaming activities via Secretarial procedures, when and where this occurred (State and Tribe), and why the parties were unable to reach a compact agreement.

Office of the Secretary	OS-2015-00059	12-Nov-14	Stachewicz	Jeff	FCIA Group, Inc.	Copy of the following info data fields for the last 6 month time period, relevant to your agency's employee Credit Card Purchase Program for your agency: 1) All credit card holder (names, address, tel #, email) & their respective transaction data for the last FY? year in the format as previously provided. To include: (A) Cardholder employee name (Last, MI, First), Department or Agency, Bureau, Office/Division, agency address (complete mailing), CITY, STATE, ZIP, PHONE, CH PHONE_EXT; Cont below
Office of Surface Mining	OSM-2015-00022	13-Nov-14	Dixon	Eric	Appalachian Citizens Law Center, Inc.	"c. Data on all AML fee collections beginning with the first calendar quarter occurring after August 3, 1977 and ending with the latest collection date upon receiving this claim. Pursuant to 30 U.S.C. §1232(c), quarterly data on reclamation fee collection and corresponding data on the amount of coal produced during the calendar quarter and the method of coal removal shall be recorded in a computerized database by the Secretary of the Interior." ***See General Comments for Full Subject
U.S. Geological Survey	USGS-2015-00036	18-Nov-14	Kim	Tammy	Al Jazeera America	(Northwest Region/Water/Ecosystems) materials associated with the Elwha restoration project (dam removal and follow-up based on the 1992 Elwha River Ecosystem and Fisheries Restoration Act and subsequent plans).
U.S. Geological Survey	USGS-2015-00035	12-Nov-14	Barosh	Patrick		(Northeast/Director) Budget on Worcester South Quadrangle.



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## LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL: (DUE 9/11/14 @ 5 PM) MISC #214 - WHITE HOUSE Report on Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REFERRAL**

**Date:** September 5, 2014  
**To:** Legislative Liaison  
**From:** Dominic Maione (208-4092)  
**Contact:** Joe Nevils (208-4580)  
**Subject:** MISC #214 - WHITE HOUSE Report on Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources

**BACKGROUND:**

In November 2013, President Obama issued an executive order calling on Federal agencies to help the nation adapt to our changing climate. Section 3 of EO 13653 is titled, *Managing Lands and Waters for Climate Preparedness and Resilience*, and directs natural resources agencies to do the following:

“[C]omplete an inventory and assessment of proposed and completed changes to their land- and water-related policies, programs, and regulations necessary to make the Nation's watersheds, natural resources, and ecosystems, and the communities and economies that depend on them, more resilient in the face of a changing climate. Further, recognizing the many benefits the Nation's natural infrastructure provides, agencies shall, where possible, focus on program and policy adjustments that promote the dual goals of greater climate resilience and carbon sequestration, or other reductions to the sources of climate change.”

At the President's direction, the CEQ and OMB convened the agencies that comprise the Climate and Natural Resources Working Group. The working group includes DOD, DOI, USDA, EPA, DOI, DOC/NOAA, DHS/FEMA, and COE. The working group has been active over the last 8 months, coordinating the Administration's strategy, as per the EO.

The attached *Priority Agenda for Enhancing the Climate Resilience of America's Natural Resources*, is the result of this deliberation. The *Agenda* builds upon the robust climate and natural resource track record of the Administration to date, and identifies significant actions moving forward that will foster climate-resilient lands and waters; manage biological carbon sinks associated with Federal lands and waters; use natural infrastructure to strengthen community resilience; modernize existing natural resources programs and policies; and deliver regional support to states, tribes, localities and resource managers to enhance climate resilience.

The intent of this document is that it will be public-facing upon its release. We expect strong interest in the content from conservation stakeholders including environmental NGOs, sportsmen, forest products industry and others interested in conservation and public lands management.

Please send agency comments or respond with a "no comment" to Dominic\_Maione@ios.doi.gov and Joseph\_Nevils@ios.doi.gov by the deadline above.

Attachment(s): 3

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## OMB/DOJ comments on QFRs from May HNR hearing on N. Cheyenne and Trust Reform ...

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These are relatively minor comments and we should be able to address quickly.

Also reminding you that we've got a response to OMB on the SENR CSC hearing set pending in ASIA, and as soon as we get the nod that those are good to go I'll finalize clearance with OMB.

Chris

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**Chairman Young:**

**I. Do the provisions of Section 102 accurately state or reflect the status of current law regarding the proper discharge of the United States' fiduciary responsibility to Indians? If the answer is "no," please state which of the provisions of that section do not accurately reflect the status of current law.**

**Response:** The language of Section 102 suggests that the common law fiduciary standards that govern private trustees also govern the United States, rather than the United States being governed by the terms of Congressionally-enacted statutes and regulations implementing those statutes. Such a standard would conflict with certain holdings of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In modern times, the Court has opined on the scope of the United States' trust responsibility. *See, e.g., United States v. Mitchell*, 445 U.S. 535 (1980); *United States v. Mitchell*, 463 U.S. 206 (1983); *United States v. Navajo Nation*, 537 U.S. 488 (2003); *United States v. White Mountain Apache Tribe*, 537 U.S. 465 (2003); *United States v. Navajo Nation*, 556 U.S. 287 (2009) (*Navajo Nation II*). Generally speaking, in the context of cases seeking monetary damages, the Court has held that an Indian tribe must "identify a specific, applicable, trust-creating statute or regulation that the Government violated, ... [and absent that,] neither the Government's 'control' over [assets claimed by Indians] nor common-law trust principles matter." *Navajo Nation II*, 556 U.S. at 302. The Supreme Court has further held that, where appropriate, common law fiduciary standards can inform the conduct of carrying out trust duties, but are not the source of trust duties. *See United States v. Jicarilla Apache Nation*, 131 S.Ct. 2313, 2325 (2011) (*citing White Mountain Apache*, 537 U.S. at 475-476). Thus, under current Supreme Court jurisprudence, common law fiduciary standards can be used to fill a gap left by Congress but are not the origin for establishing the United States' trust duty.

Section 102(3) also states that, "the fact that the United States simultaneously performs another task for another interest that Congress has obligated it by statute to do does not compromise or limit the United States enforceable fiduciary obligations to Indians." Under controlling Supreme Court case law, the United States must balance the Indian trust responsibility with other responsibilities mandated by Congress: "The Government does not 'compromise' its obligation to one interest that Congress obliges it to represent by the mere fact that it simultaneously performs another task for another interest that Congress has obligated it by statute to do." *Nevada v. United States*, 463 U.S. 110, 128 (1983).

In sum, Section 102 could potentially be interpreted as altering certain holdings of the U.S. Supreme Court by providing that the United States is subject to common law fiduciary duties in all circumstances.

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**2. The Administration's testimony states that, in the Department's view, some of the provisions in Section 102 of the bill as introduced are "more a redefinition than a reaffirmation." If enacted, would Section 102, as written, change existing law? If the answer is "yes," what specific U.S. Supreme Court decisions and legal doctrines would be affected?**

**Response:** Given the breadth of case law and varying fact patterns, it is difficult to specify which decisions would be affected if Section 102 was enacted. The previous response discusses the current state of the law and how Section 102 would potentially modify that law.

**3. Would the enactment of Section 102 potentially affect the extent of liability of the United States in pending litigation? If so, please explain how the enactment of that section would affect the extent of that liability.**

**Response:** It is possible that enactment of Section 102 would impact the extent of the United States' liability in pending litigation, depending on the claims of each case and the stage of the litigation. However, it is difficult to conclude with certainty how each case would be affected, and it would also be important to consider the procedural posture of any particular case.

**4. Would the enactment of Section 102 potentially affect the extent of liability of the United States in future litigation? If so, please explain how the enactment of that section would affect the extent of that liability.**

**5. In its comments on Title II, the Administration's testimony discusses at length how the trust asset demonstration project will allow tribes to develop individual IT systems, that will, in turn, force the Department to "interface with what could be incompatible systems and incur additional administrative support costs that are likely to increase and gaps in the data for both the federal and tribal systems." What specific provisions of Title II would allow tribes to develop individual IT systems?**

**Response:** Sec. 204 of H. R. 409 states the following:



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(3) **AUTHORITY OF INDIAN TRIBES TO DEVELOP SYSTEMS, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES.**— For purposes of preparing and carrying out a management plan under this section, an Indian tribe that has compacted or contracted activities or functions under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.), for purposes of carrying out the activities or functions, *may develop and carry out trust asset management systems, practices, and procedures that differ from any such systems, practices, and procedures used by the Secretary* in managing the trust assets if the systems, practices, and procedures of the Indian tribe meet the requirements of the laws, standards, and responsibilities described in subsection (c). [emphasis added]

The trust asset management system used by the Department is the Trust Funds Accounting System (TFAS), which is an IT system. This language in section 204 would authorize tribes to develop and employ alternative systems, including IT systems, to manage their trust assets.

**6. Much of the Administration's testimony is devoted to describing purported successes and accomplishments of the Office of the Special Trustee, specifically implementation of reforms related to the management of tribal trust funds. What major reforms, if any, remain for the Office of the Special Trustee to implement?**

**Response:** One of the lessons learned by the Department during the course of implementing trust reform is the importance of continual reform. While many of the large systemic reforms were accomplished in the early years of OST's existence, the Department has continued to address residual issues. Most important, the Department is committed to maintaining best practices in Indian trust management, thus preventing lapses that might lead to a pre-Cobell environment. The level of care required of a fiduciary does not permit the Department to suffer a gradual build-up of trust management problems; it requires aggressive, constant monitoring and correction. As with the private industry, it is essential that there be a degree of separation or independence between the fiduciary (OST) and the service provider (BIA).

**7. The Administration's testimony mentions how the Office of the Special Trustee has hired more than 50 fiduciary trust officers (FTOs). How many FTO positions exist? Please list the tribe and location where each FTO is deployed. For example, if OST has 55 FTO positions, for each of the 55 positions identify the tribe(s) to which the FTO is assigned and the physical location of the FTO's worksite.**

**Response:** Currently there are approximately 49 FTOs serving throughout Indian country. This number fluctuates somewhat with personnel changes. The current FTO positions, and their locations, are:

PRIMARY Agency	Address	Tribe(s) Assigned	Additional Location(s)
ANADARKO AGENCY	Anadarko Agency Hwy. 281 N. & Parker McKenzie Dr. Anadarko, OK 73005	Apache of Oklahoma; Caddo Nation; Comanche Nation; Delaware; Ft. Sill Apache;	

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		<b>Kiowa; Wichita and Affiliated Tribes</b>	
CONCHO FIELD OFFICE	Concho Field Office 1635 E. Hwy. 66 El Reno, OK 73036	<b>Cheyenne- Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma</b>	
HORTON AGENCY	<b>Horton Agency 908 First Ave. East Horton, KS 66439</b>	<b>Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska; Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas; Prairie Band of Potawatomi; Sac and Fox of Missouri</b>	
PAWNEE AGENCY	Pawnee Agency P.O. Box 440 850 Agency Road, Bldg. 71 Pawnee, OK 74058	<b>Kaw; One- Missouria; Pawnee; Ponca of Oklahoma; Tonkawa</b>	
<b>SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION</b>	<b>Southern Plains Region W. C. D. Office Complex 1 Mile North Hwy 281 Anadarko, OK 73005</b>	<b>Shawnee</b>	<b>Shawnee Field Office (1 mi North of Anadarko, OK, on Hwy 281)</b>
CHEROKEE Field Office	Cherokee Field Office P.O. Box 440 (w/Zip 74465) 17675 S. Muskogee, Rm 112 Tahlequah, OK 74464	<b>Cherokee; Eastern Shawnee; Miami; Modoc; Ottawa; Peoria; Quapaw; Seneca- Cayuga; Wyandotte</b>	Wyandotte Agency          Miami Agency Miami, OK

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<b>CHICKASAW AGENCY</b>	<b>Chickasaw Agency PO Box 156 Ada, Oklahoma 74821</b>	<b>Chickasaw; Choctaw</b>	<b>Talihina, OK, Field Office</b>
OSAGE AGENCY	Osage Agency 813 Grandview Pawhuska, OK 74056	Osage; All Tribes in the BIA Eastern Region	EASTERN REGION Nashville, TN
TULSA	Tulsa Urban Office 1323 East 71st, Suite 101 Tulsa, OK 74136	Alabama-Quassarte; Kialegee; Muscogee (Creek); Thlopthlocco; Seminole	Okmulgee, OK, Agency
			Wewoka, OK, Agency
EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY	Eastern Navajo Agency P.O. Box 2098222-OST Code Talker Str. Crownpoint, NM 87313	Navajo; Hopi	Shiprock, NM, Agency
NAVAJO REGION	Navajo Region 301 W. Hill, Room 164 Gallup, NM 87301	Navajo	Western Navajo Agency, Tuba City, AZ
			Chinle Agency, Chinle, AZ Fort Defiance Agency, Ft. Defiance, AZ
SOUTHWEST REGION	Southwest Region Office 1001 Indian School NW, Suite 349 Albuquerque, NM 87104	All Pueblos except Taos and Zuni; Mescalero Apache; Ramah	Ramah, NM, Navajo Agency  Southern Pueblos Agency Albuquerque, NM Laguna Agency.

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			Laguna, NM Zuni Agency, Zuni, NM
<b>SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY</b>	<b>Southern Ute Agency 383 Ute Road Ignacio, CO 81137</b>	<b>Southern Ute; Ute Mountain Ute; Jicarilla Apache; Taos Pueblo; Zuni Pueblo</b>	<b>Jicarilla Agency, Dulce, NM</b>  <b>Mescalero Agency Northern Pueblos Agency Ute Mountain Ute Field Office Towac, CO</b>
<b>FORT BERTHOLD AGENCY</b>	<b>Fort Berthold Agency 202 West Main Street New Town, ND 58763</b>	<b>Three Affiliated</b>	
<b>GREAT PLAINS REGION</b>	<b>Great Plains Region 115 4th Avenue SE, 5th floor Aberdeen, SD 57401</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>PINE RIDGE AGENCY</b>	<b>Pine Ridge Agency 100 Main Street, BIA Bldg. Pine Ridge, SD 57770</b>	<b>Ogalala Sioux</b>	
<b>CHEYENNE RIVER AGENCY</b>	<b>(PO Box 325) Main Street BIA Bldg 2001 Eagle Butte, SD 57625</b>	<b>Cheyenne River Sioux</b>	
<b>ROSEBUD AGENCY</b>	<b>Rosebud Agency P. O. Box 228 Rosebud, SD 57555 1004 Omaha St., Mission, SD 57555</b>	<b>Rosebud Sioux</b>	
<b>SISSETON AGENCY</b>	<b>Sisseton Agency Veterans Memorial Drive/BIA Bldg. Agency Village, SD 57262</b>	<b>Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate; Flandreau Sioux; Mississippi Sioux</b>	<b>Lower Brule Agency Lower Brule, SD</b>

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STANDING ROCK AGENCY	Standing Rock Agency Bldg. 194 Proposal Ave. Ft. Yates, ND 58538	Standing Rock Sioux	
TURTLE MOUNTAIN AGENCY	Turtle Mountain Agency BIA Rd. 7, Bldg. 174 Belcourt, ND 58316	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; Spirit Lake	Fort Totten Agency Ft. Totten, ND
WINNEBAGO AGENCY	Winnebago Agency Hwy. 75, RR 1 Winnebago, NE 68071	Omaha of Nebraska; Winnebago of Nebraska	
SANTEE SIOUX Field Office	Santee Sioux Field Office 425 Frazier AVE N Niobrara, NE 68760	Yankton Sioux; Ponca of Nebraska; Santee Sioux	Yankton Agency Wagner, SD
			Crow Creek Agency Ft. Thompson, SD
RAPID CITY	Rapid City Urban Office 801 Mt. Rushmore Rd., suite 200 Rapid City, SD 57201	Crow Creek Sioux; Lower Brule	
ALASKA REGIONAL OFFICE	Alaska Region 3601 C Street, suite 216 Anchorage, AK 99503-5947	All Tribes in the State of Alaska except Metlakatla	

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<b>BLACKFEET AGENCY</b>	<b>Blackfeet Agency 531 S. E. Boundary Street Browning, MT 59417</b>	<b>Blackfeet</b>	
<b>CROW AGENCY</b>	<b>Crow Agency Main BIA Bldg. 2, Weaver Drive Crow Agency, MT 59022</b>	<b>Crow</b>	
<b>FORT BELKNAP AGENCY</b>	<b>Fort Belknap Agency 100 BIA Road Harlem, MT 59526</b>	<b>Fort Belknap Indian Community; Chippewa Cree</b>	<b>Rocky Boys Agency Box Elder, MT</b>
<b>FORT PECK AGENCY</b>	<b>Fort Peck Agency 500 Medicine Bear Road Poplar, MT 59255</b>	<b>Ft. Peck Assiniboine and Sioux</b>	
<b>NORTHERN CHEYENNE AGENCY</b>	<b>Northern Cheyenne Agency BIA Bldg., Hwy. 39 North Lame Deer, MT 59043</b>	<b>Northern Cheyenne</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain Region Billings, MT</b>
<b>WIND RIVER AGENCY</b>	<b>Wind River Agency 1st and Washakie Street Ft. Washakie, WY 82514</b>	<b>Northern Arapaho; Eastern Shoshone</b>	
<b>PALM SPRINGS AGENCY</b>	<b>Palm Springs Agency 3700A Tachevah Drive</b>	<b>All Southern California Tribes</b>	<b>Southern California Riverside, CA</b>

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COLVILLE AGENCY	Colville Agency Hwy. 155, 2 mi. South of Nespelem Nespelem, WA 99155	Colville; Spokane; Kalispel	Spokane Agency, Wellpinit, WA
FORT HALL AGENCY	Fort Hall Agency Corner of Agency & Bennock Avenue Fort Hall, ID 83203	Shoshone Bannock; Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation; Confederated Salish and Kootenai	Flathead Agency Pablo, MT
NORTHERN IDAHO	Northern Idaho Agency 99 Agency Road, Phinney Bldg. Lapwai, ID 83540	Nez Perce; Coeur d' Alene; Kootenai Tribe of Idaho	
<b>NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE</b>	<b>Northwest Region 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd. Portland, OR 97232</b>	<b>Siletz; Grand Ronde; Klamath; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua; Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw; Coquille; Chehalis; Cowlitz; Hob; Jamestown S'Klallam; Lower Elwha; Quillate; Shoalwater Bay; Skokomish;</b>	<b>Siletz Agency Siletz, OR</b>



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		<b>Squaxin Island; Makah;</b>	
<b>PUGET SOUND AGENCY</b>	Puget Sound Agency 2707 Colby Avenue, suite 1115 Everett, WA 98201-3428	<b>Lummi; Muckleshoot; Nisqually; Nooksack; Port Gamble S'Klallam; Puyallup; Samish; Sauk-Suiattle; Snoqualmie; Stillaguamish; Swinomish; Suquamish; Tulalip; Upper Skagit; Metlakatla</b>	Metlakatla, AK, Agency
<b>TAHOLAH FIELD OFFICE</b>	Taholah Agency 1214 Aalis St. Bldg. C Taholah, WA 98587	<b>Quinalt</b>	<b>Makah Agency Neah Bay, WA Olympic Peninsula Agency Aberdeen, WA</b>
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<b>WARM SPRINGS AGENCY</b>	<b>Warm Springs Agency 1233 Veterans Street Warm Springs, OR 97761</b>	<b>Warm Springs; Burns Palute</b>	
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			Truxton Canon Agency Valentine, AZ
			Hopi Agency, Keams Canyon, AZ
<b>PAPAGO AGENCY</b> (Tohono O'Odham)	Papago Agency P.O. Box 490 BIA Circle Drive, Bldg. 49 Sells, AZ 85634	Tohono O'odham; San Carlos Apache; White Mountain Apache	Fort Apache Agency Whiteriver, AZ
<b>PIMA AGENCY</b>	Pima Agency 104 N. Main Street P.O. Box 8 Sacaton, AZ 85247	Ak Chin Indian Community; Gila River Indian Community; Fort McDowell Yavapai; Pascua Yaqui; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	San Carlos Agency ( IIM Accounts ) San Carlos, AZ
			Salt River Field Agency Scottsdale, AZ
			San Carlos Agency ( Tribal Accounts ) San Carlos, AZ
<b>UINTAH &amp; OURAY AGENCY</b>	Uintah & Ouray Agency P.O. Box 130	Ute; Skull Valley; Kaibah;	Southern Paiute Agency

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	988 S. 7500 East Fort Duchesne, UT 84026	Moapa; San Juan Southern Ute; Las Vegas Paiute	
<b>WESTERN NEVADA AGENCY</b>	Western Nevada Agency 705 N. Plaza St. Rm. 128 Carson City, NV 89701	All Nevada Tribes except Moapa and Las Vegas Paiute	Eastern Nevada Agency

8. Title III of the H.R. 409 would create a new Under Secretary that would to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate activities and policies of the BIA with activities and policies of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This provision responds to complaints by tribes that other bureaus and agencies within the Department will often enact policies or otherwise take action without considering the impacts on tribes or Indians or consulting with the BIA. Does the Department support the designation of an individual, whether or not that individual is an Under Secretary, to coordinate the activities and the policies of the BIA with other bureaus or agencies within the Department?

**Response:** First, consultation with tribal officials is an important component of ensuring strong government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, and this Administration has made it a priority to ensure that Federal agencies carry out regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian tribes during the development of policies that have tribal implications, as defined by Executive Order 13175. With regard to the specific provisions of the bill, we note that the Deputy Secretary performs the duties that the newly constituted Under Secretary would perform. Moreover, as stated in the testimony for this hearing, the Department is in the process of evaluating recommendations made by the Trust Commission and any change in an organizational structure must be carefully evaluated and clearly and appropriately structured to be successful. The provisions in Title III of this legislation do not provide that clarity to the individual beneficiaries and tribes currently served by OST and the Department.

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**Rep. Grijalva**

**H.R. 4350**

**1. If Great Northern Properties decided it wanted to develop its subsurface mineral rights that exist on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, would they be able to do so?**

**Response:** Great Northern Properties would need to complete several steps before developing its subsurface mineral rights underlying the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Based on the type and location of the coal, development would likely have to occur via surface mining methods, and the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 requires surface owner consent prior to commencing surface mining. Great Northern Properties would also have to complete a mine plan for approval by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

**2. Has Great Northern Properties ever contacted the Department of Interior about this bill? If so, what type of discussion has been had between the Department and the company?**

**Response:** Throughout the development of this legislation, the Department, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Land Management have had numerous discussions with the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. In January 2014, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe invited the Bureau of Land Management-Montana/Dakotas State Office to meet with the stakeholders involved in the then-proposed bill. The meeting included tribal leadership, the tribe's consultant Norwest Corporation, Great Northern Properties, Signal Peak Energy, and Westmorland Resources, Inc. In addition, the BLM Montana/Dakotas State Office meets with resource users as a matter of course, and the State Office recently met with Great Northern Properties about a variety of issues. At that meeting, Great Northern Properties noted that it expected the legislation to be moving forward.

**3. On the map dated February 27, 2014 where it shows the coal tracks to be conveyed to Great Northern Properties, it appears that the East Fork tracts are very close to the Crow Indian Reservation. Has the Crow Tribe expressed any concern over the conveyance of those tracts – so close to its reservation?**

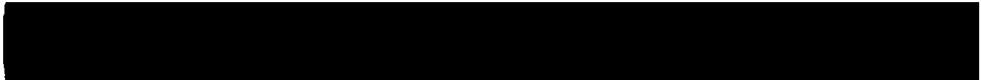
**Response:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs has not received any comments from the Crow Tribe of Montana regarding this proposed legislation.

**4. In your testimony, you say that a NEPA analysis is required and therefore the 60 day timeframe for the land transfer is insufficient. NEPA is triggered by a major federal action, but since this transfer is mandated by Congressional legislation, I do not think NEPA applies. Can you comment on this?**


**Response:**



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**5. The Northern Cheyenne tribe has expressed concerns over appraisal methods that could potentially harm sacred ground on their reservation. In light of this, can the Department live without an appraisal being done? Are there ways to do an appraisal without disturbing sensitive areas?**



**Response:** As noted in our testimony on this bill, when entering into exchanges of lands or interests in lands under the Federal Land Management Policy Act (FLPMA), the Department requires equal value exchanges and completion of an appraisal consistent with Uniform Appraisal Standards. The Department understands that H.R. 4350 seeks to address tribal settlement issues beyond the scope of FLPMA and recognizes the unique role Congress can play in arbitrating difficult issues such as this. The Department does not yet know the specifics as to what methods may be necessary to complete an appraisal, if appropriate, of the Great Northern Properties mineral estate underlying the reservation, and the extent to which existing information could be used is not yet known.

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**H.R. 409**

**6. Regarding Title II of the bill, from its text, do you understand projects to be eligible for both tribal and federal management depending on the deal struck between a particular tribe and the Secretary? Please explain.**

**Response:** Existing law (P.L. 93-638) already allows tribes to perform only a portion of a Program, Function Service or Activity (PFSA), rather than the entirety of that PFSA. The shared responsibility is negotiated between the federal government and the individual tribe on a case-by-case basis. H.R. 409 does not appear to alter that aspect of the law. Section 205 of H.R. 409 breaks the linkage between control of a program and liability for that program, by maintaining the federal government's full liability, even if a tribe is fully managing its assets

**7. We've received testimony about the Office of Special Trustee's involvement in the appraisal process and delays associated with having both OST and the BIA involved in generating appraisals. Does the Department continue to believe that two separate bureaucracies need to be involved in the appraisal process?**

**Response:** There are not two separate entities that handle Indian trust lands valuation. The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) Office of Appraisal Services (OAS) performs all Indian trust lands valuation. Secretarial Order No. 3240, dated March 12, 2002 realigned the Indian trust lands valuation and appraisal functions from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to OST and established OAS within OST. Because the BIA is responsible for other realty activity, the purpose of the realignment was to ensure the independence from BIA realty functions and accountability of OAS in the performance of Indian trust lands valuation and appraisal functions

OAS provides real estate appraisals, appraisal reviews, real estate consulting services and technical assistance to support real estate transactions for the BIA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior's (DOI) Buy Back Program (BBP) and P.L. 93-638 Tribal Realty programs

The Director, OAS, reports to the Principal Deputy Special Trustee for American Indians. In addition to the Director, OAS is comprised of two Deputy Directors (Regional Operations and BBP Valuations), 12 Regional Supervisory Appraisers, and 38 staff appraisers.

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**8. OST was created to implement certain financial reforms to the administration of Indian trust funds and was never intended to be a permanent office. From your testimony, it sounds as if those reforms have now been implemented. If this is the case, why does a separate bureaucracy like OST continue to be needed to carry out these reforms?**

**Response:** As noted in our testimony on this bill, OST's successful performance illustrates the need to have an organizational structure dedicated solely to the accounting of tribal and individual trust assets that remains separate from the BIA to ensure that principles of fiduciary management of trust assets are upheld. It is crucial that fiduciary duties be given a higher level of care, and the best way to ensure that is to segregate the fiduciary functions from other program functions. The Department is also hesitant to support the termination of OST until there is some certainty that any reforms put in place will perform as well or better without a significant burden to taxpayers.

**9. Could the Department support the bill if Title I was stricken and Title III was amended to flesh out some details? Is the Department willing to work with tribes and the Committee to restructure these offices in a way that would ensure the best service to tribes?**

**Response:** The Department has serious concerns with Title II as well, as was articulated in our statement.



Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

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## FW: OIGA agenda

10 messages

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Chaudhuri, Jonodev O. <Jonodev\_Chaudhuri@nigc.gov>

Thu, Jul 31, 2014 at 3:05 PM

To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Jeremy,

Thanks again for all of your help today and over recent weeks. I have a quick question for you or possibly Blake.

The Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association is a stakeholder with which the agency has worked closely in the past. Their annual conference is coming up the week after next. NIGC typically participates in these, and the organizers have asked if I would be able to provide opening statements on 8/12 and participate in a regulator's roundtable on 8/13 along with the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators Chair, Jamie Hummingbird, and the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulators Association Chair, Kelly Myers.

I am sure Dan would be willing to represent the agency at these sessions, and my initial gut feeling is to ask him if he would. Although I have done a number of these types of presentations on behalf of the NIGC and feel comfortable doing so, my thought is that given the potential upcoming hearing, it may make sense for me to sit this one out. The only downside to that is missing an opportunity to build good-will among OK regulators (either through the presentation(s) or in individual meetings).

What are your thoughts? I would like to get back to them in the morning if possible. I appreciate any suggestions you or others may have.

Incidentally, Dan and members of NIGC staff will be participating in a separate panel on the 12<sup>th</sup> as well.

Thanks!

Jonodev

**From:** Homa, Rita F

**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 2:19 PM

**To:** Chaudhuri, Jonodev O.; Little, Daniel J.; Thomas, Christinia J. (Christinia\_Thomas@nigc.gov); Shepard, Eric



**Subject:** OIGA agenda

**Importance:** High

Hey there,

I got an update agenda from Sheila today, and wanted to pass along, that along with Jonodev doing open remarks on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30, they have asked for NIGC to do a panel on Self Regulation, that Dan, Christina and Doug will be doing on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:15

They also have Jonodev down for doing a regulator's roundtable on the 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.....

Are you ok with this schedule????

Let me know if there is anything that I can do on this for you ok?

thanks

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Jul 31, 2014 at 4:03 PM  
To: Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Laura Marquez <laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov>

Blake/Sarah/Laura,

Jonodev is invited to participate in a conference hosted by the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association in two weeks. It is the kind of event he would normally participate in without a second thought, but he is wondering if he should sit it out.

I don't have any concerns with him participating, but wanted to get your thoughts. He'd like to let them know one way or the other by tomorrow a.m. if possible.

Thanks,  
Jeremy

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov> Thu, Jul 31, 2014 at 4:57 PM  
To: "Chaudhuri, Jonodev O." <Jonodev\_Chaudhuri@nigc.gov>

My initial thoughts are that I don't have any concerns about this, but I'll run it past Blake/Sarah/Laura and get you an answer by tomorrow a.m. so you can follow-up with the Oklahoma folks.  
thanks,

Jeremy

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**Chaudhuri, Jonodev O.** <Jonodev\_Chaudhuri@nigc.gov>  
To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Jul 31, 2014 at 4:59 PM

Thanks!

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**Jeremy Bratt** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Jonodev\_Chaudhuri@nigc.gov

Fri, Aug 1, 2014 at 10:01 AM

Jonodev, do you happen to know whether the event is open to press?

**From:** Chaudhuri, Jonodev O. [mailto:Jonodev\_Chaudhuri@nigc.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 31, 2014 01:59 PM

**To:** Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

**Subject:** Re: OIGA agenda

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**Chaudhuri, Jonodev O.** <Jonodev\_Chaudhuri@nigc.gov>  
To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Jonodev\_Chaudhuri@nigc.gov

Fri, Aug 1, 2014 at 10:10 AM

I don't believe it's closed to press, but press presence is usually minimal at these events if there is any at all.

I think I will sit this one out, as whatever good will I have with Oklahoma groups is unlikely to be affected one way or the other.

Think that will work?

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Chaudhuri, Jonodev O." <Jonodev\_Chaudhuri@nigc.gov>

Fri, Aug 1, 2014 at 10:13 AM

Sure, I think that's a fine solution, if Dan is comfortable with replacing you at the event. Thanks!

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Laura Marquez <laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov>, John Blair <john\_blair@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Aug 1, 2014 at 10:13 AM

FYI. He's going to take himself out of consideration and have his associate commissioner participate instead,

which is fine.  
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**Kelly, Katherine** <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: Laura Marquez <laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov>, John Blair <john\_blair@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Aug 1, 2014 at 10:19 AM

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**Chaudhuri, Jonodev O.** <Jonodev\_Chaudhuri@nigc.gov>  
To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Aug 1, 2014 at 10:35 AM

Thanks Jeremy!

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# SESSIONS WITH SPEAKERS

2014

Tuesday, August 12

## 10 -11 Breakouts 1

### 1. Conversational Charisma – Mastering Confidence, Communications & Collaboration – Part 1

#### Ballroom D

*Brad Worthley, Brad Worthley International*

Great communication skills are a learned behavior, not something you are born with. You might have the gift of gab, but do your words endear people to you, or repel them away? Learn simple tips on how to increase sales, improve customer service or have better relationships within your organization. You will be surprised at how simple, yet how rare, these communication skills are. It will change the way you do business, the way you speak to your family, and the way you raise children. Some of the topics covered will include:

- Why most people don't listen well
- How FEAR can inhibit
- Using more dialogue and less monologue
- Asking permission before offering advice
- How to offer constructive feedback
- Avoid making other people wrong

### 2. Free Play Isn't Free

#### Rooms 1-2

*Moderator - Joe Halloran, Jacobson Low Group*

*Peter Larson, Lewis and Roca LLP*

*Representative, McGladrey LLP*

Free play's wide use shows its popularity as a strong marketing technique for driving customers in the door, but we all know there are costs associated with it. This session takes a close look at the how the bottom line is affected, important accounting considerations, and balancing the perspectives and needs of various departments in using this tool.

### 3. Responding to Active Shooters and Robbery Training

#### Room 4

*Sean Crain, President and CEO, Orion Security Solutions*

As public facilities and a cash-driven industry, casinos need to be prepared for potentially dangerous situations. Security experts will address various scenarios and aspects of criminal situations, including national and local statistics, prevention techniques, and steps to follow during and after a robbery or shooter situation.

### 4. ABLE Licensing

#### Rooms 9-10

*Nancy Green, Green Law*

*Dean Luthey, GableGotwals*

Liquor licensing for tribal operations has come under scrutiny recently by the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission. The panel will cover the background on this issue and legal context to get you fully up to speed.

**5. Human Trafficking – How to Recognize It**

**Ballroom B**

*Don Childers, Vice President Surveillance and Loss Prevention, Cherokee Entertainment*

*Terra Gibson, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, Human Trafficking Division*

Human trafficking is a significant area of concern in Oklahoma, and Tribal Governments are a leading partner in the effort to combat this issue. Join our panelists, members of the Oklahoma Human Trafficking Intelligence Working Group, for training on how to recognize the signs, which aren't always obvious. Follow up this session with the information in Breakout Session 2 on what to do once you've discovered signs of human trafficking.

**6. Indian Gaming Management Degrees – Where, When and How**

**Rooms 11-12**

*Dr. Kate Spilde, Sycuan Institute on Tribal Gaming, San Diego State University*

As Tribal Governmental Gaming has become a firmly established industry, more and more people seek academic degrees specific to this business, where culture, hospitality and gaming intersect. As the director of the first four-year degree in the field, Dr. Spilde will lead an interactive discussion about the unique considerations in building an educational program to fulfill the market for those seeking professional degrees in the field.

**7. The Digital Wilderness – Room for Growth?**

**Rooms 19-20**

*Joe Feldkamp, Vice President of Strategic Planning and Market Development, Vantiv Gaming Solutions*

Internet gaming remains a hot topic, but despite all the talk, many fundamental questions remain. What states have legalized it, and which ones soon will? If you are considering iGaming, what sort of platform do you want – a single server? Should you start a play-for-free site or go all in? This session will answer some of these basic questions so you can make an informed decision that best fits your particular situation at this moment.

**8. The Real Cost of Your Food and Beverage Department**

**Ballroom E**

*Charles Lawrence, Senior Vice President of Business Development, Ovations Food Services*

Food and Beverage is a big part of every casino budget and the prices are not decreasing anytime soon. In this session, we'll look at how this amenity is best valued for the cost, including questions to ask at your own property, and have an interactive discussion with the panelists.

**9. Customer Behavior Research – Responding to Your Customers' Needs**

**Rooms 16-18**

*Andrew Cardno, Owner and CIO, BIS2*

*Gary Border, Marketing Results*

Your customers – current and potential – have definite preferences and you can discover these and speak directly to them. Find out how to use sophisticated behavior research tools to get inside the minds and psyches of your players. Understand the customers you are currently attracting, the thinking behind potential customers and how to reach them, assess reactions to your advertising, and clearly define a market position to dominate.

## **11:15 – 12:15 Breakouts 2**

### **1. Conversational Charisma – Mastering Confidence, Communications & Collaboration - Part 2** **Ballroom D**

*Brad Worthley, Brad Worthley International*

(Continued from Part 1 during Breakouts 1, 10:00 – 11:00)

### **2. Steps to Self-Regulation**

#### **Rooms 1-2**

*Daniel J. Little, Associate Commissioner, NIGC*

*Christinia Thomas, Chief of Staff, NIGC*

*John Hay, Associate General Counsel, NIGC*

Are you ready for Self-Regulation of Class II gaming? Panelists from the National Indian Gaming Commission will discuss the 2013 changes to part 518 of the Self-Regulation of Class II Gaming, which tailored the self-regulating criteria to a tribe's regulation of Class II gaming activity and more clearly defined and streamlined the process by which a self-regulation petition is reviewed and a final determination is made by the NIGC.

### **3. Regulating Play for Fun Sites**

#### **Rooms 16-18**

*Jamie Hummingbird, Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission, Chairman, NTGCR*

What is a regulator's role in social gaming or "play for fun" sites? This is a complicated question since so many variables are involved. Technically, because the games are free, this is not true gambling in a formal sense of the word. However, it looks much the same and regulation will probably be involved at some point. This session will explore some of these issues.

### **4. This Isn't Your Grandma's Class II**

#### **Room 4**

*Moderator - Russ Witt, GLI*

*James Starr, VGT*

*Jason Schroeder, Multimedia*

*Andrew Burke, AGS*

In the past year, Class II technology has grown by leaps and bounds, both on the R&D side and the expansion into previously exclusive Class III regions. Join this panel of experts in the know to catch up on current trends and peek into the future in this evolving area.

### **5. Human Trafficking - Who Do You Call?**

#### **Ballroom B**

*Moderator – Don Childers, Vice President Surveillance and Loss Prevention, Cherokee Entertainment*

*Sonya Martinez, Director, Beautiful Dream Society*

*David Garrison, FBI, Oklahoma City Division*

*Robert Gifford, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Oklahoma City*

Following up on the first Human Trafficking session, we will discuss the next steps to take if you find yourselves in a situation where HT seems at play. Who do you call? What agencies are involved? What is the next step in caring for victims? What steps should you take to assist in prosecuting the perpetrators?

## **6. Ethics In Gaming – Why It’s Important**

### **Rooms 19-20**

*Fred Gushin, Spectrum Gaming*

*Tracy Burris, Viejas Gaming Commissioner*

Tribal Government gaming is one of the most scrutinized industries in the nation, and as such, demands the highest of ethical standards. We will discuss situations and practices to use when the best decision isn’t clear.

## **7. Your Online Presence and the Bottom Line – Are You Collecting “Friends” or Customers?**

### **Rooms 9-10**

*Craig Border, Marketing Results*

*Meredith Darling, Interactive Manager, MOSAK*

So at this point, we all have our websites and social media presence. We tweet, post, like, pin and follow just like everyone else, but how are these tools driving business? Are we using them to their fullest marketing advantage or just collecting “friends”? We’ll ask these questions and discuss how to tweak your online marketing to get the most out of every message you send.

## **8. Green = \$\$\$ - LEED Certification**

### **Rooms 11-12**

*Moderator - Ronn Lansky, Director of Business Development, The PENTA Building Group*

*Glen Maxwell, Vice President of Preconstruction, LEED AP, The PENTA Building Group*

*Rich Emery, AIA, NCARB, LEED-GA, President, Thalden Boyd Emery Architects*

*Vic A. Sabilla, P.E., Director of Operations, Orange County, JBA Consulting Engineers*

Earning LEED certification is motivated by a variety of factors. Some people focus on the prestige, others are truly driven by the environmental benefits. This session will explore a third aspect: the financial incentives associated with LEED certification.

## **9. Regulating Combative Sports**

### **Ballroom E**

*Haskell Alexander, Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commission*

*Matthew Roberson, Wichita Tribe Sports Commission*

*Dan Kirby, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Athletic Commission*

*Lisa Dawsey, Comanche Nation Gaming Commission*

*Joe Miller, State of Oklahoma Athletic Commission*

In this Roundtable, we’ll have an open discussion about current standards and procedures in regulating combative sports, what has been successful, best practices, and future changes in this regulatory area.

## Wednesday, August 13

### 9:00 – 10:00 Breakouts 3

#### 1. Responsible Gaming

##### Rooms 9-10

*Wiley Harwell, Oklahoma Association for Problem and Compulsive Gambling*

*Keith Whyte, Executive Director, National Council for Problem and Compulsive Gambling*

Review the compact compliance requirements and explore how training casino employees is the key to having a quality Responsible Gaming Program AND providing help to those who need it. We'll also discuss ways to encourage casino employees to remain responsible gamblers themselves.

#### 2. "Cool New World": Money is No Longer Paper – Compliance in a Virtual World

##### Room 4

*Thomas Nieman, VP of Worldwide Marketing, JCM*

*Magid Mina, CEO, Invisipoy*

*Mindy Letourneau, Founder and Managing Director, Casino Essentials, LLC*

The pending mandate to eliminate mag stripes by 2015 and move to EMV chips to reduce the risk of credit card fraud has created a great deal of interest and confusion for consumers and merchants. Further, EMV chips do not secure mobile or online transactions. The emergence of mobile wallets also requires educating consumers and merchants about the risks and benefits of the two competing technologies. This session will discuss some of the trends in this arena and address how our member facility operators and regulators can prepare for changes to remain compliant.

#### 3. "It's Not My Job Man" – VIP Players and Treasury

##### Ballroom B

*John Tahsuda, Principal, Navigators Global*

*Fred Gushin, Managing Director, Spectrum Gaming Group*

Many questions swirl around the possibility of regulations involving VIP Players. What would this mean for day-to-day operations? Is compliance even possible? Can Treasury do this? Our panelists will review the latest information and provide answers to these, and many other related questions.

#### 4. AICPA and GASB Updates

##### Rooms 1-2

*Denis Adams, Senior Audit Manager, Joseph Eve*

*Joel Haaser, Director, BKD*

In this session, our presenters, well-versed in Indian Gaming, provide an overview of recently issued or newly effective AICPA and GASB standards. We will provide information for accounting departments and anyone working with financial statements to help you be completely prepared for audits.

#### 5. "You Only Hurt the Ones You Love" – Scams, Redirecting Your Attention

##### Ballroom D

*Barron Stringfellow, Stringfellow Consulting Services Unlimited*



Very often we concentrate on losses from outside our organizations, while allowing literally millions of dollars to bleed out of our back doors. This session will address the uncomfortable subjects of employee-caused losses, vendor changes, and hidden avenues of potential loss to our Facilities and Tribes. Asset Protection isn't just a buzz word!! At some point in your career, the issues discussed will have occurred to you, whether you voiced them aloud, over coffee with an associate, or grumbled to yourself on your way home from work...these are not new concerns, it's just time to bring them into the sunlight!

**6. Affordable Health Care Act – The Gift That Keeps on Giving  
Ballroom E**

*Robert Weaver, RWI Benefits*

*Michelle Newton, RWI Benefits*

*Terry Harris, RWI Benefits*

As we all followed in the news, the initial stages of implementing the Affordable Care Act (ACA) ran into a few hiccups. As the timelines on the ACA progress into new requirements, be prepared with what this may mean for your operations, including important considerations for Tribal Governments specifically.

**7. After TITO – The Next Technology Wave  
Rooms 16-18**

*John Edmunds, CMO, FutureLogic*

The economic recovery has been much slower than expected, and for brick and mortar casinos dealing with an aging player base, attracting new Generation Xs and Ys, and building a meaningful online strategy has only amplified the existing financial pressures. In 2014 and beyond, successful casinos will likely have to scramble to differentiate themselves and lure new players through the physical doors of their casino. More importantly, once in the property, casinos will need to both identify these new players and find creative ways to keep them in the casino, extend their play or encourage return visits. Many casinos have a proven marketing strategy to retain their club players, so the true challenge for most will lie with their ability to build and expand their brand loyalty with the untapped new and anonymous players.

**8. Just Because You Dream It Doesn't Mean They Will Come – The Importance of Feasibility Studies  
Room 11-12**

*Matt Robinson, KlasRobinson QED*

*James Klas, KlasRobinson QED*

Gone are the days of building a casino with the assumption it will turn an immediate profit. As the market matures, feasibility studies are more valuable than ever. We will discuss current examples of the complex market research that goes into feasibility studies and how you can best utilize data projections to ensure the success of projects under consideration.

**9. Checking Off The List: What To Expect From An Audit By The State  
Rooms 19-20**

*Sheryl Ashley, Egghart, LLC*

As the State of Oklahoma begins to implement compliance audits, use this checklist to be fully prepared. We will go through a complete audit checklist based on the current compact requirements and you will leave with a tool ready to use.

## **10:15 – 11:15 Breakouts 4**

### **1. Auditing Revenue Audit**

#### **Rooms 19-20**

*Mike Auger, CFE, Financial Analyst, Innovative Gaming Solutions*

Revenue Audit is an integral part of casino accountability and fraud protection. In reality, Revenue Audit is the casino's "Surveillance Department" of the paper trails. Revenue Audit validates every dollar that comes through the front doors from Slot and Table Revenue to Hotel and F&B venues. Coupled with accounting for the cash, Revenue Audit serves to track and account for casino promotions and complimentary expenses. To effectively audit any revenue-generating department, it is critical to understand Revenue Audit's procedures, roles, and responsibilities. This discussion will overview the revenue stream and how to measure the effectiveness of the revenue audit processes that are in place.

### **2. "Who That Knocking At My Door" – Network Security**

#### **Rooms 1-2**

*Sean Mason, Senior Field Engineer, Gaming Laboratories International*

The security of data networks cannot be overstated in a time when all types and ever growing amounts of data are stored there. This session will address conducting a network risk assessment and methods to ensure the strength of your security measures.

### **3. Bay Mills Case – Implications**

#### **Rooms 9-10**

*Moderator - Dean Luthey, GableGotwals*

*Jason Giles, Executive Director, National Indian Gaming Association*

*Michael McBride III, Crowe & Dunlevy*

The long-anticipated decision in *Michigan vs. Bay Mills Indian Community* was a win for tribal sovereign immunity but left open the door for potential future challenges. The panel will discuss the ruling in detail, including the positives and possible negatives, and how Tribal Governments can proactively protect sovereign immunity in the future.

### **4. Traditional vs. Alternative Financing**

#### **Room 4**

*Moderator - John Fryrear, Founding Partner and President, NAFA Capital Markets*

*Matt Eden, Senior Vice President, Sovereign Finance*

*Kristi Jackson, Tribal Financial Advisors*

*Valerie Red-Horse, Red-Horse Financial Group Inc.*

*Donald Schulke, Senior Vice President, Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith Incorporated*

The financial world may be out of crises mode, but as always, Tribes must continue to be prudent in both investing and seeking financing. This session will explore principles for smart investment policies as well as alternative financing options for new or expansion projects, such as USDA-backed loan programs, EB-5 Funding and strategic lending solutions. The panel will review terms, process and case studies for all three financing techniques.

### **5. Entertainment In a Competitive Market**

## **Ballroom B**

*Moderator - Kell Houston, President, Houston Productions*

*Michael Laffey, Director of Marketing, Grand Casino Hotel Resort*

*Amy Tall Chief, Director of Entertainment and Events, Osage Casinos*

*Bobby Mathis, Entertainment Coordinator, River Spirit Casino*

Entertainment can be the key to setting yourself apart in a market full of competitors. This panel will address the important considerations for finding acts that are best-suited to your market and demographics.

## **6. A.C.E. Training – Alcohol Compliance Education**

### **Ballroom D**

*Rick Hughes, Director of Education, Oklahoma Restaurant Association and Oklahoma Hotel and Lodging Association*

Serving alcohol can leave a business and its employees vulnerable. Join the Oklahoma Restaurant Association for the comprehensive training program approved by the Oklahoma Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE). Teach your employees how to:

- Identify signs of intoxication
- Recognize false identification
- Apply Oklahoma laws regarding sales and services
- Deal positively with customers

## **7. It's a Fine Line Between Legal and Illegal – Sweepstakes**

### **Rooms 11-12**

*Mike Ornstein, Director Strategic Accounts, BMM Testlabs*

Are sweepstakes redemption machines like legalized marijuana? What are these devices and why are they so controversial? State and federally sanctioned casinos see the unlicensed and unvetted operators of these devices as infringing on the hard earned and expensive right to offer legalized gambling. This presentation will explain the nuances of these sweepstakes devices, where they operate legally and illegally, and examine the conditions by which they are considered legal. Successful prosecutions and current litigation will be addressed. There have been many efforts to prosecute these devices; the different approaches and their respective effectiveness will be examined. This is a learning presentation for Gaming Commissioners and Tribal Government leadership.

## **8. Following the Rules – ASCAP/BMI**

### **Rooms 16-18**

*Bob Galombeck, Houston Productions*

*Casey Rose-Petherick, Interim Director American Indian Law and Policy Center, Oklahoma City University School of Law*

*Maggie Coffey-Pilcher, Chief Legal Counsel, Comanche Nation Gaming Board*

This panel will explore various aspects of the requirements surrounding the licensing fees for music in hospitality and other venues. Panelists will provide several perspectives to consider.

## **9. "Who Moved My Cheese" – Roles & Responsibilities of Commission/Council/Casino**

### **Ballroom E**

*Joe Halloran, Jacobson Law Group*

*Oscar Schuyler, Osage AVS*

Each of these entities has invested in the success of the Tribe's Governmental Gaming and has specific roles to play. Understanding and respecting the respective functions will lead to success for all involved.

## **11:30 – 12:30 Breakouts 5**

### **1. History of Tribal Government Gaming In Oklahoma**

#### **Rooms 1-2**

*William Norman, Hobbs Strauss*

As OIGA celebrates 20 years of the "Biggest Little Show in Indian Gaming," join us as we review the history of gaming in Oklahoma: the struggles, the victories, and the partners. If you are new to the area, maybe have forgotten or just need a refresher – this is the panel for you.

### **2. Regulators Roundtable**

#### **Room 4**

*Jonodev O. Chaudhuri, Acting Chairman, NIGC*

*Jamie Hummingbird, Chairman, NTGC/R*

*Kelly Myers, Chairperson, OTGRA*

What's new in the regulatory world? Representatives from OTGRA, NTGC/R and NIGC will lead an open discussion on regulatory topics.

### **3. Navigating the Rules on Per Cap Distribution**

#### **Rooms 11-12**

*Aletha Bolt, Acting ITG Tip Coordinator, IRS*

*Cathy Bird, ITG Compliance and Program Management, IRS*

The IRS Office of Indian Tribal Governments will address and answer questions on the rulings and details on the Gaming Per-Capita Distribution and the recent ruling in the General Welfare Guidance.

### **4. Top 10 Audit Findings and How to Avoid Them**

#### **Ballroom B**

*Josh Benefield, Finley & Cook PLLC*

*Brandy Underwood, Finley & Cook PLLC*

*Rachel Loudon, Finley & Cook PLLC*

The objective of audit, whether external or internal, is to protect the Tribe's assets by identifying and correcting deficiencies and regulatory violations. The results of audits are used throughout the organization for financial purposes as well as to provide independent insight to leadership. This session will discuss how to avoid the most common audit findings.

### **5. Do You Really Know Who You Are Hiring? The Latest and Greatest in Background Checks**

#### **Rooms 19-20**

*Julie Hakman, AmericanChecked Inc.*

*Kelli Weaver, AmericanChecked Inc.*

This informative session, designed for new and experienced Gaming Commissions, Regulators and Human Resources alike, will provide an essential list of the "Top Ten" elements to successful background

investigating. We'll discuss items such as using credit reports wisely, how to not be fooled by marketing or price, and recognizing that criminal records are not created equally.

**6. "One Must Have a Touch of Color" – Casino Interiors**

**Rooms 9-10**

*Ken Rhyne, Principal, Urban Design Group*

*Danny Valle, Principal, Hnedak Bobo Group*

*Nick Schoenfeldt, Vice President & Partner, Thalden Boyd Emery Architects*

Need a fresh look for your property, but there's no time or money for an entire overhaul? Interior redesigns can dramatically change your look for without costly downtime or excessive expense. We'll explore considerations for refreshing, including the planning and design phases, which will keep your bottom line in mind.

**7. Niche Marketing – What Demographic Are You Leaving On The Table?**

**Ballroom D**

*Darren Kuyper, Partner, JamesDugan Casino Marketing*

In a mature and competitive casino market, niche marketing can be an invaluable tool for reaching demographics you may be overlooking. There are many people out there – who are you missing? In this session, we will explore methods for developing new business via marketing strategies that create the right message in the right context in the right medium, for laser precision in targeting particular populations.

**8. Customer Service Training**

**Ballroom E**

*Frank Oppenheim, Vice President, Gaming Services, SDW*

*Harry Paul, Author of "FISH!" and "Who Kidnapped Excellence"*

Outstanding customer service starts with employees who are excited to be providing it. Join us for a session that will reinvigorate your team with SDW and *Harry the Fish Guy*. Your employees will start saying, "I don't have to go to work—I get to go to work!" and bring their best to work every day. Harry's presentations are based on his six internationally bestselling business books, including *FISH! A Proven Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results*, one of the bestselling business books of all time. A few concepts you will take away include:

- How to invest in your people
- Practice the 4 B's of managing with trust
- Turn work into fun
- Make decisions based on your mission statement
- Everyone becomes a team player

**9. iGaming Around the Country**

**Rooms 16-18**

*John Tahsuda, Principal, Navigators Global*

*Tuari Bigknife, Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay*

*Richard J. Grellner, Attorney, Richard J. Grellner & Associates*

With no federal legislation on the horizon many states have legalized online gaming within their borders. This panel will give you an overview of what each state is doing and which states are next to go "online."



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## Memo for Mike's meeting with Tom Cole

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Libby,

Attached is a short memo for Mike's meeting with Tom Cole tomorrow.

Jeremy



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**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY  
MEETING WITH REP. TOM COLE**

DATE: Wednesday, July 30  
LOCATION: Dep. Sec's office  
TIME: 4 p.m.  
FROM: Sarah Neimeyer, OCI. (202)208-5557; Jeremy Bratt, OCI. (202) 208-7696

You are scheduled to meet with Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK04).

This is a courtesy meeting, and Rep. Cole's staff said there are no particular issues that the Congressman is likely to raise. However, two Interior-related issues that Rep. Cole has been active on in the past are the Chickasaw National Recreation Area and the Department's reform of the tribal recognition process.

*Chickasaw National Recreation Area*

Congressman Cole supports the opportunity for tribal-Federal partnership at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, which is a unit of the National Park Service located in southern Oklahoma.

The Park Service is working on an agreement to formalize the working relationship between the Tribe and NPS. A final draft of the general agreement is with the Chickasaw Nation Governor for signature and is expected to be signed soon.

The draft agreement has three parts: (1) NPS occupancy of the Chickasaw Nation Visitor Center; (2) sharing of interpretive expertise between Chickasaw National Recreation Area and the Chickasaw Nation; (3) proposed construction of a bridge connecting the Chicksaw Nation Visitor Center with Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Both parties are supportive of the terms of the draft agreement.

The park is currently working on an environmental assessment of the proposed bridge project.

*Tribal recognition process*

In July, Rep. Cole – who serves as Co-chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus – wrote to Secretary Jewell with his Caucus Co-Chair, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-MN).

Their letter commended DOI for working to reform the “broken” tribal recognition process, but asked for additional time for public comments and for additional meetings so tribal members who were unable to travel to one of the six tribal consultations would be able to participate.

In response to the request by Rep. Cole and others, the Department announced last week that the public comment period would be extended by 60 days (it will now run until Sept. 30,2014) and that two additional tribal consultations and two additional public meetings would be held, all by teleconference, to permit interested parties to participate, regardless of where they live.

## BACKGROUND



4th District, South central -- Norman, Lawton, part of Oklahoma City

**Residence:** Moore

**Born:** April 28, 1949; Shreveport, La.

**Religion:** Methodist

**Family:** Wife, Ellen Cole; one child

**Education:** Grinnell College, B.A. 1971 (history); Yale U., M.A. 1974 (British history); U. of Oklahoma, Ph.D. 1984 (19th Century British history)

**Military Service:** None

- **Career:** Political consultant; party official; congressional district director;

professor

- **First Elected:** 2002 (6th term)
- **Latest Election:** 2012 General (67.89%)
- **Political Highlights:** Okla. Republican Party chairman, 1985-89; Okla. Senate, 1989-91; Okla. secretary of state, 1995-99
- **Committees:**
  - Appropriations (Defense; Interior-Environment; Legislative Branch - chairman)
  - Budget
  - Rules
  - Joint Library

Rep. Cole is a member of the Chickasaw Nation; he and his fellow Oklahoma Congressman Markwayne Mullin are the only two Native Americans serving in Congress. Cole's mother, Helen Cole, was Oklahoma's first Native American state senator. Rep. Cole is Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus.

The Congressman's district is home to two military bases - Tinker Air Force Base and Fort Sill – as well as the state's largest university, the University of Oklahoma. Oil and gas is also a large industry in his district.





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**Fwd: Briefing Materials for Monday, July 28, 2014**

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**Subject:** Briefing Materials for Monday, July 28, 2014

Hi all:

Attached are the briefing materials for the Secretary for July 28.

Elizabeth

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## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### COURTESY VISITS WITH APPROPRIATIONS MEMBERS

DATE: July 28, 2014  
LOCATION: Offices in the Longworth and Rayburn House Office Buildings  
TIME: See AGENDA  
FROM: Pam Haze and Denise Flanagan, PMB; 208-4775 and 208-5308  
Rhea Suh, AS-PMB; 208-1927

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of these meeting is to continue to build relationships with members of the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. Discussions will focus on the outcome of House action on the 2015 budget, issues of interest to these members, and to highlight two of your legislative priorities—reform of the fire budget and full funding for LWCF.

These members are on the appropriations committee and are generally in support of the fire reform. The Democrats support the proposal and Simpson's legislation. The Republican members cannot say that they differ with the views of Paul Ryan.

July 23 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LWCF passing the House and provides a relevant hook to discuss the need to reauthorize LWCF. The Anniversary of both LWCF and the Wilderness Act being signed into law is September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. The LWCF authorization will expire in September 2015.

#### II. AGENDA

##### **Monday, July 28**

10:30-11:00 am, 2458 Rayburn, Congressman Cole, R-Oklahoma

11:15-11:45 am, 2269 Rayburn, Chairman Calvert, R-California

Friday, July 25

9:30-10:00 am, 1714 Longworth, Congressman McCollum

#### III. TALKING POINTS

##### **FIRE:**

- We cannot wait another fire season to get a rational budgeting process for fire.
- We need your continued leadership to support the reform. Although the necessary legislative provisions are not in the House Interior bill, we believe they will be in the Senate bill and should be included in a 2015 omnibus.
- There are other vehicles to add this to—or bring it to the floor as a standalone—we are talking with the authorizers and asking for their help.
- Having come from a career in the private sector, one of the biggest surprises I found was that we are in the 'forever' business and Americans expect us to manage our public

lands for eternity – yet we do so with short-term budgets that provide very little certainty and predictability to help us carry out our missions.

- With wildland fire seasons becoming longer and more intense, we can't follow the status quo when it comes to budgets.

If more details are needed:

- We budget for fire costs using a ten-year average of fire suppression costs. Yet, in a peak season with catastrophic fires, we are forced to move funding from programs across the Interior and U.S. Forest Service budgets to meet the increased costs.
- In 2012, Interior's fire suppression costs were **23 percent higher** than the ten-year average calculation, requiring the Department to transfer funds from other important accounts – including fire preparedness, fuels management, and fire restoration funds.
- In 2013, Interior and Forest Service **redirected or borrowed more than \$650 million** to fund increased firefighting costs. Over the last ten years, the two agencies have spent one-third more than was budgeted for firefighting.
- Modeled on the Federal Emergency Management Disaster Relief program, the proposal would change how fire suppression costs are budgeted to treat funding of extreme wildfire seasons in the same way other emergency disaster needs are met.
- The proposal would create a new wildfire cap adjustment – a ceiling, not a funding target – to fund the most severe one percent of fires. **It's worth emphasizing that the most severe one percent of fires cause 30 percent of the annual suppression costs.**

**LWCF:**

- The Land and Water Conservation Fund improves the quality of life and supports the economy in communities in every State and county. It secures a uniquely American **legacy for our children and grandchildren.**
- LWCF helps support a **\$646 billion recreation economy** and one analysis found that for **every dollar invested it returns four to the local economy.**
- **LWCF funds have been spent in every county** across the country since 1964. This is not a fund that helps a few states or localities, but rather it promotes recreation, outdoor activities and conservation across the nation.
- I want to ask for your support for LWCF. We are working diligently with Congress to move this forward in combination with PII.T.
- If you can help us, I'd like to work with you.

Additional LWCF facts:

- Land and Water Conservation Fund Act passed in 1964 by a **visionary, bipartisan Congress**, and signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson
- For the past 50 years, a small portion of the OCS revenues that are collected from oil and gas drilling have been deposited into the Land and Water Conservation Fund. To date a total of \$35 billion has been collected. To date a total of \$16 billion has been appropriated, leaving an unappropriated balance of nearly \$19 billion.
- **The Act authorizes a total of \$900 million annually** to provide recreational opportunities and conservation projects for all Americans to enjoy—at no cost to taxpayers.

- **Only once in its 50 year history** has it been fully funded at the authorized level of **\$900 million**
- It will expire in 2015 and **President Obama** has proposal to fully and permanently fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund

## **VI. BACKGROUND**

**Fire:** The Supplemental request submitted by the White House on July 8 for Unaccompanied Children and includes additional suppression funding for the Forest Service and the necessary language for the fire budget reform.

Senator McCain (with support from Senator Flake) introduced an alternative proposal to the Crapo/Wyden proposal and the Simpson proposal, which are both aligned with the Administration's budget and supplemental request. This has created debate about the annual cost our proposal to fund extremely large fire costs from the disaster cap.

House Ranking Member DeFazio is working on getting a discharge petition filed with sufficient signatures to get the fire legislation moved to the House floor for consideration. Republicans are not signing the petition, preventing the discharge, but we are considering if there are Republicans you can ask for their signature on the petition. In your meetings, you should raise this with the House Republicans, and inquire why they are not joining this effort. If they are not going to support the fire reform in Supplemental what do they suggest we need to go to get it on the House Floor?

**LWCF:** Discussion with House members has been about linking full funding of LWCF with PILT and Secure Rural Schools. There is limited interest to introduce a proposal, as it is likely it would contain provisions that would not be acceptable to the conservation community, Senate or House Democrats. The House appears to be waiting for something to come from the Senate. Our goal is to bolster the support on both sides and find a way to play an active role in moving the idea from the sidelines into the foreground and create support for a proposal that would most likely be moving in the fall – potentially as an addition to a transportation bill or tax extenders.

## **IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

In addition to raising the need for the BLM oil and gas inspection fee, members have key issues that they are likely to raise with you. Below are some of the topics we think will be discussed.

### **Oil and Gas Inspection Fees**

The 2015 budget proposes a fee for oil and gas inspection for onshore operations on public lands paralleling the fee that is charged for inspection of offshore oil and gas operations.

- The offshore fee was instituted in 2012 and has been well supported by industry because it allows for certainty and ongoing support that promotes development within an effective framework of protection for health and safety and the environment.
- It makes sense to charge industry for this very technical, labor-intensive process.
- BLM oversees 100,000 wells and keeping up with the inspection and enforcement workload is challenging within the ever-tightening budget. The oil and gas budget has

declined 20% since 2007 when accounting for inflation. Since 2007, the inspection workload has risen by 41%.

- The fee, and the assurance it would provide for a dependable stream of income to maintain adequate capacity.
- In the absence of sufficient resources to fund these activities, BLM has to redirect from other activities, which could impact ongoing development.

NOTE: The House added funds and a new subactivity for oil and gas inspections and enforcement that funds the program at levels comparable to the proposed inspection fee.

Oil and Gas Management	2014	2015 Request	2015 House Mark	Change House v. 2015 PB	Change House v. 2014
Oil and Gas Management (appropriated)	80,877	53,183	52,657	(526)	(28,220)
Inspection Fees	0	48,000	0	(48,000)	-
Oil and Gas Inspection and Enforcement *	0	0	48,000	+48,000	+48,000
APD Fee Funding	32,500	32,500	32,500	-	-
<i>Subtotal, Available Program Funding</i>	<i>113,377</i>	<i>133,683</i>	<i>133,157</i>	<i>(526)</i>	<i>+19,780</i>
<i>Offsetting Fees</i>					
APD Offsetting Collections	-32,500	-32,500	-32,500	-	-
Inspection Fee Collections	0	-48,000	0	+48,000	-
<i>Subtotal, Offsetting Collections</i>	<i>-32,500</i>	<i>-80,500</i>	<i>-32,500</i>	<i>+48,000</i>	<i>-</i>
<b>Total, Appropriated Funding</b>	<b>80,877</b>	<b>53,183</b>	<b>100,657</b>	<b>+47,474</b>	<b>+19,780</b>

\* House established a new subactivity dedicated to oil and gas inspections

### **Congresswoman Nita Lowey D-New York:**

#### *National Heritage Areas:*

- Congresswoman Lowey is an advocate for the National Heritage Areas, specifically the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.
- The National Heritage Areas program has been in place for 29 years and has developed into a partnership program to preserve and protect natural and cultural resources as a practical and meaningful alternative to new park designations.
- The program is comprised of 49 congressionally designated areas.
- The 2015 budget includes \$9.2 million for the program, a reduction of \$9.1 million from the 2014 enacted level of \$18.3 million.
- The Interior bill was amended in Committee action to fund heritage areas at \$18.3 million. Congresswoman Lowey was key in restoring funding to the 2014 level at Committee markup.
- The Department values the National Heritage Areas program. The heritage areas promote recreation, outdoor activity, coalesce community preservation efforts, and are good partners to the National Park Service.
- The Department continues to support the extension of authority for expiring areas through language in the Interior bill.

#### *Centennial:*

- In 2016, the National Park Service begins its second century of management, with 84 million acres in 401 park units
- We expect a significant increase in visitation and we need to be prepared with visitor programs, functional facilities, and adequate support services.
- The 2015 budget makes a modest down payment on the needs in parks. An increase of \$30 million is requested for park operations and \$10 million is requested for the NPS Centennial Challenge that will leverage Federal funds with partner contributions.
- The House Committee bill includes the \$40 million request. We are very appreciative.
- Our budget also suggested that Congress pass legislation to fund \$400 million in mandatory funding for key investments in infrastructure.
- The NPS has a significant backlog in facilities and roads needs and this would improve our ability to address these needs, increase access to parks and park programs, and support the visitation levels we expect in the second century.
- The President's Opportunity, Growth and Security Initiative also identified \$100 million for investments in park assets.

*Highlands Conservation Act:*

- Ranking Member Lowey is supportive of the Highlands Conservation Act of 2004, which is designed to assist Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania in conserving land and natural resources in the Highlands region through Federal assistance for land conservation projects.
- Highlands funding is provided to the State to acquire land or an interest in land to permanently protect resources of high conservation value.
- The 2015 budget request did not include funding for the Highlands Conservation program, but the House bill includes \$3.5 million for Highlands Conservation grants.

**Chairman Ken Calvert R-California:**

*2015 Appropriations Bill:*

- On July 15, the House Appropriations Committee approved the fiscal year 2015 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill on a vote of 29-19.
- The bill shifts significant resources to DOI from other agencies, and significantly reduces LWCF and climate change programs as compared to the request.
  - LWCF is reduced from the requested level of \$246 million to \$101 million, a cut of \$145 million.
- The bill includes \$11.1 billion, \$457.6 million above the 2015 budget request and \$562.7 million or 5.3% above the 2014 level for Department of the Interior programs. By comparison the EPA was reduced by 9%.
- The most significant departure from the 2015 request is the inclusion of \$442.0 million for Payments in Lieu of Taxes and \$63.2 million for similar payments through the National Wildlife Refuge Fund. These funds were not included in the President's 2015 Budget Request and instead a mandatory one-year extension proposal was included for the PILT program. The funding for the National Wildlife Refuge Fund was reduced in the Committee mark-up to \$38 million.
- The bill includes an increase of \$103 million for the Wildland Fire program, fully funding the ten year average and increasing amounts for hazardous fuels and burned area rehabilitation.

- The bill also increases funds for Indian programs, \$80 million above the budget request and \$114 million over 2014. The increases are provided for BIE Tribal Grant support, education, and school construction.

#### *Drought:*

- Chairman Calvert voted in support of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act, H.R. 3964, sponsored by Rep. Valadeo and passed by the House. This bill includes limitations of Secretarial authority regarding water availability for species protection or restoration in the Central Valley.
- Senator Feinstein issued a strong press statement in opposition to this legislation and alternative legislation.
- The Administration remains committed to an 'all in' approach to the Federal response to drought conditions in the West.
- Interior continues to work closely with the State to ensure a balanced and coordinated approach to provide for the water needs of people, agriculture, businesses, power and the environment.
- Since 1992, Reclamation has invested \$524 million in water reuse projects in California through the Title XVI program. In 2013, the 36 Title XVI projects located in California made available an estimated 350,000 acre-feet of recycled water, making an equivalent amount available for other uses and helping diversify the water supply.

#### *Endangered Species Act*

- Chairman Calvert would like to explore ways to improve the ESA.
- The Chairman regularly has concerns about the impact of the ESA on the economy. The most recent species being the upcoming listing decision for the sage grouse.
- The 2015 House bill includes a provision to delay the decision for an additional year.

#### **Congresswoman Betty McCollum D-Minnesota:**

##### *Indian Programs:*

- Congresswoman is an advocate for Indian programs and funding.
- The 2015 bill also increases funds for Indian programs, \$80 million above the budget request and \$114 million over 2014. The increases are provided for BIE Tribal Grant support, education, and school construction.

##### *School Construction*

- The 2015 budget includes \$2.3 million for the Beatrice Rafferty school in Maine. Within the constrained budget allowance this is the amount we were able to carve out. Funds will be used to conduct the first phase of construction and site development.
- The Subcommittee increased funding for Indian education, including adding \$57.5 million for school construction. This will allow us to complete construction of the three schools that are on our priority list.

##### *Asian Carp:*

- Congresswoman McCollum shares a concern for the spread of Asian Carp with her colleagues on the Subcommittee and supports the work of the FWS and the USGS to address the issue.



- Efforts to control and limit the spread of Asian carp into the Great Lakes and the Upper Mississippi are a significant concern to the Administration.
- The 2015 budget includes an increase of \$6.4 million in the budgets of FWS and USGS.
- The USGS is working to develop a chemical control targeting Asian carp, developing lures to help in removal, testing methods to restrict the passage of the fish, and developing early detection tools.
- Additional funds in 2015 will take this research from “proof of concept” to be ready for the field.
- FWS efforts are focused on surveillance and monitoring. This year, FWS opened its laboratory facility in Lacrosse, WI to analyze environmental DNA (eDNA) samples taken from the Great Lakes and its tributaries.

*Invasives:*

- Congresswoman McCollum shares a concern for the spread of invasive species, not only due to their harm to the ecosystem, but their ability to harm the economy through industries like timber, agriculture, and tourism.
- Congresswoman McCollum believes we need a coordinated plan that includes all levels of government, along with universities, private, nonprofit organizations.
- The 2015 budget request includes \$101 million across the Department’s bureaus for work related to invasive species.

**Congressman Tom Cole R-Oklahoma:**

*Indian Programs:*

- Tom Cole has helped to build support for Indian programs and funding for DOI Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service is a bipartisan priority for the Interior Subcommittee.
- The 2015 bill also increases funds for Indian programs, \$80 million above the budget request and \$114 million over 2014. The increases are provided for BIE Tribal Grant support, education, and school construction.

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*Chickasaw National Recreation Area*

- Congressman Cole supports the opportunity for tribal-Federal partnership at the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, which is a unit of the National Park Service.
- The Park Service is working on an agreement to formalize the working relationship between the Tribe and NPS. A final draft of the general agreement is with the Chickasaw Nation Governor for signature and is expected to be signed soon.
- The draft agreement has three parts: (1) NPS occupancy of the Chickasaw Nation Visitor Center; (2) sharing of interpretive expertise between Chickasaw National Recreation Area and the Chickasaw Nation; (3) proposed construction of a bridge connecting the

Chickasaw Nation Visitor Center with Chickasaw National Recreation Area. Both parties are supportive of the terms of the draft agreement.

- The park is currently working on an environmental assessment of the proposed bridge project.

## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH BLM EMPLOYEES

DATE: July 28, 2014  
LOCATION: Office of the Secretary  
TIME: 12:15PM – 1:15PM  
FROM: Janet Lin, COS, BLM (202)208-3801

#### I. PURPOSE

You will be hosting a brown bag lunch for selected BLM employees in your office. This is one of a series of brown bag lunches you are having with DOI staff. The attendees represent a number of BLM Offices.

#### II. PARTICIPANTS

**John Ajak, *BLM Washington Office***  
**Petroleum Engineer**

John began his career with the BLM at the Jackson, Mississippi Field Office. He is a key player in the redesign of the BLM's oil and gas automated database and the hydraulic fracking rule. A Pennsylvania State University alumnus, John recently completed a Master's Degree in Engineering Management at the George Washington University.

**Joe Ashor, *BLM Washington Office***  
**Wilderness Specialist**

Joe began his career in 1985 with the U.S. Forest Service in Western Montana where he served as a Wilderness Ranger and Wilderness Planning Specialist. He was among a team of individuals who pioneered the use of the Limits of Acceptable Change Wilderness Planning System on both U.S. Forest Service and BLM wildernesses. He joined the BLM in 1988 serving as an Outdoor Recreation Planner in Dillon, Montana, followed by Grand Junction, Colorado, and Salem, Oregon. As the manager of the Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area in Newport, Oregon, Joe managed a historic lighthouse, a large interpretive center, and had over-site over numerous Wild and Scenic Rivers. He has spent the last five years in Washington, D.C. working in the National Landscape Conservation System Directorate where he is currently serving as the BLM's Senior Wilderness Specialist.

**Lissa Eng, *BLM Washington Office***  
**Public Affairs Specialist**

Lissa is an AmeriCorps graduate. Her colleagues describe her as an energetic and delightful presence since she joined the BLM in February.

**Joe Freeland, *BLM Washington Office***  
**Senior Advisor, Fire and Aviation Directorate**

Joe began his career on the Lincoln National Forest in 1984 and worked primarily on engines, helitack, and prescribed fire projects. Later Joe served in a variety of positions in the BLM in Alaska, New Mexico, Washington DC, Nevada, and Idaho, as an Engine Supervisor, Helitack

Foreman, Hotshot, Fire Control Officer, Fuels Specialist, Fire Management Officer, Fire Program Advisor, and Associate District Manager. Joe is currently the BLM Senior Fire Program Advisor. Professionally, Joe is most proud of developing employees and programs that he works with as well as making a positive difference in long term vegetation management of public lands.

**Corey Grant, BLM Washington Office**

**Chief, Business Resources**

Corey is the Chief of Business Resources for the BLM. He has over 20 years of government service with the bureau, acting in several capacities including on Type I and II emergency response teams with the National Interagency Fire Center, and Deputy State Director at the BLM Eastern States. Corey is also a United States Marine Corps veteran who served during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

**Jayme Lopez, BLM Washington Office**

**Realty Specialist**

Jayme is a realty specialist with the BLM's National Renewable Energy Coordination Office. The program lead for the Solar and Wind Energy program, Jayme has field experience in both Alaska and California. Over the past three years, Jayme has provided leadership in the preparation of the BLM solar and wind energy regulations and the development of solar and wind energy policies. She is also the point-of-contact for GAO and OIG renewable energy audits.

**Sabria Mathis, BLM Washington Office**

**Business Manager, Resources and Planning Directorate**

Sabria has been employed with the BLM since 2001, beginning her career as a student intern in the Division of Management Services. She served for six years in the areas of Internal Management Control, OIG GAO Audit, and Organizational Management before moving to the BLM Budget Office where she was responsible for budget formulation, execution, and performance management for several land resource programs. Since 2011, Sabria has served as the Business Manager for the Resources and Planning Directorate, where she oversees the directorate's finances, information resource management, human resource, and administrative support functions. She is a recent graduate of the BLM's Emerging Leaders Program. Sabria Mathis is a native of Washington, DC, and received her B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in 2004. She is an active member of her community and enjoys serving as a mentor and member in several youth and young adult volunteer and outreach organizations.

**Markci Metcalf, BLM Washington Office**

**Deputy Ethics Counselor**

Markci (pronounced, "Mark-I") is a Delaware native who has been writing poetry and prose since he was a teenager. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware and a law degree from The American University, Washington College of Law. He is a member of the Maryland Bar and serves as the resident expert at the BLM for Ethics. He enjoys traveling, reading, weightlifting, home improvement projects and running with his Jack Russell terrier. He resides in a Maryland suburb.

**Michael Martin, BLM Washington Office**

**Division Chief, Human Resources Policy and Programs**

As the Division Chief, Michael leads a staff of human resources professionals responsible for the planning, oversight, development and administration of the BLM policies and programs in the areas of classification and pay, recruitment and staffing, executive resources, compensation and benefits, and employee and labor relations. He has over twenty-years of experience in the Federal government, across a broad spectrum of human resources disciplines, equal employment opportunity, mediation, and personnel security, and holds bachelor's degrees from Cleveland State University and Regents College, Master's Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Master's of Divinity from Howard University School of Divinity. Mr. Martin is a veteran of the United States Army, where he served honorably, with distinction, awards and recognition.

**Pam Mozina, BLM Eastern States Office**

**Records Administrator – FOIA/Privacy Act Officer**

Pam has worked for the Federal Government for over 31 years; 26 of those years with the BLM Eastern States Office. She started as a staff assistant for the Associate State Director prior to accepting the lead assistant position in the Division of Business Practices. After a stint with the General Land Office, Pam moved into the position she holds today. Pam was born and raised in Alexandria, Virginia. She is married with two children.

**JoAn Mundt, BLM Washington Office**

**Executive Assistant, Office of Law Enforcement & Security**

JoAn has worked as the Executive Assistant for the Office of Law Enforcement & Security since 2008. She is a key asset to the BLM's program which fields a force of approximately 200 Law Enforcement Rangers and 70 Special Agents who enforce a wide range of laws and regulations in the prevention, detection, and investigation of crimes affecting public lands resources. JoAn is a resident of Alexandria, Virginia.

**Eric Pagal, BLM Washington Office**

**Procurement Chief**

Eric has been the BLM's Procurement Chief for four years and has trained and mentored many acquisition professionals in the BLM and across DOI. Previously, he was a Senior Procurement Policy Analyst at Homeland Security. Eric is a retired Veteran from the U.S. Navy Supply Corps after 24 years. He is an avid motorcyclist.

**Karen Prentice, BLM Washington Office**

**National Healthy Landscapes Coordinator**

Karen began her BLM career in the Ely District of Nevada, where she served through 2010 in several capacities, including Rangeland Management Specialist, District Noxious and Invasive Weed Specialist, Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Coordinator, and Special Projects Manager. In January 2011, she transferred to Washington, DC, where, as the BLM's National Healthy Landscapes Coordinator, she provides leadership for several aspects of the BLM's landscape approach, including coordinating landscape resiliency activities with internal and external partners and stakeholders, developing national policy on landscape restoration, and supporting development of the BLM's Rapid Ecoregional Assessments. Karen Prentice was

raised in Washington State and received her BA in Environmental Studies from The Evergreen State College in 1990.

**Kimberly Reed, *BLM Eastern States Office***

**Land Law Examiner**

Kimberly works in the Division of Natural Resources. She was hired as a Staff Assistant/Management Assistant in 2006 as a Term Appointment, working for the Division of Business Resources. Kimberly was selected for and completed the SCFP program in 2010 and attended the Pathways program in 2012. She holds a Master's in Public Administration and a Bachelor's in Paralegal Studies.

**Diane Simpson, *BLM Washington Office***

**Realty Specialist**

Diane is the BLM's National Land Exchange lead. A Realty Specialist for over 25 years with both the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, she also has extensive experienced in wild land fire, emergency response and disaster relief. She was an Interior lead for the Hurricane Sandy relief effort.

**Anthony Small, *BLM Washington Office***

**Public Affairs Specialist**

Anthony joined the National Reserve earlier this year and recently returned from basic training where he graduated #2 in his class of 540.

**Joe Stout, *BLM Washington Office***

**Division Chief, Decision Support, Planning and NEPA**

Joe plays a leading role in BLM's Planning 2.0 initiative and the Greater Sage Grouse National Conservation Strategy. Previously, Joe served as the Washington Office Planning and NEPA Branch Chief for two years, and as a BLM Washington Office Legislative Affairs Specialist from 2009 through 2010. He began his career at the BLM Colorado State Office as a Planning and Environmental Coordinator from 2001-2005. He then served as the BLM Kremmling Field Office Resource Management Plan Project Manager from 2005-2009.

**Gordon Toevs, *BLM Washington Office***

**Project Manager, Resources and Planning Directorate**

Gordon is the national program lead for the BLM Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring (AIM) program and is part of the BLM team advancing the landscape approach to public land management. Gordon has led the effort to select core indicators and methods to inform the condition and trend of terrestrial vegetation, in-stream aquatic resources, and sustainable ecosystems. Gordon joined the BLM through the Office of Personnel Management's Presidential Management Fellowship program. He graduated from the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, with a PhD in Soil Science in August of 2006. Gordon grew up on a family farm in Southern Idaho. He and his wife Brenda now live in Lake Ridge, VA, and are the parents of three adult children.

**Hang Tran, *BLM Washington Office***

**Budget Analyst**

Hang came to the BLM from the Department of Homeland Security where she helped to deliver budget and cost effective support services. She has a passion for mastering financial IT systems and building robust financial spreadsheets. Hang has also worked in the private sector for over ten years, and as senior budget and financial analyst she has trained the new hire and junior analysts to ensure financial oversight for multi-million dollar contracts. Hang holds a bachelor's degree in Decision Science Management Information Systems from George Mason University. She considers herself an avid food junkie and loves to spend vacations traveling.

**Ryan Witt, *BLM Washington Office***

**FOIA Officer**

Ryan joined the BLM, Division of IRM Governance, in October 2013, coming from the Office of Personnel Management where he served as a FOIA program lead. For the BLM, he has been instrumental in addressing our FOIA backload and expediting response times. Before joining the Federal government, Ryan worked as a FOIA Specialist and declassification analyst for the private sector. A New York native, Ryan holds a B.A. in International Politics from the Pennsylvania State University.



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**LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL: (DUE 7/23/14 @ 5 PM) H.R. 4979 - INTERIOR (BLM)  
Proposed Testimony 7/29/14 Re: Red River Private Property Protection Act**

1 message

**Nevils, Joseph** <joseph\_nevils@ios.doi.gov> Wed, Jul 23, 2014 at 1:49 PM  
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**URGENT DUE TODAY: WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014 @ 5 PM**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REFERRAL**

**Date:** July 23, 2014  
**To:** Legislative Liaison  
**From:** Matt Quinn (208-3146)  
**Contact:** Joe Nevils (208-4580)  
**Subject:** H.R. 4979 - INTERIOR (BLM) Proposed Testimony 7/29/14  
Re: Red River Private Property Protection Act

**Also attached is a copy of the bill text**



**Please send agency comments or respond with a "no comment" to Matthew\_Quinn@ios.doi.gov and Joseph\_Nevils@ios.doi.gov by the deadline above.**

Attachment(s): 2

**Joseph Nevils**  
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**2 attachments**

 **BLM Draft Testimony - H.R. 4979, Red River Private Property Protection Act (DOI referral).docx**  
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**Testimony of  
Steve Ellis, Deputy Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
Department of the Interior  
House Natural Resources Committee  
Subcommittee on Public Lands & Environmental Regulation  
H.R. 4979, Red River Private Property Protection Act  
July 29, 2014**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.R. 4979, the Red River Private Property Protection Act, which seeks to address potential conflicts in land ownership along the Red River in Oklahoma and Texas. The complex history of the Red River corridor presents Federal and state land managers, as well as private land owners, with many challenges. As we continue to work toward the responsible management of resources on public lands in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, the Department of the Interior (Department) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) remain committed to engaging Members of Congress, local, state, and tribal officials and members of the public in resolving potential land ownership disputes in the area.

The Department shares the goal of providing legal certainty to property owners along the Red River. However, the Department cannot support H.R. 4979 as currently written because the bill could result in the transfer of Federal lands and mineral estate out of Federal ownership without adequate demonstration of private ownership or compensation to U.S. taxpayers. The Department is also concerned the legislation may adversely affect ownership interests of tribal nations in the area. The Department and BLM recognize the importance of identifying the status of lands along the Red River and look forward to working with the Members of the Committee and the public to ensure the appropriate management of lands in the public domain.

**Red River Boundary**

The public lands managed by the BLM along a 116 mile continuous stretch of the Red River originally came into Federal ownership as part of the Louisiana Purchase from France in 1803. A series of subsequent treaties with foreign governments in 1819, 1828, and 1838 set the south bank of the river as the southern border of the United States and the northern border of what is now the State of Texas. In 1867, when a portion of this public domain was reserved for the Kiowa-Comanche-Apache (KCA) Reservation (Reservation), the “middle of the main channel of the river” between the 98<sup>th</sup> Meridian and the North Fork of the river was established as the Reservation’s southern boundary. The remaining land between what is now called “the medial line” and the south bank retained its status as public land, which continues to the present.

In a series of decisions in the 1920s, the U.S. Supreme Court accepted the gradient boundary method for determining that the border between Texas and Oklahoma is along the south bank of the river, rather than using the middle of the river. In giving certainty to the boundary’s location and the extent of tribal holdings, the Court’s decisions also provided a basis for clarifying private land ownership on each side of the river. The terminology for determining the location of public domain lands and private property boundaries – medial line, cut bank, and gradient boundary – has been the accepted standard since the 1920s Supreme Court rulings.

In 1981 and 1984, two separate Oklahoma landowners argued in U.S. District Court that under riparian law, changes in the river's location had expanded their private holdings while reducing the acreage of the Texas landowners whose properties faced them across the river. In both cases, the District Court confirmed Supreme Court determinations concerning the location of public and private lands. Private property in Oklahoma extended to the center of the river, while private property in Texas stopped at the ordinary high water mark on the south bank, with the remaining land being part of the original public domain located in Oklahoma.

Despite the Court's identification of a defined border, certain areas along the Red River remained in dispute. In 2000, the state legislatures of Oklahoma and Texas, along with tribal leaders from the neighboring Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes and Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, attempted to resolve these remaining issues by agreeing to the Red River Boundary Compact. Congress later consented to the Compact, and in doing so, agreed to move the jurisdictional boundary between the states from the south bank gradient line to the south bank vegetation line. The Compact explicitly did not change the private property interests or the United States' interests in public domain lands along the Red River as identified by the Supreme Court in 1923. Although the Compact may have shifted the boundary between the states, the location and status of lands in the public domain remained unchanged.

In addition to Federal, state, and private land in the area, the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations also hold ownership interests east of the 98<sup>th</sup> Meridian intermittently to the border between the states. Tribal land ownership extends from the north bank across the river to the gradient boundary on the south bank. There are no current estimates for the total Tribal acreage in this area.

The varied and, in places, uncertain ownership of lands along the Red River has recently led to concerns from local landowners that the BLM is seeking to expand its presence in the area or gain ownership of lands belonging to private parties. Neither the Department nor the BLM are expanding Federal holdings along the Red River. The current work underway by the BLM through its resource management planning process is intended to identify, with certainty, and propose management alternatives for lands which fall within the public domain but have never been patented, reserved, or disposed.

### **Resource Management Planning in Kansas, Oklahoma, & Texas**

The BLM is currently in the initial stages of updating its Resource Management Plan (RMP) for public lands in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, which include the area along the Red River. The BLM estimates approximately 30,000 acres of public land exist along the Red River between the North Fork of the river and the 98<sup>th</sup> Meridian. The resource management planning process will update the current RMPs covering this area, which were developed in 1994 and 1996, and establish a long-term plan articulating the BLM's objectives and strategies for maintaining the health and productivity of public lands in the region.

Plan updates are needed for public lands in the Red River area specifically to address issues ranging from potential oil and gas development to public access for recreation and various other uses. The BLM's management focus along the Red River to date has been for oil and gas

activities and livestock grazing on public land allotments in Oklahoma, though public land south of Waurika, Oklahoma, currently receives extensive recreational use.

The process for updating land use plans involves numerous steps that allow for public input, analysis, and informed decision-making with regard to public resources. In order to ensure the appropriate consistency with other governmental planning efforts, the BLM has already engaged local, state, Federal, and tribal representatives as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the RMP. Multiple county governments and agencies of the States of Texas and Oklahoma have also agreed to participate as cooperating agencies. Although the RMP does not apply to state or private lands, this process and outreach ensures full consideration of adjacent issues, including local uses of resources on public lands.

### **BLM Management Authorities**

Public lands are managed by the BLM under a variety of statutes that provide the agency the authorities necessary to address issues and disputes in land ownership. Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, the BLM is authorized to transfer or dispose of lands that have been identified as potentially suitable for disposal in an approved land use plan or through an amendment to an existing plan. Through these authorities, the BLM has been able to effectively manage and resolve many land use conflicts.

The Color of Title Act provides a unique mechanism to resolve certain private party claims on public land which may be applicable to issues along the Red River. Any individual, group, or corporation who has evidence of having title to public lands may file a color-of-title claim with the BLM. Accepted filings grant the applicant a patent conveying clear title to the lands upon payment of a fair and reasonable sale price which reflects the current market value of the lands, but may be discounted to account for improvements made on the land or previous property taxes paid. Guidance for implementing the Color of Title Act is found in Department regulations, Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) decisions, and court decisions. The obligation to establish a valid color-of-title claim is upon the claimant.

The BLM also has a number of other authorities under which it may seek to transfer or dispose of lands, including sales, exchanges, the issuance of rights-of-way, and the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP).

Through the resource management planning process in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, along with its existing authorities under FLPMA, the Color of Title Act, and the R&PP Act, the BLM will be able to identify and resolve land ownership issues associated with the Red River.

### **H.R. 4979, Red River Private Property Protection Act**

H.R. 4979, the Red River Private Property Protection Act, attempts to resolve potential land ownership conflicts along the Red River by requiring the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to transfer public lands through quit claim deed to any claimants holding official county or state land titles to those lands. The legislation does not specify which documents constitute official county or state records to satisfy a quit claim request, yet requires the Secretary to approve such transfers within 120 days of a claimant's submission.

The Department has several concerns with H.R. 4979, principally involving the bill's requirement that the Secretary transfer what may be public lands out of Federal ownership without ensuring a fair return to the U.S. taxpayer. Federal law, including FLPMA, directs that it is the policy of the United States that public lands be retained in Federal ownership unless as a result of the land use planning process it is determined that disposal will serve the national interest.

The bill also appears to propose the transfer of not only public surface ownership to claimants, but also subsurface mineral estate. According to Section 209 of FLPMA, the United States generally retains mineral interests when transferring lands out of Federal ownership. Mineral interests in the Red River area are also uniquely addressed in the Act of June 12, 1926, and carry a trust responsibility that, if transferred, could result in a taking of Oklahoma and tribal mineral interests. Under existing law, 62.5 percent of the royalty revenue from the development of the Federal mineral estate between the 98<sup>th</sup> Meridian and the North Fork of the Red River is owed to the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Tribes, with the remaining 37.5 percent owed to the State of Oklahoma. The legislation may also adversely affect ownership interests of the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in the area between the 98<sup>th</sup> Meridian and the border with the State of Arkansas.

The Red River area's long history of oil and gas exploration would also make transfers of interest in public land and associated mineral estate to claimants problematic. Many sites in the area contain historic oil field equipment that may contain public health and safety and environmental hazards. The legislation is unclear if liability for these sites would be transferred to claimants. It is also unclear which public lands or mineral estate would be transferred under H.R. 4979 due to provisions in the bill preventing the BLM from completing its RMP to identify public lands and guide land-use decisions.

Additionally, the legislation's proposed requirement that the Secretary issue a decision within 120 days does not allow adequate time for the BLM to respond to quit claim requests, including arranging or executing surveys of affected properties, complying with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act or National Historic Preservation Act, and performing research to validate the submitted claims.

Finally, the Department is concerned H.R. 4979 does not provide a process for adjudicating disputes. Because it is not uncommon for land records to contain errors creating overlapping interests between two or more parties, disputes are likely to arise among adjacent landowners and between private parties with leases to develop oil and gas resources.

### **Conclusion**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.R. 4979. I will be glad to answer any questions.

113TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4979

To provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red River in Texas,  
and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2014

Mr. THORNBERRY (for himself, Mr. FLORES, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. BURGESS,  
and Mr. NEUGEBAUER) introduced the following bill, which was referred  
to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To provide legal certainty to property owners along the Red  
River in Texas, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Red River Private  
5 Property Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds as follows:

8 (1) In 1923, the Supreme Court found the bor-  
9 der between Texas and Oklahoma to be: “the water-  
10 washed and relatively permanent elevation or accliv-

1       ity at the outer line of the river bed which separates  
2       the bed from the adjacent upland, whether valley or  
3       hill, and serves to confine the waters within the bed  
4       and to preserve the course of the river, and that the  
5       boundary intended is on and along the bank at the  
6       average or mean level attained by the waters in the  
7       periods when they reach and wash the bank without  
8       overflowing it. When we speak of the bed, we include  
9       all of the area which is kept practically bare of vege-  
10      tation by the wash of the waters of the river from  
11      year to year in their onward course, although parts  
12      of it are left dry for months at a time, and we ex-  
13      clude the lateral valleys, which have the characteris-  
14      ties of relatively fast land and usually are covered by  
15      upland grasses and vegetation, although temporarily  
16      overflowed in exceptional instances when the river is  
17      at flood.”.

18               (2) This would become known as the “gradient  
19      boundary”.

20               (3) This decision makes clear that, absent  
21      water that is physically touching the bank, the high  
22      bluff or “ancient bank” along the southern edge of  
23      the Red River is not the boundary between Texas  
24      and Oklahoma.

1           (4) In 2000, Public Law 106–288 ratified the  
2       Red River Boundary Compact agreed to and signed  
3       into State law by Texas and Oklahoma that sets the  
4       boundary between the States to be the vegetation  
5       line on the south bank of the Red River, except for  
6       the Texoma area where the boundary is established  
7       pursuant to procedures provided for in the Compact.

8           (5) Therefore, the Bureau of Land Manage-  
9       ment should have no claim to land that is either  
10      south of the “gradient boundary” established by the  
11      Supreme Court or south of the vegetation line on the  
12      southern bank of the Red River pursuant to Public  
13      Law 106–288 whereby landowners have proof of  
14      their right, title, and interest to the land and have  
15      been paying property taxes accordingly.

16 **SEC. 3. ISSUANCE OF QUIT CLAIM DEEDS.**

17       (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall relinquish  
18      and shall transfer by quit claim deed all right, title, and  
19      interest of the United States in and to Red River lands  
20      to any claimant who demonstrates to the satisfaction of  
21      the Secretary that official county or State records indicate  
22      that the claimant holds all right, title, and interest to  
23      those lands.

24       (b) **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.**—The Secretary shall  
25      publish in the Federal Register and on official and appro-



1 priate Web sites the process to receive written and/or elec-  
2 tronic submissions of the documents required under sub-  
3 section (a). The Secretary shall treat all proper notifica-  
4 tions received from the claimant as fulfilling the satisfac-  
5 tion requirements under subsection (a).

6 (c) STANDARD OF APPROVAL.—The Secretary shall  
7 accept all official county and State records as filed in the  
8 county on the date of submission proving right, title, and  
9 interest.

10 (d) TIME PERIOD FOR APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL  
11 OF REQUEST.—The Secretary shall approve or disapprove  
12 a request for a quit claim deed under subsection (a) not  
13 later than 120 days after the date on which the written  
14 request is received by the Secretary. If the Secretary fails  
15 to approve or disapprove such a request by the end of such  
16 120-day period, the request shall be deemed to be ap-  
17 proved.

18 **SEC. 4. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

19 The Secretary shall ensure that no parcels of Red  
20 River lands are treated as Federal land for the purpose  
21 of any resource management plan until the Secretary has  
22 ensured that such parcels are not subject to transfer under  
23 section 3.

24 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

25 For the purposes of this Act—

1           (1) the term "Red River lands" means lands  
2           along the approximately 539-mile stretch of the Red  
3           River between the States of Texas and Oklahoma;  
4           and

5           (2) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary  
6           of the Interior, acting through the Director of Bu-  
7           reau of Land Management.

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2 messages

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Hello all. Attached is the new FOIA chart for this week.

See you at 4.

Rob

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I am in a meeting out of the building all day today. I doubt I will be back to the MIB in time for the weekly meeting. Ed

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New FOIA's - 07/16-07/22/2014						
Total Number Of Records: 64						
Bureau	FOIA Number	Date Received	Requester Last Name	Requester First Name	Requester Organization	Subject
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01447	22-Jul-14	HOULE	CHRISTINA		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01446	22 Jul 14	BLUE LUNDAY	VIRGINIA		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01445	22 Jul 14	DECOTEAU	TIMOTHY		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01442	22-Jul-14	GREYWATER	ERICA		OJS-D1-LE COPY OF POLICE REPORT
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01439	22-Jul-14	Much	Erin	BKBH	RMR - CS1- requestor is seeking land records on a specific tract of real estate on the Blackfeet reservation.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01438	22 Jul 14	Calabaza	Michael		OJS-D4-LE - Copy of Police Report
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01437	22-Jul-14	Maina	Milton		OIS-D4-LE - Copy of Police Report
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01436	22-Jul-14	Ortiz	Louis		OJS-D4-LE - Copy of Police Report
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01435	22-Jul-14	Pinnick	Derek	Associated Press	GREAT PLAINS: Record of landowners that had land taken and the amount of land and specific allotment, plot, or tract information, for the contraction of the Garrison Dam and Reservoir on the Ft. Berthold Reservation.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01433	21-Jul-14	Collins	Francine		OJS-DV-LE Copy of Police Report, statement, pictures.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01429	18-Jul-14	Felter	Dranna		WESTERN: the release of any and all documents kept by the Ft. Duchesne Agency, BIA, regarding ownership of the mineral estate underlying Township 4 South, Range 11 West & Section 13, 14, 23, 24 and 25
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01423	17-Jul-14	Wood	Joshua	Associated Press	GREAT PLAINS: Request for all documents pertaining to a saltwater pipeline spill near Mandaree, ND in early July 2014.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01416	17-Jul-14	Baker	Jared		OJS-LE-D3 Request for police report.
Bureau Of Indian Affairs	BIA-2014-01415	16-Jul-14	Traskos	Erica	Assets International	FOIA - requesting a compiled list containing all outstanding accounts or checks in excess of \$10,000.00. We would like the search parameter for these accounts to be within the past 10 years. For each account, please provide the name and last known address of the owner. In order to help to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am affiliated with Assets International, a private corporation, and am seeking information for use in our company's business
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2014-00736	22-Jul-14	Wachter	Heidi	City of Lakewood, Washington	OR-2014-098 - Copy of the compliance reports referenced in the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding executed in 1988 regarding the development and adoption of a management/use plan for Fort Steilacoom Park
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2014-00735	21-Jul-14	Lane	Ross	Western Values Project	NM 2014-040 Any and all aplns to vent and/or flare gas submitted under Section IV B of Notice to Lessees and Operators of Onshore Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases 4A ("NTL-4A") and received by the Carlsbad Field Office, Farmington Field Office and Roswell Field Office between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013; and Any and all sundry notices or other authorizations provided to those aplns by CFO, FFO and RFO.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2014-00732	16-Jul-14	Traskos	Erica	Assets International	List containing all outstanding accounts or checks in excess of \$10,000.00, specifically any outstanding vendor checks for the last 10 years. Please provide first and last name, and last known address.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2014-00729	18-Jul-14	Lane	Ross	Western Values Project	Oil and gas applications with associated sundry notices from January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2013.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2014-00728	18-Jul-14	Kearns	Amy	ARCADIS U.S., Inc.	I request that a copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information, be provided to me: BLM Handbook H-3104-1 (Bonds), 1985 Version.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2014-00727	21-Jul-14	Thomas	Seth	North Fork Angus	ID 2014-35: Allotments, All correspondence between Western Watersheds and BLM from January 2000 until July 20, 2014 that pertain to the following allotments: Harts Creek, Box T Meadow Creek FFR, Alder Creek FFR, West Castle, White Horse Antelope, Browns Creek, and Garrett FFR.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2014-00726	16-Jul-14	Fite	Katie	Western Watersheds Project	ID-2014-34: BLM Preliminary Proposed Plan Amendment section of the Final EIS for the Idaho and Southwestern Montana Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendment.
Bureau of Land Management	BLM-2014-00721	17-Jul-14	Marlatt	Margaret	Idaho Power	OR 2014-097 - Documents and materials regarding the fire that occurred at or near 33840 Plano Road in Durkee, Oregon, on June 21, 2014

Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2014-00259	21-Jul-14	Kluth	Michael		FN 14-35 All medical records to include hearing tests while employed at Grand Coulee from August 18, 1978 to December 14, 1980.
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2014-00258	21-Jul-14	Kluth	Michael		FN-14-35 All medical records to include hearing tests while employed at Grand Coulee from August 18, 1978 to December 14, 1980.
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2014-00257	17-Jul-14	Kaup	John	Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natisis LLP	Copies of maps related to New Melones Unit, Central Valley Project located in MPRO library
Bureau of Reclamation	BOR-2014-00256	16-Jul-14	Traskos	Erica	Assets International	Compiled list containing all outstanding accounts or checks in excess of \$10,000.00
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement	BSEE-2014-00129	22-Jul-14	Juska	Claudette	Greenpeace	Arctic Challenger Containment System: video/images of the 15 Sep 2012 underwater testing; video/images of any other containment systems reviewed by BSEE since 15 Sep 2012; docs regarding eval of the containment system; correspondence between BSEE, Superior Energy Services or Shell Oil regarding the containment system; info on whether BSEE has approved the containment system for use in the Arctic; info on future plans for BSEE to test, review, eval or approve the containment system in the Arctic.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2014-01138	22-Jul-14	Shlackman	Mara	Law Offices of Mara Shlackman	All documents relating to the property owned by Ram Realty Services located at Coral Reef Drive and Southwest 127th Avenue in Miami Dade County, Florida, and the development proposed for that property.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2014-01136	22-Jul-14	Shaw	Pamela		E-mails from certain individuals from March 5, 2014 to present regarding Pam Shaw.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2014-01132	21-Jul-14	Roth	Thomas	Law Offices of Thomas D. Roth	On behalf of Oceano Dunes, 1) all documents and records since 2006 concerning or reflecting population surveys or counts of the California least tern and 2) all documents and records since 2006 concerning or reflecting proposals, decisions or evaluations on whether to list, continue listing, uplist, or downlist the California least tern.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2014-01129	21-Jul-14	Hartzell	Andrew	O'Neil	All biological opinions since August 1, 2010, relating to San Bernardino kangaroo rat (SBKR), that 1) would destroy or adv mod CH; 2) likely destroy or adv mod CH; 3) jeopardize, or 4) not jeopardize if consv measures adopted.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2014-01128	21-Jul-14	Downen	John	University of Utah	VARIOUS UTAH TOPICS
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2014-01125	17-Jul-14	Traskos	Erica	Assets International	List containing all outstanding accounts or checks in excess of \$10,000.00. Specifically within this request we would like the outstanding vendor checks as well. We would like the search parameter for these accounts to be within the past 10 years.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2014-01123	16-Jul-14	Greenwald	Noah	Center for Biological Diversity	WO:VERINE February 4, 2013 proposed rule, October 31, 2013 reopening of the comment period, February 4, 2014 six month extension, May 17, 2014 memo from Assistant Regional Director Terry Rabot to the Region 6 director, May 30, 2014 memo from regional director Noreen Walsh ordering the withdrawal the proposal to list the wolverine. Any and all internal FWS and external communications
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	FWS-2014-01120	16-Jul-14	Grischott	Craig	Grischott Investigative Services	Grazing Leases
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00686	17-Jul-14	Cletcher	Brenda		OZAR: Copy of a termination of seasonal employment letter for named individual.
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00685	20-Jul-14	Keegan	Bruce		PORE - information on the purchase of the Pierce Ranch at Tamales Point, now the elk range. I would like to know the correct acreage. (2,200 or 2,700 acres?) and the amount paid for the land and to whom.
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00684	22-Jul-14	Horan	James	Stenger Roberts Davis & Diamond	HOFR: All documents related to the purchase of a 13.51 +/- acre parcel of land located on Farm Lane in the Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, NY designated on the Dutchess County tax map as parcel number 133200-6164-03-132306 and as DOI NPS HOFR Tract No. 01-141
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00683	21-Jul-14	Bentley	Gregory	Law Offices of Gregory M. Bentley	GOGA - any and all guidelines/policies pertaining to various National Park Ranger law enforcement techniques; service dogs, leashing of dogs, medical marijuana at Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00682	21-Jul-14	Barrington	Brendan	Millman National Land Services	Yose - the original Special Use Permit or Right of Way Permit issued for the Passive Repeater Union Point PR at 37°44'3 12" N, 119°35'10.91" W within the jurisdiction of Yosemite National Park.

National Park Service	NPS-2014-00680	22-Jul-14	Pearson	Sam		All special event permits currently approved or pending for events planned for Oct. 1, 2014 to Oct 31, 2014 at the National Mall.
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00679	22-Jul-14	Triplett	Donald		GETT Records related to the removal / addition of names to any memorial and the procedure for correcting errors on memorials.
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00678	22-Jul-14	Bastianelli	Adrian		All records relating to the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail and: the use of fill, clean fill, importation of fill materials; review, analysis, rejection, and/or approval of clean fill submittals; borrow areas or sources for clean fill; specification requirements for clean fill; and documents relating to the lack of availability of clean fill within 100 miles of the project.
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00676	21-Jul-14	Hausler	Tim	Cal Hiking and Outdoors Society	YOSE - trailhead usage data by backcountry travellers in Yosemite National Park for the past ten years.
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00674	18-Jul-14	Mieliauskas	Aretas		YELL-Case incident report for July 4, 2014, incident
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00673	18-Jul-14	Haasch	Jeffrey		YELL - Case incident report for June 2009 incident.
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00657	16-Jul-14	Casey	Trevor	North Shore Enterprises	South MABO/VIIS: Copy of contract
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00656	16-Jul-14	Cooper	Mitchell	Cooper Power & Lighting Corp	PPFL - DSC - SAH: Sagamore Hill, PMIS 77375. Copy of the Bonding Company with name and address. Last Requisition as of July 16, 2014.
National Park Service	NPS-2014-00652	16-Jul-14	THOMAS	ANTONIO		WASO, IMR, NCR, & NAMA: VARIETY OF RECORDS RELATING TO HIRING / TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL FROM GRTE TO WASO, NAMA & NCR INCLUDING E-MAILS FROM VARIOUS SPECIFIED NAMED INDIVIDUALS (CONSOLIDATED)
Office of Inspector General	OIG-2014-00108	17-Jul-14	Zeriselassie	Jonathan		emails from requester to OPM investigator
Office of Inspector General	OIG-2014-00107	16-Jul-14	Traskos	Erica	Asses International	A compiled list containing all outstanding accounts or checks in excess of \$10,000.00. Specifically within this request we would like the outstanding vendor checks as well. We would like the search parameter for these accounts to be within the past 10 years. For each account, please provide the name and last known address of the owner.
Office of Natural Resources Revenue	ONRR-2014-00029	17-Jul-14	Traskos	Erica		requesting a compiled list containing all outstanding accounts or checks in excess of \$10,000.00. Specifically within this request we would like the outstanding vendor checks as well. We would like the search parameter for these accounts to be within the past 10 years. For each account, please provide the name and last known address of the owner.
Office of the Secretary	OS-2014-00319	22-Jul-14	Steinberger	Daniel	ABC News	Ascertain the amount of money spent on electricity at the department headquarters in DC over each of the last five years. Breakdown of specifics and would like a year to year breakdown for each year.
Office of the Secretary	OS-2014-00318	22-Jul-14	Ziegler	Chelsea		Information regarding - Job Title:Student Trainee (International Affairs), GS 0399-3/4 Department:Department Of The Interior Agency:Office of the Secretary of the Interior Job Announcement Number OS-KN-14-MM1108618(PW) OPEN PERIOD: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 to Tuesday, May 06, 2014.
Office of the Secretary	OS-2014-00317	21-Jul-14	Maynes	Sam	Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheftel, LLP	Copy of the following documents, or documents containing the following information 1)All contracts with Chickasaw Nations Industries, Inc. (CNI) for work related to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency, records;2)All documents related to CNI contracts for work related to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency, records including but not limited to scope(s) of work, billing invoices, and performance reports, Continued below.
Office of the Secretary	OS-2014-00316	21-Jul-14	Bledsoe	Will		Copies of the following documents and materials related to the proposed National Heritage Area ("NHA") encompassing all or a portion of the southeast Colorado counties of Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, and Pueblo (hereinafter referred to as the "eight county region") Continued below.
Office of the Secretary	OS-2014-00315	18-Jul-14	Hitchcock	V		'Aged probate' records of Maxime Matt(e).
Office of the Secretary	OS-2014-00314	18-Jul-14	Hitchcock	V		'Aged probate' records of Maxime Matt(e).

Office of the Secretary	OS-2014-00313	17-Jul-14	Kolomona Kamakeʻe ʻāina	Kāwika		Any and all documents for all Hawaiian organization such as Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Native Hawaiian Reels Commission, Kanaʻioiowalu (Kanaʻioiowalu), Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, associated and affiliated, with formal or informal, known or unknown, public or private, organizations and entities, from the dates of January 1, 2012 through July 17, 2014.
Office of the Secretary	OS-2014-00312	16-Jul-14	Traskos	Erica	Assets International	Requesting a compiled list containing all outstanding accounts or checks in excess of \$10,000.00. Specifically within this request we would like the outstanding vendor checks as well. We would like the search parameter for these accounts to be within the past 10 years. For each account, please provide the name and last known address of the owner.
Office of Special Trustee for American Indians	CST-2014-00061	16-Jul-14	Traskos	Erica	Assets International	. compiled list containing all outstanding accounts or checks in excess of \$10,000.00. Specifically outstanding vendor checks; the search parameter for these accounts, within the past 10 years. For each account, please provide the name and last known address of the owner.
U.S. Geological Survey	USGS-2014-00131	22-Jul-14	may	brian		aaa
U.S. Geological Survey	USGS-2014-00129	16-Jul-14	Bist	Manoj	No info provided by requester	GIS Layers Bathymetry/Depth data layer (Contours/Soundings) for Catahoula lake, LA, relating to report <a href="http://www.nwrc.usgs.gov/factshts/09B-02.pdf">http://www.nwrc.usgs.gov/factshts/09B-02.pdf</a>
U.S. Geological Survey	USGS-2014-00128	16-Jul-14	Traskos	Erica	Assets International	all outstanding accounts or checks in excess of \$10,000.00, within the past 10 years.



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## OMB cleared statements (lots) for tomorrow's hearings ...

1 message

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We have 3 hearings on the calendar for tomorrow. Testimonies are attached.

First, AS-IA (Kevin) is testifying at a SCIA oversight hearing on the future of Indian Gaming (NIGC, Jonodev C., is also testifying).

Next, FWS (Steve Guertin) is testifying at a legislative hearing before HNR's Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs s/c on the following bills:

- **H.R. 5069 (Fleming)**, the Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014 (support goal; recommend changes/work with Committee);
- **H.R. 3409 (Fincher)**, National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Limitation Act (strongly oppose);
- **H.R. 5026 (Gosar)**, Fish Hatchery Protection Act (oppose);
- **H.R. 3109 (Young)**, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to exempt certain Alaska Native articles from prohibitions against sale of items containing nonedible migratory bird parts and for other purposes (does not support).

Finally, SENR National Parks s/c is holding a legislative hearing, and NPS is sending Christy Goldfuss to testify on a huge number of bills, including:

- **H.R. 412 (Tsongas)**, To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the mainstem of the Nashua River and its tributaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (support with amendment);
- **S. 1189 (Menendez)**, A bill to adjust the boundaries of Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park to include Hinchliffe Stadium (support with amendment);
- **S. 1389 (Gillibrand) and H.R. 1501 (Jeffries)**, Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument Preservation Act (support with amendment);
- **S. 1520 (King) and H.R. 2197 (Pingree)**, A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (support with amendment);
- **S. 1641 (Rockefeller)**, A bill to establish the Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area (support objectives; recommend passage of comprehensive NHA legislative);
- **S. 1718 (Warner)**, A bill to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia (support);
- **S. 1750 (Flake)**, A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations (strongly oppose);
- **S 1785 (Alexander)**, A bill to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in the States of Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System (support);
- **S 1794 (M. Udall)**, Browns Canyon National Monument and Wilderness Act (supports for BLM lands;



defers to USFS for forest service lands);

- **S. 1866 (Markey)**, A bill to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy (support with amendment);
- **S. 2031 (Baldwin)**, A bill to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light (support with amendment);
- **S. 2104 (Flake)**, A bill to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown [Pending at OMB]
- **S. 2111 (McCaIn)**, A bill to reauthorize the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (support short term reauthorization til program legislation enacted/report finished);
- **S. 2221 (Levin)**, A bill to extend the authorization for the Automobile National Heritage Area in Michigan (support short term reauthorization til program legislation enacted/report finished)
- **S. 2264 (McCaskill)**, A bill to designate memorials to the service of members of the United States Armed Forces in World War I (supports with amendment);
- **S. 2293 (Baldwin)**, A bill to clarify the status of the North Country, Ice Age, and New England National Scenic Trails as units of the National Park System (do not object);
- **S. 2318 (Gillibrand)**, A bill to reauthorize the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Act (support short term reauthorization til program legislation enacted/report finished);
- **S. 2346 (Coons)**, A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to include national discovery trails, and to designate the American Discovery Trail (support objective but recommend deferral til capacity for private sector support shown);
- **S. 2356 (Heller)**, A bill to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve (support but recommend amendment);
- **S. 2576 (Cantwell)**, A bill to establish the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the State of Washington (support objectives; recommend passage of comprehensive NHA legislative);
- **S. 2602 (Cantwell)**, A bill to establish the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area in the State of Washington (support objectives; recommend passage of comprehensive NHA legislative).

Let me know if you have any questions.

Chris








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## Nominee Announcement for NIGC Chair

4 messages

Laura Marquez <laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jul 22, 2014 at 11:50 AM

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Cc: Katherine Rupp <katherine\_rupp@ios.doi.gov>

All,

Thanks for your patience as we've worked our way through the process on the nominee for NIGC Chair. Barring any unforeseen circumstance, it is very likely that Jonodev will be announced this afternoon.

Attached for your review is the rollout plan which was circulated last week. Given that NIGC is an independent agency, you will notice that we are handling this announcement differently from past rollouts. Comms will issue a statement of support and Tommy will share it along with a personal note to the DOI political team. However, the NIGC Comms team will be responsible for notifying their employees and they plan to share the Secretary's statement. As usual, DOI OCL will share the statement with Congressional stakeholders and OIEA/Kevin/Lamy will help amplify with external stakeholders (see attached spreadsheet for contact information.) Depending on timing, either Mike Connor or Liz Klein will reach out to Tracie Stevens with a personal call.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Laura

Laura R. Marquez

White House Liaison

Department of the Interior

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**Lawrence Roberts** <lawrence\_roberts@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Jul 22, 2014 at 6:02 PM  
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Cc: Tommy Beaudreau <tommy\_beaudreau@ios.doi.gov>, Benjamin Milakofsky <benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, Elizabeth Washburn <elizabeth\_washburn@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, John Blair <john\_blair@ios.doi.gov>, Teri Johnson <teri\_johnson@ios.doi.gov>, Kevin Washburn <kevin.washburn@bia.gov>, Katherine Rupp <katherine\_rupp@ios.doi.gov>

Thanks, I'm with a number of tribal leaders, including Tex. So I can reach out to them in person if the announcement is made today

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Its out. Ill forward you the release from the WH

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**Teri Johnson** <teri\_johnson@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Jul 22, 2014 at 6:07 PM  
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Thanks - I'll share the secretary's statement tonight with the list.

3/16/2015

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## DRAFT Rollout for Jonodev Chaudhuri

### Day-of

Xpm

- White House issues announcement

Xpm + 15 mins

- Issue DOI Statement - **Communications**
- Send note to DOI politicals - **Tommy Beaudreau**
- **NIGC Comms to forward press release to NIGC staff**

### Days following

- Identify supportive statements - **OIEA**
- Begin courtesy calls from Chaudhuri - **OCL/NIGC**

### Contacts:

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (General Number: (202) 224-2251)

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  - Mary Pavel (Staff Director and Chief Counsel)
  - Anthony Walters (Deputy Chief Counsel)

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Rhonda Harjo (Deputy Chief Counsel)

- Members

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Mark Begich, Member (AK) 202-224-3004

Brian Schatz, Member (HI)

Heidi Heitkamp, Member (ND)

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John McCain, Member (AZ)

Lisa Murkowski, Member (AK)

John Hoeven, Member (ND)

Michael Crapo, Member (ID)  
Deb Fischer, Member (NE)

### Hill/IGA

#### House Natural Resources Committee

- Chairman Doc Hastings/Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee Chairman Don Young: Chris Fluhr, staff director   **OCL**
- Ranking Member Peter DeFazio/Indian and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee  
Ranking Member Colleen Hanabusa: Cisco Minthorn, minority staff director   **OCL**

#### Other Members of Congress

- Senator Feinstein: Felix Yueng   **OCL**

### Stakeholders

#### Tribal Organizations

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)  
President Brian Cladoosby  
David Mullan, Chief Counsel  
Denise Desiderio, Policy & Legislative Director  
Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT)  
Tex Hall  
United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) **Dan Little may assist**  
Intertribal Council of Arizona  
Thomas Beauty, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
National Center for American Indian Economic Development  
Chairman Derrick Watchman  
Alaska Federation of Natives – Various points of contact

#### Gaming Organizations

National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) (602) 321-5461  
Eric Stevens, Chairman  
Jason Giles, Executive Dir.  
Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA)  
Valerie Spicer, Executive Dir.  
Judy Ferreira, Dep. Exec. Dir.  
Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (405) 818-7462  
John Tahsuda, Counsel  
Sheila Morago  
California Nations Indian Gaming Association  
Brenda Soulliere, Former Chair (Remains Active in CA Gaming)  
National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators

Jamie Hummingbird, Chairman  
Great Plains Indian Gaming Association  
Kurt Luger, Exec. Dir.  
Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprises, CEO Derrick Watchman  
Native American Bar Association (various potential contacts)

#### Tribes

Crow Nation, Chairman Darrin Old Coyote  
Three Affiliated Tribes of the Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation, Chairman Tex Hall  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe, President Cyril Scott  
Yavapai-Apache Nation, Chairman Thomas Beauty  
Comanche Nation, Chairman Wallace Coffey  
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Chairman Charlie Vig  
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (Various Council Members)  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (Various Council Members)  
Narragansett Tribe, Council member Iliawatha Brown  
Jicarilla Apache Nation (Various Council Members)  
Central Council of Tlingit-Haida Indian Tribes, President Richard Peterson, VP Will Micklin  
Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, President Amos Philemonof  
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation  
Chairman Michael Finley (Outgoing), Representative John Sirius (Outgoing)  
Navajo Nation – Possible Inroads through NCAIED Chairman Derrick Watchman  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Councilwoman Brenda Soulliere  
Chickasaw Nation, Possible inroads with Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel  
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, Chairwoman Lynn Valbuena  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation – Certain council members and traditional leadership

#### Press

- Media outlets from various gaming states
- Reporters w/ gaming portfolio
- Indian Country Today
- Indianz.com



<b>Organization Type</b>	<b>Tribe/Organization</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Tribal Organization	United South and Eastern Tribes (USET)	Randy	Noka
Tribal Organization	United South and Eastern Tribes (USET)	Hiawatha	Brown
Tribal Organization	Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT)	Tex	Hall
Tribal Organization	Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes	Michele	Stanley
Tribal Organization	Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes	Scott	Vele
Tribal Organization	National Congress of the American Indian (NCAI)	Brian	Cladoosby
Tribal Organization	National Congress of the American Indian (NCAI)	David	Mullon
Tribal Organization	National Congress of the American Indian (NCAI)	Denise	Desiderio
Tribal Organization	National Congress of the American Indian (NCAI)	Jacqueline	Johnson Pata
Gaming	National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)	Ernie	Stevens
Gaming	National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)	Jason	Giles
N/A	Former NIGC	Traci	Steven
Tribal Organization	Affiliated Tribe of NW Indians (ATNI)	Fawn	Sharp
Tribal Organization	Alaska Federation of Natives	Julie	Kitka
Trade Organization	American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona	Loren (Mr.)	Tapahe
Gaming	Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA)	Valerie	Spicer
Gaming	Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA)	Judy	Ferreira
Tribe	Cabazon Band of Mission Indians	Brenda	Soulliere
Gaming	California Nations Indian Gaming Association	Brenda	Soulliere
Tribe	Central Council of Tlingit-Haida Indian Tribes	Richard	Peterson
Tribe	Central Council of Tlingit-Haida Indian Tribes	Will	Micklin
Tribe	Chickasaw Nation	Bill	Anoatubby
Tribe	Chickasaw Nation	Jefferson	Keel
Tribe	Comanche Nation	Wallace	Coffey
Tribe	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Michael	Finley
Tribe	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	John	Sirois
Tribe	Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments	Patricia	Stanley
Tribe	Crow Nation	Darrin	Old Coyote
Tribe	Ewiaapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians	Will	Micklin
Tribe	Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	Ruben	Balderas
Tribe	Gila River Indian Community	Gregory	Mendoza
Gaming	Great Plains Indian Gaming Association	Kurt	Luger
Tribal Organization	Great Plains Tribal Leaders Association	Gay	Kingman
Tribal Organization	Intertribal Council of Arizona	Thomas	Beauty
Tribe	Jicarilla Apache Nation	Ty	Vicenti (?)
Tribe	Narragansett Tribe	Hiawatha	Brown
Tribal Organization	National Center for American Indian Economic Development	Derrick	Watchman
Gaming	National Tribal Gaming Commissioners/Regulators	Jamie	Hummingbird
Trade Organization	Native American Bar Association	Mary	Smith
Tribe	Navajo Nation	Ben	Shelly
Tribal Organization	Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise	Derrick	Watchman
Gaming	Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association	John	Tahsuda

Gaming	Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association	Sheila	Morago
Tribal Organization	Prairie Brand, LLC (KS)	Burton	Warrington
Tribe	Rosebud Sioux Tribe	Cyril	Scott
Tribe	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	Archie	Kashoya
Tribe	San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	Lynn	Valbuena
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## Potential NIGC Announcement

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Wed, Jul 16, 2014 at 1:09 PM

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**Cc:** Katherine Rupp

**Subject:** Potential NIGC Announcement

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**Jeremy Bratt** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
To: laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov

Wed, Jul 16, 2014 at 3:16 PM

That's great news!

**From:** Laura Marquez [mailto:laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov]  
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Wed, Jul 16, 2014 at 4:32 PM

All – I won't have an update on NIGC timing until tomorrow morning but fingers crossed. If you have any edits for the proposed rollout plan, please use this revised draft. Blake will be sending out a draft statement shortly.

Thanks,  
Laura

**From:** Laura Marquez [mailto:laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov]  
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Laura

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I made some revisions to the attached version of the outreach plan to include governors DC Reps and note specific calls that Kevin or Larry would like to make under the stakeholder section. I'm meeting with Jonodev today at 5pm to review lists again, but we're ready to roll and have a separate spreadsheet with the email addresses and phone numbers that we'll be working off of once we get the green light either tomorrow or down the road.

Terri

Terri Johnson  
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-Kate who is out of the office this week.

Attached is a draft press release. Please let me know if you have any suggested edits.

Thanks!

Best,

Blake

On Wed, Jul 16, 2014 at 4:32 PM, Laura Marquez <laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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**Blake Androff**

Deputy Director of Communications

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Xpm

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## Re: NIGC rollout

5 messages

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Neimeyer, Sarah <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jun 23, 2014 at 4:05 PM

To: Laura Marquez <laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Teri Johnson <teri\_johnson@ios.doi.gov>, John Blair <john\_blair@ios.doi.gov>, Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

All that is missing is House Natural Resources Committee and House and Senate Appropriators. Adding Jeremy, who can add those updates.

And yes, WH Leg Affairs usually does the chair and ranking of the relevant committees as well as Senate Leadership. We follow up with an email with the press release.

On Mon, Jun 23, 2014 at 3:50 PM, Laura Marquez <laura\_marquez@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Jonodev took a first stab at his external stakeholder notification list and Teri is working with Larry to refine the list. Would you mind taking a look at the Congressional notifications sections and let me know if you have any edits/additions? I assume WH OLA will take the lead on notifying Committee leadership as is the custom.

Thanks,

Laura

Laura R. Marquez

White House Liaison

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To: "Neimeyer, Sarah" <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jun 23, 2014 at 4:18 PM

The attachment didn't come through - can you resend? Thanks.

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**Neimeyer, Sarah** <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jun 23, 2014 at 4:24 PM

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Mon, Jun 23, 2014 at 5:18 PM


I've added HNR and House/Senate Approps (and noted Pam Haze as the point of contact for those), as well as Sen. Feinstein. Updated version is attached.

On Mon, Jun 23, 2014 at 4:05 PM, Neimeyer, Sarah <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Wed, Jul 16, 2014 at 10:02 AM


No firm date yet on NIGC but getting the rollout plan started up again.

Terri – Can you check with Kevin/Larry for their feedback?

**From:** Bratt, Jeremy [mailto:jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 5:19 PM  
**To:** Neimeyer, Sarah  
**Cc:** Laura Marquez; Terri Johnson; John Blair  
**Subject:** Re: NIGC rollout

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## DRAFT Rollout for Jonodev Chaudhuri

### KEY

**JOC = Jonodev Chaudhuri**

**VGR = Very Good Relationship; GR = Good Relationship**

**GT = On Good/Friendly Terms, But Not Necessarily Close**

**These relationships are in addition to those that others at DOI may have.**

### Day-of

Approximately 5:00pm

- Send note to DOI politicals – **Tommy Beaudreau**

Xpm

- White House issues announcement

Xpm + 15 mins

- Send note from SJ to NIGC employees – **Communications**
- Issue NIGC press release - **Communications**

### Days following

- Continue to encourage supportive statements –
- Begin courtesy calls from Chaudhuri – **OCL**

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[Although I have mutual friends and acquaintances with many of the SCIA members that I am sure would be willing to help with outreach, I do not have direct, personal relationships with any of them.]

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Tribes (General) [This list is not exhaustive. I have good relationships with various leaders and points of contact at these tribal nations, however, any support from others at DOI or elsewhere in the administration to seek additional support from these or other tribal nations would be greatly appreciated.]

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## Mary Pavel

8 messages

Washburn, Elizabeth <elizabeth\_washburn@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jun 27, 2014 at 9:28 AM

To: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Mike finally spoke to Mary last night. Her big ask was for Mike to "do battle with other agencies on behalf of tribes." In particular, she noted USACE and FERC. He told her he was happy to encourage USACE to participate in the Native American Affairs Council and committed to mentioning working with tribes when he addresses USACE leadership in August.

She discussed the self determination bill - said they are not inclined to solve made up problems for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Finally, she discussed Mike's upcoming hearing in July. Noted that Sen. Tester asked about the Indian Affairs Investigative Committee and if we are doing what we (DOI) needs to do now to avoid another Cobell situation.

She said Tester will likely ask about this at the hearing and depending on the answer, they might hold an oversight hearing soon - 25 years after the Investigative Committee. Mike pledged to do his homework on this issue before the hearing.

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Fri, Jun 27, 2014 at 11:43 AM

To: "Washburn, Elizabeth" <elizabeth\_washburn@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>

Thanks - I'm glad the push on USACE was not too tough, [REDACTED]. Let me know if you'd like me to follow up with SCIA staff and make sure Reclamation is in the right place with regard to that bill.

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Elizabeth Washburn <elizabeth\_washburn@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jul 7, 2014 at 10:05 AM

To: Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Have you been able to figure out anything about the Investigative Committee? Mike has asked about it.

Sent from my iPhone

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Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Jul 7, 2014 at 1:19 PM

To: Elizabeth Washburn <elizabeth\_washburn@ios.doi.gov>

Yes, a little bit. I have a call pending with Tony from SCIA staff so that I can get a little more background from him on what Mary meant by suggesting that they might need to revisit it. That call is supposed to happen tomorrow morning.

I've attached a few news articles from 1989 about the Committee and its findings.

The Senate Indian Affairs Special Committee on Investigations was launched in February, 1988 in response to a series of articles in the Arizona Republic about problems in Indian country. It was chaired by Senator Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ), who was appointed by the Chair of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Senator Inouye. Sens. McCain and Daschle also served on the Special Committee.

The Committee investigated for nearly two years, issued 270 subpoenas, interviewed 600 witnesses and reviewed nearly a million pages of documents.

The Committee found widespread fraud in tribal programs run by BIA and little oversight. The report detailed the widespread use of sham companies set up by non-Indian contractors to bid on construction projects reserved for Indian-owned companies, widespread corruption in some tribal governments, and organized crime influence in some tribally-run gaming operations.

Senator DeConcini, who chaired the Special Committee, said after the investigation was over that he thought the government should largely do away with BIA entirely and simply block grant the money to tribes to utilize as they please.

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**Washburn, Elizabeth** <elizabeth\_washburn@ios.doi.gov>  
 To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jul 8, 2014 at 1:43 PM

This is helpful. I gave Mike the articles before he left for Alaska. Can you touch base with me after you speak to Tony? If they are still planning to ask a question on this subject, I would like to have a short paragraph ready to go that highlights the steps taken after this report was issued - administrative fixes and legislative fixes that DOI has since implemented. Assuming the list will be fairly long. Also, should we discuss the Garden City email?

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
 To: "Washburn, Elizabeth" <elizabeth\_washburn@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jul 8, 2014 at 2:16 PM

Sure thing - I will follow up after I talk to Tony. I've tried him again this morning but he was out; we are going to speak in person around 5 p.m. when I'm on the Hill this afternoon.

Regarding Garden City, I think it would be helpful to have AS-IA fully brief Mike on the latest and what kinds of questions he is likely to get, given DOJ's position. I know there are lots of moving pieces there that I am not fully up to speed on...

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Tue, Jul 8, 2014 at 3:05 PM

To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

I will add SOL and OST to the briefing next Tuesday.

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**Washburn, Elizabeth** <elizabeth\_washburn@ios.doi.gov>

Tue, Jul 8, 2014 at 3:30 PM

To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, John Bezdek <john\_bezdek@ios.doi.gov>

I invited Bemigan and Bruno to attend the prep session next Tuesday. Please help me make sure Mike is receiving what he needs on overall trust reform efforts and payment of claims. I am not sure if he is well versed in these areas yet.

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# SENATE PANEL LEADER SAYS GOVERNMENT FAILS IN ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO INDIANS

DIANE DUSTON, Associated Press

Jun. 9, 1989 4:14 PM ET

WASHINGTON (AP) — After investigating for 17 months, collecting a million pages of documents and holding 20 days of public hearings, a Senate panel is preparing a report detailing what its chairman calls the government's failed responsibility to Indians.

Members of a special unit of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs have advocated that Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr. make reforms in the agencies responsible to native Americans.

"I cannot think of any area where the federal government has so completely abdicated its responsibility as it has in Indian affairs," Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., chairman of the special committee, said Thursday.

At the same time, Lujan told the committee he thought his department was doing a generally good job.

"However, I am sure that the Department of Interior can do more," Lujan added. "I believe the department has no responsibility more serious than our trust responsibilities to the Indians. I welcome continuing discussions about ways in which we can enhance our procedures for legal representation on these complex Indian issues," the secretary said.

The committee, which also included Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., looked at federal agencies dealing with native Americans and found them lacking in many respects.

But DeConcini said some positive actions have already come as a result of the committee's work.

"First, we have brought the misconduct of Navajo Chairman Peter MacDonald and other tribal officials to the attention of their respective tribes and the U.S. Department of Justice, who are taking action," he said.

MacDonald was ousted as chairman of the Navajos when contracting irregularities involving payments to MacDonald were revealed by Senate staff investigators.

DeConcini also said 20 firms that were improperly receiving Indian contracts were exposed.

"Many of them are now being sued or debarred by tribal governments, as well as investigated by the Justice Department," he said.

The problem of child abuse on some reservations that was brought to light has led to creation of parent support groups and community awareness programs, he said.

Lujan said Bureau of Indian Affairs employees with direct access to children are now given deeper background checks before hiring.

DeConcini said that a hearing last month on encroachment by private individuals onto Indian land in the Arkansas riverbed has inspired several companies and people to contact the Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes who own the land, with offers to pay royalties.

The senator said hearings on oil and gas theft from Indians caused tribes and oil producers to hire new inspectors to help prevent such theft.

Litigation has begun in efforts to recover compensation for stolen oil and the Justice Department is conducting a criminal investigation based on the evidence the committee developed, he said.

But despite what he considered successes, DeConcini expressed dismay that conditions were so bad. "Why weren't these problems discovered and dealt with earlier?" he said. "And how can the federal government spend \$3 billion a year on Indian programs with no assurance that the most fundamental standards of accountability are being met?"

The Indian Health Service came under criticism but never got a public hearing. The committee canceled questioning because the agency had delayed sending requested documents. DeConcini said the committee and its staff will continue to pursue the investigation of the IHS through the summer.

"Since our hearing May 15, IHS has sent us tens of thousands of pages of documents, carefully tabulated and organized," he said. "Our investigative staff has just begun to systematically examine these papers." Officials of the health service may be called to testify in public. It also is possible that their testimony will be taken in deposition form and included in the report without a public hearing, DeConcini said.

Legislation is expected to be recommended this fall as part of the committee's final report which DeConcini said will not be complimentary.

"The federal agencies entrusted with administering Indian programs have clearly failed in their responsibility," he said. "Moreover, they have failed to even recognize their own inadequacies."

# Federal Indian Programs Focus of Senate Review

An article from CQ Almanac 1989

## Document Outline

What the Investigations Found

Federal Indian Policy

Features

After two years of investigating fraud and mismanagement in federal agencies that were responsible for overseeing Indian programs, a special Senate investigative committee recommended largely abandoning those agencies and giving federal funds directly to tribal governments.

Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Special Committee on Investigations, said Congress had recommended reorganizing Indian programs at least 42 times, to no avail. "The time for tinkering is over," he said.

The recommendations, which DeConcini and other special committee members planned to draft into legislation in 1990, would allow tribes to receive the same share of the federal Indian budget they received in 1989, but as unrestricted block grants. Tribal governments would have to follow a written constitution that had been voted on by the tribe's members. They would also be subject to federal laws prohibiting corruption and guaranteeing fair elections.

Those requirements were meant to prevent the types of graft by tribal leaders that were publicized during hearings earlier in 1989; in the most celebrated case, Navajo leader Peter MacDonald Sr. took kickbacks from businesses and siphoned large amounts of funds from the Navajo government treasury to finance an extravagant lifestyle.

A new agency would be set up to negotiate agreements with tribes that opted to participate in the entitlement program. Other tribal budgets would continue to be managed under a scaled-down Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

DeConcini conceded that the radical proposal would "take a long time to adopt." The Indian Affairs Committee planned to hold hearings on the report early in 1990.

Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, chairman of Indian Affairs, had not read the report but called the block grants "an interesting concept. Maybe this is what is necessary."

The committee found that a \$200 million-a-year minority-preference program set up to aid Indian-owned companies was instead funneling funds to front companies set up by non-Indian contractors. Although a BIA division chief was alerted to the problem, little was done.

BIA also employed teachers who had admitted to child molestation, including one who sexually abused at least 25 Indian students over 14 years, according to the report. The Bureau did not issue child-abuse reporting guidelines until 1988, after the investigative committee had held hearings on the subject.

The report also cited examples of neglect and corruption in other federal agencies: The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management failed to detect millions of dollars in theft of oil and gas on Indian lands; the Indian Health Service (IHS) diverted \$70,000 in federal funds from a juvenile alcohol-abuse prevention program to finance a fitness retreat for IHS managers.

## What the Investigations Found

Day after day, the tales emerging from the Senate hearing room were the stuff of headlines: corruption among Indian tribal leaders, Indian housing scams, sexual abuse in government-run schools for Indian children and the infiltration of organized crime into Indian bingo games.

For the first time in more than a decade, Congress took a hard look at the jumble of federal programs aimed at helping Native Americans — and lawmakers didn't like what they saw.

"American Indians, and the nation, are being badly served by federal programs that do not accomplish their goals and by individuals more interested in lining their pockets," declared DeConcini, whose special investigations panel of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs began hearings Jan. 30.

Co-chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., denounced federal Indian policy as one of "benign neglect." In every branch of the government, Indian programs were relegated to "last priority," he added.

Much of the blame was directed at the BIA, even though the responsibility for Indian programs was scattered throughout the federal government. BIA received more than \$1 billion annually to oversee a myriad of federal programs affecting Indians and acted as the trustee for Indian lands and interests.

McCain accused BIA of "a clear dereliction of duties" in administering federal Indian programs, while DeConcini said the agency lacked "integrity and accountability."

Even former BIA director Ross Swimmer criticized the agency. "The best thing ... would be for BIA to go away," Swimmer said in an interview in 1987 with the *Arizona Republic*, whose series on Indian problems inspired the Senate hearings. "The bureau keeps [the Indians] poor."

But BIA spokesman Carl Shaw declared that "nothing has come out [of the hearings] to indicate that there's mismanagement in BIA. That's rhetoric by members of Congress."

According to the latest census figures, 28 percent of the 1.4 million American Indians lived in poverty. A quarter of all reservation houses lacked complete plumbing such as running hot and cold water, a flush toilet or an indoor bathtub or shower. About 16 percent lacked electric lighting.

Inouye first launched the Senate investigation in February 1988. He created the three-member investigations panel (DeConcini, McCain and Tom Daschle, D-S D.) to look into allegations raised by the *Arizona Republic* articles and to review other federal Indian programs. After sifting through 900,000 pages of documents, issuing 270 subpoenas and interviewing over 600 witnesses, Senate investigators made allegations of their own.

Among the findings were that federal oversight of Indian construction projects was lax to the point of being non-existent in some cases.

Senate investigators found widespread use of "fronts" — sham companies set up by non-Indian contractors but seemingly "owned" by Indians, who generally did not share in the profits — in order to bid on construction projects reserved for Indian-owned companies. Some Indian witnesses testified that they were forced to go into joint ventures with white men because they could not get financial backing from the banks otherwise.

DeConcini's panel found that corruption was rampant in some tribal governments.

The panel heard testimony that in 1987 Navajo leader MacDonald had his tribe pay a vastly inflated price for some land, in an arrangement under which the sellers would kick back to MacDonald up to \$750,000.

BIA, which held Indian funds in a trust, approved the ranch deal even though Floyd E. Espinoza, the bureau's area real estate property management officer, estimated that the land's fair market value was about \$7 million less. (*Box, this page*)

The panel also found that organized-crime families had infiltrated at least 12 reservation-run bingo games.

Gambling was one of the biggest revenue-raisers for Indian tribes. In California alone, tribes grossed about \$106 million annually. "Any time there's easy money, the mob will jump in," testified "Marty," a former crime family member who ran a management company for an Indian bingo operation. Marty, who was a protected federal witness, said his company skimmed between \$600,000 and \$700,000 a year from the tribe's profit by running rigged games and paying inflated salaries to company employees. The tribe got less than \$100,000.

In 1988, Congress passed a law ([PL 100-487](#)) regulating Indian gambling. The law established a five-member National Indian Gaming Commission to oversee such games as bingo, lotto and certain card games. The commission had the authority to enforce tribal gaming ordinances, conduct background investigations of companies running the games and audit gaming operations. (*1988 Almanac p. 621*)

But Anthony E. Daniels, deputy assistant director of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division, told the panel the law only encouraged the mob because it left much of the daily regulation to the tribes themselves.

Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs William "Pat" Ragsdale on Feb. 27 told a special panel of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs that the BIA was unaware of the widespread fraud and abuse until disclosed by the panel, in public hearings.

A second BIA official, Donald Asbra, tried to shift blame to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which was responsible for Indian housing. Almost 90 percent of the front companies were doing HUD work, Asbra said.

Dom Nessi, HUD's director of Indian housing, conceded that, "as far as I know, we have not disqualified any companies" from doing Indian-preference work. He promised to improve training for HUD officials who review Indian housing contracts and to step up spot checks of construction sites.

Some Indian leaders, fiercely protective of their sovereignty, feared that any congressional "solution" to the problems plaguing Indian programs would ultimately work to the detriment of the Indian community. "We have been the victims of so many changing federal policies," Cherokee Chief Wilma P. Mankiller told the panel. "The best solutions to our problems are within our own communities."



Indeed, federal policy toward Indians had been capricious, changing every few decades with the whims of Congress and the White House

## **Federal Indian Policy**

In 1824, BIA was created as an agency within the War Department, and the United States treated Indian tribes like foreign countries, signing treaties and operating on a government-to-government basis. Even in modern times, tribes retained a special brand of sovereignty, subject to federal laws but insulated from most state and local laws.

But soon after BIA was transferred to the Interior Department in 1849, the government started isolating Indians on reservations. By the end of the century, federal policy was aimed at "civilizing" the natives by breaking up tribal life and encouraging Indians to own their own land.

Throughout this century, the federal government seesawed from one extreme to another, first encouraging tribal life under a law passed in 1934 and then, in 1953, calling for an end to all special federal treatment for Indians. (*Congress and the Nation Vol. 1, p. 1096*)

In 1974, the pendulum swung back again when Congress passed the Indian Self-Determination Act (P.L. 93-534). The law, based on President Nixon's 1970 call for "a new era in which the Indian future is determined by Indian acts and Indian decisions," acknowledged the federal government's role as trustee, but also shifted much of the control of federal programs to the tribes. (*1974 Almanac p. 672*)

Despite the recent scandals and headlines, few members of Congress seemed interested in the issue.

But McCain said he was not discouraged about the prospects for legislation. Few lawmakers understand Indian issues, so "they're not going to argue against it," he said.

In fact, passing Indian legislation was not simple. It took six years just to enact a law regulating tribal gambling. During the 1980s, a number of other relatively minor Indian measures cleared Congress, only to be vetoed by President Reagan.

## **Navajo Chairman Investigated**

It was a deal too good to turn down: a chance for the Navajos to buy Big Boquillas Ranch — 491,000 picturesque acres in Arizona, near their reservation.

And for tribal chairman Peter MacDonald Sr., it was allegedly a chance to funnel up to \$750,000 of the tribe's funds secretly into his own pocket.

On July 7, 1987, two of MacDonald's close friends — Byron T. "Bud" Brown and K. Tom Tracy — closed on a deal to buy the ranch for \$26.2 million. Hours later, they resold Big Boquillas to the Navajos for \$33.4 million.

Testifying under a grant of limited immunity, Brown told the special investigations panel of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs that he had told MacDonald about the potential "double-buy" deal back in January 1987. "He smiled and said, 'I assume I'll be taken care of.' I said, 'Certainly.'"

A few weeks after that conversation, MacDonald asked Brown for \$25,000 and a new BMW "with all the goodies." In addition, Brown agreed to give the chairman between \$500,000 and \$750,000 of the profit.

About July 14, MacDonald called Brown and asked for some "gittas" — Marine Corps slang for money. Brown said they met in a hotel room in Oklahoma City, and he gave MacDonald an envelope with 50 hundred-dollar bills. MacDonald continued to receive cash installments of \$5,000 throughout 1987 and into 1988, he said.

The transactions merely took a more clandestine form after the ranch sale became the target of a grand jury investigation in late 1987 and the Senate probe in early 1988, Brown said. Whenever MacDonald needed cash, he or his son, Peter MacDonald Jr., would call Brown and ask for "golf balls." One golf ball equaled \$1,000.

In late 1987 or early 1988, MacDonald, his son and Brown devised a cover-up story to hide the fact that the BMW and the first \$25,000 went to the chairman. "He felt it looked bad," the son explained to the investigations panel. The cover story was that MacDonald Jr. had requested and received the gifts. "I was the only other explanation available," the son said, adding that he agreed to lie "because I love my father."

Brown bolstered his account with tapes he made secretly of his conversations with the MacDonalds. For instance, during a Dec. 14, 1988, telephone call, Brown repeatedly assured MacDonald Jr. that, in testimony before Senate investigators, he had "stuck to the line" about the BMW and the \$25,000, despite fears that he was perjuring himself. In fact, by then Brown was cooperating with the investigation.

"They don't have any hard evidence," MacDonald Jr. told Brown. "Only three people knew what the real story was. And that's you, me and dad."

By the end, Brown estimated that MacDonald Sr. received between \$100,000 and \$125,000 from the ranch deal. Just last month, he approached Brown and requested \$50,000 more to help pay his lawyer's bill.

This was not the first time the tribal chairman had been accused of making money off people doing business with the Navajos. Building contractor John Paddock testified he had given MacDonald \$110,795.57 in gifts. In exchange, Paddock's company — a "front" — was certified to do nearly \$2 million worth of Navajo reservation jobs usually limited to Indian-owned businesses, he said.

MacDonald Sr. refused to testify before the Senate committee, maintaining his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. The Justice Department declined to offer the chairman immunity. On Feb. 16 the Navajos' Tribal Council voted to suspend MacDonald from office — with pay — until the investigations of his alleged wrongdoing were completed.

# Probe Finds 'Shocking' Corruption : Senate to Air Problems in Indian Affairs

January 30, 1989 | LEE MAY | Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — Indian programs run by the federal government are riddled with "shocking" corruption, including contract fraud, organized crime and sexual abuse of children, the chairman of a special Senate investigating panel said Sunday.

Sen. Dennis DeConcini (D-Ariz.), who heads the Select Committee on Indian Affairs investigations subcommittee, also said in an interview that the problem of illegal gambling involving Indians "seems to be especially bad in California."

Federal officials said that of an estimated 110 illegal gaming operations being run on reservations nationwide, a substantial number are in California, where the Indian population of 210,000 is the largest of any state.

## Payoffs for Contracts

DeConcini said a yearlong investigation by the committee, which is to open hearings on its findings today, uncovered widespread instances of contractors paying large sums to tribal leaders and federal employees in order to do business on tribal lands. The hearings will feature secretly taped conversations with an Indian leader who allegedly incriminated himself.

Also, the investigators found numerous "shell companies" set up by non-Indians to take advantage of federal programs under which minority firms are awarded government contracts, DeConcini said. He said there is "a great amount of fraud being perpetrated" by non-Indian firms pretending to be run by Indians.

The purpose of the investigations, DeConcini said, "is to find out whether Indian programs are getting to Indians and to document the waste of taxpayers' money." The findings "are going to be shocking," he said.

In setting up the investigation last year, Congress was reacting to news accounts in Arizona of widespread abuses in the \$3-billion federal system of aid to American Indians, many of whom are impoverished. The corruption, lawmakers said, has resulted in Indian communities losing millions of dollars.

## 2 Series of Hearings

Hearings into the alleged corruption are to last two to three weeks. Then, after a scheduled break, the committee plans further hearings into what DeConcini called "the very complex problems" of managing natural resources on Indian lands. Among the issues involved will be an inventory of oil and gas and drainage and an examination of the "lack of accountability" for the way federal programs are being run, DeConcini said. The second series of hearings is expected to begin in April.

Speaking of the hearings opening today, the senator said the investigators found a "very discouraging" number of "sexual abuses of Indian children in schools run by the Bureau of Indian Affairs," the Interior Department

agency that administers federal assistance programs for the nation's 1.4 million American Indians. Moreover, DeConcini added, the bureau has shown a "lack of any swift response to complaints."

#### Indian Agents Defended

Carl Shaw of the Bureau of Indian Affairs defended its work force of 15,000 people, 82% of whom are Indians. He said most of them are "dedicated employees who are trying to improve life on reservations."

Shaw said some Indians may be corrupt, but he likened the hundreds of tribal leaders around the country to the officials of state and city governments, saying many of them also have been proven to be corrupt.

"We don't know what the Senate committee has uncovered," he said. "We have cooperated fully with the investigation, and I hope if there is any wrongdoing, those wrongdoers will pay for what they have done wrong."



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Hi all,

Below and attached is the draft press release we're issuing from the Department at 1pm EDT on Monday.

Those who have already reviewed, please take another look, as this has undergone a few changes.

**Please send any edits to me directly by 10am EDT on Monday morning.**

Thank you!

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## Interior Department Releases Report on Bison Management, Reaffirming Commitment to Work With States, Tribes and Other Partners

*Comprehensive report charts course to promote restoration of healthy, ranging bison  
to appropriate levels on public and tribal lands*

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior today released a comprehensive report on bison conservation and management that reaffirms the commitment to work with states, tribes and other partners to promote the restoration of bison to appropriate and well-managed levels on public and tribal lands.

“The Interior Department has more than a century-long legacy of conserving the North American bison, and we will continue to pursue the ecological and cultural restoration of the species on behalf of the American public and American Indian tribes who have a special connection to this iconic animal,” said Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. “This report reaffirms our commitment to work with traditional and non-traditional partners to ensure healthy, ranging bison contribute not only to the conservation of the species, but also to sustainable local and regional economies and communities.”

The report, “DOI Bison Report: Looking Forward” outlines plans to work cooperatively with tribes, states, landowners, conservation groups, commercial bison producers, agricultural interests and others interested in bison to restore the nation’s bison population to a proper ecological and cultural role on appropriate landscapes within its historical range.

The report also details new developments in brucellosis quarantine that may allow healthy bison from the Yellowstone herd, which is chronically infected with brucellosis, to be relocated outside the Greater Yellowstone Area, if they are quarantined and determined to be brucellosis-free. This raises the potential that for the first time in over a half century, Yellowstone bison could once again contribute to the broader conservation of the species beyond the Greater Yellowstone Area without spreading brucellosis. When evaluating whether to implement a brucellosis quarantine program in the future, Interior will follow all necessary processes to ensure full involvement by states, tribes, and the public.

In addition, the report underscores the department’s commitment to meeting its trust responsibility with American Indian tribes to restore the buffalo, as it is commonly referred to in Indian Country, on both public and tribal lands because of its cultural, religious, nutritional, and economic importance to many tribes.

When European settlers first arrived in North America, the plains bison population was estimated at about 40 million animals. By the late 19th century, there were approximately 25 bison left in the wild.

Since that time, the Department of the Interior has played a significant role in saving the North American bison from extinction, stabilizing its population, and protecting and promoting the species’ genetic diversity. Interior lands now support 17 bison herds in 12 states for a total of approximately 10,000 bison over 4.6 million acres of Interior and adjacent lands, accounting for one third of all bison managed for conservation in North America.

The report was first called for by Secretary Ken Salazar in 2012.

The report can be downloaded [here](#).

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## Feds say potential for bison in 10 states

BY MATTHEW BROWN

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**BILLINGS, MONT.** — Federal officials have identified 20 parcels of public lands in 10 states they say could be suitable for bison relocated from Yellowstone National Park.

The locations include areas as diverse as Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park, an Iowa wildlife refuge and a North Dakota national historic site. They were named by the Department of Interior in a report on bison conservation released Monday.

Yellowstone had roughly 4,600 bison at last count. The population periodically spills into neighboring Montana, triggering large-scale slaughters of the animals to prevent the spread of animal disease.

A pilot program to relocate Yellowstone bison has struggled to overcome livestock industry opposition in Montana.

If such a program were made permanent, federal officials say it could be up to a decade before more animals were relocated.



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Updated AP story:

## Feds consider sending bison to Grand Canyon, Iowa

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BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Federal

officials said Monday that 20 parcels of public lands in 10 states could be suitable for bison from Yellowstone

FILE - In this April 20, 2014 file photo, a group of bison graze along a state highway near West Yellowstone, Mont. Th

Photo By Matthew Brown/AP

FILE - In this April 20, 2014 file photo, a group of bison graze along a state highway near West Yellowstone, Mont. The Department of Interior in a report on bison conservation released Monday, June 30, 2014, have identified 20 parcels of public lands in 10 states they say could be suitable for bison relocated from Yellowstone National Park. The locations include areas as diverse as Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park, an Iowa wildlife refuge and a North Dakota national historic site.

National Park, although it's likely to be years before any animals are relocated to the sites.

The locations include areas as diverse as Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park, an Iowa wildlife refuge and a North Dakota national historic site.

They were identified in a long-awaited Department of Interior report that looked at using Yellowstone's bison herds to further the restoration of a species that once ranged most of the continent.

Tens of millions of bison occupied North America before overhunting nearly drove them extinct by the late 19th century.

Yellowstone was one of the last holdouts for the animals in the wild, and had roughly 4,600 bison at last count. During their winter migrations, the animals periodically spill into neighboring Montana, triggering large-scale bison slaughters to prevent the spread of the animal disease brucellosis.

A pilot bison relocation program in Montana has struggled to overcome opposition from ranchers. They worry both about the disease and the possibility of bison competing with cattle for grazing space.

The pilot program quarantined Yellowstone bison for several years before they could be moved, to protect against disease transmissions. Even so, many within the livestock industry remain wary and most of the animals in the program have not yet been relocated.

Those animals are in control of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, which is considering proposals from tribes, government agencies and private groups that want to take the bison.

If the park service were to revive the quarantine program and make it permanent, federal officials said it could be

five years to a decade before more animals were relocated.

"If we were to do this, where would you place these bison? This report gives us a head-start on that question," said Jorge Silva-Banuelos, an official with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

That could help relieve population pressures that led to the slaughter of thousands of migrating Yellowstone bison during the last decade, under an agreement between Montana and federal officials.

Conservation groups welcomed Monday's report. But the National Wildlife Federation said it did not include enough collaboration with American Indian tribes interested in getting Yellowstone bison.

Then-Interior Secretary Ken Salazar first issued a directive for his agency to come up with a relocation plan for Yellowstone bison in May 2012.

Yellowstone's chief scientist, Dave Hallac, said planning for a bison quarantine program is expected to begin in late summer or early fall. Public input will be part of that process.

"Within a five-year-period there may be the possibility of moving some brucellosis-free bison," Hallac said.

The states and locations identified Monday as potentially suitable for relocated bison were:

- Arizona: Grand Canyon National Park
- Colorado: Baca National Wildlife Refuge, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve
- Iowa: Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
- Kansas: Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve
- Montana: Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, National Bison Range
- Nebraska: Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge, Scotts Bluff National Monument, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge
- North Dakota: Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, Sullys Hill National Game Preserve, Theodore Roosevelt National Park
- Oklahoma: Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge
- South Dakota: Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park
- Utah: Book Cliffs, Henry Mountains

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**PUBLIC LANDS:****Interior identifies 20 possible sites for bison restoration**

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For the first time in more than 50 years, disease-free bison from Yellowstone National Park could be restored to public and tribal lands in nearly a dozen states, mostly in the West, allowing the massive herbivores to once again fulfill important ecological and cultural roles on the landscape, according to an Interior Department report released today.

The report identifies 20 locations on wildlife refuges, national park units and Bureau of Land Management lands where bison could once again graze and offer new hunting opportunities.

An estimated 40 million bison lived in North America when Europeans arrived hundreds of years ago, but they were hunted down to roughly 25 animals by the late 19th century, Interior said.

Today, Interior lands support about 10,000 bison in 17 herds across 4.6 million acres in a dozen states. Most of those populations are kept within fences, which prevents them from achieving the "long-term conservation of the full array of bison ecological processes," the report said.

The report by Interior's Bison Leadership Team and Working Group found an experimental quarantine program at Yellowstone could be used to export bison beyond the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem on a long-term basis.

"There are many opportunities to chart a course for a robust bison conservation strategy over the next century," the report said. "It will need to be based on developing innovative partnerships with landowners, tribes, states, conservation groups, commercial bison producers and others, continuing strong tribal relations surrounding bison restoration, and taking advantage of all tools in our toolkit, like brucellosis quarantine and strategies to promote genetic diversity."

Beginning in 2005, the Park Service, the Agriculture Department and Montana conducted a quarantine feasibility study to demonstrate a way to ensure that wild-born bison are free of brucellosis, a bacteria that can cause bison mothers to abort their offspring. Livestock growers fear bison could pass the disease to healthy cattle.

Following the completion of that study, Montana took possession of 135 brucellosis-free bison and began searching for a place to locate them for long-term conservation value.

No fewer than 10 entities, including state wildlife agencies in Utah and Minnesota; three American Indian tribes; and five private groups in Colorado, Montana, Nebraska and New York, have expressed interest.

Establishing a more permanent brucellosis quarantine program would cost approximately \$2.5 million and up to \$1.5 million annually to operate, the Interior report found.

Possible future locations for Yellowstone bison that could be managed with relative simplicity include Nebraska's Agate Fossil Beds National Monument and South Dakota's Wind Cave National Park, the report said. Other locations with more complex management challenges include Colorado's Baca National Wildlife Refuge and Great Sand Dunes National Park and Arizona's Grand Canyon National Park.

The report also highlights ongoing efforts to expand bison in South Dakota, where NPS is coordinating with the Oglala Sioux Tribe to establish a tribal herd on the south unit of Badlands National Park, which is within the Pine Ridge Reservation.

The Wildlife Conservation Society called the report "a sizeable step forward" to restoring bison at scales where they can fulfill roles as "keystone herbivores."

The proposed relocation of Yellowstone bison "has positive implications for biodiversity, and in particular, for maintaining the ecosystem health of imperiled U.S. grasslands," said Keith Aune, the group's bison program coordinator, in a statement.

The National Wildlife Federation praised the report, too, but said it falls short of the vision in 2012 by former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to more fully consult and collaborate with tribes.

"We're disappointed," said Garrit Voggeser, NWF's national director for tribal partnerships. "When Salazar issued his directive in May 2012, we saw it as an opportunity for him and Interior to build a legacy of bison restoration on tribal and public lands across the West."

Jason Baldes, a member of the Eastern Shoshone tribe in Wyoming and a consultant for NWF, said the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes would like to see bison reintroduced to the Wind River Reservation, but he said Interior has not adequately consulted the tribes on its bison restoration plan.

"We were always under the impression that Wind River was a top place," he said today.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said in a statement today that the department remains committed to exploring all opportunities to restore bison to appropriate landscapes.

"The Interior Department has more than a century-long legacy of conserving the North American bison, and we will continue to pursue the ecological and cultural restoration of the species on behalf of the American public and American Indian tribes who have a special connection to this iconic animal," she said.

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## Buffalo Comeback: Tribes and Interior Dept. Committed to Making it Happen

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"The Interior Department has more than a century-long legacy of conserving the North American bison, and we will continue to pursue the ecological and cultural restoration of the species on behalf of the American public and American Indian tribes who have a special connection to this iconic animal," said Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell in a June 30 statement announcing the release of a report, DOI Bison Report: Looking Forward, which outlines plans to work with tribes, states, landowners, conservation groups, commercial bison producers and agricultural interests to restore the bison population to a "proper ecological and cultural role on appropriate landscapes within its historical range," the DOI statement said.

"This report reaffirms our commitment to work with many partners to ensure healthy, ranging bison contribute not only to the conservation of the species, but also to sustainable local and regional economies and communities," said Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Rachel Jacobson in the statement.

A key component of the report addresses recent developments regarding brucellosis quarantine that could allow for the relocation of Yellowstone bison outside the Greater Yellowstone Area, if they are quarantined and determined to be brucellosis-free. A new protocol developed by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and introduced in February strongly suggests that this is indeed possible.

"The results of this study indicate that under the right conditions, there is an opportunity to produce live brucellosis-free bison from even a herd with a large number of infected animals like the one in Yellowstone National Park," said Dr. Jack Rhyan, APHIS Veterinary Officer, in a WCS statement in February. "Additionally, this study was a great example of the benefits to be gained from several agencies pooling resources and expertise to research the critical issue of brucellosis in wildlife."

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The new information "raises the potential that for the first time in over a half century, Yellowstone bison could once again contribute to the broader conservation of the species beyond the Greater Yellowstone Area without spreading brucellosis," the DOI said in its statement. "When evaluating whether to implement a brucellosis quarantine program in the future, Interior will follow all necessary processes to ensure full involvement by states,

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As such, the department said it was unwaveringly committed to working with tribes to restore bison on public and tribal lands “because of its cultural, religious, nutritional, and economic importance to many tribes.”

The American buffalo, which numbered an estimated 40 million when Europeans first arrived on Turtle Island, had been reduced to 25 by the late 19th century, Interior noted. Since then many parties have worked hard to bring them back from the brink of extinction and reintroduce them to tribal lands.

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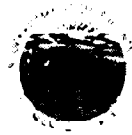
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Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs  
House Natural Resources Committee  
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**Chairman Young:**

**1. Do the provisions of Section 102 accurately state or reflect the status of current law regarding the proper discharge of the United States' fiduciary responsibility to Indians? If the answer is "no," please state which of the provisions of that section do not accurately reflect the status of current law.**

**Response:** The language of Section 102 suggests that the common law fiduciary standards that govern private trustees also govern the United States, rather than the United States being governed by the terms of Congressionally-enacted statutes and regulations implementing those statutes. Such a standard would conflict with certain holdings of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In modern times, the Court has opined on the scope of the United States' trust responsibility. *See, e.g., United States v. Mitchell*, 445 U.S. 535 (1980); *United States v. Mitchell*, 463 U.S. 206 (1983); *United States v. Navajo Nation*, 537 U.S. 488 (2003); *United States v. White Mountain Apache Tribe*, 537 U.S. 465 (2003); *United States v. Navajo Nation*, 556 U.S. 287 (2009) (*Navajo Nation II*). Generally speaking, in the context of cases seeking monetary damages, the Court has held that an Indian tribe must "identify a specific, applicable, trust-creating statute or regulation that the Government violated, ... [and absent that,] neither the Government's 'control' over [assets claimed by Indians] nor common-law trust principles matter." *Navajo Nation II*, 556 U.S. at 302. The Supreme Court has further held that, where appropriate, common law fiduciary standards can inform the conduct of carrying out trust duties, but are not the source of trust duties. *See United States v. Jicarilla Apache Nation*, 131 S.Ct. 2313, 2325 (2011) (citing *White Mountain Apache*, 537 U.S. at 475-476). Thus, under current Supreme Court jurisprudence, common law fiduciary standards can be used to fill a gap left by Congress but are not the origin for establishing the United States' trust duty.

Section 102(3) also states that, "the fact that the United States simultaneously performs another task for another interest that Congress has obligated it by statute to do does not compromise or limit the United States enforceable fiduciary obligations to Indians." Under controlling Supreme Court case law, the United States must balance the Indian trust responsibility with other responsibilities mandated by Congress: "The Government does not 'compromise' its obligation to one interest that Congress obliges it to represent by the mere fact that it simultaneously performs another task for another interest that Congress has obligated it by statute to do." *Nevada v. United States*, 463 U.S. 110, 128 (1983).

In sum, Section 102 could potentially be interpreted as altering certain holdings of the U.S. Supreme Court by providing that the United States is subject to common law fiduciary duties in all circumstances.

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**2. The Administration's testimony states that, in the Department's view, some of the provisions in Section 102 of the bill as introduced are "more a redefinition than a reaffirmation." If enacted, would Section 102, as written, change existing law? If the answer is "yes," what specific U.S. Supreme Court decisions and legal doctrines would be affected?**

**Response:** Given the breadth of case law and varying fact patterns, it is difficult to specify which decisions would be affected if Section 102 was enacted. The previous response discusses the current state of the law and how Section 102 would potentially modify that law.

**3. Would the enactment of Section 102 potentially affect the extent of liability of the United States in pending litigation? If so, please explain how the enactment of that section would affect the extent of that liability.**

**Response:** It is possible that enactment of Section 102 would impact the extent of the United States' liability in pending litigation, depending on the claims of each case and the stage of the litigation. However, it is difficult to conclude with certainty how each case would be affected, and it would also be important to consider the procedural posture of any particular case.

**4. Would the enactment of Section 102 potentially affect the extent of liability of the United States in future litigation? If so, please explain how the enactment of that section would affect the extent of that liability.**

**Response:**

**5. In its comments on Title II, the Administration's testimony discusses at length how the trust asset demonstration project will allow tribes to develop individual IT systems, that will, in turn, force the Department to "interface with what could be incompatible systems and incur additional administrative support costs that are likely to increase and gaps in the data for both the federal and tribal systems." What specific provisions of Title II would allow tribes to develop individual IT systems?**

**Response:** Sec. 204 of H. R. 409 states the following:

(3) **AUTHORITY OF INDIAN TRIBES TO DEVELOP SYSTEMS, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES.**— For purposes of preparing and carrying out a management plan under this section, an Indian tribe that has compacted or contracted activities or functions under the Indian



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Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.), for purposes of carrying out the activities or functions, *may develop and carry out trust asset management systems, practices, and procedures that differ from any such systems, practices, and procedures used by the Secretary* in managing the trust assets if the systems, practices, and procedures of the Indian tribe meet the requirements of the laws, standards, and responsibilities described in subsection (c). [emphasis added]

The trust asset management system used by the Department is the Trust Funds Accounting System (TFAS), which is an IT system. This language in section 204 would authorize tribes to develop and employ alternative systems, including IT systems, to manage their trust assets.

**6. Much of the Administration's testimony is devoted to describing purported successes and accomplishments of the Office of the Special Trustee, specifically implementation of reforms related to the management of tribal trust funds. What major reforms, if any, remain for the Office of the Special Trustee to implement?**

**Response:** One of the lessons learned by the Department during the course of implementing trust reform is the importance of continual reform. While many of the large systemic reforms were accomplished in the early years of OST's existence, the Department has continued to address residual issues. Most important, the Department is committed to maintaining best practices in Indian trust management, thus preventing lapses that might lead to a pre-Cobell environment. The level of care required of a fiduciary does not permit the Department to suffer a gradual build-up of trust management problems; it requires aggressive, constant monitoring and correction. As with the private industry, it is essential that there be a degree of separation or independence between the fiduciary (OST) and the service provider (BIA).

**7. The Administration's testimony mentions how the Office of the Special Trustee has hired more than 50 fiduciary trust officers (FTOs). How many FTO positions exist? Please list the tribe and location where each FTO is deployed. For example, if OST has 55 FTO positions, for each of the 55 positions identify the tribe(s) to which the FTO is assigned and the physical location of the FTO's worksite.**

**Response:** Currently there are approximately 49 FTOs serving throughout Indian country. This number fluctuates somewhat with personnel changes. The current FTO positions, and their locations, are:

PRIMARY Agency	Address	Tribe(s) Assigned	Additional Location(s)
ANADARKO AGENCY	Anadarko Agency Hwy. 281 N. & Parker McKenzie Dr. Anadarko, OK 73005	Apache of Oklahoma; Caddo Nation; Comanche Nation; Delaware; Ft. Sill Apache; Kiowa; Wichita and Affiliated Tribes	

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CONCHO FIELD OFFICE	Concho Field Office 1635 E. Hwy. 66 El Reno, OK 73036	Cheyenne- Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma	
HORTON AGENCY	Horton Agency 908 First Ave. East Horton, KS 66439	Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska; Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas; Prairie Band of Potawatomi; Sac and Fox of Missouri	
PAWNEE AGENCY	Pawnee Agency P.O. Box 440 850 Agency Road. Bldg. 71 Pawnee, OK 74058	Kaw; Otoe- Missouria; Pawnee; Ponca of Oklahoma; Tonkawa	
SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION	Southern Plains Region W. C. D. Office Complex 1 Mile North Hwy 281 Anadarko, OK 73005	Shawnee	Shawnee Field Office (1 mi North of Anadarko, OK, on Hwy 281)
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			<b>Mescalero Agency Northern Pueblos Agency</b>
			<b>Ute Mountain Ute Field Office Towac, CO</b>
<b>FORT BERTHOLD AGENCY</b>	<b>Fort Berthold Agency 202 West Main Street New Town, ND 58763</b>	<b>Three Affiliated</b>	
<b>GREAT PLAINS REGION</b>	<b>Great Plains Region 115 4th Avenue SE, 5th floor Aberdeen, SD 57401</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>PINE RIDGE AGENCY</b>	<b>Pine Ridge Agency 100 Main Street, BIA Bldg. Pine Ridge, SD 57770</b>	<b>Ogalala Sioux</b>	
<b>CHEYENNE RIVER AGENCY</b>	<b>(PO Box 325) Main Street BIA Bldg 2001 Eagle Butte, SD 57625</b>	<b>Cheyenne River Sioux</b>	
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<b>SISSETON AGENCY</b>	<b>Sisseton Agency Veterans Memorial Drive/BIA Bldg. Agency Village, SD 57262</b>	<b>Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate; Flandreau Sioux; Mississippi Sioux</b>	<b>Lower Brule Agency Lower Brule, SD</b>
<b>STANDING ROCK AGENCY</b>	<b>Standing Rock Agency Bldg. 194 Proposal Ave.</b>	<b>Standing Rock Sioux</b>	

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<b>SANTEE SIOUX Field Office</b>	<b>Santee Sioux Field Office 425 Frazier AVE N Niobrara, NE 68760</b>	<b>Yankton Sioux; Ponca of Nebraska; Santee Sioux</b>	<b>Yankton Agency Wagner, SD</b>
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<b>CROW AGENCY</b>	Crow Agency Main BIA Bldg. 2, Weaver Drive Crow Agency, MT 59022	Crow	
<b>FORT BELKNAP AGENCY</b>	Fort Belknap Agency 100 BIA Road Harlem, MT 59526	Fort Belknap Indian Community; Chippewa Cree	Rocky Boys Agency Box Elder, MT
<b>FORT PECK AGENCY</b>	Fort Peck Agency 500 Medicine Bear Road Poplar, MT 59255	Ft. Peck Assiniboine and Sioux	
<b>NORTHERN CHEYENNE AGENCY</b>	Northern Cheyenne Agency BIA Bldg., Hwy. 39 North Lame Deer, MT 59043	Northern Cheyenne	Rocky Mountain Region Billings, MT
<b>WIND RIVER AGENCY</b>	Wind River Agency 1st and Washakie Street Ft. Washakie, WY 82514	Northern Arapaho; Eastern Shoshone	
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<b>FORT HALL AGENCY</b>	<b>Fort Hall Agency Corner of Agency &amp; Bennock Avenue Fort Hall, ID 83203</b>	<b>Shoshone Bannock; Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation; Confederated Salish and Kootenai</b>	<b>Flathead Agency Pablo, MT</b>
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<b>NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE</b>	<b>Northwest Region 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd. Portland, OR 97232</b>	<b>Siletz; Grand Ronde; Klamath; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua; Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw; Coquille; Chehalis; Cowlitz; Hoh; Jamestown S'Klallam; Lower Elwha; Quileute; Shoalwater Bay; Skokomish;</b>	<b>Siletz Agency Siletz, OR</b>



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		<b>Squaxin Island; Makah;</b>	
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<p><b>PAPAGO AGENCY (Tohono O'odham)</b></p>	<p>Papago Agency        P.O. Box 490        BIA Circle Drive,        Bldg. 49        Sells, AZ 85634</p>	<p>Tohono O'odham; San Carlos Apache; White Mountain Apache</p>	<p>Fort Apache Agency        Whiteriver, AZ</p> <hr/> <p>San Carlos Agency        ( IIM Accounts )        San Carlos, AZ</p>
<p><b>PIMA AGENCY</b></p>	<p>Pima Agency        104 N. Main Street        P.O. Box 8        Sacaton, AZ 85247</p>	<p>Ak Chin Indian Community;        Gila River Indian Community;        Fort McDowell Yavapai;        Pascua Yaqui;        Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community</p>	<p>Salt River Field Agency        Scottsdale, AZ</p> <hr/> <p>San Carlos Agency        ( Tribal Accounts )        San Carlos, AZ</p>
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**8. Title III of the H.R. 409 would create a new Under Secretary that would to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate activities and policies of the BIA with activities and policies of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This provision responds to complaints by tribes that other bureaus and agencies within the Department will often enact policies or otherwise take action without considering the impacts on tribes or Indians or consulting with the BIA. Does the Department support the designation of an individual, whether or not that individual is an Under Secretary, to coordinate the activities and the policies of the BIA with other bureaus or agencies within the Department?**

**Response:** First, consultation with tribal officials is an important component of ensuring strong government to government relationships with Indian tribes, and this Administration has made it a priority to ensure that Federal agencies carry out regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian tribes during the development of policies that have tribal implications, as defined by Executive Order 13175. With regard to the specific provisions of the bill, we note that the Deputy Secretary performs the duties that the newly constituted Under Secretary would perform. Moreover, as noted in the testimony for this hearing, the Department is in the process of evaluating recommendations made by the Trust Commission and any change in an organizational structure must be carefully evaluated and clearly and appropriately structured to be successful. The provisions in Title III of this legislation do not provide that clarity to the individual beneficiaries and tribes currently served by OST and the Department.

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**Rep. Grijalva**

**H.R. 4350**

**1. If Great Northern Properties decided it wanted to develop its subsurface mineral rights that exist on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, would they be able to do so?**

**Response:** Great Northern Properties would need to complete several steps before developing its subsurface mineral rights underlying the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Based on the type and location of the coal development would likely have to occur via a surface mining operation, and the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act requires surface owner consent prior to commencing a surface mining operation. Great Northern Properties would also have to complete a mine plan for approval by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

**2. Has Great Northern Properties ever contacted the Department of Interior about this bill? If so, what type of discussion has been had between the Department and the company?**

**Response:** Throughout the development of this legislation, the Department, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Land Management have had numerous discussions with the Northern Cheyenne Tribe. In January 2014, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe invited the Bureau of Land Management-Montana/Dakotas State Office to meet with the stakeholders involved in the then-proposed bill. The meeting included tribal leadership, the tribe's consultant Norwest Corporation, Great Northern Properties, Signal Peak Energy, and Westmorland Resources, Inc. In addition, as a matter of course the BLM Montana/Dakotas State Office meets with resource users, and the State Office recently met with Great Northern Properties about a variety of issues. At that meeting, Great Northern Properties noted that it expected the legislation to be moving forward.

**3. On the map dated February 27, 2014 where it shows the coal tracks to be conveyed to Great Northern Properties, it appears that the East Fork tracts are very close to the Crow Indian Reservation. Has the Crow Tribe expressed any concern over the conveyance of those tracts – so close to its reservation?**

**Response:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs has not received any comments from the Crow Tribe of Montana regarding this proposed legislation.

**4. In your testimony, you say that a NEPA analysis is required and therefore the 60 day timeframe for the land transfer is insufficient. NEPA is triggered by a major federal action, but since this transfer is mandated by Congressional legislation, I do not think NEPA applies. Can you comment on this?**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**5. The Northern Cheyenne tribe has expressed concerns over appraisal methods that could potentially harm sacred ground on their reservation. In light of this, can the Department live**

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**without an appraisal being done? Are their ways to do an appraisal without disturbing sensitive areas?**

**Response:** As noted in the testimony on this bill, the Department requires equal value exchanges and completion of an appraisal consistent with Uniform Appraisal Standards when entering into exchanges of lands or interests in lands, in accordance with the Federal Land Management Policy Act (FLPMA). The Department understands that H.R. 4350 seeks to address tribal settlement issues beyond the scope of FLPMA and recognizes the unique role Congress can play in arbitrating difficult issues such as this. The Department does not yet know the specifics as to what methods may be necessary to complete an appraisal of the Great Northern Properties mineral estate underlying the reservation, and the extent to which existing information could be used is not yet known.

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**H.R. 409**

**6. Regarding Title II of the bill, from its text, do you understand projects to be eligible for both tribal and federal management depending on the deal struck between a particular tribe and the Secretary? Please explain.**

**Response:** Existing law (P.L. 93-638) already allows tribes to perform only a portion of a Program, Function Service or Activity (PFSA), rather than the entirety of that PFSA. The shared responsibility is negotiated between the federal government and the individual tribe on a case-by-case basis. H.R. 409 does not appear to alter that aspect of the law. Section 205 of H.R. 409 breaks the linkage between control of a program and liability for that program, by maintaining the federal government's full liability, even if a tribe is fully managing its assets.

**7. We've received testimony about the Office of Special Trustee's involvement in the appraisal process and delays associated with having both OST and the BIA involved in generating appraisals. Does the Department continue to believe that two separate bureaucracies need to be involved in the appraisal process?**

**Response:** There are not two separate entities that handle Indian trust lands valuation. The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) Office of Appraisal Services (OAS) performs all Indian trust lands valuation. Secretarial Order No. 3240, dated March 12, 2002 realigned the Indian trust lands valuation and appraisal functions from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to OST and established OAS within OST. Because the BIA is responsible for other realty activity, the purpose of the realignment was to ensure the independence from BIA realty functions and accountability of OAS in the performance of Indian trust lands valuation and appraisal functions.

OAS provides real estate appraisals, appraisal reviews, real estate consulting services and technical assistance to support real estate transactions for the BIA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior's (DOI) Buy Back Program (BBP) and P.L. 93-638 Tribal Realty programs.

The Director, OAS, reports to the Principal Deputy Special Trustee for American Indians. In addition to the Director, OAS is comprised of two Deputy Directors (Regional Operations and BBP Valuations), 12 Regional Supervisory Appraisers, and 38 staff appraisers

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**8. OST was created to implement certain financial reforms to the administration of Indian trust funds and was never intended to be a permanent office. From your testimony, it sounds as if those reforms have now been implemented. If this is the case, why does a separate bureaucracy like OST continue to be needed to carry out these reforms?**

**Response:** As noted in our testimony on this bill, OST's successful performance illustrates the need to have an organizational structure dedicated solely to the accounting of tribal and individual trust assets that remains separate from the BIA to ensure that principles of fiduciary management of trust assets are upheld. It is crucial that fiduciary duties be given a higher level of care, and the best way to ensure that is to segregate the fiduciary functions from other program functions. The Department is also hesitant to support the termination of OST until there is some certainty that any reforms put in place will perform as well or better without a significant burden to taxpayers.

**9. Could the Department support the bill if Title I was stricken and Title III was amended to flesh out some details? Is the Department willing to work with tribes and the Committee to restructure these offices in a way that would ensure the best service to tribes?**

**Response:** The Department has serious concerns with Title II as well, as was articulated in our statement.



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Karen, Lee, Darren –

These are some edits I had to the QFRs from the May HNR S/C hearing on HR 409 (trust reform) and HR 4350 (northern cheyenne).

Karen and Darren – can you drop the responses you are working on into this document so I can review? Let me know when I can expect your input. I'd like to make sure we're continuing to move this document.

Thanks, Chris

On Fri, Jun 13, 2014 at 2:40 PM, Lindquist, Karen <karen.lindquist@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks! A couple of days should do it.

Karen

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On Fri, Jun 13, 2014 at 2:34 PM, Salotti, Christopher <chris\_salotti@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

A couple more days is fine, but I don't want these to stall for too long. Keep me posted.

Thanks, Chris

On Fri, Jun 13, 2014 at 2:30 PM, Frazier, Lee <lee\_frazier@ost.doi.gov> wrote:

Chris,

SOL is working on some of Chairman Young's QFRs for the hearing on HR409 (#1 -#4). What is their drop deadline to get answers to you?

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Hi Lee,



I wanted to find out if SOL could have a couple more days to work on the answers to the questions. The Solicitor is working on the Secretarial Order in response to the Commission and wants to make certain that everything is consistent.

I was asked to find out what the drop dead deadline is.

Thank you, Karen

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Chris,

I only have BIA listed on my draft for #1, #3, and #4., but I went ahead and answered #2 and #5 (Those you may want to run by BLM).


The #1, #3, and #4 are Region generated and I would need AS-IA clearance to finalize.

Darren

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**Chairman Young:**

1. Do the provisions of Section 102 accurately state or reflect the status of current law regarding the proper discharge of the United States' fiduciary responsibility to Indians? If the answer is "no," please state which of the provisions of that section do not accurately reflect the status of current law.

Response: [REDACTED]

2. The Administration's testimony states that, in the Department's view, some of the provisions in Section 102 of the bill as introduced are "more a redefinition than a reaffirmation." If enacted, would Section 102, as written, change existing law? If the answer is "yes," what specific U.S. Supreme Court decisions and legal doctrines would be affected?

Response: [REDACTED]

3. Would the enactment of Section 102 potentially affect the extent of liability of the United States in pending litigation? If so, please explain how the enactment of that section would affect the extent of that liability.

Response: [REDACTED]

4. Would the enactment of Section 102 potentially affect the extent of liability of the United States in future litigation? If so, please explain how the enactment of that section would affect the extent of that liability.

Response: [REDACTED]

5. In its comments on Title II, the Administration's testimony discusses at length how the trust asset demonstration project will allow tribes to develop individual IT systems, that will, in turn, force the Department to "interface with what could be incompatible systems and incur additional administrative support costs that are likely to increase and gaps in the data for both the federal and tribal systems." What specific provisions of Title II would allow tribes to develop individual IT systems?

Response: Sec. 204 of H. R. 409 states the following:

(3) AUTHORITY OF INDIAN TRIBES TO DEVELOP SYSTEMS, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES. — For purposes of preparing and carrying out a management plan under this section, an Indian tribe that has compacted or contracted activities or functions under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.), for purposes of carrying out the activities or functions, *may develop and carry out trust asset management systems, practices, and procedures that differ from any such systems, practices, and procedures used by the Secretary in managing the trust assets if the systems, practices, and procedures of the Indian tribe meet the requirements of the laws, standards, and responsibilities described in subsection (c).* [emphasis added]

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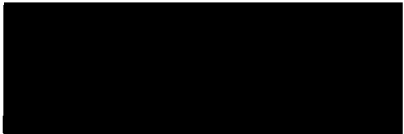


6. Much of the Administration's testimony is devoted to describing purported successes and accomplishments of the Office of the Special Trustee, specifically implementation of reforms related to the management of tribal trust funds. What major reforms, if any, remain for the Office of the Special Trustee to implement?

**Response:** One of the lessons learned by the Department during the course of implementing trust reform is the importance of continual reform. While many of the large systemic reforms were accomplished in the early years of OST's existence, the Department has continued to address residual issues. Most important, the Department is committed to maintaining best practices in Indian trust management, thus preventing lapses that might lead to a pre-Cobell environment. The level of care required of a fiduciary does not permit the Department to suffer a gradual build-up of trust management problems; it requires aggressive, constant monitoring and correction. As with the private industry, it is essential that there be a degree of separation or independence between the fiduciary (OST) and the service provider (BIA).

7. The Administration's testimony mentions how the Office of the Special Trustee has hired more than 50 fiduciary trust officers (FTOs). How many FTO positions exist? Please list the tribe and location where each FTO is deployed. For example, if OST has 55 FTO positions, for each of the 55 positions identify the tribe(s) to which the FTO is assigned and the physical location of the FTO's worksite.

**Response:**



<u>PRIMARY Agency</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tribe(s) Assigned</u>	<u>Additional Location(s)</u>
<u>ANADARKO AGENCY</u>	<u>Anadarko Agency Hwy. 281 N. &amp; Parker McKenzie Dr. Anadarko, OK 73005</u>	<u>Apache of Oklahoma; Caddo Nation; Comanche Nation; Delaware; Ft. Sill Apache; Kiowa; Wichita and Affiliated Tribes</u>	
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<b><u>PAWNEE AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>Pawnee Agency</u> P.O. Box 440 850 Agency Road, Bldg. 71 Pawnee, OK 74058</b>	<b><u>Kaw; Otoe-Missouria;</u> <u>Pawnee; Ponca of Oklahoma;</u> <u>Tonkawa</u></b>	
<b><u>SOUTHERN PLAINS REGION</u></b>	<b><u>Southern Plains Region</u> <u>W. C. D. Office Complex</u> <u>1 Mile North Hwy 281</u> <u>Anadarko, OK 73005</u></b>	<b><u>Shawnee</u></b>	<b><u>Shawnee Field Office</u> <u>(1 mi North of Anadarko, OK, on Hwy 281)</u></b>
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<u>TULSA</u>	<u>Tulsa Urban Office</u> <u>1323 East 71st</u> <u>Suite 101</u> <u>Tulsa, OK 74136</u>	<u>Alabama-Quassarte;</u> <u>Kialagee;</u> <u>Muscogee (Creek);</u> <u>Thlopthlocco;</u> <u>Seminole</u>	<u>Okmulgee, OK, Agency</u>  <u>Wewoka, OK, Agency</u>
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<u>SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY</u>	<u>Southern Ute Agency</u> <u>383 Ute Road</u> <u>Ignacio, CO 81137</u>	<u>Southern Ute;</u> <u>Ute Mountain</u> <u>Ute; Jicarilla</u> <u>Apache; Taos Pueblo; Zuni Pueblo</u>	<u>Jicarilla Agency,</u> <u>Dulce, NM</u>

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<u>FORT BERTHOLD AGENCY</u>	<u>Fort Berthold Agency</u> <u>202 West Main Street</u> <u>New Town, ND 58763</u>	<u>Three Affiliated</u>	
<u>GREAT PLAINS REGION</u>	<u>Great Plains Region</u> <u>115 4th Avenue SE,</u> <u>5th floor</u> <u>Aberdeen, SD</u> <u>57401</u>	<u>N/A</u>	
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<u>SISSETON AGENCY</u>	<u>Sisseton Agency</u> <u>Veterans Memorial Drive/BIA Bldg.</u> <u>Agency Village, SD</u> <u>57262</u>	<u>Sisseton Wahpeton</u> <u>Oyate:</u> <u>Flandreau</u> <u>Sioux:</u> <u>Missisquoi</u> <u>Sioux</u>	<u>Lower Brule Agency</u> <u>Lower Brule, SD</u>
<u>STANDING ROCK AGENCY</u>	<u>Standing Rock Agency</u> <u>Bldg. 194 Proposal Ave.</u> <u>Lt. Yates, ND 58538</u>	<u>Standing Rock Sioux</u>	
<u>TURTLE MOUNTAIN AGENCY</u>	<u>Turtle Mountain Agency</u> <u>BIA Rd. 7, Bldg. 174</u> <u>Belcourt, ND 58316</u>	<u>Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa:</u> <u>Spirit Lake</u>	<u>Fort Totten Agency</u> <u>Fr. Totten, ND</u>

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<u>RAPID CITY</u>	Rapid City Urban Office 801 Mt. Rushmore Rd., suite 200 Rapid City, SD 57201	<u>Crow Creek Sioux; Lower Brule</u>	
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		<u>Menominee;</u> <u>Bad River;</u> <u>Forest County</u> <u>Potawatomi;</u> <u>Ito-Chunk</u> <u>Nation; Lac</u> <u>Courte</u> <u>Oreilles; Lac</u> <u>du Flambeau;</u> <u>Oncida; Red</u> <u>Cliff;</u> <u>Sokaogon; St.</u> <u>Croix;</u> <u>Stockbridge</u> <u>Munsee</u>	
			<u>Sac and Fox Agency</u> <u>Menominee Agency</u>
<u>MINNESOTA AGENCY</u>	<u>Minnesota Agency</u> <u>522 Minnesota</u> <u>Avenue NW room</u> <u>304</u> <u>Bemidji, MN</u> <u>56601-3062</u>	<u>Minnesota</u> <u>Chippewa</u> <u>Tribes (White</u> <u>Earth, Leech</u> <u>Lake, Fond du</u> <u>Lac, Bois</u> <u>Forte, Mille</u> <u>Lacs and</u> <u>Grand Portage</u> <u>Bands); Red</u> <u>Lake Band of</u> <u>Chippewa</u> <u>Indians</u>	<u>Red Lake Agency</u> <u>Red Lake, MN</u>
<u>BLACKFEET AGENCY</u>	<u>Blackfeet Agency</u> <u>531 S. E. Boundary</u> <u>Street</u> <u>Browning, MT</u> <u>59417</u>	<u>Blackfeet</u>	
<u>CROW AGENCY</u>	<u>Crow Agency</u> <u>Main BIA Bldg. 2,</u> <u>Weaver Drive</u> <u>Crow Agency, MT</u> <u>59022</u>	<u>Crow</u>	

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<u>WIND RIVER AGENCY</u>	<b>Wind River Agency</b> <b>1st and Washakie Street</b> <b>Ft. Washakie, WY 82514</b>	<b>Northern Arapaho; Eastern Shoshone</b>	
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<u>PACIFIC REGION</u>	<b>Pacific Region</b> <b>2800 Cottage Way</b> <b>Federal Bldg., Room 2821</b> <b>Sacramento, CA 95825</b>	<b>All Northern California Tribes</b>	<u>Central California Agency</u> Sacramento, CA <u>Northern California Agency</u> Redding, CA
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<u>FORT HALL AGENCY</u>	<b>Fort Hall Agency</b> <b>Corner of Agency &amp; Bennock Avenue</b> <b>Fort Hall, ID 83203</b>	<b>Shoshone Bannock; Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation; Confederated Salish and Kootenai</b>	<u>Flathead Agency</u> Pablo, MT

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<u>NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE</u>	<u>Northwest Region</u> <u>1201 NE Lloyd</u> <u>Blyd.</u> <u>Portland, OR 97232</u>	<u>Siletz: Grand</u> <u>Ronde;</u> <u>Klamath: Cow</u> <u>Creek Band of</u> <u>Umpqua;</u> <u>Coos, Lower</u> <u>Umpqua and</u> <u>Siuslaw;</u> <u>Cookville;</u> <u>Chehalis;</u> <u>Cowlitz: Hoh;</u> <u>Jamestown</u> <u>S'Klallam;</u> <u>Lower Elwha;</u> <u>Ollieute;</u> <u>Shoahwater</u> <u>Bay;</u> <u>Skokomish;</u> <u>Squaxin</u> <u>Island;</u> <u>Makah;</u>	<u>Siletz Agency</u> <u>Siletz, OR</u>
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<u>YAKAMA AGENCY</u>	<u>Yakama Agency</u> 401 Fort Road Toppenish, WA 98948	<u>Yakama</u>	-
<u>COLORADO RIVER AGENCY</u>	<u>Colorado River Agency</u> <u>12136 1st Avenue</u> <u>BIA Bldg. 4</u> <u>Parker, AZ 85344</u>	<u>Colorado River;</u> <u>Chemehuevi;</u> <u>Fort Mojave;</u> <u>Havasupai;</u> <u>Hualapai;</u> <u>Tonto Apache;</u> <u>Yavapai-</u> <u>Apache;</u> <u>Yavapai-</u> <u>Prescott;</u> <u>Cocopah;</u> <u>Quechan</u>	<u>Fort Yuma Field Agency</u> <u>Fl. Yuma, AZ</u>  <u>Truxton Canon Agency</u> <u>Valentine, AZ</u> <u>Hopi Agency,</u> <u>Keams Canyon, AZ</u>
<u>PAPAGO AGENCY (Tohono O'Odham)</u>	<u>Papago Agency</u> P.O. Box 490 BIA Circle Drive, Bldg. 49 Sells, AZ 85634	<u>Tohono O'odham; San Carlos Apache; White Mountain Apache</u>	<u>Fort Apache Agency</u> <u>Whiteriver, AZ</u>  <u>San Carlos Agency (JIM Accounts)</u> <u>San Carlos, AZ</u>
<u>PIMA AGENCY</u>	<u>Pima Agency</u> <u>104 N. Main Street</u> <u>P.O. Box 8</u> <u>Sacaton, AZ 85247</u>	<u>Ak Chin Indian Community;</u> <u>Gila River Indian Community;</u> <u>Fort McDowell</u>	<u>Salt River Field Agency</u> <u>Scottsdale, AZ</u>

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<b><u>UINTAH &amp; OURAY</u></b> <b><u>AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>Utah &amp; Ouray</u></b> <b><u>Agency</u></b> <b><u>P.O. Box 130</u></b> <b><u>988 S. 7500 East</u></b> <b><u>Fort Duchesne, UT</u></b> <b><u>84026</u></b>	<b><u>Ute; Skull</u></b> <b><u>Valley;</u></b> <b><u>Kaibab;</u></b> <b><u>Moapa; San</u></b> <b><u>Juan Southern</u></b> <b><u>Ute; Las Vegas</u></b> <b><u>Paiute</u></b>	<b><u>Southern Paiute</u></b> <b><u>Agency</u></b>
<b><u>WESTERN NEVADA</u></b> <b><u>AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>Western Nevada</u></b> <b><u>Agency</u></b> <b><u>705 N. Plaza St.</u></b> <b><u>Rm. 128</u></b> <b><u>Carson City, NV</u></b> <b><u>89701</u></b>	<b><u>All Nevada</u></b> <b><u>Tribes except</u></b> <b><u>Moapa and</u></b> <b><u>Las Vegas</u></b> <b><u>Paiute</u></b>	<b><u>Eastern Nevada</u></b> <b><u>Agency</u></b>

8. Title III of the HR 409 would create a new Under Secretary that would to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate activities and policies of the BIA with activities and policies of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This provision responds to complaints by tribes that other bureaus and agencies within the Department will often enact policies or otherwise take action without considering the impacts on tribes or Indians or consulting with the BIA. Does the Department support the designation of an individual, whether or not that individual is an Under Secretary, to coordinate the activities and the policies of the BIA with other bureaus or agencies within the Department?

**Response:** First, consultation with tribal officials is an important component of ensuring strong government to government relationships with Indian tribes, and this Administration has made it a priority to ensure that Federal agencies carry out regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian tribes during the development of policies that have tribal implications, as defined by Executive Order 13175. With regard to the specific provisions of the bill, we note that the Deputy Secretary performs the duties that the newly constituted Under Secretary would perform. Moreover, as noted in the testimony for this hearing, the Department is in the process of evaluating recommendations made by the Trust Commission and any change in an organizational structure must be carefully evaluated and clearly and appropriately structured to be successful. The provisions in Title III of this legislation do not provide that clarity to the individual beneficiaries and tribes currently served by OSI and the Department.

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**Rep. Grijalva**

**H.R. 4350**

**1. If Great Northern Properties decided it wanted to develop its subsurface mineral rights that exist on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, would they be able to do so?**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**2. Has Great Northern Properties ever contacted the Department of Interior about this bill? If so, what type of discussion has been had between the Department and the company?**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**3. On the map dated February 27, 2014 where it shows the coal tracts to be conveyed to Great Northern Properties, it appears that the East Fork tracts are very close to the Crow Indian Reservation. Has the Crow Tribe expressed any concern over the conveyance of those tracts – so close to its reservation?**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**4. In your testimony, you say that a NEPA analysis is required and therefore the 60 day timeframe for the land transfer is insufficient. NEPA is triggered by a major federal action, but since this transfer is mandated by Congressional legislation, I do not think NEPA applies. Can you comment on this?**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**5. The Northern Cheyenne tribe has expressed concerns over appraisal methods that could potentially harm sacred ground on their reservation. In light of this, can the Department live without an appraisal being done? Are their ways to do an appraisal without disturbing sensitive areas?**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**H.R. 409**

**6. Regarding Title II of the bill, from its text, do you understand projects to be eligible for both tribal and federal management depending on the deal struck between a particular tribe and the Secretary? Please explain.**

**Response:** Existing law (P.L. 93-638) already allows tribes to perform only a portion of a Program, Function Service or Activity (PFSA), rather than the entirety of that PFSA. The shared responsibility is negotiated between the federal government and the individual tribe on a case-by-case basis. H.R. 409 does not appear to alter that aspect of the law. Section 205 of H.R. 409 breaks the linkage between control of a program and liability for that program, by maintaining the federal government's full liability, even if a tribe is fully managing its assets.

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**7. We've received testimony about the Office of Special Trustee's involvement in the appraisal process and delays associated with having both OST and the BIA involved in generating appraisals. Does the Department continue to believe that two separate hureaucracies need to be involved in the appraisal process?**

**Response:** There are not two separate entities that handle Indian trust lands valuation. The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) Office of Appraisal Services (OAS) performs all Indian trust lands valuation. Secretarial Order No. 3240, dated March 12, 2002 realigned the Indian trust lands valuation and appraisal functions from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to OST and established OAS within OST. Because the BIA is responsible for other realty activity, the purpose of the realignment was to ensure the independence from BIA realty functions and accountability of OAS in the performance of Indian trust lands valuation and appraisal functions.

OAS provides real estate appraisals, appraisal reviews, real estate consulting services and technical assistance to support real estate transactions for the BIA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior's (DOI) Buy Back Program (BBP) and P.L. 93-638 Tribal Realty programs.

The Director, OAS, reports to the Principal Deputy Special Trustee for American Indians. In addition to the Director, OAS is comprised of two Deputy Directors (Regional Operations and BBP Valuations), 12 Regional Supervisory Appraisers, and 38 staff appraisers.

**8. OST was created to implement certain financial reforms to the administration of Indian trust funds and was never intended to be a permanent office. From your testimony, it sounds as if those reforms have now been implemented. If this is the case, why does a separate bureaucracy like OST continue to be needed to carry out these reforms?**

**Response:**

[Redacted]



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**2. Could the Department support the bill if Title I was stricken and Title III was amended to flesh out some details? Is the Department willing to work with tribes and the Committee to restructure these offices in a way that would ensure the best service to tribes?**

**Response:** No. The Department has serious [REDACTED]-concerns [REDACTED]-with Title II as well, as was articulated in our statement.

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**Chairman Young:**

**1. Do the provisions of Section 102 accurately state or reflect the status of current law regarding the proper discharge of the United States' fiduciary responsibility to Indians? If the answer is "no," please state which of the provisions of that section do not accurately reflect the status of current law.**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**2. The Administration's testimony states that, in the Department's view, some of the provisions in Section 102 of the bill as introduced are "more a redefinition than a reaffirmation." If enacted, would Section 102, as written, change existing law? If the answer is "yes," what specific U.S. Supreme Court decisions and legal doctrines would be affected?**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**3. Would the enactment of Section 102 potentially affect the extent of liability of the United States in pending litigation? If so, please explain how the enactment of that section would affect the extent of that liability.**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**4. Would the enactment of Section 102 potentially affect the extent of liability of the United States in future litigation? If so, please explain how the enactment of that section would affect the extent of that liability.**

**Response:** [REDACTED]

**5. In its comments on Title II, the Administration's testimony discusses at length how the trust asset demonstration project will allow tribes to develop individual IT systems, that will, in turn, force the Department to "interface with what could be incompatible systems and incur additional administrative support costs that are likely to increase and gaps in the data for both the federal and tribal systems." What specific provisions of Title II would allow tribes to develop individual IT systems?**

**Response:** Sec. 204 of H. R. 409 states the following:

(3) **AUTHORITY OF INDIAN TRIBES TO DEVELOP SYSTEMS, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES.** For purposes of preparing and carrying out a management plan under this section, an Indian tribe that has compacted or contracted activities or functions under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.), for purposes of carrying out the activities or functions, *may develop and carry out trust asset management systems, practices, and procedures that differ from any such systems, practices, and procedures used by the Secretary in managing the trust assets if the systems, practices, and procedures of the Indian tribe meet the requirements of the laws, standards, and responsibilities described in subsection (c).* [emphasis added]

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6. Much of the Administration's testimony is devoted to describing purported successes and accomplishments of the Office of the Special Trustee, specifically implementation of reforms related to the management of tribal trust funds. What major reforms, if any, remain for the Office of the Special Trustee to implement?

**Response:** One of the lessons learned by the Department during the course of implementing trust reform is the importance of continual reform. While many of the large systemic reforms were accomplished in the early years of OST's existence, the Department has continued to address residual issues. Most important, the Department is committed to maintaining best practices in Indian trust management, thus preventing lapses that might lead to a pre-Cobell environment. The level of care required of a fiduciary does not permit the Department to suffer a gradual build-up of trust management problems; it requires aggressive, constant monitoring and correction. As with the private industry, it is essential that there be a degree of separation or independence between the fiduciary (OST) and the service provider (BIA).

7. The Administration's testimony mentions how the Office of the Special Trustee has hired more than 50 fiduciary trust officers (FTOs). How many FTO positions exist? Please list the tribe and location where each FTO is deployed. For example, if OST has 55 FTO positions, for each of the 55 positions identify the tribe(s) to which the FTO is assigned and the physical location of the FTO's worksite.

**Response:**

<u>PRIMARY Agency</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tribe(s) Assigned</u>	<u>Additional Location(s)</u>
<u>ANADARKO AGENCY</u>	<u>Anadarko Agency Hwy. 281 N. &amp; Parker McKenzie Dr. Anadarko, OK 73005</u>	<u>Apache of Oklahoma; Caddo Nation; Comanche Nation; Delaware; Ft. Sill Apache; Kiowa; Wichita and Affiliated Tribes</u>	
<u>CONCHO FIELD OFFICE</u>	<u>Concho Field Office 1655 E. Hwy. 66 El Reno, OK 73036</u>	<u>Cheyenne- Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma</u>	

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<u>HORTON AGENCY</u>	<u>Horton Agency</u> <u>908 First Ave. East</u> <u>Horton, KS 66439</u>	<u>Iowa Tribe of</u> <u>Kansas and</u> <u>Nebraska;</u> <u>Kickapoo</u> <u>Tribe in</u> <u>Kansas;</u> <u>Prairie Band</u> <u>of</u> <u>Potawatomi;</u> <u>Sac and Fox of</u> <u>Missouri</u>	
<u>PAWNEE AGENCY</u>	<u>Pawnee Agency</u> <u>P.O. Box 440</u> <u>850 Agency Road,</u> <u>Bldg. 71</u> <u>Pawnee, OK 74058</u>	<u>Kaw; Otoe-</u> <u>Missouria;</u> <u>Pawnee; Ponca</u> <u>of Oklahoma;</u> <u>Tonkawa</u>	
<u>SOUTHERN PLAINS</u> <u>REGION</u>	<u>Southern Plains</u> <u>Region</u> <u>W. C. D. Office</u> <u>Complex</u> <u>1 Mile North Hwy</u> <u>281</u> <u>Anadarko, OK</u> <u>73005</u>	<u>Shawnee</u>	<u>Shawnee Field Office</u> <u>(1 mi North of</u> <u>Anadarko, OK, on</u> <u>Hwy 281)</u>
<u>CHEROKEE Field Office</u>	<u>Cherokee Field</u> <u>Office</u> <u>P.O. Box 440</u> <u>(w/ Zip 74465)</u> <u>17675 S. Muskogee,</u> <u>Rm 112</u> <u>Tullespahn, OK</u> <u>74464</u>	<u>Cherokee;</u> <u>Eastern</u> <u>Shawnee;</u> <u>Miami;</u> <u>Modoc;</u> <u>Ottawa;</u> <u>Peoria;</u> <u>Quapaw;</u> <u>Seneca-</u> <u>Cayuga;</u> <u>Wyandotte</u>	<u>Wyandotte Agency</u>  <u>Miami Agency</u> <u>Miami, OK</u> <u>E. Oklahoma Region</u> <u>Office</u> <u>3100 W. Peak Blvd.</u> <u>Rm 250</u> <u>Muskogee, OK</u>
<u>CHICKASAW AGENCY</u>	<u>Chickasaw Agency</u> <u>P.O. Box 156</u> <u>Ada, Oklahoma</u> <u>74821</u>	<u>Chickasaw;</u> <u>Choctaw</u>	<u>Talihina, OK, Field</u> <u>Office</u>

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<u>OSAGE AGENCY</u>	Osage Agency 813 Grandview Pawhuska, OK 74056	<u>Osage; All Tribes in the BIA Eastern Region</u>	<u>EASTERN REGION</u> Nashville, TN
<u>TULSA</u>	<u>Tulsa Urban Office</u> <u>1323 East 71st</u> <u>Suite 101</u> <u>Tulsa, OK 74136</u>	<u>Alabama- Quasarte;</u> <u>Kialagee;</u> <u>Muscogee</u> <u>(Creek);</u> <u>Thlopthlocco;</u> <u>Seminole</u>	<u>Okinulgee, OK,</u> <u>Agency</u>  <u>Wewoka, OK,</u> <u>Agency</u>
<u>EASTERN NAVAJO AGENCY</u>	Eastern Navajo Agency P.O. Box 2098222-OSF Code Talker Str. Crownpoint, NM 87313	<u>Navajo; Hopi</u>	<u>Shiprock, NM,</u> <u>Agency</u>
<u>NAVAJO REGION</u>	<u>Navajo Region</u> <u>301 W. Hill, Room</u> <u>164</u> <u>Gallup, NM 87301</u>	<u>Navajo</u>	<u>Western Navajo</u> <u>Agency, Tuba City,</u> <u>AZ</u> <u>Chinle Agency,</u> <u>Chinle, AZ</u> <u>Fort Defiance</u> <u>Agency, Ft.</u> <u>Defiance, AZ</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST REGION</u>	Southwest Region Office 1001 Indian School NW, Suite 349 Albuquerque, NM 87104	<u>All Pueblos</u> <u>except Taos</u> <u>and Zuni;</u> <u>Mescalero</u> <u>Apache;</u> <u>Ramah</u>	<u>Ramah, NM, Navajo</u> <u>Agency</u>  <u>Southern Pueblos</u> <u>Agency</u> <u>Albuquerque, NM</u> <u>Laguna Agency,</u> <u>Laguna, NM</u> <u>Zuni Agency, Zuni,</u> <u>NM</u>
<u>SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY</u>	<u>Southern Ute</u> <u>Agency</u> <u>383 Ute Road</u> <u>Ignacio, CO 81137</u>	<u>Southern Ute;</u> <u>Ute Mountain</u> <u>Ute; Jicarilla</u> <u>Anache; Taos</u> <u>Pueblo; Zuni</u> <u>Pueblo</u>	<u>Jicarilla Agency,</u> <u>Dulce, NM</u>

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<u>FORT BERTHOLD AGENCY</u>	<u>Fort Berthold Agency</u> <u>102 West Main Street</u> <u>New Town, ND 58763</u>	<u>Three Affiliated</u>	
<u>GREAT PLAINS REGION</u>	<u>Great Plains Region</u> <u>115 4th Avenue SE,</u> <u>5th floor</u> <u>Aberdeen, SD</u> <u>57401</u>	<u>N/A</u>	
<u>PINE RIDGE AGENCY</u>	<u>Pine Ridge Agency</u> <u>100 Main Street,</u> <u>BIA Bldg.</u> <u>Pine Ridge, SD</u> <u>57770</u>	<u>Ogala Sioux</u>	
<u>CHEYENNE RIVER AGENCY</u>	<u>(PO Box 325)</u> <u>Main Street BIA</u> <u>Bldg 2001</u> <u>Eagle Butte, SD</u> <u>57625</u>	<u>Cheyenne River Sioux</u>	
<u>ROSEBUD AGENCY</u>	<u>Rosebud Agency</u> <u>P. O. Box 228</u> <u>Rosebud, SD 57555</u> <u>1004 Omaha St.</u> <u>Mission, SD 57555</u>	<u>Rosebud Sioux</u>	
<u>SISSETON AGENCY</u>	<u>Sisseton Agency</u> <u>Veterans Memorial Drive/BIA Bldg.</u> <u>Agency Village, SD</u> <u>57262</u>	<u>Sisseton</u> <u>Wabpeton</u> <u>Oyate;</u> <u>Flandreau</u> <u>Sioux;</u> <u>Mississippi</u> <u>Sioux</u>	<u>Lower Brule Agency</u> <u>Lower Brule, SD</u>
<u>STANDING ROCK AGENCY</u>	<u>Standing Rock Agency</u> <u>Bldg. 194 Proposal</u> <u>Ave.</u> <u>H. Yates, ND 58538</u>	<u>Standing Rock</u> <u>Sioux</u>	
<u>TURTLE MOUNTAIN AGENCY</u>	<u>Turtle Mountain Agency</u> <u>BIA Rd. 7, Bldg.</u> <u>174</u> <u>Belcourt, ND 58316</u>	<u>Turtle Mountain</u> <u>Band of</u> <u>Chippewa;</u> <u>Spirit Lake</u>	<u>Fort Totten Agency</u> <u>Ft. Totten, ND</u>

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<u>SANTEE SIOUX Field Office</u>	<u>Santee Sioux Field Office</u> <u>425 Frazier AVEN</u> <u>Niobrara, NE. 68760</u>	<u>Yankton Sioux; Ponca of Nebraska; Santee Sioux</u>	<u>Yankton Agency Wagner, SD</u>  <u>Crow Creek Agency El Thompson, SD</u>
<u>RAPID CITY</u>	Rapid City Urban Office 801 ML Rushmore Rd., suite 200 Rapid City, SD 57201	<u>Crow Creek Sioux; Lower Brule</u>	
<u>ALASKA REGIONAL OFFICE</u>	<u>Alaska Region</u> <u>3601 C Street, suite</u> <u>216</u> <u>Anchorage, AK</u> <u>99503-5947</u>	<u>All Tribes in the State of Alaska except Metlakatla</u>	
<u>GREAT LAKES AGENCY</u>	Great Lakes Agency 916 Lakeshore Drive, West Ashland, WI 54806	<u>Bay Mills; Grand Traverse; Hannahville; Huron Potawatomi; Keweenaw Bay; Lac Vieux Desert; Little River; Little Traverse Bay; Match-e- be-nash-she- wish Band; Pokagon; Saginaw Chippewa; Sault Ste. Marie; Sac and Fox of Iowa; Lower Sioux; Prairie Island; Shakopee Mdewakanton; Upper Sioux;</u>	<u>Michigan Agency Sault Ste. Marie, MI</u>

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		<u>Menominee;</u> <u>Bad River;</u> <u>Forest County</u> <u>Potawatomi;</u> <u>Ito-Chunk</u> <u>Nation; Lac</u> <u>Courte</u> <u>Oreilles; Lac</u> <u>du Flambeau;</u> <u>Oneida; Red</u> <u>Cliff;</u> <u>Sokaogon; St.</u> <u>Croix;</u> <u>Stockbridge</u> <u>Munsee</u>	
<u>MINNESOTA AGENCY</u>	<u>Minnesota Agency</u> <u>322 Minnesota</u> <u>Avenue NW room</u> <u>304</u> <u>Bemidji, MN</u> <u>56601-3062</u>	<u>Minnesota</u> <u>Chippewa</u> <u>Tribe (White</u> <u>Earth, Leech</u> <u>Lake, Fond du</u> <u>Lac, Bois</u> <u>Fort, Mille</u> <u>Lacs and</u> <u>Grand Portage</u> <u>Bands); Red</u> <u>Lake Band of</u> <u>Chippewa</u> <u>Indians</u>	<u>Sac and Fox Agency</u> <u>Minominee Agency</u> <u>Red Lake Agency</u> <u>Red Lake, MN</u>
<u>BLACKFEET AGENCY</u>	<u>Blackfeet Agency</u> <u>531 S. E. Boundary</u> <u>Street</u> <u>Browning, MT</u> <u>59117</u>	<u>Blackfeet</u>	
<u>CROW AGENCY</u>	<u>Crow Agency</u> <u>Main BIA Bldg. 2,</u> <u>Weaver Drive</u> <u>Crow Agency, MT</u> <u>59022</u>	<u>Crow</u>	



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<u>FORT PECK AGENCY</u>	Fort Peck Agency 500 Medicine Bear Road Poplar, MT 59255	Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux	
<u>NORTHERN CHEYENNE AGENCY</u>	Northern Cheyenne Agency BIA Bldg., Hwy. 39 North Lame Deer, MT 59043	Northern Cheyenne	Rocky Mountain Region Billings, MT
<u>WIND RIVER AGENCY</u>	Wind River Agency 1st and Washakie Street Ft. Washakie, WY 82514	Northern Arapaho; Eastern Shoshone	
<u>PALM SPRINGS AGENCY</u>	Palm Springs Agency 3700A Tachevah Drive Suite 202 Palm Springs, CA 92262	All Southern California Tribes	Southern California Riverside, CA
<u>PACIFIC REGION</u>	Pacific Region 2800 Collage Way Federal Bldg., Room 2821 Sacramento, CA 95825	All Northern California Tribes	Central California Agency Sacramento, CA Northern California Agency Redding, CA
<u>COLVILLE AGENCY</u>	Colville Agency Hwy. 155, 2 mi. South of Nespelem Nespelem, WA 99155	Colville; Spokane; Kulispel	Spokane Agency Wellpinit, WA
<u>FORT HALL AGENCY</u>	Fort Hall Agency Corner of Agency & Benneck Avenue Fort Hall, ID 83203	Shoshone Bannock; Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation; Confederated Salish and Kootenai	Flathead Agency Pablo, MT

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<u>NORTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE</u>	Northwest Region 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd. Portland, OR 97232	Siletz; Grand Ronde; Klamath; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua; Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw; Coquille; Chehalis; Cowlitz; Hoh; Jamestown S'Klallam; Lower Elwha; Oquille; Shoalwater Bay; Skokomish; Squaxin Island; Makah;	Siletz Agency Siletz, OR
<u>PUGET SOUND AGENCY</u>	Puget Sound Agency 2707 Colby Avenue, suite 1115 Tacoma, WA 98201-3128	Lummi; Muckleshoot; Nisqually; Nooksack; Port Gamble S'Klallam, Puyallup; Samish; Sauk-Suiattle; Snoqualmie; Stillaguamish; Swinomish; Squamish; Tulalip; Upper Skagit; Metlakatla	Metlakatla, AK, Agency
<u>TAHOLAH FIELD OFFICE</u>	Taholah Agency 1214 Aalis St. Bldg. C Taholah, WA 98587	Quinalt	Makah Agency Neah Bay, WA Olympic Peninsula Agency Aberdeen, WA

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<u>UMATILLA AGENCY</u>	Umatilla Agency 46807 B. St. Pendleton, OR 97801	<u>Umatilla</u>	Lapwai, ID
<u>WARM SPRINGS AGENCY</u>	<u>Warm Springs Agency</u> <u>1233 Veterans Street</u> <u>Warm Springs, OR</u> <u>97761</u>	<u>Warm Springs; Burns</u> <u>Painte</u>	
<u>YAKAMA AGENCY</u>	Yakama Agency 401 Fort Road Toppenish, WA 98948	<u>Yakama</u>	
<u>COLORADO RIVER AGENCY</u>	<u>Colorado River Agency</u> <u>12136 1st Avenue</u> <u>BIA Bldg. 4</u> <u>Parker, AZ 85344</u>	<u>Colorado River;</u> <u>Chemehuevi;</u> <u>Fort Mojave;</u> <u>Havasupai;</u> <u>Hualapai;</u> <u>Tonto Apache;</u> <u>Yavapai-</u> <u>Apache;</u> <u>Yavapai-</u> <u>Prescott;</u> <u>Cocoonah;</u> <u>Quechan</u>	<u>Fort Yuma Field Agency</u> <u>El Yuma, AZ</u>
			<u>Truston Canon Agency</u> <u>Valentine, AZ</u> <u>Hopi Agency,</u> <u>Keams Canyon, AZ</u>
<u>PAPAGO AGENCY</u> (Tohono O'odham)	Papago Agency P.O. Box 490 BIA Circle Drive, Bldg. 49 Sells, AZ 85634	<u>Tohono O'odham; San Carlos Apache; White Mountain Apache</u>	Fort Apache Agency Whiteriver, AZ  San Carlos Agency (HM Accounts) San Carlos, AZ
<u>PIMA AGENCY</u>	<u>Pima Agency</u> <u>104 N. Main Street</u> <u>P.O. Box 8</u> <u>Sacaton, AZ 85247</u>	<u>Ak Chin Indian Community;</u> <u>Gila River Indian Community;</u> <u>Fort McDowell</u>	<u>Salt River Field Agency</u> <u>Scottsdale, AZ</u>

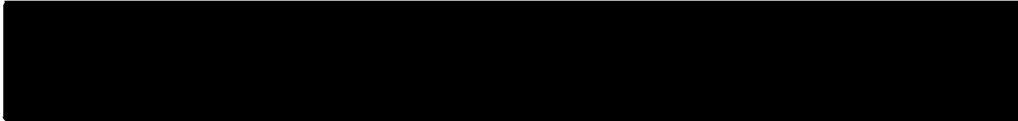
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		<b><u>Yavapai;</u></b> <b><u>Pascua Yaqui;</u></b> <b><u>Salt River</u></b> <b><u>Pima-</u></b> <b><u>Maricopa</u></b> <b><u>Indian</u></b> <b><u>Community</u></b>	
			<b><u>San Carlos Agency</u></b> <b><u>(Tribal Accounts)</u></b> <b><u>San Carlos, AZ</u></b>
<b><u>UTAH &amp; OURAY</u></b> <b><u>AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>Utah &amp; Ouray</u></b> <b><u>Agency</u></b> <b><u>P.O. Box 130</u></b> <b><u>988 S. 7500 East</u></b> <b><u>Fort Duchesne, UT</u></b> <b><u>84026</u></b>	<b><u>Ute; Skull</u></b> <b><u>Valley;</u></b> <b><u>Kaiyah;</u></b> <b><u>Moapa; San</u></b> <b><u>Juan Southern</u></b> <b><u>Ute; Las Vegas</u></b> <b><u>Paiute</u></b>	<b><u>Southern Paiute</u></b> <b><u>Agency</u></b>
<b><u>WESTERN NEVADA</u></b> <b><u>AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>Western Nevada</u></b> <b><u>Agency</u></b> <b><u>705 N. Plaza St.</u></b> <b><u>Rm. 128</u></b> <b><u>Carson City, NV</u></b> <b><u>89701</u></b>	<b><u>All Nevada</u></b> <b><u>Tribes except</u></b> <b><u>Moapa and</u></b> <b><u>Las Vegas</u></b> <b><u>Paiute</u></b>	<b><u>Eastern Nevada</u></b> <b><u>Agency</u></b>

8. Title III of the HR 409 would create a new Under Secretary that would to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate activities and policies of the BIA with activities and policies of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This provision responds to complaints by tribes that other bureaus and agencies within the Department will often enact policies or otherwise take action without considering the impacts on tribes or Indians or consulting with the BIA. Does the Department support the designation of an individual, whether or not that individual is an Under Secretary, to coordinate the activities and the policies of the BIA with other bureaus or agencies within the Department?

**Response:** First, consultation with tribal officials is an important component of ensuring strong government to government relationships with Indian tribes, and this Administration has made it a priority to ensure that Federal agencies carry out regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with Indian tribes during the development of policies that have tribal implications, as defined by Executive Order 13175. With regard to the specific provisions of the bill, we note that the Deputy Secretary performs the duties that the newly constituted Under Secretary would perform. Moreover, as noted in the testimony for this hearing, the Department is in the process of evaluating recommendations made by the Trust Commission and any change in an organizational structure must be carefully evaluated and clearly and appropriately structured to be successful. The provisions in Title III of this legislation do not provide that clarity to the individual beneficiaries and tribes currently served by OSL and the Department.

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Rep. Grijalva

H.R. 4350

1. If Great Northern Properties decided it wanted to develop its subsurface mineral rights that exist on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, would they be able to do so?

Response: [REDACTED]

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2. Has Great Northern Properties ever contacted the Department of Interior about this bill? If so, what type of discussion has been had between the Department and the company?

Response: [REDACTED]

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3. On the map dated February 27, 2014 where it shows the coal tracts to be conveyed to Great Northern Properties, it appears that the East Fork tracts are very close to the Crow Indian Reservation. Has the Crow Tribe expressed any concern over the conveyance of those tracts – so close to its reservation?

Response: [REDACTED]

4. In your testimony, you say that a NEPA analysis is required and therefore the 60 day timeframe for the land transfer is insufficient. NEPA is triggered by a major federal action, but since this transfer is mandated by Congressional legislation, I do not think NEPA applies. Can you comment on this?

Response: [REDACTED]

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5. The Northern Cheyenne tribe has expressed concerns over appraisal methods that could potentially harm sacred ground on their reservation. In light of this, can the Department live without an appraisal being done? Are there ways to do an appraisal without disturbing sensitive areas?

Response: [REDACTED]

H.R. 409

6. Regarding Title II of the bill, from its text, do you understand projects to be eligible for both tribal and federal management depending on the deal struck between a particular tribe and the Secretary? Please explain.

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**Response:** Existing law (P.L. 93-638) already allows tribes to perform only a portion of a Program, Function Service or Activity (PFSA), rather than the entirety of that PFSA. The shared responsibility is negotiated between the federal government and the individual tribe on a case-by-case basis. H.R. 409 does not appear to alter that aspect of the law. Section 205 of H.R. 409 breaks the linkage between control of a program and liability for that program, by maintaining the federal government's full liability, even if a tribe is fully managing its assets.

**2. We've received testimony about the Office of Special Trustee's involvement in the appraisal process and delays associated with having both OST and the BIA involved in generating appraisals. Does the Department continue to believe that two separate bureaucracies need to be involved in the appraisal process?**

**Response:** There are not two separate entities that handle Indian trust lands valuation. The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) Office of Appraisal Services (OAS) performs all Indian trust lands valuation. Secretarial Order No. 3240, dated March 12, 2002 realigned the Indian trust lands valuation and appraisal functions from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to OST and established OAS within OST. Because the BIA is responsible for other realty activity, the purpose of the realignment was to ensure the independence from BIA realty functions and accountability of OAS in the performance of Indian trust lands valuation and appraisal functions.

OAS provides real estate appraisals, appraisal reviews, real estate consulting services and technical assistance to support real estate transactions for the BIA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior's (DOI) Buy Back Program (BBP) and P.L. 93-638 Tribal Realty programs.

The Director, OAS, reports to the Principal Deputy Special Trustee for American Indians. In addition to the Director, OAS is comprised of two Deputy Directors (Regional Operations and BBP Valuations), 12 Regional Supervisory Appraisers, and 38 staff appraisers.



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**8. OST was created to implement certain financial reforms to the administration of Indian trust funds and was never intended to be a permanent office. From your testimony, it sounds as if those reforms have now been implemented. If this is the case, why does a separate bureaucracy like OST continue to be needed to carry out these reforms?**

**Response:** As noted in our testimony on this bill, [REDACTED]

**9. Could the Department support the bill if Title I was stricken and Title III was amended to flesh out some details? Is the Department willing to work with tribes and the Committee to restructure these offices in a way that would ensure the best service to tribes?**

**Response:** [REDACTED]. The Department has serious [REDACTED]-concerns [REDACTED] with Title II as well, as was articulated in our statement.





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2 messages

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And Fay and Steve, thank you so much for helping us shepherd this document through the clearance process as well. So grateful.

-Don

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**Findings and Recommendations Prepared by the Bureau of Indian Education Study Group  
Submitted to the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Education**

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“Education is how we lift people from poverty to a bright future ... The only way to lift people out of poverty is to give them an education that honors their culture, their identity, and who they are as human beings.”

*- Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior*

“The President and I believe the future of Indian Country rests on ensuring that your children receive a high-quality education. Improving academic outcomes for Native American children has never been more important. Unfortunately, too many Native American children are not receiving an education that prepares them for college and career success, too few of them are going to college, and far too many of them drop out of high school. We need to do better.”

*- Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education*

“If we’re going to be in control of our destiny, then we have to be in control of our own education.”

*-Everett Chavez, Governor, Pueblo of Kewa*

“What I believe should be the ultimate role of the BIE: to encourage tribes and tribal communities to take over their schools and run those schools themselves. BIE’s efforts should be to fulfill the goals of the TCSA.”

*- Bryan Brewer, President, Oglala Sioux Tribe*

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) – housed in the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) – is the legacy of the Indian boarding schools established by the Department of War in the mid-19th century. The Federal Government created the boarding schools as part of a larger assimilation policy that sought to eradicate Native cultures and languages through Western education. Many of the children who attended Government-run boarding schools were taken forcibly from their homes and sent to schools hundreds or thousands of miles away in an attempt to separate them from their families and cultures. Over time, the schools evolved, many becoming day schools for the children in nearby tribal communities. Slowly, educators and the Government began to recognize that assimilation was not the answer, and that tribes possess vast cultural resources that might be completely lost if not fostered both in tribal communities and in schools. The Government ended the devastating policy of assimilation, but sought to fulfill its treaty obligations and trust responsibility to tribes by continuing to provide and fund education to Native students.

Although the Federal assimilation policy ended several decades ago, BIE schools – still funded and many still operated by the U.S. Government – have produced generations of American Indians who are poorly educated and unable to compete for jobs, and who have been separated for years from their tribal communities. All of this has contributed to the extreme poverty on many reservations throughout the country. This Administration is determined to address this

stain on our Nation's history by turning the BIE into an organization dedicated to supporting each tribe's capacity to educate future generations of students who are prepared for college and career and know and value their heritage. Therefore, Secretary Sally Jewell of the U.S. Department of the Interior and Secretary Arne Duncan of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) have formed an American Indian Education Study Group, consisting of academics, school practitioners, lawyers, and experts in American Indian affairs.

## **I. Executive Summary**

After several discussions with tribal leaders regarding systemic issues within the BIE, in September 2013, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan appointed the American Indian Education Study Group (Study Group). They directed the Study Group to diagnose the causes of too common academic failure in BIE-funded schools, which are some of the lowest-performing schools in the country. Charged with developing and implementing recommendations to transform the BIE, the Study Group combines management, legal, education, and tribal expertise to ensure that the Study Group's recommendations are grounded in a comprehensive, institutional understanding of how schools work, how effective teaching and learning occur, and American Indian affairs.<sup>1</sup>

Based on extensive listening sessions in fall 2013 with tribal leaders, educators, and community members across Indian Country, and analysis of a wide range of primary and secondary data, the Study Group proposed to tribal leaders a redesigned BIE. The redesigned BIE reflects its evolution from a direct education provider to an expert service and support provider, which promotes self-governance and self-determination through tribal operation of schools. The Study Group conducted four tribal consultations on its proposal in spring 2014. The redesign seeks to achieve one overarching goal: that all BIE students receive a world-class education delivered by tribes and supported by the Department of the Interior.

The Study Group, based largely on written comments and feedback received during tribal consultations, recommends that the BIE focus on fostering five areas of reform:

**Highly Effective Teachers and Principals** – *Help tribes to identify, recruit, develop, retain, and empower diverse, highly effective teachers and principals to maximize the highest achievement for every student in all BIE-funded schools.*

**Agile Organizational Environment** – *Build a responsive organization that becomes an expert in its field and provides resources, direction, and services to tribes so that they can help their students attain high levels of achievement.*

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<sup>1</sup>The Study Group is chaired by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn, and members include Charles Roessel, the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education; William Mendoza, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education; Charles Rose, former General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Education; Marilee Fitzgerald, former Director of the Department of Defense Education Agency; Kenneth Wong, Chair and Professor of the Department of Education at Brown University; and Don Yu, Special Advisor to Secretary Duncan.

**Promote Educational Self-Determination for Tribal Nations** – *Strengthen and support the efforts of tribal Nations to directly operate BIE-funded schools.*

**Comprehensive Supports through Partnerships** – *Foster parental, community, and organizational partnerships to provide the academic as well as the emotional and social supports BIE students need in order to be ready to learn.*

**Budget that Supports Capacity-Building Mission** – *Develop a budget that is aligned with and supports BIE's new mission of tribal capacity-building and exchanging best practices.*

Once reformed, the redesigned BIE will sharpen the education priority within the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by realigning existing staff positions and resources to support tribes in building the capacity of their schools, particularly in the areas of talent acquisition and management, strategic and financial management, and instructional improvement. Its organization and budget will be aligned to its new structure, providing greater flexibility and freeing resources to support much-needed educational reforms. Further, departing from the “command and control” culture that is often driven from Washington, DC, the redesigned BIE will facilitate sharing of effective practices among tribally-controlled and BIE-operated schools and open up new opportunities in tribal communities to broaden and sustain school improvement in Indian Country. Finally, the new BIE will promote tribal self-governance and self-determination by encouraging tribes to operate BIE-funded schools, while continuing to fulfill its trust responsibility and treaty obligations.

This report will discuss the nature of the systemic challenges facing the BIE, including insights and input from numerous tribal listening sessions and consultations the Study Group conducted across the country (see Appendix A). It will then detail the Study Group’s recommendations in each of the key areas of reform, highlighting relevant input received in each area of reform. The Study Group hopes the Secretaries will benefit from these recommendations as they proceed to formulate policies for BIE and related American Indian education programs.

## **II. The Urgent Case for Reform**

The BIE has never faced more urgent challenges. These challenges include difficulty in attracting effective teachers to BIE schools located in remote locations, achieving compliance with academic standards in 23 different States, promoting research-based reforms in tribally controlled schools, resource constraints, and institutional and budgetary fragmentation. Both a lack of consistent leadership and strategy – which is evidenced by the BIE having 33 Directors since 1979 – and an inconsistent commitment from political leadership, have hampered the BIE’s ability to improve its services. While operation of Federal Indian education has been transferred to tribes in approximately two-thirds of BIE schools, the BIE has not been adequately restructured to recognize its new primary role of supporting tribal programs (rather than being the primary provider of Indian education). Each of these challenges has contributed to poor outcomes for BIE students and has made it increasingly difficult for BIE leadership to deliver the resources and support tribes need for their schools to be successful.

### **A. Concentrated Poverty Coupled With Geographic Isolation**

Many American Indian students in tribal communities face unique educational challenges, including severe poverty. For instance, according to the U.S. Census, four of the Nation's five poorest counties overlap at least partly with American Indian reservations. These communities experience a high rate of unemployment and a higher concentration of residents who are 18 years old or younger. For example, the Pine Ridge community experiences an 80 percent unemployment rate and the per-capita income is less than \$8,000 a year. In an interview with *Education Week*, the executive director of the Oceti Sakowin Education Consortium (a group representing tribal schools on Pine Ridge and other South Dakota reservations) described the schools' challenge: "[W]e have a lot of young people on the reservation and not nearly enough jobs. So that presents challenges to us as educators when we are trying to convince our young people to stay in school, to do well in school, to graduate, to go on to college."<sup>2</sup> This chronic high unemployment contributes to substance abuse and domestic violence in tribal communities, factors which present additional obstacles to quality education.

Geographic isolation also contributes to the lack of economic opportunity in tribal communities. Many reservations are located at great distances from cities and do not benefit from the private investment and market-based resources that other communities receive. The remote location of many BIE-funded schools makes it difficult to recruit effective teachers and leaders and to provide them with ongoing professional development. At the same time, remote locations also hamper the delivery of needed complementary services.

### **B. BIE Students Perform Worse than American Indian Students Attending Public Schools.**

Students in BIE schools perform consistently below American Indian students in public schools on National and state assessments. For example, based on estimates from a 2011 study using data from the National Assessment on Educational Progress (NAEP), BIE fourth-graders scored on average 22 points lower in reading and 14 points lower in math than Indian students attending public schools.<sup>3</sup> The gap in scores is even wider when the average for BIE students is compared to the National average for non-Indian students.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, in reviewing the data on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2012-13 (see Appendix C), the Study Group found that only one out of four BIE-funded schools, including both tribally-controlled and BIE-operated schools, met the state-defined proficiency standards. These performance indicators suggest that factors about the BIE system compound the social and economic disadvantages in Indian Country.

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<sup>2</sup>*Education Week*, December 4, 2013, p. 18.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2011.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

**C. BIE Students Perform Worse than Students Attending Department of Defense Schools and Other Schools with High Minority Populations.**

Student outcomes in the two sets of schools funded by the Federal Government – the BIE and Department of Defense Educational Activity (DODEA) – are dramatically different. For instance, in 2009, DODEA fourth graders outscored their BIE counterparts by 33 points in math and by 47 points in reading on the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP). DODEA eighth graders outscored BIE eighth graders by 39 points in math and 43 points in reading. These scores place BIE students at approximately the 13-17th percentiles in the entire U.S. (and DODEA students at the 49-57th percentiles). Furthermore, when compared to the eighteen urban school districts with high minority populations that were selected for NAEP's Trial Urban District Assessment, the BIE underperformed all of these school districts except for Detroit Public Schools.<sup>5</sup>

**D. Despite the Bureaucracy and Lack of Support, There are Indications of Progress.**

In a recent study by the Northwest Evaluation Association, student achievement “appears to have improved, most notably in math and for students in lower grades. So, while student achievement [in BIE schools] still trails that of other students across the United States as of 2012-13, [the NWEA test] results appear to indicate that student achievement in most grade and subject areas seems to be trending upward (or remaining stable) from prior years.” This is important because it indicates that, when education leadership uses diagnostic tools to address students’ academic weaknesses, improvements in student achievement occur.

This pattern is reflected in two particular examples concerning BIE-funded schools. Dibe Yazhi Habli'n O'lt'a, Inc., is a tribally controlled school that had a history of poor academic achievement in mathematics and reading. When new leadership arrived and helped educators there organize around the NWEA assessment system, profound improvements in student achievement followed tremendous academic growth across the school year. Years of stagnation were replaced with dynamic improvement.

Likewise, NWEA has been a staple of the education program at Nenahnezad, a BIE-operated school. Because of the school’s leadership and reliance upon diagnostic data to guide instruction, Nenahnezad consistently out-performs all other elementary schools in the region, public and private included. In 2012-13, students attending Nenahnezad Community School were among the highest performers participating in the NWEA's subset of BIE schools and have consistently improved or maintained performance since 2009-10 in both math and reading.<sup>6</sup>

These examples of successful progress show us that improvement is possible and that BIE must adapt to better support schools and tribes in their efforts at improvement.

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<sup>5</sup> U.S. Department of Education, Trial Urban District Assessment, the Nations’ Report Card.

<sup>6</sup> *Bureau of Indian Education Report on Student Achievement and Growth: 2009-10 to 2012-13*, Northwest Evaluation Association, February 2014.

### **III. Institutional and Budgetary Fragmentation and Legal Provisions Prevent the Adoption of Research-Based Reforms.**

As discussed further below, after reviewing several studies on the BIE and meeting with numerous stakeholders, it is the Study Group's conclusion that organizational and budgetary fragmentation and several legal provisions prevent the BIE from adopting and implementing significant reforms and limit the BIE's ability to provide the support that its schools need in order to be successful.<sup>7</sup>

#### **A. Recent Reports Identify Key Management Issues Impacting Delivery of DOI's Educational Services.**

The Study Group reviewed and accepted the findings and recommendations of two recent reports: (1) the March 2012 Bronner Final Report (the Bronner Report),<sup>8</sup> and (2) the Government Accountability Office Report 13-774, "Better Management and Accountability Needed to Improve Indian Education" (the GAO Report).

##### **1. The Bronner Report states that Differences Between BIA and BIE Missions Impairs BIA's Ability to Effectively Deliver Support Functions to BIE.**

The Bronner Report found that the Indian Affairs' Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management (DAS-M) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) face enormous challenges across a wide range of core support functions and casts doubt on whether the BIA can manage and support the BIE effectively. Notably, the Bronner Report states that the "BIA and BIE are dramatically different from both mission and operational perspectives. As a result, points of view concerning support function effectiveness do not necessarily originate from a similar organizational culture or mindset."<sup>9</sup>

This difference in mission goals and operational perspectives between the DAS-M's office, BIA, and BIE causes shortages and unmet needs at the school level. For instance, the Bronner Report states that the BIA's procurement office fails to distinguish between the needs of a school system and that of a Federal Agency, which causes a failure to timely deliver services, supplies, and textbooks during the time schools are in session.<sup>10</sup>

This difference also manifests itself when DAS-M employees conduct the hiring of BIE principals, teachers, and other educational specialists. The Bronner Report discusses the

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<sup>7</sup> The Study Group will be proposing several amendments that would address some of these statutory provisions.

<sup>8</sup> U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, *Final Report: Examination, Evaluation, and Recommendations for Support Functions*, Bronner, 2012, p. 11, available at <http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/text/idc017342.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> *Ibid.* p. 11

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 54.



perceived lack of understanding, on the part of DAS-M staffing specialists, regarding the qualifications for reading specialists and special education teachers.<sup>11</sup>

One report found that there is a large number of outstanding school maintenance projects, including many that involve safety violations in schools.<sup>12</sup> It also found that, if DOI were to replace or perform building rehabilitation on all of the 68 highest-risk school facilities, it could cost an estimated \$1.3 billion.<sup>13</sup>

## **2. GAO Report Indicates that DOI has Difficulty Delivering Administrative Services to BIE.**

The GAO Report, dated September 13, 2013, documents similar management and operational issues within the BIA, the DAS-M's office, and BIE, noting that "[f]ragmented administrative services and a lack of clear roles for BIE and Indian Affairs' Office of the [DAS-M] ... contributed to delays in schools acquiring needed materials, such as textbooks."<sup>14</sup>

Among other recommendations, the GAO recommended that DOI revise its "strategic workforce plan to ensure that employees providing administrative support to BIE have the requisite knowledge and skills to help BIE achieve its mission and are placed in the appropriate offices to ensure that regions with a large number of BIE schools have sufficient support."<sup>15</sup> The GAO also recommended that DOI develop a strategic plan that includes detailed goals and strategies for BIE and for those offices that support BIE's mission, including BIA, to help Indian Affairs implement realignment.<sup>16</sup>

After the GAO Report was released, the Appropriations Committees, in their Joint Explanatory Statement on the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, stated their expectations that DOI implement certain management reforms:

The Committees are concerned that management challenges within the Department, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Indian Education (collectively, "Indian Affairs"), as identified in a September 2013 report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO-13-774), may impact the overall success of the students in the system. Although the Committees are encouraged that Indian Affairs concurred with all of GAO's recommendations and that a full-time director of the Bureau of Indian Education is in place after a vacancy of more than a year, the Committees expect the Secretary to oversee implementation of these management reforms.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>11</sup> Ibid, p. 89.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> Ibid, p. 80.

<sup>14</sup> U.S. Government Accountability Office. *Better Management and Accountability to Improve Indian Education*. Government Printing Office, Month 2013, p. 1.

<sup>15</sup> Ibid, p. 27.

<sup>16</sup> Ibid, p. 27.

<sup>17</sup> Explanatory Statement on H.R. 3547, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014", (P.L.

## **B. Study Group's Listening Sessions Build on the Findings in the Bronner and GAO Reports.**

Using the recommendations in the Bronner and GAO Reports as a foundation, the Study Group then conducted additional, first-hand listening sessions in South Dakota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, and Washington, DC (see Appendix A for participants in the listening sessions). The Study Group met in person with over 300 stakeholders, including BIA and BIE staff, principals and teachers at numerous BIE-funded schools, tribal leaders, and national organizations such as the National Congress of American Indians and the National Indian Education Association. The Study Group also set up an e-mail account (IAEDSolutions@BIA.Gov) where it received over 150 comments that contained recommendations regarding how the BIE could improve the delivery of educational services (see Appendix B for illustrative e-mail comments). The Study Group then received additional feedback during the consultations it conducted in April and May 2014.

In general, the recommendations the Study Group received from stakeholders mirrored some of the recommendations cited in the Bronner and GAO reports. For instance, the Study Group met with dozens of principals of BIE-funded schools who largely complained that the BIE's complicated bureaucracy made school operations so disorganized and inefficient that it prevented them from focusing on their primary mission of instructional leadership. Many expressed frustrations regarding the DAS-M's office and the BIA, and the BIE's inability to affect operational decisions made by the BIA, especially regarding major repairs to school buildings. Numerous principals complained about overly burdensome regulatory requirements and that they routinely had to respond to duplicative data calls from different offices within the BIE, including the Division of Performance and Accountability and the Associate Deputy Director Offices. Numerous stakeholders also complained about the BIE's "command and control" culture, its poor customer service, and the need for BIE to focus itself on supporting tribes in building the capacity of their schools.

Additional concerns from the listening sessions in Indian Country included:

- Many school facilities are in poor and failing condition and not conducive to a 21st century teaching and learning environment;
- Many principals and teachers expressed concerns that funding appropriated by Congress to the BIE is not reaching the school level and may be paying for unnecessary overhead costs;
- BIE schools have difficulty recruiting and retaining effective teachers and leaders due to the remote location of their schools, lack of teacher housing, and poor school conditions;
- BIE programs and policies are too restrictive and prevent schools from implementing Native language and culture classes;
- Principals and teachers feel unprepared for implementation of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and schools lack the information technology (IT) infrastructure to administer cutting-edge assessments aligned with the CCSS;

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113-76, Jan. 17, 2014); Jan. 15, 2014 Cong. Rec. at H975.

- BIE and BIA are sometimes unresponsive to BIE schools' requests for assistance regarding alternative definitions of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) accountability workbooks, and facility repairs; and
- School boards and tribal councils lack training on their roles and responsibilities, often micromanage day-to-day affairs at schools, and are not prepared to make effective and efficient hiring decisions.

It is clear from the comments received that stakeholders continue to express frustration and confusion about the BIE school system and the roles of schools, principals, BIE, BIA, DAS-M, DOI, and ED. In addition, it is important to note that the Study Group encountered many DOI and BIE employees who were extremely committed to their jobs and remarkably talented. In many cases, employees were performing at impressive levels given the constraints placed on them.

**C. The BIE's Fragmented and Prescriptive Budget Cannot be Used Strategically to Support School Reforms.**

The Study Group analyzed the BIE's budget structure and found it to be highly fragmented and prescriptive. Specifically, the BIE's annual budget typically consists of 46 different budget sub-activities, and the BIE receives this funding from Congress through multiple sources (ED, Health and Human Services, BIA and DAS-M). Furthermore, approximately 99 percent of the BIE's funding is formula-based and designated directly to schools. BIE has no direct access to these funds, leaving the BIE Director with less than 1 percent of the total budget for discretionary purposes. This is in sharp contrast to a typical school district, where the school board and the superintendent would maintain 12 to 15 percent of funding for discretionary purposes. The lack of discretionary allocation authority substantially weakens the BIE's ability to exercise strategic leadership or achieve educational priorities. In other words, the BIE's budget structure reduces the BIE to a mere pass-through and constrains the BIE's ability to leverage the funding it provides to schools to drive reforms.

Moreover, due to a unique provision in the Tribally Controlled Schools Act, tribally controlled schools are permitted to retain Federal carry-over funds and also place any current or carried over grant funds in interest-bearing accounts prior to expenditure. In other words, the Tribally Controlled Schools Act provides an incentive for tribally controlled schools not to spend funding they receive from BIE and ED. Under the Act, schools already may spend any interest income earned on any school costs, but must spend the principal in accordance with the purposes of the respective programs. The BIE has contributed to this issue by not implementing policies that encourage schools to fully utilize funds and discourage schools from planning for carryover. According to our review of fiscal year (FY) 2012 A-133 audits of tribally controlled grant schools, a substantial amount of carryover funds exists in some schools. For instance, although the audit information is incomplete, approximately 80 BIE-funded tribally controlled schools have retained approximately a total of \$125 million in unspent funds that have accumulated over time. ED and BIE should provide tribes with technical assistance and practical guidance with respect to the activities and projects for which these can be expended under current laws.

**D. The Self-Determination Context of BIE's Unique School System Challenges DOI to Deliver Services and Resources to Tribally Controlled Schools Using Different Models.**

In addition to organizational and budgetary fragmentation, important Federal Government principles unique to the field of Indian affairs challenge the BIE to improve performance in its schools with specialized attention.

**1. Mandates are Inconsistent with the Purpose of the Tribally Controlled Schools Act.**

The DOI fully supports the principles of self-determination that are embedded in the Tribally Controlled Schools Act (TCSA) and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The TCSA prohibits DOI from issuing regulations that address the planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of the Tribally Controlled School Act grants.<sup>18</sup> In general, if a tribally controlled school meets the statutory eligibility requirements (generally financial in nature), the Secretary of the Interior must continue to provide the school with funding.<sup>19</sup> As a result, DOI cannot, for example, require tribally controlled grant schools to adopt a performance-based evaluation system that includes student achievement as a measure, or remove chronically ineffective full-time employees (FTEs) from BIE-funded schools. This is not just an issue important to the BIE; tribes similar challenges in holding their tribal schools accountable. As discussed in further depth below, the Study Group recommends that the BIE provide incentives to tribally controlled schools, since such an approach is more closely aligned with the purpose of the Tribally Controlled Schools Act.

**2. BIE is not eligible for certain Federal programs that provide assistance to States and local school districts.**

The BIE has been ineligible to participate in several funding opportunities available only to State Educational Agencies (SEA) and Local Education Agencies (LEA). Lack of access to certain programs that are designed to build SEA and LEA capacity further constrains DOI's ability to reform the BIE-funded schools. ED and DOI have already agreed to explore potential avenues to increase the resources that are available to BIE for that purpose.

**3. Appropriations Legislation Generally Prohibits BIE from Funding New Charter Schools.**

Public Law 112-14 generally prohibits BIE from funding any new charter schools (some were already in existence prior to 1999): "Funds made available under this Act may not be used to establish a charter school at a Bureau-funded school (as that term is defined in section 1141 of the Education Amendments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. § 2021)), except that a charter school that is in existence on the date of the enactment of this Act and that has operated at a Bureau-funded

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<sup>18</sup> 25 U.S.C. § 2509.

<sup>19</sup> 25 U.S.C. § 2505.

school before September 1, 1999, may continue to operate during that period...”

Several tribes are already operating charter schools under applicable state charter school legislation. The Study Group encourages the Department to consider changes in future budget proposals that would indicate support for tribally controlled, operated and funded charter schools in States that authorize charter schools. If legislation is amended to allow BIE to fund additional charter schools, we would also propose the Department evaluate charter school funding requests on a case-by-case basis to ensure alignment with state charter requirements and in a manner that would prevent duplicative funding, dilution of per student funding and is consistent with legislation that addresses grade expansion. Such an assessment conducted on a case-by-case basis would also ensure that tribal education priorities are preserved.

#### **IV. Recommendations for Transforming the BIE**

Federal efforts in American Indian education have been fraught with the legacy of boarding schools and the lack of consistent leadership and long-term strategy for the BIE. As in all other areas of Government services, Federal American Indian programs generally work best through tribal self-determination, when tribal institutions are enlisted to direct them. The goals for the BIE that are presented in Section I of this report are aligned with President Obama’s agenda to (1) ensure that our Nations’ students are ready for college and careers; and (2) promote tribal self-determination. Accordingly, in order for the BIE to achieve these goals, it must shift significant attention towards providing the services, resources, and technical assistance that tribes need in order to operate high-achieving schools, while also ensuring quality education in the remaining BIE-operated facilities.

##### **A. A Federal and Tribal Vision: A World-Class Instruction for All BIE Students Delivered by Tribes**

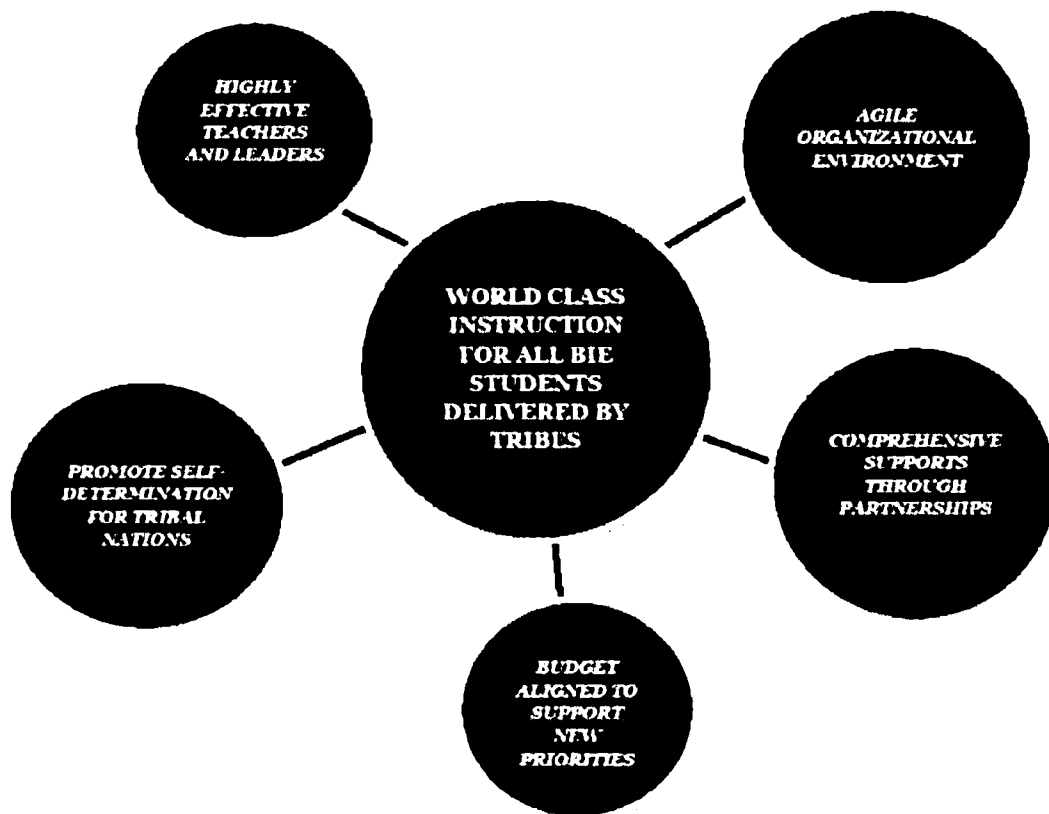
*Support tribes in their efforts to ensure that all BIE students are well-prepared for college, careers, and tribal citizenship.*

If redesigned, the BIE can help provide the services, resources, and technical assistance that tribes need in order to directly operate high-achieving schools. In turn, this restructuring will result in schools that can adequately prepare their students for college and the workforce. The BIE should also provide tribes with high-quality professional development in the areas of parent involvement, Common Core State Standards, high-quality assessments, integration of language and culture, and effective use of data in decision-making. The Study Group envisions a redesigned BIE becoming a resource center and provider of technical assistance to all tribally controlled schools.

A redesigned BIE must also make instructional improvement a top priority. High-performing school systems have focused on multiple instructional improvement strategies, including: improving the curriculum through the adoption of the Common Core State Standards and aligned high-quality assessments; implementing job-embedded professional development (e.g., using technology to deliver support) with coaches (essential for the remote and geographical dispersion of its schools); and supporting/enhancing the skills of principals and other school leaders to effectively evaluate teacher performance. These reforms recognize that delivering excellent

instruction requires teachers and principals to develop a repertoire of technical and strategic instructional and leadership skills. Further, turnaround research has found that the best performing school systems intervene at the level of the individual student, developing processes and structures within schools that are able to identify whenever a student is starting to fall behind, and then intervening to improve that child's performance. There are strategies that schools can use to compensate for the disadvantages resulting from some students' home or community environment.<sup>20</sup>

As discussed above, to achieve world-class instruction for all BIE students, the Study Group proposes that DOI focus on the following five core areas of reform: (1) highly effective teachers and principals; (2) agile organizational structure; (3) promotion of self-governance; (4) comprehensive supports through partnerships; and (5) budget aligned with previously stated priorities. The five core areas of reform are discussed further below:



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<sup>20</sup> *How the World's Most Improved School Systems Keep Getting Better*, McKinsey & Company, November 2010.

## **B. Reform Area One: Highly Effective Teachers and Principals**

***Help tribes to identify, recruit, develop, retain, and empower diverse, highly effective teachers and principals to maximize the highest achievement for every student in all BIE-funded schools.***

Student outcomes can improve only with changes in classroom teaching and learning. While research has suggested many ways to improve a school system's outcomes for students, three factors matter most: (1) hiring effective teachers and principals; (2) developing teachers and principals continuously; and (3) providing targeted support to ensure every child can benefit from high-quality instruction. Research demonstrates that the main driver of the variation in student learning at school is the quality of teachers and principals. Seminal research based on data from Tennessee showed that if two average 8-year old students were given different teachers—one of them a high performer, the other a low performer—their performance deviated by more than 50 percentile points within 3 years.<sup>21</sup> Effective principals are also critical to student achievement. Replacing an “average” principal with an outstanding principal in an “average” school can increase student achievement by over 20 percentile points.<sup>22</sup>

There is no one-size-fits-all model of reforms for low-performing school systems. The reform literature suggests that the starting point for a school's improvement is a deliberate examination to determine its deficiencies and its capacity to reverse its own course. From this process, each school develops a school improvement plan that applies best practices and interventions that meet the unique needs of each school. Accordingly, the Study Group's recommendations focus on how a redesigned BIE can help tribes recruit, hire, and develop effective teachers and leaders (new and tenured), and promote teacher and school accountability. Such support from the BIE will include innovative recruitment and outreach, professional development, collaborative practice, coaching, career tracks, rigorous certification and selection requirements, and sustained support from the BIE to tribes.

Because talent recruitment is a serious challenge in many rural BIE and tribally controlled schools, the Study Group recommends that the BIE focus on developing the skills of current instructional staff by providing them with robust, sustained professional development, including incentives for teachers to enroll in the National Board Certification program. The BIE should also implement a portfolio of talent recruitment, retention, and career development strategies. Such a plan may include several components, including a gap analysis between academic needs and the supply of qualified teachers by subject areas, creating housing and other incentives for potential teachers, and supporting a school climate that is conducive to teaching and learning. During recent consultations, several BIE stakeholders emphasized that the lack of adequate housing for teachers on reservations was the most significant challenge they faced when trying to recruit teachers to their schools. These stakeholders requested that the BIE and ED provide them

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<sup>21</sup> Sanders and Rivers, *Cumulative and Residual Effects of Teachers on Future Academic Achievement*, 1996.

<sup>22</sup> Marzano, Waters, McNulty, *School Leadership That Works: From Research to Results*, 2005.

with greater flexibility to spend Federal education funding on capital investments such as teacher housing.

An essential element of developing instructional and leadership talent capability is a performance-based teacher and principal evaluation and support system that has multiple measures, including student growth, to inform professional development. The BIE is currently piloting such an evaluation system in BIE-operated schools in two of its regions and intends to scale up implementation of this system to BIE-operated schools in the East region during the next school year. Based on the implementation experience during the pilot phase, the Study Group supports sharing the successes of the performance-based evaluation system with tribally controlled grant schools for their consideration in the near future. At the same time, the Study Group recognizes that the BIE may need to provide incentives to tribally controlled schools to highlight the opportunities of adopting such a system.

The Study Group also recommends a system of performance-based evaluation for non-certified staff, including business managers/personnel, home living specialists, food services supervisors/leads, school transportation leads, and facility managers. This system would enable schools that have experienced enrollment declines in the classroom to identify its most effective staff in the face of required cuts.

The Study Group analyzed the staff-to-student ratio across all BIE-funded schools (see Attachment D). For BIE-operated day schools, the ratio of certified teaching staff to students was 1 to 10. However, the ratio was lower in tribally controlled day schools, which had an average of 1 certified teaching staff to 8.7 students. Similar patterns were found regarding the ratio between non-certified employees and students. In BIE-operated day schools, that ratio was 1 to 5.2, as compared with a ratio of 1 to 4 in tribally controlled day schools. In other words, when faced with a declining enrollment, tribal school boards would be able to make hiring adjustments, informed by staff performance, especially in the non-certified positions. During recent tribal consultations, several BIE stakeholders stated that some BIE schools have high numbers of non-certificated staff due to lack of access to services that are available to other school systems. School staffing decisions must take into account the unique circumstances of each school. For instance, because many of these schools are located in remote regions, they must hire water technicians, firefighters, boiler operators, plumbers, electricians and carpenters. In addition, BIE operates 65 facilities with residential programs that require full time staffing 24 hours a day, 5 to 7 days a week. Critically, however, BIE lacks the ability to ensure that tribally controlled schools adopt certain human capital reforms, including performance-based evaluations tied to student achievement. Accordingly, as discussed in greater detail in Section D below, the Study Group recommends that Congress provide BIE with incentives to promote such school improvement efforts in tribally controlled schools.

#### **Human Capital Recommendations:**

- Improve BIE's existing internal capacity to provide technical assistance to tribes around professional development, modeling, coaching, and the monitoring and evaluating process;



- Upgrade the skills of existing teachers and principals (e.g., instructional coaches at the school level, professional development focused on differentiated instruction, project-based learning, and cooperative learning) by providing incentives for instructional staff to voluntarily enroll in the National Board Certification program and professional development process;
- Improve BIE's ability to help tribes develop and resource talent management and acquisition programs within tribal educational agencies;
- Create new, high-quality teacher pipelines from colleges, including tribal colleges and universities (TCUs), to BIE schools by providing TCUs with support to improve and expand effective teacher education programs;
- Provide incentives to recruit effective teachers and principals (e.g., allow schools to spend funding on teacher housing, providing housing stipends, loan forgiveness, and educational benefits);
- Provide incentives to tribes to adopt certain staffing formulas and performance-based evaluations that are tied to student achievement; and
- Ensure appropriate reward and remuneration structure for teachers and principals.

### **C. Reform Area Two: Agile Organizational Environment**

***Build a responsive organization that provides resources, direction, and services to tribes so that they can help their students attain high levels of achievement.***

The second area of reform focuses on addressing the numerous complaints that principals at BIE-funded schools have regarding the bureaucracy at BIE, BIA, and the DAS-M's office. According to this feedback, this bureaucracy requires principals to focus an inordinate amount of time on school operations, rather than focusing on their primary mission of instructional leadership. This governance structure—where decision-making power over school operations is divided among the BIE, BIA, and the DAS-M's office—also hinders attempts to reform the BIE in a systematic and comprehensive manner. These multiple centers of power and competing priorities affect BIE's policy agenda and make it difficult to implement reforms or sustain any meaningful progress.

Research shows that management redesign that co-locates decision-making authority and reduces bureaucracy can enable low-performing school systems to leverage resources and talents to raise student academic performance. In an extensive analysis of a U.S. Department of Education longitudinal school achievement database (1999-2003) of over 100 school districts, a research team found that an integrated management system enabled school districts to improve their academic performance.<sup>23</sup> School districts that shifted from a fragmentary system to a coordinated, integrated system saw a closing of the achievement gap with the statewide averages in core subject proficiency.<sup>24</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Wong, et al., *The Education Mayor*, 2007.

<sup>24</sup> In statistical terms, districts with integrated management, relative to other districts in the state, improved their net proficiency standing on the average by approximately 0.15 to 0.19 standard deviations in elementary reading and math. A more recent analysis on 10 years of student achievement data (1999-2010) for all the schools across three states (New York, Massachusetts,

In the remaining schools run by the BIE, and in tribally controlled schools supported by the BIE, an integrated management structure for the BIE could improve student outcomes in similar ways. While acknowledging that BIE-funded schools are unique, it helps to address the problem of institutional fragmentation within this set of schools.

An integrated management structure would also help the BIE better provide services to tribally controlled schools. In order for the BIE Director to perform his/her responsibility to raise Native student performance, the Director—and not the BIA or DAS-M's office—must be enabled to make decisions regarding functions that affect school quality and performance. Schools must receive primary attention in meeting their needs in talent management and acquisition (namely, hiring qualified teachers and principals in a timely manner), strategic and financial management, IT infrastructure, facilities, data management, and instructional resources, including support for implementation of the Common Core. Such an integrated management system would create the necessary conditions to enable schools to improve their academic performance, as evidenced in other districts that implemented the change in their management and governance systems.

Redefining the role of BIE's central office as a school improvement organization with an improved focus on building the capacity of tribes and tribal education agencies would allow the redesigned BIE to accomplish the following:

- Fulfill the directive in the Tribally Controlled Schools Act that BIE be responsive to the needs of tribal communities;
- Improve services that are delivered to tribally controlled schools, including services involving new school construction, major repairs, and other operations and maintenance issues for facilities;
- Ensure that decisions affecting school operations, including the design of buildings and IT needs, at BIE-funded schools are aligned to educational goals and priorities; and
- Provide incentives to replicate successful tribally controlled school structures.

The DOI can achieve this goal by transforming the BIE into a lean and efficient school improvement organization, which is primarily focused on providing services and resources to BIE-funded tribally controlled schools that improve school operations and instruction, rather than expending its resources on the direct operations of schools. The Study Group proposes that the redesign recommended here occur in two phases for two reasons: first, to provide principals at BIE-funded schools with immediate relief; and, second, to ensure that BIE's long-term trajectory is aligned with increased tribal control over schools and improved delivery of services. In short, BIE must become an expert educational agency before it can effectively support tribally controlled schools.

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and Illinois) provides additional supportive evidence on the positive relationship between integrated management system and student achievement. In New York State, there is a significant, positive relationship between a school in an integrated system and achievement growth in 8th grade math and reading, and in 4th grade math. In Chicago, there is a significant positive relationship between integrated management and achievement growth in 8th grade math and reading. In Boston, integrated management has a significant, positive effect on 4th grade math proficiency.

The first phase of this transformation plan will address long-standing concerns that the Study Group heard from principals and other school officials regarding poorly managed school operations. Major stakeholders such as the National Indian Education Association have recommended that, in order to address poor school operations, that BIE have control over decisions affecting school operations in its schools. In order to immediately address these concerns, we recommend that BIE operationalize this transitional phase before the start of the 2014-15 school year. To the greatest extent possible, to avoid the need for additional hiring, the Study Group recommends that the initial phase would be staffed with existing full-time employees (FTEs) and resources from the DAS-M's office, BIA, and BIE, and will focus on improving the operational support that BIE should be providing to its schools. This school operations division will report directly to the BIE Director, thereby improving efficiency and accountability.

Accordingly, the Study Group recommends that the BIE create Education Resource Centers, geographically positioned close to schools and staffed with mobile School Solutions Teams that can be deployed to schools to provide customized support that meets the unique needs of each school. Instead of issuing mandates to schools, these teams will ensure that principals and teachers have the resources and support they need in order to operate high-achieving schools. These teams can be effective in assisting schools in their improvement efforts by making available data-supported best practice models in such areas as school management and climate, professional development, curriculum, and instruction. The teams will not be micromanaging or directing reforms in schools, but would be directed to listen to principals and teachers and then provide the support that is requested.

The second phase of the BIE redesign will ensure that BIE's resources and staff are focused on BIE's longer-term mission of transferring control over schools to tribes. Accordingly, it will also ensure that tribes have the necessary resources and customized support they need in order to succeed. At the start of the second phase, School Support Solutions Teams located in regional offices will be deployed to schools to provide customized technical assistance. Each tribe and school is different, but these needs could include additional support in the areas of teacher and principal recruitment, professional development, and evaluation; acquisition; school facilities; financial management; and technology.

#### **Agile Organizational Structure Recommendations:**

- Support BIE-funded schools to develop and resource or improve their own talent management, logistics, and information technology divisions;
- Offer tribes financial management and budget execution guidance and training;
- Provide customized technical assistance to enable tribal educational agencies to perform LEA-like functions to manage their schools;
- Facilitate tribal consortia for purchase of universal products and services to reduce costs (e.g., textbooks, technology, and special education related services);
- Assist tribes by training human resource staff at tribal schools and recruiting highly effective teachers and principals through the use of effective marketing and through the use of National connections and the development of a database;

- Develop a toolbox of interventions to meet and/or customize to the needs of schools in varying states of performance;
- Share best practices and research in teaching, learning, and leading schools (e.g., effective interventions to improve student achievement and reduce the achievement gap); and
- Provide, if necessary, training to school boards.

**D. Reform Area Three: Promote Educational Self-Determination for Tribal Nations**

***Strengthen and support the efforts of tribal Nations to directly operate BIE-funded schools.***

In order to align the BIE's redesign with President Obama's core policy of self-determination for tribes, we recommend that the BIE support tribal Nations in assuming control over BIE-funded schools. Increasing tribal control over BIE schools would recognize the sovereign status of tribes and provide them with greater discretion to determine what should be taught to their children. This includes the decision-making authority to determine whether students should be taught their Native languages, cultures, and histories in BIE-funded schools.

Supporting the efforts of tribal Nations to govern their own schools will also lead to improved student achievement. As demonstrated in other areas in which tribal Governments have assumed control of Government services, tribal Nations often improve the delivery of services because tribes: (1) understand the needs of their communities better than the Federal Government does; and (2) are more likely to be held accountable for results by local communities.

Further, supporting the efforts of tribal Nations to govern their own schools would help accountability and reduce institutional fragmentation throughout the BIE-funded school system. Under the current statutory and administrative framework, the BIE acts as a quasi-SEA for some funding purposes, while its grant and contract schools operate as LEAs. These tribally controlled schools receive funding directly from the BIE, are directly operated by local school boards, and are highly independent agents.<sup>25</sup> As a result, the current structure does not provide tribal Governments an opportunity to manage the schools located on their lands as an LEA does. This contributes to the overall institutional fragmentation of the BIE-funded school system, making it more challenging to implement reforms in a comprehensive and system-wide manner across a set of schools located on a single reservation.

The Department of the Interior fully supports tribes' sovereign right to determine the structure of their own tribal government and school systems; however, that support can be strengthened by facilitating the sharing of information on and exploration of particularly efficient and successful school structures.

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<sup>25</sup> There are exceptions to this general practice. For instance, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw operates their eight tribally controlled grant schools as a single LEA. Here, the Tribal Nation is the direct recipient of BIE funds. The Study Group considers this integrated governance structure a best practice.

### **Self-Determination Recommendations:**

- The Study Group recommends providing incentives to tribal Governments to assume control over remaining federally operated schools, including providing full funding for contract and grant support costs and addressing facility needs for schools;
- Encourage and provide opportunities for tribal Nations to operate and manage their schools and receive funding directly from the BIE;
- Clarify the maximum amount of discretion that tribally controlled schools have to teach Native languages, cultures, and histories to their students;
- Provide technical assistance on how curriculum regarding Native languages, histories, and cultures can be aligned to Common Core State Standards; and
- When requested, provide customized technical assistance through School Solutions Teams to support tribes when tribes request assistance regarding resources or support for improving school operational practices at BIE-funded schools.

#### **E. Reform Area Four: Comprehensive Supports through Partnerships**

***Foster family, school, community, and organizational partnerships to provide the academic as well as the emotional and social supports BIE students need in order to be ready to learn.***

BIE students, and American Indian students generally, face a multitude of challenges, including emotional trauma and depression due to numerous environmental factors such as high unemployment, rampant crime, substance abuse, and poor health outcomes. In order to address the unique needs of this student population, the Study Group recommends that DOI and its partners live up to BIE's mission and take a holistic approach to provide comprehensive support to BIE students so they can come to class ready to learn.

Facilitating public and private partnerships between tribes and local, regional, and National organizations will ensure that all schools have the opportunity to benefit from resources made available. Leveraging local and National expertise, for example, will enable schools to more effectively address student needs, such as social and emotional counseling, bullying prevention, parent engagement, and early childhood education. The DOI can take a critical first step in creating public-private partnerships by reinstating the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education (the Fund), a congressionally chartered non-profit foundation with the mission of supporting BIE-funded schools. With a strong Executive Director and an active Board, the Fund – which was organized and incorporated in 2004, but has been inactive since early 2007 – could support the BIE in addressing needs in a more expedient and strategic manner. It would do so by soliciting and managing private donations to support BIE's important work. Further, with constrained budgets at both the Federal and tribal levels, partnerships have become increasingly important in equipping the BIE to continue fulfilling its trust responsibility for American Indian education. At the local level, BIE-funded schools should also be encouraged to collaborate with local public schools on issues such as school calendars, professional development, and curriculum implementation to increase consistency as students transition between school systems.

In addition, the Study Group recommends that the BIE's approach cut across all Federal agencies and their community-based programs that serve tribal communities. Because each agency has traditionally implemented these programs in separate silos, tribes experience redundancy, disconnection, and a waste of Federal resources. On the other hand, if Federal agencies work hand in hand (with each other and with tribes), and break out of those silos that stifle reform, they can fundamentally transform BIE schools and the distressed tribal communities in which they are located.

### **Comprehensive Supports through Partnerships Recommendations:**

- DOI can take a critical first step in creating public-private partnerships by reinstating the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education, a congressionally chartered non-profit foundation with the mission of supporting BIE-funded schools;
- Coordinate with other Federal agencies so that community-based tribal grants help provide wraparound services to students attending BIE-funded schools;
- Work with Indian Health Service (IHS) to increase and institutionalize the practice of providing of school-based services to ensure that students are ready to learn and can focus (e.g., provision of immunizations in time for start of school and counseling services);
- Provide incentives to tribes to co-locate other tribal support services near BIE schools; and
- Work with the tribal grant schools to improve applications and obtain all available E-rate funding.

#### **F. Reform Area Five: A Budget Aligned to Support New Priorities**

*Develop a budget that is aligned with and supports BIE's new institutional focus of providing resources and services to tribes.*

In order to properly serve tribally controlled schools, the BIE's budget must be aligned with its new priorities as identified in the circles of reform discussed above. There are some budget supports that cut across all four circles – e.g., investments in IT infrastructure and 21st century teaching and learning environments – and others that are specific to particular circles of reform. These budget supports are described in more detail below.

##### **1. Reform Areas 1 – 4: Invest in Infrastructure to Improve Teaching and Learning**

Based on tribal consultation and other available information, the Study Group believes BIE currently lacks the necessary infrastructure that would undergird any serious effort to reform this set of schools. During recent tribal consultations, the Study Group repeatedly heard that issues related to the poor condition of school facilities demanded so much time and attention from principals that they were diverted from their primary mission of instructional leadership. Furthermore, in an official Federal report published in 2011, a negotiated rulemaking committee found that “63 [BIE funded] schools remaining in poor condition as of September 2011 require

an estimated \$1.3 billion to elevate them to an acceptable condition.”<sup>26</sup> The same report estimated that approximately \$967M is needed to address BIE’s repair and maintenance backlog.<sup>27</sup> The Study Group finds that DOI’s Federal appropriations for BIE school facilities have not kept pace with the deterioration of school facilities and the essential educational requirements for 21st century teaching and learning, e.g., integration of technology and multi-media in instruction. Of the 183 BIE schools, 34 percent (63 schools) are in poor condition, and 27 percent are over 40 years old. These substandard conditions are not conducive to educational achievement, and they unfairly restrict learning opportunities for students.

Although buildings alone do not make a 21st century teaching and learning environment, research has found that the quality of *where* we learn affects the quality of *how* we learn. Multiple studies have found significant links between inadequate facility conditions and poor performance for students and teachers.<sup>28</sup> In addition, the quality of physical environments – including those impacting temperature, lighting, acoustics, and age – affect dropout rates, test scores, student behavior, and teacher retention, which are all issues at BIE-funded schools. For example, researchers at Georgetown University have found that improving a school’s physical environment can increase test scores by up to 11 percent. Other studies have found a difference of between 5-17 percentile points in the achievement of students in poor buildings and those students in educationally appropriate school buildings (when socioeconomic status of students is controlled).<sup>29</sup> Thus, the condition and upkeep of BIE-funded schools must be addressed in the ongoing discourse about student achievement, teacher effectiveness, and accountability.

In recent hearings regarding DOI’s 2015 budget, there appears to be evidence of bipartisan interest from both the House and Senate Appropriations and Authorizing Committees to address BIE school facilities issues. The Study Group recommends that DOI seek an increase in funding to support new school construction, the Study Group will assist BIE in developing a 6-year facilities plan to bring all schools in poor condition to an acceptable condition level. This plan would be based on a similar 6-year strategy used by DODEA to successfully replace and upgrade 70 percent of its schools in poor condition – a \$3.7 billion investment. This plan could be used in future budget formulation.

The Study Group also recommends that DOI invest in broadband, as well as seek additional funding from other agencies, for all BIE-funded schools since such an investment cuts across the other four circles of reform. Many of the BIE’s schools are located in the most remote locations in the country, and most schools have only a T1 level of connectivity – woefully inadequate to meet the demands of 21st century teaching and learning. To ensure that BIE students have equal access to the College and Career Ready and aligned computer-based online assessments (either

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<sup>26</sup> Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Report “Broken Promises, Broken Schools,” at p. 9, available at <http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/xraca/documents/document/idc1-025523.pdf>.

<sup>27</sup> *Id.* at p. 9.

<sup>28</sup> Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Report “Broken Promises, Broken Schools,” at p. 9 (“These studies have found that the quality of physical environments—including temperature, lighting, acoustics, and age of facilities —affects dropout rates, teacher retention, test scores, and student behavior”) and appendix c (citing studies).

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (Smarter Balanced) or the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)), the Study Group proposes a critical one-time start up investment on a sound IT infrastructure.

By helping connect teachers to students and parents, and helping schools share classes, curricula, and other resources, broadband-enabled teaching and learning has begun to fundamentally reshape education at all levels and has improved access to expanded educational opportunities for all students. Broadband access is particularly important for schools located in remote locations because it can mitigate the devastating impact that geographic isolation can have on student achievement, particularly lack of access to deep applicant pools of effective teachers and principals. Still, research shows that rural schools and communities have insufficient broadband coverage when compared with their non-rural counterparts and are in danger of falling further behind, particularly as the rest of the country races forward with implementation of the College and Career Ready Standards and aligned assessments.

The information technology infrastructure in virtually all BIE schools requires significant upgrades. In an initial assessment of BIE IT capabilities, it is estimated that 25 percent of BIE schools still use the Windows XP operating system. Smarter Balanced and PARCC require, at a minimum, Windows 7. Many new computers must be purchased that are capable of running Windows 7. Additionally, 60 percent of BIE-funded schools do not have the bandwidth or computers to administer a test 3-5 times annually (as proposed by Smarter Balanced). An investment must be made in network bandwidth to bring BIE-funded schools up to the necessary bandwidth levels. Additionally, the technology infrastructures within the schools need improvements across the board. New wiring, switches, routers, wireless access devices, and more need to be purchased so schools have well-functioning networks. Lastly, teachers need professional development so they can effectively use the new tools and technology.

The Study Group suggests a one-time, start-up investment of funding that would be used to make the following basic upgrades to the BIE's IT infrastructure: (1) procure the type of computers and software necessary to administer online assessments; (2) increase bandwidth in schools to ensure digital delivery of these assessments; and (3) provide the resources and training that staff need to administer these online assessments effectively and efficiently. Management performance metrics will include the number of BIE-funded schools that have computers, software bandwidth, and staff to effectively administer 21st century academic assessments.

## **2. Reform Area One: Aligning Budget to Support Self-Determination**

In order to support the BIE's efforts to promote tribal control over schools, the Study Group proposes that DOI request and increase in tribal grant and contract support costs for tribally controlled grant schools in its 2016 budget request. The Indian Affairs 2015 budget request for grant support costs for schools is \$48.2M, the same as the 2014 operating plan level. According to the DOI 2014 Budget Justification, \$48.2M "will fund approximately 67 percent of the need" of tribally run BIE funded schools.<sup>30</sup> During tribal listening sessions and consultations,

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<sup>30</sup> Dept. of the Interior, Indian Affairs, Budget Justifications, Fiscal Year 2014, at p. IA-BIE-2 & IA-BIE-3, available at <http://bia.gov/cs/groups/xocfo/documents/text/idc1-021730.pdf>.



numerous tribal leaders and other BIE school officials at tribally controlled schools explained how the shortfall impacts their schools and stated they were using instructional funds to pay for administrative and operational costs as schools.

The Study Group believes that this shortfall is a major obstacle to tribal operation of BIE funded schools and a major deterrent for tribes considering assuming operations over BIE run schools. Grant and contract support cost funds are expended on administrative overhead costs for schools including business operations, payroll, personnel, annual audits, information technology, and reporting. During tribal consultation and listening sessions, principals and tribes reported that the shortfall forces schools to use funding from their base instructional budget to pay for administrative costs which, in turn, reduces the amount of funds available for classroom instruction.

The Study Group believes that the best ideas with respect to Indian education do not originate in Washington, DC. At the same time, the Study Group also believes that the BIE is in a position to (1) see which programs are working well for BIE-funded schools across the country, (2) make connections between successful tribes and those that are struggling; and (3) share best practices. Mindful of the principles of tribal self-determination, the Study Group knows that it would be inappropriate and wholly inconsistent with tribal sovereignty for BIE to mandate tribally controlled schools adopt any “best practice,” as determined by BIE. At the same time, given that BIE’s unique position in relation to tribally run schools, BIE may identify programs being implemented by other tribes with successful outcomes. The Study Group therefore recommends the BIE offer funding incentives for tribes that choose to voluntarily adopt and implement BIE identified best practices that are currently being implemented by other BIE-funded schools or another schools system.

The Study Group believes that it is critical for DOI to have funding to offer these incentives to tribally run schools. With that funding, the Study Group recommends DOI consider adapting the successful, competitive grants approach currently being used by the U.S. Department of Education as models. Such a competitive grant would target resources to help tribes align tribal educational priorities to President Obama’s education reform agenda to improve student outcomes and ensure all BIE students are college and career ready. Performance metrics for the incentive grant could include student and teacher attendance rates, graduation rates, college enrollment rates, measures on educator accountability, and performance on standardized assessments.

## **2. Reform Area 2: Aligning Budget to Support Effective Teachers and Principals**

The investments in infrastructure and broadband described above would help recruit and retain effective teachers and principals to BIE-funded schools (e.g., the provision of teacher housing and professional development delivered online). The Study Group believes that it is also critical to grant the BIE necessary funding to provide additional incentives to recruit effective teachers and principals. For instance, the Group recommends providing the BIE with the funding capacity to provide housing stipends, loan forgiveness, and educational benefits would make BIE-funded schools a more attractive place to work. In addition, the Group suggests that DOI

also invest in posting available positions at BIE-operated schools on the USAJOBS website.

Nonetheless, even with these benefits, due to the extreme geographic isolation of these schools, it is critical to invest in upgrading the skills of existing staff. The Study Group would recommend that BIE should have the budgetary capacity to provide high-quality professional development to staff in tribally operated and BIE operated schools—for instance, support for National Board Certification of teachers—would help the BIE make progress towards achieving its goals.

### **3. Reform Area 4: Aligning Budget to Create an Agile Organizational Structure**

Congress appropriates a significant amount of money to the BIE each fiscal year,<sup>31</sup> but this funding cannot be leveraged to the maximum extent in driving reforms because: (1) the vast majority of this funding is formula-based; and (2) other entities, including BIA and the DAS-M's office, have significant control over its execution. Furthermore, ED provides \$200M in funding to DOI, and those funding streams are also fragmented. The Study Group believes that one way to reduce this budgetary fragmentation, would be to address the issue in future BIE budgets by providing the BIE with flexibility to control over how its own budget is executed. An alternative model would be the DODEA budget structure, which receives one appropriation from Congress (e.g., DODEA does not receive any funding from other agencies nor do other offices within DOD control how DODEA's funding is used). This integrated budget structure provides the Director of DODEA with a sufficient amount of discretion to ability to set educational priorities for the entire school system.

Similarly, a more integrated budget structure would enable the BIE Director to be more responsive to changing circumstances and better equipped to meet the unique needs of diverse tribes and schools on a case-by-case basis. The Study Group believes that eliminating the multiple players that control various aspects of BIE's budget would free BIE from unnecessary bureaucracy, provide for flexibility and, in turn, help support the creation of a more agile organizational environment.

Finally, for each of the investments proposed by the Study Group, the Group recommends that BIE monitor progress through the adoption of performance metrics and conduct evaluations to identify effective strategies for continued investment.

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<sup>31</sup>According to a study conducted by BIE staff in 2011, the per pupil expenditure for BIE's K-12 day schools was approximately \$13,116, and \$15,550 for its boarding schools. Much of BIE's remaining budget is used to fund non-K-12 programs, including funding for 32 tribal colleges and universities (\$89M), operations at eleven dormitories (\$24.5M), and a scholarship program for American Indian youth (\$32M).

## **VI. Conclusion**

The foregoing proposals are underpinned by a fundamental belief that all students, especially American Indian students attending BIE schools, can learn. Accepting anything less says nothing about these students, but rather speaks volumes about a failure of leadership and political will. Every child can learn; every school can succeed. Challenging educational circumstances, however, require vision, uncompromising values, conviction, and the courage to make difficult decisions, especially when redesigning a broken institution. Challenging circumstances present opportunities: an opportunity to unleash untapped potential; to be bold; to solve a problem previous generations refused to tackle. That is the challenge the BIE presents to us today.



## APPENDIX A

### Participants at Listening Sessions and Tribal Consultations

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>
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Abeita	James	Council member	Isleta Tribal Council
Abeita	Juan Rey	Council member	Isleta Tribal Council
Aceveda	Casmro		
Acosta	Geneva	School Board Member	Tohono O'odham Nation
Adson	Lemuel	Suprcintendent	Shonto Prep School
Allery	Aaron		Gila Crossing Community School National Congress of American Indians
Alvares	Cesar		
Anderson	Greg	Superintendent	Eufala Dormitory
Antone	Phyllis		Gila River Education
Antone	Cynthia	Tribal Council Member	Gila River
Antone	Priscilla		Gila Community Crossing School
Archambault	Dave		Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Archambault	Sunshine		Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Arviso	Emily	Education Specialist	Bureau of Indian Education
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Chavez	Ervin		Dzilh-Na-O-dith-hle-School
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Little Singer	Leo John		
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Topash	Tom		Pokagon Band Potawatomi
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Tsosie	Katleen		Cove Day School
Tsotigh	Jacob	Technical Assistance Co.	
Tyen	Barbra		Loneman School
Valentine	Rebecca		Santa Rosa Ranch School
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White Eagle	Robert		Oglala Lakota
Whitebear	Ronald		Winnebago Tribal Health
		Acting Education Line	
Whiteeyes	Robert	Officer	Bureau of Indian Education
Whitehorse	Brenda	Principal	Aneth Community School
Whitford	Harvey	Principal	Wa He Lut Tribal School
Williams	Marie	Special Education	Little Singer School
Williamson	Jeff		Gila River Community School
Wilson	Ryan		Oglala Lakota
October	Manuella		Casa Blanca Community School

Witherspoon	Dwight		
Wohnson	Rondi		Karuk Tribe
Wright	Kara		S'Kiallam Tribe
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## APPENDIX B

### Illustrative Comments from Tribal Leaders and Other BIE Stakeholders During Study Group Listening Sessions and Tribal Consultations

#### Reform Area 1: Highly Effective Teachers and Leaders

Just some challenges that I want to let you know what we deal with. [H]iring is a huge issue.[U]ntil we get HR under our belt or underneath our umbrellas, it's always going to be an issue. When we go to hire teachers and we're dealing with it right now, they can be certified in the State of Oklahoma but they can't BIE's requirement, then we lose them. Right now we're trying to hire a Spanish teacher that can go anywhere in the State of Oklahoma and teach but she doesn't meet qualifications of the BIE. *Tony Dearman, Superintendent Riverside Schools (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

Why don't we have teachers, counselors, principals, superintendents, and all the other maintenance workers and those things wanting to come here? Why can't we recruit these people to come here? Well, they're not going to come here just because we tell them we love them. They're going to come here and work because we pay them a competitive wage and we've got to teach them a trade and respect them for what they do when they get here. *Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation (former President of the National Congress of American Indians) (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

Housing for teachers is very inadequate. As a result, Northern Cheyenne cannot get and keep qualified teachers. The teachers have to travel from Billings, which is far away, and if there is inclement weather than there may not be class that day. Housing is a priority that needs to be addressed. *Northern Cheyenne Nation via Quinton Roman Nose, Executive Director, Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA)*

We need well-trained administrators and teachers and staff. The only way to get that is offer salaries that are higher, provide some kind of housing assistance to get there. Where I am, we have teachers driving 160 miles a day to get to school. If they get offered jobs in their hometown, I know we're going to lose them. *Mark Jacobson, Principal and Acting Superintendent, Quileute Tribal School (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

They have been trying to get new school for a long time. The current building does not have sufficient heating, it leaks, and there is a roof issue. Children have to wear their coats in class in the winter. Leech Lake is supposed to be a high priority, but nothing has come of it yet. This needs to be addressed. *Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe via Quinton Roman Nose, Executive Director, TEDNA*

Offer all teachers a grant to become board certified (free whether they pass or not) *Bradley Budinger*

But one of the things we notice is that we can't get teachers to stay. They come and we have even had some drive through the parking lot and go and leave. Right? And they've already had a

signed contract. *Michael Hawk, Executive Director, Alamo Navajo School Board (Gila River, Arizona Consultation)*

If you're not educating your local people you're not going to ever fill all those slots. It's impossible. You don't have the capacity or the population to do that with all the openings, at least in Navajo country. I'm sure other tribes are the same. *Michael Hawk, Executive Director, Alamo Navajo School Board*

One of the things we've done in Alamo, we've had teachers come through that we have recruited and it's very hard work. We are isolated by 62 miles of nowhere. And one of the things that we have done is provided incentives because we have broadband, we have infrastructure, we have those types of things. We have upgraded the school to make it less institutionalized and more receptive for the children that come to school. It's a learning environment. *Michael Hawk, Executive Director, Alamo Navajo School Board, (Gila River, Arizona Consultation)*

The 2014 operating plan that BIA central office put together provides only \$169,000 for teacher pay for the schools. So that's only 7.8 percent of the amount that's needed to adequately fund teacher pay to retain quality -- attract and retain quality teachers, so that has to be looked at. That's not good. *Michael Hughes (Gila River Consultation)*

But we also need to make sure that we have the proper tools and materials for our teachers to -- because the community I come from, housing is really difficult for people coming in, so we can retain them at the schools. We have about 90 houses but 50 of them are just not liveable. And so it just leaves us the few that are out there that we are trying to renovate. It's very hard to do that as well because these are homes that were probably there back in the 30s or, you know -- yes, they have asbestos that you have to do and it's very expensive to demo those places. And so we try to retain our teachers and when we ask them to come out to live on the reservation and to try to fight the dirt and the wind just like the gentleman said. And so you know, in our homes we try to fight that as well. They are falling apart as we speak. So I want to see if there's certain restrictions that we can eliminate, so we can bring home and bring in good teachers and effective, highly qualified teachers and just this year I had -- this gentleman said someone came to see the campus and they drive in and turn around and left. It's the same thing happened to me. They saw the housing and said no, thank you, and they left... And teachers are really hard to find. Our SPED teachers are very hard to find. Nurses are hard to find. I had to, you know, try to talk them into staying... Sometime they stay for a couple of months and then they can't handle it. *Jacqueline Benally, Many Farms Community School (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

Additionally, when President Carter enacted the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 he eliminated the retirement system for Bureau-funded schools. So we are on the 401k plan which really hurts us. The reason it hurts us is because we are competing with the Arizona Retirement System, and so when teachers want to come out to Hopi High think say, what kind of retirement do you have? We don't. It's all self-funded. And so I would recommend then to the federal government that we look at reinstating the pension plan for teachers and administrators for zero funded schools. It would help a lot in our recruiting efforts. *Glenn Gilman, Principal, Hopi High School (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*



One of the things that I would tell you that I would dearly love to see is a leadership academy for administrators and principals and those people who are coming into the BIE system like myself. I had to totally learn alone. *Michael Bundy, Superintendent, Two Eagle River School (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

There should be a training program for new superintendents, new principals that come to BIE schools, because it's the blind leading the blind. We're just doing what we think is best and trying to muddle through as best we can. I have no idea or had no idea what reports were due or when they were due or anything like that. And you get that call when you're going to lose your funding by March 31st unless this report is done. What report? *Mark Jacobson, Principal and Acting Superintendent, Quileute Tribal School (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

Since Native students travel between the public, BIE, charter, and tribal contracted or grant schools in their communities, the BIE should work with local non-BIE school systems, tribes, and their education agencies to ensure school calendars, professional development, and CCSS curriculum implementation support one another and provide consistency for Native students. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

The Study Group should also provide concrete steps, such as offering premium pay and housing, or preparing local tribal citizens to teach, in order to assist schools having trouble recruiting and retaining experienced teachers and administrators. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

## **Reform Area 2: Agile Organizational Environment**

I really, truly appreciate the upfront points on the bureaucracy. Because tribal schools have historically followed the same organizational structure of top down management, top down decision making. And that needs to change. *Lynn Palmanteer-Holder, Tribal Council Member, Confederated Tribe for the Colville Reservation (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

We as Schools report to our ELO, to our ADD West Director, and to the DPA. In the course of a week there are usually one to two reports due. I usually work on my reports from 5am to 6am so that I have some time to go into the classroom. Reports in Native Star, which is many, also NASIS requirements, Annual/Academic reports, Special Education reports, Finance Reports, HR Paper Work always needed, etc. and the list goes on. I only have 79 students, however I work on reports usually from 5 to 6 am as stated before and then at least another hour at work. Oh, I forgot quarterly budget reports. A major problem with being a Principal is you are more a manager and data entry administrator vs. a leader in the educational system (LEARNING). Along with these reports, the requirements in Safety, going Green, etc. come into play. If you factor in all the teleconference meetings or meetings that require one to go to the BIE Office most of the day is covered with requirements towards federal policies instead of ensuring learning is going on in the classroom. *Gary Tripp, Principal, T'siya Day School*

Currently, teachers have been cut from using copy paper. Pencils, sharpeners and other materials are so inferior they break constantly. Teaching positions are unfilled. And, wireless Internet goes unused without wireless computers to use them on (all most all computers hadn't had wireless

cards installed when wireless networks were made available). *Bradley Budinger*

It is critical to remember without resolving the facility funding issue, the schools in the north will have to shut down in March because there will be no funds to pay electric, phone or heating bills! This funding is appropriated by Congress to the schools to be used specifically for the above bills but is being constrained by BIA Facility Management Offices! AHS is not asking for extra funding (even through the SIG allowed us to hire 7 more teachers and raise our academic scores), we only are asking for what Congress has already approved for our school – 100 percent facility funding, 100 percent administration cost funding and federal healthcare for our school employees. The cuts in the facility and admin costs have to be made up with the students ISEP funding which is supposed to be used to hire instructional staff and purchase curriculum and resources for our students. *Gloria Coats-Kitsopoulos, School Superintendent, American Horse School*

[Human resources] has many problems, the biggest is unqualified staff. People are unprofessional, never return phone calls, emails and mailed or expressed mail correspondence, everything takes months to accomplish, and if qualified people worked in [human resources] I believe processes would function faster and more efficient. I constantly have to resend documents repeatedly, which is a waste of time and material. To bring on a new staff it takes a minimum of three months, not conducive if you're trying to run a school. Still using a DOS based program called FPPS, not tied into FBMS or Quicktime, having to use multiple systems is a waste of time and money. *Sydney Gates, Business Technician San Ildefonso Day School*

Acquisitions is a major disaster, four years later we still have the same issues with no resolve – The DOI should have an ongoing data base of approved vendors for which we can pull, again the business tech's have to be well rounded in purchasing IT equipment, textbooks, instructional material, facilities and operations, again we should only be the processors. Utilize the experts to make special purchases not the [business technicians]. We are business people, not IT or teachers. Often time we are responsible in finding Speech therapist and creating documents to meet acquisitions requirements. Professional staff should be researching therapists, IT equipment etc. The [business technicians] have to research and find qualified vendors to meet the mission of the principal and IT and other areas of school function with very little tools and knowledge. The [business technicians] finds and procures the contractor, creates the requisition, processes the requisition, pays for the requisition, adjusts costs in FBMS if necessary no separation of duties. Where are the internal controls? *Sydney Gates, Business Technician San Ildefonso Day School*

The Bureau funded schools struggle with knowing which acronym to go to for assistance when they need help. Often when in need of help with facility issues the schools will go to the BIA and are told to go to the BIE and the BIE will state they have to wait for the BIA or OFMC before they can help. When help is needed with other issues there is no clear directions given as to which acronym to go to for help. Very often reservations or geographic areas are played against each other. *Deborah Bordeaux, former Principal of Loneman School*

When it comes to reports, there's so many more reports and things and almost like duplication that the BIE is requiring. Let me give you a good example. School improvement, you have your school improvement plans. And I was doing that. At the same time, I'm doing what the state of

Montana is requiring. We're an accredited school, and we were getting in trouble for accreditation. How come? You're missing school improvement reports. So I'm supposed to be doing school improvement to the state of Montana. At the same time, I have got school improvement reports that are going out to BIE. Totally different creatures. *Michael Bundy, Superintendent, Two Eagle River School (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

The education system within the BIE in my estimate needs a great deal of changes or improvements. Let me start by talking about the difficulties a school has with Human Resources. It is very difficult to get someone hired or even get volunteer assistance in the Schools. I believe it takes 2 to 3 months to run someone through the whole process (with ever going new paper work and changes) and get a teacher to come into the school. HR is their own identity, and therefore employees answer to a supervisor instead of a Superintendent or Bart Stevens, the ADD West Supervisor. HR really needs to be under the control of ADD west.

Food contracts are not negotiable? Currently the contract with Sysco has been renewed, but the prices are higher than some other food vendors. Why does BIA keep this vendor? Other vendors also have a better variety and quality of food. Another thing with the Sysco accounts, we have no point of contact to speak with regarding the contract or invoices being posted. The contract amount that is on the UDO reports that we receive are not correct. The invoices are being charged to the wrong "line" so now it shows that we are in the negative. *Nona J. Narango, Business Technician, Santa Clara Day School*

The Tribe has been waiting for years, literally years, for an inspection to be conducted by the BIE Albuquerque Office to finalize occupancy permits. The Albuquerque office has still not come out to do the necessary inspections to finalize the permits. This and other inefficiencies need to be corrected. *Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians via Quinton Roman Nose, Executive Director, TEDNA*

BIE has not yet released the standardized test scores to the Schools. These scores are essential determined if AYP was met, and BIE needs to release those scores as soon as possible. *Quinton Roman Nose, Executive Director, TEDNA*

Alternative AYP -- ED and DOI have never provided a final response to the efforts being made to develop and Alternative AYP by several schools. *Deborah Bordeaux, former principal Loneman School*

I had the honor of working at a unique school, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte. Since it is part public through the state of South Dakota and part BIE (operated) under a collaborative agreement, that school is probably the only school that received an AYP status from two entities. Three years ago the school received a "made AYP" status from the state of South Dakota and a "didn't make AYP status from the BIE for the same exact students, same exact accountability plan that really belonged to the BIE. I sent an appeal and tried to argue the point with BIE, but my argument was too logical and I simply asked, "Why wouldn't the BIE want to use the Accountability Plan correctly to determine AYP and have more of their schools make AYP?" Now, we are at another impasse with the new online testing. *Nadine Eastman, Superintendent, Tiospa Zina Tribal School*

One thing I would like to say that I haven't heard is the question, have we satisfied the GAO Report and address the issues in the Bronner Report. I think we have, with the presentation this morning... I think we have addressed those issues so I think we're going forward with that. *Greg Anderson, Superintendent of the Muskogee Creek Nation Dormitory (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

I agree and support the Centers of Excellence, but we need to start educating a new wave of Native American teachers because right now we have very few Native American teachers, very few community teachers that we have. *Lieutenant Governor Steven Lewis, Gila River Indian Community (Gila River Consultation)*

The BIA has a very, very bad practice of forcing people to submit data for reports that are just based on the idle curiosity of someone in the central office and nobody ever uses it and it's a huge waste of time. So you don't want to end up with that. *Michael Hughes (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

One of the problems of moving forward is that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is not a full-fledged bureau. If you go to the Department of the Interior internet site.. and you click on "who we are," the Department of the Interior, and click on "organizational chart," you will see an organization chart for the Department of the Interior. And under the assistant secretary for Indian Affairs you will see Bureau of Indian Affairs but that there is no Bureau of Indian Education there. And people say, well, what happened to the BIE? I say, "there is no BIE." It's sort of a stepchild of the BIA that gets neglected and forgotten about most of the time. So one of the things that should be considered is the establishment of a real Bureau of Indian Education in the process of doing the 2016 budget. So what would that mean? Well, a real BIE would have its own annual budget justification, a reboot that some of you know about that's separate from the BIA... A real BIE would have its own administrative budget and staff who would be responsible for accounting, budget, contract and facility information technology and not have to go over to the BIA. *Michael Hughes (Gila River Consultation)*

We call Albuquerque. We don't get a correct answer. We can't reach anybody. We send an email to Billings, and then it goes to Albuquerque, and then it comes back through Billings, and then back to me again. It just makes it kind of frustrating. *Harvey Whitford, Principal, Wa He Lut Indian School (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

One of the things I'm happy to see in the Report is that there appears to be pushing things out of the central office and more into the field with technical assistance. And I'm hoping that that technical assistance will also create either bureau offices, like our office or tribally created offices like our office, to give the schools the technical assistance they need to maintain the buildings. *Michael Segroves, Eastern Oklahoma Tribal Schools (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

Unfortunately, DOI continues to fail at including education experts and educators in key policy and budget decisions. As we work to find ways to increase the effectiveness of the BIE and improve the state of Native education, we must have people leading in Washington who understand the needs of our students and have the authority to drive successful reform. *National*

**Reform Area 3: Promote Self-Determination**

I want to give a suggestion that you add another pillar. It's not enough what you have down here [in the draft Report]. And to me it's unconscionable that you've left off what should have its own pillar, culturally based education and immersion schools. And I'm not talking about teaching our Native languages for one hour a day or for half an hour a day. What I'm talking about is immersion magnet demonstration schools within existing Bureau of Indian Education schools. This is something that's deserving of its own pillar. *Ryan Wilson, President, National Alliance to Save Native Languages (Pine Ridge Tribal Consultation)*

Just this past week I was at Carlisle Barracks in Carlisle, Pennsylvania [the first federal school for American Indian students]. I looked at the facilities and those kids -- in fact, the school there gave me a picture of the very first class that came from -- the students that came from Pine Ridge Reservation, and you look at those faces -- and they're very proud of this. But if you look at the faces of those children, of these kids, they're not proud to be there. In every picture you ever see of Indian schools during that era, you don't see any smiles. You don't see any acceptance. What you see are people -- are kids that have been trained to sit, act, a certain way for fear of a lot of things. *Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation (former President of the National Congress of American Indians) (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

I read the Study Group pillars, and I don't see any concrete recommendations that allow for self-determination. I don't see recommendations for waivers to NCLB rules and regulations or [tribal] alternatives to AYP... The United States Government must give free reign in determining and implementing our own educational programs. I think there's still time to do this, and I hope you will change your education pillar to reflect this official request, because I don't see anything in your study yet. *Jesse Taken Alive (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

Looking at the preliminary report, I've read it and I do appreciate the fact that the Study Group seemed to have listened and heard what we have said. So I look at the tribes having -- that capacity builds and helping with the capacity to operate these bureau-funded schools, because I do believe that we have those children's interest at heart and we know more about them at the local level than they do in Washington D.C. *Gloria Sly, President, Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

I appreciate the tribal leaders that are here because ultimately it starts at home... I've been to a lot of tribal education (inaudible), and I think until our tribes actually take ownership of [education], and say, we've got to get a head start, we've got to get a kindergarten, we've got to start reading programs in our homes, it's -- we're always going to have problems in our education system. *Tony Dearman, Superintendent of Riverside Schools (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

I'm Chickasaw and I grew up in Oklahoma and I grew up going to an Indian Health Service hospital, a couple of them. We lived in different places, but I grew up going to Indian Health Service hospitals. About the time I went off to law school my tribe took over our Indian Health Services hospitals. And it was quite controversial when it happened. My aunts and uncles, I

remember them saying, the government is crazy. There is no way we can run that health center better than the federal government can. Why would we want to take that over? So I mean, it was literally a risky thing for him to do to say well I'm going to take this over. But you know what, in about three or four month everybody started seeing improvements. We could -- my tribe could run IHS better than IHS could run IHS. It's not a big surprise that that might be the case because tribal employees are a lot more accountable to the community than federal employees are, you know, and so -- but it quickly improved the service at our his hospital, and that was the -- I became a believer then when I was still very young. And I really believe in self-determination.  
*Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary -- Indian Affairs (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

And I just want to that say that worrying about the Navajo Nation is not exactly a bad thing. It's actually a good thing; it's building the capacity of tribes. And I think one thing is to be able to give the Navajo Nation the resources to be able to help and service our schools and that's what I see as one of the great concepts that's contained in this is helping the tribe build its capacity because one of the causes that's come up is the tribe is not ready. It's really a heart breaker to think that your own people, your own nation, your government can't do it. It just doesn't fly. The only way the tribe can do it is if it's allowed the ability to do it. And I'm hoping through something contained in this document that the Department of Education and other tribal educations departments are allowed that same opportunity to do for their own schools. *Matthew Tso, legislative analyst, Dine Department of Education (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

A part of tribal sovereignty and self-determination is our right to fail. We have that right, and we are asking for that right. But we also have the right to succeed, and we have the know-how, as it was pointed out earlier, we have the knowledge. Basically we're talking about tribal control.  
*Robert "Tuffy" Lunderman, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Council Member (Pine Ridge Consultation)*

We talk about building foundations and how tribes can take over these schools. We've got to give the tribe a reason to take over this school. They've got to want to do that. You know, and you've got to get a foundation -- you've got to give a foundational reason for wanting to give you money to help these students. The only way we can do that is to give them evidence that we truly mean what we say when we say we're going to reform this system and raise the level and quality of education in this country for our Indian students. And if we truly believe that, then we can do it.  
*Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation (former President of the National Congress of American Indians) (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

Immersion programs not only increase academic achievement, but also guarantee that a student's language will be carried forward for generations. Our communities' unique cultural and linguistic traditions are crucial for the success of our students and are critical cornerstones for providing relevant and high quality instruction as part of an education that ensures Native students attain the same level of academic achievement as the majority of students. NIEA and NCAI request the BIE ensure that reform strengthens the ability of the federal government to support tribes in the delivery of culturally-relevant curricula. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

The report says the BIE will transition from running schools to serving tribes. However, the BIE must ensure it has the ability to continue serving tribes who decide their trust principles would be

violated if the agency forces a tribe to assume operational responsibility of a former BIE school. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

Rather, we need a change in capacity and a restructuring that supports community collaborators who will sit with a principal chief in Oklahoma or a pueblo governor in New Mexico to find solutions to local problems. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

The three-year competitive incentive-based grant, similar to existing Race to the Top initiatives for which BIE continues to be excluded, could provide much-needed resources to tribes for accelerating local reforms and aligning education services to tribal education priorities that include language and culture. Further, performance metrics for the grant could include student attendance rates, graduation rates, college enrollment rates, and measures on educator accountability. In order to catalyze reform efforts and create a set of high-performing, tribally controlled grant schools, BIE could also provide on-going technical assistance to building the capacity of those schools that applied for, but did not receive, a grant. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

It is important to note that a competitive grant idea has garnered some opposition in remarks from tribes. To address this, such a competition should not replace existing funds from other much-needed programs. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

#### **Reform Area 4: Comprehensive Supports through Partnerships**

The kids that come to these schools, in many cases, come from troubled backgrounds. Many times they come from broken homes; they come from places where they're not wanted; they're not loved and they're not treated very well because of a lot of things. Regardless of whether we can blame it on drugs, alcohol, or the dysfunctional family unit. Whatever it is, these kids come here and they come here with an expectation that they need to be treated in a humane way, in a loving way. Sometimes that happens and sometimes it's not so good. I'm not saying that just about Riverside, I'm talking about all the BIE schools across the country. Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor (*and former President of the National Congress of American Indians*) (*Anadarko Tribal Consultation*)

The next thing is that our students suffer from trauma. This is another thing that we do at Alamo since we have a clinic there we have -- how many people -- how many schools here believe that their students have because of poverty and unemployment and the issues going on at home their students have indications of either suicide or homicide or a combination? Everybody here, right? Everybody. *Michael Hawk, Executive Director, Alamo Navajo School Board (Gila River Consultation)*

If we want to really do innovative work to support these gaps and bridge these gaps and problems that our children are falling through the cracks, then we need more innovative ways of looking at partnerships in regards to these social problems. Our children are, the majority of our children in some way or another have been or are victims of the emotional trauma, of historical

trauma, and so we -- without dealing with those social problems as well, that's when you start to see the high dropout rate, the cycle of, you know, most of our children not getting through high school, let alone starting to see the changes and actually making it to the 8th grade so we need to start to look at that in a very innovative way including the students as well with -- excuse me -- with teachers. *Lieutenant Governor Steven Lewis, Gila River Indian Community (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

I like the information that's being shared. But I am concerned about the factors of the students suffer from trauma. That's kind of the psychosocial issue that's identified here as impacting academic performance. And many of our tribal students not only come from families of trauma, we can list all of those social ills, and we all would understand. But my concern is that they tend to be more of our transient students. And that's something that's not being tracked... But when we have transient students coming and going and rolling over, possibly 30 percent of the population in our tribal school is in and out, relocating from one community to another, that has an impact on academic performance. *Lynn Palmanteer-Holder, Tribal Council Member, Confederated Tribe for the Colville Reservation (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

#### **Reform Area 5: Budget Alignment**

The Blackwater Community School's education program from early childhood through grade two receives funding from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Education. Since school year 2009-2010 funding has risen only 5 percent, less than \$330.00 per student. Historically funding would have risen by 12 percent over the same three year time period. Insufficient funding has resulted in the school not being able to provide raises to its faculty and support staff for the past four years, thereby affecting retention of high quality instructional staff. The No Child Left Behind legislation requests schools to hire and retain highly qualified staff. This is impossible to do given the current budget situation, as we have to compete with other schools in our area. We have also been unable to provide professional development opportunities for teachers to ensure they remain current in practices that are changing due to the implementation of the Common Core standards. Without adequate funding schools in the BIE school system are not able to meet this requirement. Due to lack of funding we have been unable to purchase new textbooks and computers to support the move to the new standards that are supported by the Department of Education and Arizona State Department of Education. We also have not been able to provide extra-curricular activities, summer education programs to retain and enhance learning, and address much needed deferred maintenance. *Henry Pino, Blackwater School Board President (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

The other thing [we are] on the same page is, I think I hit on the budget is not aligned with the school improvement. I do think you need to look into de-categorization of funding because it makes you more nimble and multi-faceted in the construct of its approach. You might look into that because now it's very rigid when you try to -- we went through this in early childhood and Head Start funding where we couldn't commingle funds and then we got that. There is pass through the bond administration so that helps. *Michael Hawk, Executive Director, Alamo Navajo School Board (Gila River Consultation)*

The proposal by the Study Group to build capacity of tribal the organizations and grant school is



commendable, however, it is also noted there are additional resources to support this effort. *Suzanne Acuna, Blackwater Community School, School Board Member (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

[O]ne of the biggest obstacles to tribal control of schools is inadequate funding for tribal grant support costs. The CFO for the Santa Fe school mentioned that this morning. One of the great, great things that happened right now with Assistant Secretary Washburn is full funding for contract support costs for tribal 638 contracts in self-government. That's a historic change. So they're doing it with 630, tribal 638 and it's time to do that with the schools. The budget request for 2015 for tribal grant support costs is \$48 million which is the same as the 2014 operating cost. In last year's read back it was pointed out that \$48 million would fund 67 percent of the need. Well, full funding need for tribal grant support costs is \$5 million. So if we remove that impediment to tribal contracting or grant status for schools, BIA should request \$75 million for tribal grant support costs in the 2016 budget. *Michael Hughes (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

We face the dilemma by having to use our ISEP funds to pay for electrical bills, custodial help, heating and general maintenance. We pay about \$250,000 out of our ISEP funds alone for this every year. And administrative cost grants are being seriously constrained, so we are having have a little bit of a problem with segregation of duties. *Shirley Gross (Pine Ridge Consultation)*

The question about using carry over money for other unallocated type projects, my experience over many, many years... money that's carried over, because it has such categorical rules, you're restricted and don't use it – you can't just go out and do, you know, a project for the school or like playground equipment. Title I says you can buy supplies, but you can't buy textbooks with it. The rule always has been that textbooks are expected to be purchased out of your school budget, which would be your general fund. So there are these rules that you have to learn. [K]nowing the rules is important in understanding how you can use that extra carry over money. Most of the time, if it's in category funding, special education, for example, you can't just go out and use it for anything. I would love to use my carry over money, special education, Title I, and so on, but I'm restricted in the rules that that funding came down through. The auditors will come calling and ask, why are you spending that money? And I have to be able to justify that... Great, [the stimulus funding] will help us, but because it was in Title I or special education, we could not use it in our general education fund, which is where we needed it. So if I'm laying a math teacher off, for example, special education fund, I couldn't use that. And also Title I is limited to supplement, not supplant. So that's the foundational principle. So it's something that the school should be doing or offering, is general education, which would be our general fund. We couldn't use these other dollars. *Michael Bundy, Superintendent, Two Eagle River School (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

I have a comment as an administrator. I'm like freaking out if somebody has carry over. Why are you not spending your money? There has to be a really good justification why there's any money left, especially with the underfunded programs that we're all operating. I mean, sometimes in my opinion, in my observation, that has been because of the lack of administrative fiscal management experience of an administrator... So I would be wanting to assess why there's so much carry over. Is it a spending mechanism that has restrictions? They don't know how to spend it? Whatever. There has to be some kind of intervention somewhere. *Lynn Palmanteer-*

*Holder, Tribal Council Member, Confederated Tribe for the Colville Reservation (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

[C]arry over funds flexibility would be greatly enhanced if administrators could take any carry over funds that they have and use them for the purpose of for their school board, and where they as the leader of the school feel that it will advance the students in their culture, social, and safety practices at the school. My focus is on all of that. *Harvey Whitford, Principal, Wa He Lut Indian School (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

To support BIE budget autonomy and tribal negotiations, we also request that BIE reform include the creation of a Tribal Education Budget Council that functions similar to the Tribal Interior Budget Council. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

For too many years, DOI had made other programs under its purview priorities while Native Education programs and the BIE were considered afterthoughts. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

As a result of BIA authority over the BIE budget, the BIE is often low in priority when compared to other programs. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

The BIA currently funds only 65 percent of support costs in the 126 tribally managed schools and residential facilities under the BIE purview. This forces the schools to divert critical classroom education funding in order to cover the unpaid operational costs, which make it unrealistic to improve educational outcomes and bridge the achievement gap among Native and non-Native students. *National Congress of American Indians and National Indian Education Association*

### **Cross-Cutting and General Comments**

Another recommendation is to streamline bureaucratic operational processes such as hiring staff, contracting for services, purchasing basic supplies, requests for repairs, and improve responsiveness of service to meet the unique needs of a school and school year operations... Another is to prepare our principals and teachers for the implementation for the Common Core and insure an effective information technology infrastructure to administer the 21st Century assessment... And lastly, improve the quality of technical assistance and support to all schools including safety and capacity of schools to transition to tribally-controlled schools. Again, these are our recommendations. Thank you. *Greg Mendoza, Governor, Gila River (Gila River Consultation)*

Thanks for being upfront. Seriously. I'm talking about the fact that we have somebody who actually comes from Department of Education who's actually speaking the truth and sitting next to BIE. And this is collaboration. And that's a good thing. *Lynn Palmanteer-Holder, Tribal Council Member, Confederated Tribe for the Colville Reservation (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

I have heard from tribal leaders that, oh, the BIA is having another consultation. Why should we go? We go, they're going to tell us what they're going to do anyway. And so with that kind of attitude I think it's permeated for a long time because of the BIE process. But I can tell you that, you know, through this process and the people involved in this, they're committed to make changes. In the past decade or maybe more we've never had an opportunity to make some meaningful changes within the BIE's system. I heard a former BIE Director who spent a year up in Washington D.C. and said "I spent all my time listening to people telling me why we can't change this. Why we can't do this; why we can't do that." And I think this process here is an eye-opener. You know, we've got here not only the Secretary but also -- both the Department of Interior and Education but also the Administration. They want to make changes. We need to have changes. *Quinton Roman Nose, Executive Director, TEDNA and member of Riverside Indian School Board (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

I think there are so many significant flaws in this [draft Report], it's almost, you could say an act of folly so much that's in it, but there's also some really powerful important things in here that I hope you don't lose sight of because there's so many significant flaws. And so one of the things is they validated a lot of issues the tribal people have been saying for decades that is wrong with the Bureau of Indian Education, Bureau of Indian Affairs. For the first time it's been validated. It's been put in a report for everybody to look at, so I commend you guys for that. That's transparent; that's honest. And that's something that we all can go forward and work with. There are also some really positive solutions in here as well, and I hope we don't lose sight of that. *Ryan Wilson, President, National Alliance to Save Native Languages (Pine Ridge Tribal Consultation)*

I am so appreciative of the Bureau's efforts to solicit input in what I see will become transformational in terms of the journey of education that our institutions [will undergo]. And it's good to see our tribal leadership here, and our tribal educators who will be charged with helping to implement the vision that you have outlined. And these four pillars are amazing in what they propose. They will provide a basis for, again, the transformation that is necessary to move us away from a bureaucratic monster that is cumbersome and unresponsive and lacking in the compassion that is conveyed by some of the staff members that we have here in our midst. I think it's important for us to feel that the institution is responsive. And I think the findings of the study go a long way. I know there's trepidation, I know there's concern that maybe we will bite off more than we can chew. But as my colleague, Mr. Anderson, conveyed, we have to look at the ending, it doesn't matter what our beginning was. *Jacob Tostigh, former Indian Education Director, Anadarko Public Schools (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

We need to keep moving forward. If we lose some of the acceleration we've had, we're not doing justice to the families, the tribe, and the children that come into our gates. I'll give you a small example. Our testing started this week, the Washington state test. We had a rally on Friday. We're going to rock it. We're going to rock the test. We prepare the children for the rally that week. We had a lot of thinking go into it... We're all in it, including the families, the tribes and the communities the kids come from. The state test is all of us, including the custodians, the cooks, the bus drivers. We're all there. *Harvey Whitford, Principal, Wa He Lut Indian School (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

Just to close, I think one of the things that has bothered me for the longest time is how we can build schools in Afghanistan and Iraq, and we can buy buildings there, but we can't find the millions of dollars that we need to fix [the BIE]. And I think that's what we need to do, and use all the leadership and power that we have to do that. *Michael Segroves, Eastern Oklahoma Tribal Schools (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

So once [American Horse School] got the School Improvement Grant, I thought, "here we go, we're going to make a difference." And we did. We went up our 60 points. And the next year we had our advanced education accreditation inspection at American Horse School. The lowest score we received we got a two in technology because our BIE bandwidth was not wide enough so we could take the exams that we were supposed to take. *Gloria Coats-Kitsopoulos, School Superintendent, American Horse School (Pine Ridge Tribal Consultation)*

I have seen a lot of initiatives come and go. I've seen a lot of initiatives start and fail and get sidetracked. And it's not often that I get an opportunity to talk positively about something I see the federal government trying to do. And I'm glad to be able to do that today. *Michael Hughes (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

If you go to any branch chief at any agency in the BIA and say, what are your GPRA measures they can't answer that question because there's no communication, no discussion, no training, within the BIA and every BIA staff person is expected to figure that out on their own. *Michael Hughes (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

Blackwater Community School supports the Bureau's effort to improve educational opportunities for all Indian students. Many of the recommendations contained in the study group's report reflected many recommendations from previous reports on Indian education beginning in 1920s including those from the National Academy of Public Administration in 1995 and 2001... This has been a pattern of Indian Affairs to start an initiative but fail to continue them. We urge Indian Affairs to carry through with this initiative. *Suzanne Acuna, Blackwater Community School, School Board Member (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

The focus for our Tribe will follow the four pillars of reform. The Hopi tribe wants to identify, recruit, retain, and empower diverse, highly effective teachers and principals. We want to build a responsive structure with appropriate authority, resources, and services so that our students can attain high levels of student achievement. The budget will be established to build capacity to insure best practices are implemented. And, finally, we want to cultivate family and community to partner with all state holders to ensure all students are successful. *Hopi Tribal Chairman, Herman Honanie (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

[W]e do not want the federal government to abrogate, to stop, to in any way start to back away from their trust responsibilities to Indian Country in regards to education. I think that's what tribal leaders, especially me, are most concerned about. *Lieutenant Governor Steven Lewis, Gila River Indian Community (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

By the occupation that you've had today, just by looking at your plan, in theory it looks good, on paper it looks good. But when you actually implement it at our school, at our Navajo Nation, it's

going to be hard to implement it the way that you want because of the political clout of some of these people and our tribal history of managing money and managing programs... I think in theory it looks like a good model and it could be workable, but with people who knew how to manage and be able to have the right credentials and not be politically motivated, then it could work. *Jeffrey Mike, Pinon Community School, School Board President (Gila River Tribal Consultation)*

I have spoken to the general assembly on the need for tribal leaders to step up and elevate education on our agenda and to begin to actively participate in issues related to education and education planning. Why? You can talk about AYP, all the issues structurally within the – administratively within the school system. But the reality is, tribal leaders are the ones who have -- we are the ones ultimately responsible to set policy, prioritize what is going to be funded, how we're going to allocate those funds, what percentage of funds goes where. *Lynn Palmanteer-Holder, Tribal Council Member, Confederated Tribe for the Colville Reservation (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

I do like what you're saying. I do like what is in the report -- the preliminary report that you have put out. You will be in the work-study group and I'm looking forward [to working with you]... Other individuals, in the same capacity, as the Director of BIE and OIE who have not been able to move and make reform, but I think that with the President, who is listening, who is ordering this, two Secretaries and more who are willing to come together to work on these issues, that this may be the time when we can see improvement in our BIE-funded schools and the changes and reforms that you make. *Gloria Sly, President, Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (Anadarko Tribal Consultation)*

Sometimes, as you've heard, our bandwidth is so bad in our most of our tribal schools, there's email I don't even get. I can click on the email, I'll go get up and visit a classroom, and come back, and it hasn't opened. I live in an RV park five days a week. My RV has better connectivity than the school. And I'm just using a little jetpack through Verizon. We have got to solve that problem too. Our kids are lacking educational opportunities, because we can't access the Internet. *Mark Jacobson, Principal and Acting Superintendent, Quileute Tribal School (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

I don't know where BIE is on the community net or the USDA fiber work that's being done across the nation, but there was – every state has been receiving funds for rural communities to gain access, and schools are a priority. Schools and hospitals. It's kind of scary to hear that Quileute is still out there not having fiber or broadband access, and that should be federally funded. I mean, that's what's happening across the nation. And a number of schools like Tulalip and Yakima Nation and a number of nations or tribes around Washington State have benefited from that program. So I wish that BIE would be in there fighting with USDA to get some of those dollars and break some ground to get fiber out to our schools. That's a priority. *Lynn Palmanteer-Holder, Tribal Council Member, Confederated Tribe for the Colville Reservation (Auburn Tribal Consultation)*

Currently, teachers have been cut from using copy paper. Pencils, sharpeners and other materials are so inferior they break constantly. Teaching positions are unfilled. And, wireless Internet goes

unused without wireless computers to use them on (all most all computers hadn't had wireless cards installed when wireless networks were made available). *Bradley Budinger*

The SWO operates two PL 100-297 Grant schools which encompasses nearly 700 Sisseton Oyate Children. The 2013 facility funding is constrained 48.56 percent which forces the school's to supplement needed facility operational funding from other budgets. We are requesting field hearings regarding the constraint of facility funding. This funding level is vastly inadequate. Further cuts due to sequestration of 14/15 school year budgets will be devastating. *Chairman Robert Shepherd, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate*

One of the biggest concerns Northern Cheyenne has is the construction program. They have a 100 year old building for their school. It has no new technology and is dilapidated. BIA has given the Northern Cheyenne some temp buildings, but there was nothing that went with them. Thus, these buildings are not in use. Further, if they don't have computers and new instruction materials, the buildings can only go so far. *Northern Cheyenne Nation via Quinton Roman Nose, Executive Director, TEDNA*

Despite the overwhelming data on the school facility construction and renovation needs, and a plethora recommendations submitted by tribes and the School Facilities and Construction Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, the BIE has yet to make significant changes or initiate a thoughtful, deliberative approach in resolving the issues. At a minimum, the BIE must comply with the congressional directive to reopen the school construction priority process. Equally important though, BIE and the Administration must advocate for replacement school construction funding. In our view, the Administration should seek a similar five-year, \$5 billion special funding package that was employed to bring parity among the Department of Defense funded schools through repair or replacement. We also note that, unlike the BIE Facilities Plan, the DOD five-year Facilities Plan includes the replacement schools costs for projects anticipated to occur during that period. *Submission Dzilh-Na-O-Dith-Ile Community Grant School*

**APPENDIX C**

**Academic Performance for BIE-Funded Schools as Measured by the Status on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), 2012-13**

<b>AYP Status SY2012-13</b>	<b>BIE-Operated Schools</b>	<b>Tribally Controlled Schools</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. of Schools	58	117	175
<i>Met AYP</i>	9	17	26
<i>Met AYP in New Mexico (2011-12)</i>	5	3	8
<i>Total Schools Met AYP</i>	<i>14 (24%)</i>	<i>20 (17%)</i>	<i>34 (19%)</i>
No. of Schools under "Restructuring" (Low Performance for years)	17 (29%)	42 (35%)	59 (34%)

**APPENDIX D**

**Numbers of Full-Time Employees (FTEs) at BIE-Funded Facilities**

**1. Numbers of FTEs at BIE Day Schools (Non-Dormitory Facilities)**

<b>State</b>	<b>Grade-Range</b>	<b>Students Enrolled</b>	<b>Tribal or BIE</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Employees (All Staff)</b>	<b>Certified Educators</b>
CA	6th – 12th	115	Tribal	Noli School	44	18
ND	6th – 8th	319	BIE	Turtle Mountain Middle School	80	40
NM	6th – 8th	98	Tribal	Laguna Middle School	34	9
AZ	7th – 12th	623	Tribal	Hopi Jr/Sr High School	159	53
NC	7th – 12th	459	Tribal	Cherokee High School	112	66
NM	7th – 12th	216	Tribal	Shiprock Northwest High School	137	48
NV	7th – 12th	78	Tribal	Pyramid Lake High School	41	13
MS	7th – 8th	167	Tribal	Choctaw Central Middle School	41	23
AZ	9th – 12th	115	BIE	Tohono O'odham High School	20	10
ND	9th – 12th	455	Tribal	Turtle Mountain High School	261	119
WA	9th – 12th	67	Tribal	Yakama Nation Tribal School	37	10
WA	9th – 12th	107	Tribal	Lummi High School	117	63
IA	K – 12th	260	Tribal	Meskwaki Settlement School	98	43
AZ	K – 12th	322	Tribal	Rock Point Community School	76	32
AZ	K – 12th	424	Tribal	Dishchii'bikoh Community School (Cibecue)	90	30
FL	K – 12th	117	Tribal	Miccosukee Indian School	55	33
KS	K – 12th	46	Tribal	Kickapoo Nation School	33	10
MI	K – 12th	106	Tribal	Hannahville Indian School	50	31



<b>State</b>	<b>Grade Range</b>	<b>Students Enrolled</b>	<b>Tribal or BIE</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Employees (All Staff)</b>	<b>Certified Educators</b>
WI	K - 12 <sup>th</sup>	224	Tribal	Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa School	105	46
WI	K - 12 <sup>th</sup>	372	Tribal	Oneida Nation School	130	100
WY	K - 12 <sup>th</sup>	184	Tribal	St Stephens Indian School	71	36
AZ	K-2 <sup>nd</sup>	201	Tribal	Blackwater Community School	42	14
NM	K-3 <sup>rd</sup>	84	BIE	Bread Springs Day School	23	12
NM	K-3 <sup>rd</sup>	52	BIE	Sanostee Day School	12	5
AZ	K-4 <sup>th</sup>	89	BIE	Pine Springs Day School	20	5
AZ	K-4 <sup>th</sup>	280	Tribal	Casa Blanca Community School	48	23
NM	K-4 <sup>th</sup>	58	BIE	Beclabito Day School	21	12
NM	K-4 <sup>th</sup>	96	BIE	Tse'ii'ahi' Community School (Standing Rock)	28	16
ND	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	708	BIE	Turtle Mountain Elementary School	111	78
NM	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	208	Tribal	Laguna Elementary School	32.5	17
SD	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	219	Tribal	Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Elementary School	31	9
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	77	Tribal	Little Singer Community School	27	7
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	172	Tribal	Kin Dah Lichi'i Oita	46	8
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	123	BIE	First Mesa Elementary School	28	15
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	154	Tribal	Hopi Day School	38	12
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	87	BIE	Keams Canyon Elementary School	16	8
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	196	Tribal	Moencopi Day School	48	14
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	265	Tribal	Second Mesa Day School	57	19
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	399	Tribal	Salt River Elementary School	61	40
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	44	BIE	Cove Day School	8	5

<b>State</b>	<b>Grade Range</b>	<b>Students Enrolled</b>	<b>Tribal or BIE</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Employees (All Staff)</b>	<b>Certified Educators</b>
MS	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	628	Tribal	Pearl River Elementary School	99	71
MS	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	126	Tribal	Standing Pine Elementary School	33	17
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	247	Tribal	Atsa' Biya' a'zh Community School	41	17
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	29	BIE	San Ildefonso Day School	7	3
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	124	BIE	Santa Clara Day School	23	13
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	14	Tribal	Te Tse Geh Oweenge Day School	8	4
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	166	BIE	Isleta Elementary School	29	18
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	143	BIE	Jemez Day School	27	14
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	352	BIE	Baca/Dlo'ay Azhi Community School	61	39
WA	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	181	Tribal	Lummi Tribal School System	117	63
NM	K-7 <sup>th</sup>	400	BIE	San Felipe Pueblo Elementary School	64	44
NM	K-7 <sup>th</sup>	76	BIE	T'siya Day School (Zia)	18	11
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	39	Tribal	Black Mesa Community School	21	5
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	246	BIE	Cottonwood Day School	34	13
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	131	Tribal	Chilchinbeto Community School	40	14
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	219	BIE	Tonalea Day School	37	16
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	185	BIE	Santa Rosa Day School	33	19
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	72	BIE	Havasupai Elementary School	11	6
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	108	Tribal	Hotevilla Bacavi Community School	38	12
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	191	BIE	Red Rock Day School	37	20
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	473	Tribal	Gila Crossing Community School	83	32
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	211	BIE	John F. Kennedy Day School	45	28

State	Grade Range	Students Enrolled	Tribal or BIE	School Name	Employees (All Staff)	Certified Educators
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	254	BIE	San Simon School	46	31
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	150	BIE	Santa Rosa Ranch School	16	8
ID	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	113	Tribal	Coeur d'Alene Tribal School	35	13
ID	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	90	Tribal	Shoshone-Bannock School District No, 512	36	21
ME	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	101	Tribal	Indian Township School	58	21
ME	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	97	Tribal	Beatrice Rafferty School	40	24
MI	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	283	Tribal	JKL Bahwcting Anishnabe School	102	46
MS	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	200	Tribal	Bogue Chitto Elementary School	55	36
MS	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	249	Tribal	Conehatta Elementary School	58	39
MS	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	144	Tribal	Red Water Elementary School	40	23
MS	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	140	Tribal	Tucker Elementary School	36	22
NC	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	511	Tribal	Cherokee Elementary School	102	68
ND	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	524	Tribal	Tate Topa Tribal School	179	67
ND	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	140	Tribal	Theodore Jamerson Elementary School	66	27
ND	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	205	BIE	Dunseith Day School	43	23
ND	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	248	BIE	Ojibwa Indian School	56	27
ND	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	33	Tribal	Twin Buttes Day School	50	24
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	84	Tribal	Ohkay Owingeh Community School	21	9
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	159	BIE	Taos Day School	37	21
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	208	BIE	Sky City Community School	39	24
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	106	Tribal	Na'Neelzhiin Ji'Olta (Torreon)	44	13.5
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	163	BIE	Ojo Encino Day School	25	13

<b>State</b>	<b>Grade Range</b>	<b>Students Enrolled</b>	<b>Tribal or BIE</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Employees (All Staff)</b>	<b>Certified Educators</b>
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	134	Tribal	Dibe Yazhi Habitiin Olta', Inc. (Borrego Pass )	42.5	11
NV	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	12	Tribal	Duckwater Shoshone Elementary School	4	1.5
SD	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	261	Tribal	American Horse School	43	12
SD	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	209	Tribal	Loneman Day School	55	12
SD	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	172	Tribal	Porcupine Day School	46	14
SD	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	133	Tribal	Wounded Knce District School	38	14
SD	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	52	Tribal	Rock Creek Grant School	31	9
SD	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	83	Tribal	Sitting Bull School	33	7
SD	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	155	Tribal	Enemy Swim Day School	68	22
WA	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	119	Tribal	Wa He Lut Indian School	38	14
WI	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	202	Tribal	Menominee Tribal School	43	26
FL	PK-12 <sup>th</sup>	120	Tribal	Ahfachkee Day School	59	24
LA	PK-8 <sup>th</sup>	91	Tribal	Chitimacha Tribal School	25	13
ME	PK-8 <sup>th</sup>	87	Tribal	Indian Island School	36	22
		25611		TOTALS	6848	3277.2

**2. Number of FTEs at BIE Boarding Schools (having a BIE-funded academic unit)**

<b>State</b>	<b>Grade Range</b>	<b>Students Enrolled</b>	<b>Tribal or BIE</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Employees (All Staff)</b>	<b>Certified Educators</b>
SD	5th - 8th	173	Tribal	Pierre Indian Learning Center	93	26
OK	4th - 12th	476	BIE	Riverside Indian School	195	59
ND	5th - 8th	89	Tribal	Circle of Nations	91	19
SD	6th - 12 <sup>th</sup>	252	Tribal	Crow Creek Reservation High School	26	13
AZ	6th - 8 <sup>th</sup>	100	Tribal	Theodore Roosevelt School	23	8
MS	7th-12 <sup>th</sup>	398	Tribal	Choctaw Central High School	131	51
NM	7th-12 <sup>th</sup>	596	Tribal	Santa Fe Indian School	205	63
AZ	9th-12 <sup>th</sup>	304	Tribal	Greyhills Academy High School	114	38
AZ	9th-12 <sup>th</sup>	408	BIE	Many Farms High School	80	28
CA	9th-12 <sup>th</sup>	328	BIE	Sherman Indian High School	111	25
NM	9th-12 <sup>th</sup>	246	Tribal	Navajo Preparatory School	101	25
NM	9th-12 <sup>th</sup>	454	BIE	Wingate High School	134	43
OK	9th-12 <sup>th</sup>	365	Tribal	Sequoyah High School	117	40
OR	9th-12 <sup>th</sup>	343	BIE	Chemawa Indian School	136	31
SD	9th-12 <sup>th</sup>	238	BIE	Flandreau Indian Boarding School	87	20
AZ	K-12 <sup>th</sup>	152	Tribal	Leupp School, Inc.	59	17
AZ	K-12 <sup>th</sup>	329	Tribal	Rough Rock Community School	111	40
NM	K-12 <sup>th</sup>	270	Tribal	Pine Hill Schools	111	27
SD	K-12 <sup>th</sup>	838	BIE	Cheyenne-Eagle Butte School	132	74
SD	K-12 <sup>th</sup>	850	BIE	Pine Ridge School	154	80
SD	K-12 <sup>th</sup>	249	Tribal	Marty Indian School	109	33
AZ	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	170	Tribal	Hunters Point Boarding School	45	11

<b>State</b>	<b>Grade Range</b>	<b>Students Enrolled</b>	<b>Tribal or BIE</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Employees (All Staff)</b>	<b>Certified Educators</b>
AZ	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	139	BIE	Jeehdeez'a Academy, Inc.	32	11
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	111	Tribal	Wide Ruins Community School	36	10
AZ	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	105	Tribal	Nazlini Community School	36	9
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	189	BIE	Mariano Lake Community School	39	19
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	158	BIE	Crystal Boarding School	35	13
NM	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	158	BIE	Nenahnezad Community School	44	23
UT	K-6 <sup>th</sup>	162	BIE	Aneth Community School	40	16
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	278	Tribal	Many Farms Community School	80	28
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	170	BIE	Dennehotso Boarding School	36	15
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	260	BIE	Kaibeto Boarding School	50	21
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	121	BIE	Rocky Ridge Boarding School	28	14
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	1276	BIE	Tuba City Boarding School	232	114
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	159	BIE	T'iis Nazbas Community School	49	17
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	179	Tribal	Dilcon Community School	46	14
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	189	Tribal	Greasewood Springs Community School, Inc.	64	19
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	363	Tribal	Shonto Preparatory School	123	44
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	356	BIE	Kayenta Community School	87	37
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	106	Tribal	Naa Tsis'aan	32	11
AZ	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	388	Tribal	Lukachukai Community School	89	32
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	253	BIE	Pueblo Pintado Community School	70	38
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	48	BIE	Lake Valley Navajo School	18	8
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	373	BIE	T'iis Ts'oz'i Bi'Olta' (Crownpoint)	82	37

<b>State</b>	<b>Grade Range</b>	<b>Students Enrolled</b>	<b>Tribal or BIE</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Employees (All Staff)</b>	<b>Certified Educators</b>
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	110	BIE	Chi Chil'tah Community School	34	16
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	396	Tribal	Ch'ooshgai Community School	121	44
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	169	BIE	Tohaali' Community School	43	18
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	446	BIE	Wingate Elementary School	122	46
NM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	181	Tribal	Dzilth-Na-O-Dith-Hle Community School	69.5	16.5
AZ	K-9 <sup>th</sup>	113	BIE	Seba Dalkai Boarding School	33	12
WA	K-9 <sup>th</sup>	147	Tribal	Paschal Sherman Indian School	50	16
		14731		TOTALS	4185.5	1489.5

**3. Number of FTEs at BIE Colleges**

<b>State</b>	<b>Student Enrollment</b>	<b>Name of Postsecondary Institution</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Instructors (subset of employees)</b>	<b>Annual Base Funding</b>
KS	846	Haskell Indian Nations University	201 (154)	38	\$11,500,000
NM	488	Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	103 (101)	22	\$8,378,541
Totals	1,334		304	60	\$19,878,541



4. Numbers of FTEs at BIE Dormitories

State	Grades	Students	Operation	Name of School	Employees	Annual Base Funding
MT	1-12	115	BIE	Blackfeet Dormitory	18	\$1,787,243
NM	1-12	10	Tribal	Jicarilla Dormitory	14	\$475,792
OK	1-12	60	Tribal	Eufaula Dormitory	24	\$1,078,210
SD	1-12	123	Tribal	Sicangu Owayawa Oti (Rosebud Dormitory)	22	\$1,325,029
OK	1-12	56	Tribal	Chickasaw Children's Village	40	\$1,010,903
OK	1-12 (K-6)	159	Tribal	Jones Academy	77	\$3,141,835
NM	K-12	60	Tribal	Hanaa'dli Community School/Dormitory, Inc.	29	\$1,280,416
AZ	K-12	83	Tribal	Pinon Community School	37	\$2,350,602
AZ	7-12	138	Tribal	Winslow Residential Hall	28	\$1,480,313
AZ	9-12	113	Tribal	T'iisyaakin Residential Hall (Holbrook)	32.5	\$1,448,170
AZ	9-12	137	Tribal	KinLani Bordertown Dormitory	35.5	\$1,441,936
UT	9-12	78	Tribal	Richfield Residential Hall	20	\$4,528,518
NM	9-12	71	Tribal	Shiprock Reservation Dormitory	11	\$2,098,769
NM		99	Tribal	Kinteel Residential Academy (Aztec Dorm)	15	\$974,309
		1302		<b>TOTAL</b>	403	\$24,422,045

**APPENDIX E**

**Current Bandwidth at BIE-Funded Schools**

<b>School Name</b>	<b>Current Configuration</b>	<b>Recommended Configuration</b>	<b>Bandwidth</b>	<b>User Count</b>
Aztec High School Dormitory	1XT1	2XT1	5Mbps	89
Duckwater Shoshone School	1XT1	2XT1	1Mbps	9
Jechdeez'a Elementary School, Inc.	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	295
Jones Academy	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	230
Nazlini Boarding School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	136
Richfield Residential Hall	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	114
Theodore Roosevelt School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	115
Tiisyaatin Residential Hall (Holbrook)	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	135
Wide Ruins Community School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	155
Turtle Mountain Community Elementary School	No Circuit	2XT1	N/A	0
Turtle Mountain Community Middle School	No Circuit	2XT1	N/A	0
Turtle Mountain High School	1XT1	6XT1	60Mbps	659
First Mesa Day (Polacca)	3XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	194
Tuba City Boarding School	6XT1	6XT1	100Mbps	1234
Flandreau Indian School	5XT1	4XT1	30Mbps	365
Marty Indian School	4XT1	4XT1	30Mbps	338
Pierre Indian Learning Center	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	254
Sicangu Owayawa Oti (Rosebud Dorm)	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	112
Wa He Lut Indian School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	128
White Shield School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	157
Tiospaye Topa School	3XT1	2XT1	10Mbps	193

Dunseith Day School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	187
Blackwater Community School	1XT1	4XT1	30Mbps	332
Lac Coute Oreilles Ojibwa School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	297
San Simon School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	253
Santa Rosa Boarding School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	250
Sky City Community School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	225
Baca/Dlo'ay Azhi Community School	1XT1	6XT1	40Mbps	411
<del>Clinic Boarding School</del>	<del>1XT1</del>	<del>4XT1</del>	<del>30Mbps</del>	<del>333</del>
Greyhills Academy High School	2XT1	6XT1	40Mbps	454
Ahfachkee Indian School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	219
Coeur d'Alene Tribal School	1XT1	2XT1	10Mbps	100
Leupp Schools, Inc	No Circuit	4XT1	20Mbps	270
Rough Rock Community School	2XT1	6XT1	40Mbps	479
Santa Fe Indian School Inc	1XT1	6XT1	80Mbps	814
Second Mesa Day School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	262
Shonto Preparatory School	2XT1	6XT1	40Mbps	465
Tiospa Zina Tribal School	2XT1	6XT1	50Mbps	566
Moencopi Day School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	208
Choctaw Central High School	1XT1	6XT1	50Mbps	544
Alamo Day School	1XT1	4XT1	30Mbps	305
Twin Buttes Day School	1XT1	2XT1	5Mbps	60
Wounded Knee District School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	133
Casa Blanca Community School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	269
Cherokee Central High School	2XT1	6XT1	50Mbps	533
Fond du Lac Ojibwe School	1XT1	4XT1	30Mbps	316
Loneman Day School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	253
Navajo Preparatory School Inc	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	237
Nay-Ah-Shing School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	236

St. Francis Indian School	1XT1	6XT1	60Mbps	656
Crow Creek Reservation High School	1XT1	4XT1	30Mbps	314
Gila Crossing Day School	1XT1	6XT1	50Mbps	529
Menominee Tribal School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	231
Circle of Nations-Wahpeton Indian School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	185
Crow Creek Sioux Tribal Elementary School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	153
Gila Crossing Day School North Campus	1XT1	2XT1	N/A	
Lower Brule Tribal School	2XT1	4XT1	30Mbps	316
Lummi Tribal School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	133
Chitimacha Day School	1XT1	2XT1	5Mbps	99
Indian Island School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	153
Rock Point Community School	1XT1	6XT1	40Mbps	446
Hopi Day School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	144
New Paschal Sherman Indian School	1XT1	3XT1	20Mbps	200
Ohkay Owingeh Community School (San Juan)	1XT1	2XT1	5Mbps	85
Greasewood Springs Boarding School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	172
Pine Hill Schools	1XT1	4XT1	30Mbps	360
Beatrice Rafferty School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	126
Shoshone Bannock School	1XT1	3XT1	10Mbps	148
St. Stephens Indian School	1XT1	4XT1	20Mbps	248

Residential Internet Broadband Comparisons:

ADSL (Phone Company): 1.5 Mbps – 20 Mbps

Cable Internet: 12 Mbps – 40 Mbps

Fiber Optic (Internet, or combined with television): 40 Mbps

## APPENDIX F

### Acronyms

<b><u>Acronym</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>	<b><u>Acronym</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
ADD	Associate Deputy Director	MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
AS-IA	Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
AYP	Adequate Yearly Progress	NAEP	National Assessment for Educational Progress
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs	NASIS	Native American Student Information System
BIE	Bureau of Indian Education	NCLB	No Child Left Behind
CCRS	College and Career Ready Standards	NCAI	National Congress of American Indians
DAS-M	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management	NIEA	National Indian Education Association
DoDEA	Department of Defense Education Activity	OFECR	Office of Facilities and Environmental and Cultural Resources
DOI	Department of the Interior	OFMC	Office of Facilities Management & Construction
DPA	Division of Performance and Accountability	OIG	Office of Inspector General
ED	Department of Education	OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ELO	Education Line Officer	PARCC	Partnership for Assessment Readiness for College and Careers
ESEA	Elementary and Secondary Education Act	PIAP	Program Improvement and Accountability Plan
FACE	Family and Child Education	SEA	State Education Agency
FBMS	Financial and Business Management System	SIPI	Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
FI&R	Facilities Improvement and Repair	SMARTER BALANCED	Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium
FTE	Full Time Employee	STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
GAO	General Accounting Office	TCSA	Tribally Controlled Schools Act
GPRA	Government Performance and Results Act	TCU	Tribal Colleges and Universities
HR	Human Resources	TEA	Tribal Education Agency
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
IEP	Individual Education Plan		
ISEP	Individual Student Equalization Program		
IT	Information Technology		
LEA	Local Education Agency		
MI&R	Maintenance Improvement and Repair		



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looks like a ton of material in here, so thought I would pass this along to you both.

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Hi all:

Attached are the Secretary's briefing materials for Wednesday, June 10.

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You should check out Fermilab (particle physics lab in IL)... they have a herd of bison and a "herd manager", who I believe is a DOE employee...

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**Seriously? What qualifications do you need on USA jobs for that position?**

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## BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### MEETING WITH CARTER ROBERTS, WORLD WILDLIFE FUND – VERSION 2

*\*Note: Updates are highlighted in yellow.*

DATE: June 11, 2014  
LOCATION: Office of the Secretary  
TIME: 9:30AM – 10:00AM  
FROM: Dan Ashe, Director, FWS, 202-208-5788

#### I. PURPOSE

You will be meeting with Carter Roberts to discuss the recent revisions to the ivory ban, international wildlife trafficking, and other issues of interest to WWF.

#### II. PARTICIPANTS

- Carter Roberts, President and CEO, WWF
- Tommy Beaudreau, DOI
- Rachel Jacobson, DOI
- Bob Dreher, DOI

#### III. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS

##### Revisions to U.S. CITES Implementing Regulations

A final rule was published on May 27, 2014 that revises the regulations that implement the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) in the United States. The revised regulations incorporate certain provisions adopted at the fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties to CITES and clarify other provisions to help us more effectively promote species conservation and fulfill our responsibilities under the Treaty. The revised regulations will be effective on June 26, 2014.

##### Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking Announces Date for Third Public Meeting

The Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking, called upon by President Obama's Executive Order in 2013, will convene a third public meeting to consider recommendations for the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking, discuss administrative topics, and hear public comments and questions. The meeting will be held on Monday, June 9 in Washington, D.C.

WWF issued the following statement in response to the 70-month jail sentence given to Zhifei Li by US authorities on May 27, 2014 for leading a rhino horn and elephant ivory smuggling operation, valued at over \$4.5 million, between the US and China:

“This is one of the longest sentences ever for wildlife trafficking in the United States. It’s also a sign that poaching and illegal trade don’t pay off. Wildlife crime should be seen as a serious crime, with serious penalties. The days when the benefits far outweighed the risks for criminals involved in exploiting endangered species are waning,” said Ginette

Hemley, Senior Vice President, Wildlife Conservation, WWF. “This sentencing and the undercover investigation that preceded it, along with the announcement of the *National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking* this year, highlight the need for greater resourcing of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Justice to continue to tackle such cases, as criminals are still reaping billions in profits and contributing to the extinction of treasured wildlife.”

#### Service Takes Next Steps in Commercial Elephant Ivory Trade Ban

On May 15, 2014, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced two actions relating to commercial trade in elephant ivory. These actions will help ensure that domestic markets do not contribute to the decline of African elephants in the wild, while also allowing certain activities to continue that we do not believe are contributing to poaching or illegal trade. Some of the actions that will place a nearly complete ban on commercial trade in elephant ivory will increase protection for a number of other species found in trade including rhinos, hawksbill sea turtles, and Brazilian rosewood, among others.

#### Hong Kong Destroys Ivory Stockpile

On May 15, 2014 in Hong Kong, government authorities began destroying nearly 30 tons of ivory, arguing that it was too expensive to safeguard one of the world’s largest caches of elephant tusk. Many conservationists praised the gesture, saying that it demonstrates the government's commitment to fighting wildlife crime, but others insist more needs to be done in Asia to help fight poaching. After years of indecision, the Hong Kong government has incinerated the first ivory from its vast stockpile, which includes elephant tusks confiscated from wildlife crime syndicates since 2004. 35 barrels of chopped ivory were destroyed. Hong Kong is a major transshipment hub for the illegal trade in elephant tusk and rhino horn. Last year, local officials seized eight tons of ivory from countries as far away as Nigeria and South Africa that was en route to increasingly affluent consumers across Asia.

#### Operation Cobra Captures Wildlife Traffickers in Africa and Asia

The Service, working through the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund and African Elephant Conservation Fund, was one of the principal supporters of "Operation Cobra II"- a ground-breaking, global operation to fight poaching and wildlife trafficking. Law enforcement officers from 28 countries announced in February the completion of this month-long operation, which resulted in more than 400 arrests of wildlife criminals and 350 major wildlife seizures across Africa and Asia, including seizure of over three metric tons of elephant ivory, 36 rhino horns and 1,000 skins of protected species.

## **IV. TALKING POINTS**

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has a four-pronged approach to combat wildlife trafficking:

- Law enforcement to target and stop illicit trade
- Technical assistance and grants to build in-country capacity
- Working to ensure sustainable legal trade through CITES
- Reducing demand for illegal products in consumer countries, including the United States.

- Thank you to Carter Roberts for his work on the Advisory Council and as head of WWF. His personal advocacy, as well as WWF's programs like the Stop Wildlife Crime campaign, continues to have an impact on wildlife trafficking around the world.
- In the National Strategy for Combatting Wildlife Trafficking earlier this year, the President states that the challenge of the illegal wildlife trade requires a U.S. strategy that is proactive, recognizes immediate imperatives, and balances our strengths and expertise. I'm proud of the progress the Department and the Fish and Wildlife Service has made in addressing these issues in just a few short months.
- Our regulatory reforms are essential to curbing trafficking, and will make a world of difference as they take effect. But what is equally necessary, and will become increasingly important to the overall effort, is educating the general public and making consumers and citizens aware of the effects of their economic choices.
- WWF has a key role to play in getting the word out to people and educating them about why these regulations matter, and most importantly why their voices are needed in the fight to end trafficking.
- I'm excited to be working alongside you and WWF in this effort—as an experienced advocate for wildlife, you are an important ally for us on trafficking and other major issues we are confronting together.

## V. BACKGROUND

On May 15, 2014, Director Ashe signed a revised Director's Order that allows musicians to transport internationally certain musical instruments containing African elephant ivory, and for the import of museum specimens and certain other items not intended for sale. Owners of these items will need to prove that they were legally acquired prior to February 26, 1976—the date that the African elephant was listed by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)—and have not been bought or sold since February 25, 2014—the date when the Service issued Director's Order 210 instructing agency staff how to enforce existing restrictions on the commercial trade of elephant ivory.

By implementing a near complete ban on trade in elephant ivory, the Service is effectively closing loopholes and eliminating the cover provided by legal commercial trade that traffickers have exploited for years. At the same time, however, the Service has heard the concerns expressed by the regulated community and made common-sense adjustments.

The Service also announced a final rule to revise Part 23 of the U.S. CITES implementing regulations. The current regulations contain a provision known as "use after import," which restricts domestic sales—both across state lines and within a state—of African elephant ivory by requiring sellers to show documentation of the date that their ivory was imported.

When the rule goes into effect within 30 days of publication in the *Federal Register*, sellers of African elephant ivory will be required to demonstrate that any item offered for sale—whether across state lines or within a state—was lawfully imported prior to the CITES Appendix I listing of the African elephant in 1990 or that the ivory was legally imported under a CITES pre-Convention certificate. Appendix I covers species around the world most at risk due to international trade, and therefore is the most restrictive of the CITES listings, effectively banning commercial international trade. This change is intended to reduce the regulatory impact on the public without reducing conservation benefits for African elephants.

### WWF's Efforts to Combat Wildlife Trafficking

- The majority of WWF's work to stop illegal wildlife trade is done in collaboration with TRAFFIC, the wildlife trade monitoring network. WWF helps countries comply with CITES regulations by supporting program development, workshops and the creation of regulations. They also assist enforcement efforts and fund antipoaching brigades. Their Stop Wildlife Crime Campaign advocates on behalf of these priorities:
  - Pushing governments to protect threatened animal populations by increasing law enforcement, imposing strict deterrents, reducing demand for endangered species products and honoring international commitments made under CITES.
  - Speaking up on behalf of those on the frontlines being threatened by armed poachers so they are properly equipped, trained and compensated.
  - Reducing demand for illegal wildlife parts and products by encouraging others to ask questions and get the facts before buying any wildlife or plant product.

## VI. BIOGRAPHY



### Carter Roberts, President and CEO

Carter Roberts is the President and CEO of World Wildlife Fund in the United States. WWF, the world's largest network of international conservation organizations, works across 100 countries and enjoys the support of 5 million members worldwide, 1.2 million of which are in the U.S.

Roberts received his MBA from Harvard Business School following a BA from Princeton University, and subsequently held marketing management positions for Procter and Gamble and Gillette. He went on to lead international conservation and science programs for fifteen years at The Nature Conservancy before coming to WWF in 2004.

Roberts leads WWF's efforts to save the world's great ecosystems by linking science, field and policy programs with an aggressive initiative to work with markets and businesses to lighten their impact on the planet through sustainable resource management. To this end, he has worked with communities and heads of state in North America, Africa, Latin America and Asia; and has built partnerships with some of the world's largest corporations, including

The Coca-Cola Company, Walmart, Mars and P&G to set new industry standards for resource efficiency.

Roberts has authored academic papers as well as numerous opinion editorials for global publications ranging from Fast Company to The Washington Post to Conservation Letters. He serves on the Boards of the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy at Duke University and the Grantham Institute for Climate Change at Imperial College and the London School of Economics, and is a member of the International Finance Corporation's Advisory Panel on Sustainability and Business. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative chaired by the Secretary-General of the UN and the President of the World Bank, and was appointed last year to President Obama's Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife Jackie Prince Roberts and their three children.

## INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### INTERNAL DOI BISON REPORT BRIEFING

DATE: June 11, 2014  
LOCATION: Office of the Secretary  
TIME: 10:15AM – 10:45AM  
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#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with an update on the contents and conclusions of the DOI Bison Report and its upcoming publication.

#### II. DISCUSSION

The DOI Bison Working Group was directed to develop a report in response to Secretary Salazar's May 2012 Directive on Yellowstone Bison, the primary focus of which was identifying suitable locations for the placement of Montana-owned brucellosis-free Yellowstone bison that went through a quarantine protocol managed by the state of Montana and APHIS. As the situational environment changed regarding Montana's considerations for its quarantined bison, the decision was made to reformat the report to broaden its scope and develop a document that would provide more long-term relevancy to DOI bison management in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

This report provides insights and generalized recommendations rather than solutions for specific bison management situations. It highlights the state of the knowledge of all DOI bison resources, recent engagement with tribes and tribal organizations, and considerations for using brucellosis quarantine protocols to further DOI's conservation efforts. Above all, it promotes the concepts of collaboration and partnership as necessary conditions to achieve broad-scale ecological and cultural restoration of the species.

The Secretary's May 2012 Directive achieved a very high-profile from its inception, and interest has remained high in the progress of the report and any initiatives that result from it. It was developed with the input from a total of 27 parks, refuges, and BLM field offices, their respective regional/state offices, and input from bureau and Assistant Secretary staff in Washington, DC. We expect to publish the report as part of the NPS Natural Resource Stewardship and Science technical report series during the week of June 23, 2014.

#### **Outstanding Issues and Recommendations**

The DOI Bison Report, together with the 2008 DOI Bison Conservation Initiative, set a clear strategic goal for DOI's efforts to more fully "*restore the species to its ecological and cultural role on appropriate landscapes within its historical range.*" The DOI Bison Leadership Team and Working Group have come a long way in aligning individual bureau interests regarding bison conservation behind this singular goal. It will be important to acknowledge the contributions made by the bureaus (especially members of the Bison Working Group) and provide clear expectations for future efforts and expressions of support for the direction that DOI bison conservation planning is heading. As part of this expression of support, we recommend sending an email from the Secretary to the members of the Bison Working Group thanking them for their hard work and

highlighting the importance of what they do. We will gladly prepare a draft email and provide contact information for the working group members.

## **Background**

Over the course of the past century, the American bison was saved from extinction and set upon a path to conservation and recovery. The Department of the Interior has contributed significantly to bison conservation and will continue to do so during the 21<sup>st</sup> century. DOI lands currently support 17 bison herds in 12 states, for a total of approximately 10,000 bison over 4.6 million acres of DOI and adjacent lands. DOI bison resources, whose total population accounts for one third of all bison managed for conservation in North America, are crucial to the long-term preservation of the species. While bison are no longer threatened by extinction, substantial work remains to more fully restore the species to its ecological and cultural role on appropriate landscapes within its historical range. Many American Indian tribes have strong cultural ties with the buffalo, and this report describes DOI's recent efforts to collaborate with tribes and tribal organizations to promote bison restoration on both public and tribal lands. This report also discusses the latest developments in brucellosis quarantine as a way for Yellowstone bison to be available for conservation; and provides an overview of all existing DOI bison resources, and also where bison conservation planning involving DOI lands is currently under consideration in Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, and South Dakota. Indeed, the most important avenue available to DOI to realize bison restoration is through collaboration. Looking forward from this overview report, DOI proposes that innovative collaboration amongst tribes, states, landowners, conservation groups, commercial bison producers, agricultural interests and others interested in bison, will be crucial to build partnerships amidst larger landscapes suitable for ranging bison, while concurrently generating and maintaining sustainable local and regional economics and communities.

## **Next Steps**

Bureau staff in the field have begun to brief primary stakeholders about the content of the report and its upcoming public release. We expect to publish the report as part of the NPS Natural Resource Stewardship and Science technical report series during the week of June 23, 2014.

A number of external stakeholders (States, Tribes, American Bison Society, TNC, NWF, WWF, MT BLM Resource Advisory Council, ranchers) have known about this report throughout its progress and will be interested in the final report. Journalists who follow bison issues, especially regarding Yellowstone, will be interested in the report's findings on brucellosis quarantine and the suitability of locations for quarantined Yellowstone bison. State and local entities will likely be most interested in what activities or specific plans are mentioned for their region.

Based on these observations, a communication plan matrix was developed that identifies unique audiences and associated communication goals, messages, media, actions, needed resources, and timing. FAQs are also being developed.

## **III. ATTACHMENTS**

- DOI Bison Report Power Point Presentation

*Note: The 82-page Final DOI Bison Report can also be made available to you.*

# ***DOI Bison Report:***

## ***Looking Forward***





# Organization of Report

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- DOI bison resources, whose total population accounts for one third of all bison managed for conservation in North America, are crucial to the long-term preservation of the species.
- While bison are no longer threatened by extinction, substantial work remains to more fully restore the species to its ecological and cultural role on appropriate landscapes within its historical range.

## DOI Bison Resources & Future Planning

- This report provides an overview of all existing DOI bison resources, and also where bison conservation planning involving DOI lands is currently under consideration, including in Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, and South Dakota.

## Tribal Collaboration and Consultation

- Many American Indian tribes have strong cultural ties with the buffalo, as it is commonly referred to in Indian Country, and this report describes DOI's recent efforts to collaborate with tribes and tribal organizations to promote bison restoration on both public and tribal lands.

## Brucellosis Quarantine

- This report discusses the latest developments in brucellosis quarantine as a way for Yellowstone bison to be available for conservation.

## Conclusion

- Looking forward from this overview report, DOI proposes that innovative collaboration amongst tribes, states,

# **DOI Bison Resources**

- ▣ DOI lands currently support 17 bison herds in 12 states (11 fenced and 6 ranging), for a total of approximately 10,000 bison over 4.6 million acres of DOI and adjacent lands, accounting for one third of all bison managed for conservation in North America.
- ▣ DOI bison resources are crucial to the long-term preservation of the species. Their conservation serves multiple purposes:
  - To promote ecological function of ecosystems within the species' historical range;
  - To maintain and promote genetic diversity of the remaining bison genome;
  - To restore and strengthen the cultural connection between the buffalo and many American Indian tribes; and
  - To educate the public about one of the most iconic North American species whose near extinction began the modern conservation movement.
- ▣ The eleven fenced National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) bison herds are under respective agency jurisdiction, and the four ranging herds that include NPS and FWS lands are managed through a variety of formal and informal partnerships across multiple jurisdictions.
- ▣ Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in Utah support two ranging bison herds in close cooperation with the state, which retains jurisdiction over these bison.

# DOI Lands that Currently Support Bison

Unit	State	Bureau	Fenced or Ranging	Approximate Herd Size	Approximate Area Size (ac) <sup>1</sup>
Badlands National Park	SD	NPS	Fenced	650	64,000
Book Cliffs	UT	BLM	Ranging	450	1,400,000
Chickasaw National Recreation Area	OK	NPS	Fenced	10	80
Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge	NE	FWS	Fenced	350	17,000
Grand Canyon National Park	AZ	NPS	Ranging	300+	23,000
Grand Teton National Park/ John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, National Elk Refuge	WY	NPS, FWS	Ranging	900	360,000
Henry Mountains	UT	BLM	Ranging	325	300,000
National Bison Range	MT	FWS	Fenced	380	19,000
Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge	IA	FWS	Fenced	70	700
Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge	CO	FWS	Fenced	75	12,000
Sullys Hill National Game Preserve	ND	FWS	Fenced	25	540
Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve	KS	NPS	Fenced	20	1,100
Theodore Roosevelt National Park	ND	NPS	Fenced	500	71,000
Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge	OK	FWS	Fenced	640	59,000
Wind Cave National Park	SD	NPS	Fenced	450	28,000
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	AK	NPS	Ranging	110	100,000
Yellowstone National Park	ID,MT,WY	NPS	Ranging	4,600	2,200,000

<sup>1</sup> Ranging herds may occur on DOI and adjacent lands

# **Bison Conservation on the Horizon**

Formal and informal discussions regarding future bison conservation on DOI lands are occurring at the following locations. All DOI actions will adhere to prevailing and applicable legal and policy mandates as described above, including involvement by states, tribes, and the public.

## **▣ Arizona**

- Grand Canyon National Park: formal planning underway, in cooperation with the state of Arizona, U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, to develop a long-term bison management plan

## **▣ Colorado**

- Baca National Wildlife Refuge: developing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan which will explore options for bison conservation
- Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve: developing an Environmental Impact Statement for long-term elk and bison management, including potential bison restoration on NPS lands

## **▣ Nebraska**

- Agate Fossil Beds National Monument: discussing potential bison reintroduction

## **▣ New Mexico**

- Río Mora National Wildlife Refuge: evaluating options for the bison herd pre-dating the establishment of this new wildlife refuge

## **▣ South Dakota**

# **Bison Conservation in Montana**

## **Yellowstone National Park (YNP)** (For additional information, please contact the park)

- YNP is cooperating with the state of Montana to prepare a new bison conservation plan for the park and Montana.
- YNP's brucellosis vaccination Environmental Impact Statement has been completed, with the selection of the no action alternative, that continues vaccination of young bison captured near the park boundary under brucellosis risk-management, and decides to not conduct remote vaccination of bison across the park.
- YNP is in the initial planning stages to consider implementing an operational brucellosis quarantine program (see later slide for additional information on brucellosis quarantine).

## **Bison Restoration Outside Greater Yellowstone Area**

- Any planning effort to restore bison as a wide-ranging wildlife species on DOI lands elsewhere in Montana would need to be led by the state of Montana.
- If DOI lands are proposed for bison restoration through a state-led process, DOI will work closely with the state, tribes and other interested parties to evaluate that proposal.
- In order to prepare a statewide bison management plan, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MTFWP) has moved forward with the development of a programmatic planning effort to address the potential for bison restoration in Montana.
- The state of Montana owns ~135 brucellosis-free Yellowstone bison that graduated from the 2005-2011 Quarantine Feasibility Study carried out by the state in coordination with APHIS and NPS. MTFWP has sought proposals from agencies and organizations with interest and capability to house/hold these bison. 10 proposals were submitted by non-federal entities and

# **Tribal Collaboration**

- ▣ **DOI is committed to assisting American Indian tribes restore buffalo to tribal lands. Below are examples of DOI's work with interested tribes.**
- ▣ **BIA has provided funding and technical assistance to assist Fort Peck and Fort Belknap to receive brucellosis-free Yellowstone bison**
- ▣ **NPS and the Oglala Sioux Tribe are working together to establish a Tribal National Park and restore buffalo on the South Unit of Badlands National Park**
- ▣ **FWS and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes are developing an Annual Funding Agreement for the administration of non-inherently federal activities at the National Bison Range**
- ▣ **The InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) maintains existing agreements with multiple DOI units to receive bison and redistribute them to member tribes. ITBC recently signed an agreement with Yellowstone NP to receive and process Yellowstone bison and distribute them to member tribes for nutritional and cultural purposes.**

# **Brucellosis Quarantine**

- ▣ **Brucellosis is a contagious disease that was introduced into wild bison and elk in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) by domestic cattle in the early 1900s. It can induce abortions or the birth of non-viable calves in livestock and wildlife. Approximately 40 to 60% of Yellowstone bison have been exposed to the disease.**
- ▣ **Best available science indicates that while the Yellowstone bison population is chronically infected with brucellosis, some individual bison may never become infected with the disease (Clarke et al. 2014, Plumb et al. 2009)**
- ▣ **Due to brucellosis exposure, Yellowstone bison's contribution to the conservation and restoration of the species outside the GYA has been limited.**
- ▣ **From 2005-2011, the State of Montana, in coordination with APHIS and NPS, carried out a brucellosis quarantine feasibility study (QFS).**
- ▣ **The QFS demonstrated that if wild bison calves born without brucellosis are removed from the wild population and “quarantined” and repeatedly tested over a sufficient period of time, then these quarantined animals and their offspring are qualified as brucellosis free (Clarke et al. 2014)**
- ▣ **The success of the QFS led DOI to begin evaluation of three key questions:**
  - 1) **What are considerations for establishing a long-term “operational” quarantine program?**
  - 2) **Are there suitable DOI lands for placement of quarantined bison?**

# **Operational Quarantine**

- ▣ **As envisioned by the Interagency Bison Management Plan for the State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park (IBMP), a long-term “operational” quarantine program could be used as a supplemental population management tool that also produces a source of brucellosis-free Yellowstone bison for conservation purposes outside of the Greater Yellowstone Area.**
- ▣ **IBMP agencies have developed an early draft protocol for operational quarantine to inform further deliberations.**
- ▣ **Preliminary estimates suggest that an operational quarantine facility would cost approximately \$2.5 million to establish, and up to \$1.5 million annually to operate.**
- ▣ **Additional environmental review is required before an operational quarantine program can be implemented.**
- ▣ **Should DOI pursue a long-term quarantine program, it would coordinate with the full array of IBMP partners and tribes, and other interested parties including, USAHA, state veterinarians and wildlife officials, conservation organizations, and the public.**



# **DOI Lands Suitable for Placement of Quarantined Bison**

The DOI Bison Working Group evaluated 27 locations managed by NPS, FWS, and BLM within the species historical range in 12 states according to relative complexity involved with placement of quarantined bison. The key elements considered to determine suitability and relative complexity included prevailing bison management and human land-use practices, ecological and human interactions, historical range, herd health and genetics, and social and political environment (Sanderson 2008).

▣ **Key findings include (see following map):**

- ▣ **Twenty units may be suitable for quarantined bison with varying degrees of relative complexity.**

- Six units were grouped as least complex**

- Seven units were grouped as having medium complexity**

- Seven units were grouped as having the highest level of complexity**

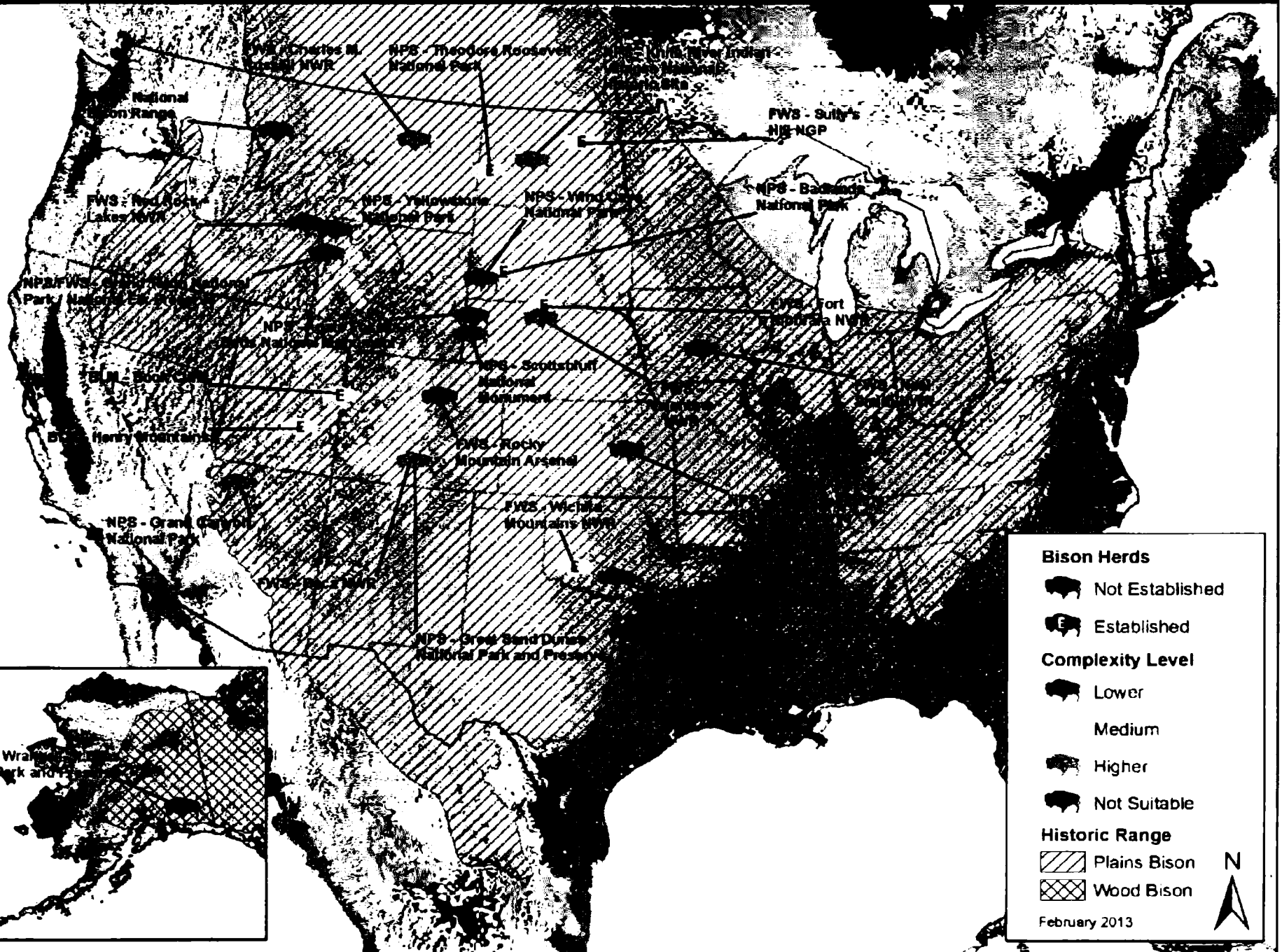
- ▣ **Seven units are not suitable for the placement of quarantined bison for various reasons explained in the report.**

▣ **Other federal lands within the historical range of plains bison could be evaluated in the future.**

- ▣ **Any consideration of placing bison on DOI lands will take into account resource needs and will follow all applicable federal laws and regulations, including environmental and bureau land use planning requirements prior to implementation. DOI bureaus will also coordinate with**

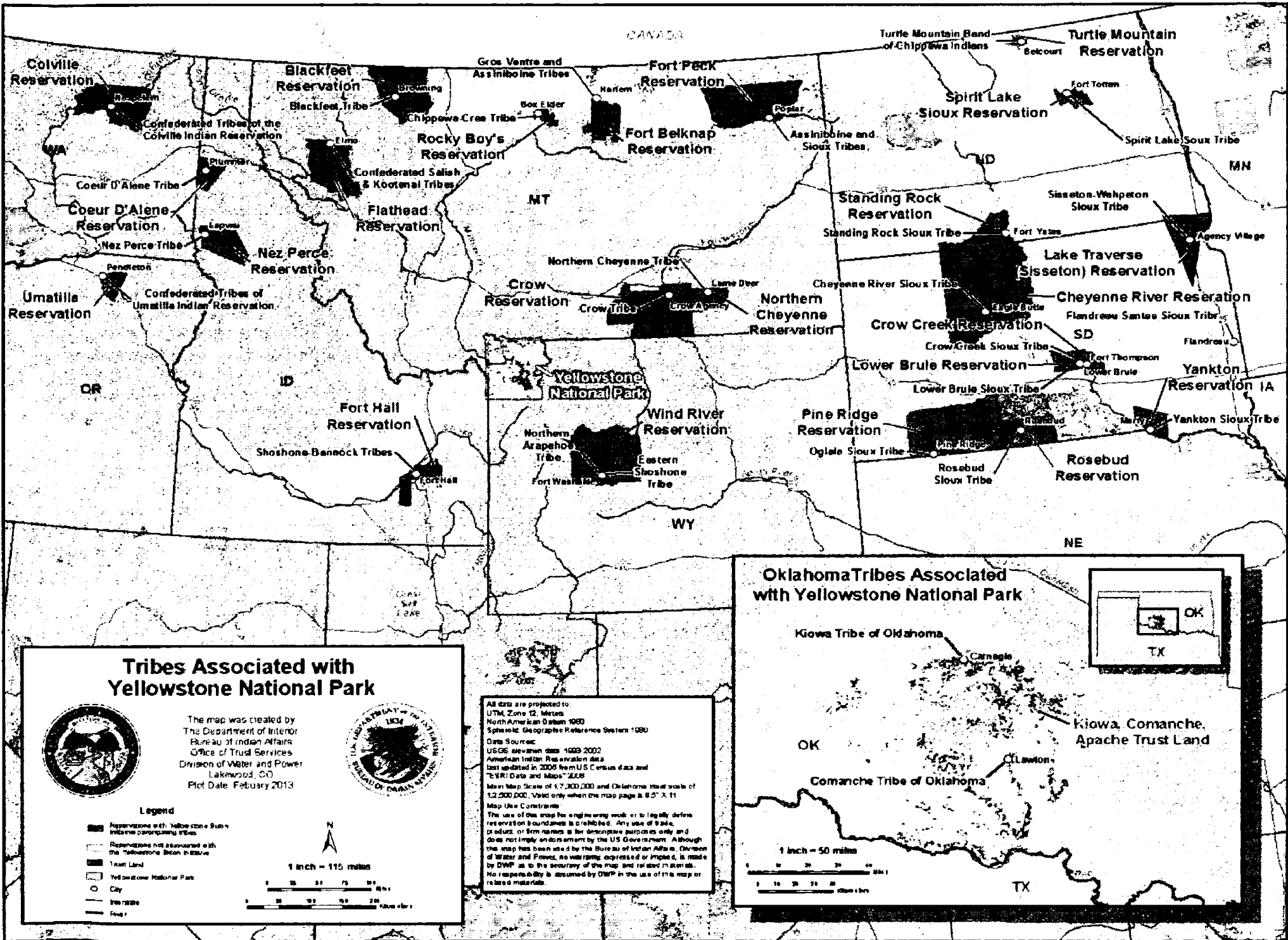
Figure 1. Relative complexity of management and planning for consideration of placement of quarantined brucellosis-free Yellowstone-origin bison on DOI lands

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# **Tribes and Quarantined Bison**

- ▣ NPS and BIA invited all 26 tribes associated with Yellowstone National Park (see following map) to a joint tribal consultation meeting held via conference call to gauge tribal interest in receiving brucellosis-free Yellowstone bison and collaborating with DOI on long-term quarantine operations in the future.
- ▣ NPS also gave presentations to the ITBC Board of Directors and the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council.
- ▣ Several tribes expressed interest in receiving Yellowstone bison, and some also expressed interest in partnering on long-term quarantine operations.
- ▣ The tribal consultations also identified important issues such as the resources needed to install infrastructure and manage bison herds, potential conflicts with treaty bison hunting rights, and whether quarantine and relocation are suitable long-term management tools.
- ▣ Some tribes have expressed interest in receiving some of the existing brucellosis-free Yellowstone bison owned by the state of Montana that graduated from the 2005-2011 Quarantine Feasibility Study (discussed previously). DOI has encouraged these tribes to work directly with the state of Montana to pursue their interests.



### Tribes Associated with Yellowstone National Park



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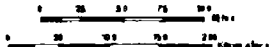


#### Legend

- Reservations with Yellowstone Study-Indian participating tribes
- Reservations not associated with the Yellowstone Basin Inactive
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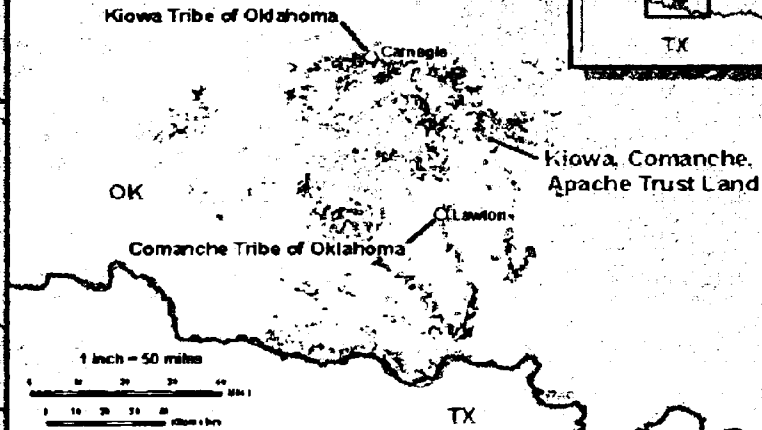


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### Oklahoma Tribes Associated with Yellowstone National Park



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# Conclusion

- ▣ Over the past century, DOI has advanced bison conservation, and remains committed to doing so over the next century.
- ▣ DOI bison resources will remain crucial to the long-term conservation of the species.
- ▣ However, significant work remains to restore the species to its ecological and cultural role on appropriate landscapes.
- ▣ DOI's bison conservation toolkit continues to grow: adaptive risk management, conservation genetics, meta-population management, and brucellosis quarantine.
- ▣ However, DOI's most important bison conservation tool to achieve large landscape restoration is collaboration amongst state, local, and tribal partners.
- ▣ The DOI Bison Conservation Initiative envisions that broadened bison conservation will entail innovative partnerships with both traditional and non-traditional partners to allow for ranging bison across multiple jurisdictions at larger landscape scales.
- ▣ This scenario is at the heart of the successful establishment of the wildlife herd of huntable "Book Cliffs" bison on BLM and adjacent lands in Utah.
- ▣ On the horizon, there are important case studies in places like Arizona, Colorado and South Dakota to measure DOI's success in developing these types of innovative partnerships.
- ▣ Above all, DOI remains committed to working in an open and transparent way that

## Keynote Speaker: John Podesta, Counselor to the President of the United States of America

John Podesta is currently serving as Counselor to the President. His duties include overseeing climate change and energy policy.

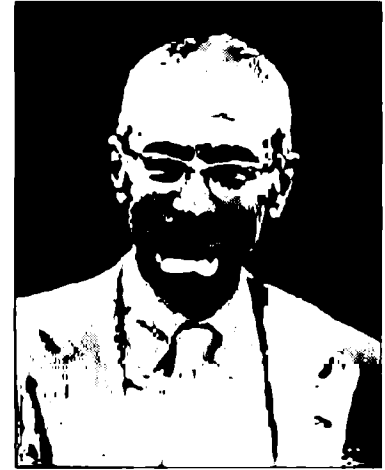
As a former member of both the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative and Global Ocean Commission, Podesta has championed responsible stewardship of the high seas, improved fisheries management, environmental protection, and global ocean health and resilience.

In 2008, he served as co-chair of President Obama's transition team, where he coordinated the priorities of the incoming administration's agenda, oversaw the development of its policies, and spearheaded its appointments of major cabinet secretaries and political appointees.

He is the former Chair of the Washington, D.C.-based think tank Center for American Progress and the Center for American Progress Action Fund. Prior to founding the Center in 2003, Podesta served as White House chief of staff to President William J. Clinton.

He recently served on the President's Global Development Council and the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. Additionally, Podesta has held numerous positions on Capitol Hill, including counselor to Democratic Leader Sen. Thomas A. Daschle (1995-1996).

A Chicago native, Podesta is a graduate of Knox College and the Georgetown University Law Center, where he is currently a visiting professor of law. He is the author of *The Power of Progress: How America's Progressives Can (Once Again) Save Our Economy, Our Climate and Our Country*.



## Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of the Interior

In nominating Jewell, President Obama said, "She is an expert on the energy and climate issues that are going to shape our future. She is committed to building our nation-to-nation relationship with Indian Country. She knows the link between conservation and good jobs. She knows that there's no contradiction between being good stewards of the land and our economic progress; that in fact, those two things need to go hand in hand."

As Secretary of the Interior, Jewell leads an agency with more than 70,000 employees. U.S. Department of the Interior serves as steward for approximately 20 percent of the nation's lands, including national parks, national wildlife refuges, and other public lands; oversees the responsible development of conventional and renewable energy supplies on public lands and waters; is the largest supplier and manager of water in the 17 Western states; and upholds trust responsibilities to the 566 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives.

Prior to her confirmation, Jewell served in the private sector, most recently as President and Chief Executive Officer of Recreation Equipment, Inc. (REI). Jewell joined REI as Chief Operating Officer in 2000 and was named CEO in 2005. During her tenure, REI nearly tripled in business to \$2 billion and was consistently ranked one of the 100 best companies to work for by Fortune Magazine.

Before joining REI, Jewell spent 19 years as a commercial banker, first as an energy and natural resources expert and later working with a diverse array of businesses that drive our nation's economy. Trained as a petroleum engineer, Jewell started her career with Mobil Oil Corp. in the oil and gas fields of Oklahoma and the exploration and production office in Denver, Colo. where she was exposed to the remarkable diversity of our nation's oil and gas resources.

An avid outdoorswoman, Jewell finds time to explore her backyard in the Pacific Northwest where she enjoys skiing, kayaking, hiking and other activities. She has scaled Mount Rainier on seven occasions, and recently climbed Vinson Massif, the highest mountain in Antarctica.

Jewell has worked to ensure that public lands are accessible and relevant to all people from all backgrounds, and to build a connection between the great outdoors and a new generation of Americans. Jewell is a graduate of the University of Washington. She and her husband, Warren, have two adult children, Peter and Anne.



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**Paulokaleioku Timothy Bailey | Manager, Mt. Haleakala National Park**

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Paulokaleioku Timothy Bailey is recognized as a premier authority of the relationship between native Hawaiian natural resources and culture. He has given numerous presentations on this topic at Kamehameha Schools, University of Hawaii, Hawaii high schools, National Park Services, the Hoohanohano I Na Kupuna puwahu series, the First Stewards: Coastal Peoples Address Climate Change Symposium and the 27th Lowell Wakefield Fisheries Symposium on Fishing People of the North: Cultures, Economies and Management Responding to Change, to name a few. He has worked since 1992 as a biological science technician for the Haleakala National Park on Maui and now serves as the manager for the Park's aviation, fire, feral animal removal and management program. He is an expert in living, working and adapting to remote conditions and in tracking and capturing animals and is a certified primary bird surveyor in Hawaiian forests.

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**Holly A. Bamford, Ph.D. | Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA**

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Dr. Bamford is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Assistant Administrator for the National Ocean Service (NOS), providing agency leadership and strategic direction to serve as the primary federal agency for science-based solutions to address evolving economic, environmental, and social pressures on our oceans and coasts. Of her many agency projects, she currently is leading NOAA staff through a review of the utilization of green/grey infrastructure approaches for improved preparedness and resiliency of coastal community environments and economies from natural disasters. Dr. Bamford previously served as the NOS's Deputy Assistant Administrator, where her many responsibilities included that of NOAA Incident Coordinator during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy where she executed emergency response efforts including navigation surveys of the New York port area to quickly restore the region's maritime commerce. Previously as the first Director of NOAA's Marine Debris Program in 2005, she brought national recognition to issues related to marine debris and to the program. She has received a number of awards for her exceptional leadership and partnership skills and has served on a number of science and advisory committees, including Chairperson on the Federal Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating Committee, and at the 2007 Ocean Policy Forum in South Korea. She has presented at a number of international meetings and academic institutions, and given interviews to national media outlets including *The Today Show*, *CNN*, and *Rolling Stone Magazine*.

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**The Honorable Dan Benishek, M.D. | U.S. House of Representatives, MI-01**

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Dan Benishek's story is like that of many people from Northern Michigan. Dan was born in Iron River, Michigan. His family didn't have much when he was growing up, and his father was killed in a mining accident when he was only 5 years old. After his father's death, Dan's mother, with the help of family, raised Dan and his brother, Tim. As a boy, Dan worked in his grandmother's business—the Iron River Hotel. Dan made beds, hauled beer, and cleaned the spittoons. His grandmother paid him \$10 a week for his efforts, but he had to save it for the future. After Dan graduated from West Iron High School in 1970, he went on to earn a B.S. in biology from the University of Michigan in 1974. Dan graduated from Wayne State Medical School in 1978 and completed a Family Practice internship in Flint at St Joseph's Hospital. He has served as a general surgeon in Michigan's Upper Peninsula in a private practice since 1983. He has worked part-time at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain for the past twenty years. Dan worked as a general surgeon in Iron Mountain for nearly 30 years and raised his family in Iron Mountain. Along the way, it never occurred to him to get into politics, let alone run for Congress. But, like many people in Northern Michigan, Dan just got tired of seeing career politicians in Washington waste taxpayer dollars on bills they didn't even read. Since coming to Congress, Dan has been fighting every day to create jobs in Northern Michigan, improve services to our veterans, and renew the promise of the American Dream for our children, grandchildren and future generations. Dan is an avid hunter and fisherman and a proud member of the NRA and the GOA. Dan and his wife Judy live near Crystal Falls, Michigan. They have five children and four grandchildren. Prior to being sworn into Congress on January 5, 2011, Dr. Benishek had never sought nor held any previous public office.

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**Christopher Brown | President, Seafood Harvesters of America**

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Christopher Brown is and has been an active fisherman out of Point Judith, Rhode Island for 38 years. An industry and resource advocate for the past 30 years, Chris is currently the President of Seafood Harvesters of America and Rhode Island Commercial Fisherman's Association. He is an advisor to the New England Fishery Management Council, member of the executive board of the North East Seafood Coalition, and founder and executive director of the Rhode Island Fluke Conservation Cooperative. Chris also serves as President of NE Fishery Sector V, Rhode Island's only groundfish sector. Chris lives in West Kingston, RI with his wife of 30 years, Maryellen. Together they have 3 grown children: Maggie, Christopher Jr. and Samuel. Chris Jr. and Sam are his partners in Brown Family Seafood, a small, quality-driven distribution company specializing in traceable seafood.

### **Merry Camhi, Ph.D. | Director, New York Seascape, The Wildlife Conservation Society**

Dr. Merry Camhi is the Director of WCS's New York Seascape, a joint program of the New York Aquarium and the Global Marine Program. Launched in July 2010 as the first WCS seascape in North America, this initiative seeks to raise public awareness and take action to conserve threatened marine wildlife in the New York Bight, through conservation research, citizen science and education, and advocacy to improve management policies. Current New York Seascape projects include acoustic and satellite tagging of sharks to better understand their movements and habitat needs in the Mid Atlantic, monitoring and management of diadromous fish in the Bronx River, and a number of initiatives to build a local New York ocean constituency. Merry has worked in marine conservation since receiving her Ph.D. in Ecology from Rutgers University, where she studied sea turtles in Costa Rica and Georgia. She then worked for ten years as a scientist and then assistant director of Audubon's Living Oceans Program. Her efforts have focused on domestic and international conservation and management of large ocean fishes, and sharks in particular. She has been a member of the IUCN Shark Specialist Group since 1994, and previously served as Deputy Chair and co-editor of Shark News. In 2007, she was the Content Coordinator for the American Museum of Natural History's exhibition Water: H2O = Life. Her most recent publications are a co-authored IUCN report The Conservation Status of Pelagic Sharks and Rays (2009), and the co-edited book Sharks of the Open Ocean (Wiley-Blackwell, 2008).

### **The Honorable Maria E. Cantwell | U.S. Senate, Washington State**

Maria Cantwell currently serves as a United States Senator for the State of Washington. As a respected leader – both in public service and in the private sector – Maria has always embraced the values she first learned growing up in a strong working-class family. With the help of Pell Grants, Maria was the first member of her family to graduate college. Later, a successful businesswoman in Washington's hi-tech industry, she helped build a company that created hundreds of high-paying jobs from the ground up. Maria was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2000, 2006 and again in 2012, pledging to honor the hard work, aspirations and faith of the people of Washington State. She is working to create affordable opportunities for consumers, businesses and families, to make our nation more secure today, to foster innovation for tomorrow, and to stand with parents as they educate and care for their children. Maria gets results. She cut taxes for the middle-class by ensuring that Washington taxpayers can deduct state and local taxes from their federal returns. She fought attempts by the Bush Administration to raise local electricity rates. When bankrupt Enron officials tried to charge Washington ratepayers for millions of dollars in undelivered electricity, Maria led the effort that successfully stopped them. Maria has protected countless jobs in Washington's aerospace industry by cracking down on foreign companies' unfair trade practices and has worked to create still more well-paying jobs through effective investments in new technology and valuable job training. Maria successfully led the fight to stop drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and is leading efforts in the Senate to make America more energy independent. She has been a proud advocate for better educational opportunities for our children and less expensive, more accessible health care for our families. Maria continues to build new growth and strong partnerships, insisting on responsibility and making life more affordable for all of Washington's families.

### **The Honorable Lois Capps | U.S. House of Representatives, CA-24**

Congresswoman Lois Capps was sworn in as a Freshman Member of the 105th Congress on March 17, 1998, succeeding her late husband, Congressman Walter Capps. She was the Representative of California's 22nd District from 1998 to 2002. From January 2003-January 2013, Capps served as the Representative of the 23rd District. Her district includes portions of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties. Currently, Capps represents the 24<sup>th</sup> District, which includes the entirety of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties, and a portion of Ventura County. Lois Capps is committed to helping people improve their daily lives through better schools, quality health care, and a cleaner environment. Capps is a respected leader in Congress on issues of public health, passing legislation to address the national nursing shortage, detect and prevent domestic violence against women, curb underage drinking, improve mental health services, provide emergency defibrillators to local communities, bring CPR instruction to schools, and provide immediate Medicare coverage to patients suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease. Capps has also been at the forefront of efforts to protect the environment. She has led efforts to stop new oil and gas drilling off our coasts, reduce the amount of new oil drilling in Los Padres National Park, and protect consumers from shouldering the financial burden of cleaning up MTBE contamination in their water supplies. Capps serves on the powerful Committee on Energy and Commerce. She sits on the Health, Energy and Power and Environment and the Economy subcommittees. From these posts, Capps continues to focus on Medicare reform, the nursing shortage, cancer, mental health, energy policy, and the environment. During her 20-year tenure as a nurse and health advocate for the Santa Barbara School District, thousands of Santa Barbara's children and families benefited from Capps' personal care and leadership. As director of Santa Barbara County's Teenage Pregnancy and Parenting Project and the Parent and Child Enrichment Center, Capps gave countless young parents the support and encouragement to stay in school while providing them with critical child development skills to ensure their children grow up in healthy, loving environments. Capps also taught for 10 years as a part-time instructor of Early Childhood Education at Santa Barbara City College. Capps now draws on this extensive healthcare background as founder and co-chair of the House Nursing Caucus. She also serves as co-chair of the Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition, the House Cancer Caucus, the Congressional School Health and Safety Caucus, National Marine Sanctuary



Caucus, as well as the House Democratic Task Force on Health and Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition. Capps was born in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. After graduating with honors from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, she worked as a nursing instructor in Portland, Oregon. Capps earned a Master of Arts degree in Religion from Yale University while working as Head Nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital. In addition, she earned a Master of Arts degree in Education from the University of California, Santa Barbara and received honorary doctorates from Pacific Lutheran University and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. The daughter of a Lutheran minister, Capps has been an active member of Grace Lutheran Church since 1964. Capps was married to Walter Capps for 37 years. Their immediate family includes: daughter Laura, her husband Bill; son Todd, and his son Aden; daughter Lisa, who passed away February of 2000; Lisa's husband, Nathan, their sons David and Walter, and Nathan's wife Caitlin.

### **Michael Castellini, Ph.D. | Dean, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, University of Alaska Fairbanks**

Dr. Michael Castellini earned his PhD from Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1981. He has been a faculty member at the University of Alaska Fairbanks since 1989. He was Science Director for the Alaska SeaLife Center in Seward, Director of the Institute of Marine Science, Associate Dean and now Dean of the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. Dr. Castellini is the Principal Investigator for the NSF funded Alaska COSEE, and was a participant in the NSF Polar Palooza program during the International Polar Year. His research focuses on how marine mammals have adapted to life in the sea from the Arctic to the Antarctic, including their biochemical, physiological and behavioral adaptations for deep and long duration diving, exercise physiology and temperature balance. In Alaska, his studies include population health, changing sea ice and climate impacts. He has worked with students, teachers and the public on climate change issues in the North across the country and regularly speaks at scientific and public meetings on the Arctic, Antarctic and their oceans. He has written over 100 scientific works and is involved in local, state and National panels and committees dealing with policy issues related to the Arctic, ecosystem management, marine mammals, and agency oversights.

### **Barbara S. Cochran | President, National Press Club Journalism Institute**

Barbara Cochran is the Curtis B. Hurley Chair in Public Affairs Journalism at the Missouri School of Journalism and director of the school's Washington Program. She has held executive positions in commercial and public media. She rose from copy desk trainee to managing editor of the Washington Star. She then served as vice president for news at NPR, where she directed the creation of NPR's morning news program, Morning Edition. Moving from radio to television, she became executive producer of NBC's Meet the Press and then vice president and Washington bureau chief of CBS News, the first woman to head a network bureau in Washington. She was president of the Radio Television Digital News Association before her Missouri faculty appointment. She is a graduate of Swarthmore College and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

### **Michael Conathan | Director, Ocean Policy, Center for American Progress**

Michael Conathan is the Director of Ocean Policy at American Progress. His work focuses on driving progressive solutions to the multitude of problems facing the world's oceans. Prior to joining American Progress, Mike spent five years staffing the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation's Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard—initially serving a one-year appointment as a Dean John Knauss Marine Policy Fellow before joining the committee full-time as a professional staff member in 2007. In that capacity Mike worked primarily for Subcommittee Ranking Member Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME), as well as the Ranking Members of the full committee, Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX). He oversaw enactment of multiple key pieces of ocean legislation, including the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act, the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observing Act, the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act, and the Shark Conservation Act. A native Cape Codder, Mike received a master's degree in marine affairs from the University of Rhode Island in 2005 and also holds a Bachelor of Arts in English literature from Georgetown University.

### **John Connelly | President, National Fisheries Institute**

John Connelly is President of the National Fisheries Institute, America's leading trade association advocating for the seafood community. NFI represents the fish and seafood commerce chain, from "water to table." He served as Chairman of International Coalition of Fisheries Associations and for seven years on the Board of Trustees of the Marine Stewardship Council. He currently serves on the Board of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation, the global tuna community's sustainability organization, and ALLFISH, a public-private partnership with the World Bank. Before joining NFI, Connelly held business leadership and advocacy positions at the American Chemistry Council, the chemical industry's trade association. Connelly was a U.S. Naval Officer aboard ship and recently retired as a Captain in the Navy Reserve, with specializations in political-military affairs. Connelly graduated from The College of the Holy Cross (History). He and his wife Margaret enjoy skiing, tennis and hiking in Ireland with their four children.

**David O. Conover | Interim Vice President for Research, Stony Brook University**

Dr. David O. Conover serves as the Interim Vice President for Research at Stony Brook University. Prior to his current role, Dr. Conover served as the Director, Division of Ocean Sciences at the National Science Foundation (NSF). In addition, Dr. Conover oversaw two major facility construction projects: the Ocean Observatory Initiative (\$386 million); and the research vessel, R/V Sikuliaq, (\$200 million). He served as Co-Chair of the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology (SOST) and was a member on the Steering Committee of the National Ocean Council. Dr. Conover is also Professor of Marine Science in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS) at Stony Brook University, Long Island, N.Y. where he served as Dean from 2003-2010. He has authored over 125 publications on the ecology of marine fishes and fisheries science. His most recent research involves the long-term evolutionary impacts of size-selective harvest regimes on the productivity of marine fish stocks. Dr. Conover was the first recipient of the Mote Eminent Scholar Chair in Fisheries Ecology and is also an Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellowship. He has served on the boards of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, the National Association of Marine Laboratories and was Chairman of the Board of the New York Sea Grant Institute. Dr. Conover also founded the New York Marine Sciences Consortium, an organization of 28 academic institutions with expertise in marine science research and education.

**George Cooper | Senior Vice President, Forbes-Tate**

George Cooper is a Senior Vice President at Forbes-Tate and was with Forbes-Tate's predecessor firm, Cauthen Forbes & Williams. Mr. Cooper leads the firm's natural resource and outdoor recreation government affairs work. Mr. Cooper also directs the firm's strategic communications practice and works closely with Forbes-Tate's clients to develop and implement effective public relations and media strategies. Prior to joining Forbes-Tate, Mr. Cooper served as the President and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a groundbreaking coalition of the nation's leading hunting, fishing and conservation organizations founded to give the sportsman-conservationist voice greater resonance in federal policymaking. Mr. Cooper's communications and political experience extends directly into the media. Prior to joining TRCP, Mr. Cooper worked for CNN for ten years. From 1997 to 2003, Mr. Cooper served as Senior Producer for public affairs shows including "Evans and Novak," "Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer," and "Reliable Sources," and then produced on the White House and Capitol Hill beats. During his time show producing and story producing in Washington, Mr. Cooper worked closely with prominent political experts and interviewed and reported on members of Congress, top administration officials, and other leading figures in Washington. Prior to those assignments, he was at CNN Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia with Headline News and the network's Political Unit covering the 1996 elections.

**Walter Cruickshank, Ph.D. | Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior**

As Acting Director of BOEM, Dr. Cruickshank manages the development of the Nation's offshore resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way. These programs include leasing, plan administration, environmental studies, *National Environmental Policy Act* analysis, resource evaluation, economic analysis and the Renewable Energy Program. Prior to becoming the Deputy Director of BOEM upon its establishment in October 2011, Dr. Cruickshank served as Deputy Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE) and the former MMS since 2002. Dr. Cruickshank previously served as the Bureau's Associate Director for Policy and Management Improvement and has worked in the Department of the Interior for more than 25 years. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Geological Sciences from Cornell University and a Doctorate in Mineral Economics from the Pennsylvania State University.

**Margaret Davidson | Senior Leader, Coastal Inundation and Resilience, National Ocean Service, NOAA**

Margaret Davidson has been an active participant in coastal resource management issues since 1978, when she earned her Juris doctorate in natural resources law from Louisiana State University. She later earned a master's degree in marine policy and resource economics from the University of Rhode Island. Davidson served as special counsel and assistant attorney general for the Louisiana Department of Justice and later as the executive director of the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium. She joined NOAA as the founding director of the NOAA Coastal Services Center in 1995. Davidson also served as the acting assistant administrator for NOAA's National Ocean Service from 2000 to 2002. She holds a faculty appointment at the University of Charleston. Davidson has served on numerous local, state, and federal committees and provided leadership for national professional societies. She has focused her professional work on environmentally sustainable coastal development practices and the reduction of risk associated with extreme events and climate. From April 2012 to May 2014, Davidson served as acting director of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) and played a leading role as OCRM and the Coastal Services Center joined forces as a single organization to bring more effective products and services to constituents and coastal communities. Among her recent professional awards: Fulbright Fellowship, American Meteorological Society Fellow, Gilbert White Fellow, and Zurich Fellow for Climate Adaptation.

**Adam Davis | Partner and Director of Research, Policy & New Markets, Ecosystem Investment Partners**

Adam is a Partner and Director of Research, Policy & New Markets for Ecosystem Investment Partners (EIP), a private equity fund manager that acquires and manages high priority conservation properties across the United States. EIP delivers competitive returns to its investors through the use of market-based mechanisms that reward landowners for the restoration and protection of their natural resources (such as wetlands, streams and endangered species). Prior to joining EIP, he served as Director of the environmental consulting division of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) where his team developed decision tools, appraisal methods and tax strategies to enable market based conservation choices. He also founded Solano Partners, a consulting firm that engaged with corporate, government and NGO clients on environmental investment and conservation finance issues. He co-founded an online information service called Ecosystem Marketplace; a 'go to' source of information on environmental market mechanisms globally. Adam's work was featured in *The New Economy of Nature*, by Gretchen Daily and Katherine Ellison, and he received the 2002 Ecological Society of America corporate award. Adam is a graduate of Cornell University where he earned a B.A. cum laude in Africana Studies.

**Scott C. Doney, Ph.D. | Director, Ocean and Climate Change Institute, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution**

Scott Doney is a Senior Scientist in the Department of Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry and presently the Director of the Ocean and Climate Change Institute at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). He graduated with a BA in chemistry from the University of California, San Diego in 1986 and went on his first oceanographic expedition in 1984 with Sea Education Association. He completed his PhD in chemical oceanography from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Joint Program in Oceanography in 1991. He was a postdoctoral fellow and later a scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, before returning to Woods Hole in 2002. His science interests span oceanography, climate and biogeochemistry, with particular emphasis on the application of numerical models and data analysis methods to global-scale questions. Much of his research focuses on how the global carbon cycle and ocean ecology respond to natural and human-driven climate change, and he was a convening lead author for the Oceans and Marine Resources chapter of the 2014 U.S. National Climate Assessment.

**William J. Douros | West Coast Regional Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, NOAA**

William J. Douros serves as the West Coast Regional Director for the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, a position he's held since 2006. In the role as Regional Director, Bill is responsible for oversight of nearly 13,000 square miles protected as national marine sanctuaries on the west coast of the United States. Bill came to federal service in 1998 where he served until 2006 as was the Superintendent for Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. From 2010 through 2012 he served as the Acting Deputy Director of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, working much of that time from Washington, D.C. Bill's past work and educational experience combine coastal policy, marine science and operational management. Immediately after graduating with a Master's degree in Marine Ecology from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1985, Bill worked for, and for seven years managed, Santa Barbara County's Energy Division, which regulates offshore oil and gas development in that county. Bill comes from families skilled as restaurant chefs and ship builders, neither of which he claims to have inherited. Some skills Bill has acquired from past jobs include bagging groceries, baking pizzas, and fighting forest fires. Bill lives with his family in Carmel, California, where his two sons attend public schools.

**Juliet Eilperin | White House Reporter, The Washington Post**

A born-and-bred Washingtonian, Juliet Eilperin graduated in 1992 magna cum laude from Princeton University, where she received a bachelor's in Politics with a certificate in Latin American Studies. In March 1998 she joined *The Washington Post* as its House of Representatives reporter, where she covered the impeachment of Bill Clinton, lobbying, legislation, and five national congressional campaigns. She is now a White House correspondent for the *Post*, covering subjects ranging from climate change to campaign finance and health care. Between April 2004 and March 2013 Ms. Eilperin covered the environment for the national desk, reporting on science, policy and politics in areas including climate change, oceans, and air quality. In pursuit of these stories she has gone scuba diving with sharks in the Bahamas, trekking on the Arctic tundra with Selma Hayek and Jake Gyllenhaal, and searching on her hands and knees for rare insects in the caves of Tennessee. In the wake of the 2010 BP oil spill, she wrote several investigative stories about lax federal oversight of offshore oil drilling. In 2011 she won the Peter Benchley Ocean Award for Excellence in Media. She has published two books. Her first, published by Rowman & Littlefield in 2006, was "Fight Club Politics: How Partisanship is Poisoning the House of Representatives," which was featured on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and NPR's "Fresh Air with Terry Gross." Ms. Eilperin's second book, "Demon Fish: Travels Through the World With Sharks," was published by Pantheon in June 2011, and has been featured on NPR's "Weekend Edition Saturday" as well as in *People*, *Smithsonian* and *Popular Science* magazines.

**Frank Fang, Ph.D. | Vice President, Process Research & Development, Eisai, Inc.**

Dr. Francis Fang is the Vice-President of Integrated Chemistry at Eisai Inc. He is a chemist by training with broad experience in the discovery and development of natural product-based drug candidates including the recently approved treatment for late-stage breast cancer, halaven™. Frank received his B.S. degree in chemistry (1983) from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he completed an undergraduate honors thesis with the late Professor Marvin D. Rausch. In 1989 Frank earned a Ph.D. from Yale University where he was a Kent Fellow working with Professor Samuel Danishefsky. From 1989-1991, Frank was a National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow in the laboratories of Professor Yoshito Kishi at Harvard University where he worked on the total synthesis of the marine natural product halichondrin B. From 1991-1997 Frank was a Senior Scientist, Research Investigator, and Team Manager in Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Development at Glaxo Research Institute and GlaxoWellcome in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. From 1997 to present Frank has been at Eisai in Andover, Massachusetts. At Eisai, Frank lead the group responsible for the process research and development of the marine natural product-based drug halaven™ which was approved for the treatment of late-stage breast cancer by the FDA in November, 2010. Frank has served as a Reviewer on NIH SBIR Study Sections from 1999-2000. Frank was Vice-Chair and Chair of the 1998 and 2000 Gordon Conferences on Stereochemistry. Frank's research interests include the total synthesis of biologically active natural product-based drug candidates such as A58365A, porphyrones, camptothecins, aza-steroids, laulimalide, luminacins, pladienolides, hypothemycins, and halichondrins.

**The Honorable Sam Farr | U.S. House of Representatives, CA-20**

Congressman Sam Farr, a fifth-generation Californian, represents the state's beautiful Central Coast. Throughout his 20-year tenure, Mr. Farr has been a leading advocate for California agriculture, an outspoken activist for affordable housing and a champion of the oceans. In Congress since 1993, Farr serves on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which oversees the distribution of the federal budget. Farr is the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration, as well as sits on the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs. Mr. Farr co-chairs the Congressional Organic Caucus, Congressional Travel & Tourism Caucus, Defense Communities Caucus, House Oceans Caucus, and Unexploded Ordnance Caucus. Prior to serving in Congress, Farr served twelve years in the California State Assembly and six years as Monterey County Supervisor. He graduated from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon and attended the Monterey Institute of International Studies and the University of Santa Clara. He began his career in public service in 1964 serving in the Peace Corps in Colombia. He is fluent in Spanish. He was raised in Carmel, California, and is married to Shary Baldwin Farr. The Farris have one daughter, Jessica, and two grandchildren, Ella and Zachrey.

**J. Charles Fox | Program Director, Oceans Five**

Fox is the Program Director for Oceans Five, an international funders' collaborative dedicated to reducing overfishing and establishing marine reserves. Fox previously served as a senior advisor to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Chesapeake Bay. He also served as the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Assistant Administrator for Water at EPA, the Assistant Secretary for the Maryland Department of Environment and the Associate Administrator for EPA's Office of Reinvention. Fox worked with several nonprofit conservation organizations including the Pew Charitable Trusts, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Friends of the Earth, Environmental Policy Institute and the Maryland League of Conservation Voters. He resides in Annapolis with his partner Catherine and two sons.

**D. Jay Grimes, Ph.D. | Professor and former Director, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, University of Mississippi**

Dr. D. Jay Grimes was Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (2002-2007) and Director of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (1997-2007) at The University of Southern Mississippi where he is now a Professor of Marine Microbiology in the Coastal Sciences. Grimes served on the faculties of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (1971 to 1980), University of Maryland (1980 to 1987), and University of New Hampshire (1987 to 1990); he was also director of the New Hampshire Sea Grant College Program. In 1990, Grimes was selected for federal service as a microbiologist and program manager at the U.S. Department of Energy. In 1997, Grimes was appointed director of Southern Miss' Institute of Marine Sciences and of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory; in 2001 he was instrumental in creating the College of Marine Sciences and became its first dean. Grimes is a fellow in the American Academy of Microbiology and in the American Association for the Advancement of Science; he is the current chair of ASM's Committee on Environmental Microbiology and he is past-president of the U.S. Federation of Culture Collections. Grimes also served as vice chair of the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education, chair of the NASULGC Board on Oceans and Atmosphere, and served on the Science Advisory Panel to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy. He chaired the NOAA National Advisory Panel on Oceans and Human Health, chaired the 2012 Gordon Research Conference on OHH and is a Science Advisor to the Joint Ocean Commission Initiative. Grimes received his Ph.D. in Microbiology from Colorado State University (1971).

**Scott B. Gudes | Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Space and Missile Defense Programs, Lockheed Martin Corporation**

Mr. Gudes came to Lockheed Martin with over 29 years of career and bipartisan experience in the Federal Executive and Legislative Branches. Immediately prior to joining LMCO he served as Vice President for Government Relations for the National Marine Manufacturers Association, the trade association representing 1,700 recreational boat manufacturing companies. He served 16 years with the U.S. Senate and 1 year with the U.S. House of Representatives as a committee professional staff member. He earned a reputation for bipartisanship having served both Democratic and Republican Chairmen. He served as Staff Director or a staff member of three Appropriations subcommittees – Commerce, Justice and State (now Science), Defense, and Foreign Operations and Export Financing. In January 2005 he was named Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Budget Committee where he directed the production of two budget resolutions, a budget process reform bill, and the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 which cut mandatory spending by \$39 billion. Mr. Gudes also served as the Deputy Under Secretary of NOAA, receiving the Presidential “Distinguished Rank” Senior Executive Service Award in 2003. From January to December 2001 he served as the Acting NOAA Administrator and in 1999 as the Assistant Secretary of Administration for the U.S. Department of Commerce. Scott began his Federal career with the Office of the Secretary of Defense in 1978 as a Presidential Management Intern.

**Lynne Zeitlin Hale | Managing Director for Oceans, The Nature Conservancy**

Lynne Zeitlin Hale has more than 30 years of experience in marine and coastal ecosystem conservation and management. She currently serves as the Managing Director for Oceans for The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Over the last decade, she has led the development of TNC’s marine programs which integrates science and policy work with “in-the-water” conservation and restoration in the United States and more than 30 countries in Asia, Oceania, the Caribbean, South America, and Africa. Lynne also serves as the NGO representative on the Board of the Marine Stewardship Council and is Co-leading the Habitat Community of Practice for the Global Partnership for the Ocean. Previously, as the Associate Director of the Coastal Resources Center at the University of Rhode Island, Lynne played a leadership role in the design and implementation of integrated coastal management programs in the United States, South America, Asia, and Africa, as well as globally oriented outreach and training programs. Coastal issues and topics on which she has worked and published include: community-based and co-management of marine resources; national coastal policy and plan development; tourism development planning; marine protected areas; coral reef management; shorefront development and disaster risk reduction; and ecosystem-based adaptation. In 2008 she received NOAA’s Walter B. Jones Memorial Award as the Coastal Steward of the Year. Ms. Hale has an M.S. in biological oceanography from the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography and a B.A. in Zoology from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Paul Holthus | Founding President and CEO, World Ocean Council**

Paul Holthus is the founding President/CEO of the World Ocean Council (WOC), the international business leadership alliance on corporate ocean responsibility. The WOC brings together oil and gas, shipping, fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, offshore renewables and other ocean industries, creating an unprecedented ocean business community and private sector leadership in addressing shared marine sustainability challenges. Mr. Holthus has worked in over 30 countries with companies, communities, industry associations, UN agencies, international non-governmental organizations and foundations. He has held senior positions with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and international environmental organizations, including serving as Deputy Director of the IUCN Global Marine Programme. Among other things, he originated the “Coral Triangle” concept, a successful large seascape approach to international sustainable ocean development. Since 1998, Mr. Holthus has worked primarily with the private sector to develop practical solutions to ocean sustainability and responsible use challenges. He is a frequent speaker at international ocean and industry conferences. He was one of 5 people invited to be a member of the UN Secretary General’s Expert Group on Oceans for the 2012 Rio+20 conference, and is on the Advisory Committee of *The Economist* World Ocean Summit. Mr. Holthus is a graduate of the University of California and the University of Hawaii, with advanced degrees in marine resource management and international business. He was a Fulbright scholar in Australia and is an East-West Center alum.

**The Honorable Jared Huffman | U.S. House of Representatives, CA-02**

Representative Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) was sworn in as a member of the 113th Congress on January 3, 2013 to represent California’s second district. The district spans from the Golden Gate Bridge north to the Oregon border, covering six counties including all of Marin, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte, and much of Sonoma Counties. Huffman is a member of the Committee on Natural Resources and the House Budget Committee. Prior to his election to Congress in November of 2012, Huffman served six years in the California State Assembly where he authored more than 60 pieces of successful legislation and received numerous awards for his legislative leadership. Huffman chaired the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee, served on the Budget Committee and was co-chair of the Legislative Environmental Caucus. In the Assembly, Huffman distinguished himself as a legislator who tackles complex public policy challenges, works tirelessly, and gets results – often by forging bipartisan consensus on difficult issues. He played a leading role in crafting and passing the historic package of water reforms in 2009. Other notable laws authored by Huffman include California’s pioneering lighting efficiency standards (AB 1109) which were subsequently adopted into federal

law; the nation's largest programs for solar hot water heating (AB 1470) and paint recycling (AB 1343); reforms that improve California's State Parks system (AB 1589) and Department of Fish and Wildlife (AB 2402); and creation of a new voluntary type of corporation, California Benefit Corporations, to promote corporate social responsibility (AB 361). Prior to his election to public office, Huffman was a Senior Attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). One of his proudest accomplishments at NRDC was helping forge an agreement to restore a 153-mile stretch of the San Joaquin River in California's Central Valley. Before he joined NRDC, Huffman was a successful public interest attorney whose victories included several major jury verdicts in gender discrimination and race discrimination trials. He also served 12 years in local government as a Director of Marin County's largest special district, the Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD), from 1994 to 2006. Huffman graduated magna cum laude from the University of California at Santa Barbara, where he was also a three-time NCAA All-American volleyball player. He went on to play for the USA Volleyball Team in 1987 when the team was ranked #1 in the world, before attending and graduating cum laude from Boston College Law School. Huffman lives in Marin with his wife Susan and their two children, Abby (age 12) and Nathan (age 9). In his free time, Huffman enjoys all types of fishing, as well as tennis and home winemaking.

### **Paula J. Johnson | Curator, Smithsonian National Museum of American History**

Paula J. Johnson is a Curator in the Division of Work and Industry at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, where she oversees the marine resources and food history collections. She served as project director and co-curator of the exhibition, "On the Water: Stories from Maritime America," which opened to the public in 2009 and on-line at <http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthewater>. She also curated two sections of the museum's major transportation history exhibition "America on the Move," one focusing on the Port of New York in the 1920s and the other exploring the impact of containerization on ports and maritime labor in the San Francisco Bay area (see <http://americanhistory.si.edu/onthemove>). Johnson began her work as a folklorist and oral history researcher over thirty years ago at the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, Maryland. She worked with local people to document the history and cultural traditions of fishing communities and maritime occupations in the mid-Chesapeake region. This research formed the foundation for public exhibitions and programs and resulted in two books, *Working the Water: The Commercial Fisheries of Maryland's Patuxent River* (1988) and *The Workboats of Smith Island* (1997). Johnson has lectured widely on maritime communities and cultural conservation, traditional watercraft and material culture, and oral history research and documentation. Johnson was also the project director and co-curator for the 2012 exhibition, "FOOD: Transforming the American Table, 1950-2000," and continues to conduct research and shape the Museum's permanent collections on topics relating to American food history. Johnson has been on the staff at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History since 1991.

### **Aileen Kenney | Vice President of Permitting and Environmental Affairs, Deepwater Wind**

Ms. Kenney is the Vice President of Permitting and Environmental Affairs at Deepwater Wind in Providence RI. She is responsible for overseeing the environmental surveys and permitting of Deepwater Wind's portfolio which includes projects off the coast of Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts. Aileen has worked on the permitting of wind and other energy projects in the United States and abroad for over 10 years. Prior to joining Deepwater Wind in May 2010, she was the National Director of Wind Energy at Tetra Tech EC, Inc. During her time with Tetra Tech, their wind energy program was responsible for permitting over 335 projects representing over 20,000 MW of installed capacity. She co-managed preparation of the Wind Energy Siting Handbook for the American Wind Energy Association, published in 2008.

### **Nancy Knowlton, Ph.D. | Sant Chair for Marine Science, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History**

Dr. Nancy Knowlton holds the Sant Chair in Marine Science at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. Her research centers on the diversity and conservation of life in the ocean, with a special focus on coral reefs. She received her BA at Harvard University summa cum laude, her PhD at the University of California at Berkeley, and was a NATO postdoctoral fellow at the University of Liverpool and Cambridge University. Later, she was a professor at Yale University, a scientist at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama, and Professor and founding Director of the Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Past service included advisory positions with the National Geographic Society, the World Bank, the Cosmos Prize, and the Census of Marine Life. She was a past member of the editorial board of the *Annual Review of Marine Science*, the National Board of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Pew Marine Fellows Advisory Committee, and the Savannah Ocean Exchange Board of Governors. She currently serves on the Sloan Research Fellowship in Ocean Sciences committee and the national board the Coral Reef Alliance. She is an Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellow, winner of the Peter Benchley Prize and the Heinz Award, and author of *Citizens of the Sea*. In 2013 she was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.

**Dan Laffoley | Marine Vice-Chair, IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas**

Through his work as IUCN's Principal Advisor on Marine Science and Conservation for the Global Marine and Polar Programme, Dan provides knowledge, innovation and leadership on consolidating action for the ocean and devising new ways for delivering marine conservation which lever greater action and attention for our seas. He is currently taking the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) through a major strategic review to radically develop the role and focus of the marine work through the development and implementation of the WCPA – Marine Global Plan of Action. The WCPA mission is to promote the establishment and effective management of a worldwide system of network of terrestrial and marine protected areas. His proven track record involves working with both industry and leading scientists to create initiatives that bring new knowledge into policy on issues such as coastal carbon sinks, climate change and ocean acidification, and he has a broad understanding of marine science matters across multiple disciplines. Dan holds a place on the Boards and Councils of many UK leading marine science organizations. He is one of the two independent advisors to the UK's top-level Marine Science Coordination Committee, where he leads on improving communication of marine sciences and how UK marine science is showcased on the international stage. He also has a keen interest in how information technology can help protect the ocean and recently helped deliver Google Ocean, benefitting in excess of 1 billion people with a new perspective on the seas.

**Keith Lawrence | Senior Director, Seascapes Program, Conservation International**

Keith Lawrence is Senior Director of Conservation International's Seascapes program, supporting and guiding teams implementing large-scale marine conservation initiatives in four Seascapes (Eastern Tropical Pacific – Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia & Ecuador; Bird's Head - Indonesia; Sulu-Sulawesi – Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia; Abrolhos – Brazil). The Seascape approach is a practical and proven framework for implementing the principles of Ecosystem-Based Management through coalitions of government authorities, private organizations, and other stakeholders. It is generating impressive results, both in conserving marine life and in promoting human well-being. His projects and papers have covered topics including marine conservation at scale; analyzing and mapping global ecosystem service values and estimating their value to the world's poor; developing a 'Green Economies' approach to pursue local conservation and development goals, with case studies in Brazil and Indonesia; developing guidance on payments for ecosystem services schemes; evaluating the impact of hydroelectric dams in Cambodia; advising the Government of The Turks & Caicos Islands on the value of coral reefs; assessing the impacts of sea angling in England; determining the economic value of England's terrestrial ecosystem services; and building capacity in The Gambia to assess environmental aspects for a fisheries development project. He has a Master's of Science in Environmental Economics from the University of York, UK.

**The Honorable Carl Levin | U.S. Senate, Michigan**

Carl Levin was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1978, and re-elected in 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002 and 2008. He serves as Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. He has received many awards and honors, including recognition as one of TIME's 10 best senators in 2006, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation's Four Freedoms Medal in 2007, the World Affairs Council's Global Service Award in 2007, the Secretary of the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award in 2003, The National Guard Association of the U.S. Harry S. Truman Award in 2004, and the National Marine Sanctuary Stewardship Award in 2005. Prior to his Senate appointment, Levin was elected to the Detroit City Council in 1969, and named assistant attorney general and general counsel of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission in 1964. Born in Detroit, MI, Levin is a graduate of Swarthmore College and received his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School.

**Christopher D. Lischewski | President and CEO, Bumble Bee Seafoods**

Mr. Lischewski is currently the President and CEO of Bumble Bee Seafoods, a position he has held since 1999. Prior to that, his career included positions in management consulting with A.T. Kearney and executive positions with H. J. Heinz and ConAgra Foods. In his current position at Bumble Bee, Mr. Lischewski has been instrumental in creating one of the largest seafood companies in North America. He takes special pride in having been a founding member of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation which has been a leader in implementing global policies and practices to ensure the long term sustainability of the world's wild tuna stocks. Mr. Lischewski has a BS in Finance and Accounting and an MBA in International Finance from the University of Southern California. He resides in San Diego, California with his wife Louise and son Raithe.

**Tony MacDonald | Director, Urban Coast Institute, Monmouth University**

Tony MacDonald has been the Director of the Urban Coast Institute (UCI) at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey since 2005. The mission of the UCI is to serve the public interest as a forum for scientific and policy research, education and collaboration to support healthy and productive coastal ecosystems and an ecologically sustainable and economically vibrant future for coastal communities. Mr. MacDonald is currently a member of U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System Advisory Committee, and is serving on the National Academy of Science's U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Water Resources Science, Engineering, and Planning: Coastal Risk Reduction Committee. Mr. MacDonald was also a lead chapter author of *Coastal Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability*:

*A Technical Input to the 2013 National Climate Assessment.* Mr. MacDonald was previously the Executive Director of the Coastal States Organization (CSO). Prior to joining CSO, Mr. MacDonald was the Special Counsel and Director of Environmental Affairs at the American Association of Port Authorities, where he represented the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) at the International Maritime Organization on negotiations on the *London Convention*. Mr. MacDonald served as the Washington, DC environmental legislative representative for the Mayor of the City of New York, and held positions as the Deputy General Counsel for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Real Estate and Commercial Litigation Divisions of the NYC Law Department. Mr. MacDonald is a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont and the Fordham University School of Law in New York City.

### **Clay Maitland | Founding Chairman, North American Maritime Environment Protection Association**

Clay Maitland has worked in the shipping industry since graduation from law school in 1968. Clay has been employed by International Registries, Inc. for 38 years and is now a managing partner of the company, which administers the Marshall Islands Ship Registry – the third largest registry in the world. He is President of the Trust Company of the Marshall Islands (TCMI), the statutory Maritime Administrator of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Prior to the year 2000, Clay held similar positions with regard to the maritime administration of the Republic of Liberia. Among his other affiliations: Director of the Coast Guard Foundation and the Coast Guard Auxiliary Foundation; Member of the American Bureau of Shipping, and of the National Cargo Bureau; Founding Chairman of the North American Maritime Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA); Chairman of the Hellenic-American Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of New York Maritime Inc. (NYMAR); Chairman of the Merchant Marine Policy Coalition (MMPC); Chairman of the North American Maritime Ministry Association (NAMMA) Industry Advisory Council; Chairman of the Maritime Industries Academy Foundation (Baltimore Harbor School); Member of the American Bar Association, New York City Bar Association and Maritime Law Association of the United States; former Chairman of the National Maritime Historical Society; former Chair of the Admiralty Committee of the New York City Bar Association, and of the Committee on Intergovernmental Organizations of the Maritime Law Association of the United States (MLA). Clay has served as a delegate to the Legal Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Clay received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from the State University of New York Maritime College in 2006, and was awarded the U.S. Coast Guard's Distinguished Public Service Award in 2010.

### **Steve Mathies, Ph.D. | Vice President, Coastal Protection and Restoration, AECOM**

Mathies is a Louisiana native and has more than 30 years of professional experience focused on ecosystem restoration and/or hurricane protection serving in both public and private sector positions. Public sector service included serving as the Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration, Deputy Secretary for the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Director of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP) and, Chief of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Project Management Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. All of these positions required management of individual projects as well as coordination of numerous projects simultaneously to ensure accomplishment of overall program objectives while fostering trusting relationships with agency representatives, area stakeholders, and the general public. Accomplishments were recognition by Governor Mike Foster, the CWPPRA Task Force, the American Planning Association, and by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation with selection as the "Professional Conservationist of the Year". Private sector experience includes current position as Vice President, Coastal Protection and Restoration for AECOM and similar positions with two other national firms as well as the Battelle Memorial Institute. During tenure Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration was responsible for initial phases of the development of Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast.

### **Monica Medina | Senior Director of Ocean Policy, National Geographic Society**

Monica Medina currently serves as the Senior Director of Ocean Policy at the National Geographic Society. Prior to joining National Geographic in 2014, Monica served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense advising him on all issues concerning the environment, energy, climate change, and natural resource management. Previously, Monica served as the Principal Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere at NOAA, where she led efforts on Arctic conservation, restoration of the Gulf of Mexico after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, endangered species conservation, and fisheries management and enforcement policy. Earlier Monica served on the Transition Team for the Obama Administration, and held positions at the Pew Environment Group and the U.S. Office of the International Fund for Animal Welfare. She also served as the U.S. Commissioner to the International Whaling Commission.



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**Sophia Mendelsohn | Head of Sustainability, JetBlue Airways**

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Sophia Mendelsohn is currently the Head of Sustainability at JetBlue Airways, where she is shaping policies and practices that enhance JetBlue's competitive advantage and reduce environmental impact. Prior to JetBlue, Sophia was Head of Sustainability, Emerging Markets for Haworth Inc., a multinational manufacturer in the corporate real estate industry, where she was responsible for increasing sustainable product offerings in emerging markets, including Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Previously, Sophia worked for the Jane Goodall Institute, an international NGO, in Shanghai, China helping spread education about the environment to local and international schools in China. She is accredited in the Leadership in Energy Environment and Design (LEED) green building rating system and certified to perform Life Cycle Analyses (LCA) and lead Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) reports. She speaks, reads and writes Mandarin, lived in China for over seven years, and is a passionate rock climber and traveler.

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**Christopher Merculief | President, Saint George Traditional Council**

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Tribal President Christopher Merculief is the Aleut leader of the Saint George Island Traditional Council, in the Pribilof Island Archipelago, Bering Sea, Alaska. He is a commercial fisherman, Vice Chairman of the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association and member of the Saint George Fisherman's Association. Raised on Saint George Island, President Merculief, his wife, Sally, and three children pursue a traditional lifestyle using modern technologies in fishing, research and tribal business pursuits. An indigenous elder and statesman, he often represents his tribal and fishing constituents before the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and other State, Federal and Alaska Native governing bodies, for which he garnered management attention for Northern fur seal and sea lion populations, seabird colonies, halibut habitat, king crab stocks, and community access to resources for sustaining cultural food security. President Merculief has led a bold initiative to nominate the first Cultural Heritage Zone for inclusion in the National Network of Marine Protected Areas. Located at the southern extent of winter Arctic sea ice and heart of the Nation's most productive fishing grounds, President Merculief has also led the St. George Island Traditional Council's involvement in local marine ecosystem research and ocean education.

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**Catherine Novelli | Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, U.S. Dept. of State**

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Catherine A. Novelli was sworn in as Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment on February 18, 2014. In this capacity, she leads the State Department's efforts to develop and implement economic growth, energy, agricultural, oceans, environmental, and science and technology policies to promote economic prosperity and address global challenges in a transparent, rules-based, and sustainable system. Prior to assuming her current duties, she was Vice President, Worldwide Government Affairs at Apple, Inc. In that role, Ms. Novelli headed a multinational international team responsible for Apple's federal, international, and state and local government relations and public policy. Prior to her tenure at Apple, Ms. Novelli was a partner in the Washington office of Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP where she assisted Fortune 100 clients on issues involving international trade and investment. Formerly Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe & the Mediterranean, Ms. Novelli coordinated U.S. trade and investment policy for the over 65 countries of Western Europe, Central Europe, Russia, the CIS, the Middle East and Northern Africa. She has taken a leading role in many of the most important U.S. trade negotiations in Europe, Russia, the Middle East, and North Africa. As the point person for the \$1 trillion economic relationship between the United States and Europe, Ms. Novelli led efforts to ensure access to the European market for U.S. manufactured and agricultural products. Ms. Novelli was the lead strategist in creating the United States' free trade agenda with the Middle East. She led free trade agreement negotiations with Jordan, Morocco and Bahrain, Oman and United Arab Emirates. She chaired the Trade and Investment Framework Councils with a number of countries in the region, including Turkey, Egypt, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Algeria, and worked on other broad-based, public-private initiatives in the region. Ms. Novelli has also played a critical role for the United States in Central Europe, Russia, Ukraine and Central Asia. As the Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia, she negotiated most of the bilateral trade and investment agreements that underpin our economic relationship in that region. Prior to joining USTR, Ms. Novelli served in the Office of General Counsel at the Department of Commerce. Ms. Novelli is a graduate of Tufts University, holds a law degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Laws from University of London (with concentrations in international and comparative law at the London School of Economics and School of Oriental and Asian Studies).

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**Frank Nutter | President, Reinsurance Association of America**

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Frank Nutter has been president of the Reinsurance Association of America (RAA) since 1991. He held the same position with the RAA from 1981-1984. In the interim, he was president of the Alliance of American Insurers and the Property Loss Research Bureau, which have now merged to be part of the Property Casualty Insurance Association of America. Mr. Nutter currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Center for Health and the Global Environment, an adjunct to the Harvard University School of Public Health, the Advisory Board of the OECD's International Network for the Financial Management of Large Scale Disasters and the RAND Center on Catastrophic Risk Management and Compensation. He has recently served on the Council of the American Meteorological Society and the Board of the University Center for Atmospheric Research. He has served as a member of the Board

of Directors of the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the Worker's Compensation Research Institute, the Board of Overseers of the Institute for Civil Justice, a subsidiary of the Rand Corporation and on the Board of the Bermuda Institute for Ocean Sciences. Mr. Nutter has a Juris Doctorate from the Georgetown University Law Center and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Nutter was an officer in the U.S. Navy and is a Vietnam veteran.

### **The Honorable Kevin Ranker | Washington State Senate, LD-40**

Senator Kevin Ranker possesses an extensive and diverse background developing and advancing public policy, community development strategies and conservation initiatives both in the United States and Internationally. For several years he has focused his expertise on the advancement of coastal and ocean policy with a particular emphasis on the combination of coastal economic development, energy policy and conservation. As a Washington State Senator, Kevin has advanced key legislation focused on climate, energy, coastal and marine management, transportation, agriculture and equal rights. Legislative highlights include the sponsorship and co-sponsorship of comprehensive marine management, oil spill response and preparedness efforts and landmark legislation making Washington the seventh state to recognize full marriage equality. Previous to the Senate, Kevin served as a San Juan County Commissioner and was a Senior Fellow at the Ocean Foundation. In 2011, he received a White House appointment to serve as an Advisor to President Obama's National Ocean Council. He is also the current Vice President of PNWER (Pacific Northwest Economic Region) a partnership of ten states and Canadian provinces that works to increase economic well-being, coordinate energy, economic and environmental strategies and enhance the competitiveness of the region. He lives on Orcas Island with his wife and daughter while his son proudly serves in the U.S. Navy. Kevin is an avid runner, sailor, paddler, fisherman and surfer.

### **Joshua S. Reichert, Ph.D. | Executive Vice President and Managing Director for Pew Environment Group, The Pew Charitable Trusts**

Joshua Reichert heads the Pew Environment Group of The Pew Charitable Trusts, a national non-for-profit organization with major offices in Philadelphia and Washington DC. Prior to joining Pew in 1990, Dr. Reichert held various positions within both governmental and non-governmental organizations including serving as executive director of the National Security Archive in Washington DC; vice president for conservation at Conservation International; regional representative of the Inter-American Foundation, a public corporation that provides assistance to the urban and rural poor in Latin America and the Caribbean; and special assistant to the chairman of the sub-committee on foreign appropriations of the U.S. House of Representatives. Dr. Reichert is the chief architect and founder of various environmental organizations including Oceana, the National Environmental Trust, SeaWeb, Earth Force, the Ocean Law Project, the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Clear the Air, the Campaign for America's Wilderness, the Pew Institute for Ocean Science, the Ocean Wildlife Campaign, and the Pew Oceans Commission. He is the author of over 60 publications and has co-produced a number of films on the plight of fisheries and other problems affecting marine ecosystems worldwide. His work has been published in over 100 newspapers throughout the United States, and he has appeared on ABC World News Tonight, PBS's NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, Fox News, and National Public Radio's All Things Considered and Marketplace. Dr. Reichert holds a bachelor's degree in applied behavioral sciences from the University of California at Davis, and both a master's and doctorate in social anthropology from Princeton University.

### **Donald L. Rice, Ph.D. | Director, Chemical Oceanography Program, National Science Foundation**

Dr. Donald L. Rice is the Director for the National Science Foundation's Chemical Oceanography Program, within the Division of Ocean Science. Through the Chemical Oceanography Program, Dr. Rice advances the mission of NSF efforts to support research into the chemical components, reaction mechanisms, and geochemical pathways within the ocean and at its interfaces with the solid earth and the atmosphere. The Program encourages research into the chemistry, distribution, and fate of inorganic and organic substances introduced into or produced within marine environments including those from estuarine waters to the deep sea. At NSF, he has been involved in a variety of projects, including establishing several Centers for Ocean and Human Health across the country in cooperation with a number of governmental and non-governmental partners, furthering cutting-edge oil spill research related to the Deepwater Horizon, and exploring the anthropogenic impacts on coastal communities and ecosystems.

### **Brian M. Salerno | Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, U.S. Dept. of the Interior**

Brian Salerno was sworn in as the Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement on August 26, 2013. He is responsible for promoting safety, protecting the environment and conserving resources through the vigorous regulatory oversight and enforcement of offshore operations on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf. Salerno previously served as the U.S. Coast Guard's Deputy Commandant for Operations where he was responsible for establishing and providing operational strategy, policy, guidance and resources as needed to meet national priorities for U.S. Coast Guard missions, programs and services. Former assignments included serving as the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship, Assistant Commandant for Policy and Planning, and Director of Inspections and Compliance. Salerno was commissioned as an Ensign in the U.S. Coast Guard in December

1976 after attending Officer Candidate School. Over the course of his 36 year active duty career, Salerno attained the rank of Vice Admiral, serving predominantly within the U.S. Coast Guard's marine safety program. His field assignments included commanding units in Boston, MA and San Juan, PR, in addition to other assignments in Baltimore, MD; Port Arthur, TX; Portland, ME; and as the marine safety advisor to the Panama Canal Authority. Salerno is a 2000 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, with a Masters in Strategic Studies. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College nonresident program, and holds a Master's Degree in Management from the Johns Hopkins University. He is licensed as a master of small passenger vessels.

### **Mark Schaefer, Ph.D. | Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Conservation and Management, NOAA**

As Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Conservation and Management, Dr. Schaefer is responsible for oceans and fisheries activities at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Throughout his career, he served in a variety of positions in the federal government and private sector including, most recently, as Director of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution. Dr. Schaefer previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science (1996-2000), Acting Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (1997-1998), and Assistant Director for Environment, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President (1993-1995). He served for several years as co-chair of the National Science and Technology Council's Ecological Systems Subcommittee, responsible for coordinating ecosystem science activities across federal agencies. In the private sector, Dr. Schaefer was CEO of the Global Environment and Technology Foundation (2006-2007), president and CEO of NatureServe, a nonprofit conservation science organization (2000-2006), and director of the Washington Office of the Carnegie Commission on Science, Technology, and Government (1989-1993). Dr. Schaefer served on the Board on Earth Sciences and Resources of the National Research Council within the National Academy of Sciences, and on the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Foundation. A biologist by training, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington, and a doctorate (neurosciences) from Stanford University.

### **Jerry R. Schubel, Ph.D. | President and CEO, Aquarium of the Pacific**

Jerry Schubel has been president and CEO of the Aquarium of the Pacific since 2002. He is president Emeritus of the New England Aquarium, and from 1974-1994 was Dean of Stony Brook University's Marine Science Research Center. For three of those years he served as the University's provost. He holds a Ph.D. in oceanography from Johns Hopkins University and received an honorary doctorate from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Schubel has worked throughout his professional life at the interfaces of science management-policy on issues dealing with the ocean. He is a member of NOAA's Science Advisory Board and is a member of the Science Advisory Panel for California's Ocean Protection Council. He co-chaired the first national forum on ocean exploration, Ocean Exploration 2020: A National Forum, in 2013. He chairs a National Academy committee on the "Value and Sustainability of Biological Field Stations, Marine Laboratories, and Natural Reserves in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science, Education, and Public Outreach." He chaired the National Sea Grant Review Panel; the National research Council's Marine Board; and the Ocean Research and Resources Advisory Panel. He chaired and served on numerous NRC committees, is a former member of EPA's Science Advisory Board, Census of Marine Life U.S. National Committee, and National Science Foundation's Education and Human Resources Advisory Committee.

### **Barton Seaver | Director, Healthy and Sustainable Food Program, Harvard School of Public Health**

Barton Seaver is on a mission to restore our relationship with the ocean, the land, and with each other —through dinner. He has translated his illustrious career as a chef into his leadership of the Healthy and Sustainable Food Program at the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the Harvard School of Public Health. In this role, Barton spearheads initiatives to inform consumers and institutions about how our choices for diet and menus can promote healthier people, more secure food supplies, and thriving communities. Through his collaborative work with industry leaders, institutions, policymakers, media, and conservationists, Barton has become one of the nation's leading voices for sustainable food systems. In addition to his role at the Center, he is an Explorer with the National Geographic Society and is the first Sustainability Fellow in Residence at the New England Aquarium, where he helps relate the Aquarium's conservation messages with the food we serve at our dinner tables. In 2012, Barton was named by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to the United States Culinary Ambassador Corp.

### **Samantha Simmons, Ph.D. | Assistant Scientific Program Director, U.S. Marine Mammal Commission**

Dr. Samantha Simmons is the Assistant Scientific Program Director of the US Marine Mammal Commission. She is a marine biologist by training with an emphasis on marine mammal biology. She was born and raised in the UK and completed her BSc. (Hons.) in Marine and Environmental Biology at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland in 2000. Dr. Simmons moved to the US to pursue graduate studies at the University of California Santa Cruz, where she earned a Masters in Marine Science and then a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Her Masters research considered the behavior of northern elephant seals in relation to oceanography, using satellite remote sensed oceanographic data. Her Ph.D. research examined the foraging success of pinnipeds in relation to the sub-surface thermal structure of the water column. In 2009 Dr. Simmons started in her current position at the Marine Mammal Commission. One of her foci at the Commission is working to improve the availability of biological datasets, including health information, through ocean observing systems. Availability of this information will facilitate the multidisciplinary work necessary to

better understand the connections between the health of the oceans, marine mammals and humans, including any impacts from natural or anthropogenic changes.

### **Eileen Sobeck | Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA**

Eileen Sobeck was appointed Assistant Administrator for Fisheries in January 2014. Eileen oversees the management and conservation of marine fisheries and the protection of marine mammals, sea turtles, and coastal fisheries habitat within the U.S. exclusive economic zone. NOAA Fisheries protects and preserves the nation's living marine resources through scientific research, fisheries management, law enforcement, and habitat conservation. Her focus is on rebuilding the nation's fisheries and the jobs and livelihoods that depend on them by promoting management approaches that will achieve both sustainable fisheries and vibrant coastal communities. The agency has almost 5,000 employees in five regional offices, six science centers, and more than 20 laboratories across the country. Prior to joining NOAA Fisheries, Eileen was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at the U.S. Department of the Interior. She also spent 25 years at the U.S. Department of Justice Environment and National Resources Division where she served as Chief of Wildlife and Marine Resources for several years among other leadership roles. While at DOJ, she received a Presidential Rank Award (2006). She started her federal career with NOAA's Office of General Counsel in 1979. Eileen completed her undergraduate and law degree at Stanford.

### **Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan | Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, and NOAA Administrator**

Dr. Kathryn Sullivan was confirmed by the Senate as the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and NOAA Administrator on March 6, 2014, having served as Acting NOAA Administrator since February 28, 2013. She is a distinguished scientist, renowned astronaut and intrepid explorer. Prior to her appointment as Acting Administrator, Dr. Sullivan held the position of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction and Deputy Administrator, and also performed the duties of NOAA's Chief Scientist, a vacant position. As Assistant Secretary, Dr. Sullivan played a central role in directing Administration and NOAA priority work in the areas of weather and water services, climate science and services, integrated mapping services and Earth-observing capabilities. She also provided agency-wide direction with regard to satellites, space weather, water, and ocean observations and forecasts to best serve American communities and businesses. As Deputy Administrator, she oversaw the smooth operation of the agency. Dr. Sullivan is the United States Co-chair of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), an intergovernmental body that is building a Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS) to provide environmental intelligence relevant to societal needs. Dr. Sullivan's impressive expertise spans the frontiers of space and sea. An accomplished oceanographer, she was appointed NOAA's Chief Scientist in 1993, where she oversaw a research and technology portfolio that included fisheries biology, climate change, satellite instrumentation and marine biodiversity. She was the inaugural Director of the Battelle Center for Mathematics and Science Education Policy in the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University. Prior to joining Ohio State, she served a decade as President and CEO of the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) in Columbus, Ohio, one of the nation's leading science museums. Dr. Sullivan joined COSI after three years of service as Chief Scientist. Dr. Sullivan was one of the first six women selected to join the NASA astronaut corps in 1978 and holds the distinction of being the first American woman to walk in space. She flew on three shuttle missions during her 15-year tenure, including the mission that deployed the Hubble Space Telescope. Dr. Sullivan has also served on the National Science Board (2004-2010) and as an oceanographer in the U.S. Navy Reserve (1988-2006). She holds a bachelor's degree in earth sciences from the University of California at Santa Cruz and a doctorate in geology from Dalhousie University in Canada.

### **Anne Thompson | Chief Environmental Affairs Correspondent, NBC News**

Anne Thompson is NBC News' Chief Environmental Affairs correspondent. Her reports appear across all platforms of NBC News including "NBC Nightly News," "Today," MSNBC and NBCNews.com. Most recently, Thompson led coverage on the Gulf oil spill, covering all aspects of the crisis from beginning to when the well was finally killed. This extensive coverage made Thompson the NBC News Correspondent with the most airtime in 2010, according to the Tyndall Report. She traveled to Copenhagen to cover climate change negotiations, Greenland, Costa Rica, the Amazon, Australia and Europe to cover such issues as alternative fuels, global warming, land usage and new technologies. From March 2005 to April 2007, Thompson served as Chief Financial correspondent reporting on financial and economic news for NBC News. Thompson has reported on the economic impact of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, the increased cost of health care and its impact on the economy, alternative fuel vehicles, identity theft, and the politics of the credit card industry. In addition, from a financial perspective, she covered the trials of Martha Stewart, Bernie Ebbers and Tyco. In 2006, Thompson received the prestigious Gerald Loeb Award, and she was part of the "Nightly News" team that won the Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Journalism Award and the Emmy Award for coverage of Hurricane Katrina. In 2004, she was awarded the Gerald Loeb Award for distinguished business and financial journalism for a series of reports that aired on "Nightly News" on the jobless economic recovery. She was also nominated for four business and financial news Emmys.

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**Monica Trauzzi | Managing Editor and Host, E&E TV**

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Monica Trauzzi is Managing Editor and Host of E&E TV, a division of E&E Publishing. Ms. Trauzzi serves as moderator of E&E TV's daily interview program, OnPoint with Monica Trauzzi. She has produced and moderated more than one thousand on-camera interviews with lawmakers, lobbyists, industry experts, and academics on energy and environment issues.

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**Maura Welch | Brand Marketing Director, TripAdvisor**

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Maura Welch drives brand strategy for TripAdvisor, using non-traditional, creative and innovative means to promote brand awareness. Prior to joining TripAdvisor, Maura served as vice president of marketing at WeeWorld, a top 10 youth site and mobile gaming platform, where she led content, marketing and monetization. Earlier, Maura ran the development of interactive mobile ads for Mobot (now part of NeoMedia), helped Lycos launch a social networking site, directed marketing efforts at SkyGo (now part of Enpocket), and was a Boston Globe columnist and blogger. She is currently a lead curator for TEDxBeaconStreet, the largest TEDx in New England, and has previously spoken at several conferences including SXSW, Digital Hollywood, Digital Content Monetization and Engage. Follow her on Twitter at @maura\_welch.

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**Rear Admiral Jonathan W. White | Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy, U.S. Navy**

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Rear Admiral Jon White earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanographic Technology from Florida Institute of Technology and a master's degree in Meteorology and Oceanography from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. He was commissioned as a US Naval Officer in 1983 and joined the oceanography community in 1987. He commanded the Naval Training Meteorology and Oceanography Facility, Pensacola, FL and was the 50th superintendent of the United States Naval Observatory. White's sea tours as a naval oceanographer include Commander, Cruiser Destroyer Group 12 where he completed deployments on board USS Saratoga (CV 60), and USS Wasp (LHD 1). White served as Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command from 2009 to 2012. He was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral (upper half) in August 2012 as he assumed his current duties, which include Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy and the Navy's Director of Task Force Climate Change.

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**The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse | U.S. Senate, Rhode Island**

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Sheldon Whitehouse, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW), plays a key role in crafting policies addressing environmental protection and climate change. In 2011, he joined with Democrats and Republicans to form the Senate Oceans Caucus to increase awareness of and find common ground on issues facing the oceans and coasts. The Caucus helped gain Senate approval of four international fisheries treaties that will prevent illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing. Whitehouse has worked to boost federal support for fisheries science and cooperative fisheries research as well as efforts to improve transparency and efficiency in the commercial and recreational fisheries management process. Senator Whitehouse has long advocated for a National Endowment for the Oceans, a dedicated funding source for ocean and coastal research and restoration. He has also led efforts to fund and reauthorize the Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuaries Program to protect and study coastal habitats. A graduate of Yale University and the University of Virginia School of Law, Whitehouse served as United States Attorney and Attorney General of Rhode Island before being elected to the Senate in 2006. He is the chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism and of the EPW Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety.

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**Charlie Williams | Executive Director, Center for Offshore Safety**

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Charlie Williams was named Executive Director for the Center for Offshore Safety (COS) in March 2012. Previously he retired from Shell Oil as Chief Scientist - Well Engineering after a 40 year career. At Shell he held other senior management positions including Vice President - Global R&D. He is a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Tennessee and Professional Mechanical Engineer. Charlie received the 2012 Offshore Technology Conference Special Citation and the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Regional Safety Award for his offshore safety work. He serves on the Department of Interior OESC Federal Advisory Committee, and he has presented extensively on Safety Management and drilling technology - including to the Presidential Commission, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and National Academy of Science. Charlie chaired the post-Horizon Joint Industry Task Force - Subsea Well Control & Containment and the BSEE/Argonne Labs Workshop - Effects of Water Depth on Offshore Equipment & Operations. Charlie is a recipient of the US Department of Interior - Corporate Citizenship Award and has been awarded the National Ocean Industries Association "Safety in the Seas Award". He has also served on the Petroleum Engineering curriculum advisory committee at University of Texas. He has been a lifetime member of the SPE.

### **The Honorable Rob Wittman | U.S. House of Representatives, VA-01**

Rob Wittman was first elected to serve the First Congressional District of Virginia, America's First District, in December of 2007. He was re-elected for his third full term in the House of Representatives in November 2012. For more than 20 years, Rob has served in several levels of government, from Montross Town Council to United States Congress. Rob won his first campaign for public office in 1986 when he was elected to the Montross Town Council, where he served for 10 years, four of them as Mayor. In 1995, Rob was elected to the Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors and was elected its Chairman in 2003. In 2005, voters in the 99th Legislative District elected Rob to the Virginia House of Delegates, where he served until he was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 2007. In the U.S. Congress, Rob serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Natural Resources, where he is well-positioned to represent the needs of Virginia's First District. He has quickly earned a reputation for being an advocate for our men and women in uniform and for being a champion of the Chesapeake Bay. On the Armed Services Committee, Rob serves as the Chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee, and on the Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee. In addition, as Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus, he is a staunch advocate for a robust Naval fleet and a healthy domestic shipbuilding industry. In 2012, Rob was appointed to serve his third term as the Chairman of the U.S. Naval Academy's Board of Visitors. As a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Rob brings his professional expertise in water quality, fisheries, and other natural resource issues. He is a champion of the Chesapeake Bay -- for its environmental and economic attributes -- and has introduced legislation that will increase the accountability and effectiveness of cleaning up the Bay. He serves as co-chair of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Caucus, which brings Bay issues into focus for Members of Congress. Prior to his election to Congress, Rob spent 26 years working in state government, most recently as Field Director for the Virginia Health Department's Division of Shellfish Sanitation. Earlier, he worked for many years as an environmental health specialist for local health departments in Virginia's Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula regions. He holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Administration from the University of North Carolina, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Virginia Tech. Rob's wife, Kathryn, a teacher at Cople Elementary School in Hague, Virginia, is a Westmoreland County native whom he met when he spent high school and college summer recesses working in a Leedstown tomato cannery and on a Reedville fishing boat in the Northern Neck. They live in Montross and have two children: a daughter Devon, son-in-law Daniel Gooch, a son Josh, and a daughter-in-law Tiffany. They also have three grandchildren, Morgan, Mark, and Macon. Rob is an avid hunter and fisherman, and when possible, he enjoys spending time with his four yellow Labrador Retrievers.

### **Roy E. Wright | Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency**

Roy E. Wright serves as FEMA's Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation. He is responsible for the risk analysis and risk reduction programs under FEMA's Stafford Act authorities and the National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Wright is also responsible for FEMA Disaster Reservists within the Mitigation Cadre as well as the delivery of environmental and historic preservation technical assistance and compliance across all FEMA programs. Collectively, these programs promote a risk-conscious culture and address long-term vulnerabilities in communities across the Nation. Mr. Wright led the interagency development of the National Mitigation Framework required by the Presidential Policy Directive on National Preparedness (PPD-8). In the Directive the President said, "Mitigation stands as a critical linchpin to reduce or eliminate the long-term risks to life, property, and well-being." Spanning across community planning, critical infrastructure, public health, and future land use, the National Mitigation Framework lays out the core capabilities and strategies required understand threats and hazards that, in turn, feed into the assessment of risk and disaster resilience in communities. Mr. Wright was appointed to the Federal Senior Executive Service in 2013. He holds a Master of Public Administration from The George Washington University, a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Azusa Pacific University. His post-graduate studies include the Senior Executive Fellows program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and the Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

**Remarks Outline for Sally Jewell  
Capitol Hill Ocean Week  
June 11, 2014**

*Suggested Length: 15 minutes*

**I. Acknowledgements/Opening**

• *Acknowledge:*

**Jason Patlis**, President & CEO of National Marine Sanctuaries Foundation

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**Lori Faeth**, Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs

**Beth Kerttula**, Director of Administration's National Ocean Council Office

- **Personal:** Grew up on the Pacific Coast – love the ocean, feel alive when I'm sailing or kayaking
- You also have a President who knows and appreciates the ocean —growing up in Hawaii might have had something to do with it. President Obama:
  - Created the **National Ocean Policy** in 2010 – a policy that recognizes that, with increasing demands on our ocean, we must improve how we work together, share information, and plan to grow our economy and keep our ocean healthy
  - Issued a Proclamation declaring this month **National Ocean Month** and promising that the Administration will continue to take actions to deliver on its policies under the National Ocean Policy

**II. Interior's Role, or "The Message Brought Forth by the Salmon"**

- At REI, never thought my next job would have so much to do with Oceans. But in fact, **Interior is one of the nation's principal stewards of our ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources**

- Interior manages, protects, and provides access to:
  - More than 35,000 miles of coastline
  - 85 marine and coastal national parks
  - 182 marine and coastal national wildlife refuges
  - 1.7 billion underwater acres on the outer continental shelf for energy and mineral development
  - 62 percent of all land in the US Arctic
  - Hundreds of thousands of square miles of marine national monuments
  - 1,100 miles of coastline of the California Coastal National Monument
  
- Truly, every one of Interior's bureaus and agencies – from USGS and Reclamation to National Park Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs – all have important roles to play in the stewardship of our ocean
  
- Equally important: Interior manages one of every five acres of land in the United States
  
- We know that everything that we do on land has impacts on the ocean. In some ways, if something is a problem for the oceans, it's because we didn't deal with it first on *terra firma*
  - Agricultural runoff → the Gulf of Mexico dead zones
  - Methane emissions in Bakken → carbon pollution → ocean acidification → collapse of the food chain (krill, salmon, whales)
  
- In short, we are all interconnected. As Billy Frank so eloquently said:
 

*"I don't believe in magic. I believe in the sun and the stars, the water, the tides, the floods, the owls, the hawks flying, the river running, the wind talking. They're measurements. They tell us how healthy things are. How healthy we are. Because we and they are the same. That's what I believe in. Those who learn to listen to the world that sustains them can hear the message brought forth by the salmon."*
  
- To ignore the interconnected nature of our land and ocean is to do so at our own peril.



### III. Climate Change: The defining issue of our time

- Climate change is a defining challenge of our time
- Have witnessed the effects across America and its affiliated Pacific islands
  - Alaska → Hawaii → Marshall Islands
  - Historic Jamestowne in Virginia, where rising sea levels and increased flooding threaten world-class archeological and historic treasures
- In May, the White House released the **Third National Climate Assessment**, which confirms climate change poses major threats to our ocean:
  - **Rise in ocean temperature** over the past century will persist into the future, with continued large impacts on climate, ocean circulation, chemistry, and ecosystems
  - **Ocean acidification.** The ocean *absorbs about a quarter of human-caused carbon dioxide emissions*, leading to acidification that will alter marine ecosystems in dramatic yet uncertain ways.
  - **Habitat loss** will continue to occur due to climate change for many species and areas, including Arctic and coral reef ecosystems, while habitat in other areas and for other species will expand. Changes will alter distribution, abundance, and productivity of many marine species.
  - **Economic impacts** of marine-related climate change are significant. May increase costs to businesses as well as disrupt public access and enjoyment of ocean areas.
- A few stats show a small slice of the **ocean's economic importance**:
  - **US Coastal Regions** support 51 million jobs and generate 45% of the Nation's GDP (*Restore America's Estuaries*)
- **Coastal and Marine National Parks and Refuges** host almost 100 million visitors each year; contribute \$7.2 billion to the economy; and support more than 77,000 jobs (*DOI's upcoming 2013 economic report*)

- **Offshore oil and gas production** contributed an estimated \$122 billion in total output, over \$59 billion in value added and supported 732,000 domestic jobs (*DOI's 2012 economic report*)

## V. Rethinking Business as Usual: Sustainability is a Team Sport

- Climate change makes clear we need to rethink business as usual
- President Obama has made combating climate change a priority: **Climate Action Plan** will reduce carbon pollution and slow the effects of climate change, both at home and internationally
- **Sustainability is a team sport**
  - We all – private and public partners – have to be good actors
- For Interior: major role in Climate Action Plan
  - **Develop Science**
    - USGS and other Interior scientists carry out extensive, climate studies and contributed to the National Climate Assessment
    - **Interior's Climate Science Centers** work to fill knowledge gaps and provide actionable science to land managers
  - **Build Resilience**
    - A lot to learn from Mother Nature in climate adaptation
    - **\$100 million grant competition** to communities throughout the Sandy-affected region to better utilize natural defense systems to prepare for and build resilience to future storms
  - **Clean Energy Future**
    - BOEM using **landscape-level planning** to define and de-conflict Wind Energy Areas on Outer Continental Shelf

- Awarded **five commercial wind energy leases** off Atlantic coast and **will hold additional auctions** for wind energy areas offshore Maryland, Massachusetts and New Jersey this year
  - Also evaluating proposals to **test floating wind turbine technology and wave energy research** offshore Oregon; and ocean current turbines off Florida
  - These projects hold **tremendous potential** for developing the vast wind and marine hydrokinetic energy of federal waters
- **Other federal agencies** are making strides on oceans climate work
- Commerce's **NOAA** plays a major role in ocean fishery management, ocean research and tracking both climate change and our daily weather. Interior's USGS is proud to work closely with Commerce's NOAA on a wide variety of ocean-related research – coastal hazards, sea level rise, ocean acidification
  - **EPA's Clean Power Plan proposal** to cut carbon pollution from existing power plants, the single largest source of carbon pollution in the United States. By 2030, the EPA plan just announced calls for cutting carbon emissions from the power sector by 30 percent nationwide from 2005 levels.
- **Private Sector**
- REI's exercise on catalogues, packaging, energy

## VI. **Conclusion**

- There's no doubt that these are **complex challenges**. But, with the help of people like those here at Capitol Hill Oceans Week, we can make a difference.
- This group of smart thinkers and ocean enthusiasts can help communities and businesses and government agencies be the positive agents they want to be when it comes to oceans and sustainability.

EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

**VERSION 2 - KEYNOTE REMARKS AT CAPITOL HILL OCEAN WEEK**

DATE: June 11, 2014  
LOCATION: The Newseum, Knight Conference Center, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,  
Washington, D.C  
TIME: 1:15PM – 1:40PM  
FROM: Terry Holman (202-208-1944), Policy Analysis Office, Ocean and Coastal  
Activities  
Lori Faeth (202-320-9815), Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas  
Emily Beyer (202-568-0168), Office of Communications

*\*Note: Updates are highlighted in yellow.*

**I. PURPOSE**

You will be giving the keynote address for the second day of Capitol Hill Ocean Week (CHOW), a three day, annual conference. Your remarks provide a great opportunity to provide links between Interior's ocean work and your priorities on climate mitigation, sustainable energy, and enjoying our special places.

We expect the audience to be approximately 200 people, including marine professionals, government officials, and ocean enthusiasts.

CHOW is hosted by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (NMSF), a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, created to assist the federally managed National Marine Sanctuary Program with education and outreach programs designed to preserve, protect and promote meaningful opportunities for public interaction with the nation's marine sanctuaries. Interior is a co-sponsor of the event.

John Podesta, Counselor to the President, will give the opening keynote to kick off the conference. The entire event is open to the press, and portions of it, including your keynote, will be live streamed.

Also on Wednesday, BOEM Acting Director Walter Cruickshank and BSEE Director, Brian Salerno will participate in a panel "Energy Evolution: Seeking the Next Boom." A full agenda of the conference is provided as an attachment, for awareness.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

*Event Participants*

- Jason Patlis, President and CEO, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

*Relevant Administration Staff Participating in the Conference*

- John Podesta, Counselor to the President

- Kathryn Sullivan, NOAA Administrator is participating in a Leadership Roundtable on Thursday, along with Senator Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island.
- BOEM Acting Director Walter Cruickshank
- BSEE Director, Brian Salerno
- Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Lori Faeth
- DOI Policy Analysis Office, Deputy Director Olivia Ferriter
- DOI Policy Analysis Office, Ocean and Coastal Activities Director, Terry Holman
- DOI Policy Analysis Office, Liza Johnson
- DOI, US Geological Survey, Ann Tihansky
- DOI, US Geological Survey, Pam Haverland

### III. AGENDA

- 12:55pm You, Lori Faeth and Emily Beyer will depart DOI, en route to the Newseum
- 1:00pm You will be greeted by Shannon Yee, Policy and Conservation Manager, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation
- 1:10pm You will meet Jason Patliss in a hold room for a brief clutch and some photos, and you will remain backstage until after Jason's intro
- 1:15 pm – 1:40 pm You give keynote remarks**  
*Jason Patliss will introduce you (5 mins)*  
*You will offer remarks (approximately 15 mins)*
- 1:45 pm -2:30 pm Depart for API meeting within the Newseum

### IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS

- Interior is one of the Nation's principal stewards of our ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources. Interior manages, protects, and provides access to:
  - 34 million acres in 84 marine and coastal national parks
  - More than 35,000 miles of coastline
  - 180 marine and coastal national wildlife refuges
  - 1.7 billion underwater acres on the outer continental shelf for energy and mineral development
  - Nearly all Federal land and majority of all land in the US Arctic
  - Hundreds of thousands of square miles of marine national monuments
  - 1,100 miles of coastline of the California Coastal National Monument
- Interior bureaus:
  - Provide robust scientific programs that inform decisions and reduce risk,
  - Ensure safe and responsible development of natural, mineral and energy resources,
  - Promote healthy and productive ecosystems through informed management and monitoring,
  - Protect native species and their habitats,
  - Provide rich cultural and recreational opportunities for the public, and
  - Support Tribal, state, regional and local partnerships.

- Participates in the 9 regional ocean partnerships and co-chairs the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Partnership
- Economic Benefits
  - US Coastal Regions support 51 million jobs and generate 45% of the Nation's GDP (Restore America's Estuaries, [www.estuaries.org](http://www.estuaries.org))
  - Coastal National Parks and Refuges host almost 100 million visitors each year; contribute over \$7 billion to the economy; and support over 75,000 jobs.
  - Every \$1 invested in local projects by the USFWS Coastal Program, almost \$7 is leveraged from local and private partners and created almost \$13 in economic returns.
  - In 2012, offshore oil and gas production contributed an estimated \$122 billion in total output, over \$59 billion in value added (approximately 0.4% of total U.S. GDP) and supported 732,000 domestic jobs (approximately 0.6% of all U.S. employment).
- On May 30, the President proclaimed June as National Oceans Month
- Secretary of State John Kerry is hosting the "Our Oceans" Conference June 16-17 with more than 80 countries invited to discuss marine pollution, sustainable fisheries, and ocean acidification (NOTE: Lori Faeth will be attending for Interior)
- Coastal National Parks and Refuges host almost 100 million visitors each year; contribute over \$7 billion to the economy; and support over 75,000 jobs.
- The National Ocean Council recently named a new Director, Beth Kerttula. Beth most recently served as a visiting fellow at Stanford's Center for Ocean Solutions, and is a 15-year veteran of the Alaska House of Representatives, where she served as Minority Leader from 2006 to 2013. She has held positions in the State of Alaska Attorney General's Office.
  - The Governance Coordinating Council which included State, Tribal and local government officials was never fully utilized and is being reestablished with a revised charter.

## V. TALKING POINTS

*Talking Points provided by O/S Communications are provided in a separate document.*

## VI. BACKGROUND

### Previous Interior Participation

DOI's most recent participation at CHOW Secretary of the Interior spoke at CHOW was on June 8, 2010, when then-Secretary Salazar announced the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Interior and the governors of 10 East Coast states that formally established an Atlantic Offshore Wind Energy Consortium to promote the efficient, orderly, and responsible development of wind resources on the Outer Continental Shelf. The announcement also included the establishment of a new regional renewable energy office to coordinate and appropriately expedite the development of wind, solar and other renewable energy resources on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf.

### Biography Information On Jason Patlis, President And Ceo Of The National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

Jason Pattis has more than two decades of experience in law, policy, finance. Having worked domestically and abroad, Jason specializes in marine conservation, climate change, and foreign assistance.

Prior to joining NMSF, Jason served as vice president and managing director for U.S. government relations at the World Wildlife Fund. He has worked on both sides of the Capitol, serving as deputy staff director for the House Science Committee, and as counsel on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. He spent more than five years in Indonesia, first as a Fulbright Senior Scholar studying the country's legal framework, and later as a consultant to projects under the World Bank and USAID. Jason began his legal career as an attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), where he worked extensively on issues relating to the Endangered Species Act and protected resources.

Jason is published in both law and policy journals, and has given numerous presentations around the world. He received his J.D. from Cornell University School of Law in 1992, and his B.A. in English from Haverford College in 1985.

#### Additional Relevant Oceans Background

##### **National Ocean Policy**

After about a decade of deliberation, the National Ocean Act was passed and signed by then-President Clinton in 2000. This established a bipartisan commission which produced "An Ocean Blueprint for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in 2004. The Federal response to the National Ocean Act Commission was the Ocean Action Plan in 2004. The Joint Ocean Commission Initiative set up a process to monitor progress. The Action Plan supported a bottom up approach to regional issues and included about 70 action items, all of which were implemented.

In June of 2009, President Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum that established senior policy-level Task Force, led by CEQ, to develop recommendations for a national policy and a framework for implementing that policy.

President Obama's 2010 Executive Order 13547 ("Stewardship of the Ocean, Our Coasts, and the Great Lakes") adopts the recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force and established the National Ocean Council. An implementation plan was developed but delayed in release as the Administration dealt with the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The Administration requested funding to implement in 2011. Interior (USGS and BOEM) received a total of \$1.5 million for regional planning and data needs. NOAA's funding was taken from base resources and later cut. Congress and the States have pushed back on the implementation of the National Ocean Policy because of perceptions of unfunded mandates and Federal directives.

Most agencies (including Interior) continued the work they were doing as part of their mission. The value added of the National Ocean Policy has been fostering collaboration, communication, and partnerships.

The Joint Initiative 2012 report card (the latest one issued) states: "The Joint Ocean Commission Initiative's 2012 U.S. Ocean Policy Report Card is an assessment of the nation's progress toward implementing the National Ocean Policy. The Joint Initiative applauds President Obama for creating the National Ocean Policy through Executive Order in July 2010 and for establishing the National Ocean Council to lead its implementation. This policy responds directly to a long-standing priority of the Joint Initiative for a national ocean policy to more comprehensively manage our ocean resources, improve coordination among federal agencies, and enhance collaboration among federal and state agencies, regional initiatives, local governments, and tribal nations. Effective implementation of the policy is critical to enhance our national security, support our coastal economies and the millions of American jobs that depend on them, and improve the health of our ocean resources."

BOEM is responsible for managing development of the Nation's offshore energy and mineral resources in a balanced way that promotes efficient and environmentally responsible development. BOEM's functions include offshore oil and gas leasing, resource evaluation, review and administration of oil and gas exploration and development plans, renewable energy development, National Environmental Policy Act analysis, and environmental studies. The Bureau is committed to applying the best available science to decision-making, using research and rigorous analysis to balance the Nation's need for offshore energy resources with the protection of the human, marine and coastal environment.

The Bureau is the DOI lead for coordinating Marine Planning efforts in several regions. This is the case for the West Coast, Northeast, South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico (along with FWS), and Alaska regions. For the Mid-Atlantic region, BOEM serves as the Federal co-lead, alongside a state and a tribal representative. In this capacity, BOEM coordinates overall Regional Planning Body (RPB) responsibilities on behalf of Federal partners and provides administrative, personnel and financial support as needed to move Marine Planning forward.

### **Offshore Renewables**

In 2013, the Department and BOEM advanced history-making renewable energy efforts. As part of President Obama's Climate Action Plan to develop domestic clean energy sources and cut carbon pollution, BOEM completed the Nation's first two competitive lease sales for renewable energy in Federal waters. The sales generated \$5.4 million in high bids for 277,550 acres on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in areas offshore Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Virginia. If fully developed, these areas combined could generate enough renewable energy to power 1.7 million homes. These lease sales were developed under the Smart from the Start initiative, which facilitates environmentally responsible offshore wind development along the OCS by identifying wind energy areas using a coordinated, focused approach with extensive environmental analysis, public review, and large-scale planning.

BOEM has issued five commercial offshore wind energy leases and approved the construction and operations plan for the Cape Wind project offshore Massachusetts. BOEM has also announced a proposed auction for Maryland later this year and expects to announce additional auctions for wind energy areas offshore New Jersey and Massachusetts later this year. BOEM expects to identify additional areas offshore North Carolina and New York during FY 2014, and to identify areas offshore South Carolina during FY 2015. Identification and subsequent analysis



and review of wind energy areas enable potential lease sales within those areas to move forward. BOEM is also making progress on siting demonstration and technology testing projects for wind and marine hydrokinetic energy offshore both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. For example, the Department recently announced a decision that gives a green light for a company to submit plans for a 30 megawatt project designed to demonstrate floating wind turbine technology offshore Oregon.

Through detailed planning and analysis and partnerships with states, other governmental agencies and stakeholders, BOEM has advanced the Renewable Energy Program nationwide and will continue to do so in 2015. Offshore wind leasing activities, including both commercial and research leases, have increased, contributing to the Administration's goal of promoting clean energy development. BOEM continues to demonstrate science-based decision-making by initiating and funding research. The studies directly benefit BOEM, other energy and mineral programs, renewable energy stakeholders and individual states. State interest in pursuing offshore renewable energy development is readily apparent in the increased involvement of the states through BOEM's intergovernmental renewable energy task forces – there are now 12 such task forces consisting of Federal, state, local and tribal governments. BOEM anticipates the Renewable Energy Program will continue to grow and is prepared to support this valuable effort in response to the Nation's energy needs.

#### **Five Year Program**

The OCS Lands Act (OCSLA) requires the Secretary of the Interior, through BOEM, to prepare and maintain a schedule of proposed OCS oil and gas lease sales determined to “best meet national energy needs for the five-year period following its approval.” The current Five Year Program for 2012–2017, which sets forth the schedule of offshore lease sales currently in effect, expires in August 2017.

The Five Year Program development process typically takes about three years from the initial Request for Information to the approval of an offshore lease sale schedule. In June, BOEM will take the first step in the development of the Five Year Program by issuing the Request for Information (RFI), followed by a 45-day public comment period. In issuing the RFI, BOEM does not propose to schedule sales in particular areas, or make any preliminary decisions on what areas will be included in the schedule. Rather, the RFI provides an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to submit comments and suggestions about the potential for leasing, and to identify environmental concerns and other uses that may be affected by offshore leasing.

Using the information received from the RFI, BOEM will prepare a Draft Proposed Program, followed by a Proposed Program and a Proposed Final Program. BOEM consults with all interested parties throughout this process.

Concurrently, BOEM will prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of various OCS oil and gas leasing alternatives associated with the Proposed Program to help inform decisions on the Proposed Final Program.

#### **Environmental Studies Program**

BOEM Environmental Studies Program plans, conducts and oversees world class scientific research to inform policy decisions regarding leasing and development of the OCS energy and mineral resources. The research covers a broad range of disciplines including physical oceanography, atmospheric sciences, biology, protected species, social sciences, economics and submerged cultural resources to assess the environmental effects of ocean energy development. BOEM is a leading contributor to the growing body of scientific knowledge about the nation's marine and coastal environment.

### **Marine Minerals Program**

The Marine Minerals Program (MMP) is responsible for managing non-energy minerals (primarily sand and gravel) on the OCS ocean floor. As stewards of these resources, BOEM must ensure that the removal of any mineral resource is conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner, and that any potentially adverse impacts on the marine, coastal, or human environments are avoided or minimized.

Marine minerals are used primarily in coastal restoration projects, including beach nourishment and wetlands restoration. Over the past 20 years, BOEM has invested more than \$30 million to identify non-energy resources on the OCS, conduct world-class scientific research, and lease OCS resources to coastal communities in need.

Since Hurricane Sandy struck, BOEM has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers, other members of the Federal government's Hurricane Sandy Task Force, state coastal planning agencies, state geological surveys and other entities to analyze the needs for coastal restoration and to develop restoration plans.

BOEM has the authority to convey, on a noncompetitive basis, the rights to resources for shore protection, beach or wetland restoration projects, or for use in construction projects funded in whole or part, or authorized by the federal government.

## **VII. ATTACHMENTS**

- Overview agenda for Capitol Hill Ocean Week (*attached separately*)
- Speaker Bios from CHOW Website (*attached separately*)
- Press Release, "John Podesta Announces National Marine Sanctuary Nomination Process is Reopened" – June 10, 2014 (*below*)

WASHINGTON, June 10, 2014--(PR Newswire)--

# John Podesta Announces National Marine Sanctuary Nomination Process is Reopened

## Rule announced at Capitol Hill Ocean Week

PR Newswire

WASHINGTON, June 10, 2014

WASHINGTON, June 10, 2014 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Counselor to the President John Podesta announced today that The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is releasing the final rule reopening the Sanctuary Nomination and Evaluation Process. The announcement came during Podesta's keynote address at **Capitol Hill Ocean Week®** (CHOW).

The rulemaking allows Americans to nominate areas in our ocean and Great Lakes as national marine sanctuaries. NOAA has been unable to accept new nominations since 1995. Learn more at [www.NMSFocean.org/sanctuary-nomination-process](http://www.NMSFocean.org/sanctuary-nomination-process).

"This rulemaking not only opens the door to new national marine sanctuaries for the first time in 20 years; it turns the process upside down," said Jason Patlis, President and CEO. "For the first time ever, it will be local communities who most care about these places leading the effort to protect them."

There are currently 14 national marine sanctuaries, as compared to thousands of designations to protect public lands. This rulemaking will finally allow America to recognize places of national significance for the nation's ocean and Great Lakes.

CHOW takes place June 10-12 in Washington. Hosted by the **National Marine Sanctuary Foundation** (NMSF), CHOW brings together policymakers, industry leaders, scientists, academics and conservationists to shape marine policy and provoke conversation about critical ocean and coastal issues.

Live-streaming of CHOW is available through [www.OceansLIVE.org](http://www.OceansLIVE.org). An agenda and list of speakers is available at [www.CapitolHillOceanWeek.org](http://www.CapitolHillOceanWeek.org).

**Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell** will deliver a keynote address at 1pm on Wednesday. The conference features 12 sessions on topics including climate change, energy, fisheries, human health, and media.

CHOW includes NMSF's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Ocean Awards Gala on June 10. The evening will honor **Sen. Carl Levin**, **Hon. William Ruckelshaus** and **Hon. Norman Mineta**, and **Robyn Walters** as **National Marine Sanctuary Volunteer of the Year**.

NMSF appreciates the support of CHOW 2014's [honorary congressional committee](#).

CHOW is made possible by the generous support of its partners and [sponsors](#).

**About the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation**

NMSF enhances national marine sanctuaries in their goal to protect essential U.S. marine areas and to ensure a healthy ocean. Through public-private partnerships, NMSF fosters scientific research, funds conservation projects, supports educational programs, and advocates for public policies on behalf of these special places representing the best hope for the ocean and Great Lakes. Learn more at [www.NMSFOcean.org](http://www.NMSFOcean.org).

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# Capitol Hill Ocean Week 2014

JUNE 10-12, 2014 | NEWSEUM'S KNIGHT CONFERENCE CENTER

Capitol Hill Ocean Week 2014 Calendar At-A-Glance		
Tuesday, June 10th	Wednesday, June 11th	Thursday, June 12th
	<b>Registration</b> 8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Registration</b> 8:30 am – 9:00 am
<b>Registration</b> 9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Cultural Reflections on the Water</b> 9:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>The Future of American Fisheries</b> 9:00 am – 10:30 am
<b>Opening Keynote</b> 10:00 am – 10:45 am		
<b>Break</b> 10:45 am – 11:00 am		
<b>State of the Ocean (#SOTO)</b> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Communities Shaping Special Places</b> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>The Ocean and Human Health</b> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
<b>Lunch Break</b> 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm <small>Lunch provided for all premier registrants and limited quantities available for purchase on-site</small>	<b>Lunch Break</b> 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm <small>Lunch provided for all premier registrants and limited quantities available for purchase on-site</small>	<b>Lunch Break</b> 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm <small>Lunch provided for all premier registrants and limited quantities available for purchase on-site</small>
<b>Climate Realities: Preparing for the Worst?</b> 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Keynote</b> 1:15 pm – 1:40 pm	<b>Blue News: Casting a Wider Net</b> 1:15 pm – 2:30 pm
	<b>Rethinking Business as Usual for our Ocean</b> 1:40 pm – 2:30 pm	
<b>Break</b> 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b> 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b> 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm
<b>U.S. Action on the Global Stage</b> 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Energy Evolution: Seeking the Next Boom</b> 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Leadership Roundtable: Charting the Course</b> 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
		<b>Closing Remarks</b> 4:30pm – 4:45 pm

*The titles, descriptions, and speakers in this draft are tentative and subject to change.*



Visit our website at [CapitolHillOceanWeek.com](http://CapitolHillOceanWeek.com) for more information.

Stream CHOW® 2014 online at OceansLIVE! ([oceanslive.gso.uri.edu](http://oceanslive.gso.uri.edu))

Join the conversation: (@OceanWeek2014; #CHOW2014) and (/NMSFocean)

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>**

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**9:00 am – 10:00 am      Registration****10:00 am – 10:45 am      Welcome and Opening Keynote****John Podesta** | Counselor to the President**11:00 am – 12:00 pm      State of the Ocean (#SOTO)**

The ocean plays an integral role in sustaining life on Earth. Scientific exploration, research, and monitoring are revealing more of the ocean's complexities and providing a better understanding of an intricate and interconnected system. Across the country and around the world, we are already observing profound changes in our ocean, which in turn will have profound impacts on the planet and consequences for communities. Recent reports, including the National Climate Assessment, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and International Programme on the State of the Ocean, have documented these changes and underscore the need and urgency to address our changing ocean. This session will examine and discuss our scientific understanding of the current State of the Ocean (#SOTO).

Introduction:

**The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse** | U.S. Senate, Rhode Island

Moderator:

**Jerry R. Schubel, Ph.D.** | President and CEO, Aquarium of the Pacific

Discussants:

**David O. Conover** | Interim Vice President for Research, Stony Brook University**Margaret Davidson** | Senior Leader for Coastal Inundation and Resilience, NOAA National Ocean Service**Scott C. Doney** | Director, Ocean and Climate Change Institute, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution**Tony MacDonald** | Director, Urban Coast Institute, Monmouth University**12:00 pm – 1:15 pm      Lunch Break***Lunch provided for all premier registrants and limited quantities available for purchase on-site***1:15 pm – 2:30 pm      Climate Realities: Preparing for the Worst?**

Our society is already experiencing the effects of a changing climate from extreme storm events, changing ocean chemistry, and shifts in biologically complex marine environments. The latest International Panel on Climate Change report states that we are not prepared for the climate-related risks already facing society. Are the hard decisions being made in time to ensure that the U.S. is prepared for the worst of these climate realities? Our military, emergency response planners, businesses, and communities are assessing risks and vulnerabilities and mobilizing to adapt to and prepare for the impacts. Will current measures be enough to guarantee our national security, protect and sustain our economy? And if not, what else must be done to build a society with stronger and more resilient communities for the future?

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## **TUESDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> (CONT'D)**

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### **1:15 pm – 2:30 pm      Climate Realities: Preparing for the Worst?**

Introduction:

**The Honorable Jared Huffman** | U.S. House of Representatives, CA-02

Moderator:

**Holly Bamford, Ph.D.** | Assistant Administrator, NOAA National Ocean Service

Discussants:

**The Honorable Kevin Ranker** | Washington State Senate, LD-40

**Michael Castellini** | Dean for the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, University of Alaska Fairbanks

**Frank Nutter** | President, Reinsurance Association of America

**Rear Admiral Jonathan W. White** | Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy, U.S. Navy

**Roy E. Wright** | Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency

### **3:00 pm – 4:00 pm      U.S. Action on the Global Stage**

Our world is increasingly connected — global communications, a global economy, a global ocean. International shipping transports goods halfway around the world through our ports, up to the minute wave heights are available on your mobile phone, projections and observations show diminishing sea ice in the Arctic, and fisheries fleets span the high seas and beyond. The connections among the ocean, people, and nations are constantly evolving. Understanding how the U.S. is affected by different global drivers, how it is navigating changing international relationships, and how it is harnessing the power of these connections can better position the U.S. for success and prosperity.

Introduction:

**The Honorable Rob Wittman** | U.S. House of Representatives, VA-01

Moderator:

**Monica Medina** | Senior Director for Ocean Policy, The National Geographic Society

Discussants:

**Catherine Novelli** | Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, U.S. Department of State

**J. Charles Fox** | Program Director, Oceans Five

**Chris Lischewski** | President and CEO, Bumble Bee Seafoods

**Clay Maitland** | Founding Chairman, North American Marine Environment Protection Association

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>**

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**8:30 am – 9:00 am      Registration****9:00 am – 10:30 am      Cultural Reflections on the Water**

The United States is, at its core, a maritime nation. Throughout our history, our nation has relied on the ocean and its coasts for commerce, for food, for power, and for recreation. The shippers and port authorities, the whalers and fisherman, the rig workers, and the hospitality industry and recreational charters embody the self-reliant, determined character associated with the American spirit. From our founding to today, our shores have been a source of opportunity and prosperity. And as we shape our future, we must recognize how our culture and character are influenced by this connection to the ocean and how understanding that maritime heritage will help us chart a more effective way forward for managing our oceans and coasts.

Introduction:

**The Honorable Carl Levin** | U.S. Senate, Michigan; 2014 NMSF Leadership Award Honoree

Moderator:

**Paula J. Johnson** | Curator, Smithsonian National Museum of American History

Discussants:

**Timothy Bailey** | Manager, Mt. Haleakala National Park**Merry Camhi** | Director, New York Seascape, The Wildlife Conservation Society**Steve Mathies, Ph.D.** | Vice President for Coastal Protection and Restoration, AECOM**Christopher Mercurief** | President, Saint George Traditional Council**11:00 am – 12:00 pm      Communities Shaping Special Places**

America is filled with iconic locations deeply rooted in the culture and history of our nation and with the natural resources that are the foundation of our past, present, future prosperity. Through the power of place, we're connected to not only the physical location but also to the heritage and the community surrounding it. We're reminded that they are irreplaceable. We're inspired to share and protect these special places in our ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes for our children and grandchildren. Special places are inherently grounded in and shaped by communities; and, in turn, our relationship to these places shapes who we are, our values, and our decisions. In these times of change, these special places give context, realism, and a window through which messages and solutions become understandable and empowering for citizens that feel directly connected to their environment and their future.

Introduction:

**The Honorable Dan Benishek, M.D.** | U.S. House of Representatives, MI-1; NMS Caucus Co-Chair**The Honorable Lois Capps** | U.S. House of Representatives, CA-24; NMS Caucus Co-Chair

Moderator:

**Mark Schaefer** | Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Conservation and Management, NOAA

Discussants:

**William J. Douros** | West Coast Regional Director, NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries**Lynne Zeitlin Hale** | Managing Director for Oceans, The Nature Conservancy**Dan Laffoley** | Marine Vice Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas**12:00 pm – 1:15 pm      Lunch Break***Lunch provided for all premier registrants and limited quantities available for purchase on-site*

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## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> (CONT'D)

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**1:15 pm – 1:40 pm      Keynote: Rethinking Business as Usual for our Ocean**

**The Honorable Sally Jewell | Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior**

**1:40 pm – 2:30 pm      Rethinking Business as Usual for our Ocean**

As summer kicks into high gear, millions will flock to our coastlines to enjoy clean beaches, watch wildlife, and dive into the clear blue. This natural capital is the backbone of America's ocean and coastal economies from the thriving coastal tourism and recreation industry to the growing ocean energy sector. Increasingly, progressive-thinking companies are seeing the value of sustainably managing our ocean, asking how they can make a difference, and fostering innovative private-public partnerships and initiatives for investing in our marine and coastal resources. Is there a leading role that the private sector can play in creating a new paradigm for "business as usual" for our ocean?

Moderator:

**Keith Lawrence | Senior Director, Seascapes Program, Conservation International**

Discussants:

**Adam Davis | Partner and Director of Research, Policy and New Markets, Ecosystem Investment Partners**

**Sophia Mendelsohn | Head of Sustainability, JetBlue Airways**

**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm      Energy Evolution: Seeking the Next Boom**

America is in an age of energy transition. Ranging from the boom of offshore oil and gas exploration to the promise of renewable ocean energies along our shores, the evolution of the energy industry can drive our economy into a new age of growth and prosperity. Developing innovative technologies, increasing private sector investments, reducing and preparing for potential risks, and promoting a culture of safety across the industry can open the doors in the search for the next boom of American energy. As our society seeks new opportunities, there is the need for forward thinking planning for responsible, sustainable ocean energy and safeguards to ensure that impacts are addressed proactively.

Moderator:

**Monica Trauzzi | Managing Editor and Host, E&E TV**

Discussants:

**Walter Cruickshank | Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**

**Aileen Kenney | Vice President of Permitting and Environmental Affairs, Deepwater Wind**

**Brian M. Salerno | Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement**

**Charlie Williams | Executive Director, Center for Offshore Safety**

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## THURSDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>

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**8:30 am – 9:00 am      Registration**

**9:00 am – 10:30 am    The Future of American Fisheries**

As policymakers continue to discuss the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Management and Conservation Act reauthorization and the future of American fisheries, coastal communities are calling for action to meet the needs of an evolving industry. While we are seeing a growing demand for seafood, the U.S. imports 85% of our seafood while exporting a vast majority of our "American catch," resulting in a \$10.4 billion seafood trade deficit. With the demand at home, how are we sending our American catch abroad while

\* The titles, descriptions, participants in this draft are tentative and subject to change.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>(CONT'D)****9:00 am – 10:30 am      The Future of American Fisheries**

importing from around the world? By fostering community-supported fisheries and developing aquaculture alternatives and underutilized fisheries, entrepreneurs are creating businesses, using innovative strategies, and forming new partnerships that connect communities to their local fisheries while providing high quality and high value sustainable seafood. From sea to supper, fishermen, processors, grocers, restaurateurs and top chefs ensure fresh fish from sound sources reach our plates. The recreational fishing community has grown to encompass millions of anglers contributing to a multi-billion dollar industry. And while many anglers contribute as on-the-water stewards individually, there is the aggregate impact of this sector's collective actions to consider. As we look to the future of our American fisheries, management will need to adapt to meet the needs of a growing and changing marine fishing community.

Introduction:

**The Honorable Maria E. Cantwell** | U.S. Senate, Washington State

Moderator:

**Michael Conathan** | Director, Ocean Policy, Center for American Progress

Discussants:

**Chris Brown** | President, Seafood Harvesters of America

**John Connelly** | President, National Fisheries Institute

**George Cooper** | Senior Vice President, Forbes-Tate

**Barton Seaver** | Chef and Director, Healthy and Sustainable Food Program at Harvard School of Public Health's Center for Health and the Global Environment

**Eileen Sobeck** | Assistant Administrator, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm      The Ocean and Human Health**

The ocean provides us with the air we breathe, the food we eat, and even some of the life-saving medicines we use to cure disease. Our health depends on the health of our ocean, coasts, and Great Lakes environments. But imbalance in these environments can have deleterious effects on human health through harmful algal blooms and pathogenic microbes while wreaking economic havoc through beach and fisheries closures. Do we know the extent and cost of these impacts to our health? As we look to reduce the risks to human health and avoid costly consequences of these threats, we will compare research on ocean pollution with other pollution studies, explore the role of public-private partnerships, and discuss cutting edge early detection technologies and sea-derived pharmaceutical products to prevent human illness and enhance human well-being.

Moderator:

**D. Jay Grimes** | Professor, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, University of Southern Mississippi

Discussants:

**Frank Fang** | Vice President, Process Research and Development, Eisai, Inc.

**Donald Rice** | Director, Chemical Oceanography Program, National Science Foundation

**Samantha Simmons** | Assistant Scientific Program Director, Marine Mammal Commission

**12:00 pm – 1:15 pm      Lunch Break**

*Lunch provided for all premier registrants and limited quantities available for purchase on-site*

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**THURSDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> (CONT'D)**

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**1:15 pm – 2:30 pm      Blue News: Casting A Wider Net**

The American public has access to information from more sources and more means than ever before. News, media, entertainment, marketing, and social media are constantly looking for the hot stories and issues, trying to grab national attention, and influence audiences. In an age where information is a click away, you must be able to get stories out in a timely fashion and capture your readers while maintaining your reputation and integrity. There is an intricate balance to engaging a wider audience while ensuring the information and sources remain reputable and objective. What are the latest tools and tactics we can utilize to cast a wider net and target new audiences on “blue issues”? And as we look to engage a wider audience, how can we ensure the information and sources are reputable and representative?

Moderator:

**Barbara Cochran** | President, National Press Club Journalism Institute

Discussants:

**Anne Thompson** | Chief Environmental Affairs Correspondent, NBC News

**Maura Welch** | Director of Brand Marketing, Trip Advisor

**3:00 pm – 4:30 pm      Leadership Roundtable: Charting the Course**

As CHOW 2014 draws to a close, our Leadership Roundtable features a focused discussion among visionaries in the policy, business, and media communities designed to challenge our thinking about the future of our ocean nation. CHOW 2014 seeks to explore how we can build on our progress to date and engage in new efforts to create a better future for coastal communities and the nation at large through innovations in policy and industry. This discussion provides policymakers, business leaders, academics, and concerned citizens with valuable insights into the trends, major changes, and recurring themes of U.S. ocean policy.

Moderator:

**Juliet Eilperin** | White House Reporter, The Washington Post

Discussants:

**The Honorable Sam Farr** | U.S. House of Representatives, CA-20

**Scott Gudes** | Vice President, Space & Missile Defense Programs, Lockheed Martin Corporation

**Paul Holthus** | Founding President & CEO, World Ocean Council

**Nancy Knowlton** | Sant Chair for Marine Science, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

**Joshua S. Reichert** | Executive Vice President and Managing Director for Pew Environment Group, The Pew Charitable Trusts

**Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan** | Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, U.S. Department of Commerce

**4:30pm – 4:45 pm      Closing Remarks**

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**  
**RECEPTION FOR SECRETARY SEBELIUS**

**DATE:** June 11, 2014  
**LOCATION:** H-204 Capitol Building  
**TIME:** 4:00PM - 4:30PM  
**FROM:** Sarah Neimeyer, OCL (202)208-5557; Jeremy Bratt, OCL (202) 208-7696

**I. PURPOSE**

You will be attending a reception to thank former HHS Secretary Sebelius for her work. Senate Majority Leader Reid and House Democratic Leader Pelosi are hosting.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

All Democratic members of the House and Senate have been invited and approximately 90 guests, including friends of the Secretary, are expected to attend.

The following members of the President's Cabinet have RSVP'd:

- Secretary Lew
- Secretary Perez
- Attorney General Holder

**III. AGENDA**

*This event will be closed press.*

This event will be a standing reception in Leader Pelosi's conference room and will last until approximately 5 p.m.

Leader Pelosi will give a toast at approximately 4:10pm and then Senator Reid and Secretary Sebelius will also speak.

**EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**REMARKS AT SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN'S 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS DAY LUNCHEON**

DATE: June 11, 2014  
LOCATION: 902 Hart Senate Office Building  
TIME: 2:40PM - 3:00PM  
FROM: Sarah Neimeyer, OCL (202)208-5557; Jeremy Bratt, OCI. (202) 208-7696

**I. PURPOSE**

Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) [pronounced 'Jean sha-HFEN'] has invited you to address approximately 150 New Hampshire business leaders at her 4<sup>th</sup> Annual New Hampshire Business Day Luncheon.

She will introduce you from a podium to a group of business and community leaders who will be seated at tables in front of you. You are invited to speak for 5-8 minutes and then answer questions from the audience for another 10 minutes or so.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

*This event is closed press. A list of 175 community and small business leaders from New Hampshire is attached. Other invited speakers include:*

- Senator Ayotte (R-NH);
- Jason Furman, Chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers;
- Tom Wheeler, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission;
- Secretary of State John Kerry;
- Michael Froman, U.S. Trade Representative;
- Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx;
- Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker; and
- Maria Contreras-Sweet, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

**III. AGENDA**

*Speaking Order:*

- Senator Jeanne Shaheen, State of New Hampshire
- Jim Roche, President, Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire
- Senator Kelly Ayotte, State of New Hampshire
- Chairman Jason Furman, White House Council of Economic Advisers
- Chairman Tom Wheeler, Federal Communications Commission
- Secretary John Kerry, United States Department of State
- Ambassador Michael Froman, United States Trade Representative
- Secretary Anthony Foxx, United States Department of Transportation
- Secretary Penny Pritzker, United States Department of Commerce

- **You will speak**
- Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet, United States Small Business Administration

#### **IV. KEY FACTS**

The National Park Service manages two locations in New Hampshire:

- The Appalachian National Scenic Trail, which runs 2,184 miles from Georgia to Maine, including 161 miles in New Hampshire.
- The Augustus Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, which contains the home, studios and gardens of a great American sculptor, whose work can be seen in Washington, D.C.'s own Rock Creek Cemetery and the National Gallery of Art.

According to National Park Service data:

- More than 37,000 visitors enjoyed these parks and historic sites in 2013.
- Those visitors provided \$1.5 million in economic benefit to the state.
- Volunteers donated over 4,000 hours of community service to help beautify and improve the sites and the land.

The FWS operates the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, which stretches over 7.2 million acres of the Connecticut River in four states, including New Hampshire (also Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont). The Refuge contains a great diversity of habitats, including: forest used as nesting habitat for birds; waterways used by shad, salmon and herring and a complex of marshes.

Finally, the LWCF is very important to New Hampshire. The state has received over \$37 million in LWCF grants since 1965, which funds projects like the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Full funding for LWCF remains an important Administration priority; the President's FY15 budget requested full funding for the program to continue the program for the next fifty years, to invest in conservation and provide better recreational opportunities across the country.

#### **V. BACKGROUND**

Outdoor recreation and tourism are big industries in New Hampshire, responsible for nearly 50,000 direct jobs, over \$1 billion in wages, and nearly \$300 million in tax revenue (Outdoor Industry Association data).

Many of the small businesses that work in the recreation and tourism industries will be participating in the luncheon. They will be interested to hear your thoughts, both as a former private sector leader in the field and as Secretary, on engaging the next generation of young people to play, learn, serve and work in the great outdoors.

#### **VI. TALKING POINTS (PROVIDED BY OCL)**

##### Acknowledgements:

- Senator Jeanne Shaheen, New Hampshire's senior senator (*introduces you*)
- Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker (*speaks immediately before you*)

### Background on You & Interior:

- Oil and gas engineer → Banking → REI CEO → Interior Secretary
- Interior has vast portfolio that touches economics and communities across the US

### Interior Facts:

- Manages more than **530 million acres** (about 20 percent of the land in U.S.); **700 million acres** of subsurface minerals; **1.7 billion acres** of the Outer Continental Shelf
- These lands and offshore areas produce **21 percent of nation's energy**
- **401** National Parks, **562** National Wildlife Refuges, **247 million acres** in the National System of Public Lands
- **70,000 employees** in approximately **2,400 locations** across the U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories, and Freely Associated States
- Largest supplier and manager of water in the **17 western states**
- Uphold trust responsibilities to the **566 federally recognized tribes**, including education services to nearly **41,000 students** through the Bureau of Indian Education
- Provides unbiased, multidisciplinary science to understand our earth, including through: **8,000 streamgages**, **2,700 earthquake sensors**, and **15 million satellite scenes** downloaded from Landsat with archives available at no cost to the public

### Economic impact:

- This year will collect an estimated **\$14.9 billion** (grazing, energy, minerals, land sales, timber) shared with Federal, State and local governments
- Interior contributes an estimated **\$45 billion** in economic activity from more than **417 million visits** to our public lands

### Three Challenges:

- I will spend some time talking about the top challenges facing us – and what we're doing about it

#### I. Constrained resources

- Governments at every level are grappling with constrained resources
- The President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2015 show how we can invest in the things we need to grow our economy and create jobs while continuing deficit reduction

- Look forward to working with Congress and Senator Shaheen to implement the budget
- I will continue to look for opportunities to partner with businesses, to better align our work, to find efficiencies, and to ensure our practices are effective and match priorities
- I want to work with you on permanent authorization of the **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

## 2. Climate Change

- This is the defining issue of our time
  - It has major impacts on our land, water, wildlife, tribal communities and economy
  - I see its very real effects everywhere I travel: Alaska, Marshall Islands, California and Colorado River Basin: hotter, drier fire seasons
  - President's Climate Action Plan – we have a moral obligation to act now to cut carbon pollution, help communities prepare for impacts, and slow the effects of climate change
- Interior's role:
- Build a better understanding – for example, Climate Science Centers
  - Build resilience – for example, Hurricane Sandy funding to strengthen coastal resilience and natural barriers
  - Develop homegrown, clean energy
    - Goal: approve 20 MW of renewable energy on public lands by 2020
    - Approved over 50 projects on public lands. Incredible progress from 2009, with zero solar project permitted
    - Together, the 50 wind, solar and geothermal projects would generate 14,000 MW, enough to power 4.8 million homes, and support 20,000 construction and operations jobs

## 3. Engaging the Next Generation

- The next generation of Americans is more urban and diverse; more connected through technology, but less connected to the natural world
- We need to reflect these realities in our workforce and in our practices if we are to stay effective and relevant
  - Nearly one-third of DOI workforce retirement eligible in next 5 yrs
- We must seek ways to **protect our nation's outdoor heritage** and **create opportunities** to develop next generation of outdoor stewards



- I've launched an ambitious youth initiative to inspire millions to **Play, Learn, Serve, Work** outdoors.
  - To develop the next generation of lifelong conservation stewards and ensure our own skilled and diverse workforce pipeline, Interior will provide **100,000 work & training opportunities** to young people and veterans within our bureaus and through public-private partnerships
- I've launched a campaign to raise **\$20 million** from private partners that will help stand up the **21<sup>st</sup> Century Conversation Service Corps** to support youth work and training opportunities
- It's a **win-win-win**: develops lifelong connection to the outdoors, creates jobs, and helps our public lands

Conclusion – Your partnership is Key:

- I appreciate your partnership on these complex challenges
- Examples of where engagement is making a difference:
  - **Moab County (UT)** officials in developing Master Leasing Plans
  - **King County (WA)** officials engaged on climate change
  - **Garfield County (CO)** officials utilizing conservation funding to hire local youth to rebuild trails, clear brush and learn principles of conservation
  - Counties throughout the West working to conserve sage grouse habitat
- Issues **do not stop at political boundaries. We must all work together** – across party lines, across state lines, at all levels of government, including with tribal communities

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

- Biography of Jeanne Shaheen (*below*)
- RSVP List of Attendees (*attached separately*)



Shheen (D-N.H.)  
from New Hampshire

**Residence:** Madbury

**Religion:** Protestant  
children

**Education:** Shippensburg State College, B.A. 1969 (English); U. of  
Mississippi, M.S.S. 1973 (political science)

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** University public affairs institute director; campaign aide; jewelry

store owner; teacher

- **First Elected:** 2008 (1st term); Defeated Sen. John E. Sununu, R
- **Latest Election:** 2008 General (51.62%)
- **Political Highlights:** Democratic nominee for N.H. Senate, 1978; Madbury Zoning Board of Adjustment, 1983-96 (chairwoman, 1987-96); N.H. Senate, 1990-96; governor, 1997-2003; Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, 2002
- **Committees:**
  - Appropriations (Commerce-Justice-Science; Energy-Water; Labor-HHS-Education; Legislative Branch - chairwoman; State-Foreign Operations)
  - Armed Services (Emerging Threats & Capabilities; Readiness & Management Support - chairwoman; Seapower)
  - Foreign Relations (African Affairs; European Affairs; International Operations & Organizations; Western Hemisphere & Global Narcotics Affairs)
  - Small Business & Entrepreneurship

EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

MEETING ON LEWIS AND CLARK REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM

DATE: Wednesday, June 11, 2014  
LOCATION: 302 Hart Senate Office Building  
TIME: 4:30PM – 5:30PM  
FROM: Sarah Neimeyer, OCL (202)208-5557; Jeremy Bratt, OCL (202) 208-7696

**I. PURPOSE**

You are meeting with Minnesota members of Congress, and Minnesota's Governor, to discuss federal funding for the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System.

Attending will be Senators Franken (D-MN) and Klobuchar (D-MN), Congressmen Collin Peterson (D-MN) and Tim Walz (D-MN) and Governor Mark Dayton (D-MN).

**II. BACKGROUND**

The Lewis & Clark Regional Water System was authorized in 2000 to address poor water quality, groundwater contamination vulnerability, and inadequate water supply in southeast South Dakota, southwest Minnesota, and northwest Iowa.

No Minnesota communities have yet been connected to the system. These Members of Congress have been very outspoken about their frustration with the slow pace of construction on the project. Securing funding for Lewis & Clark is one of their top Interior-related priorities.

The project is one of six Congressionally-authorized rural water projects Reclamation is working on; the others are in New Mexico (2), Montana (2), and North Dakota (1). When complete, Lewis & Clark will be the largest of the six Reclamation projects in terms of people served: approximately 300,000 people in 20 communities in 3 states.

The Federal/local cost-share ratio is 80/20. The three states and 20 local members have pre-paid 100% of their share – nearly \$106 million.

The project, which was to begin operating by 2005, did not start pumping water until 2012. The project is approximately 55 percent complete, but nine of the 20 member communities – four in Minnesota, four in Iowa, and one in South Dakota – still have no service. The schedule to connect the last nine communities depends on federal funding.

A number of the member communities have incurred unplanned costs due to the delay. For example, one county in Minnesota spent \$6 million to secure access to an interim water supply, while another spent \$1.75 million to dig new wells. The unplanned costs are a source of great frustration to these communities and the Minnesota members of Congress, since the communities have already paid for water that has not arrived.

Some of the communities that have not yet received water are considering abandoning Lewis & Clark, which would increase the operation, maintenance, and capital costs for the remaining members.

Sens. Franken and Klobuchar are supporting legislation, the *Authorized Rural Water Projects Completion Act*, which would provide \$80 million per year for 15 years, outside of the appropriations process, to finish construction on authorized rural water projects.

### III. FUNDING LEVELS

Low levels of federal funds in recent years have not covered the inflation costs of construction and are not enough to complete the project. In general, funding below \$6 million is too low for cost-effective construction of the pipelines, which cost about \$1.1 million per mile. The chart below shows funding for the project in recent years – note the diminishment of funding after Congress enacted a ban on earmarks in FY10.

- FY07 \$21 million
- FY08 \$26.5 million
- FY09 \$27 million
- FY09 \$59.9 million in stimulus funding
- FY10 \$10 million
- FY11 \$2 million
- FY12 \$5.5 million
- FY13 \$4.5 million
- FY14 \$8.35 million

Overall, Reclamation funding for rural water decreased by \$26 million in FY 2014 compared to FY 2013 as a result of budget limitations and in order to meet mission critical priorities related to delivering water and power.

The President's FY 2015 Budget request for construction of all rural water projects is \$16.3 million. In FY14, Congress provided \$49.3 million for rural water construction, which included \$27.1 million that Congress added to the President's budget request.

Reclamation allocates funds to the six authorized rural water projects through a formula that weighs: population served, percent of state/local cost share prepaid, economic impacts, water quality factors, percent complete, and service to tribal populations.

Lewis & Clark believes Reclamation's criteria should give more weight to population served, economic impact, and state/local cost-share pre-paid – areas in which the project scores highly. However, Reclamation believes its current formula gives a solid basis to complete meaningful phases of rural water projects in the current budget climate. Lewis & Clark is one of two rural water projects that does not serve tribal populations.

### IV. REIMBURSING STATES FOR ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

Due to limited Federal appropriations, Lewis & Clark has requested state bond/loan funding from the three member states to continue construction, with the intention of using future Federal appropriations to repay the states. South Dakota and Minnesota passed legislation authorizing \$1 million and \$22 million grants respectively, and Minnesota also enacted a \$45 million bonding authority for the Minnesota communities in the project.

Reclamation supports efforts to secure additional non-Federal funds for construction and has previously acknowledged (in a 2008 letter, attached) that future appropriations could be used to repay state/local governments for the cost of work they funded.

## V. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why does the President's Budget request rural water funding at levels below what's needed to keep pace with inflation (i.e., the FY15 request for Lewis & Clark is \$2.4 million and the amount to keep pace with inflation is \$8 million)?

*Reclamation budget requests are developed within budget limitations and to meet mission critical priorities to deliver water and power. Reclamation used its funding criteria to allocate funds to authorized rural water projects.*

Since the state/local cost share has been 100% met, and the economic development impact is so large, why doesn't Lewis & Clark rank higher in Reclamation's funding criteria and receive a larger portion of the funds?

*I understand the importance of this project to the economic development of this area. The significance of Lewis & Clark is well demonstrated by the commitment from state and local governments, who have paid over and above their required share. I understand your view that some criteria -- population served, economic impact, non-federal cost share paid -- should weigh more heavily than others. However, there are many different factors to consider, including how close the project is to completion, and whether it serves Native American populations on reservations.*

What is the Department's plan to complete Lewis & Clark in a timely fashion? When will the Federal Government meet its commitment to provide the remaining \$200 million?

*Due to budget constraints, Reclamation cannot provide funding on the schedule that the project's sponsors desire. Reclamation will continue to develop budgets for on-going construction based on its funding criteria.*

Due to insufficient Federal funds, Minnesota recently approved funding for Lewis & Clark to allow construction to continue. Will the Federal Government provide appropriations to reimburse this state/local funding that exceeds the required cost share?

*A 2008 Reclamation analysis concluded that normal construction costs incurred by Lewis & Clark above its cost-share levels could later be eligible for reimbursement by future Federal*

*appropriations. Lewis & Clark has stated in the past that the terms of the recently passed Minnesota state funding legislation were not fully understood yet, but provided that those terms don't conflict with Reclamation's authorities for the project, then Federal reimbursement to Lewis & Clark is allowable.*

## VI. TALKING POINTS

- I know how important projects like this are to rural economic development.
- The significance of Lewis & Clark is well demonstrated by the commitment from state and local governments, who have already pre-paid their share.
- I know in recent years, the federal government has not kept its end of the bargain.
- I understand your view that some criteria – population served, economic impact, non-federal cost share paid – should weigh more heavily than others. However, there are many different factors to consider, including how close the project is to completion, and whether Native American populations are served, among others.
- I believe that, in the end, the criteria we use will provide a solid basis to complete meaningful phases of these water projects in a very tight budget climate.
- I also understand that LCRWS is pursuing alternate financing, which is something I support and encourage. Bureau of Reclamation has previously acknowledged that future federal funds can be used to repay the cost of state- or locally-funded work on the project.

## VII. BIOGRAPHIES

### Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) Senior Senator from Minnesota



- **Pronounced:** KLO-buh-shar
- **Residence:** Minneapolis
- **Born:** May 25, 1960; Plymouth, Minn.
- **Religion:** Congregationalist
- **Family:** Husband, John Bessler; one child
- **Education:** Yale U., B.A. 1982 (political science); U. of Chicago, J.D. 1985
- **Military Service:** None
- **Career:** Lawyer; lobbyist
- **First Elected:** 2006 (2nd term)
- **Latest Election:** 2012 General (65.23%)
- **Political Highlights:** Hennepin County attorney, 1999-2007
- **Committees:**
  - Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry (Conservation, Forestry & Natural Resources; Jobs, Rural Economic Growth & Energy Innovation; Livestock and Dairy)
  - Commerce, Science & Transportation (Aviation Operations, Safety & Security; Communications, Technology & the Internet; Consumer Protection, Product

Safety & Insurance; Science & Space; Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine; Tourism, Competitiveness and Innovation)

- Judiciary (Antitrust, Competition Policy & Consumer Rights - chairwoman; Bankruptcy & Courts; Crime & Terrorism; Immigration, Refugees & Border Security; Oversight, Federal Rights & Agency Actions)
- Rules & Administration
- Joint Economic - Vice Chairwoman

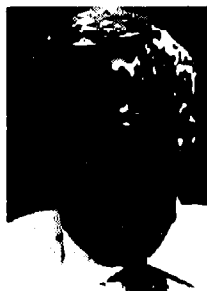
**Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.)**

**Junior Senator from Minnesota**



**Residence:** Minneapolis  
**Born:** May 21, 1951; Manhattan, N.Y.  
**Religion:** Jewish  
**Family:** Wife, Franni Franken; two children  
**Education:** Harvard U., A.B. 1973 (general studies)  
**Military Service:** None  
**Career:** Author; radio talk show host; screenwriter; comedian  
**First Elected:** 2008 (1st term); Defeated Sen. Norm Coleman, R

- **Latest Election:** 2008 General (41.51%)
- **Political Highlights:** No previous office
- **Committees:**
  - Energy & Natural Resources (Energy - chairman; Public Lands, Forests and Mining; Water & Power)
  - Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (Children & Families; Employment & Workplace Safety)
  - Indian Affairs
  - Judiciary (Antitrust, Competition Policy & Consumer Rights; Bankruptcy & Courts; Constitution, Civil Rights & Human Rights; Privacy, Technology & the Law - chairman)



**Peterson (D-Minn.) 7th District, West – Moorhead**

**Residence:** Detroit Lakes  
**Born:** June 29, 1944; Fargo, N.D.  
**Religion:** Lutheran  
**Family:** Divorced; three children  
**Education:** Moorhead State College, B.A. 1966 (accounting)  
**Military Service:** Minn. National Guard 1963-1969  
**Career:** Accountant  
**First Elected:** 1990 (12th term)

- **Latest Election:** 2012 General (60.38%)
- **Political Highlights:** Minn. Senate, 1977-87; sought Democratic nomination for U.S. House, 1982; Democratic nominee for U.S. House, 1984, 1986; sought Democratic nomination for U.S. House, 1988
- **Committees:** Agriculture - Ranking Member



(D-Minn.) 1st District, South -- Rochester, Mankato

**Pronounced:** WALLS

**Residence:** Mankato      **Born:** April 6, 1964; West Point, Neb.

**Religion:** Lutheran      **Family:** Wife, Gwen Walz; two children

**Education:** Chadron State College, B.S. 1989 (social science education);  
Minnesota State U., Mankato, M.S. 2001 (educational leadership); Saint  
Mary's U. of Minnesota, attending

**Military Service:** Neb. National Guard 1981-1996; Minn. National Guard  
1996-2005

- **Career:** Teacher; mortgage processor
- **First Elected:** 2006 (4th term)
- **Latest Election:** 2012 General (57.52%)
- **Political Highlights:** No previous office
- **Committees:**
  - Agriculture (Conservation, Energy & Forestry - ranking member; General Farm Commodities & Risk Management)
  - Transportation & Infrastructure (Economic Development, Public Buildings & Emergency Management; Highways & Transit; Railroads, Pipelines & Hazardous Materials)
  - Veterans' Affairs (Oversight & Investigations)

### Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton (D)



**Hometown:** St. Paul      **Born:** Jan. 26, 1947; Minneapolis, Minn.

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Family:** Divorced; two children      **Education:** Yale U., B.A. 1969  
(psychology)

**Career:** Investment company president; runaway youth home director;  
congressional and gubernatorial aide; social worker; teacher

**Political Highlights:** Minn. commissioner of economic development, 1978;  
Democratic nominee for U.S. Senate, 1982; Minn. commissioner of energy and  
economic development, 1983-86; Minn. auditor, 1991-95; sought Democratic  
nomination for governor, 1998; U.S. Senate, 2001-07



**RSVP List - 2014 New Hampshire Business Day Luncheon (as of 6.6.14)**

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Gary	Abbott	Executive	Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire
Nick	Abramczyk	Director, Legislative Affairs	Boeing
Maryanne	Adams	Department Head, Hospitality & Tourism Management	New Hampshire Technical Institute - Concord Community College
Mike	Ambrugi	Chief Operating Officer	Novocure
Peter	Antoinette	President & CEO	Nanocomp Technologies, Inc.
Chris	Averill	Policy & Special Projects Manager	New England Council
Aaron	Bagshaw	President	W.H. Bagshaw Company
Adria	Bagshaw	Vice President	W.H. Bagshaw Company
George	Bald	Director of Economic Development	Cate Street Capital, Inc.
Gina	Balkus	Chairman	St. Mary's Bank
Nelson	Barber	Associate Professor	University of New Hampshire, Department of Hospitality Management
James	Bender	CEO	Ping4
Michael	Benton	Owner	Executive Health & Sports Center
Tricia	Benton	Owner	Executive Health & Sports Center
Bob	Bersak	Assistant General Counsel	Public Service of New Hampshire
Kimberly	Bilc		Ali Baba's Whole Foods Festival and Treasures
Jessica	Bishop		WINI Technologies
Pamela	Bissonnette		Duprey Hospitality
Laurel	Bistany	Executive Director	Regional Economic Development Center of Southern New Hampshire
Kriss	Blevens	Owner	Kriss Cosmetics, LLC
Mark	Blevens		Kriss Cosmetics, LLC
Mary Jo	Boisvert	Director - Corporate Communications	Public Service of NH
Amber	Bowie	Student	White Mountains Community College
Rich	Bradshaw	Head of U.S. Small Business Administration Programs	TD Bank
Dave	Breidinger	Senior Vice President, Government Relations	Comcast
Jim	Brett	President and Chief Executive Officer	New England Council
Catherine	Brown	Student	White Mountains Community College
Michael	Browning		Cobb Hill Construction, Inc.
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**BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**MEETING WITH AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE**

**INTERNAL PREP FOR MEETING WITH API**

**DATE:** June 10, 2014  
**LOCATION:** Office of the Secretary  
**TIME:** 3:45PM – 4:15PM  
**FROM:** Janice M. Schneider, AS/LM  
Brandi Colander, Counselor to the AS/LM  
Neil Kornze, Director, BLM  
Brian Salerno, Director, BSEE  
Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director, BOEM

**MEETING WITH API**

**DATE:** June 11, 2014  
**LOCATION:** The Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
**TIME:** 1:45PM – 2:30PM  
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**I. PURPOSE**

You are scheduled to address the Executive Committee of the American Petroleum Institute (API). The Executive Committee consists of 12 of the oil and natural gas industry's top executives. Jack Gerard's invitation letter (Attachment 1) describes the meeting as an opportunity to exchange views on the economy, energy policy, and the role of the energy industry in creating jobs and ensuring energy security. Jack is the President and CEO of API.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

*Chairman:*

- Mr. Stephen Chazen, President and Chief Executive Officer Occidental Petroleum Corporation

*Members:*

- Mr. Greg Garland, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Phillips 66
- Mr. Gary Heminger, President and Chief Executive Officer Marathon Petroleum Corporation
- Mr. John B. Hess, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Hess Corporation
- Mr. Ryan Lance, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ConocoPhillips

- Mr. John Mingé, Chairman and President BP America, Inc.
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- Mr. J. Larry Nichols, Executive Chairman Devon Energy Corporation
- Mr. Marvin Odum, President and Director, Upstream Americas Shell Oil Company
- Mr. Rex Tillerson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Exxon Mobil Corporation
- Mr. Al Walker Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Anadarko Petroleum Corporation
- Mr. John Watson Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Chevron Corporation
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- Louis Finkel Executive Vice President American Petroleum Institute
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**III. AGENDA**

You will be seated at the head of horseshoe-shaped table with the CEOs. Jack Gerard will introduce you. Your opening remarks will take approximately five minutes. The remainder of the meeting will consist of open discussion with members of the Executive Committee and questions and answers.

**IV. KEY FACTS/HOT TOPICS**

BLM

**Hydraulic Fracturing**

In May 2012, the BLM initiated formal rulemaking to revise its regulations on hydraulic fracturing on Federal and Indian lands with the publication of a proposed rule. The BLM published a revised proposed rule in May 2013. In addition to receiving comments during the formal comment period, the BLM conducted numerous consultations with tribes and outreach sessions with a range of stakeholders dating back to November 2010.

The BLM conducted the following outreach:

- Sent invitations to nearly 200 tribes;
- Travelled to meet with the tribes three times in January 2012 and four times in June 2013;
- Met with officials from New Town, ND and the National Congress of the American Indian Conference in July 2012;
- Met with tribes in Farmington, NM, and Dickinson, ND after the 2013 rule; and

- Met with tribes in Denver in March 2014 and, at the request of tribes, local BLM managers had follow-up meetings with individual tribes.

During the most recent formal comment period, which closed on August 23, 2013, the BLM received more than 1.35 million comments (in addition to the 177,000 comments received in 2012). The BLM anticipates issuing a final rule in fall 2014 after the Department completes its review of the package and sends it to the Office of Management and Budget.

The proposed rules have focused on addressing public disclosure, wellbore integrity, and flowback fluid management as the key issues underlying sound hydraulic fracturing development. The BLM's existing regulations, which are now 30 years old, do not adequately address these issues particularly in light of changing technology associated with horizontal well completions.

Industry has voiced concerns that the BLM does not have the capacity to regulate hydraulic fracturing and have increased costs from added tests such as the 2013 Revised Proposed Rule requirement for cement evaluation logs on surface casing even if an operator demonstrates sound cementing practices and pressure tests the surface casing and annulus-filled cement. Industry also expressed the following questions and concerns:

- The utility of requiring certain costly cement evaluation logs for well integrity as proposed in the rule, particularly at the surface, when other tests are available.
- The duplication of state regulations, resulting in inefficiency and possible delays.
- BLM staffing capacity to absorb the added workload.
- Compromising trade secrets associated with the disclosure of chemicals used in their respective hydraulic fracturing processes.
- The BLM has underestimated the costs of the rule.

The API provided 47 pages from two submissions describing concerns with the 2013 Supplemental Proposed Rule. The API raised numerous concerns, in addition to perceived added costs, delays while drilling, and permitting delays, including:

- There are no compelling reasons for the rule as there are no confirmed cases of contamination from hydraulic fracturing
- The FLPMA does not compel further regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing
- There is no regulatory void that needs to be filled by the BLM.
- The protection requirements for usable water are arbitrary, adding costs, and legally defective.
- Application of the rule to existing wells and leases may be a breach of contract, regulatory taking, and retroactive regulations.
- The rulemaking needs revisions to the requirements for cement evaluation logging and chemical disclosure.
- The API questions the criminal liability of an operator for a contractor.
- There should be flexibility in the use of lined pits.



- Remove the distinction in flowback and produced fluids.

After analysis of the comments, the BLM's approach to the final rule is to tighten the focus on wellbore integrity. The operators would post chemicals to FracFocus. The BLM strengthened the affidavit provisions to exempt public disclosure for trade secrets. The final rule will mandate the use of tanks for flowback fluid management unless operators meet specific criteria for use of lined pits. The BLM will work with the states to update the Memorandum of Understanding to streamline and take advantage of efficiencies where they meet or exceed the requirements in the final rule.

### **BLM's Oil and Gas Program**

Oil and gas leasing is a market-driven activity. During calendar year 2013, the BLM held 30 lease sales. Nearly 1.1 million acres received bids, generating over \$202 million in revenue (shared with the states). During fiscal year (FY) 2013, industry produced more than 133 million barrels of oil and nearly 2.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas on Federal onshore leases. (*Source: Office of Natural Resources Revenue*)

Industry interest in nominating Federal parcels for oil and gas development has increased since 2006. Between CY 2006 and CY 2013, industry expressions of interest increased from 7.5 million acres to 12.3 million acres. The BLM has deferred offering several areas because of planning activities related to Greater Sage-Grouse habitat conservation in Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming.

The FY 2015 Budget proposes (i) a new fee schedule to fund inspection and enforcement, with collections offsetting a proposed reduction in appropriated funding; and (ii) a fee on new non-producing oil and gas leases to encourage diligent development on leased lands. The new fee to fund inspection and enforcement, if approved, would result in a \$10 million increase to the program and allow the BLM to focus additional resources on inspections and ensure completion of 100 percent of the high priority inspections. The \$6 per acre annual fee for non-producing leases is intended to promote timely production on new oil or gas leases and end once production occurs.

### **Oil and Gas Statistics**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues to administer a robust and responsible oil and gas leasing program on public lands. Federal onshore oil production is the highest it has been in a decade and has risen for the fourth year in a row. Last year, the BLM offered 5.7 million acres for lease by industry -- the most in a decade -- and had 12.6 million acres actively producing oil and gas -- the most acres in six years.

- The BLM had approximately 23,500 producing oil and gas leases in FY2013, an increase of about 900 from FY2009.
- The BLM is approving Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs) more quickly. In FY2013, it took an average of 194 days to process an APD, down from 247 in 2009.

- At the end of FY 2013, the BLM had approved 5,816 APDs for public lands available for industry to drill, and approved another 895 APDs for Indian trust lands. Processing time for onshore drilling permits is the lowest it has been in eight years, and the BLM continues to invest in making the permitting process faster, less costly, and more transparent.

### **Master Leasing Plans and Other Leasing Reforms**

Master Leasing Plans (MLP) involve pre-planning and intensive analysis of distinct geographical areas to avoid or minimize conflicts between oil and gas activity and recreation, water, air, cultural, and wildlife values. Areas with numerous competing resource values require additional planning and analysis prior to issuing new or additional oil and gas leases. The MLP process enables the BLM to take a focused, landscape-level look at the decisions in Resource Management Plans (RMP) pertaining to leasing and post-leasing development with an eye toward avoiding or minimizing conflicts and subsequent litigation.

The BLM is developing MLPs, as part of new RMPs and amendments to existing RMPs. A number of stakeholders, including many environmental groups, have expressed interest and requested that the BLM prepare additional MLPs. Industry believes that MLPs are an unnecessary step in the leasing process that results in delays.

The BLM's 2010 leasing reforms have increased consistency in lease stipulations provided for a more thorough lease parcel review process, including more time for pre-sale lease analysis. When the BLM initiated Leasing Reform in 2010, the current leasing system was near the breaking point. In 2009, the BLM received protests on nearly half of all lease parcels. In 2013, after the initiation of Leasing Reform, protests diminished to fewer than 20 percent. The BLM accomplished this by adding pre-lease NEPA analysis to build a more efficient process that better informs and involves the public while resolving protests more quickly. Included in this process was a more thorough on-the-ground analysis, which allows the BLM to identify which parcels the BLM should or should not lease and, if they do lease them, to determine what mitigation and other stipulations apply.

### **Venting and Flaring Rule for Onshore Federal and Indian Lands**

The BLM's current policy on venting and flaring, covered by a Notice to Lessees known as NTL-4A, is over three decades old. The BLM is drafting a rule to update NTL-4A. While the BLM has made no final decisions, they are reviewing a wide range of areas in which fugitive emission reductions may be technically and economically possible.

Possible areas for effective emission reductions include: well completions (used to put a well into production); production tests; casing head and associated gas (from oil wells); liquids unloading; oil and condensate storage tanks and vessels; pneumatic devices; and leak detection and repair. The BLM is also considering the extent of its authority to charge royalties for vented, flared, or leaked gas. The BLM does not charge royalties for this gas under a variety of circumstances, including when gas is determined to be "unavoidably lost." In the last 30 years, however, industry has made significant progress in its technical ability to control leaks, venting and flaring. This significant progress may allow the BLM to adjust which circumstances where the gas is "avoidably lost" and thus royalty bearing. The BLM just completed four regional public outreach sessions in Denver (March 19), Albuquerque (May 7), Dickinson (May 9) and

Washington, D.C. (May 16). Each session had both a tribal and a public component. The BLM anticipates sending a proposed rule to OMB by the end of the calendar year.

API provided lengthy comments during the comment period, which closed on May 30. API stated that the BLM should adopt a sufficiently comprehensive view that recognizes and addresses permitting delays and other fundamental challenges currently preclude the installation of pipelines and infrastructure that could further reduce the need for venting and flaring. Further API stated the BLM has a statutory mandate to provide for the prevention of waste, conservation of oil and gas resources, and assurance of payment of the proper royalty share to the federal government, but not to regulate methane emissions or air quality.

### **Sage Grouse**

The API said this in the Wall Street Journal (Opinion) March 11, 2014. "Interior's proposed "land use" amendments are draconian." They require a four-mile "buffer zone" whenever a sage-grouse mating ground is discovered on federal land. The American Petroleum Institute calls the proposed rules a "de facto ban on drilling." It fears that compliance could cost tens of millions of dollars in legal fees and cause years of drilling delays."

The BLM continues to offer lands for lease far in excess of industry demand. Last year, the BLM offered 5.7 million acres for lease by industry, the most in a decade. At the same time, industry submitted bids on fewer than one-in-five of these acres.

### **Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)**

#### **Blowout Preventer (BOP)/Well Control Rule**

BSEE is working on a proposed rule to address various recommendations involving well control and BOPs arising out of multiple investigations following the Macondo Well blowout and resulting oil spill (spill). The rule is of great interest to industry and they have requested the agency to expedite its release. Immediately following the spill, BSEE issued a series of Notices to Lessees and regulations that attempted to fill several obvious gaps in regulations involving well control. However, these changes did not address the key recommendations relating to the need to increase BOP reliability and performance and improve industry practices involving well control. The objective of this proposed rulemaking is to address these key recommendations, address significant gaps in existing requirements, and update BSEE regulations to reflect industry best practices.

This rule is the most important safety reform arising out of the spill and will address many of the key recommendations and findings made by the National Academy of Engineers, Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Commission, and other groups. The rule is a high priority for the Department. BSEE has held meetings with stakeholder groups on this rule, including a BOP forum in 2012. The key concern for industry will be the effective date for each of the proposed requirements.

Shallow water operators were generally unable to reach consensus on standards for surface BOPs, so the BOP standard for shallow water BOPs is less robust than that of deepwater subsea BOPs. This is reflected in American Petroleum Institute Std. 53. The initial cost to industry of complying with the new requirements will be approximately \$164 million in the first year and

\$77 million each year thereafter. However, an annual savings of \$154 million due to reduced testing frequency for workover operations and a reduced likelihood of oil spills will offset this cost.

The proposed regulation has undergone extensive review within BSEE during the development stage, including a complete revision of the economic analysis to address internal modifications. The proposed rule is currently under review in the Solicitor's Office.

### **Arctic Rule**

BSEE and BOEM are working on a proposed rule that would apply specifically to exploratory drilling in the Arctic. This rulemaking will address the unique operational challenges associated with Arctic operations. The Arctic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Standards will codify and further develop the Arctic-specific standards established for Shell's 2012 exploration program, and are intended to strengthen safety and environmental protection for Arctic OCS exploratory operations.

The rule will ensure that operators in the Arctic:

- (1) design and conduct exploration programs in a manner suitable for Arctic conditions;
- (2) develop an integrated operations plan that addresses all phases of the exploration program;
- (3) have access to, and can promptly deploy, source control and containment equipment;
- (4) have access to a separate relief rig to be able to timely drill a relief well in the event of a loss of well control;
- (5) are capable of predicting, tracking, reporting, and responding to ice conditions and adverse weather events;
- (6) effectively manage and oversee contractors; and
- (7) develop and are prepared to implement effective oil spill response plans tailored to the Arctic conditions.

We expect the rule to enter interagency review this summer.

### **California Offshore Fracking**

Environmental advocacy groups, including the Center for Biological Diversity and the Environmental Defense Center of Santa Barbara, CA, have expressed concern over possible environmental impacts associated with the use of hydraulic fracturing and acidization in the offshore environment. Their concerns include discharge of flow-back water into the ocean or an accidental spill, fluid leakage from loss of well integrity, leakage through faults, induced seismicity from hydraulic fracturing or fluid re-injection, and drinking water contamination. Additionally, the California Coastal Commission, which has an approved Coastal Management Plan pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act, has recently expressed an interest in hydraulic fracturing and acid stimulation techniques occurring in waters off the California coast.

Operators in the Pacific OCS have used hydraulic fracturing only on rare occasions. There have been over 1400 oil and gas wells drilled on the Pacific OCS and to date only about a dozen of those wells have been hydraulically fractured. One operator on the Pacific OCS has been approved to hydraulically fracture three wells in the coming months. In contrast, almost every

well drilled on the Pacific OCS undergoes acidization, another form of stimulation. Well acidization is achieved by pumping acid into the well to dissolve limestone, dolomite, and calcite cement between the sediment grains of the reservoir rocks. After acidization, the used acid and sediments removed from the reservoir are washed out of the well in a process called backflush.

### **Permitting**

The focus on "permitting" in recent years has mainly been on drilling permits. BSEE's district offices are responsible for approving the Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs) for drilling operations. BSEE has made consistent improvements in the predictability and consistency of its permitting processes. In 2013, BSEE oversaw a 48% increase in the number of deepwater floating rigs and approved 394 well permits. In contrast, the agency approved 341 well permits in 2009. BSEE has achieved these improvements while putting in place additional drilling safety standards. Permit applications must meet standards for well-design, casing, cementing, containment and be independently certified by a professional engineer. In order to implement these improvements, BSEE has increased the district permitting staff by over 25 percent since 2010.

Well permits are approved through eWell, which is a web-based, electronic permitting system. The agency has used eWell successfully in the Gulf of Mexico for about ten years. BSEE is planning to further improve its permitting process by developing an ePermit system, an electronic process that will eventually take the place of the current paper-based approach used for non-eWell permits. The ePermit system will encompass all BSEE permitting activities, including pipeline, platform, commingling, measurement, production safety systems, flaring, suspensions, etc.

### **U.S./Mexico Transboundary Agreement**

The U.S. and the United Mexican States signed the *"Agreement between the United States of America and the United Mexican States Concerning Transboundary Hydrocarbon Reservoirs in the Gulf of Mexico"* on February 20, 2012. Congress ratified it in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, which the President signed on December 26, 2013. The Agreement is expected to be put into force in mid-July 2014. The Agreement establishes a legal framework for the exploitation of transboundary hydrocarbon reservoirs that may exist along the maritime boundary between the U.S. and Mexico in the Gulf of Mexico through cooperative arrangements, primarily BSEE-approved unitization agreements involving U.S. lessees and the Mexican national oil company, Petróleos Mexicanos (Pemex).

The Agreement requires establishment of a "Joint Commission" to assist the Executive Agencies in administering the Agreement. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Secretary Jewell signed a Secretarial Order to implement the Agreement. During the week of June 9, a team of BSEE and BOEM employees will meet with our Mexican counterparts in Mexico to discuss processes and procedures for implementation of the Agreement

### **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**

#### **Current Year Program**

The current (2012 – 2017) BOEM Five-Year Program (Program) makes areas in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska with more than 75% of the total undiscovered technically recoverable OCS oil and gas resources available for potential leasing. Under the current Five Year Program, BOEM has two lease sales proposed for the Arctic OCS: the Chukchi Sea in 2016 and Beaufort Sea in 2017.

The Program did not include the Atlantic or large portions of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico as promoted by API. A portion of the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (CPA) and most of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (EPA) is under restriction until 2022 as part of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006. The area restricted is that portion of the EPA within 125 miles of Florida, all areas in the Gulf of Mexico east of the Military Mission Line (86° 41' west longitude), and the area within the CPA that is within 100 miles of Florida.

### **Next Five Year Program**

The Department is beginning the 2.5 to 3 year process of developing the next (2017 – 2022) Program. The week, BOEM will release a Request for Information (RFI), the first public step in the planning process. Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act requires the RFI to solicit public input on the areas that should or should not be included in the next Program. The RFI will include all 26 planning areas. The Secretary makes the decision regarding which areas to include or exclude from the Five Year Program following additional opportunities for public input. API is advocating that the next Program include the Atlantic and Pacific OCS, and more/all of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico.

### **Atlantic Programmatic EIS for Geological and Geophysical Activities**

On February 27, 2014, BOEM released the final Programmatic EIS for Proposed Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Activities in the Mid- and South Atlantic Planning Areas (PEIS). The PEIS outlines the environmental impacts of G&G survey activities for three BOEM program areas (oil and gas, renewable energy, and marine minerals) and identifies mitigation and monitoring measures to avoid, reduce, or minimize impacts to the marine environment. Additionally, the PEIS establishes a framework for future site-specific evaluations of proposed G&G activities (such as seismic testing) under NEPA and several other environmental requirements. The agency expects to sign the Record of Decision in the near future.

### **Chukchi Lease Sale 193 Litigation**

On January 22, 2014, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that the Department's NEPA review for Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea off the coast of Alaska was insufficient. The decision stems from a lawsuit filed by Earthjustice on behalf of a coalition of 15 Alaska Native and conservation groups. The Chukchi Sea lease sale, Sale 193, was originally held in 2008, and offered nearly 30 million acres for oil drilling—an area larger than the size of Pennsylvania. Prior to the lease sale, there were no active oil leases in the Chukchi Sea. The Department is supplementing its NEPA analysis for the lease sale and must reconsider its lease sale decision. BOEM will have the lead for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. DOI issued directed suspensions to leaseholders in the Chukchi Sea effective January 22, 2014, and lasting until the court decision has been addressed. The SEIS will proceed expeditiously. Per the schedule filed with the federal district court for the District of Alaska, a draft SEIS is

expected in early October 2014, a final SEIS in February 2015, and a Record of Decision by March 2015.

**Offshore Regulatory Issues in Frontier Areas:**

Throughout 2013, DOI met with a number of oil and gas operators (both majors and independents) to discuss opportunities to modernize the offshore regulatory regime. The goal is to better align the regulations with the strategic and technical realities related to exploration and development in frontier areas, including emerging deepwater subsalt plays in the Gulf of Mexico. Many of the regulations governing OCS oil and gas operations were adopted when the majority of industry operations occurred in the shallow water GOM shelf. With the advent of highly-defined seismic programs and technical developments, including increased capacity for directional drilling, the offshore industry has moved further from the shelf into deeper waters and subsalt reservoirs that involve difficult drilling at extremely high pressures and temperatures. Some aspects of the current regulations do not recognize the difficulties or longer time frames associated with developing such areas. BOEM and BSEE are currently considering next steps.

**V. TALKING POINTS**

*Talking Points from AS/LM are attached separately.*

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

- Executive Committee Biographies (*below*)
- Talking Points (*attached separately*)

**Stephen Chazen****President and CEO - Occidental**

Mr. Stephen I. Chazen, also known as Steve, has been the Chief Executive Officer of Occidental Petroleum Corporation since May 5, 2011 and its President since December 2007. Mr. Chazen served as the Chief Operating Officer of Occidental Petroleum Corporation since August 2010. He served as the Chief Financial Officer of Occidental Petroleum Corporation since 1999. Mr. Chazen served as Senior Executive Vice President of Occidental Petroleum Corp. from August 9, 2004 to December 2007, Executive Vice President of Corporate Development from May 1994 to August 9, 2004 and also served as its Head of Corporate Development. From 1982 to 1994, Mr. Chazen served as an Investment Banker at Merrill Lynch. He served in a number of roles, including managing director and head of corporate finance, managing director of mergers and acquisitions, and managing director in the natural resources group at Merrill Lynch. Mr. Chazen has been a Director of Lyondell Chemical Company since August 22, 2002. He has been an Independent Director of Ecolab Inc., since May 2013. He has been Director of Occidental Petroleum Corporation since May 2010. He has been a Director of American Petroleum Institute Inc. since January 2011. He serves as a Director of Port Arthur Finance Corp. He serves as a Director of Sabine River Holding Corp., the General partner of Port Arthur Coker Company L.P. He served as a Director of WMI Holdings Corp. from March 2008 to March 1, 2009. He served as a Director of Premcor Inc. since April 1999. He served as a Director of the predecessor of Premcor Inc. from 1995 to April 1999. He serves on the Governance Committees of Equistar Chemicals, LP and OxyVinyls L.P. He holds a Ph.D. in geology from Michigan State University, a master's degree in finance from the University of Houston and a bachelor's degree in geology from Rutgers College.

**Greg Garland****Chairman and CEO – Phillips 66**

Mr. Greg C. Garland has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Phillips 66 Partners GP LLC, the general Partner of Phillips 66 Partners LP since March 2013. Mr. Garland has been the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Phillips 66 since April 30, 2012. He serves as a Vice President at American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers. He served as President of Phillips 66 from April 30, 2012 to May 30, 2014. He served as a Senior Vice President of Exploration & Production-Americas at ConocoPhillips from October 6, 2010 to April 2012. He served as Chief Executive Officer and President of Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. LLC from April 1, 2008 to February 8, 2011. He served the Chief Executive Officer and President of Americas Styrenics LLC. His extensive experience in the energy industry, including his more than 30-year career with Phillips Petroleum Company from 1980 to 2000, CPChem and ConocoPhillips. Mr. Garland served as Senior Vice President of Planning & Specialty Products at Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LLC from October 2001 to April 2008. From July 2000 to October 2001, he served as a Senior Vice President of Planning & Strategic Transactions of Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LLC. He served as a General Manager of Qatar/Middle East for Phillips, since 1997. He has been a Director of Phillips 66 since April 30, 2012 and Amgen Inc. since October 16, 2013. He serves as a Director of DCP Midstream LLC and



Phillips 66 Partners GP LLC. He serves as a Director of DCP Midstream LLC at DCP Midstream Partners LP. He is a Member of the Chemical Engineering Industrial Advisory Board for Texas A&M University and serves on the board of Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas. He serves as a Director of American Chemistry Council, Inc. Mr. Garland holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1980.

### **Gary Heminger**

#### **President and CEO - Marathon Petroleum**

Mr. Gary R. Heminger has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of Marathon Petroleum Corporation since June 30, 2011. Mr. Heminger has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at MPLX GP LLC, General Partner of MPLX LP since June 2012. He served as Executive Vice President of Downstream at Marathon Petroleum Company LP, a wholly owned subsidiary of Marathon Oil Corporation since July 2005. He served as an Executive Vice President of Downstream at Marathon Oil Corporation from July 2005 to June 30, 2011 and its Executive Vice President since January 2005. He served as the President of Marathon Petroleum Company LP since September 2001, Executive Vice President of Supply, Transportation and Marketing since January 2001, Senior Vice President of Business Development since 1999 and Vice President of Business Development since January 1998. Mr. Heminger served as Executive Vice President of Downstream at Marathon Oil Company. He joined Marathon Oil Company in 1975. He served as President of Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC since September 2001. He also served as President of Refining, Marketing & Transportation Operations of Marathon Petroleum Company LP. He served for 37 years at Marathon serving in a variety of groups and functions. In addition to five years in various financial and administrative roles, he served for three years in London, England as an Audit Supervisor of the Brae Project. He served as the Vice President of Western Division of Emro Marketing (predecessor of Speedway SuperAmerica LLC) since 1991 and served in several marketing and commercial roles, for eight years. From 1995 to 1996, Mr. Heminger served as the President of Marathon Pipe Line Company and also served as Manager of Business Development & Joint Interest of Marathon Oil Company since November 1996. He has been a Director of Fifth Third Bank since December 20, 2006 and Marathon Petroleum Corporation since 2011. He serves as a Director of American Chemistry Council Inc. and of JobsOhio. He has been a Director at Fifth Third Bancorp since December 20, 2006. He served as Director of Northern Tier Energy LP until July 2012. He is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Tiffin University. He was Chairman of Louisiana Offshore Oil Port. He was a Member of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies. He was Chairman of the American Petroleum Institute (API) Downstream Committee. He serves on the Executive Committee in the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council. He holds an MBA from the University of Dayton in 1982. Mr. Heminger graduated from Executive Management Program from the University of Pennsylvania - The Wharton School. He has a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Tiffin University in 1976.

### **John B. Hess**

#### **Chairman and CEO – Hess Corporation**

Mr. John B. Hess has been the Chief Executive Officer at Hess Corporation (formerly Amerada Hess Corp) since 1983. Mr. Hess has been with Hess Corporation for 28 years and has strong background in the global oil and gas industry. Mr. Hess provides significant value to the oversight and development of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts business and served leadership roles at a

global energy business. He served as the Chairman of Hess Corporation from 1995 to May 16, 2013. He serves as Vice Chairman of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. and has been its Director since 2007. He serves as a Trustee of Center for Strategic and International Studies, Inc. He has been a Director of Hess Corporation since 1978. He has been a Director of the Trilateral Commission since 2009. He has been a Director at Deerfield Academy since 2004. Mr. Hess has been a Director of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. since July 28, 2011 and of KKR Management LLC since July 28, 2011. Mr. Hess has been a Director of National Advisory Board of J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. since 1991. He has been a Member of Board of Trustees at Wildlife Conservation Society/NY Zoo since 1991, United Cerebral Palsy Research and Educational Foundation. Mr. Hess has been a Trustee of The Mount Sinai Hospital since 1988 and New York Public Library since 2008. He has been a Member of The Business Council of The Council of Foreign Relations since 2003 and Dean's Advisors of Harvard Business School since 2001. He served as a Director of NYC2012, Inc. He served as a Director of The Dow Chemical Company since October 12, 2006 until May 9, 2013. Mr. Hess served as a Member of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board from 1999 to 2002. He is a member of the National Petroleum Council at the U.S. Department of Energy. He earned a B.A. from Harvard College in 1975 and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1977.

### **Ryan Lances**

#### **Chairman and CEO - ConocoPhillips**

Mr. Ryan M. Lance has been the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer at ConocoPhillips since May 2012. Mr. Lance has 28 years of oil and natural gas industry experience in senior management and technical positions with ConocoPhillips, predecessor Phillips Petroleum and various divisions of ARCO Alaska, Inc. He served as Senior Vice President of Exploration & Production - International of ConocoPhillips and ConocoPhillips (U.K.) Limited since May 2009. Mr. Lance served as President of Exploration & Production, Asia Africa, Middle East and Russia/Caspian of ConocoPhillips and also served as its Senior Vice President of Technology since 2007. He served as Senior Vice President of Technology and Major Projects at Conocophillips from April 1, 2006 to February 1, 2007 and President of Asia Pacific Exploration and Production from May 8, 2003 to June 2005. He served as President Exploration & Production, Europe Asia Africa and the Middle East of ConocoPhillips. He served as President of downstream strategy, integration and specialty functions at ConocoPhillips since 2005 and as Vice President of Lower 48 since 2002. He served as President of Strategy Integration and Specialty Businesses - Refining Marketing Supply & Transportation of ConocoPhillips from June 2005 to April 1, 2006. Mr. Lance began his career with ARCO Alaska in 1984. He held various management, engineering and operations positions internationally as well as in Alaska and the U.S. Lower 48 before transferring in 1989 to ARCO's Bakersfield, Calif. operations. In 1992, he transferred to Midland, Texas, where he supervised ARCO's coalbed methane operations in the San Juan Basin. He returned to Alaska in 1994 as Exploration Engineering Manager. In 1996, he transferred to Vastar Resources in Houston as Planning Manager and served in that position until 1998. He served as Vice President of the Western North Slope for ARCO Alaska, Inc. since 1998. Mr. Lance returned to Houston in 2001 as the General Manager of Lower 48 and Canadian operations for Phillips Petroleum. He spent 17 years with ARCO. He has been a Director of ConocoPhillips since May 9, 2012. He serves as a Director for Spindletop International as well as on the Montana Tech Foundation's board. He serves on the University of Houston's Energy Advisory Board. He serves on the Boards of both

the American Petroleum Institute and the Independent Petroleum Association of America. He is an Advisory board Member of Montana Tech and a Member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He is a Petroleum Engineer. Mr. Lance earned a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering from Montana Tech in Butte in 1984.

### **John Minge**

#### **Chairman and President - BP America**

Mr. John Minge has been the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of BP America, Inc. at Bp Alaska since February 15, 2013. Mr. Minge served as the President of BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc. He served as the Head of Business at Bp Alaska from January 1, 2009 to February 15, 2013 also served as its Regional President. He served as the President of BP Indonesia. He began his BP career 25 years ago as a drilling engineer in the Gulf of Mexico. He served as President of Exploration and Production for Vietnam and China. Mr. Minge has been a Director of Bp America Inc. since February 15, 2013.

### **Jack Moore**

#### **Chairman, President and CEO – Cameron Corporation**

Mr. Jack B. Moore has been the Chief Executive Officer of Cameron International Corporation (Formerly Cooper Cameron Corporation) since April 1, 2008, and has been its Chairman of the Board since May 3, 2011. Mr. Moore has been the President of Cameron International Corporation since January 01, 2007. He served as Chief Operating Officer of Cameron International Corporation since January 1, 2007. He served as President of Drilling & Production Systems Group of Cameron International Corporation from July 2002 to December 2006. He served as Senior Vice President at Cameron International Corporation from October 1, 2005 to January 1, 2007 and its Vice President since May 15, 2003. He joined Cameron in July 1999 as Vice President and General Manager of Western Hemisphere. He served at Baker Hughes Incorporated for 23 years, where he served in a variety of marketing, manufacturing and human resources positions. He has been a Director at Cameron International Corporation since November 2007 and KBR, Inc., since January 1, 2011. He serves as Member of Executive Advisory Board at C.T. Bauer College of Business. Mr. Moore served as Director of Maverick Tube Corporation and also served as its Member of Advisory Board. He serves on the boards of directors of the American Petroleum Institute (API), the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA). He serves as a Director of Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association (PESA) as well as the Boards of several charitable and educational institutions. He serves in positions of leadership for the Greater Houston Partnership, Spindletop Charities and of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church. Mr. Moore holds a BBA degree in finance and marketing from the University of Houston and a graduate of the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.

### **J. Larry Nichols**

#### **Executive Chairman – Devon Energy**

Mr. J. Larry Nichols serves as President of Devon Energy Production Company I.P. Mr. Nichols served as the President of Sonic Corp. He Co-Founded Devon Energy Corporation in 1971 and serves as its Chairman .from 2000 to June 2010, President from 1976 to 2003 and Chief Executive Officer since 1980. He served as law clerk to Mr. Chief Justice Earl Warren and Mr. Justice Tom Clark of the USA Supreme Court. He serves as the Executive Chairman of Devon

Energy Corporation. He served as the the Chairman of the Board of American Petroleum Institute Inc. from January 2008 to December 2010. He has been a Director of Devon Energy Corporation since 1971. He has been a Director at Baker Hughes Incorporated since 2001 and has been its Lead Director since April 30, 2013. Mr. Nichols has been a Director of Sonic Corp. since January 31, 2007. He also serves on the Board of Governors of the American Stock Exchange. He served as a Director of American Petroleum Institute Inc. He served as a Director of BOK Financial Corp. since 1997. He served as a Director of Smedvig ASA since 1996. He serves as a Director of the Domestic Petroleum Council, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the Natural Gas Supply Association, the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico, the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and the National Petroleum Council. Mr. Nichols serves as a Director of several trade associations that are relevant to the conduct of Devon's business. He served as Director of CMI Terex Corporation. Mr. Nichols holds a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Princeton University and a Law Degree from the University of Michigan.

#### **Marvin Odum**

##### **President and Director, Upstream Americas, Shell Oil**

Marvin E. Odum became Director of the Upstream Americas business in 2009. He continues as President of Shell Oil Company (SOC). Marvin earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from The University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Houston. He began his Shell career as an engineer in 1982, and has since served in a number of management positions of increasing responsibility in both technical and commercial aspects of energy. Prior to his most recent appointment and in addition to his role as SOC President, he was Executive Vice President for the Americas for Shell Exploration & Production. He was named SOC President in 2008 and had served as Executive Vice President since 2005, with responsibility for Shell exploration and production businesses in the western hemisphere. Marvin is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and holds positions of board leadership and participation in the Business Roundtable and the American Petroleum Institute. He is on the executive committee of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. In addition, he is a member of the Dean's Council of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Advisory Board of the Cockrell School of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin. He is also involved with several charities in the Houston area.

#### **Rex Tillerson**

##### **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer – Exxon Mobil**

Mr. Rex W. Tillerson has been Chief Executive Officer and President at Exxon Mobil Corporation since January 1, 2006 and March 1, 2004 respectively. Mr. Tillerson has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ExxonMobil Chemical Company since January 2006. He serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Exxonmobil Australia Pty. Ltd. He served as Senior Vice President of Exxon Mobil Corp. since August 2001. He served as Exxon Company, U.S.A.'s Production Engineer since 1975. Mr. Tillerson held several engineering, technical and supervisory assignments in the EUSA Production Department throughout Texas, and in 1987, was named Business Development Manager of the EUSA Natural Gas Department, where his responsibilities included developing long-range plans for commercialization of Alaska

and Canadian Beaufort Sea gas. Since 1989, he served as General Manager of EUSA's Central Production Division and was responsible for its oil and gas production operations throughout a large portion of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas. Mr. Tillerson served as the Production Adviser of Exxon Corporation since 1992 and Coordinator of Affiliate Gas Sales of Exxon Co., International. Three years later, he was named President of Exxon Yemen Inc. and Esso Exploration and Production Khorat Inc. and in January 1998, he became Vice President of Exxon Ventures (CIS) Inc. and President of Exxon Neftegas Limited, where he was responsible for Exxon Mobil Corp.'s holdings in Russia and the Caspian Sea as well as the Sakhalin I Consortium operations offshore Sakhalin Island, Russia. Since December 1999, he served as Executive Vice President of ExxonMobil Development Company. Mr. Tillerson has been the Chairman of Exxon Mobil Corporation since January 1, 2006 and has been its Director since March 1, 2004. He served as the Chairman of American Petroleum Institute Inc. He serves as Vice Chairman of The Business Council. He has been a Director of ExxonMobil Chemical Company since March 2004. He serves as a Trustee of Center for Strategic and International Studies. Mr. Tillerson served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the American Petroleum Institute Inc., the U.S.-Russia Business Council, the United Negro College Fund, a Member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, and a Member of the Engineering Foundation Advisory Council for the University of Texas at Austin and the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He is a member of the National Petroleum Council, the Business Roundtable and its Energy Task Force, an honorary trustee of the Business Council for International Understanding, and a member of the Emergency Committee for American Trade. Mr. Tillerson received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

#### **Al Walker**

##### **Chairman, President and CEO – Anadarko Petroleum**

Mr. R. A. Walker, also known as Al, has been the Chairman at Anadarko Petroleum Corporation since May 14, 2013 and as its Chief Executive Officer since May 15, 2012 and President since February 2010. Mr. Walker served as the Chief Operating Officer of Anadarko Petroleum Corp. from March 1, 2009 to May 15, 2012. He served as the Managing Director for the Global Energy Group of UBS Investment Bank from 2003 to 2005, where he was responsible for UBS's upstream energy practice. He joined Anadarko Petroleum Corp. on September 6, 2005 as Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer and served until March 2009. He worked at Seagull Energy Corp. and Enx Resources Corp. He served as the President and Chief Financial Officer of 3TEC Energy Corporation until its merger with Plains Exploration and Production Company in 2003. From 1987 to 2000, he worked for Prudential Financial in a variety of merchant banking positions as Senior Managing Director and Co-head of Prudential Capital Group. Mr. Walker has experience in both the banking and energy sectors. He served as the Chairman of Western Gas Holdings, LLC from August 2007 to October 2009. He has been a Director of CenterPoint Energy, Inc. since April 22, 2010 and Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp. since April 2010. He has been a Director of Maxus Energy Corporation since 1994. Mr. Walker serves as a Director of TTN Inc., Ocean Energy Inc., and the Houston Producers Forum. He has been a Director of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation since May 2012. He serves as Director of BOK Financial Corporation. He serves on the Board of Trustees for the United Way of Greater Houston and the Houston Museum of Natural Science. He served as a Director of Western Gas Equity Holdings, LLC from September 2012 to March 2013. He served as a Director of Temple-Inland Inc. since November 2008 February 2012. He served as a

Director of Western Gas Holdings, LLC from August 2008 to March 12, 2013. He served as Director of Global Natural Resources. He served as a Director of Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company LLC since July 2002. He served as a Director of 3TEC Energy Corporation since 2000. Mr. Walker has a Bachelor of Science in 1979 and a Masters of Business Administration in 1984 from the University of Tulsa.

### **John Watson**

#### **Chairman and CEO – Chevron**

Mr. John S. Watson has been the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Chevron Corporation since January 1, 2010. Mr. Watson serves as the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer at Chevron Global Energy Inc. He served as an Executive Vice President of Strategy & Development of Chevron Corp. from January 1, 2008 to April 1, 2009 and its Chief Financial Officer from 2000 to January 1, 2005. He served as President of Chevrontexaco Overseas Petroleum Inc. since January 1, 2005 and also served as President of Chevron Canada Limited, a subsidiary of Chevron Corp. since January 1996. Mr. Watson served as President of Chevron International Exploration and Production of Chevron Corp. from 2005 to 2007 and was responsible for managing Chevron's exploration and production activities outside North America. He served as Corporate Vice President, Strategic Planning at Chevron Corp. He joined Chevron Corp. in 1980 as a Financial Analyst, going on to hold various financial and analytical positions in Chevron and Chevron U.S.A. Inc. He held supervisory positions in the comptroller's financial and profit analysis groups. He served as Manager of investor relations of Chevron since 1990. Mr. Watson served as Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of ChevronTexaco Corporation from 2000 to January 1, 2005 and also served as ChevronTexaco merger integration executive. Since 1993, Mr. Watson served as Manager of credit card enterprises of Chevron U.S.A. (CUSA) Products Co. where he oversaw its credit card operations. Since 1995, he served as General Manager of strategic planning and quality of CUSA, where he was responsible for developing business plans and strategies, conducting business evaluations and reviewing investment proposals for it. He served as Vice President of Chevron Corp. at Chevron Energy Solutions L.P. since 2005 and also served as its Vice President of finance from 2000 to January 1, 2005. He served as the Chairman and Director of American Petroleum Institute Inc. from January 2011 to December 2012. Mr. Watson served as Vice Chairman of Chevron Corp. since April 1, 2009. He serves as Director of Padres L.P., Animal Rescue Foundation and Chevron Capital USA Inc. Mr. Watson served as a Director of Dynegy Inc. from 2001 to March 2004. He served as Director of Caltex Petroleum Corp. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of California at Davis in 1978 and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago in 1980.

### **Jack Gerard**

#### **President and CEO – API**

Mr. Jack N. Gerard has been Chief Executive Officer and President at American Petroleum Institute since November 1, 2008. Mr. Gerard served as President and Chief Executive Officer of American Chemistry Council, Inc., since February 2007 until September 2008. As President and Chief Executive Officer of ACC, Mr. Gerard was leading new efforts to redefine the chemistry industry and to strengthen its role in advocating public policy. Prior to joining ACC in July 2005, Mr. Gerard was President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Mining Association, where he streamlined operations, developed core competencies, merged two distinct cultures,

modernized the association's communications capabilities and built a national grassroots organization. In addition, he relocated the Association, expanded membership in an era of consolidation, significantly increased member political activity and changed the dues structure. He also co-chaired the BIPAC "Prosperity Fund," raising funds to mobilize the business vote. Earlier in his career, Mr. Gerard was a Founding Partner, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of McClure, Gerard & Neuenschwander, Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based government relations consulting firm. He and founding partner, former U.S. Senator James McClure, focused on issues, including international sports, telecommunications, energy and mining. Prior to this, he spent close to a decade working in the US Senate and US House of Representatives. He is President of the National Capital Area Council - Boy Scouts of America and serves on the George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management's Council on American Politics. Mr. Gerard holds Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from George Washington University and Juris Doctor from George Washington University.

## EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

### INTERNAL DISCUSSION ON STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBAL VISIT

DATE: June 11, 2014  
LOCATION: Office of the Secretary  
TIME: 11:00AM – 12:00PM  
FROM: Kevin Washburn, A/S-IA, (202)208-7163; Sarah Harris, COS, BIA (202)208-6682

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss your June 13 visit with the Standing Rock Sioux people, participation in a pow wow, and tour of the reservation with President Obama and staff.

#### II. EVENT PARTICIPANTS

- **President Obama**
- **Dave Archambault II**, Chairman
- **Jesse B.J. McLaughlin**, Vice Chairman
- **Adele White**, Secretary
- **Jodi Archambault Gillette**, White House Domestic Policy Council (sister of Standing Rock Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II)

#### III. AGENDA

*The agenda is TBD and will be forthcoming.*

#### IV. BACKGROUND

##### **Standing Rock Sioux**

Reservation Size (acres): The Standing Rock Sioux's 2.3 million acre reservation consists of 365,492 tribal trust acres; 485,547 allotted acres; and 1,522,118.76 fee acres (non-trust). The terrain is rolling hills, woodlands, river valleys and lakes. Of the 2.3 million acres on the reservation, approximately 1.75 million acres are used for grazing and 496,000 acres are used for agriculture.

Total Enrolled Membership: The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has 15,568 members, with approximately 8,200 members living on the reservation

Unemployment rate: 79%

Language: Lakota and Dakota and English



Notable enrolled members: Vine Deloria, Jr. and George Keepseagle, named plaintiff in *Keepseagle v Vilsack - Obama Administration* settled case regarding discrimination against Native Am farmers and ranchers in accessing USDA loans and services.

Tribal Economy:

The Tribe's major economic industry is agriculture through cattle ranching and farming however the Tribe also has several economic development endeavors. Water scarcity is a limiting factor in the Tribe's full development of its agricultural industry. When surface water becomes sparse in drought periods, livestock must be moved off the reservation or sold. The Tribe operates two casinos, Prairie Knights Casino in North Dakota, and Grand River Casino in South Dakota. The Tribe uses casino funds to assist development in its eight districts and to provide the tribal population services, including education. The Tribe also operates businesses such as the Bear Soldier Bingo, Big Foot Bingo in Little Eagle, bingo operations in Cannon Ball, Fort Yates and Porcupine which support local tribal districts. Additionally, the Tribe operates Standing Rock Farms and Standing Rock Sand and Gravel. The Tribe would also like to develop its own bank.

Government:

The Tribe's governing-body is composed of 17 member, including the following: Dave Archambault II Chairman (biography attached); Jesse B.J. McLaughlin, Vice Chairman; Adele White, Secretary; The Tribal government consists of three branches of government, including a governing body of 17 members representing tribal members in 8 districts. The council positions include a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, six at-large positions, and eight representatives for each of the eight reservation districts as follows: Fort Yates; Porcupine; Kenel; Wakpala; Running Antelope; Bear Soldier; Rock Creek; Cannonball; The Tribe has had a constitutional form of government since June 25, 1914 and, although they voted to accept the Indian Reorganization Act in 1934, is the only tribe in the Great Plains Region to not have any Secretarial involvement in its constitutional amendment processes.

Tribe's General Background:

The Standing Rock Sioux Reservation straddles the North and South Dakota borders in the Great Plains Region. The reservation land base encompasses all of Sioux County in North Dakota and all of Corson County in South Dakota, and also includes small parcels of land in Ziebach and Perkins Counties in South Dakota.

The Standing Rock Sioux Reservation was established by the Fort Laramie Treaty of April 29, 1868, 15 Stat. 635. The Tribe was also a party to the 1851 Fort Laramie Treaty, which established the original boundaries of the Great Sioux Nation. Both treaties, and subsequent federal policy related to reservation land, resulted in hundreds of thousands of acres of land moving from tribal control to Federal and private control.

The Black Hills are located in the center the Great Sioux Nation. The Black Hills are sacred to the Lakota/ Dakota people and today considered an important part of our spiritual lives. A direct violation of the 1868 Treaty was committed in 1874 by General George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry. The 7th Cavalry entered the Black Hills, the center of the Great Sioux Nation and found gold in the Black Hills. The Gold Rush started the conflict between the United States and Great Sioux Nation. The Great Sioux Nation oppose this violation of the treaty. The United States

Government wanted to buy or rent the Black Hills from the Lakota people. The Great Sioux Nation refused to sell or rent their sacred lands.

Sitting Bull was a spiritual leader of the Hunkpapa band. Sitting Bull fought to preserve the Lakota way of life. He refused to sell any part of the sacred land and move to the reservation. Sitting Bull had a dream of a great victory over the cavalry soldiers the summer of 1876. The 7th Cavalry under General George A. Custer was requested to bring the Sioux bands in and place them on the reservation lands. On June 15, 1876, the Battle of the Little Big Horn between the 7th Cavalry and Lakota Nation with their allies Cheyenne and Arapahoes at Greasy Grass, Montana took place. The Sioux Nation won a victory over General George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry.

The Missouri River crosses the Standing Rock Reservation and the Tribe experienced significant additional land loss and adverse impacts as a result of the Flood Control Act of 1944. The construction of the Oahe Dam in South Dakota ultimately destroyed over 90 percent of Standing Rock's timber-producing lands and forced relocation of hundreds of families.

This legacy of land loss, combined with the adverse impact other Federal policies on families and culture in Indian Country, has contributed to the current poverty rates on this reservation. Based on the 2010 Census data, the poorest county in the entire nation is Ziebach County in South Dakota. The 7th poorest county is Sioux County in North Dakota and the 9th poorest county is Corson County in South Dakota.

#### Culture:

The Great Sioux Nation is also called The Lakota Nation, Tetons or Titanwan, and the Western Sioux. The people of the Sioux Nation refer to themselves as Lakota and Dakota which means friend or ally. The United States government took the word Sioux from (Nadowesiooux), which comes from a Chippewa (Ojibway) word which means little snake or enemy. The French traders and trappers who worked with the Chippewa (Ojibway) people shortened the word to Sioux.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe encompasses the bands of Hunkpapa and Blackfeet of the Lakota Nation, and Hunkpatinas and Cuthead bands of the Yanktonais of The Dakota Nation. The Lakota Nation or Great Sioux Nation includes Oglala, Burle, Minnecoujou (Planters By The Water), Hunkpapa, Siha Sapa (Blackfeet), Owohe Nupa (Without Bows) and Itazipa Cola (Two Kettle). The Lakotas speak an 'L' dialect of Siouan language and were horsemen and buffalo hunters on the plains. The Yankton and Yanktonias are called the Middle Sioux. The Cuthead band belongs to the Upper Yanktonais and the Hunkatina are the Lower Yanktonais both live on Standing Rock. The Yanktonias speak the 'D' dialect of Siouan language. The Yanktonais were a river-plains people who did some farming as well as buffalo hunting.

The government labeled all the plains tribes with similar languages as Sioux. The oral tradition states that the Lakota and Dakota people were one nation. The Lakota people broke away and formed their own nation. The Lakota/Dakota people still practice their sacred and traditional ceremonies which encompass the seven rites of Lakota Nation brought by the White Buffalo Calf Woman.

Social activities such as powwow, rodeos, and races are celebrated in the summer months. Special powwows held for individuals who accomplished a stage in their lives such as graduation or acceptance in the armed forces with traditional honoring ceremonies, give away, and feasts to celebrate the accomplishments. The oral tradition is still passed down from the elders to the youth.

#### Reservation Water System:

Water is the key to increasing the quality of life and promoting full economic development on the Standing Rock Reservation. An adequate supply of good quality water is needed by many of the (8,278) Indians and (3,838) non-Indians living on the reservation. Problems with water quality and inadequate supply are common throughout the reservation and have a detrimental effect on health and quality of life as well as deterring economic growth. The availability of a plentiful and high quality water supply is vital to the health and well-being of those living on the Standing Rock Reservation. The level of health and quality of life of the general population is directly related to the quality of their domestic water supply. Many residents currently depend on poorly constructed or low capacity individual wells or have water hauled to underground cisterns. These sources are often contaminated with bacteria or undesirable minerals, provide an inadequate quantity of water, and are costly to maintain and operate. The Indian communities of Little Eagle, Porcupine, Kenel, Bullhead and Cannonball each depend on one or more wells for their water supply. Fort Yates obtains its water from the Missouri River. Water for Wakpala is delivered by pipeline from a Missouri River source at a site some 5 miles distant. The non-Indian communities of Keldron, McIntosh, Morristown, Thunder Hawk, Walker, Wataugua, Mahto, Solen, Selfridge, and McLaughlin depend on wells as their source of supply.

#### Climate:

The average rainfall is 16-17 inches during the summer season. The growing season lasts three months, June to August. The snow fall averages from moderate to heavy for winter weather. The temperature in the winter is from 30 degrees below zero to 17 degrees above zero. The average temperature in the summer is 80 degrees but will range from 69 degrees to 110 degrees from June to August. The area suffers from occasional drought in the summer and severe blizzard in the winter. The spring and fall time is pleasant.

#### Community Services:

The U.S. Indian Health Service operates a hospital at Fort Yates and smaller clinics in the Fort Yates, McLaughlin, Wakpala, Cannon Ball and Bullhead districts. The Tribal Health Department provides a number of health services including the Community Health Representative Program, health education, eye examinations, eyeglasses, and Emergency Health Care including ambulance services. The Tribe also provides an elderly nutrition program and youth recreational activities.

#### **The Modern Day Pow Wow**

The modern day pow wow bases itself on the fundamental values common to American Indians across Indian Country: honor, respect, tradition and generosity.

**Grand Entry** marks the beginning of each pow wow session. Dancers line up behind the head veteran, flag carriers, head dancers, and princesses from different communities. The head veteran carries the Eagle Staff (the Native American flag) and is responsible for retreating the colors at the end of each session. Being chosen as the head veteran is a considerable honor, as is the case with the head dancers. The head dancers, one man and one woman, lead the dancers nearly every dance; they are responsible for the direction of the pow wow.

**Flag Song** is sung after the Grand Entry. It serves as the equivalent of a national anthem. It honors our veterans, past and present; those men and women who have fought for and defended our people. During this song all remain standing and silent.

**Victory Song** directly succeeds the Flag Song, and it represents the spirit of the pow wow. It also honors veterans as well as our people who have exhibited great strength and perseverance. Please remain standing during the Victory Song. Additionally, **Honor Songs** can recognize a person or individual, the retrieval of an eagle feather or the death of a loved one. Everyone should stand and remain silent during an honor song.

### **Powwow Singing**

Every song is unique and has its own feel, but most songs follow a similar format, much like a church hymn. A typical intertribal song is separated into its characteristic parts: lead, second, chorus, honor beats chorus and the ending. The **Lead** is the first part of a song. It is sung by the lead singer to introduce the song. The **Second** is a repeat of the lead that is sung right after the lead by the rest of the drum group. The **Chorus** is the part of the song that carries the main theme. It is sung by all members of the drum.

**Honor Beats** are three accented beats that occur between the choruses in southern songs. In Northern songs the honor beats are thrown during the second part of the chorus. It is said by some that these beats represent gunshots and many dancers crouch lower and keep their eyes upward in respect. It is also said by some that the honor beats show respect and honor and they are louder than the regular beat so that our ancestors and future generations can hear them and join with us during the powwow.

The **Ending** of the song happens when the head singer motions with his hand to the rest of the singers/drummers that the song is ending. At the end of the last chorus he accents the beat leading into the final three, five or seven beats.

### **Regalia**

The dancers' outfits or clothing, commonly known as regalia, are all handmade from various natural and synthetic materials. These may include sinew, yarn, cloth and hides. The dancer, friends and family members often help in the design and construction of an individual's regalia rendering it unique and very special. Please remember that the dancer's clothing is called "regalia" or "outfit" and is not a costume. Respect the dancers' regalia, do not touch unless given special permission.

**Men's Traditional** style of dance tells of our tribal nations' former glorious war or hunting expeditions and preserves the old way of dancing. Through a combination of graceful and dramatic gestures, the traditional dancer tells his story. These men wear exquisite beadwork and feathers that are characteristic to their particular nation.

**Women's Traditional** style dancers are dignified women and admired for the respectful manner in which they dance. Their feet never completely leave the ground, symbolizing their close connection with Mother Earth. Their regalia or outfits range from intricately sewn ribbon work cloth dresses to beaded buckskin dresses with porcupine quillwork.

## V. HOT TOPICS

### ***RESTORING TRIBAL HOMELANDS***

#### **Cobell Buy-Back Program**

- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has one of the most severely fractionated reservations. It has the largest number of affected tracts (6,304), the second largest number of fractionated interests (227,133), and the fourth largest fractionated acreage (766,680). The Buy-Back Program has been in contact with the Tribe since December 2013, and has recently made several visits and presentations to the Tribal Council, etc. The Program tentatively plans to make offers to fractional owners in Spring 2015 (see attached fact sheet).

#### **Oahe Act of 1958 – Excess Property**

- Standing Rock lost lands in South Dakota surrounding Lake Oahe in an Army Corps flooding project in the 1950s-60s. They were compensated for the lands, but the Oahe Act of 1958 required any lands that are not being used for the project to be declared excess by Army Corps and returned to the Tribe. The Tribe estimates around 20,000 acres are not currently being used for the project. Army Corps declared some lands excess back in 2006, and the BIA Realty Office finalized that transfer of 385 acres under 40 USC 523 on May 9, 2014. Army Corps explained that the process to declare the land excess was very complicated legally and financially. BIA will engage in another call on June 19 to explore Army Corps' situation further and encourage them to transfer more lands. There is no independent duty for the Department in the Oahe Act to ensure the lands are transferred- but it is part of the general federal trust responsibility to work with Army Corps to accept the transfer on behalf of the Tribe.

*NOTE: The Tribe operates a shuttle and dock on the Missouri River licensed by the Army Corps of Engineers to ferry customers to a tribal casino. The license expires at the end of June 2014 and the Tribe has some objections to conditions on renewal. In the meantime, Corps personnel interfered with the shuttle operation and confronted a tribal member who was transporting casino customers saying they didn't have permission to operate. This was not correct. The Corps has admitted wrongdoing and apologized to the Tribe for the interference, but it is likely the relationship between the Tribe and the Corps is still further strained by the action.*

### ***INFRASTRUCTURE***

## **Roads**

- Many of the transportation routes on the Reservation are much deteriorated (both paved and gravel). Corps of Engineers is currently fixing the causeway/dike leading into Fort Yates and widening the road. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe works directly with Federal Highway on the roads portion of the reservation infrastructure. Federal Highway works with the tribe to compete their TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan). The BIA DOT is involved with plan review and the oversight of roads projects. Additionally, the BIA is still responsible for all the BIA routes on the reservation but our duties are mainly technical assistance and review.
- Flood conditions have been a problem this spring at Standing Rock. The BIA and the Tribe are working with the Corp of Engineers to rebuild a causeway to address the challenges created by flooding, which limits ingress and egress for the community of Fort Yates.

## **Housing**

- There is a backlog in BIA Housing Quarters for repair, which requires \$103,215.00 in proposed funding to repair 27 government quarters for one year. The Agency staff pays \$3,000.00+ per month in rental fees, but the distribution through Denver Government Housing routes virtually all of those funds to Utah, Idaho, and California.

## **Other Building Repairs and Maintenance**

- There is a backlog of facilities funding repair needs for Law Enforcement buildings in the amount of \$2,793,868.00 and all other agency buildings in the amount of \$7,143,782.00 in order to maintain safe conditions and prevent deterioration of existing buildings and grounds.

## ***EDUCATION***

### **Elementary and Secondary Education**

- There are a total of 8 schools on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation. These schools are public and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) funded grant schools. The schools are: Selfridge Public, Solen/Cannonball Public, McLaughlin Public, Wakpala Public, St. Bernard's Mission School, and three BIE-funded schools: Sitting Bull School, Rock Creek Grant School, and Standing Rock Community Schools. Rock Creek School is a grade K-8 school housed in a very old school building that was built in 1935; they have an average enrollment of 55 students. Sitting Bull School was built in 1983 and is a grade K-8 elementary school with an average enrollment of 83 students. Standing Rock Community Schools have a newly renovated High School, a new Middle School and an Elementary School that was built in 2008. The average enrollment at these schools is 613. All of the BIE-funded schools on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation are designated School Improvement Grant (SIG) schools. This means the schools are the

lowest performing five percent (5%) of schools in the BIE school system. All three schools will receive SIG funding for school year (SY) 2014-2015.

### **Post-Secondary Education**

- The Tribe has an active tribal college, Sitting Bull College, founded in 1973, based in Fort Yates, North Dakota (one of 34 nationwide). The college is named after Sitting Bull, one of the most well-known leaders of the Standing Rock Nation and Indian Country. Sitting Bull was instrumental in the tribal victory at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana; he is buried in Fort Yates, North Dakota. The college offers two and four year degree programs and, more recently, offers a Master's Degree in Environmental Science. The college houses a tribal business information center, including incubator spaces for businesses and an equity fund for tribal entrepreneurs going into business. The college was recognized in 2007 by Fortune magazine as one of the top ten "cool colleges for entrepreneurs" in the entire country. This month, from June 2-20, 2014, the College is hosting a three week immersion Lakota language summer institute to support the preservation of the Lakota language at Standing Rock. The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is also using the Education Leadership consortium, which is made up of Education Leaders from all the Schools on the Reservation, including the College, Tribal Education, BIE, BIA, Judicial and other Tribal organizations and members that gather and discuss education issues on a consistent basis.

## ***JUSTICE SYSTEMS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT***

### **Detention Center**

- In conjunction with the Department of Justice, the Tribe contributed \$2 million of tribal funds toward a \$7.4 million dollar facility for Juvenile Detention. In December 2010, the construction for the 18-bed facility was complete with the goal of keeping Tribal youth offenders on the Reservation to have continuous exposure to culturally appropriate rehabilitation, counseling, therapy, education and health programs. To date, the facility is not operational and has not yet been utilized. The tribe and BIA OJS have been working together on a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) under which the OJS would occupy, operate and maintain the facility. The Tribe has signaled the need to develop a plan to ensure permanent staffing and training plans in order for the Juvenile Detention Center to run efficiently with long-term success.

### **Judicial systems and tribal courts**

- The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has a codified set of ordinances, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Code of Justice, and an active tribal courts system. The Tribe has employed significant resources to **strengthen its tribal courts** significantly in the last 10 years. The Tribal Court is composed of a criminal court, civil court and children's court and also employs three full-time judges, two prosecutors and two public defenders.

- The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has taken steps in implementing the reauthorization of the **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2013** so that the tribe may exercise special domestic violence jurisdiction over non-members. The tribal council has expressed interest in participating in the VAWA Pilot Program and the Tribe's prosecutors and legal department are drafting proposed revisions to the Tribe's Tribal Code of Justice to allow for such.

### **Law enforcement**

- Prior to 2008 there were only 7 law enforcement officers to cover all of the 2.3 million acres of the Standing Rock Reservation – under those circumstances crime was rampant. The Tribe has benefited from the influx of capital to support a high-priority Presidential goal at Standing Rock called **Operation Dakota Peacekeeper**, initially for law enforcement activities and then to support increased caseload in the tribal court system. This effort also resulted in Standing Rock becoming one of the first tribes in the country to employ a special assistant prosecutor empowered to try federal cases in tribal court—a significant step towards tribal self-determination in the area of criminal law. Additionally, the Tribe benefitted from participating in the BIA Office of Justice Services (OJS) **High Priority Performance Goal (HPPG) program**. The HPPG program used an adaptive management approach for law enforcement and community policing strategies to be reevaluated for effectiveness and modifications were then implemented to reduce crime. At Standing Rock, the crime rate was decreased by 27% in 24 months.
- The Tribe feels the number of law enforcement officers to provide effective full-time coverage throughout the Reservation isn't currently being met with the 34 officers now employed. According to the tribe, the officers typically work 12 hour shifts 5 days a week which leads to burnout and increased cost for overtime.

### ***TRIBAL TRUST CLAIMS AND WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS***

#### **Trust Settlements**

- The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe brought a tribal trust suit against the United States in 2002. Standing Rock was among the 41 tribes with whom the United States settled in April 2012. The lawsuit was settled for \$48.9 million. In addition to the standard exceptions from the waivers and releases of claims regarding preservation of water rights and hunting and fishing rights, the settlement also included a couple of tribe-specific exceptions that were very important to the Standing Rock, including preservation of claims related to the Black Hills and the taking of land for the Pick-Sloan project.

#### **Water Rights/Water Settlements**

- The Tribe has a standing request with the Secretary of Interior for the appointment of a federal negotiation team to assist them in quantification of their reserved water rights. Interior, thus far, has denied the request, but the Tribe's desire for appointment a team is likely be reaffirmed in any consultation with federal officials. The Tribe has been



meeting with North Dakota and South Dakota government officials for the past three years along with BIA and Corps of Engineers (see below)

### ***ENDANGERED SPECIES FUNDING***

- The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe discovered black-footed ferrets, a listed Endangered Species, on trust land. They have had moderate success in acquiring federal funding to evaluate the population.

## **VI. ADDITIONAL HOT TOPICS**

### **Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Water Rights – Request for a Federal Water Rights Negotiation Team**

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has sought appointment of a Federal Negotiation Team to work with them on a water settlement for several years but the Department (through the Department's Working Group on Indian Water Settlements) has not approved the Tribe's request for several reasons. First, the Tribe's primary concern is its disagreement with the manner in which the Army Corps of Engineers is administering or plans to administer its water operations in the Missouri River Basin. The Department has offered to assist in ensuring that tribal concerns are addressed appropriately by the Army Corps of Engineers, but we do not believe a Federal Indian water rights negotiating team is the appropriate mechanism to resolve a tribal dispute with another Federal agency. In addition, the Department has informed the Tribe that because the activities at issue are not activities or proceedings that will lead to a quantification of the Tribe's water rights, we do not believe that a water settlement negotiating team is the best way to serve the Tribe's interests.

A related reason for not appointing a team at this time is the current lack of knowledge about the Tribe's water rights or mechanisms that might satisfy tribal water needs. Generally, teams are appointed in the context of general stream adjudications or other litigation where the United States has done or is presently undertaking the numerous technical studies necessary to compile a water rights claim. While teams can be, and have been, appointed in the absence of litigation, the time and cost to develop basic negotiation information is a very significant concern. Standing Rock's request raises a significant challenge for the Department because quantifying water rights for the several Indian tribes along the mainstem of Missouri River has never been undertaken. The role of the Army Corps of Engineers in the Missouri River Basin is an additional complicating factor.

In June 2011, the Working Group on Indian Water Settlements, after considering the Tribe's request for a negotiating team, directed the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office to gather information on the status of the development of the Tribe's water rights claims. This effort has not advanced to any significant degree due to a lack of resources within the Department to focus on the Tribe's concerns.

The Tribe continues to insist on the appointment of a team and testified bitterly before the Senate Indian Affairs Committee Roundtable on Indian Water Rights regarding the Department's unwillingness to appoint one.

It is important to understand that for many years beginning in the late 1970s, the Tribe was unwilling to participate in or support any effort by the United States to quantify its water rights. The Tribe, along with many other tribes in the region and elsewhere, viewed the Federal Indian water rights negotiation and settlement effort as a threat and was unwilling to participate or support technical studies to advance the quantification of its water rights. It appears from the Tribe's current request that its views on the matter have changed.

One other water issue the Tribe may bring up is that in November 2003, the Tribe's main water supply was interrupted when water levels in the Oahe Reservoir fell below the Tribe's main water supply intake. The Tribe had to close schools, hospitals, and tribal offices during the crisis, which arose when, during drought conditions, the Army Corps released water from the Oahe Reservoir to support navigation for commercial traffic on the Missouri River. Since 2003, the Tribe has been engaged with the Army Corps and other Federal agencies, including the Bureaus of Indian Affairs and Reclamation, in development of a plan for the operation of the Missouri River by the Army Corps.

#### **Standing Rock Rural Water System, North Dakota**

The Standing Rock Rural Water System was authorized as part of the Garrison Diversion Unit (GDU) Reformulation Act of 1986, which was amended by the Dakota Water Resources Act of 2000 (DWRA). This Act included authorization for the Secretary to construct, operate, and maintain tribal rural water systems in the state of North Dakota, including Standing Rock, Fort Berthold, Spirit Lake, Turtle Mountain reservations and Trenton Indian Service Area. DWRA increased Standing Rock's construction ceiling by \$80 million (indexed). The Standing Rock Rural Water System is intended to replace existing poor quality, and inadequate water supplies on the reservation. Many areas on the reservation previously relied upon poor quality groundwater supplies. Reclamation entered into agreements with Standing Rock for construction and O&M of the rural water system. The water system, when complete, will provide quality drinking water from the Missouri River through a new water treatment plant and pipeline distribution system to the entire reservation (3,564 square miles in two counties in ND and SD) and serve a planned population of 15,000.

Funding (\$29.234 million) provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was instrumental to advance progress on the SRRWS. ARRA funds were used to construct the intake pumps, the water treatment plant, two pipeline contracts and a portion of a five million gallon storage reservoir. As a result of the ARRA funding, a major milestone was recently reached: a new Missouri River intake and 3 million gallon per day (expandable to 5 million gallon per day) water treatment plant were completed and put into service in June, 2012. This new water treatment plant will replace two existing surface water treatment plants and one ground water treatment plant. The Standing Rock Rural Water System (SRRWS) construction was 50% complete at the end of FY 2013. The water system currently serves a population of approximately 6,000.

The project has no legislated sunset date for completion. However, in recent years, and with ARRA funding, Federal funds have been adequate to meet the Tribe's construction capability and progress has not been slowed due to limited funds. Completion of the project will depend upon future appropriations. Due to current budget constraints, it is possible Reclamation will be unable to provide future funding levels that fully support the construction schedule desired by the Tribe. Reclamation budget requests are developed within budget limitations and meet mission critical priorities to deliver water and power. This past winter, Reclamation met with Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II to explain that DWRA does not authorize the funding to work on sewer projects or individual house plumbing.

Future project construction will focus on completing conveyance and distribution pipelines to serve the South Dakota communities of McLaughlin, Bear Soldier, Little Eagle and Rock Creek as well as the North Dakota community of Selfridge and rural residents on the south side of the reservation. Two major conveyance pipeline contracts are in the design phase which will supply water from the new water treatment plant to the community of Fort Yates, North Dakota and all other areas on the north side of Standing Rock reservation. This area is currently being served from an aging existing water treatment plant which will be decommissioned.

In terms of next steps:

- The Bureau of Reclamation will continue to work cooperatively with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to complete the rural water system as future Federal funding allows.
- We recognize this is an important project for the Tribe and will work with them to prioritize critical infrastructure considering the needs for other rural water systems authorized under DWRA.
- Reclamation will continue to provide technical assistance to Tribal O&M to assure an adequate supply of good quality drinking water.

## VII. TALKING POINTS

### Acknowledgments

**Dave Archambault II**, Chairman of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe  
**Jesse B.J. McLaughlin**, Vice Chairman of Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

### Introduction

- With deep humility, one of the most sacred duties is uphold our solemn trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives
  - Familiarity with the First Americans developed through 19 years in
  - Indian tribes in the Northwest, lead banker for NANA commercial banking

### Big Picture

- President Obama committed to working with Indian Country to promote **strong, prosperous and resilient** communities

- North star is **self-determination and self-governance**
  - Strong leadership: **Jodi Gillette (member of Standing Rock Sioux and sister of Chairman Archambault), Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Kevin Washburn and Hilary Tompkins – the highest ranking Native American appointee in the Obama Administration who serves as Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.**
- As chair of the **White House Council on Native American Affairs**, I'm working to improve interagency coordination and efficiency
    - Education, Energy, Economic Development, Environment

### **Topline Points**

- **2014 Budget**  
The FY 2014 Indian Affairs Operating Plan provides \$2.5 billion, an increase of \$142.2 million above the 2013 Final sequester operating plan.
  1. Increases of \$22.4 million for Public Safety and Justice Programs
  2. The 2014 enacted budget includes increases of over \$24 million from 2013 for natural resource management projects, which includes energy program enhancements.
  3. The budget provides a net program increase of \$24.6 for elementary and secondary school education activities funded by BIE.
- **2015 Budget**  
With many Departments facing cuts, the budget request for Indian Affairs is \$2.6 billion, an increase of \$34 million or 1.3%. The 2015 budget focuses on highest priorities as identified by the Tribes including full contract support and the Tiwahe Family Initiative.
  - Interior's overall FY 2015 budget includes \$612 million for programs in other bureaus in support of Native Americans and Tribes.
- **Public Safety and Justice Programs**
  - Safety in tribal communities is a priority
  - Increased budget in FY2014 to hire additional law enforcement personnel
  - HPPG program at San Carlos has cut the rate of violent crime by 8%
- **Advancing Indian Education**
  - Of paramount concern to tribal leaders and this Administration
  - Continue to look for ways to partner with Tribes as we reform Indian Education system in BIE
- **Restoring Tribal Homelands – top priority for this Administration**
  - Fee-to-Trust goal: 500,000 acres of fee lands – almost halfway there
  - Encourage Tribes to continue to submit applications
- **Continuing Efforts to Strengthen Tribal Economies**

- Through White House Council we are working to identify the best ways to support tribal economies (issues: access to capital, business capacity, regulations on infrastructure development)
- **Water Settlements** – continued commitment to critical infrastructure in tribal communities like San Carlos
  - Permanent access to a clean and reliable water supply is fundamental to economic security and stability
- **Protecting Natural Resources in the Face of Climate Change** –
  - Climate change is increasingly evident for American Indian and Alaska Native communities
  - Tribal leaders voice growing concerns about effects on coasts, water supplies and wildlife - Tribes hit hardest; we have a moral obligation to act
  - Renewable energy, conserving natural landscapes, strengthening data/science
- **Energy Development on Indian Lands**
  - The Obama Administration proudly supports an “all of the above” energy strategy

Through the White House Council we are working to identify more opportunities for energy development on tribal land and to streamline permitting

## VIII. BIOGRAPHY

### Biography of Tribal Chairman Dave Archimbault II

Dave Archambault II formerly served as a tribal council person for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe located in Fort Yates, North Dakota. While on Tribal Council, he focused on economic development, renewable energy, and government reform. Dave attended NDSU and the University of Mary. He has a bachelor’s degree in business administration and a master’s degree in management. Dave has owned and operated a small convenience store in his community since 2002. Archambault has served on various boards as an elected official and is currently the board chair for Sitting Bull College. Dave worked at United Tribes Technical College as the Director of an ETA/DOL TAACCCT Grant – “Tribal College Consortium for Developing Montana and North Dakota Workforce (TCC DeMaND Workforce),” a project that focuses on developing the workforce in Indian Country through Tribal College trainings and industry partnerships.



### EMPLOYMENT

TCC DeMaND Workforce Director – United Tribes Technical College (2011-present)  
 Collaborating with four tribal colleges to manage the \$18.9 million DOL grant  
 Build the training capacity for tribal colleges to offer technical trade programs.  
 Work with industry partners to ensure program participants are employed.  
 Recruit participants using innovative and untraditional methods.

Owner/Manager – Cannon Ball Pit Stop (Convenience/ Gas Store) (2002-present)

Councilperson At-Large – Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (2007-2011)

Institutional Research Director/Business Instructor – Sitting Bull College (2002-2007)

Volunteer and Board Membership

- **Wakpala Hu:** Volunteering time to develop a non-profit organization that focuses on revitalizing the Lakota language, song, culture, and ceremonies.
- **Wind Energy Tribes United (WETU):** Volunteering time to develop and sustain efforts that work on legislation for all Great Plains Tribes for renewable energy development.
- **Mor-Gran-Sou Board Member:** Serving as an elected member of our rural electric cooperative, representing Sioux County and working with the electric industry to assure safe, reliable, and affordable electricity for the entire membership.
- **Tribal Council Board assignments:** Water Board, Endowment Board, Renewable Energy Board, Farm Board, and Paleontology Board, Economic Development Committee

#### EDUCATION

Masters in Management, University of Mary, Bismarck, ND

Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

Associates of Science in Marketing, Associates of Arts in Business Administration, Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates, ND

#### IX. ATTACHMENTS

- Map of Water System at Standing Rock Reservation (attached separately)
- Buy-Back Program fact sheet for Standing Rock (attached separately)

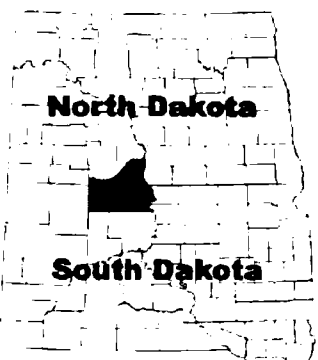
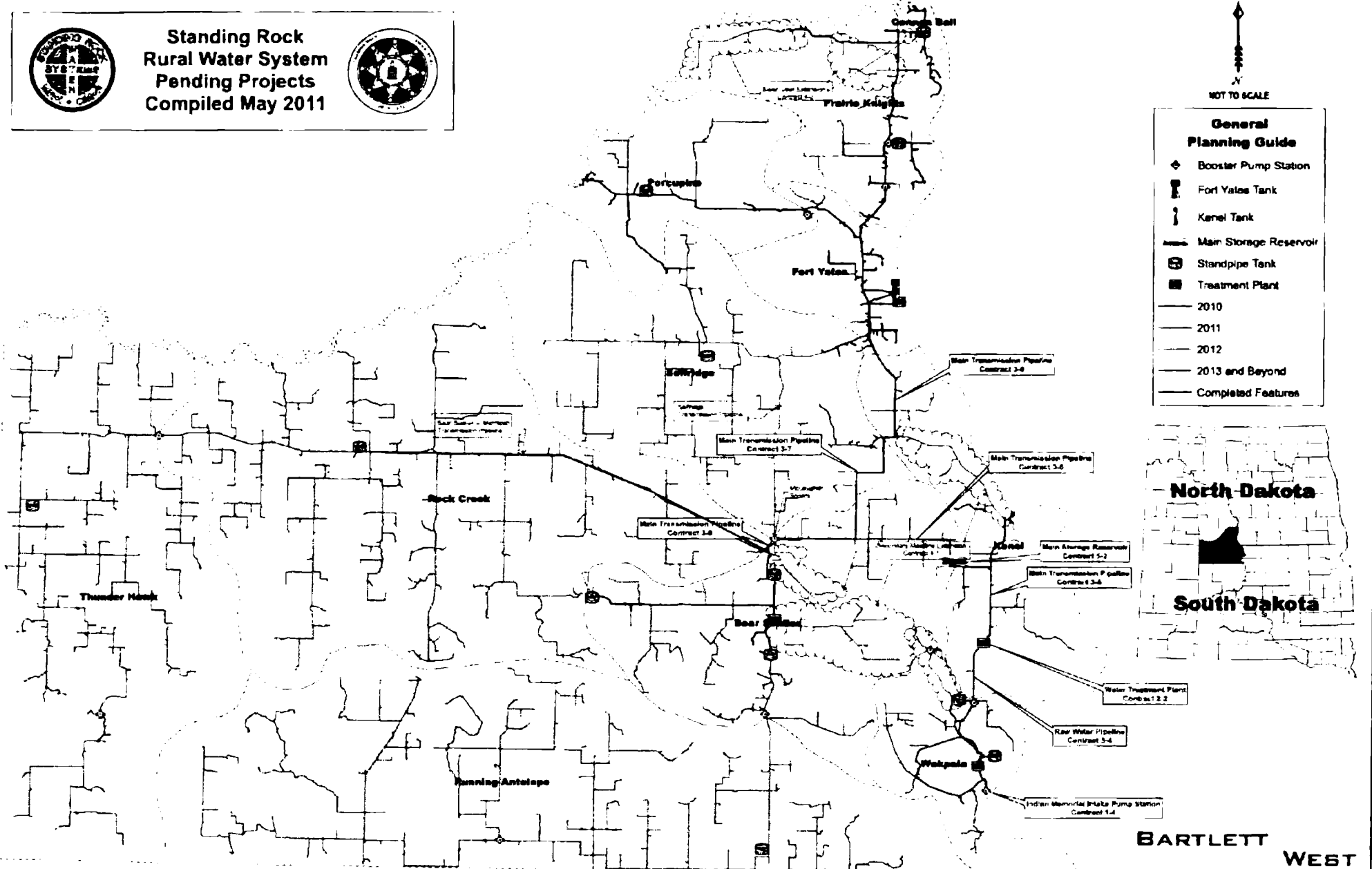


**Standing Rock  
Rural Water System  
Pending Projects  
Compiled May 2011**



**General  
Planning Guide**

- ◆ Booster Pump Station
- ⊕ Fort Yates Tank
- ⊕ Kanel Tank
- ▭ Main Storage Reservoir
- ⊕ Standpipe Tank
- ▭ Treatment Plant
- 2010
- 2011
- 2012
- 2013 and Beyond
- Completed Features



**BARTLETT WEST**

**Tribal Leaders / Contacts**

Name	Title
Dave Archambault II	Chairman
Jesse B.J. McLaughlin	Vice Chairman
Joseph Smith	Director of Reservation Resources (Point of Contact for Buy-Back Program)

**Some Key Contacts with Tribe**

Date	Contact
12/2013	Submitted letter of interest requesting participation in the Program via cooperative agreement. Originally requested participation in all four phases but have since applied to concentrate instead on two phases: outreach and land research.
1/2014	Began regular conversations with Buy-Back Program Tribal Relations Advisor (TRA), including conversations with Tribal and Program subject matter experts. Provided Tribe with geodatabase/mapping information and purchasable tract information.
3/2014	TRA presented before Tribal Council on the Buy-Back Program and took questions. Council wanted to move forward with cooperative agreement application development.
4/2014	Draft of application shared with TRA. Comments submitted by TRA on the application and submitted back to Tribal POC. Met with Tribal POC on April 9, 2014, at the Tribal Land Staff Conference in Shakopee, MN.
5/2014	TRA visit to the reservation to discuss status of application. Conducted meeting with Tribal POC, Fiduciary Trust Officer, Acting Superintendent, and Deputy Superintendents.
5/2014	Tribal Chairman visited Program offices in DC and met with Program Manager, Senior Advisor, and Senior Advisor on Tribal Relations.
6/2014	Tribe submitted full draft of cooperative agreement application for Program review.

**Key Facts**

Fact	Value
Severity of Fractionation - Rankings	1 (tracts), 2 (fractional interests), 4 (acres)
Target Offer Date (tentative)	Spring 2015
BLA Region	Great Plains
Purchase Ceiling (for paying owners that choose to sell)	\$111,361,180
Number of Unique Owners	20,212
Number of Fractionated Tracts Containing Purchasable Interests	6,304
Associated Acres	766,680
Number of Purchasable Fractional Interests	227,133





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## In Case You Missed It: New BIA Leader Seeks to Empower Tribes

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A great profile on Kevin Washburn from this past weekend's Albuquerque Journal is below. Great work team AS-IA!

-Jessica

### ABQ Journal: New BIA Leader Seeks to Empower Tribes

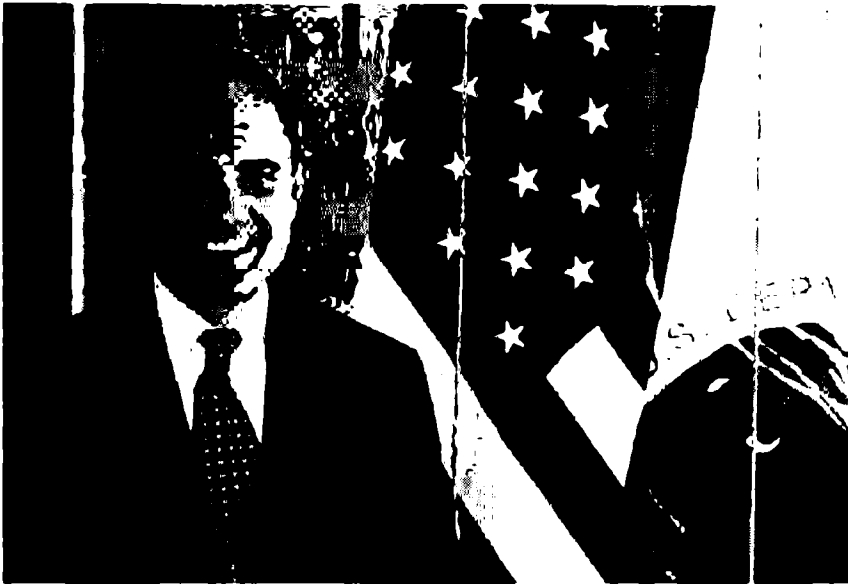
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WASHINGTON – Kevin Washburn, a member of the Chickasaw Nation and former University of New Mexico law school dean who is now the nation's top Indian affairs official, not only understands Native American hardships, he's lived them.

When he was a child, Washburn's cash-strapped single mother, who is one-quarter Chickasaw, took him to Indian Health Services clinics for free medical care. When he was a fourth-grader in Oklahoma City, Washburn's mom fled domestic violence and returned to live near the Chickasaw Nation. And when he enrolled at Yale Law School in 1990, rightfully proud of his acceptance, Washburn says his East Coast professors mocked the accent he brought with him from the Oklahoma reservation.

Today, Washburn, who claims one-eighth Indian lineage, is getting the last laugh.

As the U.S. Interior's assistant secretary for Indian affairs, he oversees a \$2.5 billion budget and about 8,000 employees. Washburn also has the ear of President Barack Obama on issues ranging from tribal self-governance to Native American land disputes and Indian gaming.



Kevin Washburn, a former dean of the UNM law school, now heads Indian Affairs for the Interior Department in Washington, D.C. Washburn is a member of the Chickasaw Nation. (Michael Coleman/Albuquerque Journal)

In a wide-ranging Journal interview at the Interior Department, Washburn discussed his Indian heritage, the important role New Mexico played in shaping his life and the pressing issues affecting Indian Country.

He acknowledged that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which manages nearly 57 million acres of Indian trust land, has long been a point of derision among Native Americans. But he said the anger is not all deserved and that he's working to give the tribes more power.

"We ask the BIA to do everything and then complain that it doesn't do everything well," Washburn said. "But the thing that has really improved is (tribal) self-governance. It used to be the BIA and Indian Health Services providing direct services to tribes. Now, we contract with the tribal governments to provide the same services. They are much more responsive to Indian people. Their job depends on it.

"My message is, in most of the programs we run, is there is an opportunity for the tribe to take it over?"

#### New Mexico

Washburn said he traveled to New Mexico on a church ski trip as a teen and fell in love with its deserts and mountains. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, he attended the Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians in Albuquerque.

"I'd crank open the sunroof and roll down the windows and I'd just go drive because New Mexico doesn't have the humidity we had in Oklahoma," Washburn said. "It's just beautiful and laid back, and it's a little more comfortably diverse."

After law school, Washburn worked at the Justice Department in Washington, and then took jobs teaching law at the University of Arizona, University of Minnesota and Harvard. He also worked as an assistant U.S. attorney in Albuquerque in the late 1990s, then returned to Washington to take a job as general counsel for the National

Indian Gaming Commission. But Washburn always had his eye on returning to New Mexico, and when the UNM law school deanship came open in 2009, he was thrilled to land it.

"It's a very special law school," Washburn said. "It's a small law school where you actually have a relationship with your students – that's not happening at the big factory law schools."

Washburn said he was particularly proud of staffing decisions he made as dean, as well as establishing a specialty program in oil and gas law. He plans to return when his stint at the U.S. Department of Interior is over.

"I am on leave from the law school, and I'm going to return," Washburn said with a smile. "I'll get promoted to professor when I go back."

### Cobell settlement

One of Washburn's most pressing tasks at Interior is administering the Cobell Indian trust land lawsuit settlement, which provides almost \$2 billion to repurchase land distributed under the Dawes Act and return it to tribal ownership. Washburn called it a "great settlement."

"It's been subject to criticism because there are 150 tribes that could potentially benefit from this, and they all want us to visit them first," Washburn said. "It's an enormous undertaking. We've already gotten 87,000 acres of land into trust ... and we've been running the program and making offers for seven months. Congress gave us 10 years to do this, and basically everybody would like us to get it done in one year. We could do that, but we would spend a lot more of the money hiring people and a lot less buying property. We're trying to work through all of the kinks of a \$1.9 billion program so it can run successfully for 10 years to be effective."

Washburn said the only New Mexico tribe directly affected is the Navajo Nation, where the Interior Department will be spending about \$100 million to buy back land. But he said there are many Native Americans living in Albuquerque from tribes outside the state who may have claims.

"There are a lot of heirs in Albuquerque who could be from Pine Ridge (reservation in South Dakota) or anywhere else," he said. There will be money going into the Albuquerque economy because of this buyback program."

### Indian gaming.

Another of Washburn's big tasks is oversight of the renegotiation of Indian gaming compacts, which are subject to Interior Department approval. He said the department has been working with states and tribes to ensure their new agreements will pass federal muster.

"I want negotiators to compacts – states and tribes to be aware of our interests – our needs," he said. "We're tasked with reviewing those, and we're not a rubber stamp. We've got real concerns, and one of them is to make sure the states are being fair to tribes. The idea is that Indian gaming is supposed to serve Indian tribal governments. The first role is not to provide revenues to states; it's to provide revenues for tribes."

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## Charts

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Hello all. Attached are this week's FOIA charts. See you at 4.

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### 2 attachments

**Weekly FOIA Report 4-22-14 thru 4-29-2014.pdf**  
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Weekly FOIA Report 4-22-2014 thru 4-29-2014

Total Number of Records: 103 (BIA and OST requests for probate orders, police reports and genealogical information are included in this count, but removed from the list)

Bureau	FOIA Number	Date Received	Requester Last Name	Requester First Name	Requester Organization	Subject
BIA	BIA-2014-00947	28-Apr-14	Jonjak	Hazel		MIDWEST - Looking for a certain name on old records
BIA	BIA-2014-00946	28-Apr-14	Sweet	Lenore		MIDWEST - Land interest information on identified individuals.
BIA	BIA-2014-00945	29-Apr-14	Villalobos	Joseph		Pacific-Any and all records relating to the enrollment of Joseph Villalobos in the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, Enrollment No. 531, March 23, 2005 and enrollment under 25 CFR 48. He seeks all and any documents relating to communication by any BIA office with Joseph Villalobos.
BIA	BIA-2014-00930	25-Apr-14	Spitzer	Paul		Requester seeks copy of a homesite lease originally issued to Marlin and Maggie Scott.
BIA	BIA-2014-00929	24-Apr-14	Ewer	Brandon		Requester seeks copies of the most recent record of the mission site lease for the Tuba City Baptist Church located in Tuba City, AZ.
BIA	BIA-2014-00926	24-Apr-14	Munson	Catherine	Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP	WESTERN: Water sublease made by an entity (Del Webb) the AK-Chin Community has leased with for use of its settlement water.
BIA	BIA-2014-00921	24-Apr-14	Barton	Barb		MIDWEST - Information on Michigan Indians
BIA	BIA-2014-00920	23-Apr-14	Squires	Tyler		Annual/Quarterly Reports from 1993-2013 detailing restricted individual allotment lands held by member of the: 1. UKB, 2. Cherokee Nation, 3. Chickasaw Nation, 4. Muscogee (Creek) Nation, 5. Seminole Nation, and 6. Choctaw Nation
BIA	BIA-2014-00918	24-Apr-14	Schmit	Cheryl	Stand Up for California	INDIAN GAMING - Copy of correspondence between Scotts Valley Tribe and Indian Gaming, can include NIGC, Alan Ginsberg, and Seminole.
BIA	BIA-2014-00915	23-Apr-14	Stuker	Lana		RMR - requestor is seeking copies of PL 93-638 contracts for the Fort Belknap Tribe.
BIA	BIA-2014-00909	22-Apr-14	Alvey	Diane		PACIFIC - BIA files on Don Weri Watt, Diane Watt Alvey, Douglas Michael Watt, David Weri Watt, Dawn Francine Watt of the San Pasqual Indian Tribe.
BIA	BIA-2014-00906	22-Apr-14	Doyle	Dirk		Application, CTTs Business Plan, CTTs Business Plan, F2T encoding, Inspection & Certificate, Preliminary Title Opinion (PTO), Notice of Application, Environmental Compliance Review, Comments to Notice of Application, Clearance of PTO Objections before NOD, Analysis & NOD, Publication Notice, Final Certificate Inspection & Possession, Conveyance Acceptance, Final Title Opinion & Recordation at LTRO, NEPA review, F2T Process, draft EA, EIS, the SOL-DIA review of EA & EIS, FONSI, ROD.
BLM	BLM-2014-00508	29-Apr-14	Caufield	Jeffery	Caufield & James, LLP	La Posa TMP
BLM	BLM-2014-00501	25-Apr-14	Sexton	George	Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center	FOIA Appeal 2013-130 to BLM-2013-00760 (OR-2013-074) Discretionary release of pending Rio Climax trespass law enforcement case file.
BLM	BLM-2014-00500	24-Apr-14	Seiler	Marilyn		OR-2014-067 - All allotments on the Quinault Indian Reservation.
BLM	BLM-2014-00499	24-Apr-14	Seiler	Marilyn		OR-2014-066 - Various information/records requested regarding land patents on the Quinault Reservation
BLM	BLM-2014-00498	24-Apr-14	Vaupel	Virgil		Number of vehicles owned or controlled by the MT/DAKs and the number of employees in the MT/DAKs.
BLM	BLM-2014-00495	23-Apr-14	Malone	Sean	Oregon Coast Alliance	OR-2014-065 4 items related to the proposed Bandon State Natural Area exchange from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Bandon Biota LLC from March 3, 2014 - April 23, 2014.
BLM	BLM-2014-00493	23-Apr-14	O'Brien	Mark		ID 2014-24: Grazing Permits; all documents pertaining to the grazing permits of LeVell Cattle Inc., Sliman Land and Livestock, and Sliman Sheep Company within the North Shoshone and Curtis Lake grazing allotments.
BLM	BLM-2014-00490	22-Apr-14	Hunt	Steve		AMC 284668 Bat Gates
BLM	BLM-2014-00489	23-Apr-14	Biggs	Joseph		Records referring to Bureau of Land Management's involvement in the Bundy Cattle Roundup and why they deemed it necessary to approach this matter heavily armed for a debt collection.
BOEM	BOEM-2014-00059	28-Apr-14	Graf	Erik	Earthjustice	NMFS Referral: On 12-30-11 NMFS published notice of availability of DEIS for Effects of Oil & Gas Activities in Arctic Ocean, 76 FR 82275. On 8-6-12 NMFS announced intent to publish supplemental DEIS to incorporate analysis of new info rec'd during public comment. All memos, studies, reports, data, correspondence, comments, email, etc., rec'd, kept &/or considered by NMFS 1-10-12 to 8-17-12, excluding docs to be provided or available on NMFS' website.
BOEM	BOEM-2014-00058	24-Apr-14	Sisenstein	Kyle		Correspondence between Senator Begich's office and BOEM regarding Shell Oil Company drilling in the Arctic b/t 01/01/2013 and 04/18/2014; regarding the road to King Cove Alaska b/t 01/01/2013 and 04/18/2014; and regarding drilling in the Arctic National Refuge b/t 01/01/2009 and 4/18/2014
BOEM	BOEM-2014-00057	22-Apr-14	Wogan	Ford	Murphy, Rogers, Sloss & Gambel	Request bonding issues for the WD 117field which are operated by Legacy Offshore. Anglo-Suisse Offshore Partner is owner/lessor of field. Request a bond relative to the above named company within the past 5 years from Apr09 to present including the following: name of operator, name of entity who issued the bond, amount of binds issued and term or period of time bond covers.

Bureau	FOIA Number	Date Received	Requester Last Name	Requester First Name	Requester Organization	Subject
BOR	BOR-2014-00182	29-Apr-14	Pierson	Antoinette	eCivix, Inc.	Copy of the winning grant application from a city, county or state for the most recent award cycle of the WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Grants.
BOR	BOR-2014-00181	29-Apr-14	Lingg	Grant	Forsberg and Umlauf, P.S.	PN-14-30 Copies of miscellaneous records related to the crane wreck at Grand Coulee Dam July 20,2012.
BOR	BOR-2014-00180	29-Apr-14	Lingg	Grant	Forsberg and Umlauf, P.S.	PN-14-30 Copies of miscellaneous records related to the crane wreck at Grand Coulee Dam July 20,2012.
BOR	BOR-2014-00179	28-Apr-14	Hendriksen	Barbara		PN-14-29 Resumes of the selectees to Announcement numbers BR PN DE GC 14 140 and BR PN VA GC 14 141.
BOR	BOR-2014-00178	25-Apr-14	Overs	Sallie		GP Sallie Overs - CO Big Thompson Canyon Flood: "The Reclamation Manual indicates that Olympus should have had a dam-specific EOP. That does not appear to have been provided. I would like to get a copy of that if possible."
BOR	BOR-2014-00177	25-Apr-14	Krieger	Carolee	California Water Impact Network	2013 Water Transfer Records in the Sac Delta.
BOR	BOR-2014-00176	24-Apr-14	Di Camillo	Nicole	Environmental Defense Center	Records related to incidents of pump or infrastructure failures at Hilton Creek at the Bradbury Dam on the Santa Ynez River.
BOR	BOR-2014-00175	25-Apr-14	Jackley	Marty	State of South Dakota, Office of the Attorney General	GP Executive Summary & Desk Reference sent from Reclamation to Corps in Aug. 2012 & Sept 2012, respectively, which is referenced in a 02-14-14, MOU between Reclamation & the Corps Re: Reclamation Water-Related Activities Associated with the Missouri River in MT, ND, and SD. Also, other compilation of authorities or summary of legislative history for Reclamation projects (or projects funded by Reclamation in whole or in part) that withdraw water from the Missouri River in ND & SD and more.
BOR	BOR-2014-00174	25-Apr-14	Shapiro	Matthew	Gridflex Energy	Copy of the Pumped Storage Evaluation Special Study: Yellowtail, Seminole, and Trinity Phase 2 Report.
BOR	BOR-2014-00173	24-Apr-14	Roeder	Stacey		PN-14-28 Any records concerning BOR projects involving the property of Mr. Caudle from January 2009 through April 24, 2014.
BOR	BOR-2014-00172	23-Apr-14	Adkins	Douglas	Adkins Consulting Engineering, LLP	Information that describes and delineates the high water level of Upper Klamath Lake prior to any dam construction at its outlet to Link River.
BOR	BOR-2014-00171	23-Apr-14	Adkins	Douglas	Adkins Consulting Engineering, LLP	Information that describes and delineates the high water level of Upper Klamath Lake prior to any dam construction at its outlet to Link River.
BOR	BOR-2014-00167	22-Apr-14	Silver	Robin	Biological Diversity	Complete copy of the City of Sierra Vista, Water Reclamation Facility Annual Monitoring Report for Calendar Year 2012 - Cooperative Agreement No. 00-FC-12-0030 - Sierra Vista Water Reclamation and Efficient Recharge Project. A complete copy of all correspondence to and/or from BOR related to the 2014 report.
BSEE	BSEE-2014-00094	28-Apr-14	Bailey	Ashley	IHS	Requesting well completion records for variety of wells
BSEE	BSEE-2014-00093	22-Apr-14	Goodson	Christopher	Kleinfelder	Request for documentation for notices of violations for oil and gas facilities operated by Crimson Energy in Texas.
BSEE	BSEE-2014-00092	22-Apr-14	Goodson	Christopher	Kleinfelder	Documentation regarding notices of violations for oil and gas production facilities in Brazos, Leon, Madison, and Robertson counties, Texas.
FWS	FWS-2014-00834	29-Apr-14	Pierson	Antoinette	eCivix	GRANT APPLICATION INFO
FWS	FWS-2014-00833	29-Apr-14	Pierson	Antoinette	eCivix	Referred from HQ 4-29-2014 - Requesting most recent award cycle of the Endangered Species Recovery Implementation and Candidate Conservation Action Funds... see attached for additional information
FWS	FWS-2014-00831	29-Apr-14	Pizar	Janet	Public Trust Wildlife Management	Copies of New Jersey's certifications for Pittman Robertson fund eligibility Parts I and II, of number of hunting and fishing license holders and number of hunting and fishing license sales for 2012 and 2013.
FWS	FWS-2014-00827	28-Apr-14	Pacis	Andi	Michelle and Associates	Yurok MOU regarding condor
FWS	FWS-2014-00823	28-Apr-14	Steiner	Richard	Oans Earth	Requesting documents that discuss the use by the State of Alaska of the federal funds transferred to it pursuant to the "Pittman-Robertson" wildlife fund transfers to State of Alaska
FWS	FWS-2014-00822	25-Apr-14	Pierson	Antoinette	eCivix	winning grant application from a city, county or state for the most recent award cycle of the grantee program National Outreach and Communications Grant Program.
FWS	FWS-2014-00819	24-Apr-14	Sixenstein	Mark		Communications from 01-01-13 to 04-18-14 between Sen. Mark Begich (AK) regarding road to King Cove, AK.
FWS	FWS-2014-00818	24-Apr-14	Sixenstein	Mark		Communications from 01-01-13 to 04-18-14 between Sen. Mark Begich (AK) on Shell Oil and Arctic drilling
FWS	FWS-2014-00817	25-Apr-14	Parker	Audra	Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound	records and communications between Cape Wind Associates, LLC & USFWS relating to implementation of the final Avian and Bat Monitoring Plan for the Cape Wind Project
FWS	FWS-2014-00816	24-Apr-14	Berry	Christopher	Animal Legal Defense Fund	Primate importation activity by PreLabs and its alter egos and affiliates obtained by FWS over the last four years after April 22, 2010: 1. Applications and accompanying documents by PreLabs LLC for any type of permits, license, or renewal issued by FWS; 2. Permits, licenses, or certifications and accompanying documents issued to PreLabs by FWS; 3. Any requests for enforcement action, complaints, or similar records sent by third parties to FWS about PreLabs, etc.

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FWS	FWS-2014-00815	25-Apr-14	Twaite	Kari	Beveridge & Diamond	FOIA requests filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("FWS") from March 26, 2014 through the date of this request.
FWS	FWS-2014-00812	23-Apr-14	Stoneburner	Jennifer		PRU File FWS-2013-55
FWS	FWS-2014-00811	22-Apr-14	Ruch	Jeff	Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility	Copies of applications and permits by Hopi Tribe to collect eagles and hawks in 2013 and 2014.
FWS	FWS-2014-00807	22-Apr-14	Lettman	Theresa	Pinelands Preservation Alliance	Copy of reports and correspondence issued from 3-28-14 up to date of request on Ocean County College Roadway in Toms River, Ocean County.
FWS	FWS-2014-00806	24-Apr-14	Sisenstein	Kyle		Communications between FWS and Sen. Mark Begich (AK) on drilling in Arctic Nat'l Wildlife Refuge between 01-01-09 and 04-18-14.
FWS	FWS-2014-00805	24-Apr-14	Steinhagen	Daniel	Beattie Padovano, LLC	Requesting copies of FWS complete file, including all correspondence, reports, memos, studies, emails re: involvement with Caliber Builders site at Block 506, Lot 1 on the tax assessment maps of the Borough of Hillsdale & Block 2101, Lots 3 & 7 on the Tax assessment maps of the township of Washington
FWS	FWS-2014-00803	23-Apr-14	Matthews	Flaine		INV regarding complaints of www.broadbenwildlife.org
FWS	FWS-2014-00801	23-Apr-14	Berry	Christopher	animal Legal Defense Fund	Records on importation of wild primates by PreLabs and its affiliates for last 4 years.
FWS	FWS-2014-00796	22-Apr-14	Crawford	David	AnimalHelpNow	list of wildlife rehabilitators licensed by FWS.
FWS	FWS-2014-00792	22-Apr-14	Gerrodette	Patricia		Records relating to the Section 7 exemption of Fort Huachuca, in particular, if any other military installations in the country have received this exemption.
NPS	NPS-2014-00476	29-Apr-14	Greenhalgh	Charleen	Town of Truro	CACO-Request for Prospectus CAC003
NPS	NPS-2014-00471	29-Apr-14	Kimmy	Samantha	Point Reyes Light	PORE- Eight categories of records related to the Salmon Protection and Watershed Network (SPAWN) Letter of Authorization and Cooperative Agreement with Point Reyes National Seashore.
NPS	NPS-2014-00462	24-Apr-14	Scrasc	Judith		LAKE - several items related to concessionaire mobile homes at Lake Mead National Recreation Area.
NPS	NPS-2014-00461	22-Apr-14	Kornblatt	Sara	Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet & Wittbrodt LLP	MABO - Complete bid package submitted by C.R. Fedrick, Inc. in response to Solicitation P14PS00200 for road improvements at Golden Gate National Recreation Area.
NPS	NPS-2014-00459	23-Apr-14	BUSKER	ERIK		BS - CONCESSIONS: RECORDS RELATING TO THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR CONCESSIONS CONTRACTS GRCA 034-12, GLAC 002-13, ACAD 001-13, MORA 002-13, and LAKE 004-12.
NPS	NPS-2014-00458	22-Apr-14	Kornblatt	Sara	Gibbs Giden Locher Turner Senet & Wittbrodt LLP	Solicitation No. P14PS00200, Fort Baker Satterlee Road Improvements. The complete bid package submitted by C.R. Fedrick, Inc.
NPS	NPS-2014-00457	22-Apr-14	Chappell	Chuck		Copies of the certificate of eligible candidates for job announcements HRF 13-047 and NWSHRO-14-26 and the resumes of individuals selected.
OIG	OIG-2014-00074	28-Apr-14	Sisenstein	Kyle		communication between our office and the office of Senator Mark Begich of Alaska regarding: 1. drilling for oil in the Arctic National Refuge between January 1, 2009 - April 18, 2014; 2. Shell Oil Company drilling in the Arctic between January 1, 2013 - April 18, 2014; and 3. the road to King Cove Alaska between January 1, 2013 - April 18, 2014
OIG	OIG-2014-00073	28-Apr-14	Lynch	Rick		information on the person selected to fill job announcement OIG-1075143-14-42-SB. Specifically looking for: The selected applicant's resume; All scores, the rationale behind all scores, and all supporting documentation, including evaluations, notes, emails, and any other relevant communications; his scores, the rationale behind all scores, and all supporting documentation, including evaluations, notes, emails, and any other relevant communications
OIG	OIG-2014-00072	25-Apr-14	Fillippelli	Chris		court documents from the state of New Jersey on George Remini and him owing Popular Painting, Inc.
OIG	OIG-2014-00071	23-Apr-14	Nurre	Robert		the response from the Solicitor's Office to the referral letter for case OI-HQ014-0134-R
OS	OS-2014-00211	28-Apr-14	Lynch	Rick		Info on the person selected to fill the following Writer-Editor position: Announcement #: OS-DA-14-MM1027552(MP). Dates of announcement: 1/13/14 to 1/17/14. Copies of the following documents: Selected applicant's resume. All score including requester scores, the rationale behind all scores, and all supporting documentation, including evals, notes, emails, and any other relevant communications.
OS	OS-2014-00210	25-Apr-14	Kiedrowski	Peter	Fletcher National	Please show only open accounts for cash and cash-convertible sureties, state-dated checks, deposits, and other securities that have not been refunded to the payee. Such sureties could have been taken in any or all of the forms of performance and payment guarantees such as Subdivision, Sidewalk/Curb, Landscaping, Conservation, Monuments, Winter Handling, Maintenance, Temporary Trailer, Grading/Paving, Traffic/Street Lights, Signs/ Temporary Signs, Wetlands, Conservation...



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OS	OS-2014-00209	23-Apr-14	F	Bill		Department of the Interior Blanket Purchase agreement (BPA) and Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) between DOI and ESRI.
OS	OS-2014-00208	22-Apr-14	Eisenfeld	Mike	San Juan Citizens Alliance	Records regarding Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released to the public on March 28, 2014.
USGS	USGS-2014-00087	25-Apr-14	Hayward	Dylan		any "celebrities," such as television personalities (including local television), actors, "celebrity chefs," newsmakers, musicians, sports stars, authors, motivational speakers, etc., to carry out any work for your agency since 1st January 2011.
USGS	USGS-2014-00086	25-Apr-14	Haughey	Stephen	FROST BROWN TODD LLC	all water quality surveys or study reports prepared by or for USGS since 1995, involving the assessment of the White-Miami River Basins.
USGS	USGS-2014-00084	24-Apr-14	Pierson	Antoinette	eCivis, Inc.	the winning grant application for the most recent award cycle of the grantee program Water Resources Research National Competitive Grants, CFDA #15.805, FON# G14AS00014.

Selected FOIA List  
(Updated 4/29/2014)

Bureau	FOIA Number	Date Received	Requester Last Name	Requester First Name	Requester Organization (if applicable)	Subject	Status	Designated FOIA Attorney/Protocol
BLA	BLA-2014-00415	21-Jan-14	Palter	KeBy		PACIFIC - Records related to the Tule Wad project in San Diego County, CA. All records regarding the presence of (hatched) Eagles and other migratory birds at or near the Tule Wad Project and BIA's contract letter regarding the FES for the Tule Wad Project, dated November 14, 2011.	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Mike Berrigan, DIA-SOL
BIA	BIA-2013-00422	7-Jan-13	DeCorta	Steve	The Standard Times	INDIAN GAMING - Copy of Supplemental Response to Madocque Wampanoag Tribe's gaming compact	2/4/2014 Advance notice given	Regional FOIA Attorney or Mike Berrigan, DIA-SOL
BIA	BIA-2012-01133	4-Jun-12	Wilcox	Dale	Cause of Action	FOIA - Request requiring response from all directorate heads in BIA, IA and BIE. Documents requested include (but not limited to): All documents referring or relating to acquisition or use by (agency), commemorative notes, certificates, medals, trophies, awards, all documents relating to expenditures for commemorative items for FY (09 to present) and if award was deemed permissible, etc.	Request OPEN	Mike Berrigan, DIA-SOL
BLM	BLM-2014-00297	11-Feb-14	Kahn	Grace		all internal BLM correspondence and any and all other records relating to the BLM Nevada "wild horse summit" held in January as mentioned at the Tri-RAC meeting in Reno on February 6-7, 2014	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Laura Brown, DLW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2014-00285	11-Feb-14	Kahn	Grace	American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign	NV-2014-022 This request is directed at obtaining an electronic copy of any and all documents (including but not limited to emails, letters, faxes, memoranda, notes of telephone conversations, meeting summaries, reports, all internal BLM correspondence and any and all other records) relating to the BLM Nevada "wild horse summit" held in January as mentioned at the Tri-RAC meeting in Reno on February 6-7, 2014	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Laura Brown, DLW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2014-00108	19-Nov-13	Hickam	Doug	Oregon Wild	OR 2014-0113 GHS layers/shapefiles created by BLM April 1, 2013-present for Sen. Wyden to provide maps/tech assist. to develop legislation on BLM lands in Western OR. 2. Records created on BLM's possession April 1, 2013-present for Sen. Wyden to provide maps/tech assist. to develop legislation on BLM lands in Western OR. 3. Records 2010-present re: BLM review/analysis of variable retention harvest proposal by Drs. Johnson & Franklin in Rangeland BLM Secretarial Pilot Project and White Castle timber sale.	Request OPEN	Laura Dennis, DLW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2014-00070	4-Nov-13	Harris	Robert	WESTERN RESOURCES ADVOCATES	(1) All quarterly reports and documents on shale RMD/D leases have filed with the Department of the Interior since the prior FOIA (shd) by Western Resource Advocates dated October 4, 2013. (2) All correspondence related to these quarterly reports and documents, and (3) All reports, documents, and correspondence related to Shell Oil Company and Chevron's decision to cease RMD/D work.	Request OPEN	Elizabeth Clark, DLW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2014-00046	29-Oct-13	Strommen	Daniel	Institute of Energy Research	request of all documentation relating to the following issues in regards to the Bureau of Land Management's handling of Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs)	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Phyllis Leslie, DMW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2013-01019	18-Sep-13	Kahn	Grace	American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign	Copy of all records relating to the National Academies/National Research Council Review of the BLM wild Horse program for the period Jan. 2010 to present.	Request OPEN	Greg Russell or Dylan Page, DLW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2013-00984	11-Sep-13	Belenky	Jane	Center for Biological Diversity	(BLM-CA) Ocotillo Express Wind Project--data/reports from avian mortality monitoring; data/reports from any other avian mortality monitoring or incidental detections of avian mortality, final Avian and Bat Protection Plan, final Wildlife Mortality Reporting Program; data/reports of any wildlife mortality	Request OPEN	Dylan Page, DLW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2013-00847	22-May-13	Singcy	Nick		Copy of all documents, including reports, memos, communications or other deliberations concerning the consideration by BLM to regulate hydraulic fracturing on federal lands. This request applies to records created between Jan 1, 2012 and the present.	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Phyllis Leslie, DMW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2013-00824	1-May-13	Kahn	Grace		all correspondence (emails, letters, faxes, memoranda, notes of telephone conversations) between BLM staff and the Wild Horse and BLM Advisory Board for the period January 2011 - present	Request OPEN	Greg Russell or Dylan Page, DLW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2013-00192	20-Feb-13	Murray	Hoather	Defenders of Wildlife	(BLM-CA) All documents regarding the status of protective measures, reasonable and prudent measures, habitat compensation, and other mitigation required for the Imperial Solar Electric Generating System Project, Ocean Solar Power Project, Desert Sunlight Solar Farm Project.	Request OPEN	Greg Russell, DLW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2013-00030	12-Oct-12	Koon	Rachael	Adams Brothers/ Joseph & Gordon on behalf of California Union for Reliable Energy (CURE)	(BLM-CA) All materials received or generated by the BLM regarding the McCoy Solar Energy Project proposed by McCoy Solar, LLC in Riverside County since the date of our last request on June 13, 2012.	Request OPEN	Mike Smith, DLW-SOL
BLM	BLM-2012-00737	4-Jan-12	Murray	Hoather	Other	(BLM-CA) All documents from January 1, 2009, through the present concerning the downy woodpecker, including, but not limited to, biological opinions, concurrence letters, and other documents prepared pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act	10/22/2012 Conference call with Defenders of Wildlife, BLM-CA and BLM-NV to clarify the scope of the request	Regional Solicitor or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL

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BLM	BLM-2012-00467 (also see FWS-2012-00615)	11-Mar-12	Reinley	Lisa	Center for Biological Diversity	(BLM-CA) All reports, plans, and any communications between the FWS and BLM regarding terms and conditions of the 6/3/2010 and 6/30/2010 California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment Biological Opinions	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney
BLM	BLM-2012-00172 BLM-2012-00393	23-Jan-12	Hobbes	Jody		(BLM-CA) Related to the Triple R Wild Horse Gathering Team's review. List of all evidence examined by the team and a list of persons interviewed with their titles/positions and experience/qualifications on gathering at handling horses.	BLM-2012-00793 completed 4/25/2012	Follow the established protocol
BLM	BLM-2011-00183	15-Feb-11	Brooks	Kristianne	CE Brooks & Associates PC	All email and written correspondence received and retained by the DOI from and to select individuals during from Jan. 1, 2009, to Feb. 14, 2011, using search terms such as Withdrawal, Arizona, Uranium, Grand Canyon, and North Arizona in association with an FIS.	Each bureau is providing its own response to request. BLM is working with DOI and SOL to draft same response to either deny request as unworkable or find another way to satisfy the request. (See US-2011-06142)	Follow the established protocol
BOEM	BOEM-2014-00053	24-Mar-14	Gibbs	Margot	Greenpeace USA	Reports, documents, briefing notes and communications related to the conduct of the assessment, including all work done in preparation of the DOI assessment of Shell's 2012 operations in the arctic.	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Tim Baker, DMR-SOL
BOEM	BOEM-2014-00049	10-Mar-14	Talbot	Shannon	CBS News Corporation	Any communications between BOEM and Continental Shelf Associates (CSA) Pertaining to Atlantic O&G Activities Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). Communications could be email, letters between BOEM and CSA, including members of report, discussing the report or discussing seismic impact testing.	4/14/2014 - Advance notice given	Regional FOIA Attorney or Tim Baker, DMR-SOL
BOEM	BOEM-2014-00039	14-Feb-14	McLeod	Evans Martin	Phelps Dunbar LLP	Documents related to the January 17, 2014, incident involving the entanglement of an Atlantic spotted dolphin recovered on the M/V PALMER.	Request OPEN	Melissa Haeme, DMR-SOL
BOEM	BOEM-2014-00017	14-Dec-13	Mayer	Michael	Fairjustice	(Referred from NMFS) All memos, studies, reports, data, correspondence, comments, conversation records, files, emails, or other documents which were generated, received, kept and/or considered by NMFS relating to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Efforts of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean, 76 Fed. Reg. 82,275 (Dec. 30, 2011)	3/13/2014 - Advance notice given	Regional FOIA Attorney or Tim Baker, DMR-SOL
BOEM	BOEM-2014-00011	25-Nov-13	Aaron	Lucas	Request Initiative	Reports, documents and communications relating to and presented during the field hearing, including emails and letters between the parties, as well as email attachments, witness statements and testimonies, notes or transcripts of phone calls. Please ensure that your search includes documents and communications generated by Tracey P. Reschman. Requests the information in electronic format.	4/7/2014 - Advance notice given for electronic release	Regional FOIA Attorney or Tim Baker, DMR-SOL
BSEE	BSEE-2014-00066	28-Feb-14	Vasquez	Karen	Black Pig Energy Offshore Operations, LLC	Documents released under a FOIA request response dated 1/27/14.	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Lane Nourse, DMR-SOL
BSEE	BSEE-2014-00065	14-Feb-14	McLeod	Evans Martin	Phelps Dunbar LLP	Documents associated with the INCA and inspection for permit L11401.	Request OPEN	Sylvia Ruchel, DMR-SOL
FWS	FWS-2014-00651	24-Mar-14	Arwood	Amy	Center for Biological Diversity	GUNNTSON SAGP GROUND LIT Used	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
FWS	FWS-2014-00600	11-Mar-14	Deveaux	Jane	Defenders of Wildlife	records relating to the impacts of stream conductivity and surface coal mining on blackside dace and Cumberland darters	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
FWS	FWS-2014-00588	6-Mar-14	Burd	Lori Ann	Center for Diversity	KEYSTONE XL - Compliance with Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
FWS	FWS-2014-00539	24-Feb-14	Ferabee	Jim		any and all communications between USFWS and the Defenders of Wildlife as well as any and all communications between USFWS and the Animal Welfare Institute for the last 5 years.	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
FWS	FWS-2014-00536	24-Feb-14	Ferabee	Jim		All the emails from any email account used by David R. Raven, Jr. to conduct USFWS correspondence.	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
FWS	FWS-2014-00495	18-Feb-14	Douglas	Ed	Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)	VIOLENCE/THREATS	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
FWS	FWS-2014-00490	18-Feb-14	Douglas	Ed	Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER)	Summary of all incidents of violence or threats against USFWS employees that occurred between January 1 and December 31, 2013. Summary should include date, location and nature of the incident or threat together with a summary of what, if any, outcomes stemmed from the incident or threat (e.g., arrest, conviction, ongoing investigations)	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
FWS	FWS-2014-00375	15-Jan-14	Peller	Edy	The Project Our Communities Foundation	Tule Wind Project	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL

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FWS	FWS-2014-08161	19-Nov-13	Burd	Teri Ann	Center for Biological Diversity	ESA AND MBTA ACTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED KXL PROJECT	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
FWS	FWS-2013-08774	18-Apr-11	Jones	Taylor	WildEarth Guardians	Section 7 info on Lesser prairie chicken, Sage Grouse, and Wolverine	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
FWS	FWS-2012-08893	5-Jan-12	Junka	Chanelle	Greenpeace	Copies of all records that concern photo or video imagery taken during NRRA flights in the Gulf region in August and September 2010.	Request OPEN	Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
NPS	NPS-2014-00321	1-Mar-14	Samantha	Kennedy	POINT REYES LIGHT	PORE - Communications between Point Reyes National Seashore employees and three identified individuals	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
NPS	NPS-2014-00271	2-Feb-14	PEAK	CHRISTOPHER	POINT REYES LIGHT	NPSWIDE - RECORDS RELATED TO THE REVISION OF NPS MANAGEMENT POLICIES CHAPTER 6 "WILDERNESS" AND DIRECTOR'S ORDER 41 SECTION 5.5 "POTENTIAL WILDERNESS"	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
NPS	NPS-2014-00063	8-Nov-13	Bennett	Chadon	Save Our Seashore	PORE - Elk damage to ranches at Point Reyes National Seashore	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, SOL-DPW
NPS	NPS-2013-00728	10-Jul-11	McFarlane	Scott	Out News	COPIES OF ALL E-MAILS SENT OR RECEIVED BY JOHN JARVIS, MAUREEN FOSTER, AND MICKY FERN ON JUNE 27, 2011	Request OPEN	Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
NPS	NPS-2013-00654	11-Jun-13	Edson	Tina	Point Reyes Light	Correspondence to/from Point Reyes National Seashore Superintendent Cecily Muldoon containing the words "issue" and/or "track" from April 2010 to the present.	Request OPEN	Jennifer Heald, DGL-SOL
NPS	NPS-2012-01042	28-Sep-12	Bennett	Jordan	Save Our Seashore	All special use permits issued to the Johnson Oyster Company from 7/9/1965 to 2/31/2004 inclusive (this request does not include the JOG Reservations of use and occupancy).	Request OPEN	Jennifer Heald, DGL-SOL
NPS	NPS-2012-00803	25-Jul-12	Trimmer	Alay	Environmental Action Committee	Investigation/review of uncharacterized distribution of the June 2011 non-public version of the Draft EIS regarding Drakes Estero Wetlands	Request OPEN	Jennifer Heald, DGL-SOL
NPS	NPS-2012-00382	6-Mar-12	Miguel	Ken	KGO TV 7 ABC	Administrative record in date for the Drakes Bay Oyster Company's Special Use Permit EIS	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
NPS	NPS-2012-00370	5-Mar-12	Miguel	Ken	KGO TV 7 ABC	Public comments and related records for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Drakes Bay Oyster Company.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
NPS	NPS-2011-00206	7-Jan-11	Miguel	Ken	ABC 7 News, KGO TV, ABC, Inc.	E-mails, letters, documents, reports or other communications received on behalf of Director Jon Jarvis regarding DBOC, Oyster Farm, Oyster Operation, Manufacturing, Drakes Estero, Kevin Lamy and the Lamy's Materials produced from January 2007-present.	Not specifically a regional request, involves records from when NPS Director Jarvis was Regional Director and since he became Director. At the regional level alone, the document volume is 600+ documents. Now that NPS-2011-00198 is completed, Pt. Reyes NS staff have begun marking the responsive e-mails for redaction consistent with other FOIA requests that included some of the same responsive records. Once complete, these will be submitted to the appropriate reviewing submitters.	Deborah Barrows, Assistant Field Solicitor and Jennifer Heald, DGL-SOL
ONRE	ONRE-2014-00010	7-Mar-14	Fruend	Jonathan		A list of all lawsuits since 2000, including particularly the names of the defendant companies, the case number and venue of each case, and the outcome of each case.	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2014-00115	11-Feb-14	Anderson	Shayne	Powder River Basin Resource Council	Request that a copy of the following documents containing the following information be provided to me: 1. The "private" version of the Government Accountability Office (GAO)'s coal leasing report. The public version of the report is dated December 2013 and was released February 4, 2014. The "private" version of the report was mentioned in a press release from Senator Markey. Continued below.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2014-00093	11-Dec-13	Rosenbaum	Robert	Arnold & Porter LLP	Request that you provide me with a copy of any and all agreements between and among DOI and NPS and any state or subdivision of any state pursuant to which such state or subdivision provided funds to operate any unit of NPS during the 2013 shutdown of the US Government, including: -Agreement with the State of Utah to provide funding for Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, etc.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, SOL-DGL

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OS	OS-2014-00663	6-Nov-13	Ziegler	Brent	The Associated Press	1. Records and correspondence regarding the decision to "close" and "barbecue" the National Mall's monuments and memorials during the government shutdowns of October 2013. This includes correspondence leading up to the closure and after, from Sept. 14, 2013 through Oct. 31. 2. Records and correspondence pertaining specifically to the closure of the "World War II Memorial" during the government shutdown of October 2013.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2014-00053	30-Oct-13	Wernhoff	Don		All orders and documents that pertain to the closing of the roads to traffic and parking at the national capital area specifically the Mall road area, West and East Potomac Park, Haynes Point and parking area at the boat area area in Georgetown Harbor. (2) restriction of Park Police force in area described.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2014-00044	28-Oct-13	Basley	Kate	Judicial Watch	Any and all records and communications concerning, regarding, or related to coordination with the White House on the closure of national parks and monuments during the October 2013 federal government shutdown.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2014-00047	25-Oct-13	Schieder	Jessica	Center for Effective Government	Request an electronic copy (e.g. pdfs on a CD-ROM or via email) of agency memos, communications to Congress, and reports on the impact of sequestration in FY2013 and anticipated impacts of sequestration in FY2014 and/or of other deeper potential cuts.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2014-00041	22-Oct-13	Metzgar	Julian	National Review	Responsive records relating to Shutdown/Closure of Mount Rushmore will be dated over a five week period, from Sept. 1, 2013 to Oct. 6, 2013, inclusive, containing one or more of the following keywords: a) "shut" (including as a whole word or otherwise, as in e.g. "shutdown" or "shut-down"); b) "close" (as a whole word and including in e.g. "closed"); c) "closure"; d) "barbecue"; and e) "view."	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2014-00036	22-Oct-13	Sampson	Talmadge	Balk & Bingham LLP	Any communication (electronic or paper) among NPS personnel conveying the decision to close down the Blue Ridge Parkway due to the United States federal government shutdown.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00283	17-Jul-13	Levin	Robert	Landmark Legal Foundation	Relating to employees located at the DOI headquarters office in Washington, DC, Landmark seeks disclosure of the following records from January 1, 2009 to July 1, 2013, relating to: 1. Any and all records evincing the establishment and maintenance of any and all email addresses for all political appointees who currently serve or have served between January 1, 2009, and July 1, 2013 at the DOI.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00282	17-Jul-13	Levin	Robert	Landmark Legal Foundation	Use of private communication services for the conduct of official agency business by political appointees of DOI. Records evincing the use of any private or personal email account, text messaging service, instant messaging service, or any other private electronic communication, included but not limited to those sent via any social media service such as Facebook, Google Plus or other private platform, for the conduct of Agency business from January 20, 2009 to July 15, 2013.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00239	20-May-13	Samselhardt	Darren	POLITICO	Request access to and copies of all communications between the Interior Department and all outside entities (members of Congress, stakeholder groups, private industry, unions, other federal agencies, White House, OMB) concerning the implementation and handling of sequestration as required by law under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (Jointly Act) as implemented in materials dated from Aug. 2, 2011, through the present.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00236	16-May-13	Rothenbaum	Robert	Arnold & Porter LLP	(1) All docs reflecting or containing or consisting of communication, or any agreement, approval or other act, relating to Park Wolf Hunting, including (i) whether any Park Wolf Hunting should be permitted inside those outer boundaries, (ii) who should decide whether any Park Wolf Hunting should be permitted, (iii) any other aspect of Park Wolf Hunting, (iv) the position NPS or other agencies of the Federal Government has taken as should or should not take or say or may not take about any of the foregoing.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00223	29-Apr-13	Kavutsky	Michael		A copy of the memo(s) and document(s) describing the impact of federal budget sequestration upon U.S. Department of the Interior operations and functions. I agree to accept the results of a search that lasts two hours or less, so that request is not at all unreasonable. I agree to limit the records requested to those created or finalized since February 1, 2013.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00195	7-Apr-13	Basley	Kate	Judicial Watch	Any and all records concerning, regarding, or related to the designation of five new national monuments on March 23, 2013.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2011-00168	19-Mar-13	Milner	Steven		Copy of all records of the department's contact with RSI since January 20, 2009.	Referral from BIA - request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL (this attorney assignment pending confirmation)
OS	OS-2011-00150	22-Feb-13	Saranghar	Shiva	Greenwire, FAE News	Access to and copies of communications between the Department of the Interior and White House Interagency Working Group to Support Safe and Responsible Development of Unconventional Domestic Natural Gas Reserves since its creation by executive order in April 2012. This would include, but not be limited to, communications with Heather Zichal, Deputy Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change. This Zichal and other members of Office of Energy and Climate Change, and communications.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2011-00128	11-Feb-13	Macfarlane	Scott	COX Television	Copies of all emails sent or received January 16, 2013, January 17, 2013, January 18, 2013 and January 19, 2013 by employees in the DOI Office of the Secretary and Washington DC Office of Public Affairs that include the keywords "Anderson," "Kempthorne," "GSA," or "COX."	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00125	7-Feb-13	Brent	Thomas	The Salt Lake Tribune	Request copies and/or access to all correspondence between Ms. Sally Jewell and the Department of the Interior, specifically any emails, letters or documents between Ms. Jewell and Secretary Ken Salazar or Interior officials.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL

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OS	OS-2013-00114 OS-2013-00121	12-Feb-13	Boyle	Mary	Hinkle, Hensley, Sanner & Martin LLP	Copies of information and documents in office of the Secretary of the Interior, the Department of the Interior, and the Bureau of Land Management in Washington, D.C. and the State of New Mexico concerning: (1) Any drafts, suggested re-drafts of, amendments, modifications or proposals for the issuance of a Secretarial Order to replace the Order of the Secretary of Interior dated October 28, 1986, 51 Fed. Reg. 39425 ["1986 Order"]...	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL or Wynny Ransberger, DLW-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00118 (copy of OS-2013-00122)	5-Feb-13	Bailey	Kate	Judicial Watch, Inc.	1) Any and all records concerning, regarding, or related to Secretary of the Interior Salazar's participation in gun policy discussions in the wake of the Newton, CT school shooting; 2) Any and all records concerning, regarding, or related to any policy proposals made by Secretary Salazar following the Newton, CT school shooting. The timeframe for this is December 14, 2012 to the present, with particular interest in any transcripts or recordation of policy discussions.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00045 (see also FWS-2013-00173)	16-Nov-12	Proan	Timothy	Earthjustice	All correspondence, including e-mails, sent or received by (i) DOI officials located in Washington, D.C., (ii) Secretary Ken Salazar, or (iii) DOI OIG/DO of the Secretary relating to gray wolves in Wyoming, since January 1, 2011, with the exception of comments submitted during public comment periods on the proposed rule regarding the above (76 Fed. Reg. 61,782). This request includes any correspondence on which the individuals or offices named above are listed as recipients of a carbon copy.	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL/Berry Roth, DWP-SOL
OS	OS-2013-00008	4-Oct-12	Estess	Brady		Records regarding the Deputy Secretary of the Interior and his/her membership on the President's Management Council (PMC): (1) dates on which he/she attended any meetings of the PMC; (2) locations where he/she attended the meetings of the PMC; and (3) a record of his/her voting as a member of the PMC	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL
OS	OS-2012-00235	10-Apr-12	Charmelia	CJ	Washington Free Beacon	Documents and communications from the Office of the Secretary concerning BrightSource Energy from Jan. 20, 2009, through Oct. 31, 2010. These include but are not limited to communications to and from Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Counselor to the Secretary Steve Black and Special Assistant to the Counselor Jasca Scott.	Request OPEN	Laura Brown, L&W SOL
OS	OS-2012-00176	14-Feb-12	Kunzelman	Michael	Associated Press	E-mails sent and received by the Secretary between 4/29/2010 and 7/31/2010	Request OPEN	Tim Murphy, DGL-SOL and Tim Baker, DMR, SOL
OS	OS-2011-00297	26-Apr-11	Altherr	John	Judicial Watch	All records of the April 19, 2011, meeting at the White House concerning immigration reform, attended by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, any and all records of communication concerning the 4/19/2011 meeting at the White House, any and all records created or obtained in preparation for the 4/19/2011 White House meeting, including but not limited to records concerning potential witnesses to the meeting, any and all records created or obtained as result of the 4/19/2011 meeting at the White House.	OS sent the response package to SOL, for review on 3/16/2011.	Follow the established protocol.
OS	OS-2011-00182	17-Feb-11	Brooks	Constance	C.E. Brooks	All e-mail records archived and retained by the Electronic Email Archive System (ZANTAZ) software system or any other archive system in use by the DOI from or to the following individual email addresses dating from January 1, 2009, to the date of this letter and using the word "wilderness." This request includes all attachments: 1. steve@suwa.org, 2. janoel@earthjustice.org, 3. heidi@suwa.org and 4. m/roeman@earthjustice.org, among others.	OS and BLM are responding separately to this request. A letter was sent to the requester on 3/24/2011 waiving all fees based on her agreement to limit scope of her request to not include a search of ZANTAZ or any other archived e-mail system. OR is coordinating closely with SOL on this request. (See also BLM-2011-00183).	Follow the established protocol.
OSM	OSM-2013-00039	14-May-13	Eisenfeld	Mike	San Juan Citizens Alliance	All records, communications, meeting notices, documents, etc. regarding a potential transfer of ownership of the Navajo Mine, including the consequences of such a transfer, impacts on required permits, liability in the event of a transfer, and OSM's trust responsibility. All records used, created, controlled, possessed, or obtained by OSM and all cooperating agencies, as well as BHP and APS, regarding the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project.	1/9/14- Six staggered release letters have been provided to the requester. The material for the seventh letter will be reviewed when this complex FOIA returns to the front of the oversight queue	Regional FOIA Attorney or Emily Morris, DMR-SOL
SOL	SOL-2013-00067	23-Apr-13	Keefover	Wendy	Wild Earth Guardians	1) McKinnick memo and 2) Investigative Documents, Correspondence, Phone Messages, Meeting Minutes involving decisions not to pursue individual who killed wolves. (referred from FWS, Law Enforcement Office - 149 pages)	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL
SOL	SOL-2013-00065	15-Apr-13	Ocalanek	Andrew	Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC)	Records pertaining to the PacificCorp Klamath Hydroelectric Project Interim Operations Habitat Conservation Plan for Coho Salmon and related docs. (referred from Dept of Commerce, Nat. Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)	Request OPEN	Regional FOIA Attorney or Barry Roth, DPW-SOL

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Bureau	FOIA Number	Date Received	Requester Last Name	Requester First Name	Requester Organization (if applicable)	Subject	Status	Designated FOIA Attorney/Protocol  (clear material w/ an appropriate attorney if another is not listed; ALWAYS provide appropriate notice after collection, review and 24 hours prior to release)
SOL	WM-2012-0005	3-Jan-12	Quinnones	Manuel	Environment and Energy Publishing, LLC/Groceware	Documents related to Sec. Orders 3315 and 3316 as they relate to communications with stakeholders, Exec. Sec, SOL and leaders of OSM and BLM.	Request OPEN	Karen Hawbecker, SMR, SOL
SOL	SOL-2011-00045	11-Apr-11	Bernhart	Steve		1. All information, including solicitors' opinions, policy statements, directives, memoranda, emails, etc. providing guidance on how the Dept. identifies positions subject to Indian preference. 2. All information, including solicitors' opinions, policy statements, directives, memoranda, white papers, etc., defining and classifying what constitutes "service to Indians" with regard to classifying a position as Indian preference, etc., providing guidance on how the Dept. identifies positions subject to Indian preference. 3. A listing of all positions filled within OST since March 31, 2008, which provides job title and whether it was filled under Indian preference. 4. The analyses conducted on each position advertised and filled in OST since March 31, 2008, which states the conclusions reached on whether the position or not is subject to Indian preference. 5. Any requests by OST management to have a position exempted from Indian preference and the arguments offered in justification of those requests.	Request assigned from OS-2011-00291.	Indian preference documents - to Fedor Blackwell or SOL/DIA and Tim Murphy in DGL SOL.
SOL	SOL-2011-00034	28-Feb-11	Palmer	Audra		Construction and operation permit for Cape Wind Sound. (SOL 2011 0031 in SharePoint)	Request OPEN	DGL SOL



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## Fwd: Weekly Report

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Thu, Apr 24, 2014 at 2:17 PM

To: "Harding, Stephenne" <stephenne\_harding@ios.doi.gov>, Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Bogard <lauren\_bogard@ios.doi.gov>, "Uriarte, Carlos" <carlos\_uriarte@ios.doi.gov>

FYI. And let me know if there's anything you'd like flagged for Nikki.

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From: **Rupp, Katherine** <katherine\_rupp@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Wed, Apr 23, 2014 at 5:37 PM

Subject: Weekly Report

To: Sarah Neimeyer <sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov>, Katherine Kelly <kate\_kelly@ios.doi.gov>, Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, Lauren Bogard <lauren\_bogard@ios.doi.gov>

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Ladies: here is the weekly report merged as one without the personal messages. As this is the first week, please let me know of any issues that you have- if you have too much information, not enough and all of that.

Also, next week I will get this to you much earlier there was some confusion on the timing process of this. My bad.

Happy Wednesday! hope you all have a great night!

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Bratt, Jeremy <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Mon, Apr 28, 2014 at 9:51 AM

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Fwd: Weekly Report

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Office of the Deputy Secretary  
April 21-25, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

**Buy-Back Program.** In mid-March, the Buy-Back Program issued a second round of offers to individuals who own fractional interests on the Pine Ridge Reservation. As of April 16, offers were accepted by 2,577 landowners. This has resulted in \$27 million of second round sales; the total number of sales has reached nearly \$40 million and 110,000 acres have been purchased. While significant progress is being made at Pine Ridge, the program has not received similar support from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. On April 17, I sent a letter to Rosebud's President explaining the Program's need to move forward with offers to land owners by June 2014, notwithstanding whether the Tribe has entered into a cooperative agreement. This schedule is driven by the time-sensitive nature of appraisal work already completed. While the June timeframe would still allow time to enter into a cooperative agreement, I also explained that the parameters for such an agreement are fairly narrow (i.e. not likely to exceed \$500,000 or a duration longer than 12 months).

**Transportation Reauthorization Bill.** We continue to work on sections of the Administration's transportation reauthorization bill dealing with project delivery and DOT's efforts to streamline the environmental review process as reflected in Section 1002 of that bill. The good news is that we have resolved a number of our outstanding issues with DOT related to consultation. However, we still are working with other resource agencies on Section 1002, regarding NEPA compliance. On section 1005, we are still working with DOT and others to find an equitable solution to the issue of protecting historical properties. There is urgency to these discussions given the Administration's goal of sending a bill to Congress as soon as possible.

**Tribal Energy.** Letty is working with ASIA and DOE, USDA and EPA reps to stand up the Tribal Energy Subgroup of the White House Advisory Council on Native American Affairs prior to the Council's May 1st meeting. We are also working with ASIA and your team to set up the May 7 tribal energy listening session that we will be holding in Phoenix. Since our team has been working closely with a number of Arizona tribes to further clean energy initiatives, it will be very good for you and I to be out there to drive home our commitment to partner with tribes in furthering tribal energy development. Also, Liz, Tommy, and I met with former Sen. Byron Dorgan and others last week regarding a large-scale wind project (potentially 1,000MW+) being developed by seven Sioux Tribes in South Dakota as a Multi-Tribal Power Authority. This is a unique model for tribal renewable energy development and given its scale, will likely require a new level of coordination between federal agencies to help facilitate the planning necessary to secure the private funding needed for developing all aspects of the project. In other words, there are lots of potential opportunities that could be addressed by a Tribal Energy Subgroup of the White House Council.

**DRECP.** I'm also looking forward to participating in a Tribal Leadership Forum in Palm Springs with you on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan. Liz had a check-in meeting this week with senior California leadership from BLM, FWS, the California Energy Commission, California's Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the Governor's office about the

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current status of the plan, which has been delayed in part due to ongoing issues with the state-side of the plan (the National Conservation Communities Plan or NCCP). We continue to be assured that things are on track, but are certainly expressing our increased agitation about the delays.

**Wildlife Trafficking.** On Wednesday of this week, I met with Dan Ashe and others to discuss our strategy regarding implementation of the ivory ban. We will work closely with FWS to help ensure that the Department is effective and strategic in moving forward to shut down the illegal ivory trade.

**California Water/Bay Delta Conservation Plan.** With the help of Letty, Jennifer Gimbel and others, I am leading discussions this week with the state and the BDCP water contractors on a financing strategy for BDCP and related habitat restoration and water efficiency, conservation, and flow measures. At the same time, our entire California water team, including especially the regional offices of Reclamation and FWS, continue to grapple with drought-related issues, with various groups of contractors clamoring for increased water deliveries as they make their final planting decisions.

**Earth Day Live Chat.** Following in your footsteps from last year, I hosted my first online chat to commemorate Earth Day on Tuesday.

**Upcoming Travel.** I will be in the office the balance of this week and next week. The week of May 5, I will be traveling with you to California and Arizona. After the tribal energy listening session in Phoenix, I will be heading to North Dakota for an energy tour and a public outreach meeting on potential management actions regarding the venting and flaring of gas from oil and gas operations. The week of May 26, we are firming up travel to New Orleans for an offshore tour and Portland for a Buy-Back Program tribal consultation.

### **Public Announcements**

#### **TBD**

We are working with the Buy Back Program staff, ASIA, BIA, OST, SOL, and others on a potential upcoming announcement regarding the results of the open solicitation and the reservations that have been scheduled for implementation through 2016. The Department held an open period of solicitation from November 8, 2013, to March 14, 2014, to invite tribes with jurisdiction over the vast majority of highly fractionated trust lands to submit cooperative agreement applications and letters of interest for land consolidation under the Program. The purpose of the open solicitation was for tribes to express interest in participating in the Program. There has been a lot of interest in our providing more information about our expected schedule for sending out offers, and this announcement would seek to provide some of that detail.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Interior Communications  
April 21-25, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meeting, Speeches, and other Public Events**

**Thursday, April 24**

- WASHINGTON: 6th District of Washington Tribal Summit event, press release
- *FYI: Arbor Day*
- *FYI: BLM Waste Mine Methane ANPR*

**Friday, April 25**

- WASHINGTON: Lake Summamish Urban Wildlife Partnership event, press release

**Monday, April 21**

- MINNESOTA: Youth MOU signing event, press release

**Thursday, May 1**

- MEETING: White House Council on Native American Affairs
- *FYI: May is Asian American and Pacific Islanders Month and Military Appreciation Month*

**Saturday, May 3**

- EVENT: White House Correspondents Association Dinner

**Digital Strategy Report**

- Hosted a web chat with Mike Connor in honor of Earth Day. He took questions from the public for about 30 minutes on topics ranging from the youth initiative, Klamath, renewable energy and fracking.
- Selected the 12 participants for the Washington Monument Insta-Meet. Already receiving strong media interest in covering this portion of the event.

**Employee/Internal Communications Report**

- Messages to employees from senior management:
  - All DOI Employees: Federal Bike-to-Work Challenge — May 2014 – Rhea Suh, Assistant Secretary for Policy Management and Budget
  - Employee news and feature stories published on oneINTERIOR this week: **24 news stories this week**: <http://oneinterior.doi.net/oneinterior/News/employee-news.cfm>
  - News Story Highlights:
    - USFWS: Keeping America's Duck Factory Going
    - Reclamation: Read Across Interior
    - BLM-Idaho: BLM Botanist Inspires Youth from Around the Nation to Gain an Appreciation of Our Public Lands
    - USGS Scientists Receive Presidential Awards for Research on Earthquakes.

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Ecosystems and Permafrost

- BLM-New Mexico: Mr. Gensler and a Bistahieversor, aka the 'Bisti Beast' - Goes to Washington
- USGS Science Feature: Mercury Finds a Way — Even into the Pristine National Parks
- Employee Nationwide Events / Initiatives:
  - Earth Day – DOI Event in Rawlins Park (Washington, DC) – April 23
  - All DOI D.C. Metro Area Employees: Prescription Drug Take Back Day - April 23, 2014
  - National Park Week – April 19-27
  - Employee Progress/Mid-Year Reviews – ongoing thru May 31

**Snapshot of Press Clips**

**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS CRATER LAKE**

Secretary Of Interior Jewell Sees Signs Of Drought At Crater Lake

Oregon Public Broadcasting // Amelia Templeton // April 19, 2014

Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell visited Crater Lake National Park this weekend, celebrating National Park Week.

Secretary of the Interior at Crater Lake

KDRV (ABC) // April 19, 2014

CRATER LAKE, Ore. — The US Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, is kicking off National Park Week with a visit to Crater Lake National Park.

**KLAMATH BASIN WATER PACT SIGNED**

Oregon ranchers, Klamath Tribes sign deal to share water

The Seattle Times // Jeff Barnard (AP) // April 18, 2014

Cattle ranchers and American Indian tribes long at odds over scarce water in Oregon's Upper Klamath Basin signed an agreement Friday to share access to rivers and cooperate on restoring habitat for endangered fish the tribes hold sacred.

Water agreement signed

KOBI (NBC) // Lyle Ahrens // April 18, 2014

Klamath Falls, Ore. - An historic agreement is signed that could help to ease water disputes in the Klamath Basin.

**SECRETARY JEWELL TO MEET WITH TRIBES THURSDAY IN SUQUAMISH**

Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell travels to Indian Country

Seattle Post-Intelligencer // Joel Connelly // April 21, 2014

Indian tribes on the Olympic Peninsula have been a positive, assertive presence, from the Lower Elwha Klallams' long, successful fight to remove two salmon-destroying dams from their river, to the Quileutes' fight to move their village out of tsunami danger.

Interior secretary to meet with tribes Thursday in Suquamish

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Kitsap Sun // Steven Gardner // April 21, 2014

SUQUAMISH — The U.S. Department of Interior's secretary meets with leaders from nine local tribes Thursday in Suquamish.

**DEPUTY SECRETARY MIKE CONNOR HOSTS EARTH DAY WEBCHAT**

DOI Deputy Secretary Mike Connor hosts Earth Day webechat

Indianz.com // April 22, 2014

Mike Connor, the second-highest ranking official at the Interior Department, will be hosting a special Earth Day webechat this afternoon.

**FYI: RARE WOLF PUPS BORN AT CAPE ROMAIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE NAMED AFTER SECRETARY JEWELL, COMEDIAN COLBERT**

SC wolf pups named after Colbert, Jewell

The State // Sammy Fretwell // April 22, 2014

COLUMBIA, S.C. --- Two rare wolf pups born this month at a South Carolina wildlife refuge are so popular with biologists that they've been named after comedian Stephen Colbert and U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs  
April 23rd-May 2nd, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 24, our team will attend that National Governors Association (NGA) Reception with key NGA staff, Governors' Washington Representatives and fellow Agency Intergovernmental staff. This reception will provide an opportunity to build on our relationships with these key partners.

On April 24, Vicki will participate in the 2014 Culture Heritage Tourism Exchange at the Department of Commerce. The Exchange hosted by Partners in Tourism is designed to foster partnerships among culture heritage tourism practitioners to enhance cultural heritage tourism in the U.S. Ken Hyatt, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Commerce, Chris Thompson, CEO, The Brand USA and other cultural/heritage leaders across the country will participate in the forum.

On April 25, DOI staff will brief the VA and MD Secretaries of Natural Resources on the FY16 Collaborative LWCF process and provide feedback on how to improve the Rivers of the Chesapeake proposal. The call is in response to a conference call held on April 10 with Rachel Jacobson and DOI staff at the request of Secretary Molly Ward (VA) and Secretary Joe Gill (MD).

On April 29, Terri will join Jennifer Gimbel and Patty Aaron with the Bureau of Reclamation for a meeting with Mallika Vastare with The Furman Group, learn about their priorities, projects and updates regarding the San Gabriel Water Basin.

On April 30, John will be meeting with you, Governor Terry McAuliffe and others in your office. Gov. McAuliffe would like to discuss: 1) the Chesapeake Bay and fulfilling the President's 2009 Executive Order for Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration and future LWCF opportunities; 2) the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, Werowocomoco and opportunities for collaboration; 3) Fort Monroe National Monument, your Secretarial Order for Engaging the Next Generation; 4) Natural Bridge; and, Patrick Henry's last home and burial place, Red Hill, which currently has NPS affiliated status.

**Public Announcements**

Nothing to report.

**Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

Nothing to report.

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**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

OIEA is working with American Recreation Coalition (ARC) to coordinate events across the country to celebrate Great Outdoors Month. The Kickoff for Great Outdoors Week will be held at the Department of the Interior on Monday, June 9th. Terri is working with ARC and the White House on the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation naming June as Great Outdoors Month. The White House has proclaimed June as Great Outdoors Month the past 4 years. In 2013, fifty governors issued state proclamations naming June as Great Outdoors Month.



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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Special Assistant for Alaskan Affairs  
April 23-May 2, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

I will be in Anchorage office for the period.

We will be attending DOE's annual Alaska Native Village Energy Development Workshop in Anchorage. The themes of energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities tie in closely to some of our DOI initiatives under the Interagency Working Group.

**Public Announcements**

**Major Press Inquiries**

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Chukchi lease sale 193 case.** Sometime in the period, direction from the AK District Court is expected on the remanded case from the Appeals Court. The District Court had hoped that plaintiffs and defendants would agree on an approach to remedy deficiencies in the EIS identified by the Appeals Court, but that does not appear likely. DOJ/DOI will be looking for approval to initiate an SEIS and to continue to process, but not approve, exploration plans and permits, under the leases. Shell continues to express hope of continuing exploratory drilling in the summer of 2015.

**Alaska gasline optimism/field work boost.** State legislation approving state participation in an LNG gasline from the North Slope to a port in Southcentral Alaska has reignited enthusiasm over gasline prospects. Permit applications to BLM for this summer's field work along the proposed right-of-way are on the upswing.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Russian relations.** At least two conferences have felt the effects of events in Ukraine. A US-Russian Bilateral Polar Bear meeting scheduled for June 2-6 at NTCT has been OK'd by the State Department. Although FWS will be participating, AK USGS personnel (involved in polar bear scientific work) have been denied participation. "Beringia Days", an annual event sponsored by the NPS with Russian participation, normally scheduled in August or September in Nome, has been cancelled due to the Russian involvement.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Office of the Solicitor**  
**April 23-May 2, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

None.

**Public Announcements**

None.

**Major Press Inquiries**

None.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

***Deepwater Horizon Litigation***

This week the district court scheduled proceedings for the penalty phase, with trial resuming January 20, 2015. The trial's first phase dealt with the issue of negligence and concluded last April. The second phase of the trial, which ended last October, focused on estimating how many million barrels of oil leaked from the blown out Macondo well. Findings from the first two phases will affect the size of the fines being addressed in the penalty phase of the proceedings. Fines under the Clean Water Act could exceed \$17 billion.

***Chukchi Sale 193 - Native Village of Point Hope v. Jewell (D. Alaska)***

This case involves a Ninth Circuit remand of the Chukchi Lease Sale 193 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the U.S. District Court in Alaska. On April 18, the parties filed a report with the court proposing that it order: (1) BOEM to correct the shortcoming that the Ninth Circuit identified in the EIS by preparing a supplemental EIS, subject to public comment, and (2) BSEE to maintain the suspensions of operations, which BSEE issued to maintain the status quo on the Sale 193 leases. The plaintiffs opposed permitting any ancillary activities, including and BOEM review of draft exploration plans during preparation of the SEIS.

***Great Kills Park***

The Solicitor's Office will initiate negotiations with New York City on April 30 concerning the City's liability for costs incurred and to be incurred by NPS to investigate and cleanup radiological contamination within Great Kills Park. NPS will hold a public meeting on May 15, at the request of Congressman Grimm (R-NY), to inform the local community of the schedule

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and scope of the investigation and cleanup. Questions are likely to arise at the public meeting concerning how the investigation and cleanup will be funded, who is responsible for these costs, and the status of negotiations between NPS and the City.

***Proposed Rule to Eliminate Alaska Exception in Fee-to-Trust Regulations***

The Department's regulations governing the taking of land into trust under section 5 of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) do not cover the acquisition of land in trust in Alaska except for acquisitions for the Metlakatla Indian Community. Our office is working with ASIA to issue a proposed rule that would delete this "Alaska Exception." By eliminating the Alaska Exception, the proposed rule would allow Federally-recognized Alaska Native governments to request that the Department take land in trust on their behalf.

***Hetch Hetchy Dam/Yosemite National Park***

On April 18, the Center for Environmental Science, Accuracy & Reliability (CESAR) filed an ESA 60-day notice of intent to for the failure to consult with respect to NPS-permitted diversions of approximately 265,000 acre-feet of water annually from the Tuolumne River for consumptive use in San Francisco and surrounding communities. We will be working with NPS to coordinate the handling of this notice with the ongoing California water-related issues.

***Freeman v. United States (D.D.C.)***

Walter Freeman alleges that the Forest Service and BLM have taken his mining claims by failing to issue a patent and by issuing an overly restrictive decision concerning his proposed mining. The Interior Board of Land Appeals held that all of the claims were null and void as of dates of alleged taking due to lack of discovery of a valuable mineral deposit. Freeman then claimed in federal court that IBLA never had jurisdiction. On April 17, 2014, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ruled for the United States and upheld the Secretary's broad authority to determine mining claim validity at any time including dates of alleged takings.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

None.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks  
April 23, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and Public Events**

On April 22, On April 22 Don Jodrey and Shannon Estenoz represented Interior at a day long session where the Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works Review Board considered but rejected the Central Everglades Plan. The Plan was unanimously approved by the local sponsor, the South Florida Water Management District, which will provide the required 50% cost-share. You wrote to the head of the Corps Review Board in support of the plan, as did Florida Governor Rick Scott. Jo Ellen Darcy is supportive of the plan.

On April 23 DOI will host the Federal Family Pre-Meeting of the Everglades Task Force.

On April 24 Rachel Jacobson will represent you at the Sandy Recovery Quarterly Progress Principals meeting at HUD.

On April 29 Rachel Jacobson will attend the EPA hosted-meeting of the Great Lakes Task Force.

On April 30 Rachel Jacobson will staff you at your meeting with Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe (focus on Chesapeake Bay)

On May 1-2 Rachel Jacobson will be in San Antonio for a celebration of World Heritage, with a focus on the recently nominated Missions of San Antonio and the Alamo for inclusion as World Heritage sites.

**Public Announcements**

Nothing to Report

**Major Press Inquiries**

Press is reporting unfavorably on Army Corps refusal to approve Everglades CEPP Plan.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

DOI comments on EPA's GHG rule. We will focus on renewables, hydro (excluded in current rule) and offsets.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 6-7

Everglades Task Force, West Palm Beach, FL

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 6-7

RESTORE Council meeting in Washington, DC

Thursday, May 8

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Deepwater Horizon NRDA Meeting – Washington, DC

Sunday, June 15 to Friday, June 20

World Heritage Conference, Doha Qatar (U.S. Nomination of Poverty Point, Louisiana, will be voted on. (U.S nomination of San Antonio Missions will be discussed)

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Nothing to Report

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: National Park Service  
April 23 - May 3, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

*Legislative Testimony*

*Meetings:* The NPS National Leadership Council will be meeting at South Interior on May 13 and 14.

*Travel:* Jon will be meeting with California State Park officials on site on April 29 and 30. Peggy will be visiting several parks and offices in California and Nevada from April 25 through May 3. The National Park Foundation board meeting will be held in Great Smoky Mountains National Park from May 15-17; Jon, Peggy, and Christy will be attending.

**Public Announcements**

April 23-25

**Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)** to tour Fort Pulaski National Monument, Fort Matanzas National Monument, Castillo de San Marcos National Historic Site, and Everglades National Park to learn more about effects of climate change on coastal national parks.

April 21-25

**Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)** to hold a "Climate Road Trip" included a boat trip with Pat Kinney, Superintendent, Cape Lookout National Seashore, a visit to Fort Pulaski National Monument, a visit to Castillo de San Marcos and Fort Matanzas National Monuments, and a boat tour and climate briefing at Everglades National Park with Acting Superintendent Shawn Bengé; Robert Johnson, Director, NPS South Florida Natural Resources Center; and Rep. Joe Garcia (R-FL-26).

Wednesday, April 23

Robert D. MacLean, Acting Chief, U.S. Park Police; Cam Sholly, Associate Director, Visitor and Resource Protection; Jeremy Bratt, Deputy Director, DOI Congressional and Legislative Affairs; and Chris Powell, Senior Congressional Affairs Specialist, to brief staff for the House Committee for Oversight and Government Reform on the enforcement of marijuana regulations on NPS lands in the District of Columbia. The briefing was in anticipation of an upcoming hearing.

Thursday, April 24

Shawn Bengé, Acting Superintendent, Everglades National Park, will participate in a roundtable discussion with the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians, staff of Representatives Joe Garcia (D-FL-26), Alcee Hastings (D-FL-20), and Mario Diaz-Balart (D-FL-25), and other government stakeholders.

Tuesday, April 29

**The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental**

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**Regulation** (Bishop) will hold a hearing on H.R. 3687 (Issa, R-CA-49), to amend the National Historic Preservation Act to provide that if the head of the agency managing Federal property objects to the inclusion of certain property on the National Register or its designation as a National Historic Landmark for reasons of national security, the Federal property shall be neither included nor designated until the objection is withdrawn, and for other purposes. The hearing will be held at 2:00 PM in 1324 Longworth. The Department's witness will be Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science.  
Wednesday, April 30

Thursday, May 1

**National Mall and Memorial Parks (DC)** – The Trust for the National Mall will hold its annual fundraising luncheon on the National Mall. Jon will be attending.

Friday, May 2

**Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-7)** will attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for new exhibits at the Selma Interpretive Center, part of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail.

Saturday, May 3

Monday May 12

**National Mall and Memorial Parks (DC) – Reopening of the Washington Monument.** The park will host a ceremony at 10 a.m. on the Washington Monument Grounds to mark the reopening of the Washington Monument. Public tours will begin at 1:00 p.m. Philanthropist David Rubenstein will be attending.

TBD

**Fort Raleigh National Historic Site (NC) - Record of Decision for the General Management Plan.** The Federal Register Notice for the Final GMP/EIS was published on March 14, 2014. More than 30 days have elapsed with no further comments, so the ROD will be signed by the Southeast Regional Director.

**Major Press Inquiries**

**Chiricahua National Monument (AZ) - Media Interest in Assault of Park Employee.** An arrest was made in January 2014 in connection with the assault of a National Park Service employee. In August 2013, the employee was assaulted and left for dead in a restroom at Chiricahua's Faraway Ranch, 38 miles south of Willcox, AZ. The victim is recovering from injuries suffered in the assault and does not currently work for the NPS. NBC Nightly News will interview the victim, the victim's son (who is a seasonal park employee), the county sheriff, and others on April 28, 2014. The regional solicitor's office has advised park staff to avoid commenting on this story because of the pending criminal prosecution. No date has been announced for when the segment about the assault will air on the NBC evening news broadcast.

**Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site (KS)** – On May 17-18, the park is commemorating the 60th anniversary of the first U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954; declaring segregation in public schools unconstitutional) both in the park and on Twitter. Follow the site on Twitter @BRVB\_NHIS for a re-enactment of the *Brown*

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v. Board of Education US Supreme Court decision and the world's reaction. Additional information is available at <http://www.nps.gov/brvb/planyourvisit/brownvboardevents.htm>.

**Outside Magazine** - Grayson Schaffer is working on a story about mountain biking in National Parks and has been provided a list of parks where it's allowed. He asked separately about summer visitation statistics for NPS locations and whether there is a NPS-wide ban on races in parks; that is not the case. The NPS explained that all special use permits for such events are still evaluated and approved/disapproved on a case-by-case basis at the park level.

**Associated Press** - Carolc Feldman is working on a story on hiking at Civil War battlefield parks. She has been given information about the number of battlefield parks there are, what visitors can expect to find at them, and how to prepare for a visit. She also has a list of the parks, their acreage, annual visitation, and miles of hiking trails in each.

**Associated Press** - Beth Harpaz is working on a story about camping. She has been provided historic camping statistics; the NPS is working with parks to identify anecdotal trends in camping and what factors may be contributing to those trends.

**Men's Journal** - The reporter Inquired about changes to the NPS uniform in advance of the Centennial. No decisions about any possible changes to the uniform have been made or approved. If the uniform is updated, the NPS will develop a communications plan to roll out the changes.

**Discover** - Jeff Wheelwright is working on a story entitled "Anatomy of a Bad Air Day" and would like to visit Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks during the spring or summer on a day when there are poor air quality conditions, comparing the conditions at the park with what is going on at the Valley floor (the pollution sources). The park will set up an interview between the reporter and their air quality specialist to discuss the history of air quality monitoring at the park, studies of ozone, the amounts and effects of nitrogen deposition at Emerald Lake, recent studies on mercury and pesticide deposition, what cycle of pollution has been noted, and the park's activities/warnings to the public during bad air days. The park public affairs officer and air quality expert have worked with local and national reporters on this subject in the past and will speak to the reporter on Friday.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**National D-Day Memorial (VA) -- Special Resource Study.** The study, authorized in P.L. 111-84, The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal 2010, is complete and will be transmitted to Congress through the Secretary. The NPS evaluated the property against the criteria for



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inclusion into the national park system. The study found that the property did not meet the criteria for inclusion into the National Park System. The National D-Day Memorial Foundation which owns the Memorial, is no longer in support of the Memorial becoming a unit of the national park system in light of other opportunities of support.

**Cape Cod National Seashore (MA):** A new concession contract authorizing the operation of the Highland Links Golf Course within Cape Cod National Seashore was awarded to Johnson Management Company on April 14, 2014. The new concessioner replaces the Town of Truro, which operated the golf course since 1961. Johnson Management Company operates several golf courses within Massachusetts and is based in Massachusetts. There may be some push back from the local community and the Town of Truro regarding the transition to the new concessioner given disagreements and lawsuits Johnson Management Company has been involved with in other municipalities.

**Big Thicket National Preserve (TX) - Land Donation by The Conservation Fund.** The Conservation Fund is donating 635 acres to the NPS. The tract is largely undeveloped land historically utilized for timber production and recreational hunting: the northern portion of the land is primarily pine plantation habitat while the southern portion of the property is hardwood-dominated bottomland and forested wetland habitat that adjoins Village Creek. The addition of this property, with its different habitats, increases the forested buffer along Village Creek, and further supports the incredible diversity of species for which the Big Thicket National Preserve was created to protect.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Fish and Wildlife Service  
April 23 - May 3, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 22 - 27, about 12 congressional staff members will join FWS on a U.S. Decision Makers Study Tour to Costa Rica with the International Conservation Caucus Foundation. Among the key topics addressed in the tour are illegal wildlife trafficking, and linkages between conservation and national security. HQ

On April 24, FWS and the Bureau of Reclamation will participate in an event celebrating signing of a Record of Decision for a comprehensive, 30-year plan to restore and enhance Suisun Marsh, a critical part of the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta estuary ecosystem. Representatives from Senator Boxer's Office, Congressman Garamendi, State Senator Wolk, and other state elected officials are expected to attend. Partners and media are invited. R8

On April 25, the newly formed Lake Sammamish Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership is planning a formal announcement of its collaboration at the annual Lake Sammamish kokanee fry release event in Sammamish, Washington. The announcement will be made by Secretary Jewell. R1

On April 29, at an event at the Main Interior Building in DC, Secretary Jewell and FWS Director Ashe will honor the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and FWS employees for the development and implementation of an innovative conservation approach across the lower Mississippi River Basin. The broad agreement will help scientists meet population objectives for the Interior least tern, pallid sturgeon, and fat pocketbook mussel in the Lower Mississippi River. R4

On May 2-3, FWS Director Ashe and R3 Regional Director Melius will be attending and speaking at the National Wildlife Refuge Association board of directors meeting in Detroit, MI. The theme is the urban refuge program. A celebration is also planned of the 58-year Congressional service of Michigan's Rep. John Dingell. HQ, R3

**Public Announcements**

Thursday Apr. 24

FWS will send to the *Federal Register* a notice of availability of a draft economic analysis and reopen the comment period on the proposed rule to designate critical habitat for two plants, the Graham's beardtongue and White River beardtongue. IIQ

FWS will send to the *Federal Register* a final rule to designate 1,110 acres as critical habitat in Lancaster and Saunders Counties, Nebraska, for the Salt Creek tiger beetle—a reduction of 823 acres from the current critical habitat designation. This rule may be controversial based on previous litigation and concerns raised by the Federal Aviation Administration. IIQ

FWS and NOAA Fisheries will propose changes to regulations on critical habitat, the definition for "destruction or adverse modification," and will propose a policy on exclusions from critical habitat under the ESA. HQ

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The FWS's Southwest Region is hosting a Middle Rio Grande Youth Environmental Education and Employment Workshop April 24-25. The workshop aims to develop a cross-agency approach to partnering on environmental education and youth employment opportunities in conservation and natural resources management.

Friday, April 25

FWS will send a final rule to the Federal Register to list the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog and the northern Distinct Population Segment of the mountain yellow-legged frog as endangered species, and the Yosemite toad as a threatened species. Considerable press is expected. R8, HQ

Monday, April 28

Nothing to report.

TBD

FWS and NOAA Fisheries will propose three changes to the ESA implementing regulations as follows: minor changes to regulations on critical habitat; changes to the definition for "destruction or adverse modification of its habitat," and a proposed policy on exclusions from critical habitat. We anticipate this announcement will occur sometime the week of April 28. HQ

FWS will send to the Federal Register a final rule to revise Part 23 of the implementing regulations for CITES and a revision to the Director's Order on elephant ivory importation. The Part 23 rule governs use after import for protected species including African elephant ivory. This is the second in a series of administrative actions that will implement a nearly complete ban on commercial elephant ivory and rhino horn trade. We anticipate this announcement will occur sometime the week of April 28. HQ

Tuesday, April 29

FWS will send to the Federal Register the economic analysis for the recently proposed critical habitat for three plants – *Gonocalyx concolor*, *Agave eggersiana* and *Varronia rupicola* – endemic to Puerto Rico and the British Virgin Islands. HQ

FWS will send to the Federal Register the economic analysis for the recently proposed critical habitat for two Florida plants, Carter's small-flowered flax and the Florida brickell-bush. R4

Wednesday, April 30

FWS is publishing a 12-month not-warranted finding on a petition to downlist the Lane Mountain milk-vetch from endangered to threatened. Despite designation of conservation areas for all or parts of the species' four populations, the populations continue to decline. This plant occurs almost entirely on BLM and DOD lands. HQ

TBD

In late April 2014, FWS anticipates sending to the Federal Register the Notice of Availability for the draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), draft Environmental Impact Statement, and permit application for a proposed solar energy project in Kern County, California, opening a public comment period. Maricopa Sun, LLC has requested a 35-year incidental take permit for three endangered species (San Joaquin kit fox, Tipton kangaroo rat and blunt-nosed leopard lizard) and

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two unlisted species (Nelson's antelope squirrel and burrowing owl) covered by the HCP. R8

Thursday, May 1  
Nothing to report

Friday, May 2

FWS will submit to the Federal Register a notice of availability of a draft economic analysis and reopen the comment period on the proposed rule to designate 41,502 square miles as critical habitat for lynx in five units in Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Wyoming. HQ

TBD

FWS will publish in the next two weeks a notice to announce the availability of stock assessment reports for three northern sea otter populations and Pacific walrus. R7

**Major Press Inquiries**

Interest and press inquiries continue on reduced FWS funding for Kemp's Ridley sea turtles. R2

FWS continues to play a key role in the Incident Command (IC) for the Texas City Y Oil Spill Response. R2

A partner spotlight article on FWS will be featured in the May edition of the Cabela's Outfitter Journal. The article is part of a yearlong initiative with Cabela's to promote the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! campaign. R3

Inquiries on recent Doc Hastings subpoena for information pertaining to the White bluffs bladderpod. R1

Between April 22 and April 26, NBC Universal is planning to send a photographer to Coleman National Fish Hatchery as FWS resumes its 2½-month drought contingency plan with the trucking and release of salmon smolts to the Mare Island area of San Pablo Bay, California. R8

FWS has begun receiving inquiries relating to administrative actions taken against two employees at the Tulsa, Oklahoma field office for scientific misconduct. HQ, R2

Two separate film crews have been permitted to film FWS border inspection agents looking for smuggled wildlife at Newark and BWI airports. R5, HQ

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

FWS has responded to the Congressional subpoena from House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Hastings regarding the White Bluff's bladderpod with the required information in time for the April 11 deadline. HQ, R1

On April 14, Rep. Walden's (Oregon) staff inquired about the FWS's disposition of the Butte

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Falls, OR, National Fish Hatchery, which is no longer operational and is scheduled to be disposed of through GSA's excess federal property process. Interaction was positive and the staff was then referred to GSA. R1

On April 16, both houses of the Arizona state legislature passed and submitted to the Governor bills with provisions allowing citizens to shoot Mexican wolves under certain circumstances. Mexican wolves are listed as endangered and a taking would be a violation of federal law. R2

On April 16, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Bureau of Reclamation violated the ESA when it failed to consult with FWS or the National Marine Fisheries Service under Section 7 of the ESA in renewing 41 water contracts a decade ago (NRDC et al. v. Jewell et al. 9th Cir. No. 09-17661; D.C. No.1:05-01207). R8

On April 17, the Federal Subsistence Board voted to restrict Chinook salmon fishing on federal public lands in the Kuskokwim River drainage to residents of a limit number of communities. Harvest opportunities and limits will be determined by in-season managers. This action will likely draw media attention. The State of Alaska has expressed opposition. R7

On April 18, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources announced that some samples from the Muskingum River, 80 miles from the confluence with the Ohio River tested positive for the presence of bighead carp DNA. R3

On April 29, FWS Asst. Dir. for Refuges Jim Kurth will testify at House Natural Resources Committee hearing on Guam National Wildlife Refuge. The Navy's Joint Guam Program Office is proposing to establish a live-fire training range on Guam. Guam delegate Madeleine Bordallo has introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to establish a surface danger zone over Guam NWR to support this action, one proposed option for which would occupy 500 acres of the refuge. HQ

The public hearings on the proposed rules for the Bi-state DPS of Greater sage-grouse are scheduled for April 29 in Minden, Nevada, and on April 30 in Bishop, California. News media coverage is expected. R8

FWS is working with the Wisconsin Air National Guard and partners with the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership to address the problem of an adult whooping crane that has become habituated to humans and poses a potential safety risk at Volk Field Air National Guard Base in Wisconsin. The crane has been observed near runways. A nearby resident feeds the crane and its mate, making hazing ineffective. R3

In September 2013, Union Neighbors United filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Washington, DC, against the Department of the Interior and FWS seeking permanent injunctive relief and vacating the final environmental impact statement, record of decision and incidental take permit for endangered Indiana bats for the proposed Buckeye Wind Energy facility in Champaign County, Ohio. FWS has submitted the administrative record index to the court and plaintiffs now have until May 5 to review and informally dispute its contents. R3

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FWS has been coordinating with USDA agencies and environmental interests to negotiate with a dairy farmer for the loss of silage harvest opportunity resulting from a colony of 30-40,000 Tricolored blackbird colonies nesting in two fields. The landowners have indicated they want compensation in the order of \$350,000, but do not want to "apply" for federal funding nor accept funds from environmental interests. R8

Congressman Amodie (Nevada) has indicated he, along with other members of the Nevada delegation, will seek a meeting with Secretaries Jewell and Vilsack to discuss budget priorities to address major threats to the greater sage-grouse. Amodie introduced legislation that would provide states, local communities and the federal government with a funding source for habitat management projects in response to the potential ESA listing of the bird. R8

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The 2014 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program awards will be announced at the American Boating Congress May 5-7 in Washington, DC. FWS has approved funding 43 projects in 28 states, Washington, DC, and Guam for a total of \$16,760,066. The program provides grant funds to the states, Washington, DC, and insular areas to construct, renovate and maintain tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters in vessels 26 feet or more in length. FWS Director Ashe will be invited to attend and to make award announcement. HQ

FWS will hold public meetings to collect comments on the proposed changes to the Mexican wolf recovery program 10j rule this spring/summer. This is a highly controversial issue and media interest is expected to be high. R2

FWS is preparing to release for public comment a draft comprehensive conservation plan for Chincoteague NWR around May 15. The draft plan proposes some changes to the recreational beach and visitor opportunities and programs. Congressional, local and national media interest is expected to be high. R5

In late May, FWS will announce a proposal to list the African lion as threatened throughout its range, and a 4(d) special rule requiring that imports of lion trophies receive prior authorization or permits under the ESA. This action is expected to be controversial and attract attention from the animal rights community and the sport-hunting community. HQ

Sometime between mid-June and mid-July, the Valle de Oro NWR, an urban refuge in Albuquerque, is anticipated to host a celebration marking completion of the refuge's final land acquisitions. R2

In late spring the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee (ACRCC) will release its 2014 Monitoring and Response Plan. For the first time, the roll out will include FWS' Great Lakes Monitoring Plan, which outlines where eDNA samples will be collected throughout the Great Lakes. The ACRCC's 2014 Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework will be released in early summer.

In early June, FWS will join Sonoma Land Trust and Ducks Unlimited in a joint celebration of groundbreaking at the Sears Point Restoration Project and San Pablo Bay NWR's recent

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acquisition of title to its current HQ site. R8

FWS will announce an award of \$4,665,792 to 25 Native American tribes in 15 states. The grants enable tribes to develop increased management capacity, improve and enhance relationships with partners (including state agencies), address cultural and environmental priorities, and heighten tribal students' interest in fisheries, wildlife and related fields of study. Some grants have been awarded to support recovery efforts for threatened and endangered species. HQ

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management  
April 23 – May 2, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 23, Mike Connor and I will attend a meeting with Bill Meadows, former President of The Wilderness Society, Brian O'Donnell, President of Conservation Lands Foundation, Gene Karpinski, President of League of Conservation Voter, and other representatives from National Parks Conservation Association, Pew, and the Wyss Foundation. We'll discuss a broad range of issues relating to conservation and shared goals. On Thursday, Mike and I will participate in a second, Alaska-specific meeting with Bill Meadows and other conservation leaders, including Jamie Williams, President of The Wilderness Society; Cindy Shogan, President of Alaska Wilderness League, Jim Simon, President of Oceana, and others.

On April 24, Neil Kornze and I will meet with Erin Brockovich to discuss hydraulic fracturing on public lands, and her concerns with water quality.

On April 24, Jim Lyons and I will participate in a meeting with the DOI Urban Executive Team, which consists of Bureau and Department representatives, to discuss next steps for the team.

On April 24th, Jim Lyons will participate in a panel discussion of the Solar Energy Industry Association's utility-scale solar developers committee at SEIA headquarters in Washington DC.

On April 25, I will meet with Kevin Knobloch, Chief of Staff at the Department of Energy.

On April 25, Nikki Buffa, Dan Ashe, Ted Boling, Mike Connor, Liz Klein, Laura Davis and I will meet with discuss wildlife trafficking and the FWS Director's Order 210.

On April 25, Mary Kendall and I will have our monthly standing meeting to discuss areas of mutual interest.

On April 28, I will participate in a teleconference with representatives of the Government Accountability Office to discuss the GAO High Risk Report that will be issued early next year



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and the Department's ongoing efforts to address GAO recommendations concerning oil and resource management that put the Department on the High Risk Report in 2011.

On April 28 and 29 Jim Lyons will attend the Sage Grouse Task Force meeting in Denver, CO with representatives of the BLM, FWS, and the states involved in the sage grouse conservation initiative.

On April 30, Jim Lyons and I will meet with Rhea Suh, Pam Haze, and other members of DOI leadership for a status update on Hurricane Sandy-related activities.

On May 1, Neil Kornze, Liz Klein, Jim Lyons, Bret Birdsong and I will meet to discuss the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan in California.

**Public Announcements – N/A**

**Major Press Inquiries– N/A**

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Proposed Air Quality Rule:** On April 24, BOEM staff will brief me on the status of draft proposed rule to update BOEM's current air quality regulations. The rule modernizes requirements within BOEM regulations and establishes a process for DOI data to feed into EPA's database. The rule is expected to enter surnaming in the near future.

**Proposed Arctic Standards Rule:** BOEM and BSEE are finalizing the proposed rule for offshore exploratory activity in the Arctic. On April 24, Brian Salerno, Jack Haugrud, and I will meet with the BSEE/BOEM staff working on the rule and the contractors developing the economic analysis to discuss the rule. The proposed rule will enter surnaming shortly and bureaus plan to issue it later this year.

**Competitive Solar and Wind Rule:** ASLM is currently reviewing the BLM's proposed rule to establish a competitive process and terms and conditions for leasing public lands for solar and wind development. The rule proposes regulations to support a competitive leasing process for solar energy development in Solar Energy Zones and in any future designated wind development areas. The proposed rule will also update rental fees and establishes megawatt capacity fees for solar and wind projects on public lands.

**Waste Mine Methane Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR):** By Friday, April 25, ASLM expects to sign the OMB-approved Federal Register Notice ANPR for Waste Mine Methane. The Federal Register notice is expected to publish during the week of April 28. The BLM is in the process of developing regulations concerning establishment of a program to capture, utilize, or destroy waste mine methane from Federal mineral leases. The ANPR solicits comments and suggestions on a number of issues, including technologies related to capture, the economics of capture and destruction, and incentives for methane capture if it is uneconomic.

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**Blow-Out Preventer (BOP) Rule:** On April 29, BSEE will brief Jim Lyons, Liz and me on BSEE's proposed rule, which includes critical reforms in the areas of well design, well-control, casing, cementing, real-time well monitoring, and subsea containment. The proposed rule addresses a number of our priorities relating to improving the technology and performance of these major pieces of safety equipment, but a great deal of thought has to be given to implementation and integration with capital investments. The rule recently entered surnaming; BSEE anticipates publishing it later this year.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead – N/A**

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Bureau of Land Management  
April 27 – May 3, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 28 and 29, BLM Director Neil Kornze and Steve Ellis will attend the Sage-grouse Task Force meeting in Denver.

During the week of April 28, BLM-WY State Director Don Simpson and Associate State Director Mary Jo Rugwell will conduct courtesy visits with members and staff of the WY congressional delegation.

**Public Announcements**

Nothing to Report

**Major Press Inquiries**

Reporter Nora Caley of *Solar Industry Magazine* interviewed the BLM's renewable energy lead April 14 for an "e-feature" on the current status of the BLM's solar energy program. The online feature is scheduled to appear soon to be neutral to positive in tone.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

The BLM completed draft EA's for 2 oil shale exploration license applications for lands located 10 miles south of Vernal, UT. The BLM rejected one of the applications because it proposed use of lands closed to oil shale development in the 2012 Oil Shale PEIS and RMP amendments. The BLM plans to release the other draft EA shortly for public comment. The proposed exploration is to drill about 9 holes along existing roads with a total of 1.5 acres of disturbance.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**May 6 - BLM-WY Oil and Gas Lease Sale:** The BLM will offer 53 parcels totaling 52,348 acres in its quarterly sale. Wild Earth Guardians submitted a protest on 9 parcels citing concerns over sage-grouse habitat and potential ACECs; the BLM plans to resolve this before the sale.

**May 7, 9 and 15 - Venting and Flaring Outreach:** The BLM will hold workshops for tribes and stakeholders to discuss venting and flaring of natural gas. They will be held in Albuquerque, NM, May 7th; Dickinson, ND, May 9th; and Washington, D.C. May 15th.

**May 8 - 9: Deputy Secretary to Visit BLM North Dakota Field Office:** The BLM will host Deputy Secretary Mike Connor in Dickinson, ND. Field tours will provide an overview of energy development and challenges in the Bakken, including a drill rig tour, a meeting with the

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Bakken Federal Executive Group and the North Dakota Petroleum Council, a visit to Fort Berthold Reservation, and attendance at the BLM's May 9 forum on venting and flaring in Dickinson. BLM Deputy Director Linda Lance and Assistant Director Mike Nedd will also attend the May 9 forum.

**May 10 - 11: "Walking it Off" Wounded Veterans Healing Event & Backcountry Trek:** Cedar Mesa, UT. Co-hosted by BLM-UT and Sierra Club.

**May 14 - BLM-UT to Host Master Leasing Plan Open House:** The BLM-UT Canyon Country District Office will host an open house to provide information on the Moab Master Leasing Plan that provides a framework for future oil, gas, and potash leasing within the 900,000-acre planning area.

**May 13-16: National Outdoor Recreation Conference, San Francisco.** The Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals will host "Thriving in a New Economic Reality," featuring how federal agencies are adapting in a new economic reality and showcasing innovative partnerships.

**May 16 - BLM-Alaska Campbell Creek Science Center Celebrates 40th Outdoor Week:** The BLM has partnered with the Anchorage School District to host what has become an annual rite of passage for up to 2,000 sixth grade students. During Outdoor Week, the students get a hands-on look at the natural world. BLM Deputy Director Steve Ellis is expected to attend this year's anniversary.

**Week of May 19 - BLM-ID State Director Courtesy Visits:** Tim Murphy, Acting BLM-ID State Director, will conduct courtesy visits with members and staff of the Idaho congressional delegation.

**May 20 – Utah Oil and Gas Lease Sale**

**May 21 – Montana Oil and Gas Lease Sale**

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement  
April 23-May 2, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 23, Director Salerno is scheduled to receive a briefing from Richard Morrison, Vice President for Global Deepwater, BPXP. The briefing will address BPXP's compliance with the January 29, 2013 Criminal Remedial Order and Implementation Plan for calendar year 2013.

On April 24, Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with Lois Epstein of The Wilderness Society. Ms. Epstein requested the meeting to discuss Arctic-specific offshore regulations, BSEE's data collection and dissemination, BSEE's international work, and coordination and collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard.

On April 24, Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with John Cruden, President of the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) to receive an update on work ELI has performed under contract with BSEE.

On April 24-25, Director Salerno is traveling to New Orleans, LA, to discuss the proposed Offshore Technology Center with BSEE senior managers and engineers in the region.

On April 29, Director Salerno will be speaking at the annual meeting of the Maritime Law Association in Washington, DC. He will focus on BSEE's mission, the challenges we face and federal consistency. The meeting is open press but no major news outlets are expected to attend.

On April 30, Director Salerno will be meeting with Dr. Robin Pitblado, risk management specialist for DNV-GL, to discuss safety and environmental management systems audits, risk management, safety culture, and training.

On May 1, Director Salerno is tentatively scheduled to meet with OMB.

**Public Announcements**

Thursday, April 24

BSEE will hold a public workshop in Houston with the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) about the voluntary near-miss reporting system in order to

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give the offshore oil and gas industry, other stakeholders and the public the opportunity to discuss the program and contribute to its development. A news brief will be posted on the web. The meeting is open press and a reporter from E&E's Energywire has registered in advance to attend. Other news outlets are expected to attend.

Friday, April 25

Associate Director for Strategic Engagement Allyson Anderson will speak about the BSEE near-miss reporting system at the Independent Petroleum Association of America offshore committee meeting in Houston, TX. Approximately 20-30 persons from industry are expected. The meeting is closed press.

Tuesday, May 1

Gulf of Mexico Regional Director Lars Herbst will speak at the general meeting of International Association of Oil and Gas Producers in Houston, TX. The meeting is open press but no major news outlets are expected to attend.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

On April 23, the National Research Council (NRC) released a report titled "Responding to Oil Spills in the U.S. Arctic Marine Environment". The report assesses the current state of science and engineering regarding oil spill impacts in U.S. waters in the Bering Strait and Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. BSEE co-sponsored this study along with BOEM, Coast Guard, Arctic Research Commission, Marine Mammal Commission, NOAA, Oil Spill Recovery Institute, and API. Director Salerno worked on the report prior to becoming BSEE Director. BSEE has prepared a response for use with reporters if asked about the report.

During the week of April 28, BSEE Director Salerno will be meeting with reporters from both the Houston Chronicle and Platts Energy to preview the bureau's participation at the Offshore Technology Conference and discuss current issues.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Proposed Rule for Arctic Standards:** This proposed rule will contain standards for oil and gas development and production in the Arctic environment. The proposed rule is in the final stages of naming. An announcement will be published in the *Federal Register* at a date to be determined to solicit public comment.

**Proposed Blowout Preventer (BOP) Rule:** A proposed rule to establish standards for blowout preventers is undergoing Departmental review as a draft document. It incorporates industry standards and revises existing regulations. The proposed rule also includes critical reforms in the areas of well design, well-control, casing, cementing, real-time well monitoring, and subsea containment. The document will eventually be published in the *Federal Register* at a date to be determined to obtain public review and comment.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On May 5, BSEE Director Salerno is scheduled to host members of the International Regulators Forum who are in Houston, TX, to attend the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC).

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On May 5, Director Salerno is scheduled to meet with representatives from Norway's Production Safety Authority in Houston, TX, as part of OTC.

On May 6, Director Salerno is scheduled to host a gathering of regulators from the Western Hemisphere in Houston, TX, as part of OTC. Representatives from Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, Jamaica, Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Brazil, and Columbia are expected to participate.

On May 6, Director Salerno is scheduled to join Chris Smith, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy, for an OTC session on oil spill prevention in Houston, TX.

On May 7, Director Salerno is planning to visit ExxonMobil's Hoover Diana platform approximately 160 miles south of Galveston, TX, in the Gulf of Mexico 2014. The fields contain estimated recoverable reserves exceeding 300 million oil-equivalent barrels.

On May 8, Director Salerno and RADM Servidio are scheduled to give presentations at OTC breakfast and lunch sessions hosted by the Center for Offshore Safety in Houston, TX.

On May 12-13, the Offshore Energy Safety Institute (OESI) is planning to host a Risk Forum in Houston, TX. This will be the first forum conducted by OESI since its formation in August 2013. Director Salerno is scheduled to deliver opening remarks.

On May 28 (tentative), BSEE has been asked to host Deputy Secretary Conner for an all hands meeting with DOI employees in the New Orleans area and for a visit to one or more offshore platforms.

In late May, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is proposing to convene a hearing on oil and gas permitting. We are awaiting a witness list and other details.

On June 2-4, BSEE will be convening a leadership meeting in Washington, DC. Regional Directors and senior program managers will discuss goals and priorities for the Bureau.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
April 23rd- May 2nd, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 23, Deputy Director Cruickshank will meet with Susan Bunsick, from NOAA Fisheries (NMFS) Office of Aquaculture, and Dr. Jessica Stimpert, Aquaculture Coordinator from NMFS. This discussion is a follow up to a meeting held in November 2013, and will focus on a NMFS proposed rule that is currently in OMB clearance. The rule would establish a comprehensive regulatory program for managing the development of an environmentally sound and economically sustainable aquaculture industry in the Gulf of Mexico.

On April 23, I will be meeting with senior leadership from the National Park Service regarding offshore wind areas being proposed off the coast of North Carolina near Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

On April 25, I will be interviewed by Platts (print edition). The interview will be a discussion of my time as BOEM Director. Questions will focus on challenges faced, success stories during my tenure, and where the bureau and ocean energy are headed.

On April 29, Deputy Director Cruickshank will meet with representatives from Hydrothermal Resources. The meeting will focus on a project they are working on related to offshore development of renewable resources off the coast of Oregon.

On April 30, I will participate in a meeting with FWS and the Department in a meeting with Greg Matzat, from the Department of Energy, and Meghan Massaua, from New West Technologies. The meeting will focus on DOE's down-select process for the Offshore Wind Advanced Technology Demonstration Projects. Six projects are currently competing for an additional \$46.7 million dollars each over the next four years, resulting in commissioned projects by the end of 2017. Prior to making a public announcement, DOE wished to hold this interagency briefing so that appropriate contacts are aware of DOE's decision.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, April 23

Press Release and Federal Register Notice issuing a Call for Nominations for the OCS Scientific Committee. Deadline for applications is 30 days after the Federal Register Notice is published.



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Members would serve for three years beginning October 15, 2014. Amplify via social media.

Thursday, April 24

Media Advisory and Federal Register Notice announcing meeting of the OCS Scientific Committee, May 13-15 in Reston, VA. Open Press. Issued via social media a week before the meeting.

Thursday, May 1

The "List of Restricted Joint Bidders" is expected to be published in the Federal Register on May 1. It applies to lease sales held from May 1 through October 31, 2014, and is intended to promote competition among the major oil companies by limiting those companies that already conduct oil and gas production activities in a large section of Federal waters from jointly bidding on lease blocks.

TBD

Press Release on Financial Assurance, Risk Management and Liability program.

The Senior Arctic Officials of the Arctic Council have approved the "Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Guidelines: Systems Safety Management and Safety Culture". The BOEM and BSEE Alaska Region led this effort for the United States (the lead country on the project). The report is expected to be published by the end of April.

Press Release announcing cooperative agreement with New York for Hurricane Sandy coastal restoration projects. This will be coordinated with state government and the Office of Congressional Affairs. The release is being finalized.

Press Release announcing cooperative agreement with New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy coastal restoration projects. This will be coordinated with state government & Office of Congressional Affairs. The release is being finalized.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

ECO magazine is interested in a written interview with Bill Brown, BOEM's Chief Environmental Officer, for their July/August Interview edition, featuring leaders in ocean science from the United States and internationally. The magazine will be available for distribution at the August annual meetings of the Ecological Society of America and the American Fisheries Society, two of BOEM's key environmental stakeholder organizations.

A query from the Virginia Pilot came on concerning the Atlantic Proposed Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). BOEM public affairs provided fact sheets and press release on PEIS.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**U.S. – Mexico Transboundary Agreement:** BOEM drafted a Secretarial Order to designate BOEM and BSEE as the "Executive Agency," respectively, for the Articles of the Agreement for which the bureaus have jurisdiction. The Secretarial Order entered surmaming on April 17, 2014, with a targeted completion date of April 30, 2014.

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**Outreach on the Five Year Program 2017-2022:** BOEM is preparing a Request for Information (RFI) that will initiate the planning process for the next Five Year Program. The target date for the RFI is June. In preparation, BOEM has drafted letters that are expected to be sent this Wednesday, April 23, to all the governors of OCS coastal states regarding the process. Our staff will also offer to hold follow up meetings with any states that request them. The goal is to ensure that all states understand the process for developing the Five Year Program.

**Assignment of Macondo Lease Interest from BP:** BP Exploration & Production Inc. (BP) has sold its interest in a segregated portion of the Macondo lease on Mississippi Canyon (MC) Block 252 to a grouping of various LLOG entities. Pursuant to that sale, on February 26, 2014, BP filed for approval with BOEM an assignment of record title interest. If approved, the assignment will result in segregation of the existing lease into two separate and distinct leases, one covering the BP Retained Aliquots (including all Macondo facilities and debris field) and the other covering the Aliquots Assigned to LLOG et al. BP and the LLOG Entities also entered into an Exclusion Zone Agreement (EZA) under which the LLOG entities agreed that they will not conduct surface operations the Retained Aliquots and five of the Assigned Aliquots. The LLOG entities plan to drill a well(s) with a surface location in MC 253 and a bottom-hole location in their portion of the Assigned Aliquots. The EZA also provides that BP will have full access to the exclusion zone to conduct any future operations related to the Deepwater Horizon incident that may be required. There is one specific issue associated with BOEM approval of this assignment that needs resolution: the portion of the spilled volume in the Macondo blowout that will be counted against the original lease Royalty Suspension Volume (RSV). SOL has completed draft condition of approval language, which BOEM is reviewing.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

**Publication of the final rule on timing requirements for renewable energy plans.** This final rule will extend the timing requirements to 12 months to submit a Site Assessment Plan (SAP) or General Activities Plan (GAP) pursuant to the regulations governing renewable energy and alternate uses of existing facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf. BOEM is taking this action because the current timing requirements for submission of SAPs and GAPs are impractical. The proposed rule is in the final stages of surnaming and is expected to publish in May.

**Publication of the Record of Decision in the Federal Register for the PEIS on Atlantic Geophysical & Geological.** This will likely publish in late May.

**BOEM to announce lease execution for marine hydrokinetic technology testing offshore Florida in May.**

**Publish in the Federal Register the Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Supplemental EIS for Central Gulf Sale 241 and Eastern Sale 226. Tentatively set for May 23.**

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement  
April 23 – May 3, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 24, the Director will meet with representatives of the National Academy of the Sciences regarding their ongoing and planned activities concerning coal mining and areas of interest to OSMRE.

On April 25, the Director will participate in a tree planting at the Flight 93 National Memorial in PA. He also plans to address the volunteers.

The Director, as well as the Regional Directors and Deputy Director, will attend the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) meeting in Reno, Nevada April 28 – 30. We will address issues of mutual interest.

The Secretary's office received a meeting request from the Navajo Nation and BHP Billiton to discuss the Four Corners Power Plant and Pinabete permit application. The Director will attend this meeting on May 1, and OSMRE's Western Regional staff will call in.

**Public Announcements**

Monday, April 21

OSMRE issued a letter to the State of Alaska notifying the State that because of changes to its State SMCRA law, Alaska's approved state regulatory program no longer meets the minimum federal legal requirements of SMCRA. The state lowered the standard for industry to recover attorney fees from citizens and made it more difficult for citizens to recover attorney fees. OSMRE has requested the State to submit a program amendment to correct the deficiency. Alaska has 60 days to submit a plan to correct the deficiency.

Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24

Nothing to report.

Friday, April 25

OSMRE is preparing the Mine Plan Decision Document (MPDD) for Peabody Natural Resources Company's El Segundo Mine located in McKinley County, New Mexico. The mine has been in operation since 2008. ASIM approval of the mining plan would authorize removal of 9.2 million tons of Federal coal in 640 acres and allow mining to continue for more than 19 years. The average production rate would decrease from 7.1 to 5.7 million tons per year, and the maximum production rate would decrease from 8.6 to 7.8 million tons per year. The number of the employees (357) at the mine will remain unchanged. OSMRE submitted the MPDD to the SOL for review on April 9, and plans to send it to Headquarters by Apr. 25.

Saturday, April 26 - Monday, April 28

Nothing to report.

Tuesday, April 29

Nothing to report

Wednesday, April 30

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Nothing to report.

Thursday, May 1  
Nothing to report.

Friday, May 2  
Nothing to report.

Wednesday, May 7

By this date, the Justice Companies (National Coal LLC, S & H Mining Inc., and Premium Coal Company Incorporated) should provide to OSMRE additional information requested by the bureau related to potential patterns of violation on seven of the Companies' SMCRA permits in Tennessee. In a related development, OSMRE is issuing the Companies 39 failure-to-abate cessation orders for violations of SMCRA and the Clean Water Act as a result of the Companies' recent failure to submit surface and ground water monitoring reports on all of its permits in TN.

**Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

OSMRE has put a hold on over \$95 million of funding for West Virginia AML projects to develop water supply projects. OSMRE has denied funding of five AML waterline projects and advised the West Virginia Abandoned Mine Lands Program (WV-AML) that approximately 30 other waterline projects may also be deemed ineligible for funding as currently proposed. In all, these projects represent more than \$95 million in AML grant funds that WV-AML had publicly committed to providing for waterlines over the next four years. OSMRE is finding that the justifications provided for the projects do not adequately demonstrate that water supplies are adversely affected by mining that occurred prior to the passage of SMCRA, a legal requirement for the use of these federal funds. OSMRE is working closely with WV-AML to obtain additional information and believes some parts of these projects can eventually be approved. The WV Governor's Office and congressional delegation have expressed concern over the delays in funding these projects. The issue has not generated media to date.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

Nothing to report.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: AS Water & Science  
April 23-May 2, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 24, Anne Castle and Rachel Jacobson will re-convene Bureau Directors and Assistant Secretaries for a DOI urban agenda meeting.

On April 29, Anne will participate in a briefing sponsored by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on the Department of the Interior's WaterSMART program.

On April 30, she will participate in the DOE's Hydropower Vision Senior Peer Review Group meeting, and on May 1, she will chair a FGDC Executive Committee meeting.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, April 23

Nothing to report.

Thursday, April 24

**DOI Urban Agenda:** Anne Castle and Rachel Jacobson will meet for the second time with Bureau Directors and Assistant Secretaries, to agree on a vision and strategies for the DOI urban agenda; potentially select five pilot cities for collaborative Interior efforts; determine options for engaging in Administration initiatives such as Urban Waters Federal Partnership, Strong Cities, Strong Communities, etc.; and discuss production of an e-publication or website capturing information about Interior's urban contributions. Anne and Rachel have met 3 times with bureau representatives who identified these actions.

Friday, April 25 - Monday, April 28

Nothing to report.

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Tuesday, April 29

**WaterSMART Congressional briefing:** Anne Castle will participate in a briefing sponsored by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Interior's WaterSMART program. The staff briefing will cover a number of programs under the WaterSMART umbrella, including basin studies, west wide climate risk assessments, water energy and efficiency grants and cooperative watershed management programs. The goal of the briefing is to provide an overview of these key water conservation activities undertaken by Reclamation and its partners pursuant to the SECURE Water Act and other relevant authorities. Joining the Assistant Secretary will be former Commissioner Bob Johnson, representing the National Water Resources Association, to demonstrate stakeholder support for the numerous programs under WaterSMART.

**Urban Conservation:** From April 29-May 1, Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and partners will host the first Midwest Urban Conservation Conference at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. Roughly 15 cities will be participating to learn more about what cities across the Midwest are doing to promote and capitalize on Urban Conservation initiatives, and to share experiences, technical knowledge, and successful approaches to urban conservation. The workshop will be a true networking opportunity with other officials from cities and towns, NGOs, and researchers committed to urban conservation. Lisa Pelstring will attend via webinar.

Wednesday, April 30 - Friday, May 2

Nothing to report.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

The Ute Indian Tribe (Utah) has reportedly passed a resolution to file a breach of trust lawsuit against the U.S. A settlement resolving the Tribe's reserved water rights claims was reached in 1990 and ratified and approved by Congress in 1992 through Title V of the Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA), subject to re-ratification by the State and the Tribe. CUPCA appropriated several hundred million dollars for the benefit of the Tribe (\$411 million in 2014 dollars), much of which has now been paid to the Tribe. However, the Tribe seeks to reopen the settlement to include a new federal obligation to build a storage reservoir near the reservation on national forest land. The estimated cost of construction is \$200-250 million.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On May 5, Anne Castle will provide a keynote address at the National Groundwater Association's 2014 Groundwater Summit.

On June 25, an event is being sponsored by the Outdoor Alliance for Kids in support of the First Lady's Let's Move Initiative and the Urban Waters Federal Partnership on the Anacostia River in Baldensburg, MD.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Bureau of Reclamation  
April 23rd – May 2nd, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

The Acting Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, Lowell Pimley, does not have any travel or stakeholder meetings planned for April 23rd - May 2nd, 2014.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, April 23

In New Mexico, Reclamation will conduct a public meeting to release the 2014 Rio Grande Annual Operating Plan. Because of the on-going drought, it is expected that the meeting will be well attended by the public and the media.

Thursday, April 24

In Idaho, Reclamation will host a combined Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day and Let's Move Outside event. The event will take place in Boise and include 14 children who will experience a full day of presentations and interactive learning activities highlighting the work their parents do at Reclamation.

In California, Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will celebrate of the signing of the Suisun-Marsh Habitat, Management, Preservation and Restoration Plan Record of Decision. Media are invited to attend.

Friday, April 25

Nothing to report.

Saturday, April 26

Nothing to report.

Sunday, April 27

Nothing to report.

Monday, April 28

Nothing to report.

Tuesday, April 29

Nothing to report.

Wednesday, April 30

Nothing to report.

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Thursday, May 1

In Idaho, Reclamation plans to issue a news release announcing the completion of the Henrys Fork Basin Study. The study was completed in partnership with the Idaho Water Resource Board and the alternatives were developed by working closely with the Henrys Fork Watershed Council with extensive stakeholder input.

In California, Reclamation may release water from Friant Dam to the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, to fulfill the senior water rights obligation for CVP supply. 2014 marks the first time that Friant has been called upon to fulfill the contract. Once confirmed, a press release will announce the action and there will likely be significant media attention.

Friday, May 2

Nothing to report.

**Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Full-Scale Security Exercise at Folsom Dam (California):** On Wednesday, April 23, Reclamation's Central California Area Office, in cooperation with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department/Folsom Dam Security Bureau, city of Folsom Police and Fire Departments, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Sacramento Office of Emergency Services and Sacramento County Department of Technology, will conduct a full-scale security exercise at Folsom Dam. The exercise will simulate criminal activity that begins in the city of Folsom and proceeds onto federal property at Folsom Dam. The agencies will practice emergency response and tactical skills and check security systems. A media advisory was released.

**Meeting with Congressman Costa (California):** On Friday, April 25, Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Director David Murillo will participate in a meeting hosted by Congressman Jim Costa (D-CA) in Los Banos, Calif. This is a follow up meeting to the Feb. 7 Los Banos Water Managers Workshop.

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In the Case 3:10-cv-00286-BLW Nez Perce Tribe vs. Federal Defendants U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and NOAA Fisheries, the Nez Perce Tribe, Reclamation, and NOAA have reached a settlement agreement regarding current operations of the Lewiston Orchards Project and future efforts to complete a comprehensive water exchange project. This Agreement was submitted to the U.S. District Court of Idaho for approval April 18, 2014 and provides a framework for the parties to work collaboratively in addressing issues relating to the Lewiston Orchards Project and is intended to avoid the need for continued litigation of the Endangered Species Act claims raised in this case.



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In early May, Reclamation will announce funding for three Basin Studies selected through the WaterSMART Program. These three projects will receive a total of \$2 million. Basin Studies are comprehensive water studies that define options for meeting future water demands in western United States river basins where imbalances in water supply and demand exist or are projected to exist.

Reclamation is nearing completion of the last of the projects funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and will share its accomplishments and how it used the funding. A summary report is being prepared as well as a news release. It is anticipated the report will be released in mid-May.

In mid-May, Reclamation will announce funding for nine Title XVI projects in California. These projects are anticipated to receive a total of about \$19.9 million. These Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program grants will fund planning, design and/or construction for congressionally authorized Title XVI projects. A major criterion to be considered for funding is cost-sharing with the project proponent.

House Water & Power Hearing: Congressional Staff are tentatively planning for a hearing on three bills, date TBD. Two of the House bills are not yet introduced, and deal with a pre-payment issue in Nebraska, and a contract renewal in Montana, respectively. The other bill is HR 3716, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Fish Springs Lake Settlement Act. Time, date and witness for the hearing are TBD as we await additional details from staff

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: U.S. Geological Survey  
April 23-May 2, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 22-24, USGS Acting Director, Suzette Kimball will travel to New Mexico to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the USGS streamgaging program at an event held at the first stream gage near Embudo, and to meet with USGS employees at the New Mexico Water Science Center in Albuquerque.

On May 15 or 16, USGS Acting Director, Suzette Kimball is tentatively scheduled to appear before the full Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee for her confirmation hearing.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, April 23 – Tuesday, April 29  
Nothing to report.

Wednesday, April 30

On **April 30**, the USGS will issue a joint news release with The Nature Conservancy announcing a new study showing that coral reefs provide risk reduction benefits to hundreds of millions of coastal inhabitants around the world. Prepared by an international research team, the study provides the first global synthesis of the contributions of coral reefs to risk reduction and adaptation across the Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. Publication will be in the online journal *Nature Communications*.

Thursday, May 1

On **May 1**, the Seismological Society of America (SSA) will issue a news release and hold a telephone press briefing at their 2014 Annual Meeting to highlight research being presented during a special session on induced seismicity. USGS research and scientists will be featured as part of the press event. The special session is co-chaired by USGS research geophysicist Justin Rubinstein.

Friday, May 2

The USGS will hold a Congressional briefing for interested members, staff and stakeholders entitled "Streamgages—Following the Flow," on May 2. Invited speakers include Ernest B. Wells (National Weather Service), Kevin Stewart (City of Denver) and Janet Thigpen (Chemung County, New York). Discussion topics will include the value of streamflow information for monitoring, anticipating and mitigating drought and flood events.

TBD

Near the end of April, USGS will announce a new study that looks at the genetics of the Diamondback Terrapin, a coastal turtle listed as endangered in Rhode Island, threatened in Maine, and designated as a species of special concern in several other coastal states. The study will support conservation planning among state and federal agencies, enabling them to ensure sufficient interbreeding to maintain the turtle's diversity, which in turn increases the likelihood of

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the species' long-term survival.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

USGS continues to address media inquiries about induced seismicity, particularly increased earthquake occurrence in Oklahoma and Texas. Recent outlets contacting USGS include Bloomberg News and The Wall Street Journal.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

None to report.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On **May 5**, USGS plans to issue a joint news release with the Washington State Emergency Management Division, promoting volcano hazard awareness in recognition of Volcano Preparedness Month, which runs during the month of May in Washington State.

On **May 6**, USGS will launch a new and innovative website that summarizes historical and 21st century climate projections from 30 (CMIP5/IPCC) climate models. The first phase of the website provided access to projected temperature and precipitation data for the U.S., states and counties. With this new phase, the website will provide access to projected changes in snowpack, soil moisture, runoff and evaporative deficit for the U.S., states and counties and for USGS Hydrologic Units or watersheds. This new information will allow users to gain insights into the potential range of climate-driven changes in the hydrologic budget.

USGS Earthquake Science Center scientists, along with a visiting scientist from New Zealand, and Washington state partners will brief local news media reporters about seismic hazards in the greater Spokane area in Washington. The briefing will include information on applicable lessons learned from recent earthquakes in New Zealand, and a new lidar survey of the Spokane area. A media Advisory will be issued **May 5**, and a news release will be issued concurrent with the news briefing on **May 8**.

Sometime in May, the USGS will announce a new study to be published in the journal Nature Climate Change that examines how recent climate warming has accelerated the spread of human-mediated hybridization between threatened native westslope cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii lewisi*) and non-native rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Policy, Management, and Budget  
April 23-May 2, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

**House Associates Briefings.** On the request of the House Appropriations staff, Interior staff and Bureaus are engaging in brief (one hour) weekly meetings with House Associate staff representing members of the subcommittee. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

4/28 - USGS FY15 Budget Overview and Landsat

5/05 - FWS & NPS FY15 Budget Overview

**DAS-PIA Travel.** Lori Faeth, Deputy Assistant Secretary - Policy and International Affairs will be the keynote speaker on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at the NRDAR National Workshop in Phoenix, AZ.

**Public Announcements**

Thursday, April 24

On April 24, 2014, Lawrence Gross, Deputy Chief Information Officer, will be on a panel at the ACT-IAC Small Business Conference. Mr. Gross will be joined by members of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business and Interior Business Center's Acquisition Services Directorate. The team will respond to small business-related questions from the conference attendees and will highlight DOI's commitment to supporting small businesses.

Tuesday, April 30

On April 30, 2014, the **Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)** will deliver answer to a set of questions regarding PortfolioStat to GAO. At the request of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, GAO is reviewing agencies implementation of OMB's 2013 PortfolioStat process. The objectives of the GAO engagement are to (1) identify the action items and specific timeframes OMB and agencies agreed upon; (2) determine agencies' progress in addressing these action items; and (3) evaluate the extent to which agencies have realized planned savings.

Friday, May 2

**37th Annual Civil Servant of the Year Award Celebration Aligns with National Public Service Recognition Week.** The Federal Executive Board of Minnesota (which is staffed by DOI employees) will host 650 of Minnesota's Federal leaders at the 37th Annual Civil Servant of the Year Award Celebration that aligns with National Public Service Recognition Week. This

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event recognizes the state's top performing civil servants and will be attended by Federal regional directors, Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie, and Consuls General from Canada, Tanzania, Ecuador, and Mexico.

**Major Press Inquiries**

*None.*

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**GAO Upcoming Review:** GAO provided notification of a new review regarding *The Bureau of Land Management's Federal Helium Program* (Job Code: 361570). This is being conducted in response to a request made by the Chair and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**May 2014 FLAME Forecast.** The May FLAME forecast was issued on April 17, 2014, by the USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Center. The report predicts fire suppression costs to be between \$173 million and \$429 million for Fiscal Year 2014 with the median of \$296 million for Interior. This is lower than the March 2014, September 2013, July 2013 and May 2013 reports.

**DOI Role in Long-term Disaster Recovery.** On April 22 through 24, 2014, DOI will participate in the FEMA-led Interagency Silver Phoenix tabletop exercise on long-term disaster recovery issues. DOI participants from OEM, OEPC, NPS, and BIA will provide representation for discussions related to Interior's roles in each of the six national Recovery Support Functions. They will also discuss recovery issues related to the recent 9.2 magnitude earthquake scenario in Anchorage that was explored during Exercise Alaska Shield.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The week of April 28, **ONRR** plans to issue a request for quote on FedBizOps for the USEITI Independent Administrator. The RFQ is based on the Terms of Reference, which the Multi-Stakeholder Group approved at the April Multi-Stakeholder Group meeting.

**ONRR** is continuing outreach with individual Indian mineral owners to enable us to listen to concerns and suggestions for royalty accounting improvement, answer questions, and identify and resolve mineral-related problems in partnership with BIA, BLM, and OST. Outreach sessions with mineral owners are scheduled in Vernal, UT, with the Ute Tribe on April 28 and in Crow Agency, MT, with the Crow Agency on April 29.

Staff from **ONRR**'s State and Tribal Support office conducts attestation engagements to assure the States and Tribes comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreements. **ONRR** scheduled the Ute attestation engagement in Vernal, Utah on April 28 through May 2.

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**The Office of Hearings and Appeals** is planning a consolidation of its ten field offices to seven field offices in order to increase efficiency and reduce spending. Tribal consultation has been initiated, since the affected offices perform probate services and heirship determinations for individual Indians. If consultation goes smoothly, a final decision may be made within the next 30 days, and the offices would close 60 days later. Six employees currently staff the offices planned for closure. Work currently performed in those offices will be transferred to existing fully-staffed field offices. Some employees are likely to retire, but others have been told to expect a reduction-in-force.

A joint **2014 wildfire season Secretarial (Interior and Agriculture)** press event is being planned, date and location TBD. OWF staff will assist and support the Interior Office of Communications and Press Secretary once the date is determined.

The 69th **Department of the Interior Honors Award Convocation** will be held on May 8. The purpose of the Secretary's participation in the 69th Honor Awards Convocation is to honor employees and private citizens who have received the Department's highest awards.

**The Office of Facilities and Administrative Services (OFAS)** is preparing space and installing temporary lighting in space previously designated as Interior Museum within the Main Interior Building to support an upcoming special event sponsored by the National Park Service. In support of Asian Pacific Heritage Month during the month of May, the National Park Service will have a display of "Stories of Home: Hmong New Year 2014." The Secretary is scheduled to tour the space and view the exhibit on May 9, 2014.

The **OEA** anticipates issuing an approximately \$81,952 civil penalty to Finley during the week of May 11, 2014. ONRR investigated Finley's failure to submit production reports and found 66 violations dating back to June 2010. OEA is preparing the civil penalty assessment using the standard rates. ONRR will prepare a press release and forward it to the Office of Communication.

**OEA** anticipates issuing an approximately \$17,344 civil penalty to Otex during the week of May 11, 2014. ONRR investigated Otex's failure to submit production reports and found 51 violations dating back to December 2007. OEA is preparing the civil penalty assessment using the standard rates. ONRR will prepare a press release and forward it to the Office of Communication.

**ONRR** plans to publish a proposed rule concerning civil penalty regulations in May to (1) apply to solid minerals and geothermal leases as the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 authorizes; (2) adjust Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act civil penalty amounts for inflation as the Federal Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustment Act requires; and (3) provide notice that ONRR will post its matrix for civil penalty assessments on the ONRR website. The package currently resides in the Assistant Secretary office for signature.

In Mid-June, the Department expects to release the **FY 2013 DOI Economic Report**.

In June, **ONRR** plans to publish a proposed rule concerning Indian Oil Valuation Amendments in accordance with the recommendations of the Indian Oil Negotiated Rulemaking Committee (a

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FACA committee). This rule would ensure that Indian lessors receive maximum revenues from their mineral resources, as required by statute and the Secretary's trust responsibility. This proposed rule is the result of an agreement reached by the Indian oil valuation negotiated rulemaking committee; all affected parties support the rule. The proposed rule would mean \$20 million in additional royalties to Indian tribes and mineral owners. As a matter of our trust responsibility, ONRR must publish this proposed rule and then the final rule as expeditiously as possible. ONRR is in the process of setting up a briefing with OMB to clarify a few items. The package is currently undergoing Departmental clearance prior to the Assistant Secretary's review and signature.

Also in June, **ONRR** plans to publish a proposed rule concerning valuing Federal oil and gas, and Federal and Indian coal. This proposed rule clarifies and reforms outdated valuation standards in order to stay current with industry standard practices, as well as to ensure that the Secretary is able to fully manage Oil, Gas, and Coal revenue valuation on Federal and Indian lands. The package is currently undergoing Departmental clearance prior to the Assistant Secretary's review and signature.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs and the Bureaus of Indian Affairs and Indian Education  
April 23-May 2, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

On April 22-24, PDAS will travel to North Dakota to attend the third annual **Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Oil and Gas Expo**. The event helps to educate and inform the Tribe, allottees, the oil and gas industry and the State and Federal governments. Senator Heidi Heitkamp, and Congressman Kevin Cramer are confirmed to attend. Senator John Hoeven's attendance is tentative.

On April 23, ASIA will address the **Self Governance Advisory Committee** at its quarterly meeting in Washington D.C. The Committee is made up of tribal representatives and advises Department officials on self-governance policy.

On April 24 and 25, ASIA will attend a **State Department hosted planning session** at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK. The planning session will prepare the U.S. envoy that will defend a U.S. report to the United Nations in January 2015. That reporting process is part of a periodic review and deals with the following general areas of indigenous rights: self-determination/self-governance; native lands and resources; culture, religion & education; equality; economic development; the government-to-government relationship and reconciliation.

On April 24, the PDAS and ASIA staff will hold a national teleconference listening session to consider reforming regulations and guidelines that address state court proceedings under the **Indian Child Welfare Act**.

On April 24, an Indian Affairs representative will provide an update to the **United States Interagency Committee on Homelessness**. Secretary Shinseki heads the committee.

On April 28, PDAS will meet with the **Navajo Nation** to discuss the Nation's gaming compact with New Mexico.

On April 28, ASIA will meet with the **Muckleshoot Tribe** from Washington to discuss its recent reservation proclamation.

On April 29, PDAS will meet with the **Intertribal Council of Arizona**.



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On April 30, an Indian Affairs representative will testify before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on S. 2132, a bill to amend the **Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act** of 2005.

On April 30, the BIA Director will participate in a meeting with the **Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and the Pueblos of Cochiti, Santa Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia and Isleta** to continue negotiations on irrigation operations and maintenance that serve the six pueblos.

On May 1, ASIA will participate in a preparation meeting for the next **White House Council on Native American Affairs** meeting.

On May 2, ASIA will present to the **Minnesota American Indian Bar Associations** in Minneapolis.

**Tribal Consultations** will begin next week on the preliminary findings and recommendations of the American Indian Education Study Group at the Loneman Day School, Oglala, SD (April 28); Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, OK (April 30); Muckleshoot School, Auburn, WA (May 2); and Gila River Head Start Building, Sacaton, AZ (May 5).

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, April 23  
Nothing to Report

Thursday, April 24  
President's State, Local and Tribal Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience: The BIA is the organizational lead and will represent the Department at Tribal Leader's webinar for Natural Resources and Agriculture on April 24. The goal of the call is to outline federal climate change policy, action and tools used to address adaption so that tribal leaders can contribute to the Task Force report. Other Agencies represented are the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Forest Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service), and the Department of Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration).

Friday, April 25  
Nothing to Report

Saturday & Sunday April 26 & 27  
Nothing to report

Monday, April 28  
Tribal consultations will begin next week on the preliminary findings and recommendations of the American Indian Education Study Group at the Loneman Day School, Oglala, SD.

Tuesday, April 29  
Nothing to Report

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Wednesday, April 30  
Nothing to Report

Thursday, May 1  
The BIA Director will be the keynote speaker at the 23rd Annual Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service at the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, New Mexico.

Publication date is expected for a Federal Register Notice on Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Student Count. This is in response to the congressional directive found within the FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Friday, May 2  
Nothing to Report

**Major Press Inquiries**

The Arizona Republic is inquiring into the status of the Tohono O'odham Nation's land-into-trust application for gaming.

News Day, which covers Long Island, NY, and NYC, is asking about a letter from former Shinnecock tribal leaders dated 04-09-14 to the BIA with the former leaders' concerns over the Bureau's recognition of the tribe's constitution and governmental structure. This is an internal tribal matter.

NBC Connecticut (WVIT) in West Hartford, CT, is asking numerous questions about the federal acknowledgment process (proposed changes, the process for making changes, number of tribes impacted) and about two tribes – Eastern Pequot and Schaghticoke – whose favorable final determinations were reversed.

Albuquerque Journal (NM) D.C. reporter interviewed Assistant Secretary Washburn last week for a home town profile. Work continues with the reporter for follow up. The story is tentatively slated to run on Sunday, April 27, 2014.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**Drought Management.** An introductory meeting of Drought coordinators was held on Wednesday April 16, 2014 with the Office of the Secretary and Interior Agencies, to discuss drought collaboration within the Department. Agencies shared information on their programs that support federal land drought management.

**Climate Change Update to Illustrate Compelling Impacts.** The Climate Change Coordinator drafted the BIA section of the Department's update of the Climate Adaptation Plan to address the new direction in Executive Order 13653. The BIA submission conforms to the new narrative guidelines and highlights the impacts to economic and cultural values of Indian People and Alaska Natives.

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The **Indian Affairs' Credit Committee** within the ASIA Indian Energy and Economic Development office will meet this week to review the following loan guaranty requests: 1) a proposal submitted by the Tunica-Biloxi Economic Development Corporation of Louisiana for \$3.4 million to construct a convenience store/gas station; 2) a request for \$450K submitted by Bank 2 (owned by the Chickasaw Nation) to purchase an existing restaurant in Oklahoma City named the Half Time Sports Grill.

### **30-60 Day Look Ahead**

The BIE and the Education Study Group will hold consultation sessions to inform any future reports by the Education Study Group about the BIE. The sessions will be: April 28 in Oglala, SD; April 30 in Anadarko, OK; May 2 in Auburn, WA; and May 5 in Sacaton, AZ.

The Annual UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be held from May 12-22 in New York. ASIA and White House officials anticipate addressing the group.

On June 6, ASIA may attend a DOJ meeting on justice priorities with North Dakota tribes.

On June 8 to 11 in Anchorage, AK, the National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year meeting will take place. ASIA anticipates attending and may host consultation sessions.

On June 24-26, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) will hold a conference in D.C. We will use the conference as an opportunity to link tribal and Native-owned businesses with procurement officers and prime contractors in order to encourage the sale of Native goods and services. We will also use the occasion to further develop a Native-to-Native Food initiative, an effort to market a wide variety of Native foods in tribal casinos and school lunch programs.

On May 9, Haskell Indian Nations will hold its commencement exercises for graduating students on campus in Lawrence, KS. The BIE director is scheduled to speak.

The BIE Special Education Advisory Board meeting is proposed for June 2-6 in Albuquerque, NM. This advisory body is established by statute. A meeting/conference request package will begin the surname process within the next week.

A Native Languages Summit will take place on June 20 in the Washington, D.C area. The proposed theme of the Summit is Working Together for Native American Language Success. The Summit is a collaborative effort between the Departments of the Interior, Education and Health and Human Services, Administration on Native Americans as provided within the Memorandum of Agreement signed by all parties in 2012.

In the coming months the BIA Southern Plains Region anticipates completing 18 Forest Management Plans that will include a Regional Custodial plan. Once complete the Region will have 100% of its tribes under a plan by the end of FY 2014.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians  
April 23-May 2nd, 2014**

**Highlights of Travel, Meetings, and other Public Events**

April 23rd - May 2nd – Nothing to report.

**Public Announcements**

Wednesday, April 23-Friday, May 2  
Nothing to report.

**Major Press Inquiries**

Nothing to report.

**Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

**U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (DDC) Tribal Litigation for Quinn-Leinbach, Settlement Proposal to the Obama Administration (SPOA) Tribes, and other Litigating Tribes**

The Office of Historical Trust Accounting (OHTA) is actively supporting Office of the Solicitor (SOL) and Department of Justice (DOJ) tribal litigation teams' efforts to reach settlement on the remaining cases. Recent OHTA activity is highlighted below:

**Quapaw/Goodeagle/Bear:** Morgan Angel & Associates is producing Portable Document Files (PDFs) of approximately two-thousand encumbrances for inclusion in the database of all Quapaw mining permits and leases. They anticipate completion of the database by May 16, 2014.

**Western Shoshone Identifiable Group:** OST continues search of Periodic Statements of Performance (PSPs) Reports not included on the DOJ list from 1995 to the present period, as requested by DOJ.

Navajo Nation: OHTA prepared and provided DOJ with annotated exemplar documents that substantiate account activity information in the "paper era" to support a DOJ filing on April 14, 2014. In addition, OHTA provided comments on DOJ's draft filing documents.

**Cobell: Settlement Payout Process**

On April 17, 2014, OST, SOL, Garden City Group (GCG), and FTI (OHTA contractor that will calculate Stage 2 payments) met with DOJ and Plaintiffs' counsel to discuss open tasks and questions regarding the formation of the final Cobell Trust Administration Class (TAC) Stage 2 database.

**GCG reported 1/3 of 2,300 Stage 1 appeals have been reviewed by the Special Master.**  
GCG estimates completion of all appeals will conclude by the end of this summer or August

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**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

On May 6th – May 8th, OST's Deputy Special Trustee for Field Operations is hosting the 2014 Fiduciary Trust Officers Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Our FTOs are OST's front line officers who interact directly with our trust beneficiaries. They work very closely with our Trust Beneficiary Call Center (TBCC) to provide first class service in fulfilling the Departments' fiduciary trust responsibilities. The FTOs and the TBCC are a critical link to the success of the Land Buy Back program. When questions arise from individual land owners, they are first directed to the Call Center or the Trust Officers. It is critical that we are all on the same page. The entire third day of the conference is to address Land Buy-Back issues.

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**WEEK-AHEAD REPORT: Office of Insular Affairs  
April 23-May 2, 2014**

**Highlights (Chronologically) of Travel (Acting AS-IN), Meetings and other Public Events**

On Tuesday, April 22, the Director of OIA and the Palau Ambassador to the United States met with members of the Board of the Prior Service Trust Fund. Trust Fund beneficiaries are individuals who worked between 1944 and June 30, 1968, for the Department of the Navy or the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of the Trust Fund in order to ensure the continuation of its Federal funding. During their visit to Washington, D.C., Board members plan to meet with staff members of the House and Senate oversight and appropriations committees.

On Wednesday, April 23, the OIA Budget Director will meet in Honolulu with the Chief of Staff to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to discuss the status of OIA-funded infrastructure projects in the FSM, including the road system in Weno, the principal municipality in Chuuk State.

Monday-Thursday, April 28-May 1, the Acting AS-IN will be on official travel in Phoenix.

On Tuesday, April 29, the OIA Budget Director will appear before an oversight hearing of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs to testify on the OIA budget request for fiscal year 2015. At the same hearing the OIA Budget Director will also testify on H.R. 4296, a bill which, if enacted, would extend the immigration transition period in the Northern Mariana Islands from December 3, 2014, until December 31, 2019. For several years OIA has advocated extending the immigration transition period.

On Tuesday, May 6, the Director of OIA will chair at Main Interior the U.S.-only meeting preparatory to the mid-year meeting of the U.S.-Marshall Islands Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee (JEMFAC).

On Wednesday, May 7, the Director of OIA will chair, also at Main Interior, the mid-year, bilateral meeting of the U.S.-Marshall Islands JEMFAC. The Director has cited a number of important issues pending before JEMFAC which should be discussed and resolved prior to the

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annual JEMFAC meeting this coming August. The Marshall Islands delegation will be led by the Chief Secretary and interim Secretary of Health.

### **Public Announcements**

Wednesday, April 23, through Friday, May 2: nothing to report.

### **Major Press Inquiries**

Wednesday, April 23, through Friday, May 2: nothing to report.

### **Items of Note/Expected Legislative, Legal, Policy Issues**

On Friday, April 18, the Acting AS-IN, the Director of OIA and members of the OIA Policy Division hosted a meeting with representatives of The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The discussion centered on last month's WHIAAPI Guam Community Tour, in which the Acting AS-IN participated, and a new WHIAAPI/OIA partnership for Pacific Islander advancement. The next steps will be to convene a Pacific Island Interagency Working Group with key Federal stakeholders to begin work strategically on insular policy recommendations and to reach out to members of insular Cabinets and Legislatures.

On behalf of the Acting AS-IN and the Director of OIA, the OIA field representative in American Samoa attended the festivities marking the one hundred fourteenth anniversary of the first raising of the American flag in American Samoa. The observances began on Sunday, April 13, with a Mass offered by the Bishop of Samoa-Pago Pago and ended on Thursday, April 17, with the raising of the American and American Samoan flags, a parade and song and dance performances from Star Kist employees and the Villages of Vailoa and Pago Pago. In preparation for the week-long celebration, American Samoa Government agencies and community members cleaned and decorated the central areas of Tutuila, American Samoa's principal island. OIA hopes to have high-level representation for the one hundred tenth anniversary of the first raising of the American flag in the Manu'a Islands of American Samoa in July.

On Tuesday, April 15, Congressman Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Dem.-CNMI) reported that the Secretary of Labor, Thomas Perez, had reached a decision on the request to extend beyond 2014 the CW Program, which allows the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands continued direct access to some 10,000 foreign workers. Three bills pending in the Congress would extend the CW program up to 2019, including the Congressman's own bill, H.R. 4296, on which there will be a House oversight hearing on Tuesday, April 29. (See third item under *Highlights* above.) Without an extension the CW Program will end this coming December 31, meaning that the CNMI would be forced to send home 10,000 skilled and professional foreign workers. However, Secretary Perez will not wait until the eleventh hour to make public his decision on the extension of the CW Program: the Secretary has a July 4 deadline to make and to announce his

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decision.

**30-60 Day Look Ahead**

During the week of Monday, May 12, the Acting AS-IN and the Director of OIA will travel to Saint Croix to join the Governor of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Member of Congress from the USVI for a meeting on the dire circumstances facing the Juan Luis Hospital, Saint Croix's only hospital.

During the week of Monday, June 16, the Director of OIA will be on official travel in Chuuk State, FSM, for a high-level education meeting with the President of the FSM, the FSM Ambassador to the United States and legislative and education leaders from Chuuk State.





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## NPS Hearing on the Budget

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On Thursday, April 3, Jon Jarvis testified on the 2015 budget before the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee. The hearing went well and overall the response to the budget was positive. Let us know if you have questions.

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**Summary of the NPS 2015 Budget Hearing before the  
House Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee  
April 3, 2014**

On Thursday, April 3, 2014, Director Jonathan Jarvis testified before House Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee on the 2015 budget request for the National Park Service. He was accompanied by Comptroller Bruce Scheaffer.

Members present included Chairman Calvert, Ranking Member Moran, Rep. Cole, Rep. Herrera Beutler, Rep. Simpson, Rep. Joyce, Rep. Stewart, Rep. McCollum, and Rep. Pingree.

**Opening Statements**

**Chairman Calvert:** The Chairman began his opening statement by expressing his expectation that the Congressional appropriations process would return to normal order, and noted he was particularly focused in restoring operating funding. He stated he was eager to learn more about the NPS Centennial initiative, but that the mandatory programs would be outside of the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee. Rec fee reauthorization is also outside of the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee but an issue of critical importance to NPS as well as other DOI bureaus and the USDA Forest Service; therefore the Subcommittee also had a vested interest in the reauthorization process. He added they looked forward to the Washington Monument scaffolding coming down, as the Subcommittee provided half of the funding used for the restoration project. He said the members looked forward to visiting the Washington Monument when it reopens.

**Rep. McCollum:** She welcomed Director Jarvis and thanked the NPS for the way it handled sequestration at the national park units in MN. She also reiterated the Chair's comment that she was excited to hear more about plans for the Centennial. She attended a signature event at Gettysburg for the Civil War Sesquicentennial and was very complimentary.

**Director Jarvis:** The Director thanked the Subcommittee for its support. He summarized his written testimony, particularly highlighting the Centennial initiative, which provided a \$40 million discretionary increase; \$30.0 million for operations and \$10 million for the Centennial Challenge. He discussed the \$300 million for permanent appropriations for the NPS; \$100 million for the Centennial Challenge and \$200 million for construction. He noted the NPS would benefit from the Administration's Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative with \$100 million for construction. In addition, NPS would have an opportunity to compete for project funds via the Centennial Land Management Investment Fund which is proposed at \$200 million; equally funded via a mandatory proposal and the Opportunity, Growth, and Security Initiative.

**Rep. Simpson:** Rep. Simpson commented one of the biggest complaints he gets from visiting constituents is the National Mall is not in good shape. The Subcommittee is providing significant funding to restore/upgrade the Mall, and there needs to be responsible management of the Mall. There are many challenges to working with other organizations that utilize the Mall and there should not be "sacrifice zones".

**Ranking Member Moran:** Rep. Moran agreed with Rep. Simpson's comment about the Mall, and stated the Subcommittee should side with the NPS on usage of the Mall for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.

## Questions and Answers

Rep. Moran asked if the NPS has developed criteria yet for the competitive grant program within the Stateside program. The Director replied the NPS has been working on this for about a year, in concert with State park systems, National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers (NASORLO), and other stakeholders. The NPS hopes to have grants out the door by late summer.

Rep. Moran asked why the competitive Historic Preservation Fund grant program was only requested at \$500,000; when the 2014 request was \$3 million. The Director replied by affirming there is still a significant need, which NPS is working to address; not just through this grant program but through its American Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander, and women's initiatives.

Rep. Moran also commented the creation of the Fort Monroe National Monument worked well and was a terrific example of collaboration. He solicited Director Jarvis' opinion of national monument designations. Director Jarvis replied new units add to NPS responsibilities, but have been carefully crafted to not take on significant operational costs. He agreed Fort Monroe is a great example of a partnership park, and these recent additions help explain the diversity of the Nation.

The Chair asked Director Jarvis about the National Mall. Director Jarvis noted the Federal reinvestment in the Mall, as well as the important resources brought to the table by non-Federal partners. The next place they will be looking at is Constitution Gardens. This is an oft overlooked portion of the Mall; it could be a good site for a nice restaurant. The Trust is interested in developing a revenue stream that can be reinvested in the Mall by operating the concessions on the Mall. It is difficult to say what the current revenue stream is for Mall concessions as the current concessions contract has a number of non-Mall items included in it.

The Chair asked Director Jarvis to discuss the impact of sequestration. He replied that it was very challenging, and particularly impacted seasonal employment. A typical park has 85 percent to 90 percent of its operating funding tied up in "fixed costs"; salaries, utilities, fleet, etc. Among other things, seasonals are funded out of the remaining funds. Under sequestration, there were fewer seasonals, reduced facilities hours, and fewer visitor programs. The fixed cost increases proposed in the 2015 Budget will be very helpful for the NPS.

Rep. McCollum commented many seasonals have a precarious income, are also firefighters, and wish to become permanent employees. She asked if the requested Centennial initiative would have an impact on the backlog. Director Jarvis acknowledged many seasonals work for the NPS for years and gain skills like firefighting or law enforcement; both of which are very important for visitor and employee safety. The budget includes an increase of \$16 million for the repair and rehabilitation program, but the bulk of the funding would be included in the mandatory proposal. Rep. McCollum also asked about international programs, which she thinks are very important. She asked what opportunities NPS/DOI is missing when operational funding and travel are reduced. Director Jarvis noted the headquarters NPS international program is staffed by three people. The NPS is frequently requested by the State Department to provide "soft diplomacy". NPS has provided consultation to Angkor Wat (Cambodia), Costa Rican national parks, and many other nations' parks. Generally the State Department pays the travel and NPS sends field staff. Often the NPS provides basic business training for these countries' park staff. NPS also hosts hundreds of foreign delegations each year.

Rep. Stewart noted he and the Director had sparred at a sequestration hearing last fall, but they shared a common love for public lands. About a year ago, his office had received correspondence from the National Parks Conservation Association announcing it had stopped an energy development project near a national park. At the same time, the NPCA asked his office to increase funding for the NPS. He wondered how all the stakeholders for public lands and energy development could come together to find common goals; as he felt groups like NPCA don't want any development anywhere near parks. Director Jarvis said we now have the tools to strike the right balance for energy development near parks. Viewsheds are important, and there is a public expectation they not be totally compromised. NPS is working with BLM in Utah on the Multiple Leasing Plan (MPL) to look at things like height, color, surrounding topography etc. There are meetings at Interior everyday between the bureaus to facilitate siting energy development while protecting resources.

Rep. Pingree stated she appreciated Director Jarvis' work on preparing for the Centennial. She stated she has spoken with Director Jarvis and his staff regarding concessions contracting at Acadia. She understands business realities underpin these decisions but reiterated the local communities concerns regarding the loss of a local concessioner. She asked NPS include factors such as continuity, local impact, and local knowledge when competing these contracts. She noted the anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act is coming up, and historic preservation funding, such as a recent grant to Tribes in Maine to digitize their data, is very important and appears to be insufficient. Director Jarvis stated the NPS is slowly pecking away at digitizing records, such as National Registry information, much of which is still only available in paper copy. They are seeking philanthropic support to advance these tasks.

Rep. Cole asked what impact wildland fire had on NPS' budget. Director Jarvis noted there are increasingly more wildland fire urban interface (WUI) areas; and when fire happens suppression funding is needed and unobligated balances get swept. This causes problems when trying to complete the projects for which these funds were originally obligated. Mr. Scheaffer added the current model doesn't work, and thinks the proposed model is a good proposal and hopes it is implemented.

Rep. Cole mentioned the importance of tribal partnerships and mentioned Chickasaw NRA as one example that is important to him. Director Jarvis agreed the relationship at Chickasaw is improving with help from headquarters and the region. Many Tribes share a long view of preserving the land and the NPS has been encouraging tribal partnerships. Potentially the first tribal park may come to fruition with the return of a portion of Badlands NP. The NPS is also working in Yellowstone to build tribal capacities to take surplus bison. Rep. Cole added these partnerships can be wonderful two-way streets and allow Tribes to grow capacity; as many tribal members don't often get the opportunity to work in large organizations.

Rep. Herrera Beutler noted she has been very critical of the NPS in the past regarding the Pearson Air Museum. She would like to applaud the Director and his staff for moving to the middle and finding a compromise. She also noted with the Rim fire, the NPS was able to mitigate the impact on the park. Director Jarvis replied for many decades, NPS has been investing in managing for fire. He also clarified for Rep. Moran that "burn in a mosaic" refers to areas where there is no fuel built up, so fires more or less go around. This leaves new seed sources, wildlife, etc. allowing the ecosystem to persist.

The Chair pointed out harvesting in national forests also reduces the hazardous fuel load. He asked Director Jarvis if, beyond requesting a one-year extension of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) in the budget, what they were doing to seek a long term extension. Director Jarvis replied

NPS receives about \$175 million annual. Of this 80 percent is retained in the collecting park, and 20 percent goes to non-collecting parks. A few parks, such as Great Smoky Mountains NP, are prohibited from collecting fees. Much of the funding collected under this authority goes toward maintenance, including making accessibility improvements. One concern regarding the reauthorization process is the America the Beautiful pass can't be sold after 12 months prior to expiration of the Act. The Chair added he supports reauthorization, but encourages NPS to work directly with the authorizing committees. He also added he would be submitting a question for the record regarding Yellowstone schools on behalf of his colleague, Rep. Daines (MT).



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## Request: Testimony and support information

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Cc: John Mcclanahan <john\_mcclanahan@ios.doi.gov>, James Ferguson <james\_ferguson@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Jeremy,

I am working with Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Larry Roberts to prepare for an upcoming hearing. The attached document includes a summary of the members of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs. Mr. Roberts would like to add information on how each member voted on the Cobell Settlement and whether they have made any floor statements about Cobell. If you could assist us with this by COB Monday, we would greatly appreciate it. Please let me know.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Regards,  
Shawn

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Hello Shawn,

I've plugged in each Member's Cobell votes in the attached. The functionality of Thomas.gov is very limited when trying to search Congressional Record statements by Member, but to the best of my knowledge there have not been many floor statements made by Members on Cobell. I've plugged in the one or two that I could find. Please let me know if I can get you anything else on this.

Jeremy

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Jeremy,

Thank you for the quick turnaround.

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Mon, Mar 31, 2014 at 3:11 PM

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Sure thing - happy to help!

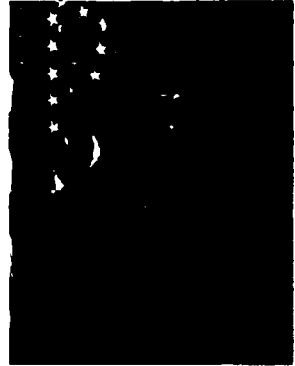
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The United States House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs is one of the five subcommittees within the House Natural Resources Committee. The Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs consists of 12 Members, 7 Republicans and 5 Democrats. It also has 2 *ex officio* representatives, 1 Democrat and 1 Republican.

Committee Member Name	Congressional District	Buy-Back Program Tribes within district and state	Issues/Notes
<p>Don Young (R), Chairman</p> 	<p>Alaska's at-large congressional district</p> <p>Population: 731,449; 14% American Indian and Alaska Native (102,582)</p>	<p>Buy-Back Program is barred by statute from purchasing fractional interests located within the Alaska Region. 25 U.S.C. § 2219</p>	<p>Interesting Fact: During his pre-political career, he taught fifth grade at the local Bureau of Indian Affairs elementary school.</p> <p>Voted for the Claims Settlement Act of 2010.</p>
<p>Colleen Hanabusa (D), Ranking Member</p> 	<p>Hawaii's 1st congressional district</p> <p>Population: 692,981; 0.2% American Indian and Alaska Native (1,439)</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed.</p>
<p>Dan Benishek (R)</p> 	<p>Michigan's 1st congressional district</p> <p>Population: 705,862; 2.6% American Indian and Alaska Native (18,089)</p>	<p>Keweenaw Bay Indian Community* Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe</p> <p>*within congressional district</p>	<p>The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$2,003,667 and is ranked approximately 66<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a cooperative agreement application on March 14, 2014.</p> <p>The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$348,909 and is ranked approximately 97<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 14, 2014.</p> <p>Was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed.</p>



Tony Cárdenas (D)



California's 29th congressional district

Population:  
722,810;  
0.6% American Indian and Alaska Native (4,359)

**Agua Caliente Band of Cabuilla Indians**

Augustine Band of Cabuilla Indians  
Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians  
Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians  
Blue Lake Rancheria  
Cabazon Band of Mission Indians  
California Valley Miwok Tribe  
Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians  
**Colorado River Indian Tribe**  
Elk Valley Rancheria  
Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indians  
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe  
Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians  
Guidiville Rancheria  
Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake  
Hoopa Valley Tribe  
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians  
Karuk Tribe  
La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians  
**Morongo Band of Mission Indians**  
Northfork Rancheria of Mono Indians  
**Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians**  
**Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians**  
Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians  
Pinoleville Pomo Nation  
Quartz Valley Indian Community  
**Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation**  
Redwood Valley Rancheria  
Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians  
Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians  
**Round Valley Indian Tribes**  
Smith River Rancheria  
Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation  
Table Mountain Rancheria  
**Torres Martinez Desert Cabuilla Indians**  
**Washoe Tribe**  
**Yurok Tribe**

There are 37 tribes in California. 27 of the 37 tribes have a purchase ceiling of less than **\$1 million** (not bolded). The following tribes are in the top 40 most fractionated locations or responded during the open solicitation period:

The Washoe Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of **\$7,573,730** and is ranked 36<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The Program has not had contact with the Washoe Tribe.

The Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation has an estimated purchase ceiling of **\$6,541,285** and is ranked 40<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The Program has not had contact with the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation.

The Round Valley Indian Tribes have an estimated purchase ceiling of **\$2,456,371** and are ranked approximately 62<sup>nd</sup> in fractionation. The tribes submitted a letter of interest on March 13, 2014.

The Yurok Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of **\$1,920,349** and is ranked approximately 67<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on January 6, 2014.

The Agua Caliente Band of Cabuilla Indians has an estimated purchase ceiling of **\$1,539,292** and is ranked approximately 70<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 6, 2014.



The Hoopa Valley Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of **\$746,997** and is ranked approximately 90<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest and tribal resolution in March 2014.

The Rincon Band of Luiseno Mission Indians has an estimated purchase ceiling of **\$303,300** and is ranked approximately 100<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 7, 2014.

The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation has an estimated purchase ceiling of **\$210,615** and is ranked approximately 107<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest of interest on March 13, 2014.

The Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lave has an estimated purchase ceiling of **\$25,063** and is ranked approximately 125<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 12, 2014.

Was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed.

<p>Paul Gosar (R)</p> 	<p>Arizona's 4th congressional district</p> <p>Population: 720,881; 1.7% American Indian and Alaska Native (12,183)</p>	<p>Colorado River Indian Tribe*  Fort Mojave Indian Tribe*  Gila River Indian Community  Hopi Tribe  Navajo Nation  Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community  Tohono O'odham Nation</p> <p>*within congressional district</p>	<p>The following tribes are in the top 40 most fractionated locations or responded during the open solicitation period:</p> <p>The Navajo Nation has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$102,452,432 and is ranked approximately 5<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest and partial cooperative agreement application in March 2014.</p> <p>The Gila River Indian Community has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$60,276,434 and is ranked approximately 9<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a proposed MOU and sample appraisal information in March 2014.</p> <p>The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$17,391,229 and is ranked approximately 22<sup>nd</sup> in fractionation. The tribe last contacted the Program in November 2013.</p> <p>Was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed. On 3/9/11, he spoke on the House floor in support of legislation introduced by Rep. Don Young to cap the amount of legal fees awarded in the Cobell.</p>
<p>Raul Ruiz (D)</p> 	<p>California's 36th congressional district</p> <p>Population: 714,975; 1.2% American Indian and Alaska Native (8,837)</p>	<p>See Tony Cárdenas (D) for full list of tribes</p> <p>Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians*  Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians*  Cabazon Band of Mission Indians*  Colorado River Indian Tribe*  Morongo Band of Mission Indians*  Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians*</p> <p>*within congressional district</p>	<p>See Tony Cárdenas (D) for tribe details</p> <p>Was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed.</p>
<p>Markwayne Mullin (R)</p>	<p>Oklahoma's 2nd congressional district</p> <p>Population: 748,575; 16.2% American Indian and Alaska Native</p>	<p>Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians  Apache Tribe  Caddo Nation  Cherokee Nation*  Cheyenne &amp; Arapaho Tribes  Chickasaw Nation  Choctaw Nation*  Citizen Potawatomi Nation</p>	<p>Mullin is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation, and is one of two Native Americans in the 113th Congress.</p> <p>The following tribes are in the top 40 most fractionated locations or responded during the open solicitation period (except for Cherokee Nation).</p> <p>The Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache tribes all reside on one reservation</p>



(121,191)

Comanche Nation  
Delaware Nation  
Eastern Shawnee Tribe\*  
Fort Sill Apache Tribe  
Iowa Tribe  
Kickapoo Tribe  
Kiowa Indian Tribe  
Muscogee (Creek) Nation\*  
Osage Nation  
Otoe-Missouria Tribe  
Pawnee Nation  
Ponca Tribe  
Quapaw Tribe\*  
Sac & Fox Nation  
Seminole Nation  
Seneca-Cayuga Tribe\*  
Tonkawa Tribe  
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

\*within congressional district

/ land area code (802). The Program is analyzing this land area code to determine which tribe had jurisdiction on each tract. The combined purchase ceiling for these three tribes is \$38,348,696. The Program cannot determine the purchase ceiling of each tribe at this time, but will in the future.

The Chickasaw Nation has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$18,250,812 and is ranked approximately 19<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe last contacted the Program in July 2013 to express interest in the Program.

The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes have an estimated purchase ceiling of \$17,947,881 and are ranked approximately 21<sup>st</sup> in fractionation. The Program has not had contact with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$11,714,118 and is ranked approximately 29<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest and tribal resolution on March 13, 2014.


The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco & Tawakonie), Caddo Nation, and Delaware Nation all reside on one reservation / land area code (804). The Program is analyzing this land area code to determine which tribe had jurisdiction on each tract. The combined purchase ceiling for these three tribes is \$11,085,770. The Program cannot determine the purchase ceiling of each tribe at this time, but will in the future.

The Seminole Nation has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$8,581,615 and is ranked approximately 31<sup>st</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 12, 2014.

The Ponca Tribe of Indians has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$7,627,685 and is ranked approximately 35<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 11, 2014.

The Osage Nation has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$7,435,102 and is ranked approximately 37<sup>th</sup>. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 14, 2014.

The Otoe-Missouria Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of

			<p>\$5,392,963 and is ranked approximately 45<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 12, 2014.</p> <p>The Quapaw Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$2,629,296 and is ranked approximately 59<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on February 28, 2014.</p> <p>The Cherokee Nation has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$2,205,074 and is ranked approximately 64<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The Program has not had contact with the Cherokee Nation.</p> <p>The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$1,005,792 and is ranked approximately 81<sup>st</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest and tribal resolution on March 7, 2014.</p> <p>Was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed.</p>
<p>Eni Faleomavaega (I)</p> 	<p>American Samoa's At-large congressional district</p> <p>Population: 57,291; 0% American Indian and Alaska Native</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Faleomavaega is a non-voting Delegate to the United States House of Representatives.</p> <p>Only votes in Committee; could not vote on House passage of the Cobell settlement.</p>
<p>Steve Daines (R)</p>	<p>Montana's At-large congressional district</p> <p>Population: 1,005,141; 6.5% American Indian and Alaska Native (65,148)</p>	<p>Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation*  Blackfeet Tribe*  Confederated Salish &amp; Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation*  Crow Tribe*  Fort Belknap Indian Community*  Northern Cheyenne Tribe*</p>	<p>The Blackfeet Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$103,353,167 and is ranked approximately 3<sup>rd</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a cooperative agreement application in August 2013, which is currently under review.</p> <p>The Crow Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$102,998,163 and is ranked approximately 4<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a cooperative agreement application in August 2013, which is currently under review.</p> <p>The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation have an estimated purchase ceiling of \$79,842,140 and are ranked approximately 6<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a cooperative</p>



\*within congressional district

agreement application in August 2013, which is currently under review.

The Fort Belknap Indian Community has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$54,285,469 and is ranked approximately 11<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a cooperative agreement application in April 2013, which is currently under review.

The Northern Cheyenne Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$12,682,196 and is ranked approximately 26<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The Program awarded the tribe a cooperative agreement on January 30, 2014 worth approximately \$450,000.

The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation have an estimated purchase ceiling of \$7,321,585 and are ranked approximately 38<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The Program awarded the tribes a cooperative agreement in on January 30, 2014 worth approximately \$450,000.

Was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed.

Raúl Grijalva (D)



Arizona's 3rd congressional district

Population:  
719,765; 3.8%  
American Indian  
and Alaska Native  
(27,205)

See Paul Gosar (R) for full list of tribes



Gila River Indian Community\*  
Tohono O'odham Nation\*

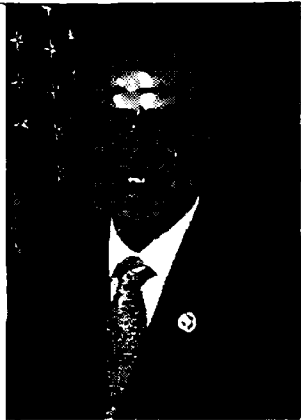
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Grijalva is a strong supporter of sovereignty and government-to-government relationships. In April 2010, he introduced the RESPECT Act, which mandates that federal agencies consult with Native tribes before taking a variety of major actions. The bill would codify a Clinton-era executive order that has never had the force of law.

See Paul Gosar (R) for tribe details

Voted in favor of the Cobell settlement.

<p>Kevin Cramer (R)</p> 	<p>North Dakota's At-large congressional district</p> <p>Population: 699,628; 5.3% American Indian and Alaska Native (37,301)</p>	<p>Spirit Lake Tribe*  Standing Rock Sioux Tribe*  Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation*  Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians*</p> <p>*within congressional district</p>	<p>The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$111,361,180 and is ranked approximately 2<sup>nd</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on December 10, 2013.</p> <p>The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation have an estimated purchase ceiling of \$56,589,204 and are ranked approximately 10<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribes submitted a letter of interest on March 12, 2014.</p> <p>The Spirit Lake Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$18,322,626 and is ranked approximately 18<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 13, 2014.</p> <p>The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$9,422,680 and is ranked approximately 30<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 14, 2014.</p> <p>Was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed.</p>
<p>Doug LaMalfa (R)</p> 	<p>California's 1st congressional district</p> <p>Population: 711,354; 2.1% American Indian and Alaska Native (14,720)</p>	<p>See Tony Cárdenas (D) for full list of tribes</p> <p>Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians*  Karuk Tribe*  Quartz Valley Indian Community*  Washoe Tribe*</p> <p>*within congressional district</p>	<p>See Tony Cárdenas (D) for tribe details</p> <p>Was not serving in Congress when Cobell was passed.</p>
<p>Richard Norman "Doc" Hastings (R), <i>Ex officio</i></p>	<p>Washington's 4th congressional district</p> <p>Population: 695,040; 2.5% American Indian and Alaska Native</p>	<p><b>Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation*</b>  Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation  <b>Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation*</b>  Kalispell Indian Community  <b>Lummi Tribe</b></p>	<p>In February 2014, Hastings announced that he would not run for reelection in 2014.</p> <p>There are 19 tribes in Washington. 10 of the 19 tribes have a purchase ceiling of less than \$1 million (not bolded). The following tribes are in the top 40 most fractionated locations or responded during the open solicitation period (except for Makah):</p>



(17,686)

**Makah Indian Tribe**  
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe  
Nisqually Indian Tribe  
Nooksack Indian Tribe  
Puyallup Tribe  
Quileute Tribe  
**Quinault Tribe**  
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe  
**Skokomish Indian Tribe**  
**Spokane Tribe**  
Squaxin Island Tribe  
Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port  
Madison Reservation  
**Swinomish Indians**  
**Tulalip Tribes**

\*within congressional district

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation have an estimated purchase ceiling of \$30,164,180 and are ranked approximately 14<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribes submitted a letter of interest on March 11, 2014.

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation have an estimated purchase ceiling of \$25,676,304 and are ranked approximately 15<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribes submitted a letter of interest on March 6, 2014.

The Quinault Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$19,263,655 and is ranked approximately 17<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a cooperative agreement application in September 2013, which is currently under review.

The Spokane Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$4,845,914 and is ranked approximately 50<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest and tribal resolution on March 13, 2014.

The Lummi Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling \$3,360,586 and is ranked approximately 57<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted draft cooperative agreement documents in December 2013.


The Makah Indian Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$2,524,111 and is ranked approximately 61<sup>st</sup> in fractionation. The Program purchased \$547,652 worth of land as of March 20, 2014. The Program appraised additional land for a second wave of offer sets.

The Skokomish Indian Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$1,182,686 and is ranked approximately 78<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 14, 2014.

The Kalispell Indian Community has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$706,875 and is ranked approximately 91<sup>st</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 11, 2014.

The Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of \$516,702 and is ranked approximately 94<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 14, 2014.

The Squaxin Island Tribe has an estimated purchase ceiling of

			<p>\$395,710 and is ranked approximately 96<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribe submitted a letter of interest on March 11, 2014.</p> <p>Voted against the Cobell settlement.</p>
<p>Peter DeFazio (D), <i>Ex officio</i></p> 	<p>Oregon's 4th congressional district</p> <p>Population: 769,897; 1.4% American Indian and Alaska Native (10,932)</p>	<p>Burns Paiute Tribe of the Burns Paiute Indian Colony  Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians  Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation  Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation  Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes</p>	<p>The following tribes are in the top 40 most fractionated locations or responded during the open solicitation period:</p> <p>The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation have an estimated purchase ceiling of \$12,113,252 and are ranked approximately 29<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribes submitted a cooperative agreement application January 2014, which is currently under review.</p> <p>The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation have an estimated purchase ceiling of \$4,956,365 and are ranked approximately 48<sup>th</sup> in fractionation. The tribes submitted a letter of interest and tribal resolution on March 11, 2014.</p> <p>Did not vote on final passage of the Cobell settlement.</p>





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## Fwd: Hearing Q&A

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FYI - I am going to review the draft this evening. I think we need to send it to OMB tomorrow.

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All,

Attached is the draft testimony and hearing Q&A.

Thanks,  
Shawn

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I'll take a look this evening also

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I'm hoping to read it more carefully if I find time today, but based on my speed-read, it seemed okay. I don't know if you want to add it, but my understanding is that the Implementation Agreement for the Scholarship Fund was signed this week and that we are expecting to transfer the first round of funds from LBBP in the next few weeks.

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All,

Attached is my redline of the testimony. I've tried to shorten it to some extent and to focus the message on the long term benefits of the program.

Thanks,  
Larry

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Thanks,  
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Here is the draft. We're still waiting for an ok from the Buy Back Program. Given that the program is in the Dep. Secs Office, please coordinate with Jeremy on who is responsible for finalizing and sending over to OMB.

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Yes sir. Jeremy?

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**Jeremy Bratt** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov> Sun, Mar 30, 2014 at 8:52 AM  
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+Chris from OCL. Liberty, I am fine with you sharing with OMB. Chris, ok with you?

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Sun, Mar 30, 2014 at 12:00 PM

Just so I understand, Liberty are you currently talking to John or someone in the LBB program to get input, or is Larry's note meant to indicate OCL is to be coordinating with the Deputy Secretary's office on this? Not clear to me.

Thanks, Chris  
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I think Larry has been coordinating with LBB. I have not been.

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okay. Can you send me the testimony?  
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some minor edits suggested. Good work on the testimony and good luck at the hearing!

Letty

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Here are some additional edits (includes all edits from Letty). I added a paragraph right before the conclusion about interest on the fund.

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This redline reflects edit to put total amount of cooperative agreements awarded (\$1.4 million) on a separate line. The amount actually expended from these cooperative agreements is less.

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Reservation	Offers Sent	Offers Received/ Return Rate	Breakdown of Offers Received	% of Offers Accepted	Acres Purchased (cumulative)	\$ Amount of Offers Accepted
			Accepted 14 (cumulative)			
			Declined 0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,884</b>				<b>31,559</b>	<b>\$10,758,563</b>

\* Pending offers include those offers that landowners have returned and are in the quality assurance queue. Offers that fall into this category are generally waiting to be processed and approved.

\*\* Incomplete offers are those offers that landowners have returned and are in the research queue. Offers that fall into this category are generally waiting on additional action from the landowner.

† Declined offers are those that landowners have returned but were declined by BIA. Offers that fall into this category can include Deeds signed by a guardian or other land transactions that the landowner wants but are outside of the BBP

The initial offers to landowners totaled approximately \$50 million and accepted offers have resulted in payments to landowners totaling nearly \$11 million and the consolidation and restoration of over 31,000 acres to tribes. In March 2014, the Program sent purchase offers to nearly 16,000 individual landowners in a total amount that exceeds \$100 million.

The Program plans to send additional offers to owners at Makah later this month. Outreach events are taking place across the country and we've launched a national effort to share information with tribes and landowners (through press releases, radio advertisements, public service announcements and social media).

In the first year following the Cobell Settlement Agreement (Settlement), Interior focused on establishing the building blocks of Program success, communicating and consulting with Indian Country, and preparing detailed implementation plans designed to lay out key actions and considerations critical to Program success. The Buy-Back Program, in conjunction with members of the Oversight Board, conducted three tribal consultations with interested reservations to provide an overview the Settlement, introduce Buy-Back Program plans, and solicit feedback on strategies from Indian Country which can be used to drive Program performance. In addition, the Buy-Back Program has been in contact with 79 fractionated locations to share the progress of the Program, receive feedback on progress thus far, detail how Interior plans on further engaging and leveraging the skills and talents of tribal members, and begin the cooperative agreement and outreach processes.

The Program released an Updated Implementation Plan in November 2013, which responds to comments received during nation-to-nation consultations from January to March 2013; provides updated information on Program processes; and outlines an expanded process of Program implementation across Indian Country. The move to engage a significant amount of tribal governments expands on the Department's initial plan to launch pilot efforts with less than a dozen tribes, allows for a greater amount of engagement across Indian Country, and provides more flexibility and transparency for tribal governments.

An open solicitation period was held through March 14, 2014, during which tribes with jurisdiction over the most fractionated locations (approximately 90%) were invited to submit letters of interest

or cooperative agreement applications for participation in the Program. To date the Program has received 48 letters of interest and 10 cooperative agreement applications.

The Program has cooperative agreements in place with the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. The Program is currently reviewing cooperative agreement applications from several other tribes and hopes to make additional awards in the coming weeks.

**2. What were the results of the open solicitation?**

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The following table summarizes the status of communications with tribes:

Status	Number of Tribes with 90% of Fractionated Lands	All Locations
Cooperative Agreement Awarded	3	3
Cooperative Agreement Application Under Review	7	10
MOA in Progress	1	1
Letter of Interest	20	48
Other Communication with Program	5	16
No Contact	4	71
Other	0	1*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>150</b>

\* The Program is currently working with Makah which does not have a cooperative agreement.

**3. How will you ensure the land consolidation plan contemplated by the Cobell Settlement will be carried out effectively and efficiently?**

To help ensure the plan will be carried out effectively and efficiently, the Land Buy-Back Program coordinates at least biweekly with the Oversight Board. The Board is comprised of key Departmental leadership, including the Deputy Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, and the Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Interior recognizes the importance of this Program and is dedicated to help ensure its success.

Outside of the governance and leadership of the Program, the Program is focusing on identifying, documenting, and managing Program risks. Not identifying these risks early within the Program, and preparing appropriate mitigation plans, may hinder Interior's ability to manage this Program effectively. The Program is gaining significant efficiencies by automating and centralizing the land acquisition processes which involves the offer and deed printing, mailing, processing, and approval. To ensure that fractional interests are valued fairly, an independent-third party review of the planned appraisal methods has been completed by The Appraisal Foundation.

**4. Who within Interior has primary responsibility for the success of the Program?**

The Deputy Secretary and the Land Buy-Back Program Manager have primary responsibility for the success of the Program. However, these individuals are not the only individuals with a vested interest in the success of the Program. For example, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is investing personnel resources into the delivery of the Program's success, as they recognize the importance of this Program to their constituents. The Bureau of Land Management is actively supporting the Land Buy-Back Program and Oversight Board with the delivery of key Program requirements necessary for the purchase of fractionated interests. All Interior employees recognize the importance of this Settlement and its value and are actively working together to deliver these results.

**5. What is the difference between the role of the DC (Central Office) Tribal Relations Staff and the Acquisition Center Staff?**

The Buy-Back Program has a small team of tribal advisors dedicated to helping tribes plan and prepare for the Buy-Back Program on their reservations. These advisors respond to tribal inquiries, serve as a consistent point of contact for tribes, and provide tribal representatives with data and guidance needed to participate in the Program and the cooperative agreement process. In addition to managing the mailing and processing of the offer packages, the BIA Acquisitions Center performs pre- and post-offer outreach to individual landowners with purchasable interests, in coordination with other Interior offices and the tribe with jurisdiction. The Central Office and the BIA Acquisitions Center, as well as the other Interior offices involved such as the Office of Appraisal Services, coordinate and communicate extensively to respond to tribal needs and questions. In addition, the DC Central Office and the Acquisitions Center aim to work closely with the local BIA and OST staff agencies throughout the Program's implementation at a reservation.

**6. What has the Department done to address suggestions from tribal consultations and public comments?**

The Buy-Back Program, in conjunction with members of the Oversight Board, has conducted three tribal consultations with interested reservations to provide an overview the Settlement, introduce Buy-Back Program plans, and solicit feedback on strategies from Indian Country which can be used to drive Program performance. In addition, the Buy-Back Program has engaged with 20 tribes during one-on-one meetings to share the progress of the Program, receive feedback on progress thus far, and detail how Interior plans on further engaging and leveraging the skills and talents of tribal members.

Many of the factors we are using to sequence our engagement came directly from feedback from our consultations and discussion. Examples include:

- The Department will offer \$75 base payment to individuals;
- The Department has hired a cooperative agreement specialist position to help accelerate the cooperative agreement process and has made available job announcements for many other positions; and
- The Department has advertised a Performance, Evaluation, and Improvement position to help report information to tribes and continually identify and apply lessons learned.

Following nation-to-nation consultations with tribal leaders, the Department released an Updated Implementation Plan earlier this year that makes many adjustments and changes based on tribal input, most significantly expanding Program implementation beyond the Department's initial strategy to launch pilot efforts with less than a dozen tribes. This decision puts timing decisions and flexibility into the hands of each tribal government.

**7. How long does the Program plan to spend at each location?**

The Program plans to spend 18-24 months at each location; however, this timeframe may be adjusted. The goal is to be as efficient as possible, and we are looking for locations that can quickly utilize the purchase ceiling with minimal administrative costs. Tribes may work with the Department to determine an appropriate timeframe based on their individual needs while negotiating their cooperative agreements with the Buy-Back Program. Due to limitations on administrative costs as set forth by the Cobell Settlement Agreement, the Program cannot support a long-term presence at each location.

**8. What are the projected results of the Program?**

The Department's senior leadership is committed to ensuring successful implementation of the Program within the ten-year timeframe and has instituted a reporting and oversight structure commensurate with the Program's importance. The Department plans to implement the Program at the highly-fractionated locations during the early years of the Settlement, with a goal to expend a majority of the \$1.5 billion by the end of 2017.

**9. How does the Department plan to complete the Program in the ten-year timeframe?**

Tribal involvement, transparency, flexibility, timely decision-making, and ongoing communication throughout the life of the Program is critical to the success of the Program. The Program must also utilize efficient and cost effective systems and processes to operate the Program. The Department's senior leadership is committed to ensuring successful implementation of the Program within the ten-year timeframe, and has instituted a reporting and oversight structures commensurate with the Program's importance.

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**10. How much of the 15% administrative cost allotment does the DOI plan to use?**

We hope to use as little as possible, focusing available dollars toward land purchases to maximize the number of acres in tribal land bases to create the best chance for long-term benefits. At this point in time, it is difficult for the Buy-Back Program to project costs due to several factors, including:

- . The Program is working to establish cooperative agreements with tribes. These agreements will funnel administrative dollars through the tribes and will allow tribes to actively participate in a portion of the implementation activities at their reservations, as we expect that tribes will be able to help implement the Program most efficiently. Once these agreements are signed, the Department should have a better sense of the costs;
- . The Program does not know all of the tribal priority land acquisitions, nor the full cost to appraise these potentially complex tracts; and
- . The Department has never undertaken a land buy-back Program of this size and scope; the essential factor for Program success is dependent on the response rate from willing sellers. Response rates are difficult to predict at this point, and will determine the length that the Program will remain active at any given reservation.

**11. How many people is the Program planning on hiring?**

We current have 55 federal employees. We may hire up to 105 employees to administer the Program. 33 of the 55 positions are in BIA and OAS. BIA and OAS positions are subject to IP (all hires not necessarily Indian). [The 105 employee figure is based on a very early estimate. Moreover, contractor resources have been deployed, which may likely reduce this figure. For example, the TAAMS contractor will provide print, mail, scan services. Also, we may be able to utilize some of the existing OAS staff.]

**12. How much of the 15% administrative cost allotment has been spent?**

It has been critical for us to staff the Program with enough personnel to match the significant interest that we have received from Indian Country. Among staff that has been added to our headquarters team are three Tribal Relations Advisors, whose responsibility it is to be the day-to-day contact for tribal leaders as they navigate the Program, a Cooperative Agreement Specialist who is dedicated to moving expeditiously to complete these tribal-specific agreements, and additional staff to handle Appraisals and Acquisition.

Thus far, the Program has expended less than \$7 million (2%) of the overall implementation/ administrative portion of the fund for land consolidation efforts. In addition, through cooperative agreements, Program funding is available to the Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) of the Flathead Reservation, and the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

The Program has endeavored to be as efficient as possible in using the administrative funds to maximize the amount of funds available to purchase land interests. In calendar year 2013, administrative funds were spent on joint planning with tribes, cooperative agreements, staffing, and designing and laying out the strategy, methods, and key systems for this ten-year Program. Financial information about the Program will be available in public reports, including:

The Department of the Interior's FY14 Budget (available on the web at: <http://www.doi.gov/budget/index.cfm>);

<http://www.USASpending.gov>; and

The Department of the Interior's FY13 Agency Financial Report (available at: <http://www.doi.gov/pfm/afr/2013/index.cfm>).

**13. How has the Program benefitted by those expenditures?**

The Program has performed appraisals for hundreds of thousands of acres of trust land across Indian Country, which enables offers to be made to thousands of individual owners; entered into cooperative agreements; consolidated tribal trust lands resulting from thousands of interests voluntarily sold; and developed valuable geodatabases for current and future tribal use.

To meet the monumental task at hand and to respond to interest from tribes and landowners, the Program has hired a small and efficient team of staff members that work across the Department. Staff that have been added include the following: three Tribal Relations Advisors (TRAs), whose responsibility it is to be the day-to-day contact for tribal leaders as they navigate the Program, a Cooperative Agreement Specialist who is dedicated to moving expeditiously to complete and fund tribal-specific agreements, and additional staff to handle landowner questions, appraisals, and acquisitions.

The Program also established or improved the technical resources needed to facilitate Program activities and provided timely responses and payments to individual landowners. These include (but are not limited to):

- Buy-Back Program-specific Trust Asset and Accounting Management System (TAAMS) acquisition module;
- Automated acquisition process (printing, mailing, and scanning capabilities); and
- Expanded Trust Beneficiary Call Center support to answer individual landowner questions and register "willing sellers."

Importantly, administrative expenditures to date have allowed the Program to review, approve, and post funds to landowner accounts within an average of 7 days of receiving a complete, accepted offer package.

**14. How does the Department intend to ensure that there will be sufficient administrative funding available to last throughout the life of the Program?**

The Program intends to use as little of the Trust Land Consolidation Fund as possible for administrative/implementation costs (capped at 15% by the Settlement Agreement), focusing available dollars toward land purchases to maximize the number of acres in tribal land bases to create the best chance for long-term benefits. Our goal is to manage administrative expenses using efficient and cost effective systems and processes to operate the Program. For example, the

Program will minimize implementation costs by focusing on fractionated lands that are amenable to professionally-accepted mass appraisal methods. It also is using a concentrated staff specializing in the acquisition phase of the Program (creating and approving purchase offer packages). Moreover, the Program has automated and reduced the number of steps required for the acquisition process, consistent with the Indian Land Consolidation Act.

**15. Why is DOI using any of the 15% for their own costs – why aren't these being passed on to the tribes?**

The Department has an obligation to implement this Program and must be involved in key areas such as completing appraisals and updating land titles. That said, we are committed to returning as much of this money to Indian Country as possible. That is why we have diligently worked over the past several months, in consultation with tribal nations, to finalize the Cooperative Agreement template, which allows tribes to actively participate in the process, and improve the Program's effectiveness and efficiency while minimizing administrative costs. Agreements will allow for resources to be provided to each tribal government to facilitate outreach and education, solicit interest from owners, and further identify tribal priorities.

**16. Why is the Department limiting indirect costs?**

The Cobell Settlement limits the amount of funding that may be used for administrative expenses in order to maximize the amount available for purchase of fractional interests. The Department has considered tribal input and explored various options to determine which indirect costs might be charged to implement the Buy-Back Program. To help ensure that the Program limits its administrative expenditures, the Program will provide up to 15% for indirect costs. This indirect cost rate will apply to both internal partners and tribes. The Department believes that this is a reasonable accommodation of the needs of tribes to cover indirect administrative costs while remaining true to the provision of the Settlement that administrative costs be sharply limited.

**17. Why isn't the Department devoting Settlement funding or other resources to estate planning and existing probate cases in Indian Country?**

Under the terms of the authorizing legislation, the Program cannot use the Fund for estate planning purposes or for processing of probate. The Department understands the importance of completing probates as quickly as possible and has devoted significant resources to cleaning up the back logged probate cases. Probate continues to be a priority for the BIA. The Program is reviewing the possibility of "purchase at probate" to acquire purchasable interests, especially if these interests align with tribal priorities.

**18. How will the Department ensure that money is fairly allocated to tribes?**

The Program determined that allocation by reservation and the use of *flexible* purchase ceilings best enabled the Program to prioritize the most highly fractionated tracts, while also meeting the mandates of the legislation governing use of the Fund and the concerns expressed by tribal leaders.



**19. Can tribes request cooperative agreement funding now and invest the money allocated to their reservations in interest-bearing accounts?**

No. The Department has no authority to utilize, disperse, retain, or invest any portion of the Land Consolidation Fund in a manner inconsistent with the mandates of the Settlement.

**20. Can tribes request pre-award costs, reimbursement for past purchases or advance payments?**

*Pre-award costs.* The Cooperative Agreement Instructions note that pre-award costs, or costs that are incurred prior to the Cooperative Agreement, are not allowable without prior written approval of the Buy-Back Program. This is to ensure that tribes do not incur costs without the Program's knowledge with the expectation that these costs would be reimbursed. With more than 150 eligible tribes, such pre-award costs could quickly add up to a sizeable amount. In addition, accounting for pre-award expenditures would be far more difficult if the parameters were not first agreed upon by the Program and Tribe before such costs begin to be incurred. These and other factors are behind the establishment of this policy.

*Reimbursement for land purchases that have already occurred:* The Program's primary purpose is to consolidate existing fractioned trust or restricted land, and reimbursement of land purchases would not reduce existing fractionation. The Program looks forward to working with tribes on the successful consolidation of tribal land bases.

*Advance Payments.* Once a Tribe has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Department, a Tribe can request advance payments, as frequently as necessary, in compliance with the governing payment regulations detailed in 43 CFR 12.61.

**21. How will the Program account for money coming in and out of Department?**

The Department's senior leadership is committed to ensuring successful implementation of the Program within the ten-year timeframe and has instituted a reporting and oversight structures commensurate with the Program's importance. Outside of the governance and leadership of the Program, the Program is focusing on identifying, documenting, and managing Program elements. Our Office of Policy, Management and Budget has systems in place to track funds that have come into the Department, and we have worked to implement protocols to track dollars that are going out to individual landowners. The Program has also developed MOUs with Departmental Bureaus to implement key aspects of the Program (Valuation and Acquisition), and under these reimbursable support agreements the providers are required to track and account for all expenditures.

**BACKGROUND ON PROCESS:** The Buy-Back Program obligates funds equal to the offers constructed in TAAMS. Once the offers come back, TAAMS tells TFAS (Office of the Special Trustee's system) to deposit the funds in the persons IIM account. OST then IPACs the funds from the Buy-Back Program and the IPAC draws down from the originally obligated purchase ceiling funds. To determine purchase ceilings, the Department has applied a formula that considers three factors relevant to fractionation, including: the total number of purchasable fractional interests within a reservation; the number of fractionated tracts within a reservation; and the number of acres

related to those fractional interests. This formula establishes an initial, maximum amount of the Fund that could be used to purchase fractional interests within any one reservation.

## **APPRAISALS**

### **22. What tracts are purchasable?**

A purchasable tract for purposes of the Program is any tract held in trust or restricted status with two or more owners in which at least one of the owners has a purchasable interest per the Program's policies. The Program will not be purchasing life-estates, fee lands, public domain allotments, tribally-owned lands, nor interests owned by individuals that are non-compos mentis, minors, or whereabouts unknown (WAU) unless located. While appraisal staff does intend to appraise as many tracts through mass appraisal as possible, the appraisal staff does not determine which tracts are purchasable. The Program actively encourages tribes to provide their acquisition priorities.

### **23. Are all the appraisals for the Buy-Back Program completed?**

No. The appraisals will be completed as close to the offer date as can be reasonably managed for each location. The appraisal completion dates will vary for each reservation depending on the scheduling and sequencing. Appraisals are complete at three locations (Pine Ridge, Rosebud and Makah) and are in progress at a number of other locations including Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation (CSKT), Gila River, Northern Cheyenne and Crow.

### **24. What is the "shelf life" of the Fair Market Value for tracts?**

Because continual reassessment of market values is not feasible, given the Program's limited timeframe and limited administrative funds, the Program is establishing an administrative appraisal validity period of up to nine months from the date of valuation. Each offer will explicitly identify the appraisal date, and the owner can obtain information about how the fair market value was assessed at that time. If the owner believes the appraisal is out of date, the owner could simply refuse to sell.

For administrative efficiency, establishing this range enables timely implementation at each reservation, in light of the time restrictions imposed on the Program, while setting a date upon which property values must be reevaluated if market conditions warrant such a review (note, if the market is static, then the market values may still be used). Because Indian landowners must pay the amount the Secretary paid for fractional interests, the shelf life is not a limitation to co-owner purchases. The cost to update an appraisal may be warranted if there is a sufficient number of willing sellers identified. More information on the Program's appraisal methodology, including the Program's Valuation Plan and the Appraisal Foundation's report, can be found online at <http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/appraisals.cfm>.

### **25. Is the Fair Market Value the same for each tract in which owners have interested?**

The Fair Market Value may be the same or different for each tract, depending on a variety of factors, including land use, the location, acreage, access, and local market conditions. There is a high probability the value will be the same, but each property is unique and may have a different value.

**26. Will mineral and timber rights be included in the valuation? What is the Department doing to address improvements for fractionated lands?**

Yes, if there are mineral or timber rights associated with a property, they will be included in the valuation process. However, these rights may have very small or no contributory value if there are no minerals or timber present or if there is no market for the minerals or timber.

Interior's Office of Minerals Evaluation is focused on assessing and analyzing the geology for each reservation to determine if more detailed analysis is required. For those situations where the mineral rights have a very small or no contributory value, a payment of \$7.50 per acre will be included in with the total value of the land specifically to account for the conveyance of the mineral rights. The Program will not make separate purchase offers on surface and mineral interests separately because such purchases would not fully reduce fractionation. Purchases that would not reduce fractionation would not fulfill the intentions of the Indian Land Consolidation Act, nor would they fulfill the purpose of the Buy-Back Program as outlined in the Cobell Settlement Agreement.

As a general rule, the Department considers permanent improvements, such as buildings, to be non-trust-property. There may be circumstances, however, where improvements to property have a material effect on the highest and best use of a fractionated tract. Where the appraiser determines that improvements have changed the highest and best use and there are not sufficient like properties to allow for mass appraisal, such properties may not be included in mass appraisal but will be set aside for consideration – depending upon tribal priorities and availability of funding – for a site-specific appraisal. Improved properties have unique complexities that will increase both time and costs for appraisals. The Program will focus on un-improved properties pending identification and consideration of tribal priorities.

**27. Will buildings and improvements be included in the valuation?**

As a general rule, the Department considers permanent improvements, such as buildings, to be non-trust-property. There may be circumstances, however, where improvements to property have a material effect on the highest and best use of a fractionated tract. Where the appraiser determines that improvements have changed the highest and best use and there are not sufficient like properties to allow for mass appraisal, such properties may not be included in mass appraisal but will be set aside for consideration – depending upon tribal priorities and availability of funding – for a site-specific appraisal.

**28. Why is the Program using mass appraisal techniques?**

The breadth, scale, limited funding, and limited life span of the Program necessitates the use of mass appraisal methods where appropriate. Such use will result in greater efficiency and consistency in valuations, enabling the Program to value many acres simultaneously. It will also assist in ensuring effective, efficient, and expeditious use of the Fund, and reduces the risk of being required to return

some portion of the Fund to the Treasury.

The Program will use market studies or mass appraisal techniques to appraise homogeneous, non-complex, vacant lands that have comparable land sales available. In many highly fractionated Indian ownership areas, it is common to have agricultural properties that are similar in use and have active/consistent markets or comparable sales data that the Department can use in its appraisals. The Program will use the mass appraisal approach in these situations as appropriate. The Program will not use mass appraisals for commercial or other lands within urbanized zones where greater variation may exist.

All appraisal methods used by the Department will conform to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). To ensure that the valuation methods and techniques meet industry standards, the Department also obtained a third-party review of its valuation techniques from The Appraisal Foundation.

**29. Why is the Department conducting mass appraisals prior to determining the level of landowner interest?**

The breadth, scale, limited funding, and bounded life span of the Program necessitate the use of mass appraisal methods where appropriate. The Department intends to implement the Program fairly and equitably, moving quickly to reach as much of Indian Country as possible during this ten-year period. Mass appraisal is an efficient way to quickly determine fair market value for a significant number of fractionated tracts, which maximizes the number of owners that can receive payment for the interests that they voluntarily decide to sell for immediate restoration to tribes. As a result, the Buy-Back Program has begun to conduct mass appraisals at some locations. This process has been independently reviewed by The Appraisal Foundation (TAF), the nation's foremost authority on appraisal standards and qualifications, and the Program has adopted the recommendations made by TAF.

**30. In what instances would land interests be unsuitable for mass valuation techniques?**

Mass appraisals are most appropriate when all of the parcels appraised are of consistent/similar in nature, which would include 1) all parcels are vacant or have similar improvements, 2) all parcels are located within a relatively homogeneous geographical area, 3) all parcels have the same, or a similar, highest and best use, 4) the most relevant method of valuation is the same for all parcels, and 5) the same array of market sale data will be relied on in the valuation of each parcel.

Therefore, mass appraisals are not appropriate when the parcels are not consistent/similar in nature (not homogeneous), parcels are not vacant or do not have similar improvements, parcels are not located in a homogeneous geographical area, the highest and best of each parcel vastly differ, the method of valuation is not same for all parcels, and multiple sets of market sale data will be relied on in the valuation of each parcel requiring separate analysis thus separate appraisals.

**31. How will you appraise reservations with complex oil and gas development (c.g., Ft. Berthold and Ft. Peck)?**

Those locations will pose a challenge because the valuations would likely be time-consuming and expensive. Also, owners on these reservations may not be inclined to sell if they are receiving sizable royalty checks each month. Careful planning of tribal priorities and the identification of willing sellers will probably be necessary.

**32. Can the Program use the Montana Statewide Market Analysis (MSMA) prepared for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to offer fair market value for individuals in Montana?**

The Department's valuation professionals from the Office of Valuation Services (OVS) and the Office of Appraisal Services (OAS) have determined that the Statewide Market Analysis was not prepared as an "appraisal" under Standards 1 and 2 of the Uniform Standard of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), but, rather, as a "consulting assignment" under Standard 4. The DOI valuation staff further concluded that the scope of work under which the MSMA was prepared is not sufficient to meet the required scope of work for the Buy-Back Program and questioned whether the MSMA meets the relevant requirements of USPAP for Buy-Back Program purposes.

Even though the MSMA cannot serve as a means for the Buy-Back Program to offer individuals fair market value for their fractionated interests, we have reached out to USDA and to the appraiser involved with the MSMA to discuss how the MSMA might be modified under a scope of work specific to the Buy-Back Program so that at least the MSMA land sales data might be used in appraisals for the Buy-Back Program. This dialogue may lead to some of the information in the MSMA being used by the Buy-Back Program for appraisal efforts with the Blackfeet Nation and other tribal nations.

**NOTE, SENATOR TESTER ASKED THIS QUESTION IN A LETTER TO PROGRAM MANAGER. WE CALLED HIS STAFF TO LET THEM KNOW WE WERE LOOKING INTO THE MATTTTER.**

**WE HAVE NOT COMMUNICATED THE ABOVE ANSWER TO THE TRIBE YET, SO BEST COURSE OF ACTION MAY BE TO SAY WE WILL BE TALKING WITH THE TRIBE ABOUT THE MATTER TO GET ITS VIEWS BEFORE WE FINALIZE OUR POSITION.**

**33. What if an owner disagrees with the value stated in the appraisal or has questions about it?**

Landowners will not be able to negotiate the fair market value of their land, as included in the offer packages. Due to the 10-year administrative time and cost constraints as set forth by the Cobell Settlement Agreement, the Program does not have the time or resources to negotiate each sale price. If an owner disagrees with the amount offered for the sale of their interests, they may decline to sell. Additionally, individuals can sell some of their interests but keep others. Individuals may also contact the Call Center (1-888-678-6836) with questions or concerns about their purchase offers.

**SCHEDULING**

**34. Why have so few purchases to date?**

The Department has made purchase offers at three locations as of March 2014. Interior continues to focus on establishing the necessary building blocks of Program success, communicating and consulting with Indian Country, and preparing detailed implementation plans designed to lay out key actions and considerations critical to Program success.

- **Tribal consultations:** Interior has conducted three tribal consultations to provide an overview the Settlement, introduce Buy-Back Program plans, and solicit feedback on strategies from Indian Country which can be used to drive Program performance.
- **Valuation plan approval:** Given the importance of valuations to the overall success of the Buy-Back Program, the Department sought review of its Valuation Plan by The Appraisal Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan organization authorized by Congress to issue and update national appraiser qualifications and appraisal standards, such as the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP). The Appraisal Foundation undertook a thorough review of the Valuation Plan, including the mass appraisal approach. The Appraisal Foundation has determined that the Valuation Plan is appropriate for a project of the magnitude and scale of the Buy-Back Program, and the Program adopted all of the recommendations of the Foundation.
- **Ongoing tribal communications/one-on-one meetings:** The Program has been in contact with 50 fractionated locations and engaged with 20 tribes during one-on-one meetings to share the progress of the Program, receive feedback on progress, detail how Interior plans on further engaging and leveraging the skills and talents of tribal members, and begin the cooperative agreement and outreach processes.
- **Moving forward more efficiently and effectively:** Although this first year has been focused on building blocks, we anticipate a faster implementation for next year. We now have cooperative agreement templates and guidance available on our website, which our consultation with tribal nations has helped guide. We have consistently said that our goal for the Program is to start sending offers to purchase fractional interests by the end of 2013, and the Program is confident that it will meet that goal. This is a Program that will not be implemented overnight, but we will be thorough and take the time to tailor opportunities for the benefit of each nation and flexibility will be necessary to quickly leverage experience gained.

**35. How will the Department determine the order of locations?**

Tribal acquisition priorities are vitally important to achieving a fundamental goal of the Program, which is to strengthen tribal sovereignty and promote consolidated trust land bases for conservation, stewardship, and beneficial use by sovereign tribal nations. The Department put much of the sequencing in the hands of tribal nations, issuing an open solicitation period through March 14, 2014, during which tribes with jurisdiction over the most fractionated locations (approximately 90%) were invited to submit letters of interest or cooperative agreement applications for participation in the Program.

Implementation decisions will also rely on a number of factors, such as:

- . severity of fractionation
- . degree of ownership overlap between tracts;
- . geographic location to maximize efficiency and resources;
- . appraisal complexity;
- . overall readiness of the tribe as indicated by their cooperative agreement application
- . Number of owners who have demonstrated an interest in selling fractional interests;
- and
- . Cost and time efficiency.

The Program is currently evaluating tribal submissions in response to the open solicitation period and intends to provide a response in the coming weeks that includes estimated schedule information.

### **36. How were the initial tribes chosen?**

Following its consultations, the Department identified key criteria that would help develop a schedule for acquisitions based on a number of factors, including the severity of fractionation, degree of ownership overlap between tracts, geographic location to maximize efficiency and resources, appraisal complexity, and readiness or availability of resources. Using these criteria, the Department began discussions with a small group of tribes for implementation during the Program's first year. The tribes in this initial group reflected a diversity of reservations with severely fractionated lands ranging across the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain Region. We also began discussions with tribes that had a much smaller number of fractionated tracts, such as the Makah Indian Tribe. One of the goals of this first year was to develop efficiencies and best practices for the Program, and land research, valuation work, and outreach efforts have begun at several locations.

However, a key piece to the administration of the Program is the development of cooperative agreements with tribal governments. These allow tribes to have the opportunity to actively participate in the process, which will improve the Program's effectiveness and efficiency while minimizing administrative costs. Agreements will allow for resources to be provided to each tribal government to facilitate outreach and education, solicit interest from owners, and further identify tribal priorities. In November 2013, the Department announced an open solicitation period through March 14, 2014, during which tribes with jurisdiction over the most fractionated locations (approximately 90 percent) were invited to submit letters of interest or cooperative agreement applications for participation in the Program. Interior is currently evaluation tribal submissions in response to the open solicitation period and intends to provide a response in the coming weeks that includes estimated schedule information.

### **37. When will tribes get answers about where they are in the sequencing?**

The Department plans to contact each tribe within 24 months of Program activity at the tribes' reservation.

The Department issued an open solicitation period through March 14, 2014, during which tribes with jurisdiction over the most fractionated locations (approximately 90%) were invited to submit letters of interest or cooperative agreement applications for participation in the Program. Program staff are currently working with tribes to determine their sequencing preference and priorities. Implementation decisions will also rely on a number of factors, such as the severity of fractionation; degree of ownership overlap between tracts; geographic location to maximize efficiency and resources; appraisal complexity; and overall readiness of the tribe as indicated by their cooperative agreement application.

The Program has made public a number of steps that tribal nations can take now to prepare for involvement in the Buy-Back Program. These steps include increasing owner awareness of the value and benefits of participation in the Program and designating an authorized tribal point of contact to engage with the Program.

**38. When can tribes expect to obtain Reservation-wide maps?**

The Buy-Back Program Mapping Team, led by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), will provide participating tribes with geodatabases of foundational parcel and boundary information for their reservations' lands. The information contained in the geodatabases will be derived from Federal databases such as BLM's Public Land Survey System (PLSS) and TAAMS. These Federal databases contain information from the official records and documents.

BLM has established a file transfer site that tribes can access to acquire these databases. Once the tribe has provided an authorized point of contact and the information is uploaded to the file transfer site, the tribe will be contacted by the BLM with a password to access its information. These geodatabases can be a valuable tool for tribal planning and other purposes beyond the Program.

**39. How many more cooperative agreements do you expect to enter into and when do you expect to enter into them?**

We are working with nearly a dozen tribes on cooperative agreements, and hope to complete additional agreements in the coming weeks. Agreements will allow for resources to be provided to each tribal government to facilitate outreach and education, solicit interest from owners, and further identify tribal priorities- which is a critical piece. The Department currently has cooperative agreements with three tribes (Pine Ridge, Northern Cheyenne, Salish and Kootenai) and received letters of interest and/applications from 58 tribes. The open solicitation increased tribal engagement among the most fractionated locations; the Buy-Back Program has now engaged with 36 of the tribes with jurisdiction over the most fractionated locations. Of the 152 eligible locations, 79 have had contact with the Program.

**40. Why does it take so long to enter into cooperative agreements?**

Tribal involvement, transparency, flexibility, timely decision-making and ongoing communication throughout the life of the Program is critical to the success of the Program. The Department is entering into cooperative agreements that are flexible and responsive to the specific needs of the nation involved. This type of tailored Program has taken some time. Agreements will allow for resources to be provided to each tribal government to facilitate outreach and education, solicit



interest from owners, and further identify tribal priorities. The identification of tribal priorities – which is a critical piece – has taken significant time as we work in cooperation with tribal leadership. We need to be smart about managing the available resources of tribal communities and the federal government, while developing flexible processes for each cooperative agreement. This is a Program that will not be implemented overnight, but we will be thorough and take the time to tailor opportunities for the benefit of each nation.

**41. Why is the cooperative agreement process so complex?**

In response to tribal feedback, the Buy-Back Program has recently revised key cooperative agreement documents to clarify and ease the application process for tribes. The changes to these documents reflect tribal input and can be found on the Program's website. The Program also conducted a webinar on February 28, 2014, to provide information about the application process.

The Program has worked diligently to facilitate and expand tribal involvement in land consolidation efforts, in part by hiring key staff dedicated to those goals. It is also striving for a cooperative agreement process that is as streamlined as possible, while still meeting all Federal and Departmental regulations and requirements associated with the awarding of any financial assistance. These requirements, such as filling out the mandatory SF-424 Application for Federal Financial Assistance forms and complying with the applicable procurement regulations and cost principles, apply to all financial assistance awards, including grants, unless statutorily exempted. Many tribes receive grants from or have cooperative agreements with other federal agencies and should be familiar with the applicable rules, policies, and forms.

**42. Will the Program provide technical assistance to tribes regarding cooperative agreements?**

Yes, the Program has added staff members that are available to work closely with tribes to plan for the Program and develop cooperative agreement applications.

**43. Why doesn't Interior consider the model P.L. 93-638 contract or Self Determination Act for tribal participation?**

Both the Cobell Settlement and the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 require the Program to be conducted in accordance with the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25 U.S.C. 2201 et seq.) (ILCA). Under ILCA, the provisions of P.L. 93-638 do not apply to the agreements that the Buy-Back Program may enter with tribal governments. See 25 U.S.C. 2216. However, the Department strongly supports self-determination and tribal involvement and thus intends to enter into cooperative agreements with interested tribes to support Program implementation. The regulations being used by the Program are generally applicable, meaning that tribes should already be familiar with them to the extent that they receive grants or cooperative agreements from other Federal agencies. The Program is striving to improve the flexibility of the cooperative agreement process for the Buy-Back Program and will remain open to specific suggestions and ideas.

**44. Have you received any letters of intent?**

Yes, we are working with a less fractionated location (Makah) that provided a letter and tribal resolution regarding participation in the Program (no cooperative agreement has been necessary). To date, three tribes have determined not to seek cooperative agreements as no financial support is requested (Makah, Gila River, Saginaw Chippewa).

**45. Will the Cooperative Agreements be funded from the administrative (15% portion) of the Fund?**

Yes.

**46. Are you using the purchase ceiling concept for the less fractionated locations?**

Yes, although we have not published a table with those ceilings we are using a similar approach. At this point, we are unable to guarantee that the Program will be able to make purchases at all locations.

**47. Are reservations not included in the 90% taking a backseat to the larger tribes?**

Outreach and tribal engagement will continue with the tribes that represent the locations with the remaining 10% of fractionated lands, and flexible purchase ceilings will be used to protect against the risk of premature exhaustion of the available funds. The Program has made public a number of steps that tribal nations can take now to prepare for involvement in the Buy-Back Program. These steps include increasing owner awareness of the value and benefits of participation in the Program and designating an authorized tribal point of contact to engage with the Program.

**48. How are reservation purchase ceilings determined?**

To maximize the number of reservations participating in the Buy-Back Program, the Department will use initial purchase ceilings at each reservation where the Buy-Back Program is active. In particular, the Department will apply a formula that considers three factors relevant to fractionation, including: the total number of purchasable fractional interests within a reservation; the number of fractionated tracts within a reservation; and the number of acres related to those fractional interests. This formula establishes an initial, maximum amount of the Fund that could be used to purchase fractional interests within any one reservation. The purchase ceilings are considered flexible and the Department will work closely with tribes as appropriate.

**PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

**49. Describe what has been done over the last year in terms of building infrastructure to get things ready.**

The Program began sending offers in late 2013. Prior to that time, Interior focused on establishing the necessary building blocks of Program success, communicating and consulting with Indian Country, and preparing detailed implementation plans designed to lay out key actions and

considerations critical to Program success.

- **Tribal Consultations:** Interior has conducted three tribal consultations to provide an overview the Settlement, introduce Buy-Back Program plans, and solicit feedback on strategies from Indian Country which can be used to drive Program performance.
- **Ongoing Tribal Communications/One-on-One Meetings:** The Program has been in contact with 50 fractionated locations and engaged with 20 tribes during one-on-one meetings to share the progress of the Program, receive feedback on progress, detail how Interior plans on further engaging and leveraging the skills and talents of tribal members, and begin the cooperative agreement and outreach processes.
- **Program Staffing:** It has been critical for us to staff the Program with enough personnel to match the significant interest that we have received from Indian Country. Among staff that has been added to our headquarters team are three Tribal Relations Advisors, whose responsibility it is to be the day-to-day contact for tribal leaders as they navigate the Program, a Cooperative Agreement Specialist who is dedicated to moving expeditiously to complete these tribal-specific agreements, and additional staff to handle Appraisals and Acquisition. An Acquisitions Director and a Deputy Director for Valuations are other key personnel that we have brought on board to help implement this massive effort.
- **Departmental Support:** BIA and OST are investing personnel resources into the delivery of the Program's success, as they recognize the importance of this Program to their constituents. BLM is actively supporting the Land Buy-Back Program and Oversight Board with mapping services for the purchase of fractionated interests. All Interior employees recognize the importance of this Settlement and its value and are actively working together to deliver these results.
- **Implementation Plans:** In December 2012, Interior published an Initial Implementation Plan for the Program. The Department indicated at that time that it intended for the Plan to be flexible and continually updated to reflect lessons-learned, best practices, and tribal involvement. Following nation-to-nation consultations with tribal leaders, the Program released an Updated Implementation Plan in November 2013, which responds to comments received during nation-to-nation consultations from January to March 2013; provides updated information on Program processes; and outlines an expanded process of Program implementation across Indian Country. The move to engage a significant amount of tribal governments expands on the Department's initial plan to launch pilot efforts with less than a dozen tribes, allows for a greater amount of engagement across Indian Country, and provides more flexibility and transparency for tribal governments.
- **Cooperative Agreements:** The Program currently has three cooperative agreements in place (Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Northern Cheyenne). Such cooperative agreements allow the Program to achieve success working collaboratively with tribes and tribal staff in consolidating fractionated lands.

50. Will every eligible landowner receive an offer?

The Department cannot guarantee that it will be able to purchase all tribal priorities given its financial and authorized operational constraints (e.g., inability to purchase fee lands) and because individual owners may decide not to sell their interests; however, it will actively consult with tribes to identify tribal acquisition priorities and accommodate those priorities to the fullest extent possible.

**51. What are the criteria for purchase of a tract?**

The Buy-Back Program will send offers to as many individuals as possible considering various factors, such as:

- Tribal Priority Tracts
- Level of Fractionated ownership
- Tract Values
- Interested/Willing Sellers

There is no fixed formula. The purchase factors and associated values/rates will be different for each reservation. The Buy-Back Program will continuously analyze and adjust the purchase factors during the time it spends at each reservation to obtain the most benefit for both the willing seller and the tribe.

**52. Can co-owners purchase fractional interests from the Department?**

In the event that a co-owner would like to acquire interests in the same tract which have already been purchased under the Buy-Back Program, they have a right to do so for the same amount the Department paid for the interests. Co-owners interested in purchasing acquired interests are being directed to contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center. Upon request, a list of interests purchased and the associated amount paid will be provided. Co-owners will have 30 days from receipt of this list to submit payment for the interests acquired by the Department.

**53. How much will individuals get for selling their fractional interests?**

Willing sellers will receive fair market value for their interests they choose to sell. The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) - Office of Appraisal Services (OAS) will conduct an appraisal to determine the fair market value for each tract of land that meets the criteria for purchase by the Program. The value of specific fractional interests will be based on the interest's proportion to the whole tract.

If there are mineral or timber rights associated with a property, they will be included in the valuation process. For those situations where mineral rights have a very small or no contributory value, a payment of \$7.50 per acre will be included in with the total value of the land specifically to account for the conveyance of the mineral rights.

In addition, the Buy-Back Program will provide landowners with a base payment of \$75 per offer, regardless of the value of the land, based on estimates for the time and effort required for individual landowners to proceed through the acquisition process and to facilitate sales.

**54. Will the Department purchase fee interests?**

Because the Settlement resolves claims of individual Indian account holders, the Fund will be focused on paying those individuals fair market value for fractional interests in trust or restricted land that they are willing to sell. The Department will not purchase fee interests in trust or restricted land.

While the Program will not purchase fee interests, some tribes are focusing tribal efforts on buying fee interests while the Program purchases fractional interests for immediate transfer to tribal trust ownership.

**55. Can any meaningful Reservation land consolidation occur without the purchase and acquisition of fee interests?**

Yes. Consistent with the terms of the Cobell Settlement Agreement, the Buy-Back Program will only acquire trust and restricted fee status lands for consolidation (see Settlement Agreement F(2)). Tribal leaders have said that individual Indians need to receive the benefit of the available funding through fair market value payments. There is great potential to impact Indian Country by focusing on fractional interests in trust land. Across Indian Country, more than 245,000 individual Indian landowners have nearly 3 million fractional interests on 150 reservations. It is also important to consider that land consolidation priorities vary among tribal communities. Some tribes are looking to consolidate thousands of acres of trust land. For others, the consolidation of as little as 10 acres has the ability to create meaningful change.

While the Program will not purchase fee interests, some tribes are focusing tribal efforts on buying fee interests while the Program purchases fractional interests for immediate restoration transfer to tribal trust ownership.

**56. What are the changes in Table 1 of the Updated Implementation Plan?**

Table 1 in the Updated Implementation Plan lists the fractionated reservations that comprise a great majority of the initial purchase ceilings, which are calculated using three data points from the TAAMS module – tracts, interests, and acres. As a result of corrections and continual updates to TAAMS data during the time between the publication of the Updated Implementation Plan and Initial Implementation Plan, there are a few minor differences between the two versions of Table 1. These differences in the data may be attributable to processing of probate, increases in the number of heirs, or recording of additional fractionated tracts, among other factors.

Note: The Updated Implementation Plan used September 2013 TAAMS data; the Initial Implementation Plan used December 2012 TAAMS data.

Included below is a summary of the changes to Table 1 in the Updated Implementation Plan:

- Muscogee (Creek) was ranked 36 in the Initial Implementation Plan but is ranked 29 in the Updated Implementation Plan. This is due to Muscogee (Creek) adding additional

fractionated tracts into TAAMS that were unaccounted for when the data was collected for the Initial Implementation Plan.

- Minnesota Chippewa was ranked 17 in the Initial Implementation Plan and Minnesota Chippewa - Fond du Lac Band is ranked 33 in the Updated Implementation Plan. The Buy-Back Program separated the purchase ceilings of the six bands of the Minnesota Chippewa tribe. The Fond du Lac Band is the only Minnesota Chippewa Band to be ranked in the most fractionated list.

- The following locations moved up one spot:

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| ◦ Rosebud            | ◦ Crow Creek        |
| ◦ Quinault           | ◦ Ute               |
| ◦ Spirit Lake        | ◦ Yankton           |
| ◦ Chickasaw Nation   | ◦ Northern Cheyenne |
| ◦ Winnebago          | ◦ Lower Brule       |
| ◦ Cheyenne & Arapaho | ◦ Umatilla          |
| ◦ Salt River         |                     |

- The following locations moved down one spot:

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|--------------|----------------|
| ◦ Gila River | ◦ Ponca        |
| ◦ Nez Perce  | ◦ Washoe Tribe |

**57. What is the status of tribes having access to Trust Asset and Accounting Management System (TAAMS) to implement the Program?**

Currently, the most efficient and productive way for tribes to acquire the pertinent data in TAAMS is to request and acquire the data from the Program. The Program can provide tribes with the necessary TAAMS data following the tribes' requests, which will significantly ease potential issues such as various infrastructure costs, security clearances, and implementation delays that would likely occur with issuing TAAMS access on reservations. Interior has implemented a file transfer site through BLM that enables large data files to be shared with registered users. Usernames and passwords are provided to tribally designated points of contact, so that they can view or download data reports derived from TAAMS, as well as other data files, like GIS databases that work with TAAMS data.

**BACKGROUND:** Under ILCA, we may share owner name and address information, so long as we have a written request. There are other potential data sharing issues that we are working through. E.g., can we share appraisal information for a fractionated tract? Does the answer change if the tribe already has an ownership interest? Can we share whether a person has told Interior they are interested in selling their interest (Willing Seller)? We are working to update the SORN (System of Records Notices), which may address some of these issues. SOL suggested that we provide public notification through a SORN amendment for TAAMS in order to provide willing seller information that the Buy-Back Program would like to provide tribes and possibly other tract interest owners. The SORN is currently being updated and in review with BIA. Finalization of the update could be within

the next 2-4 weeks.

**58. Some tribes have expressed concern as to why tribes are not being allowed to administer the Buy-Back Program. Can tribes seek and thus get approval to administer the Buy-Back Program?**

The Department has an obligation to implement this Program and must be involved in key areas such as completing appraisals and updating land titles. That said, we are committed to returning as much of this money to Indian Country as possible. That is why we have diligently worked over the past several months, in consultation with tribal nations, to finalize the Cooperative Agreement template and guidance materials – cooperative agreements allow tribes to actively participate in the process, and improve the Program's effectiveness and efficiency while minimizing administrative costs. Agreements will allow for resources to be provided to each tribal government to facilitate outreach and education, solicit interest from owners, and further identify tribal priorities.

**59. Can this request to administer the Buy-Back Program be placed in the cooperative agreements? Is this a contractible activity?**

Tribes can receive administrative funds via cooperative agreements to perform different phases of implementation, such as outreach, land research, and valuations. Tribes may seek to participate in and support all phases of Program implementation at their reservations, subject to meeting criteria for compliance with standards recommended by The Appraisal Foundation, timeliness and cost-effectiveness which are particularly critical for timely valuation of parcels. The cooperative agreement document allows tribes to actively participate in the Program's implementation and improve the Program's effectiveness and efficiency while minimizing administrative costs. Agreements will allow for resources to be provided to each tribal government to facilitate outreach and education, solicit interest from owners, and further identify tribal priorities.

**60. What is the difference between what the Feds are doing and what the tribes can do to administer the Buy-Back Program? As you know, some tribes have been running their own Buy-Back Program for a while. What pieces of what some tribes have been doing can be incorporated?**

While the Department has an obligation to implement the land consolidation Program, tribes can still participate in phases of implementation, such as outreach, land research, and appraisals. The acquisition component is fairly automated for the Program, but tribes can perform outreach during this phase to educate land owners about the offers. Tribal experience with their own land acquisition Programs will be helpful on a number of levels, such as sharing land data between the Program and the tribe and outreach.

**61. What other information is being made available to tribes?**

An internal data exchange process has been developed to coordinate the collection of available information within the Department to provide to tribes. Several tribes, such as Pine Ridge, N. Cheyenne, Salish, and Crow have received data packages. As data collection is completed, the packages will be provided to tribes in a timely manner.

The information currently being packaged and shared is as follows:

- Geodatabase - BLM
- Mapbooks
- OMF Executive Summary of Mineral Assessment and Market Analysis
- Tract Listing for Tribal Priority Designation worksheet - BIA

We are also preparing to share owner name and address data once a written request is received.

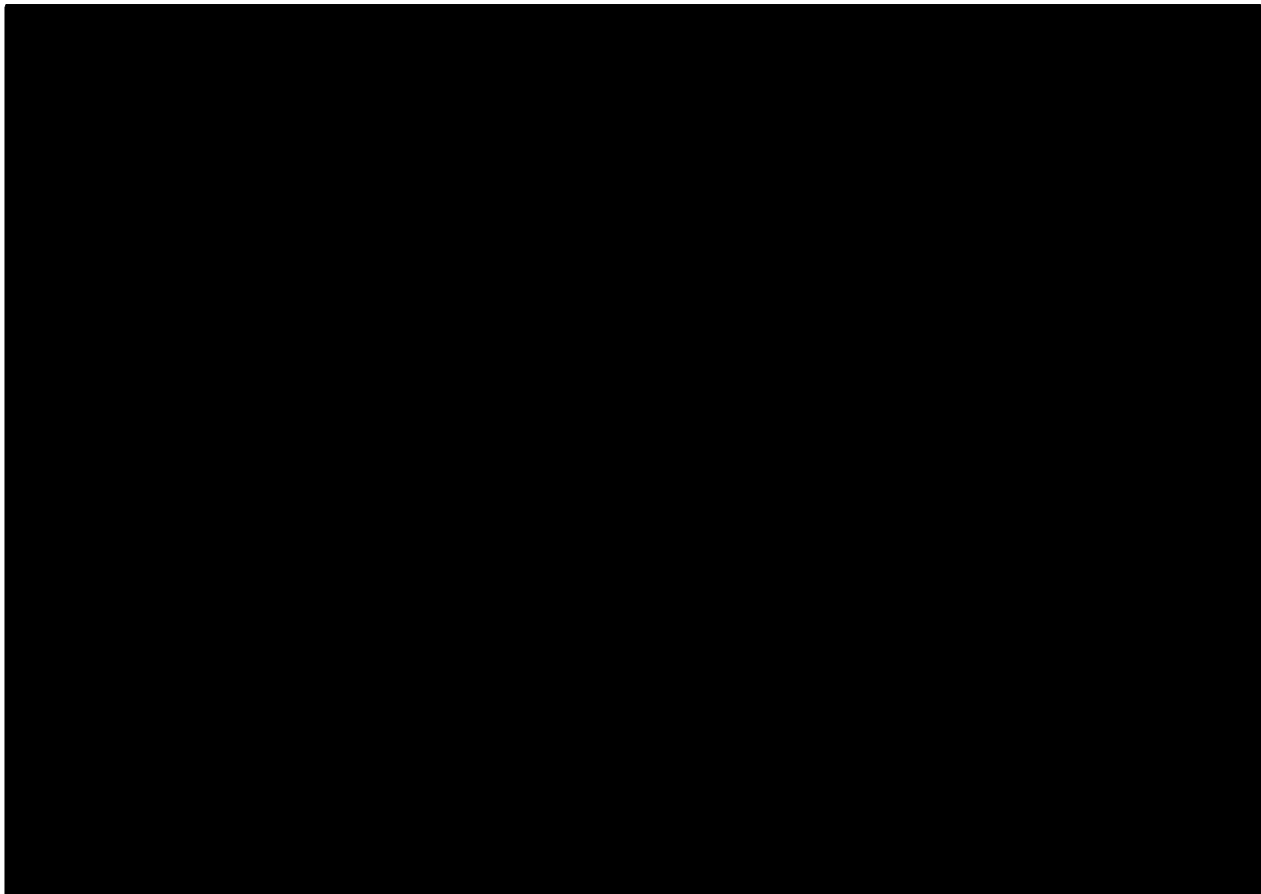


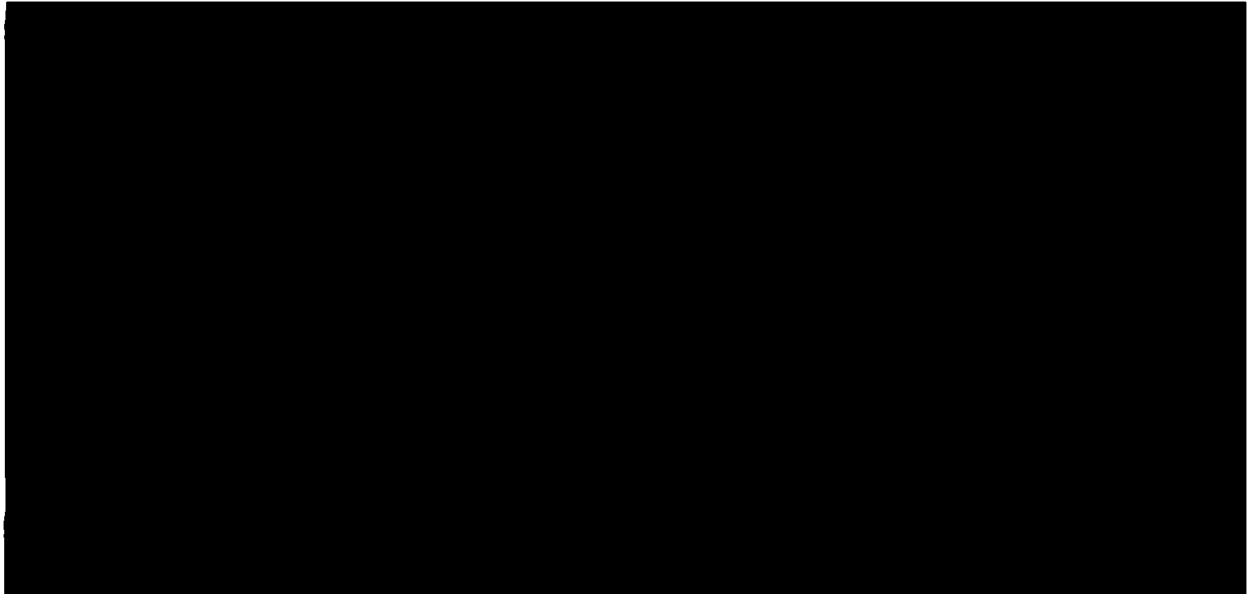
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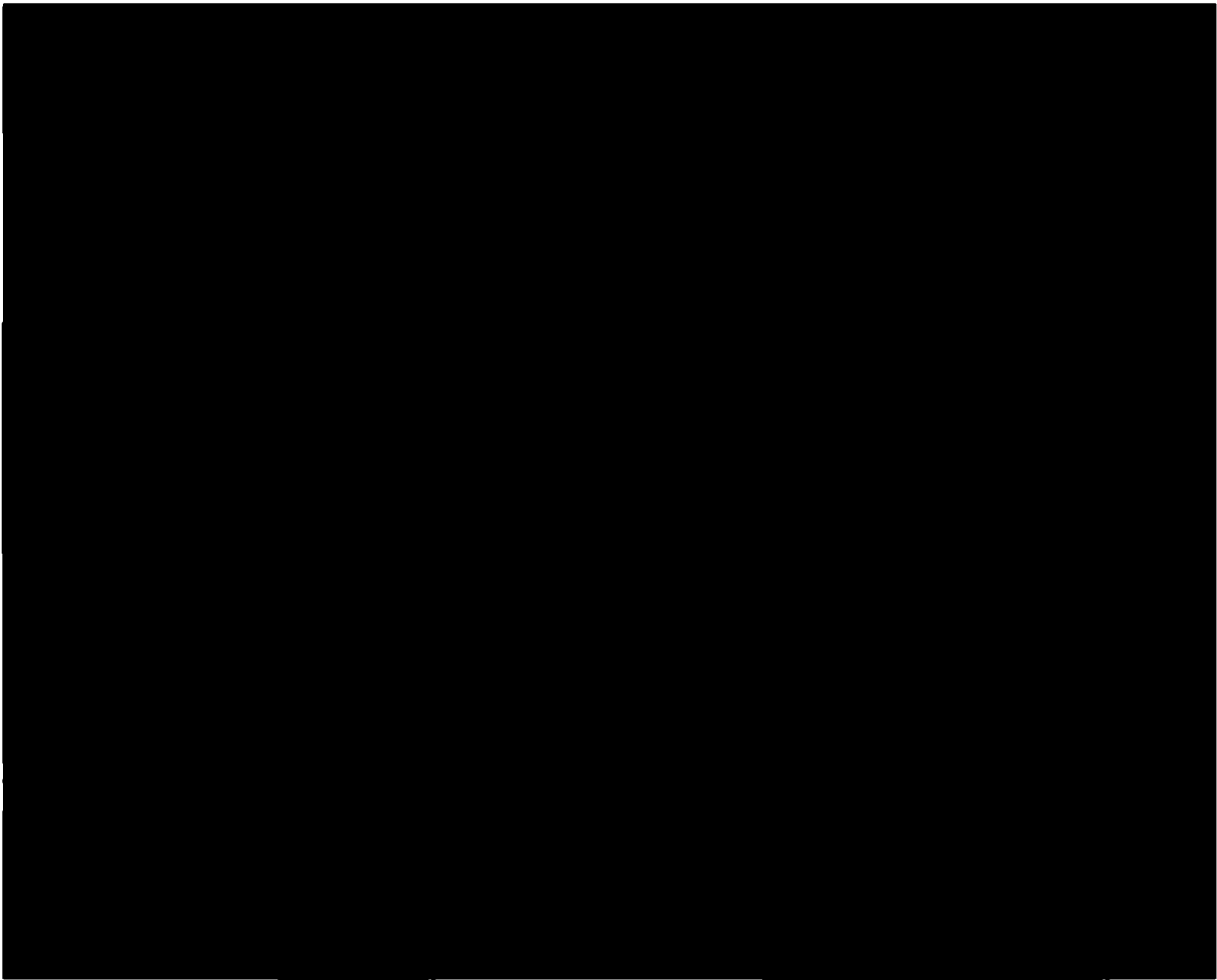
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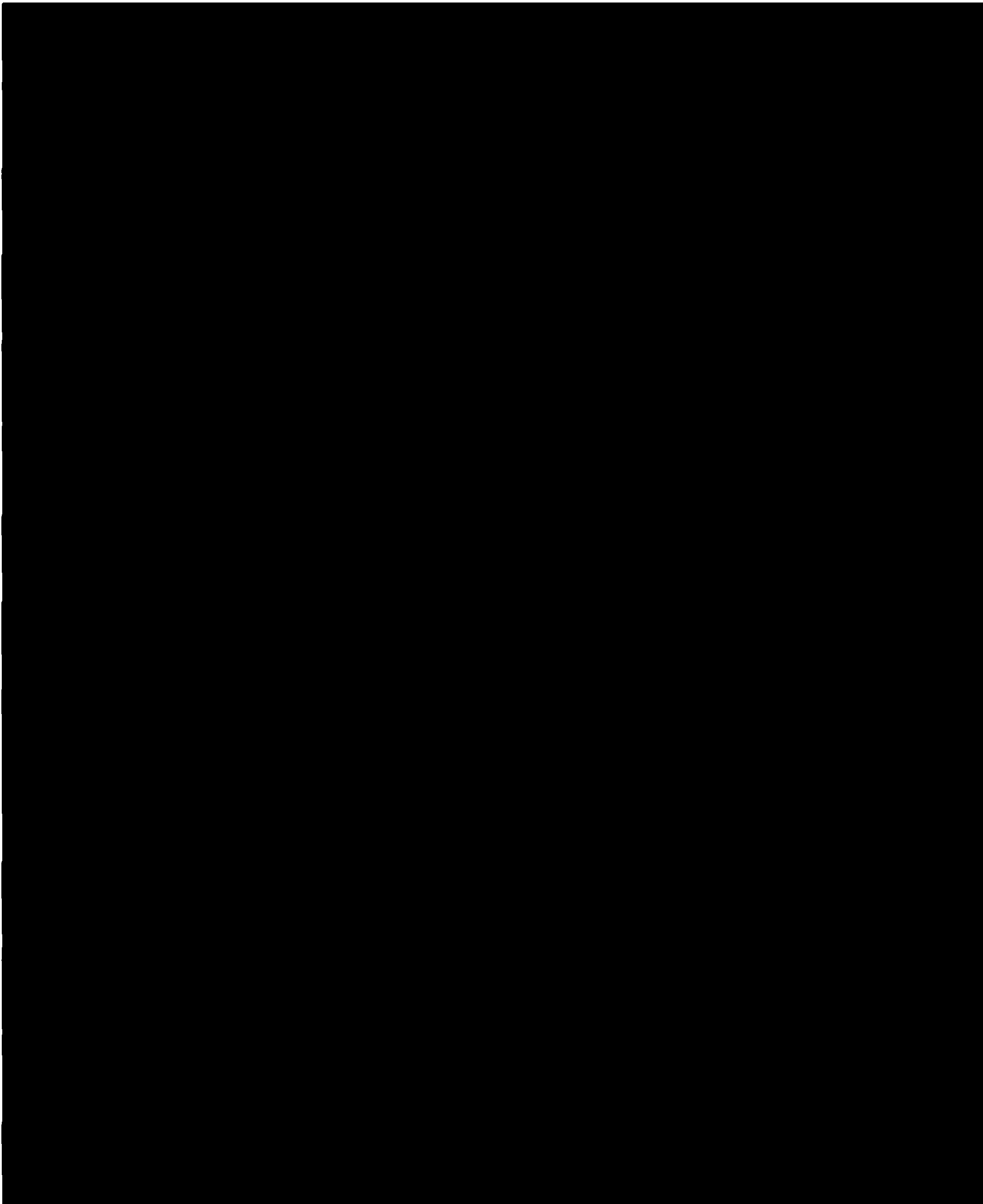
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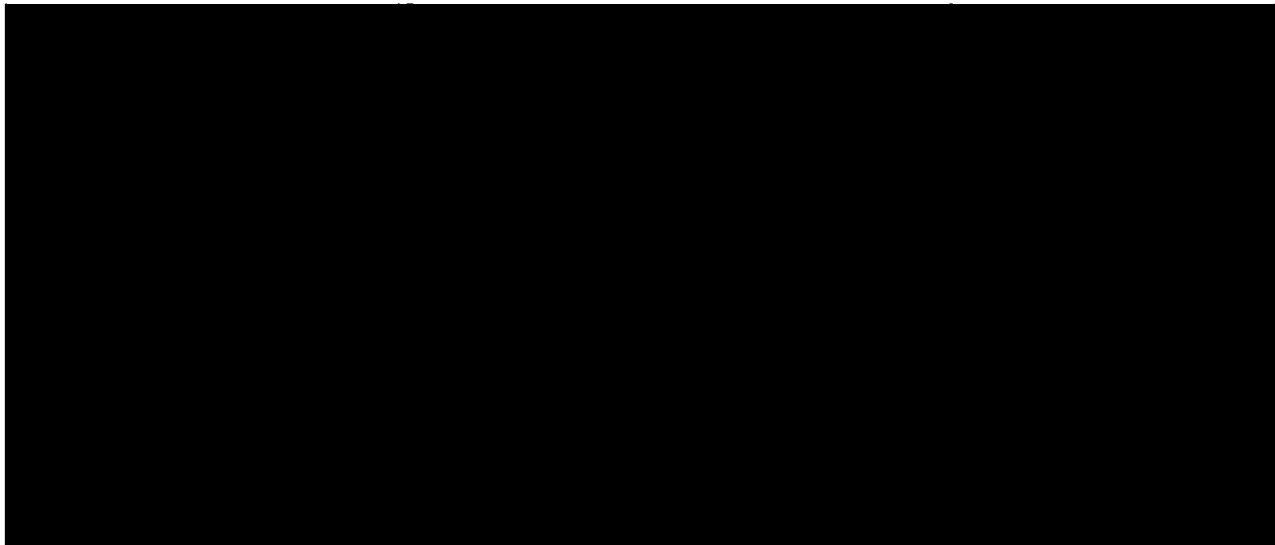




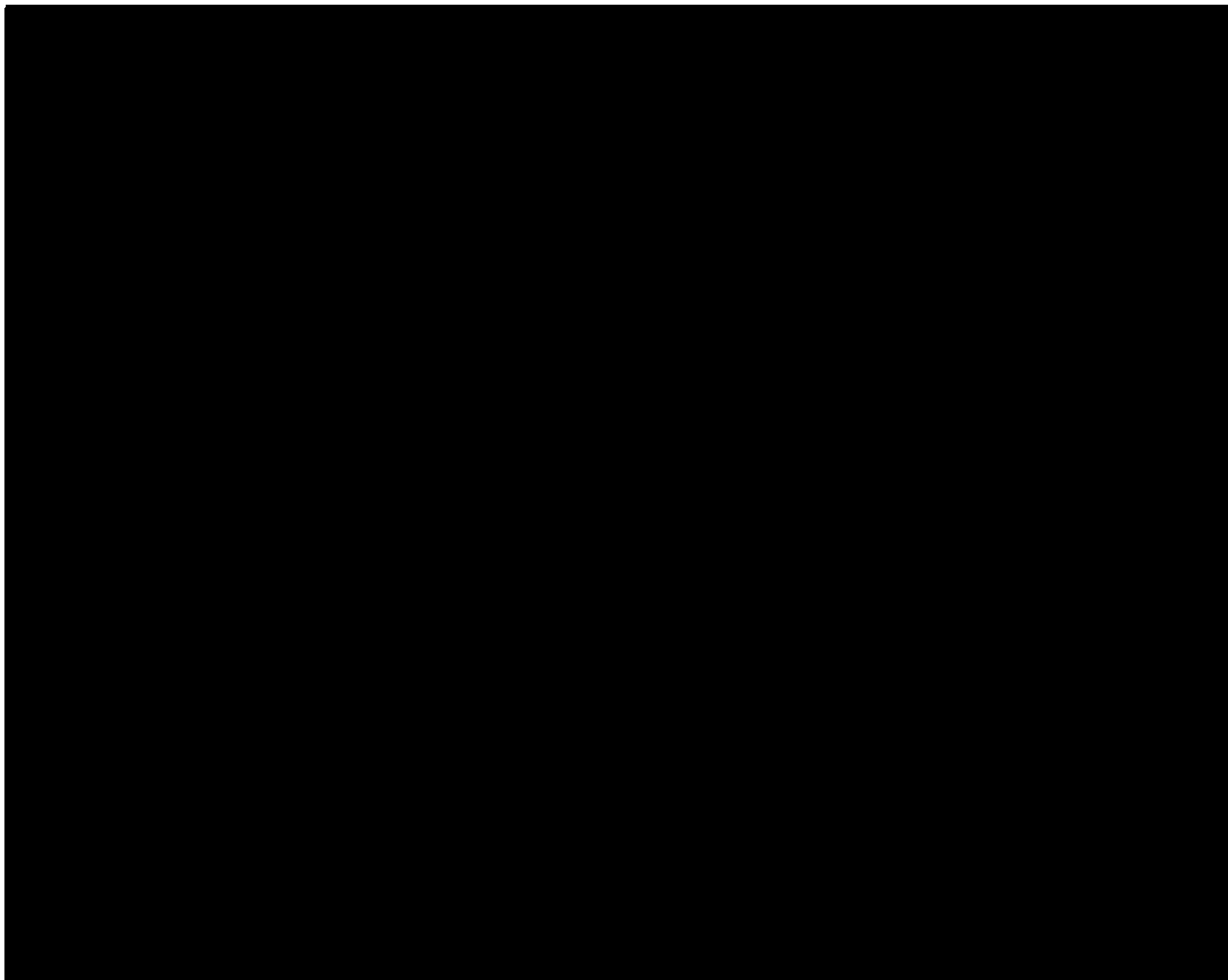
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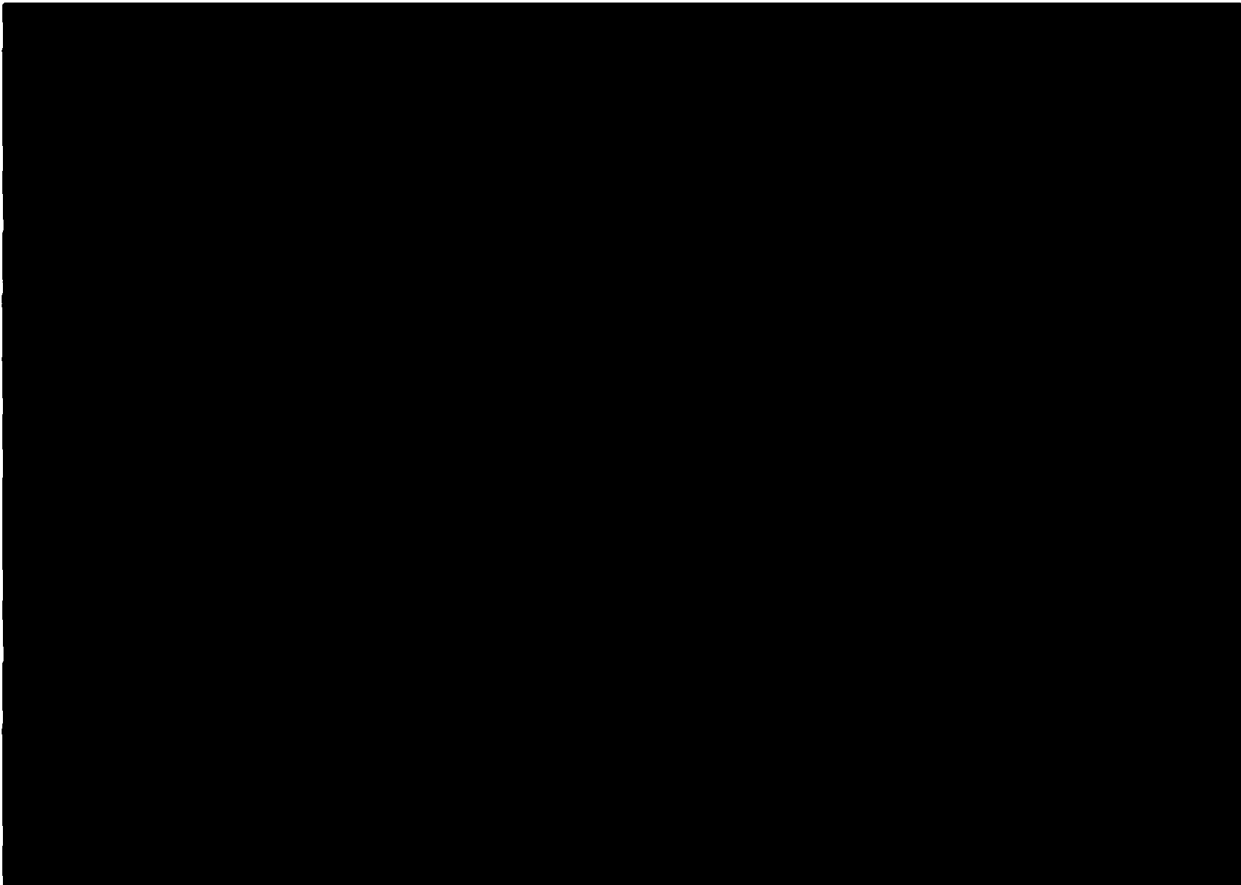






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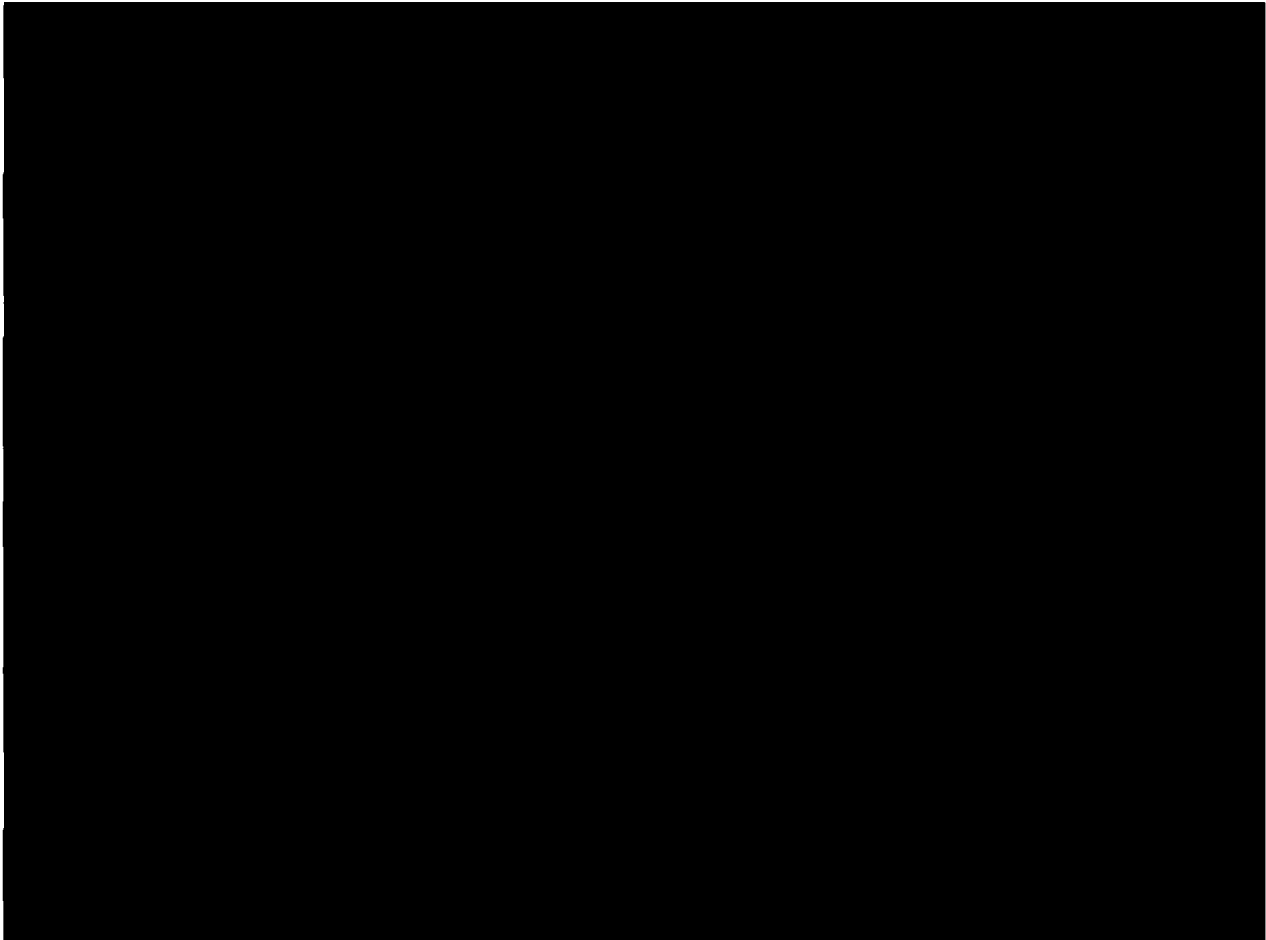


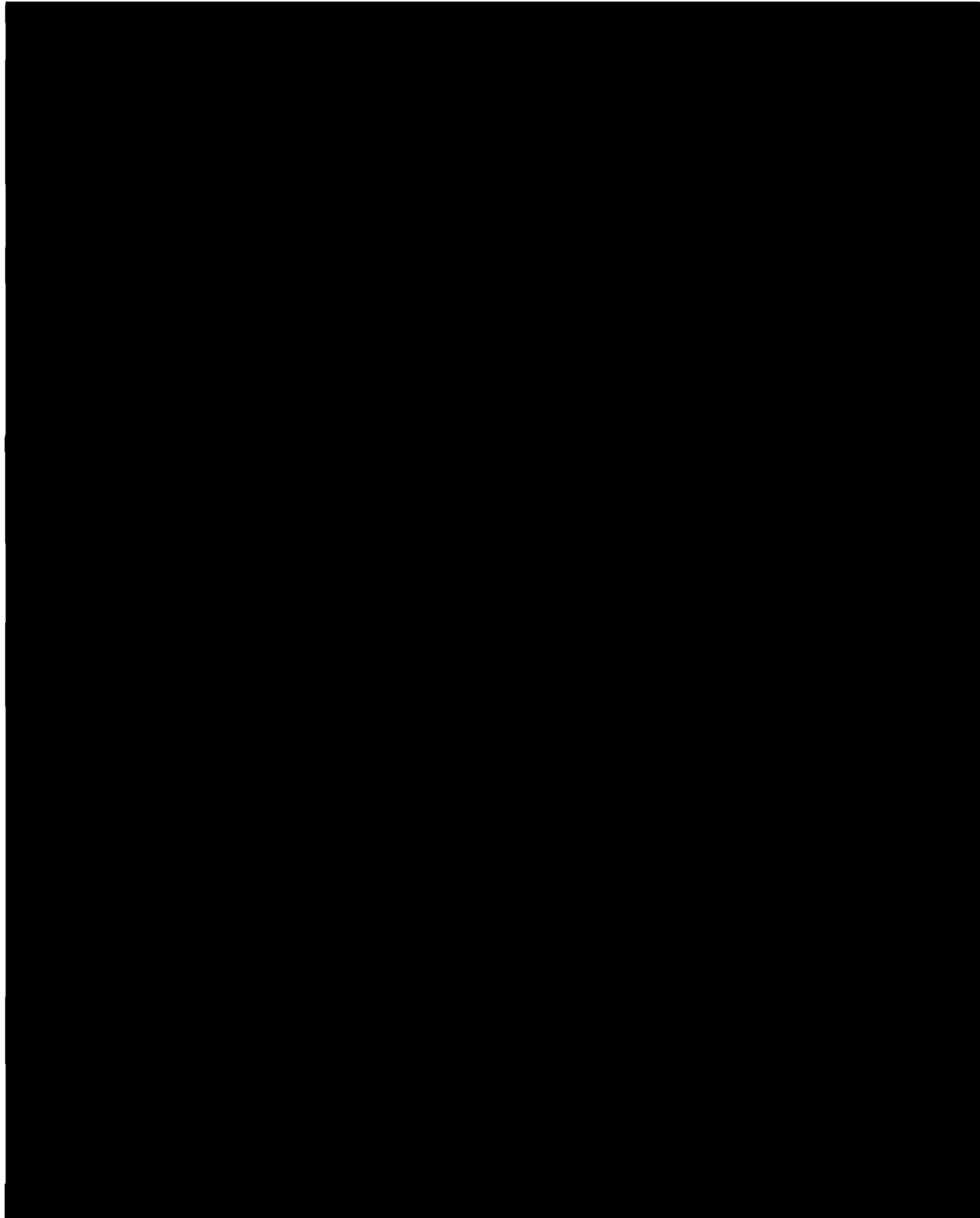
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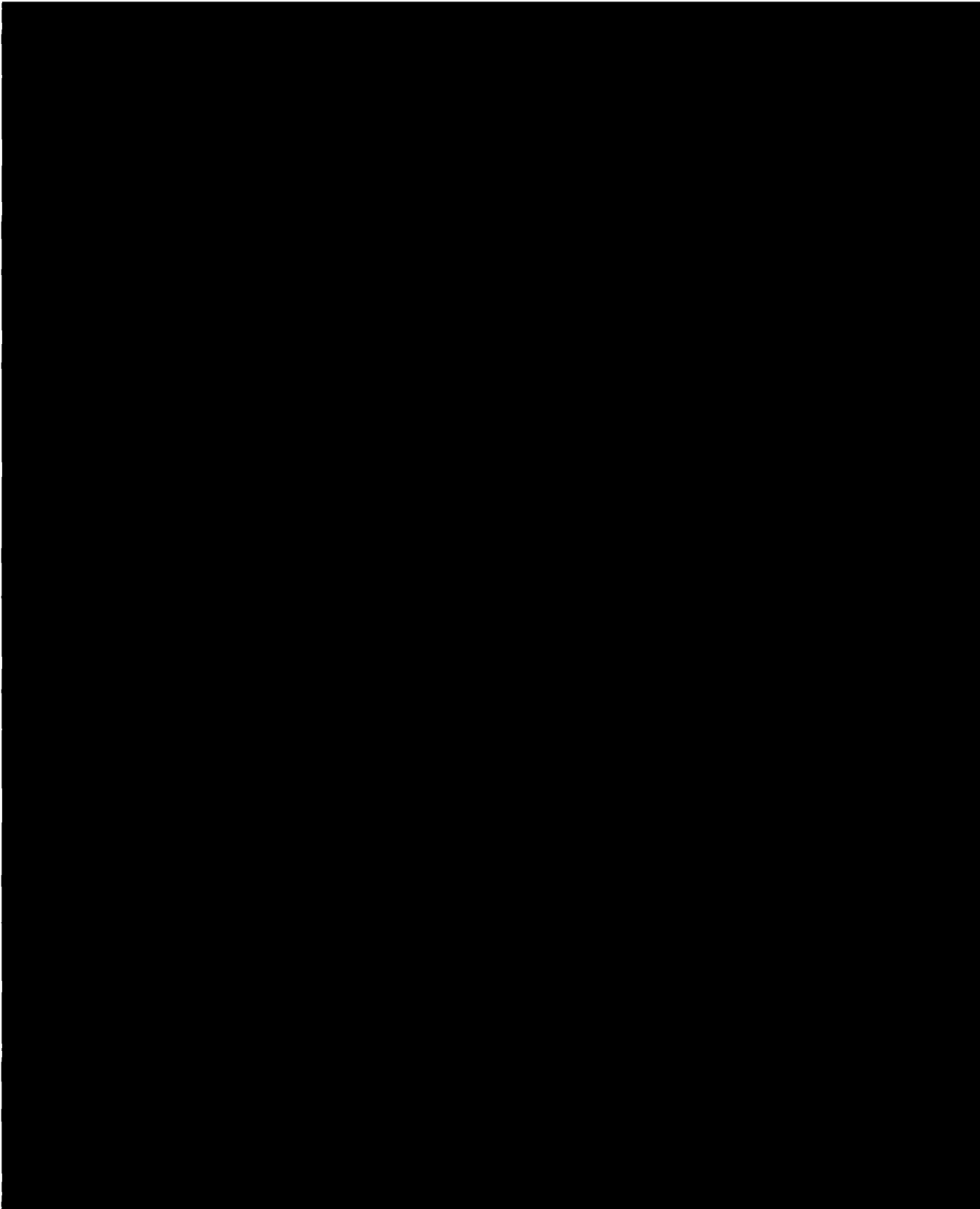
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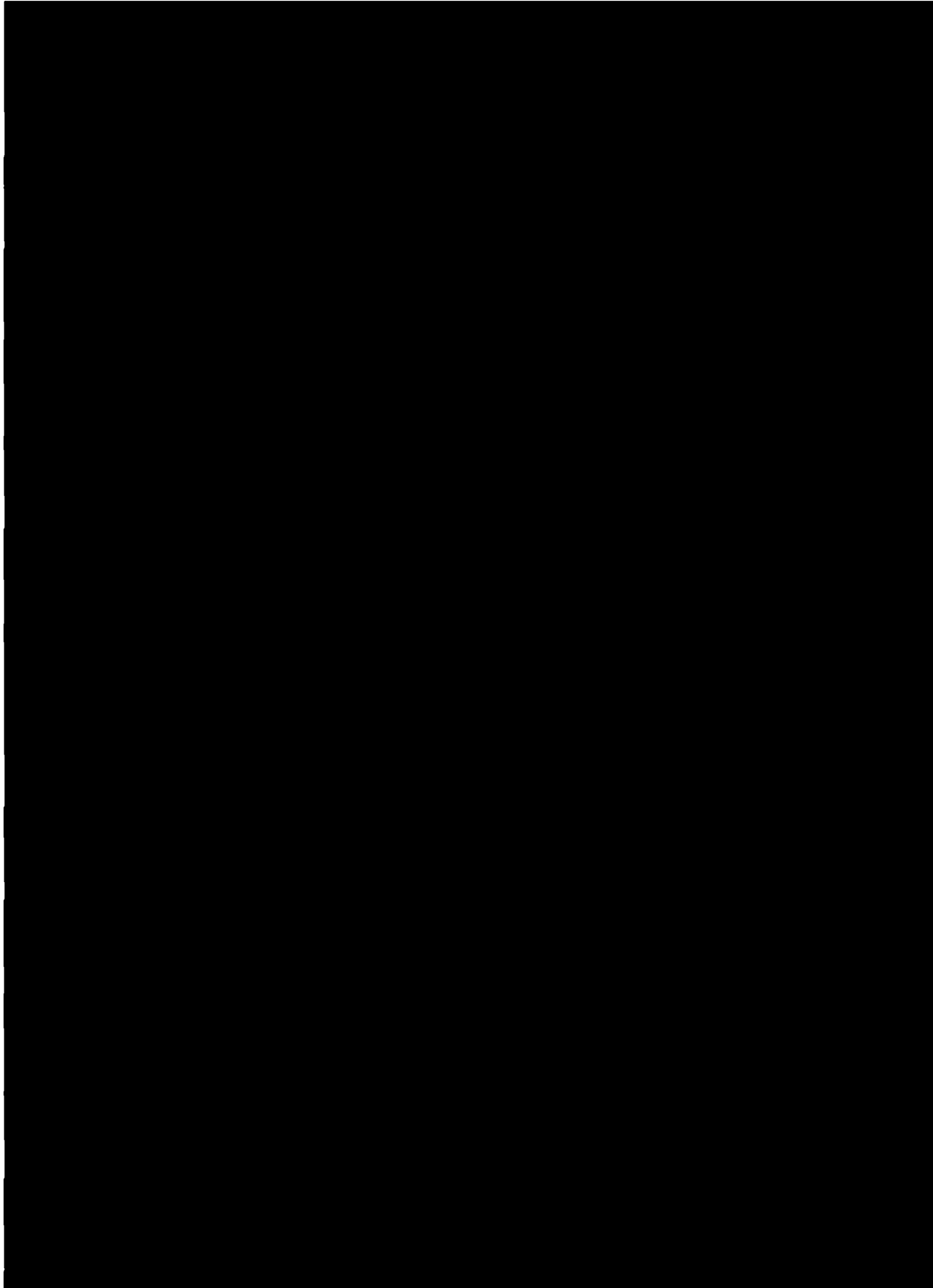


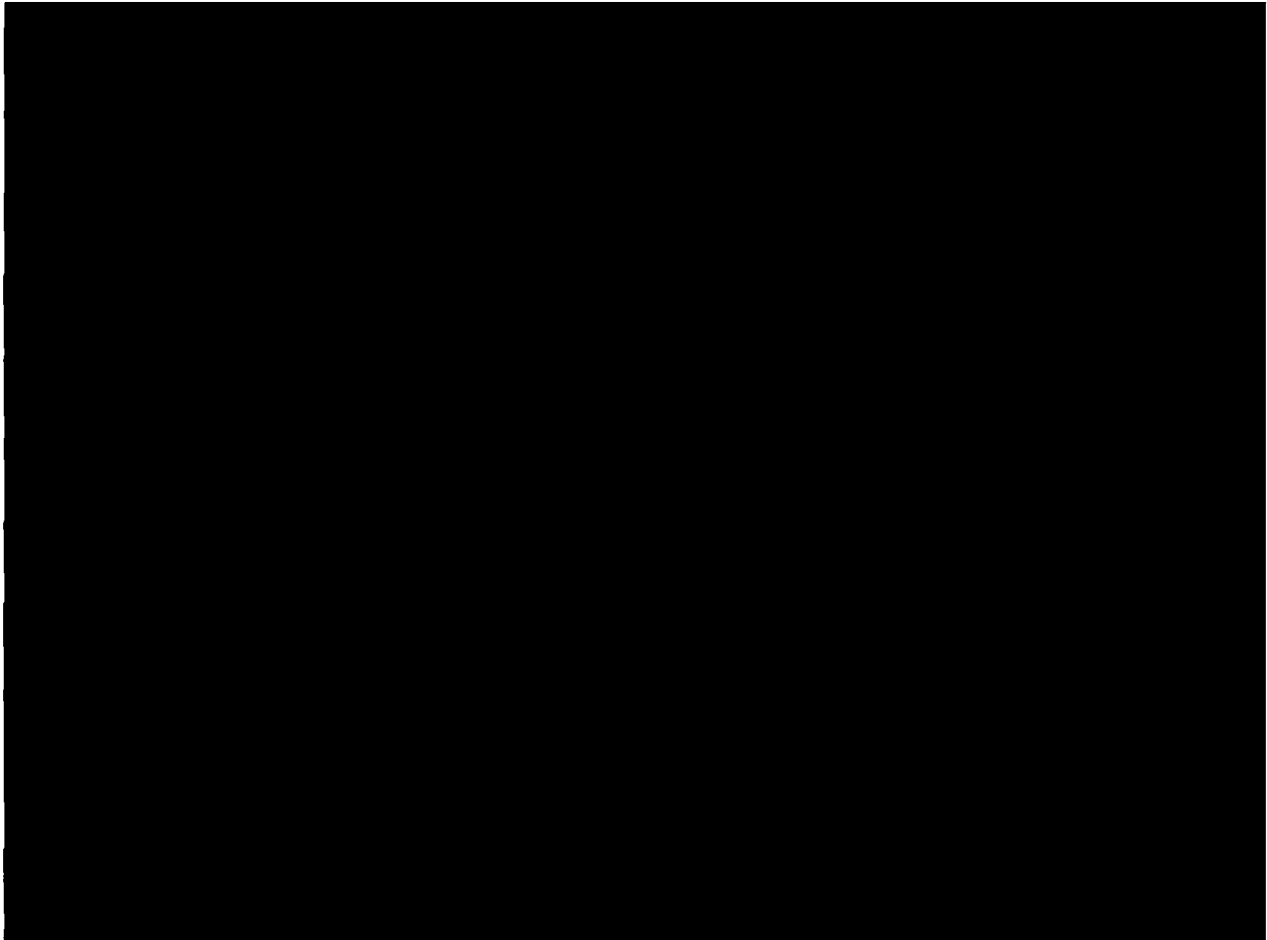


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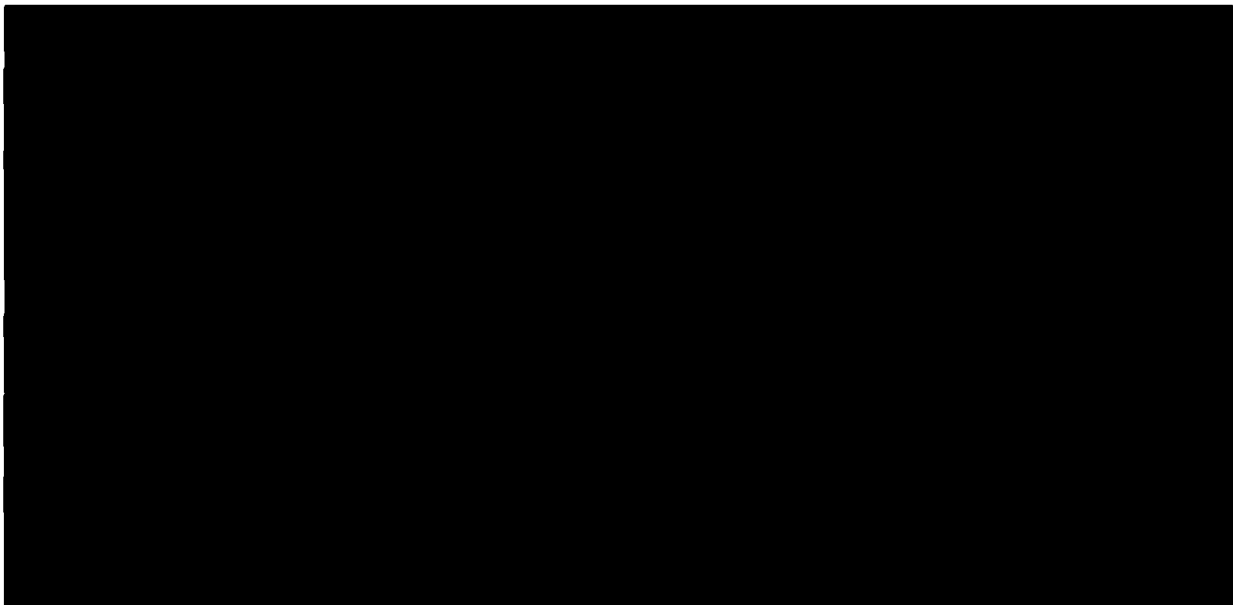


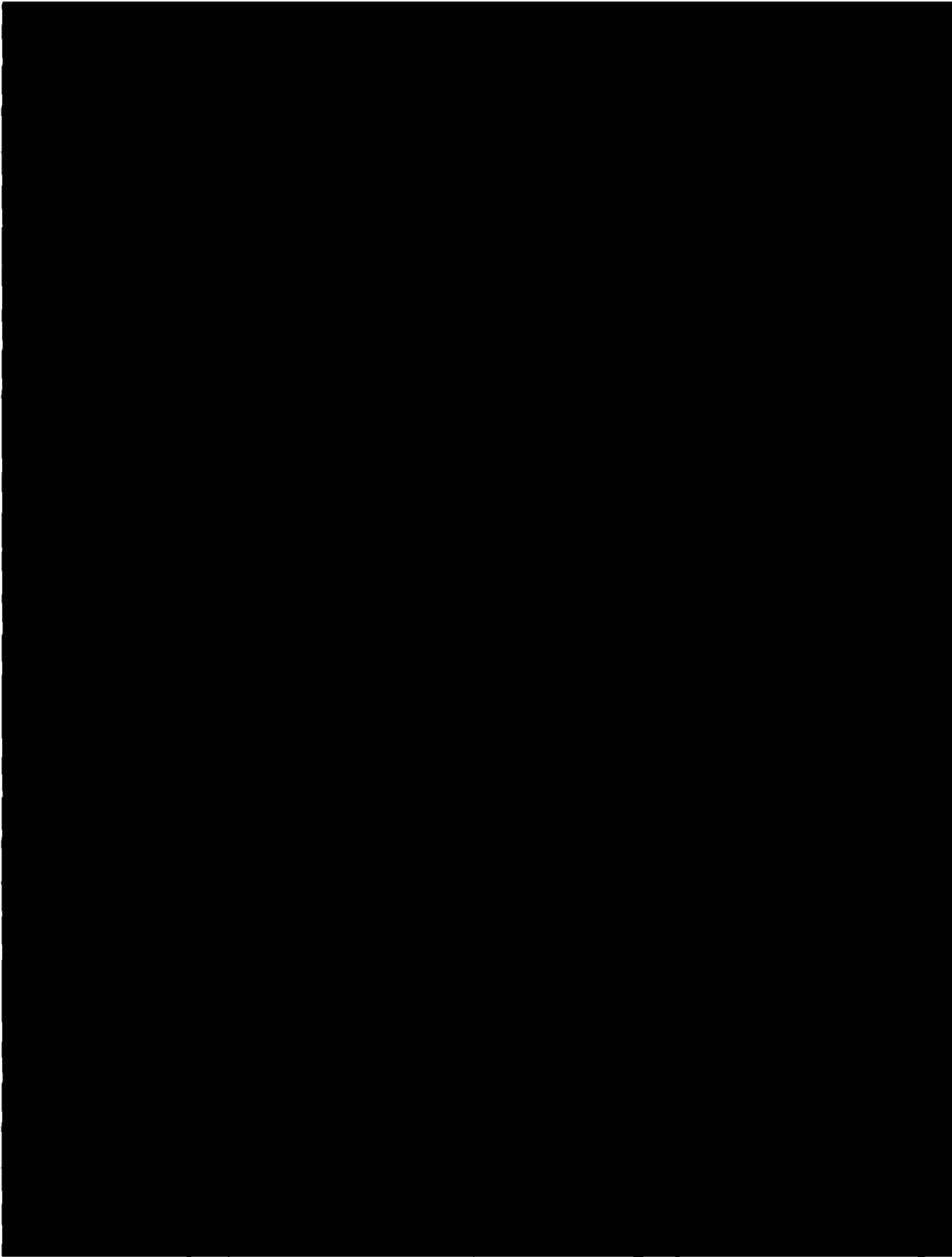


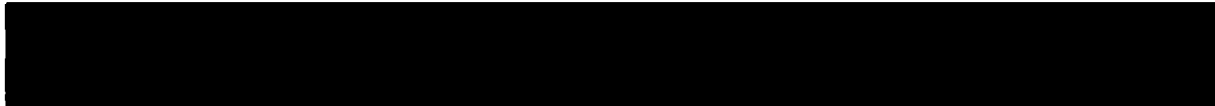




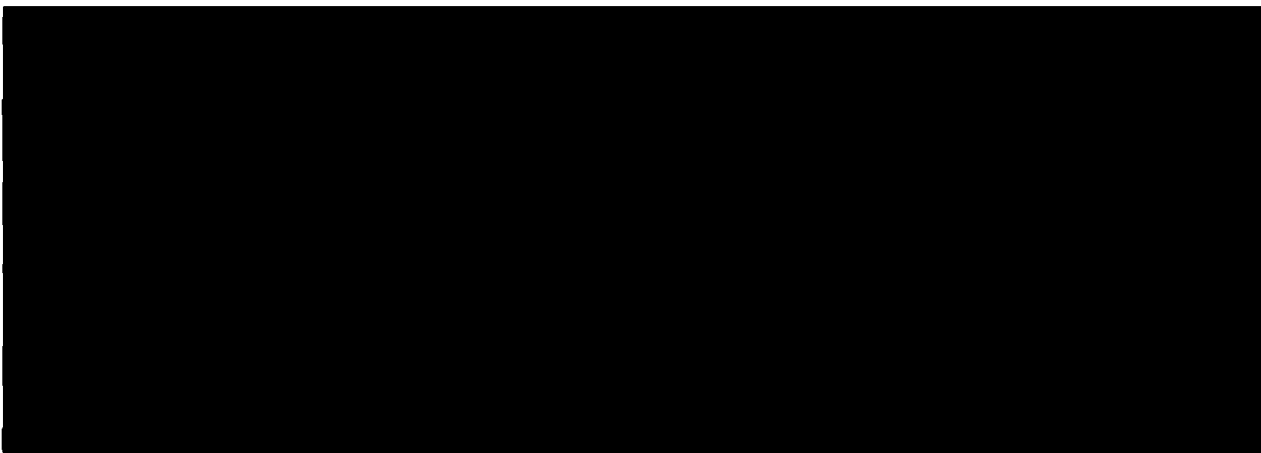
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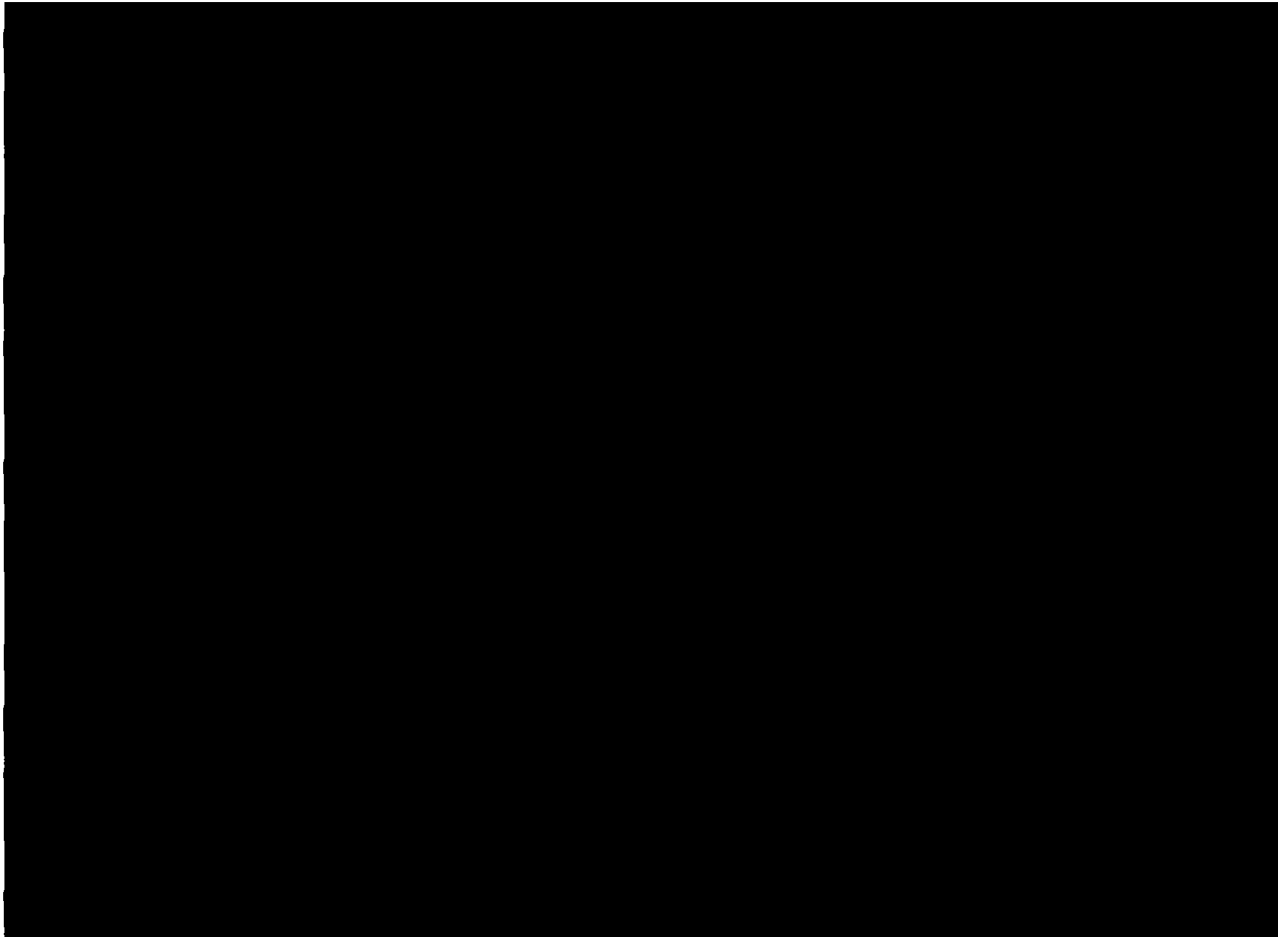


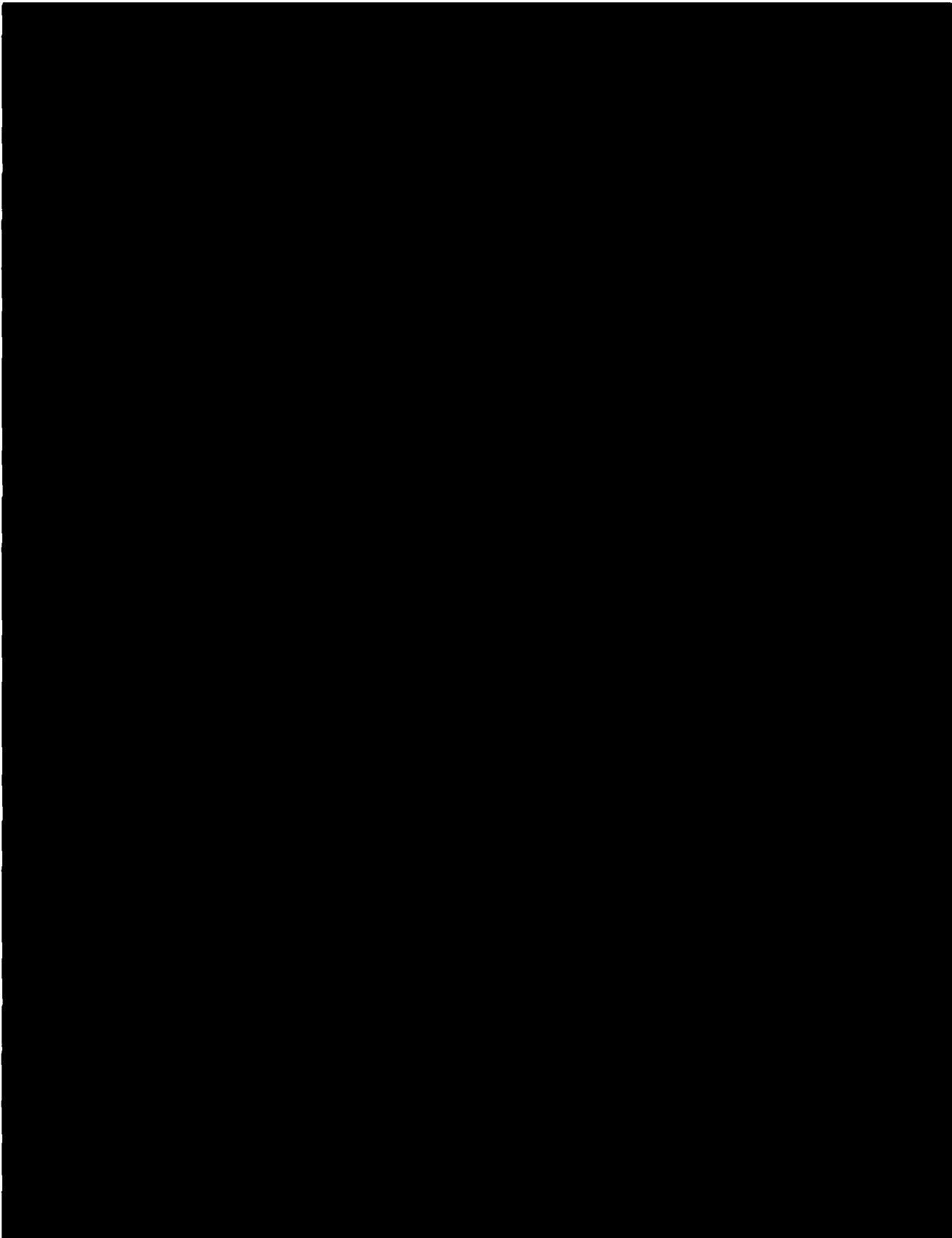
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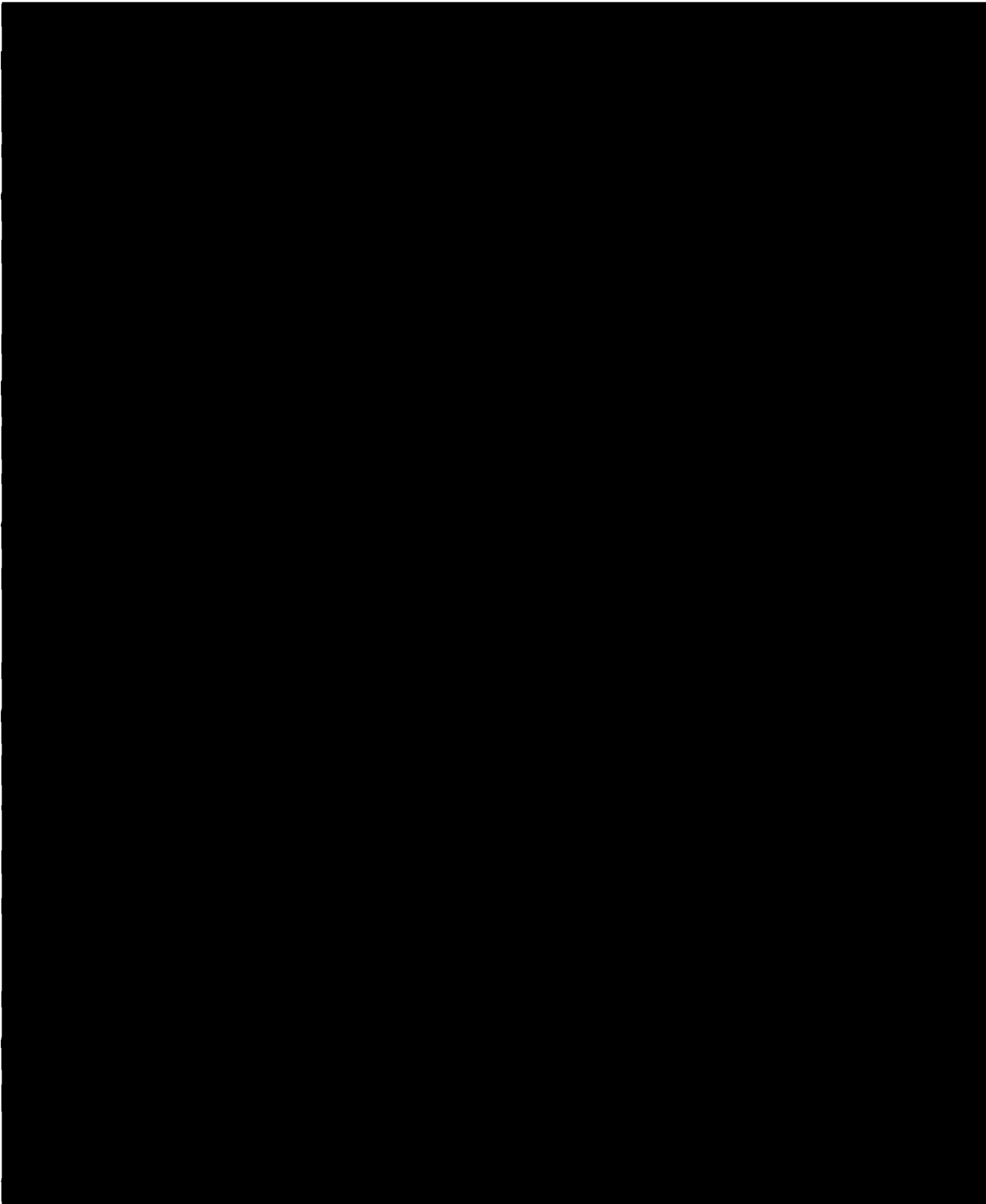
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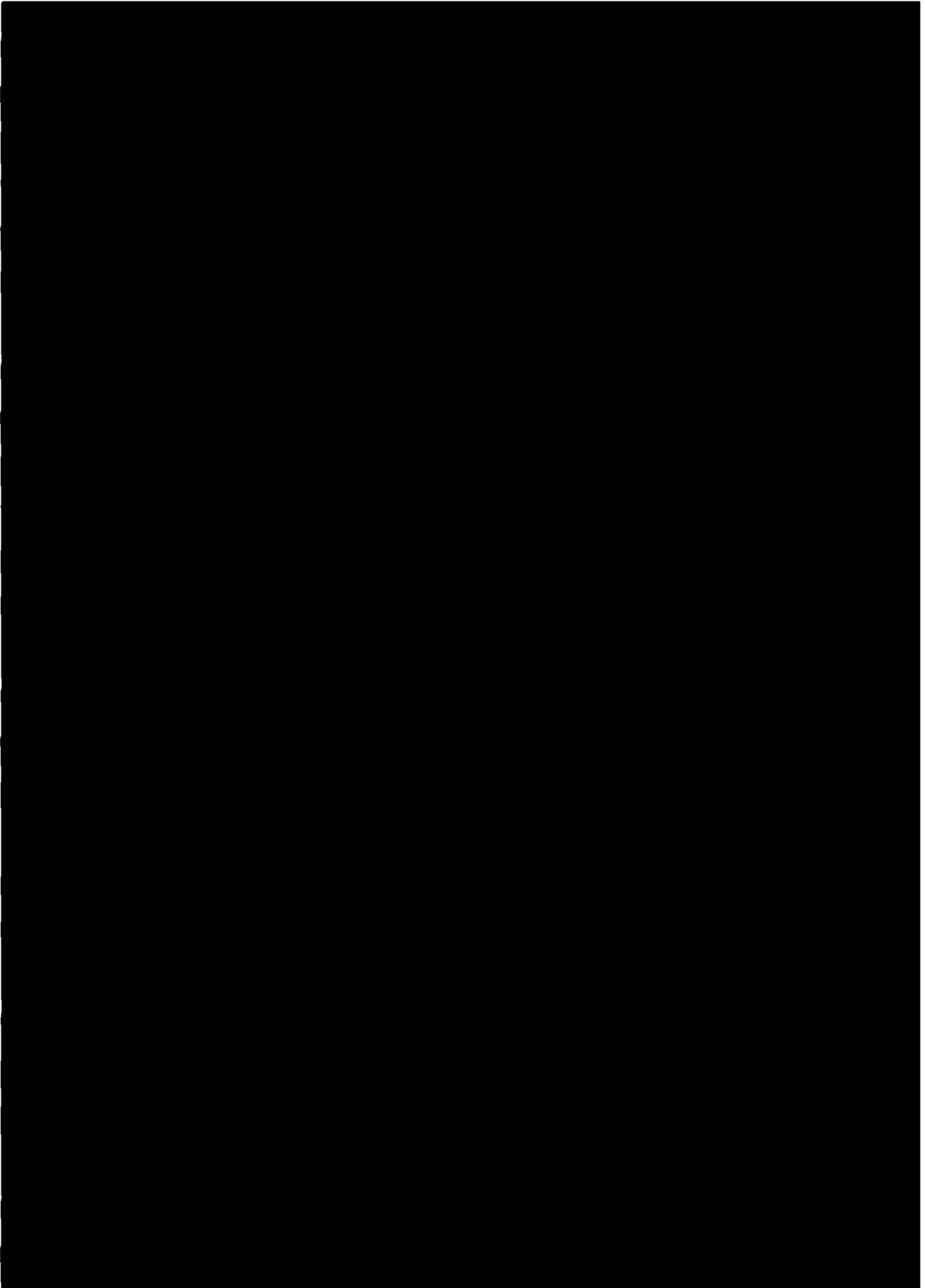
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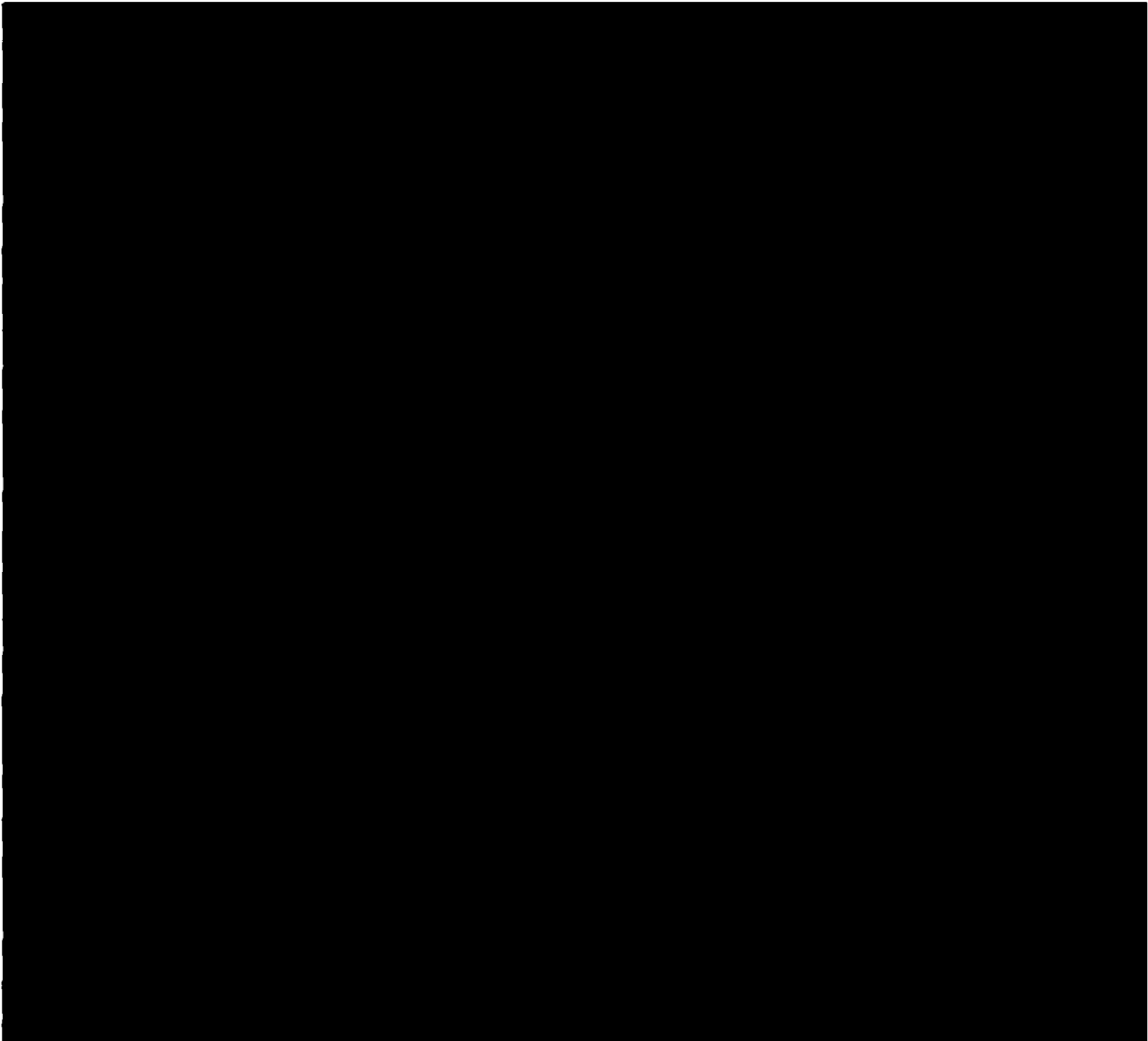


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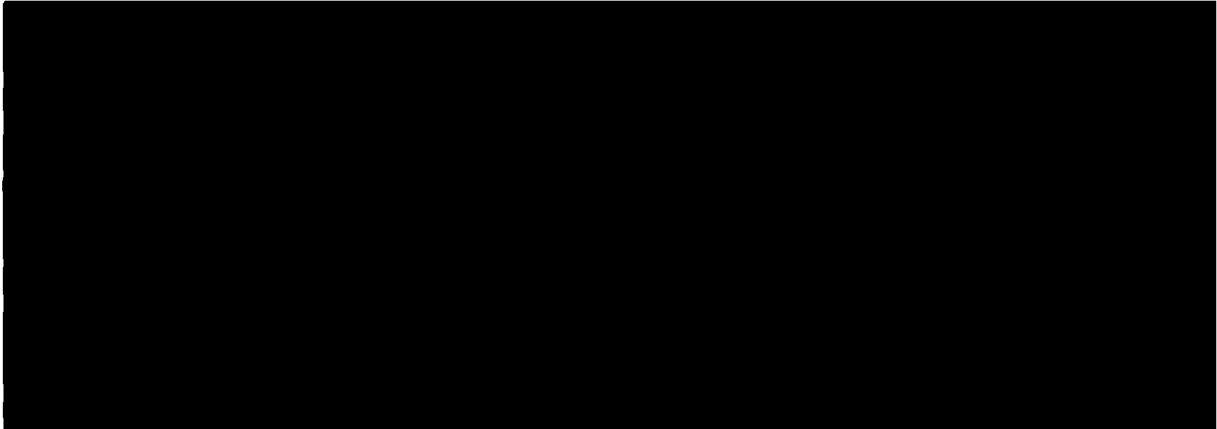


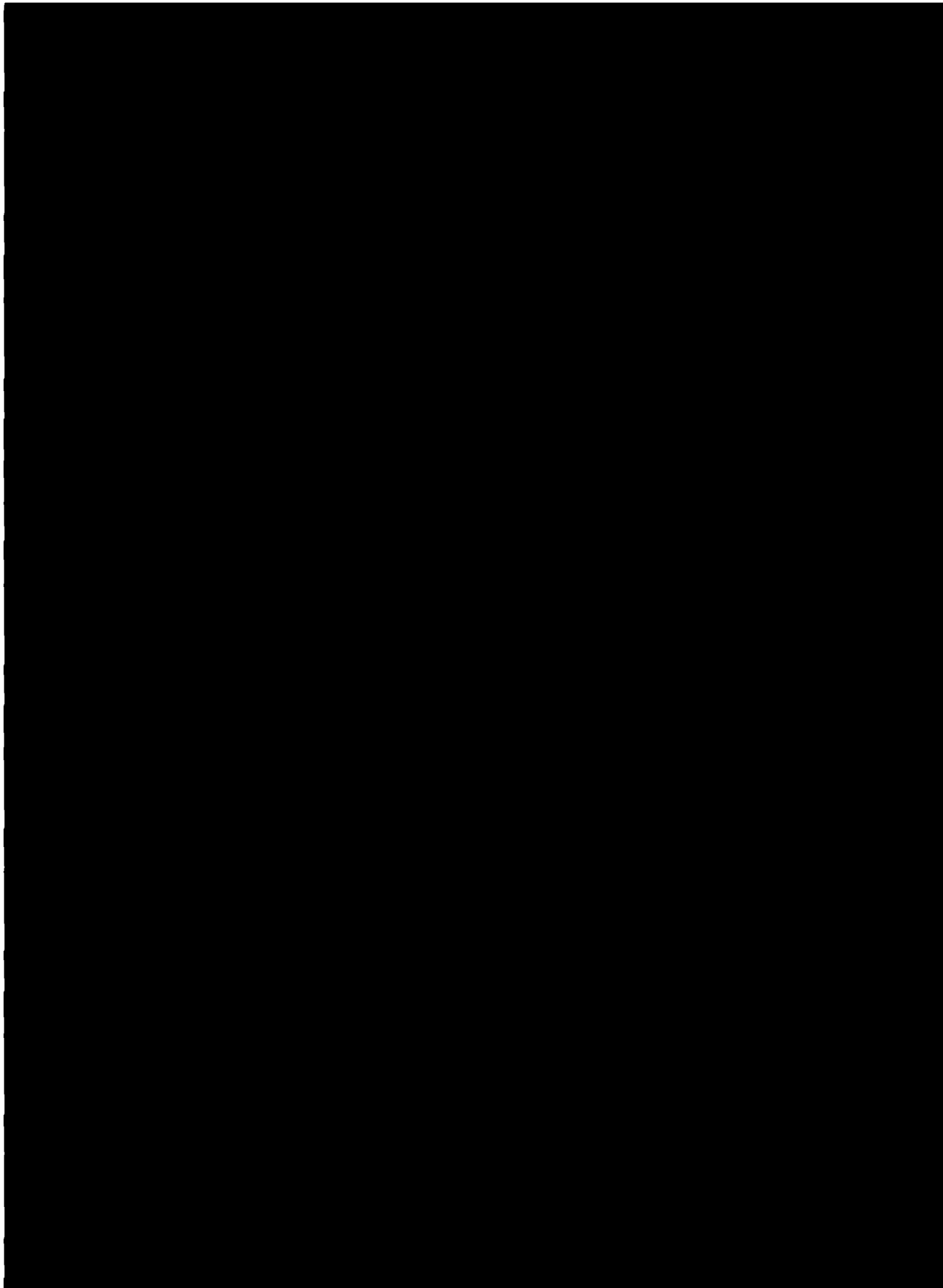






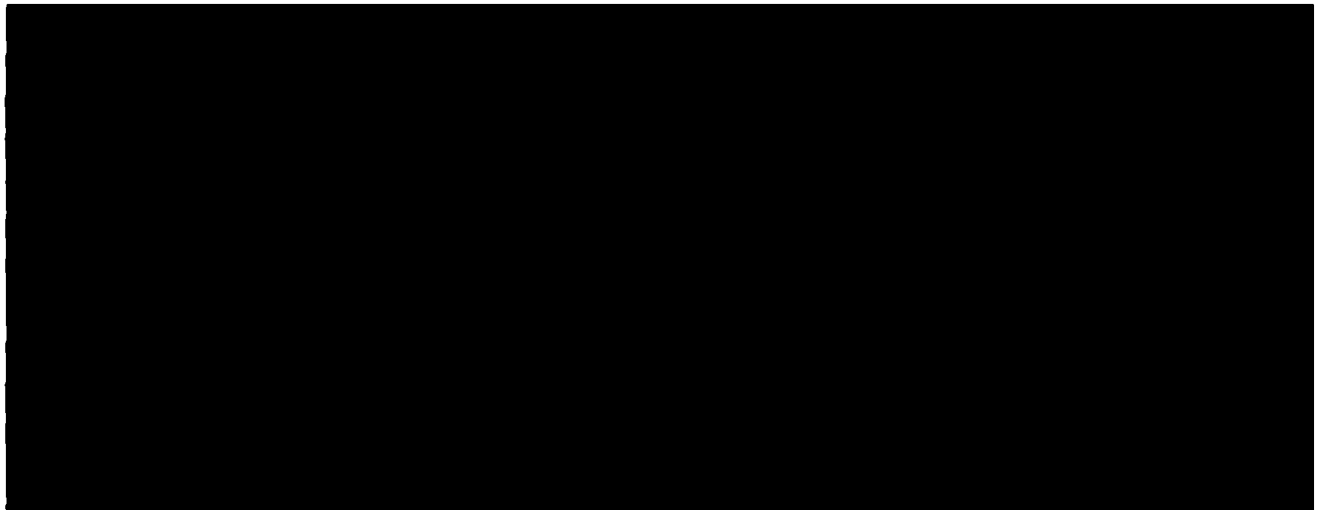
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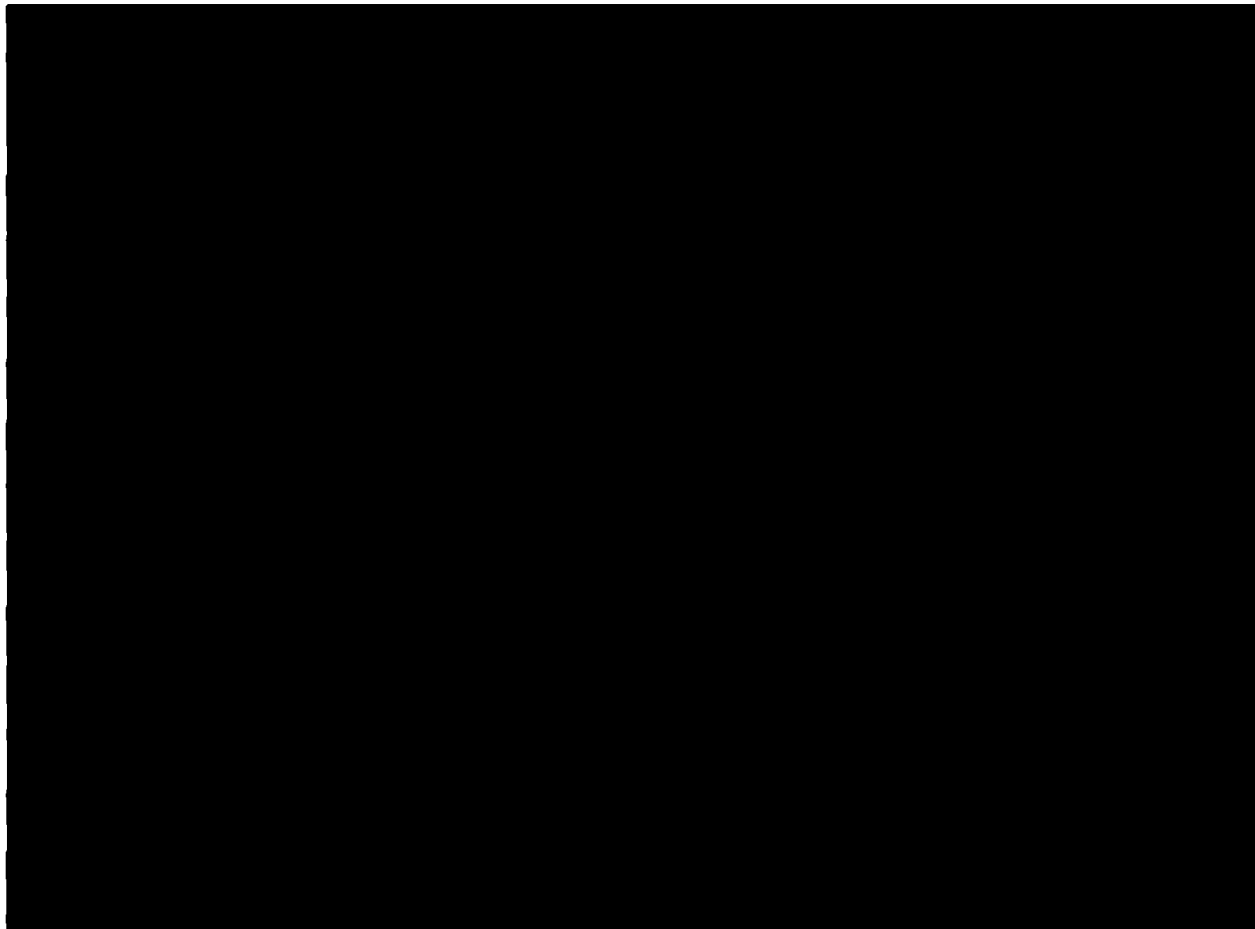


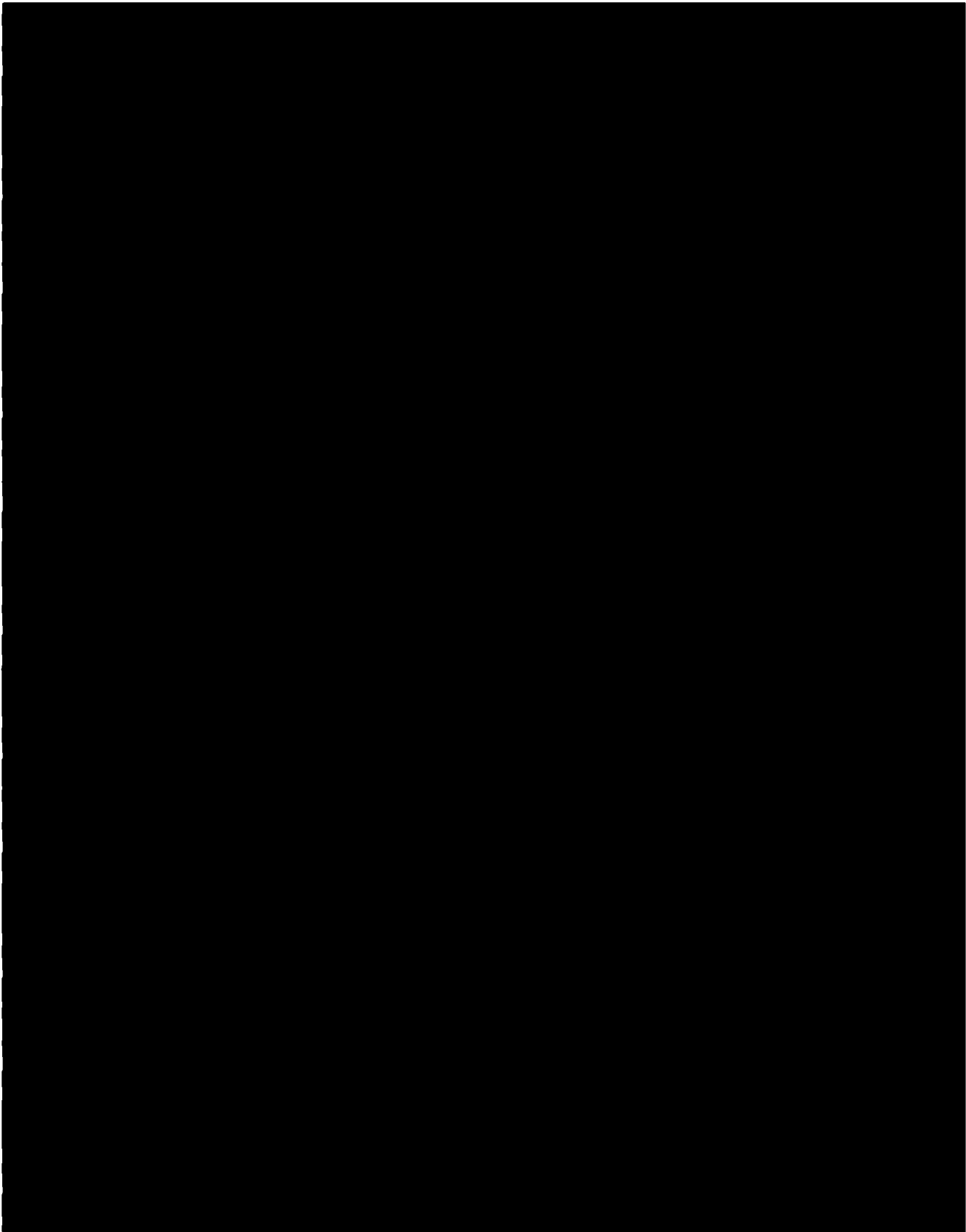
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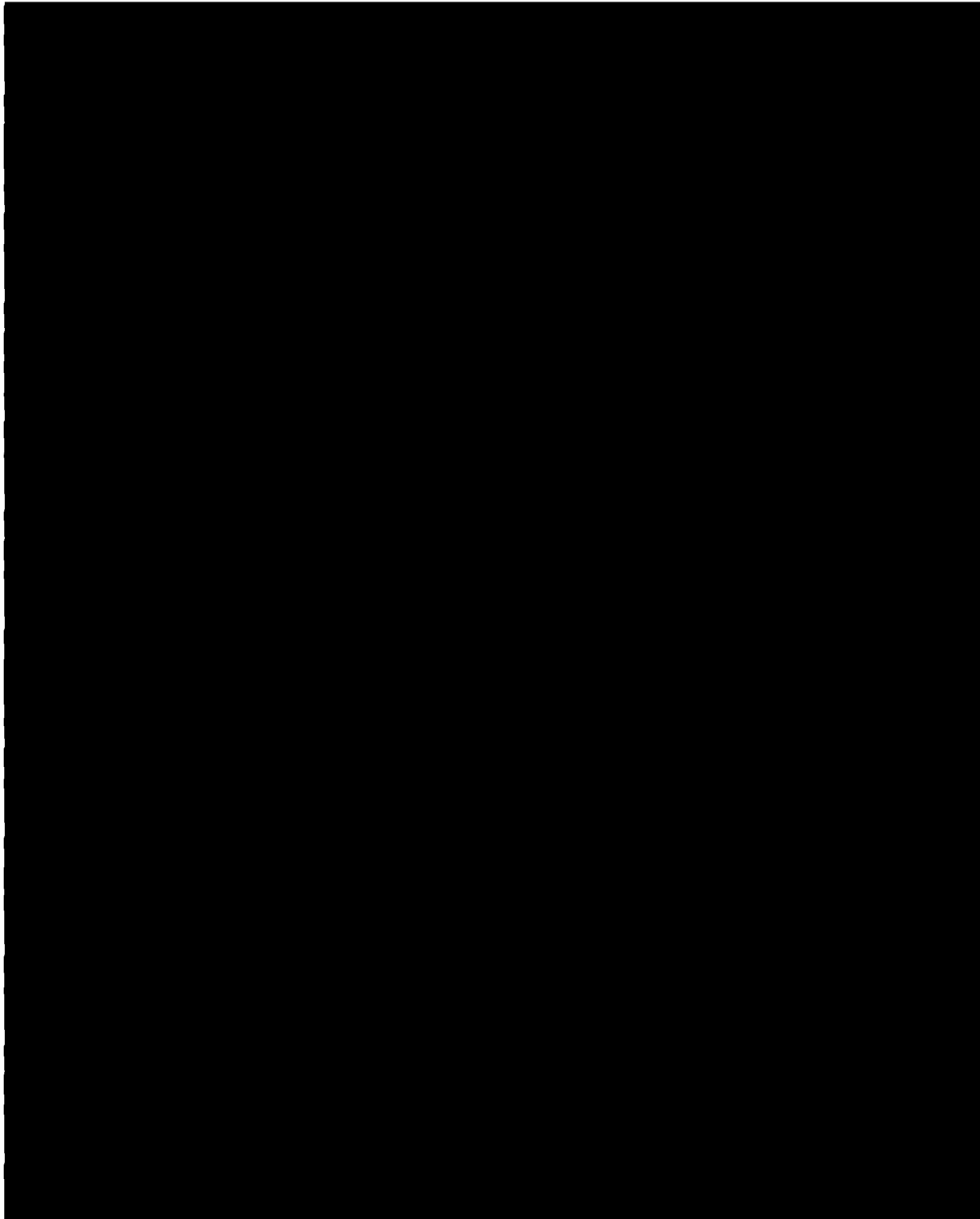
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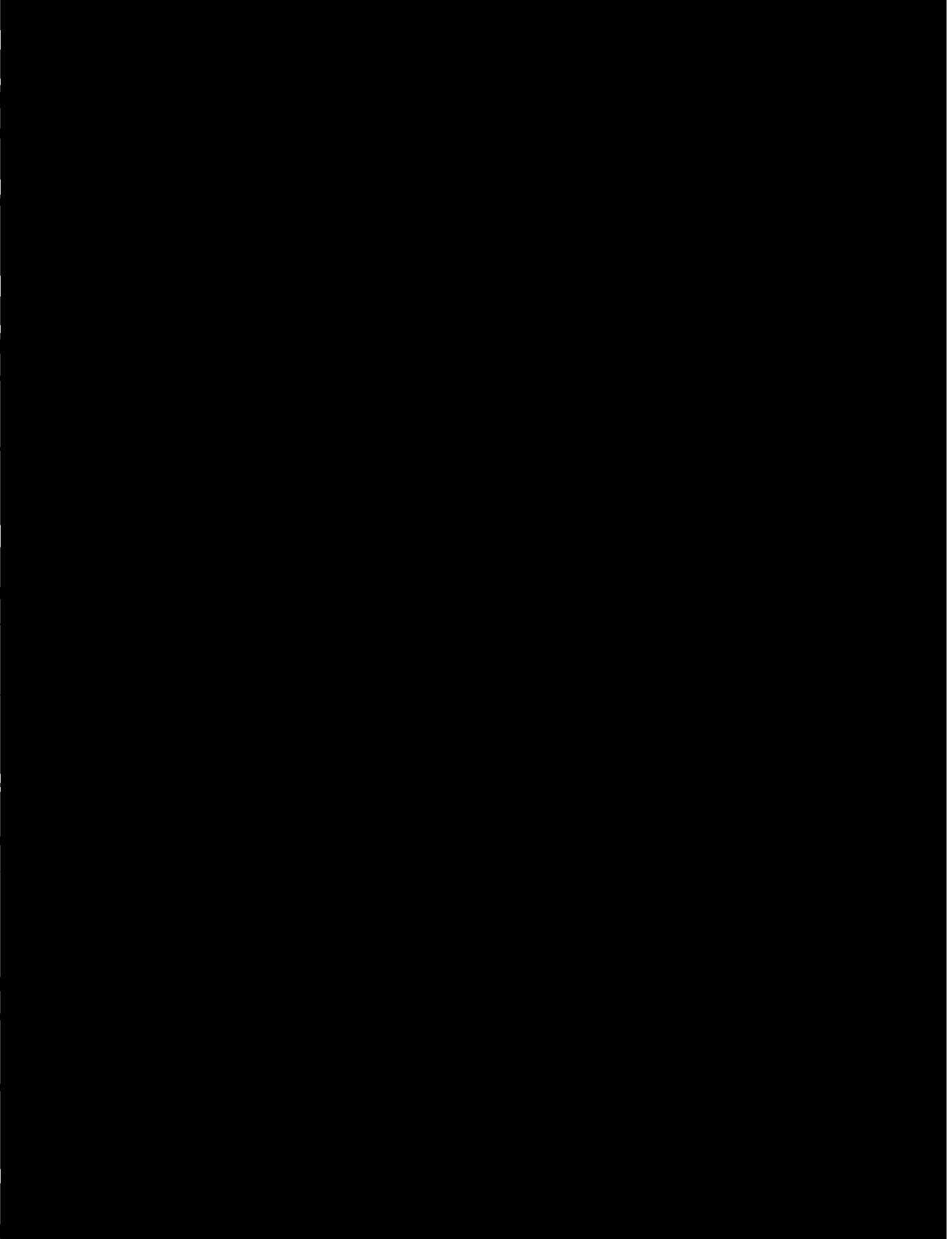
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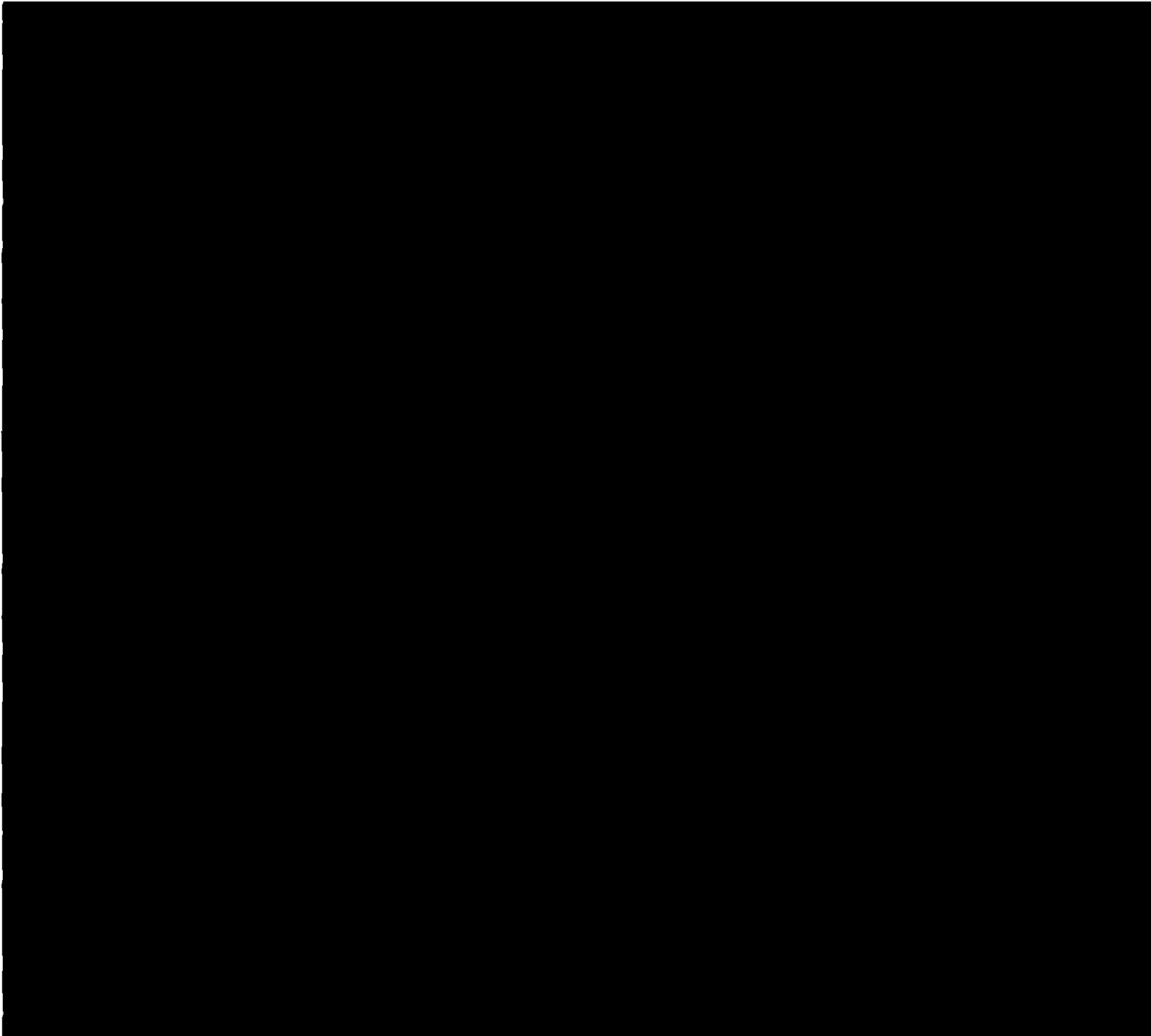




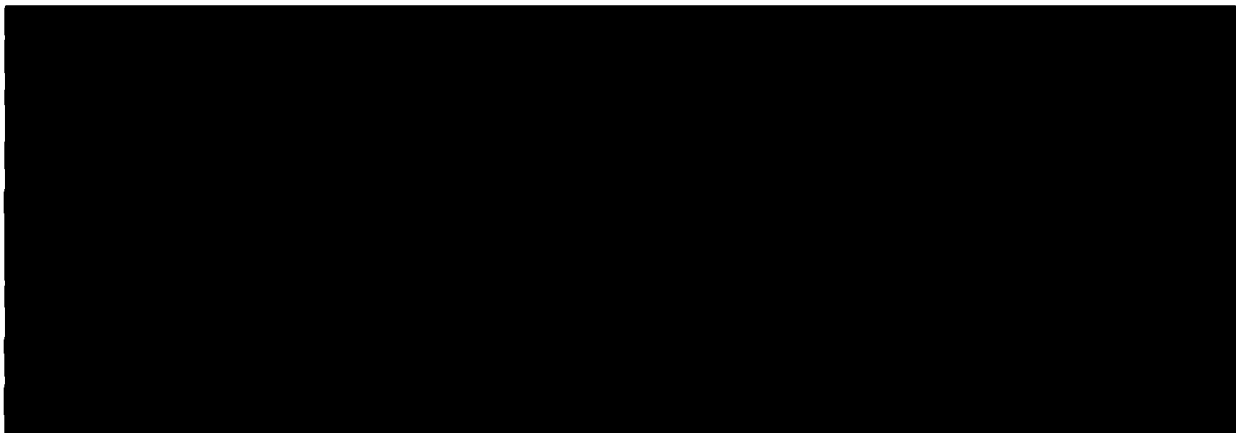
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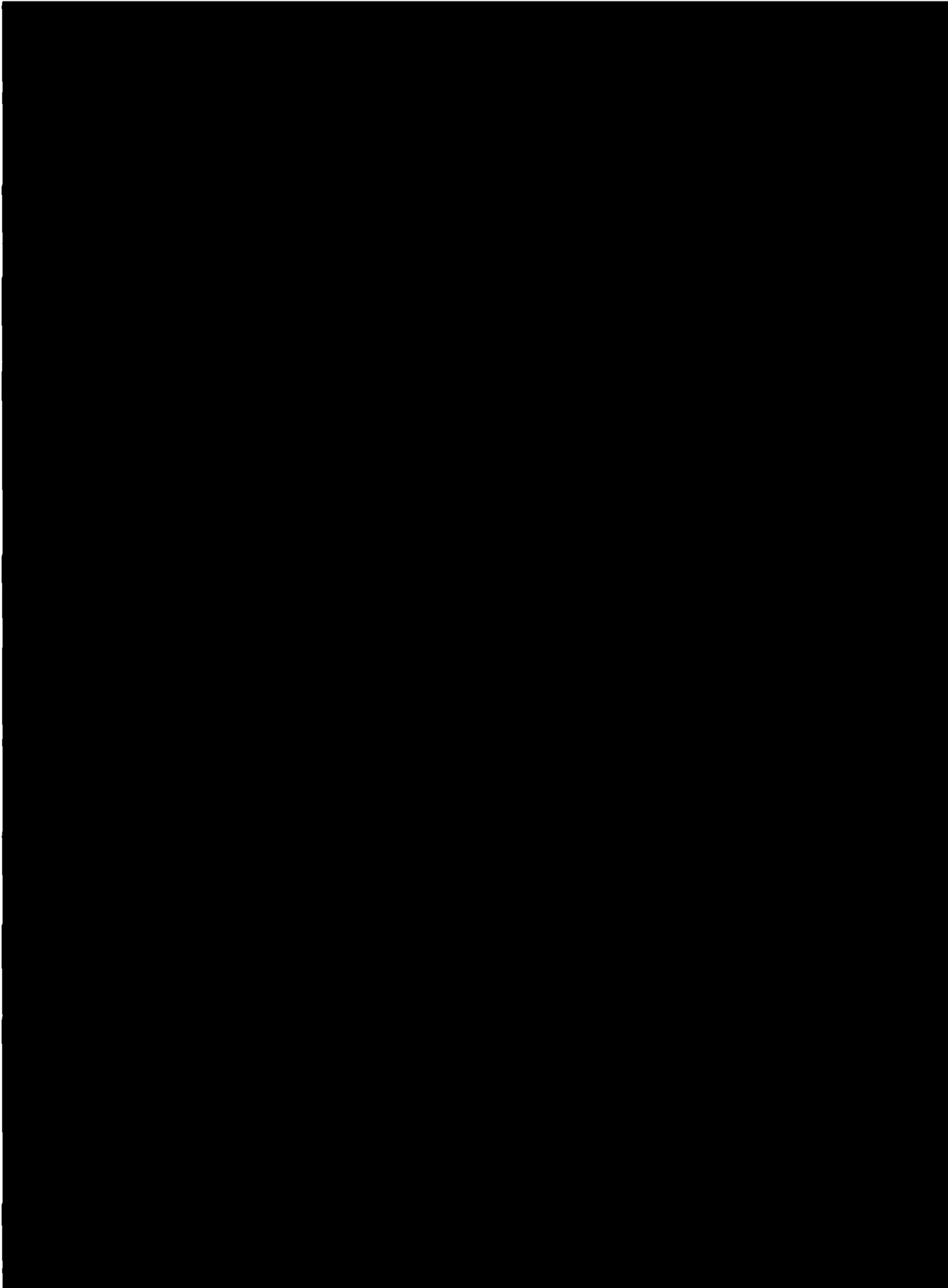


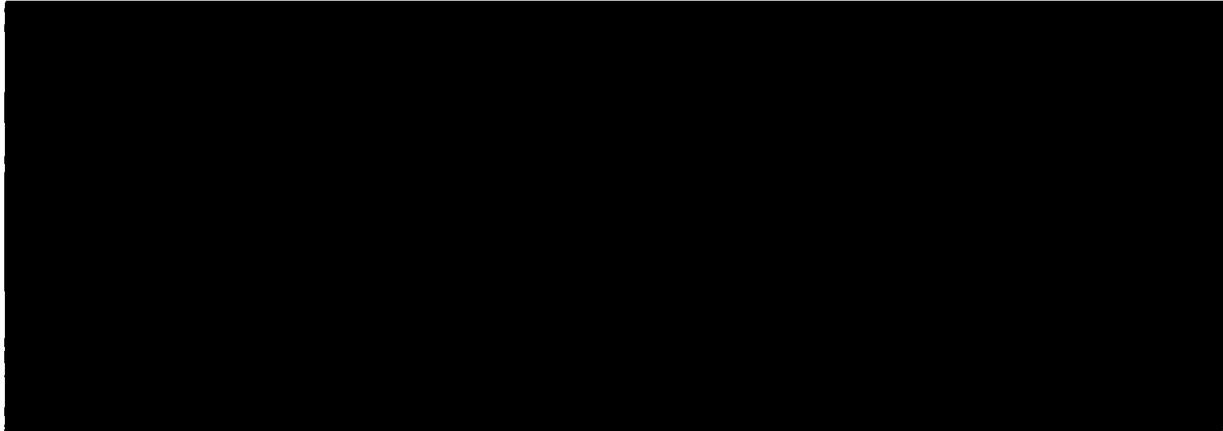


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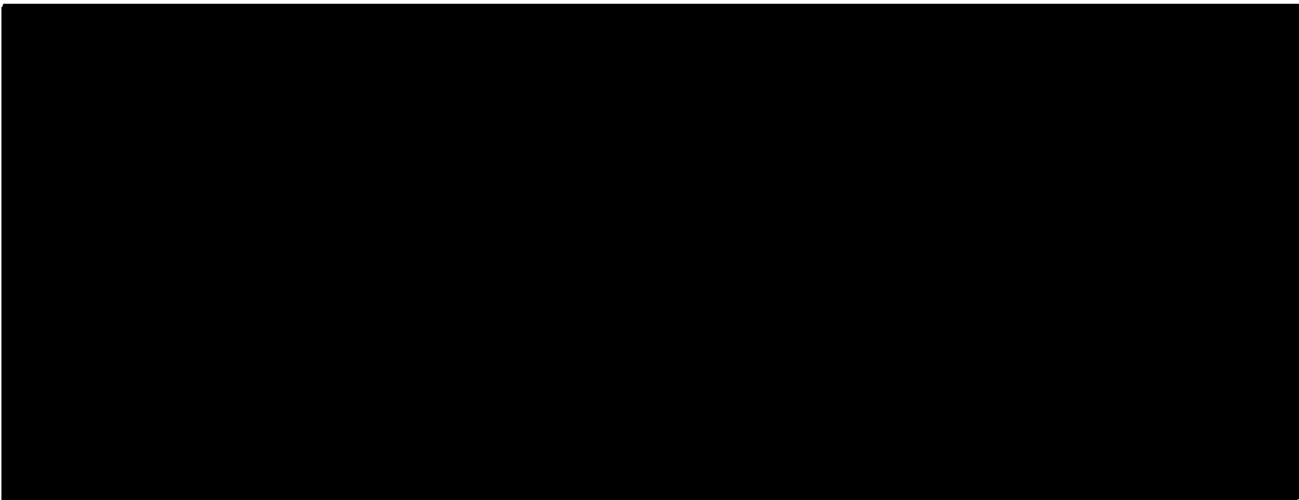








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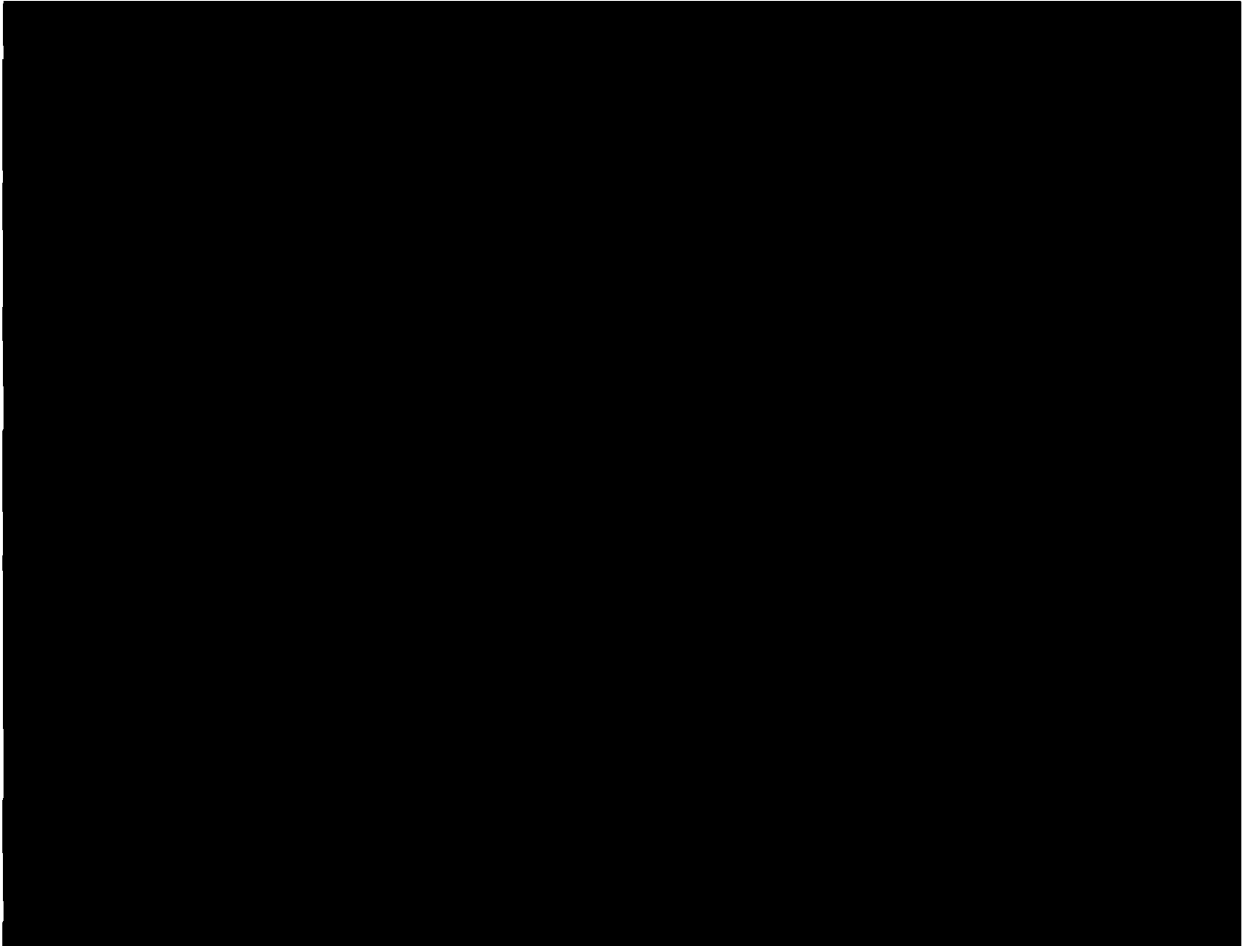


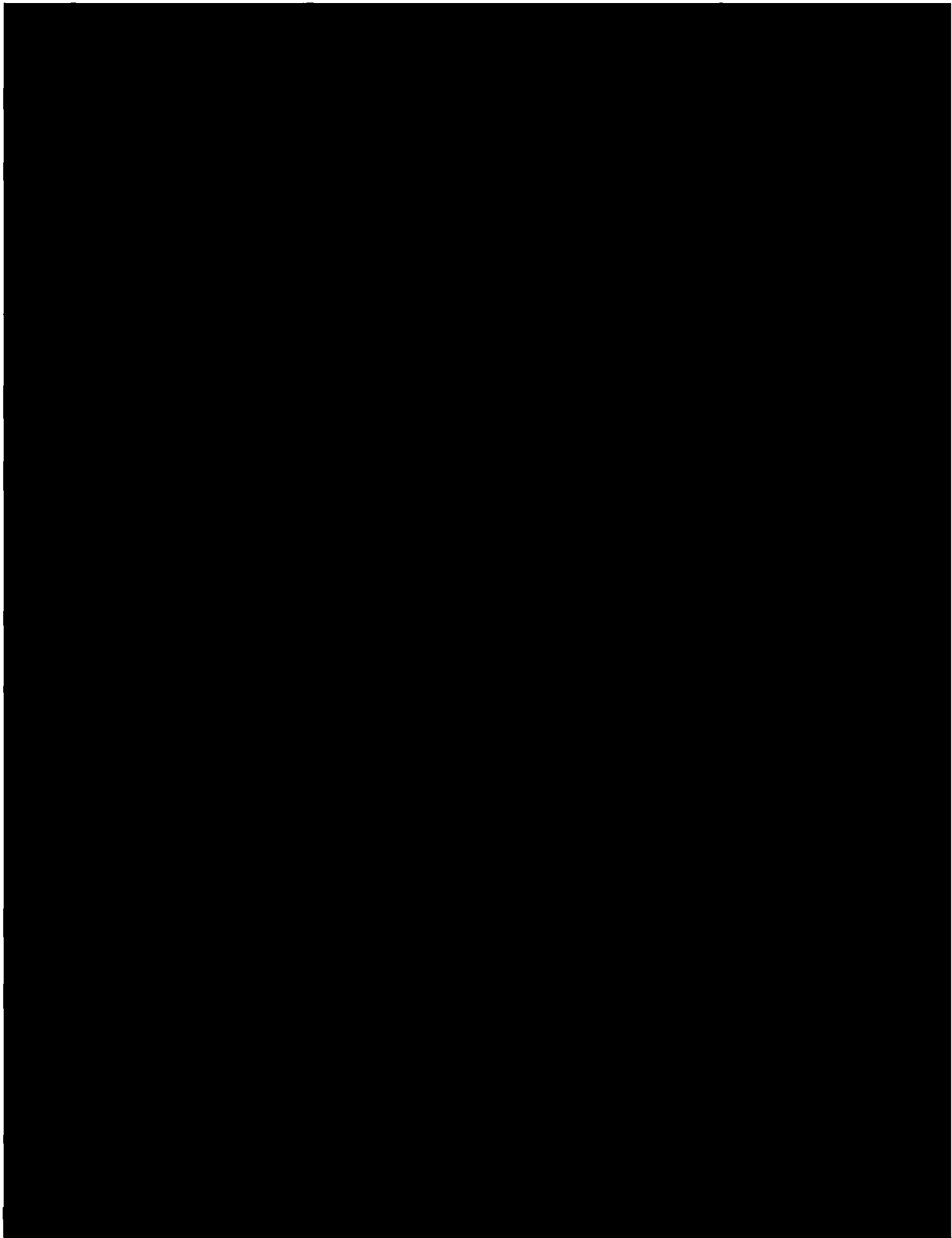
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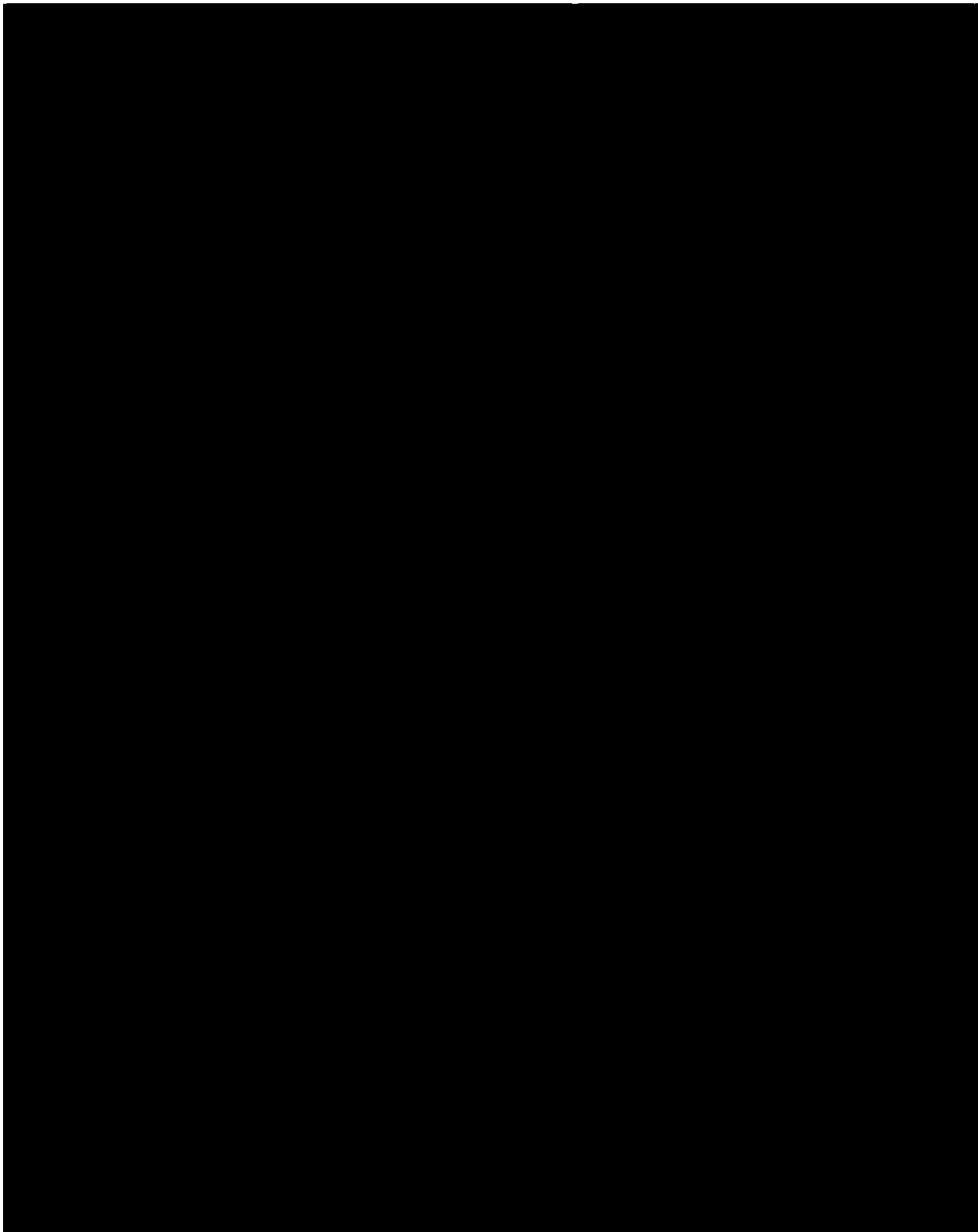
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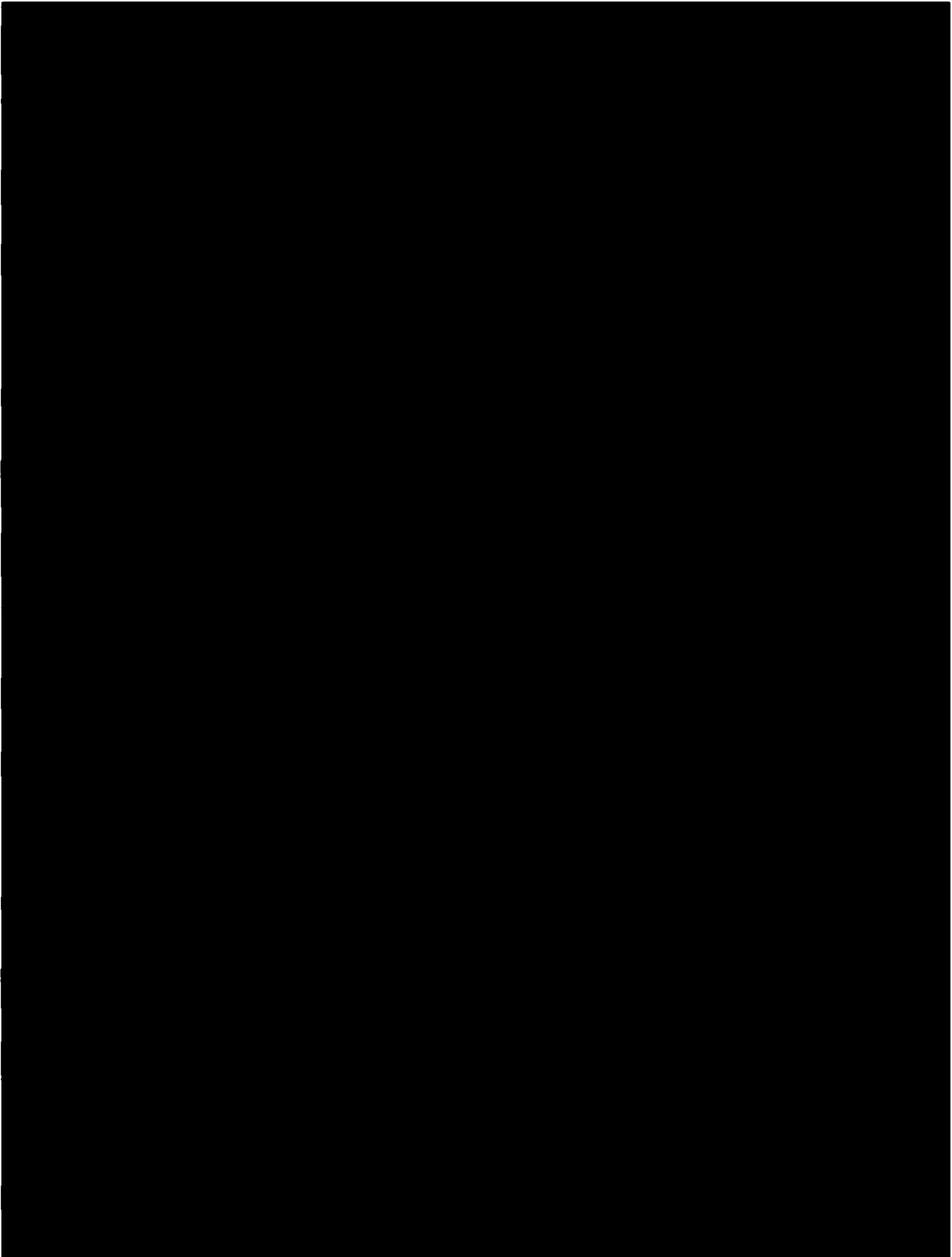
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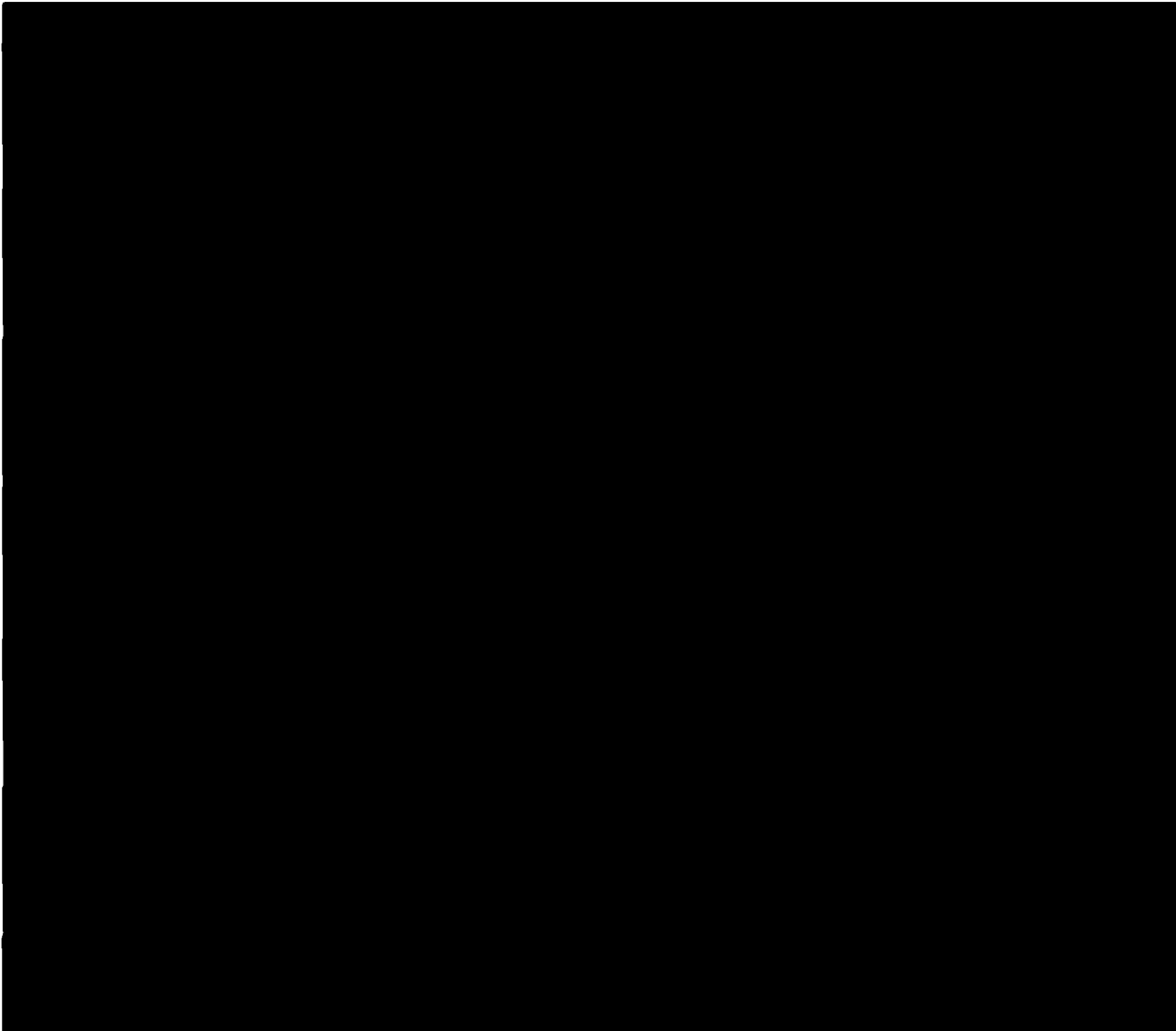




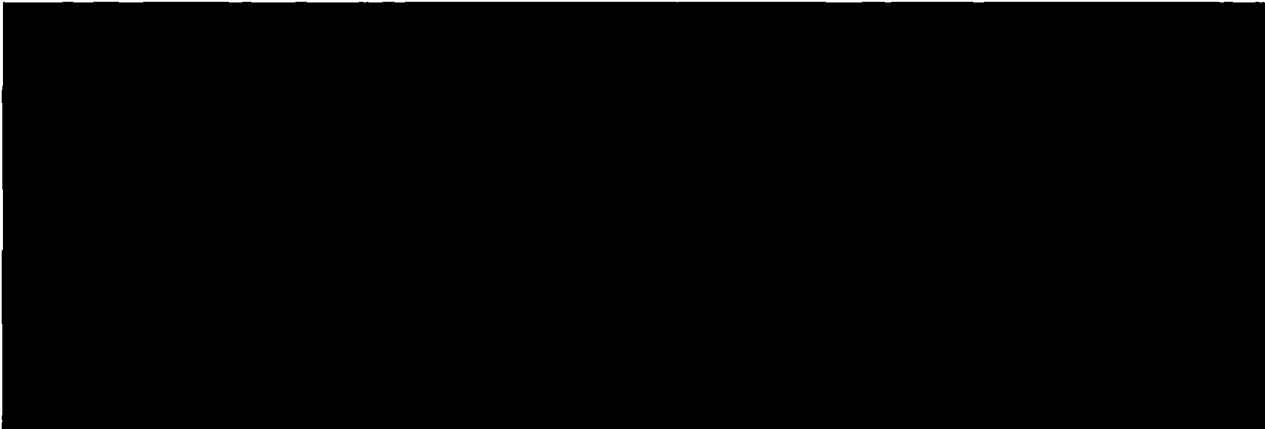
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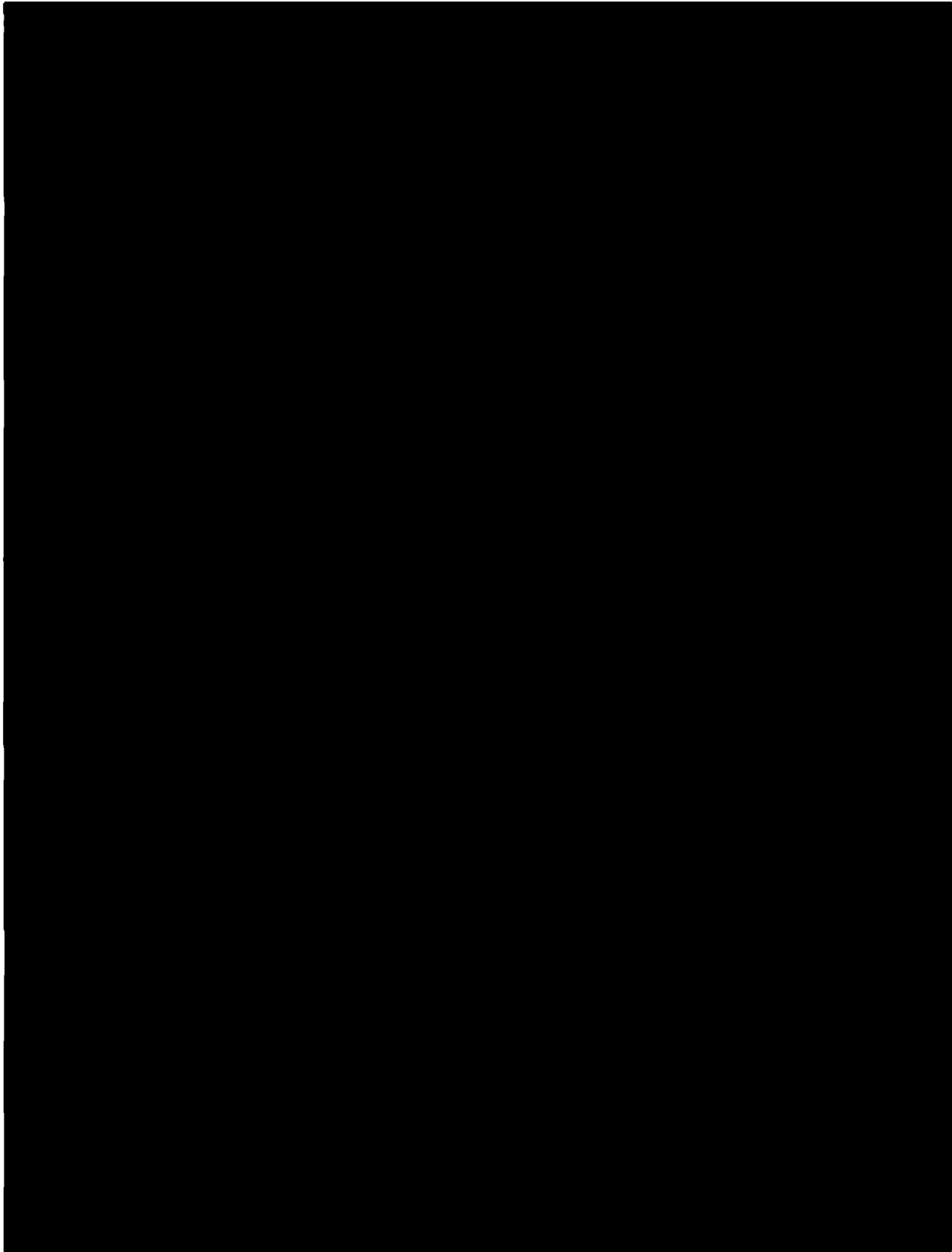




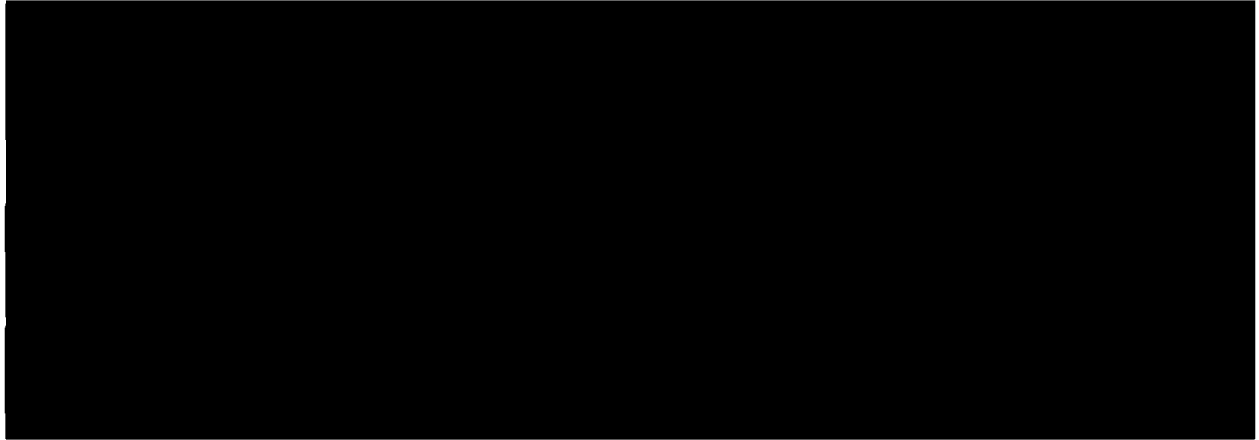


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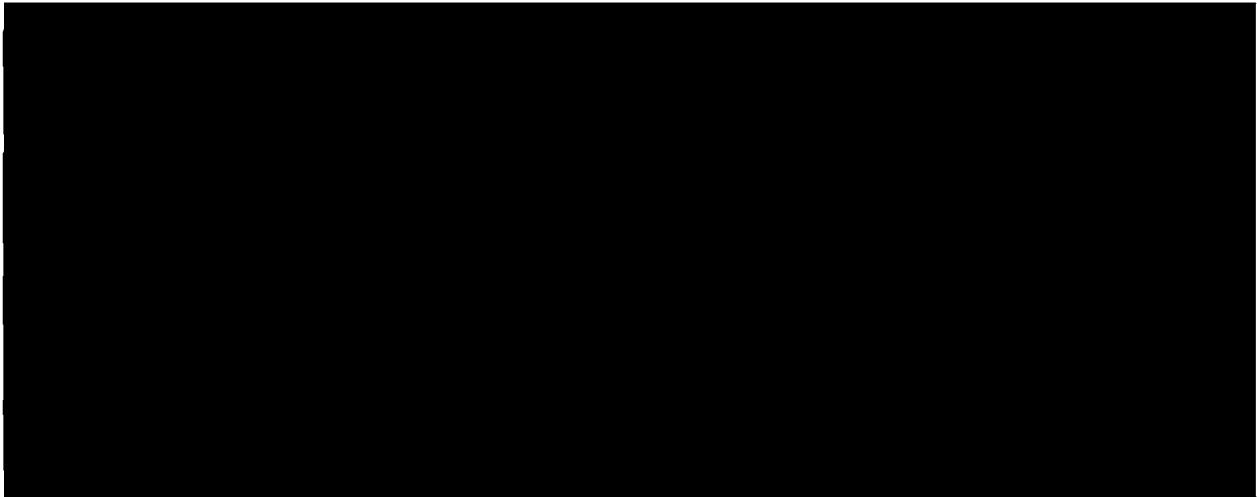








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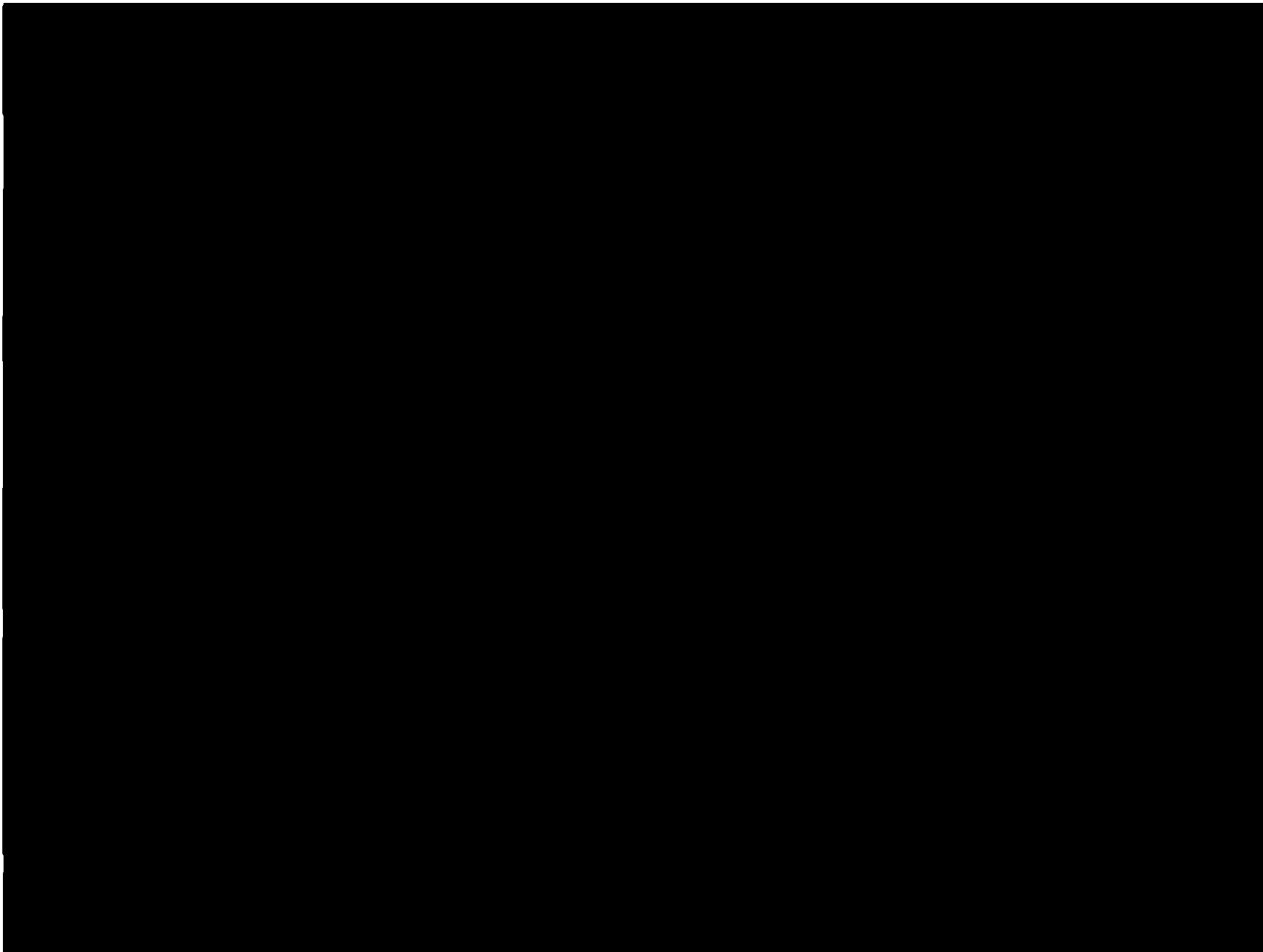


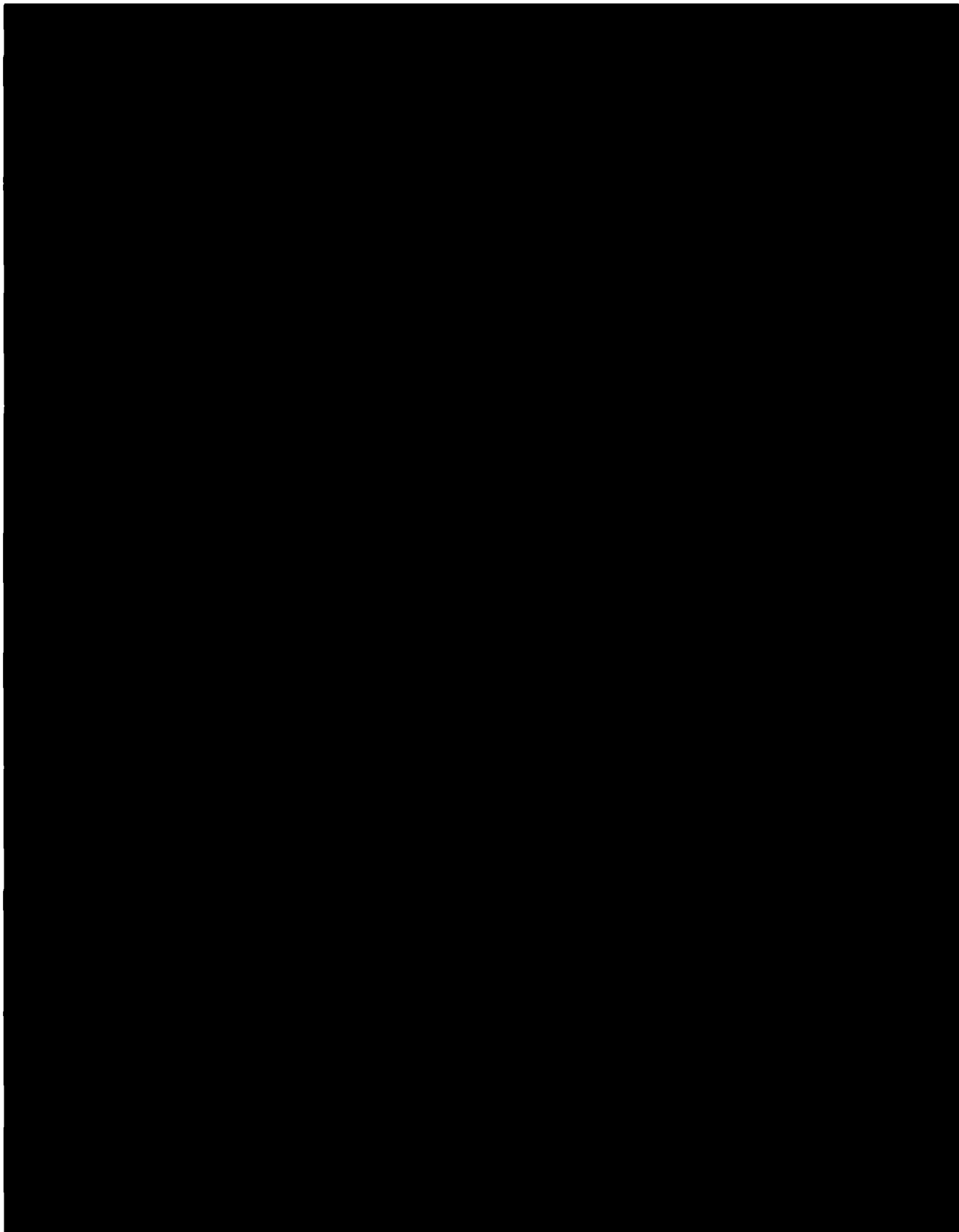
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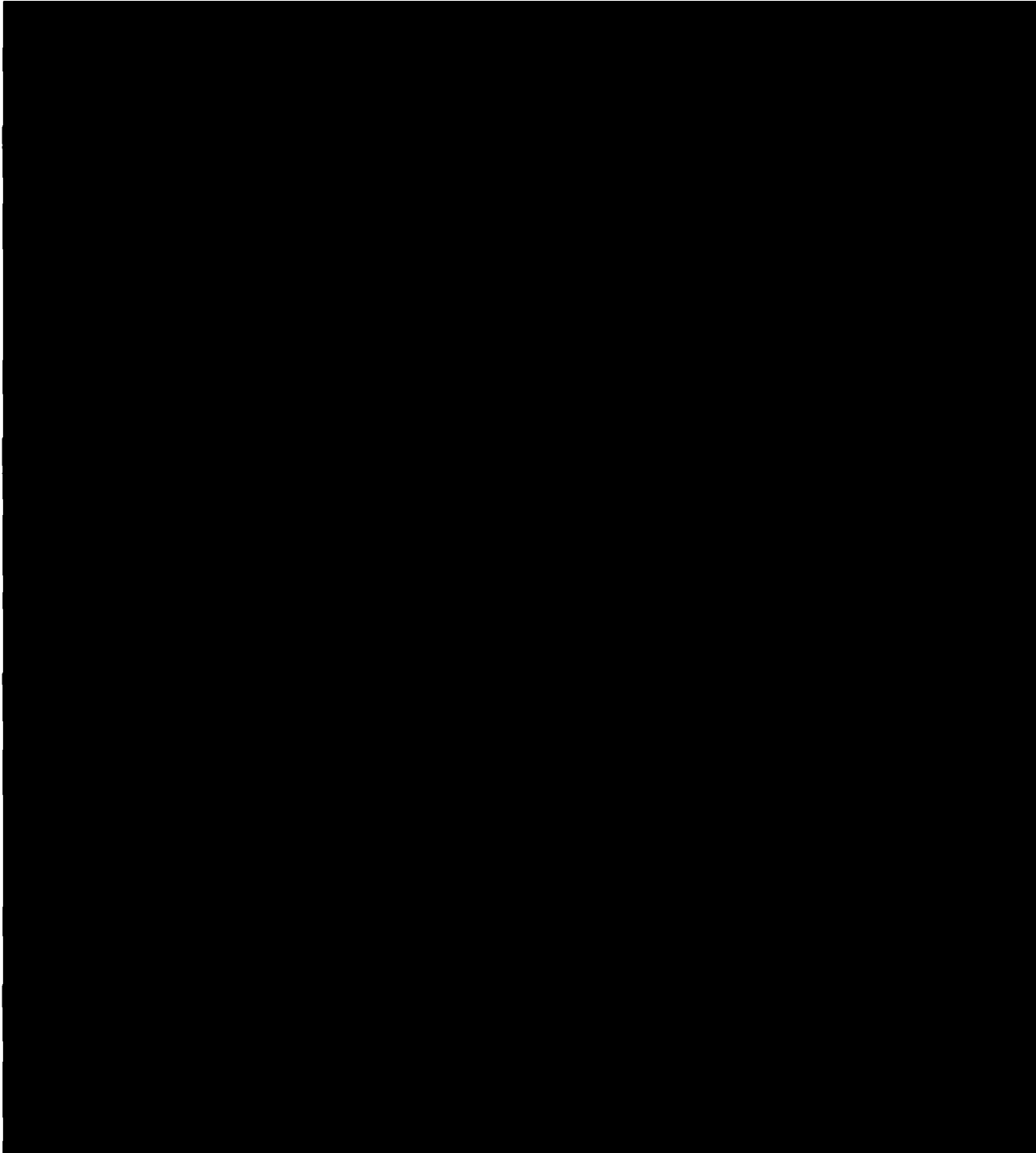
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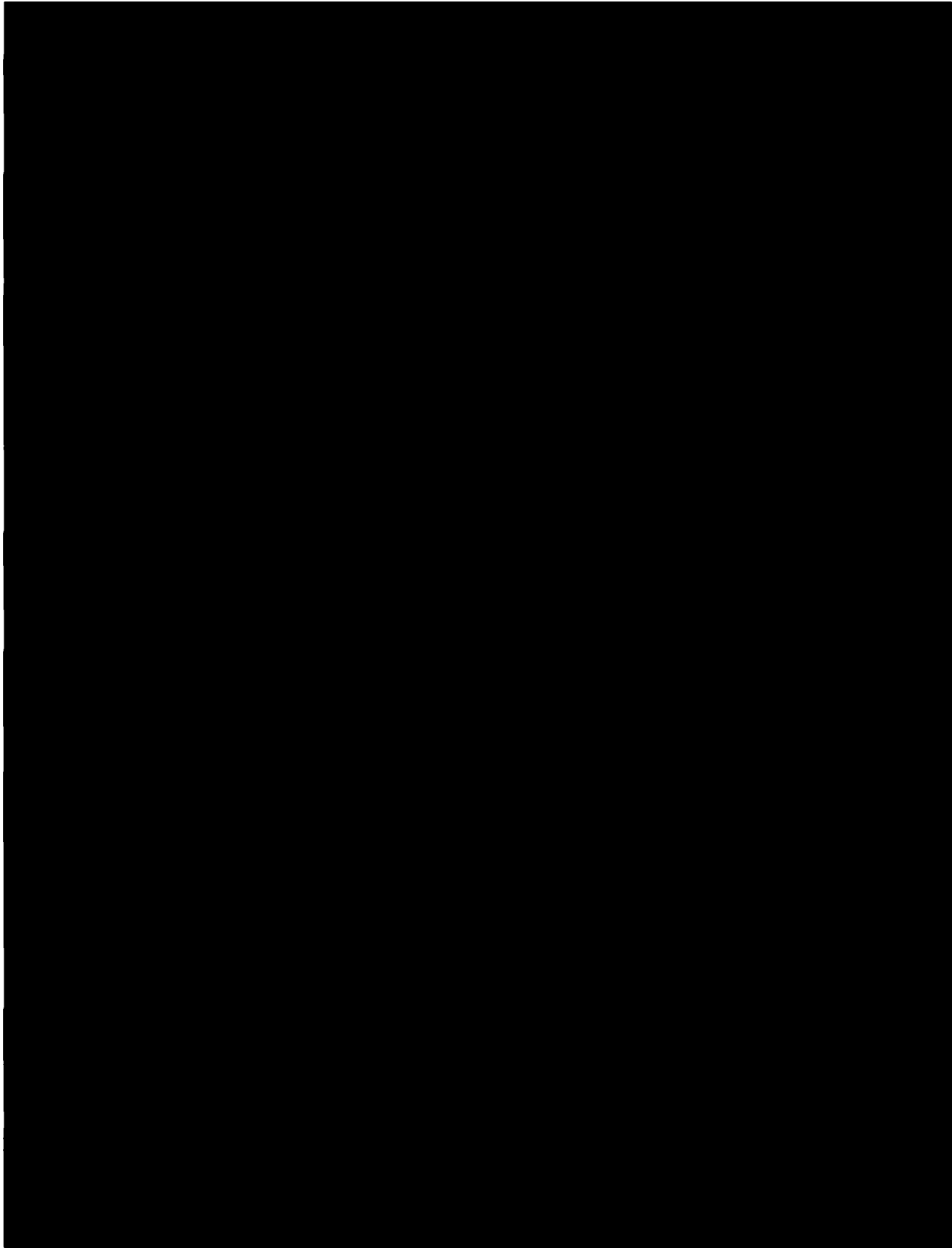
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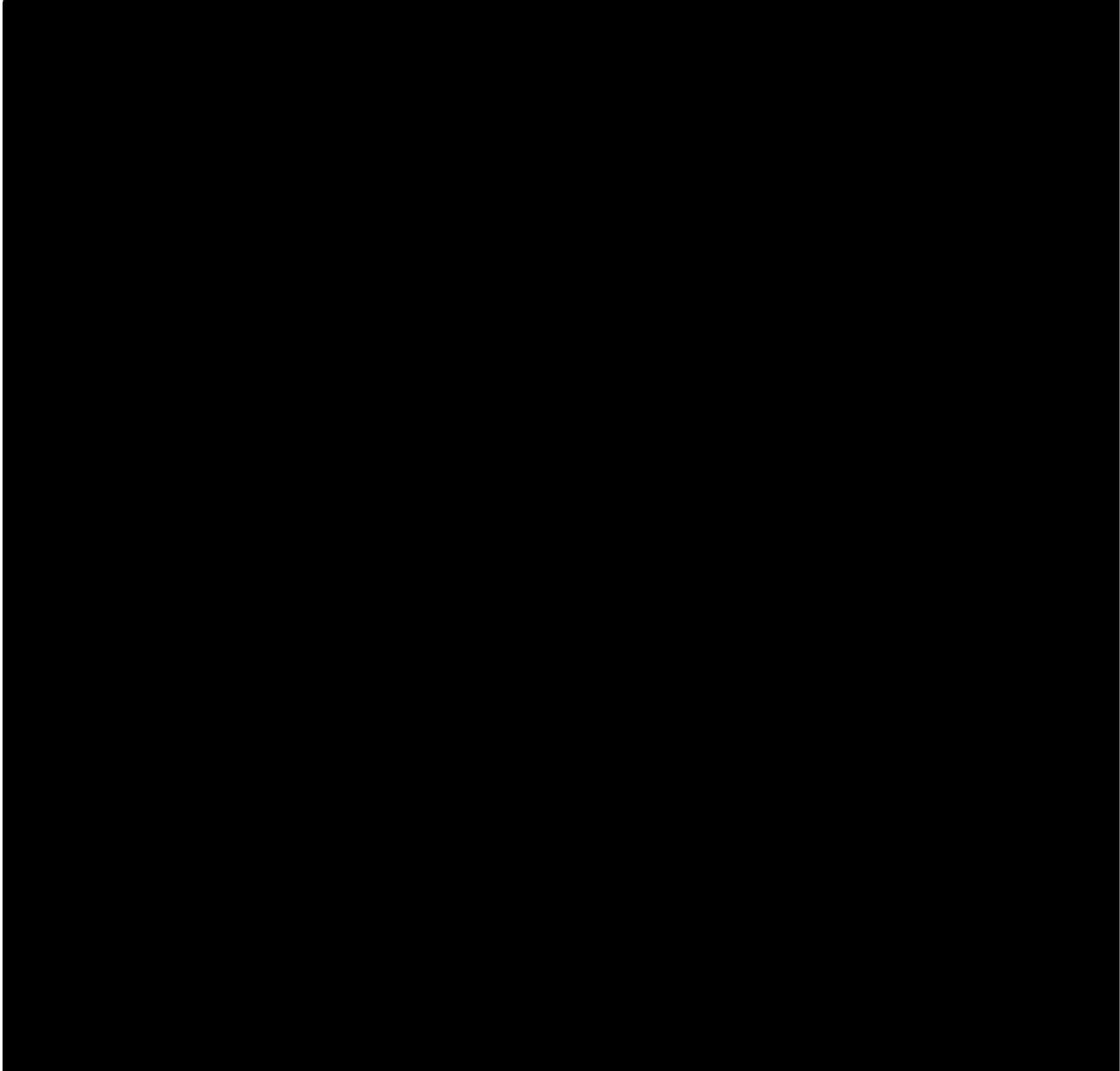




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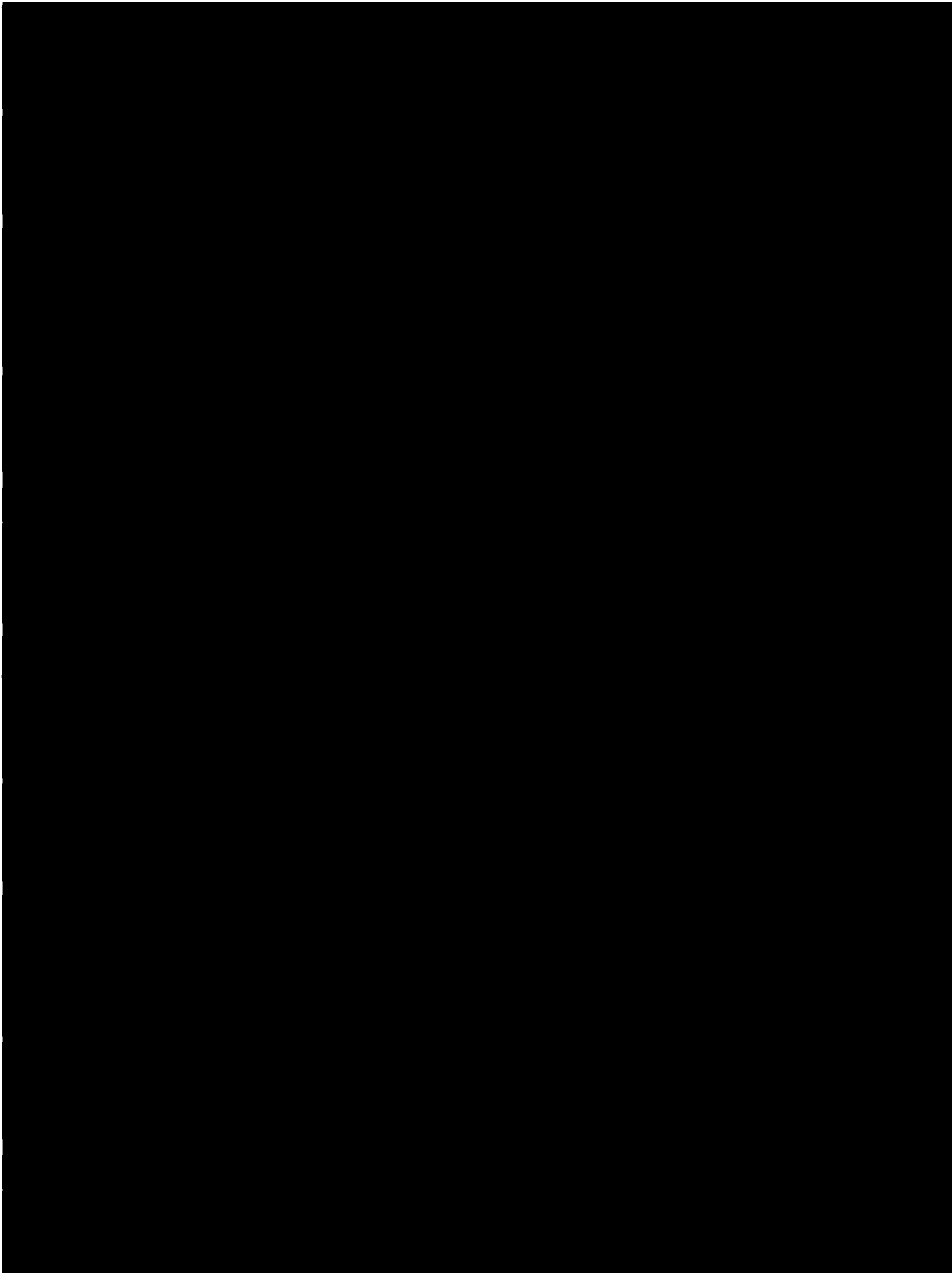


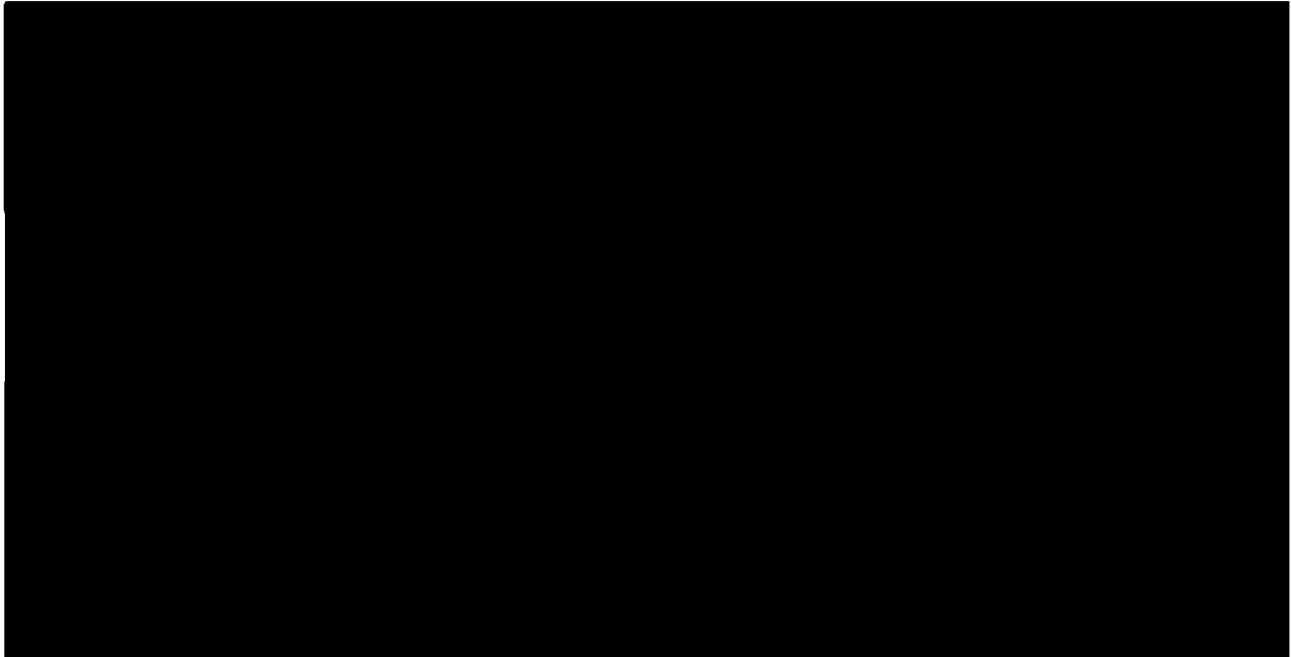




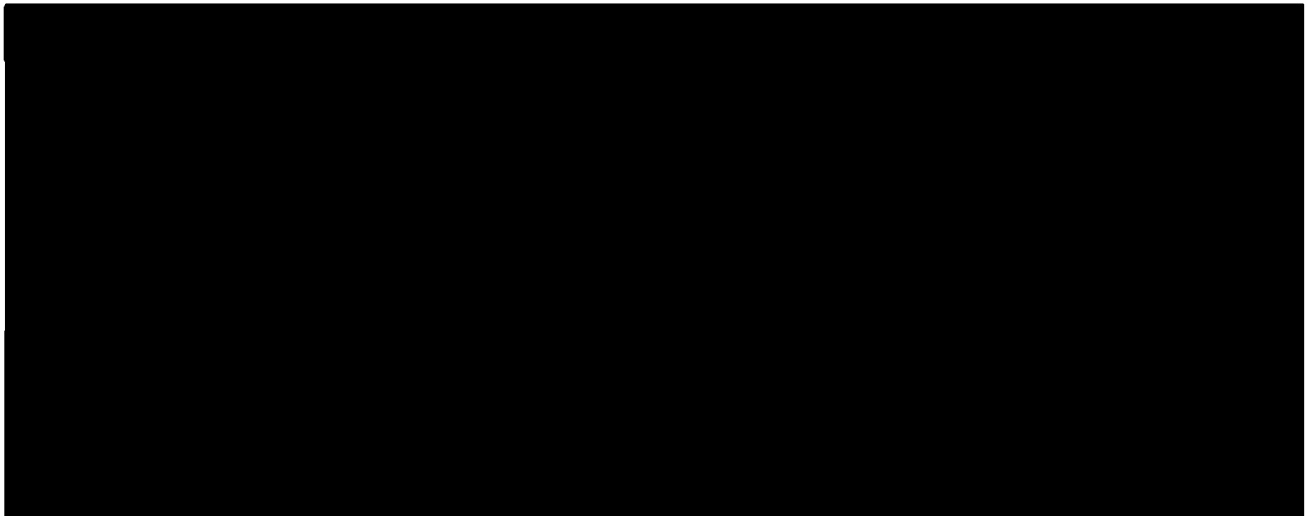
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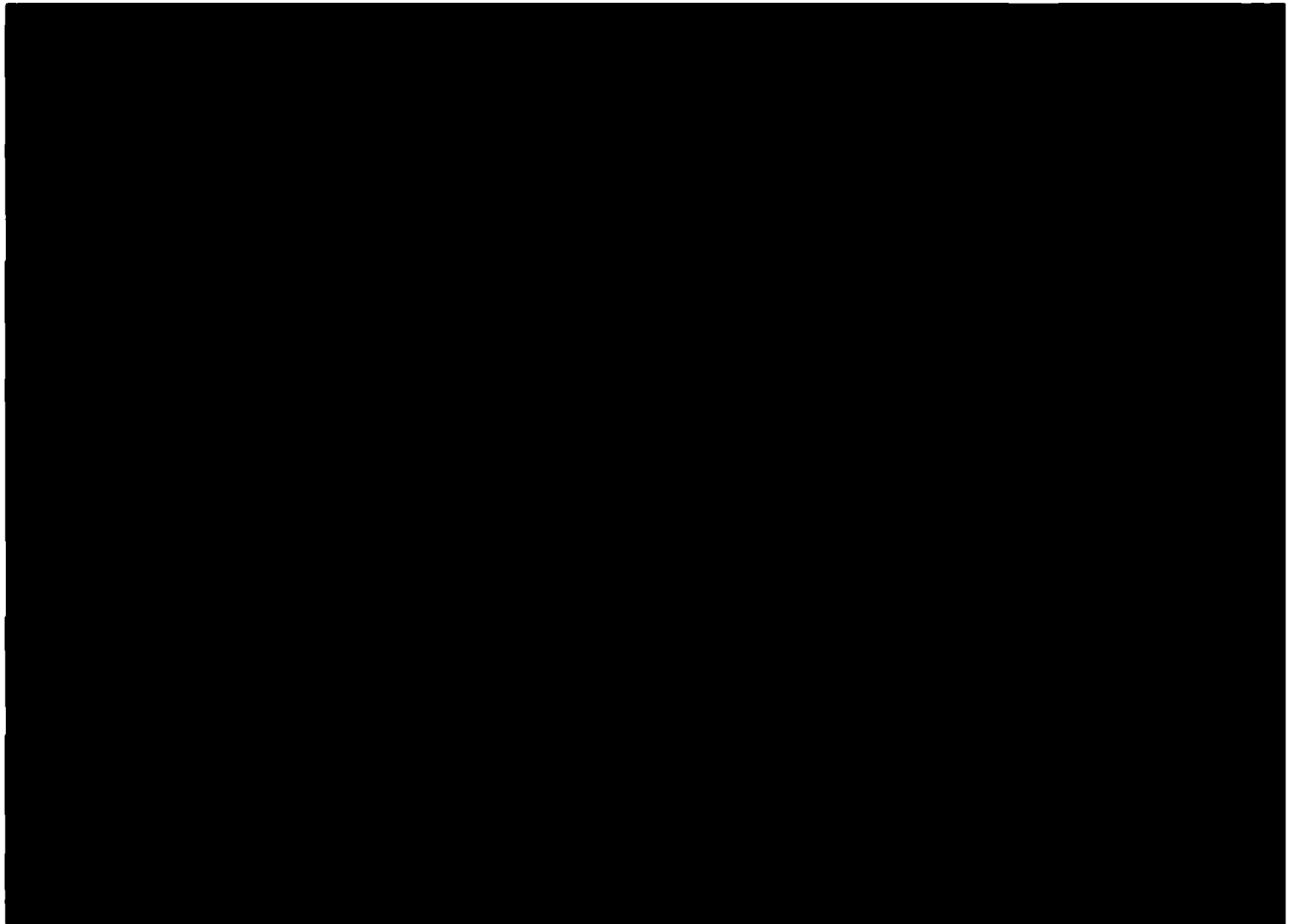


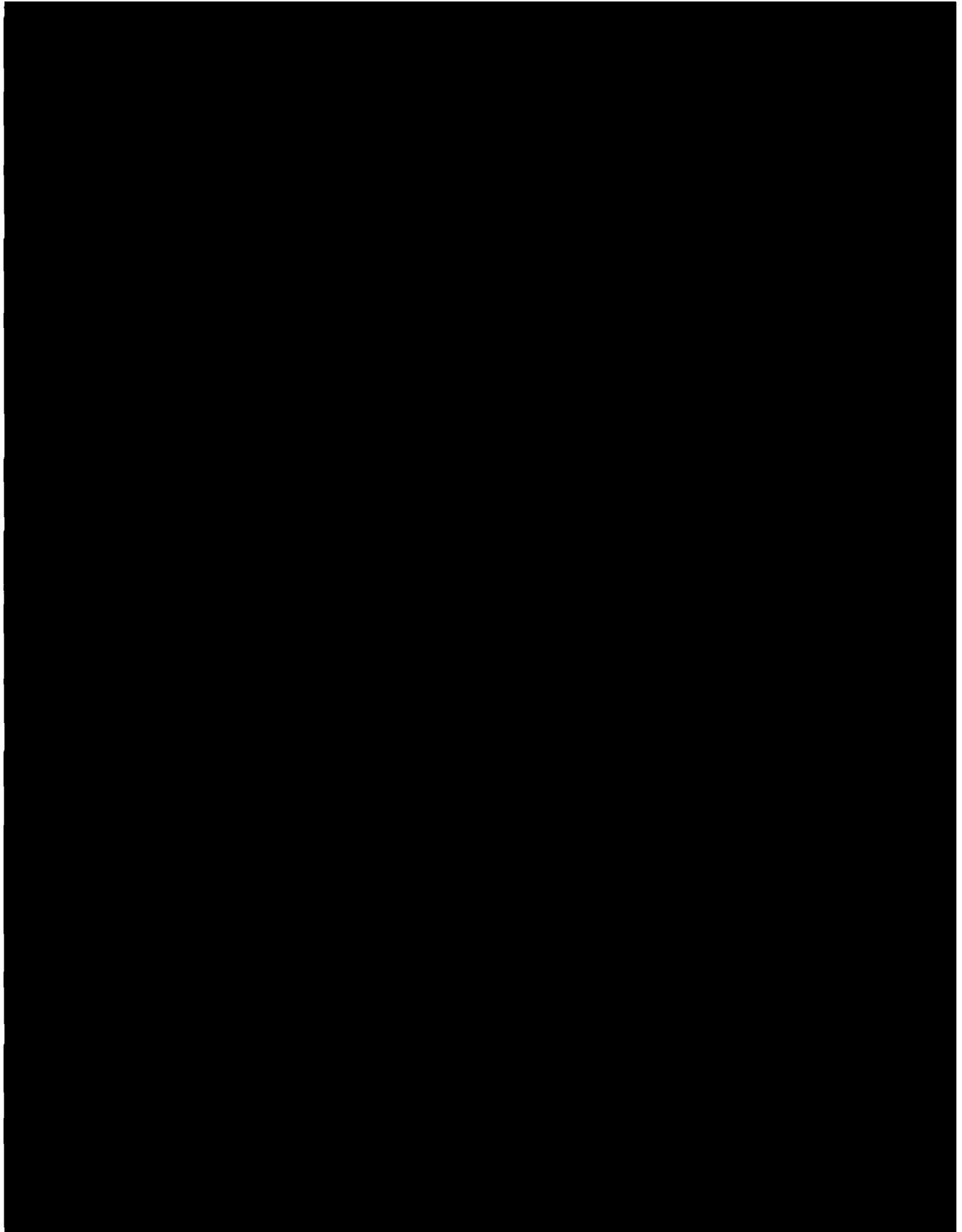
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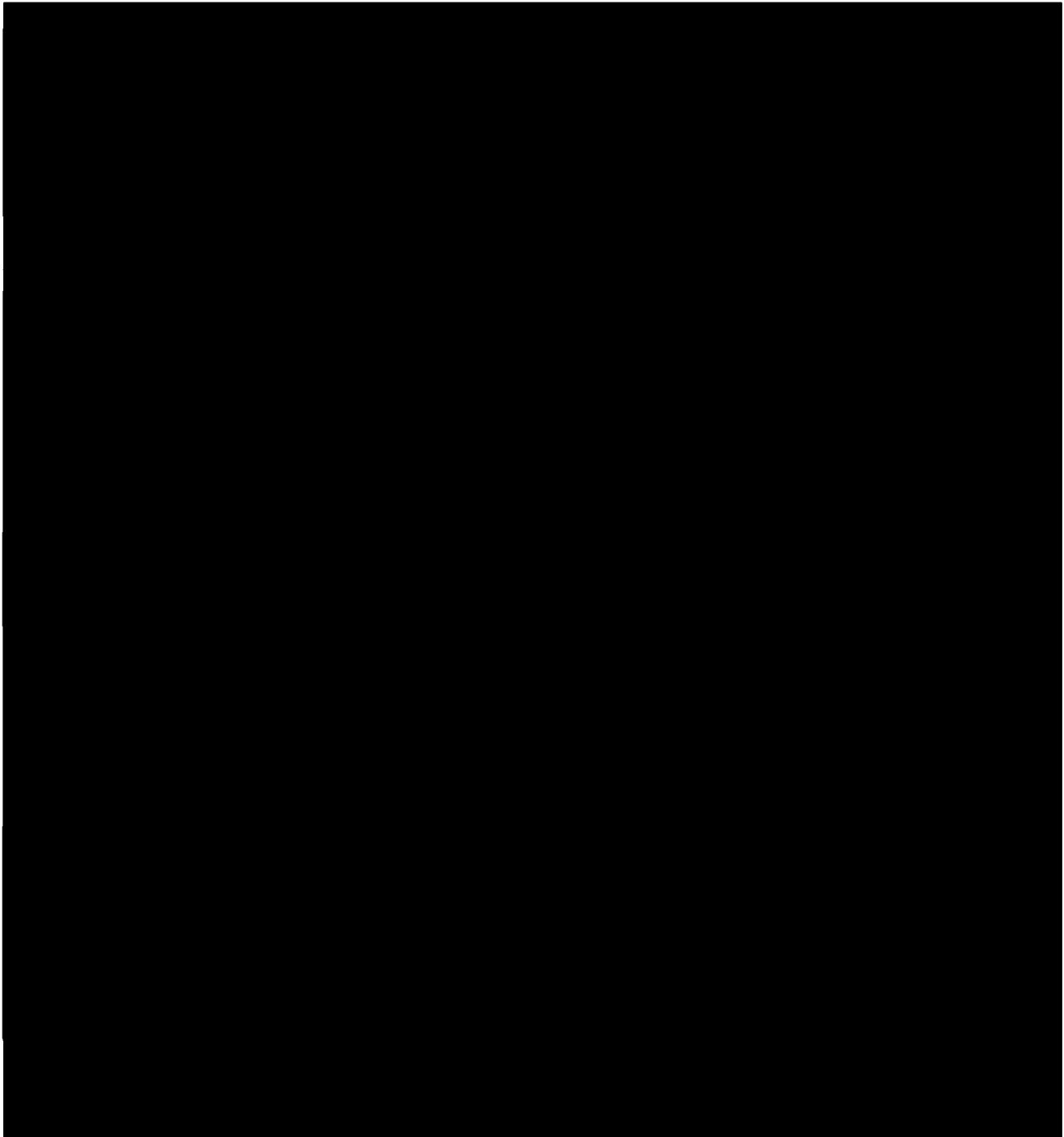
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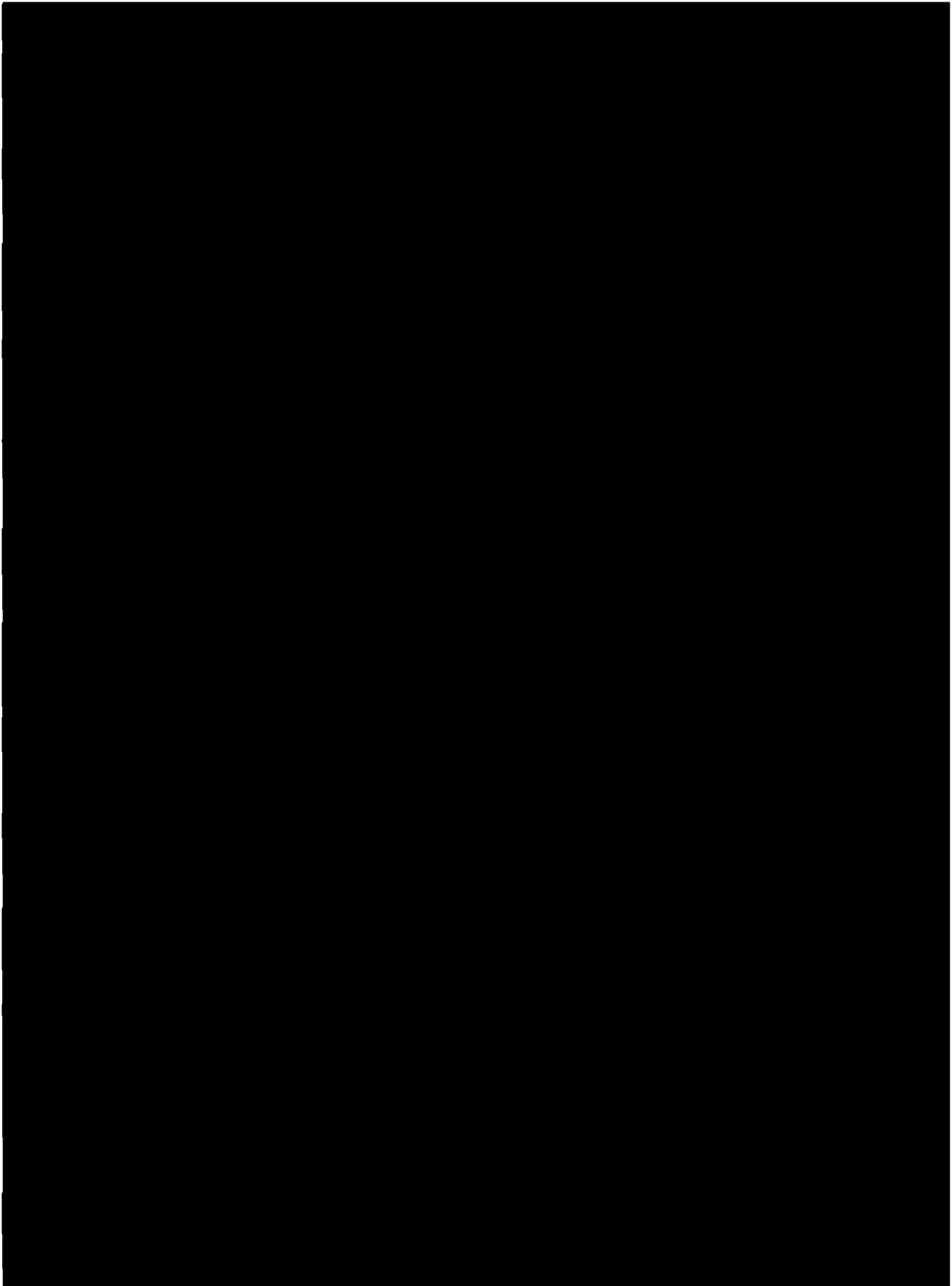


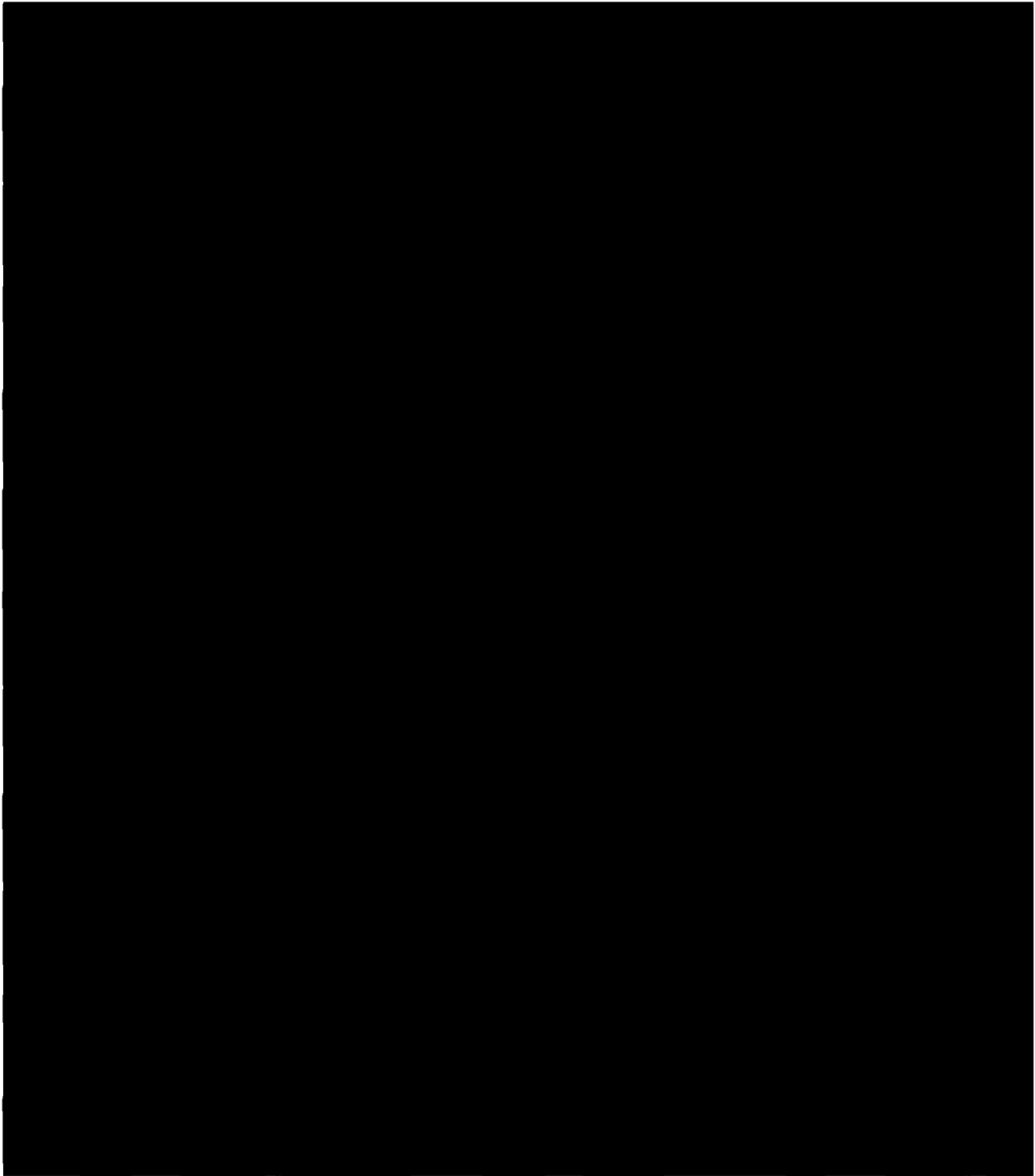




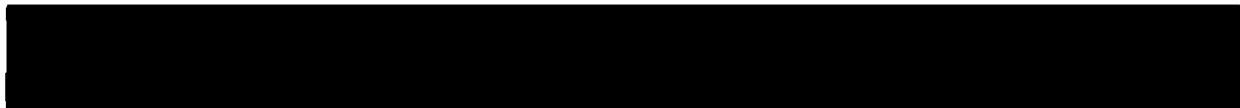
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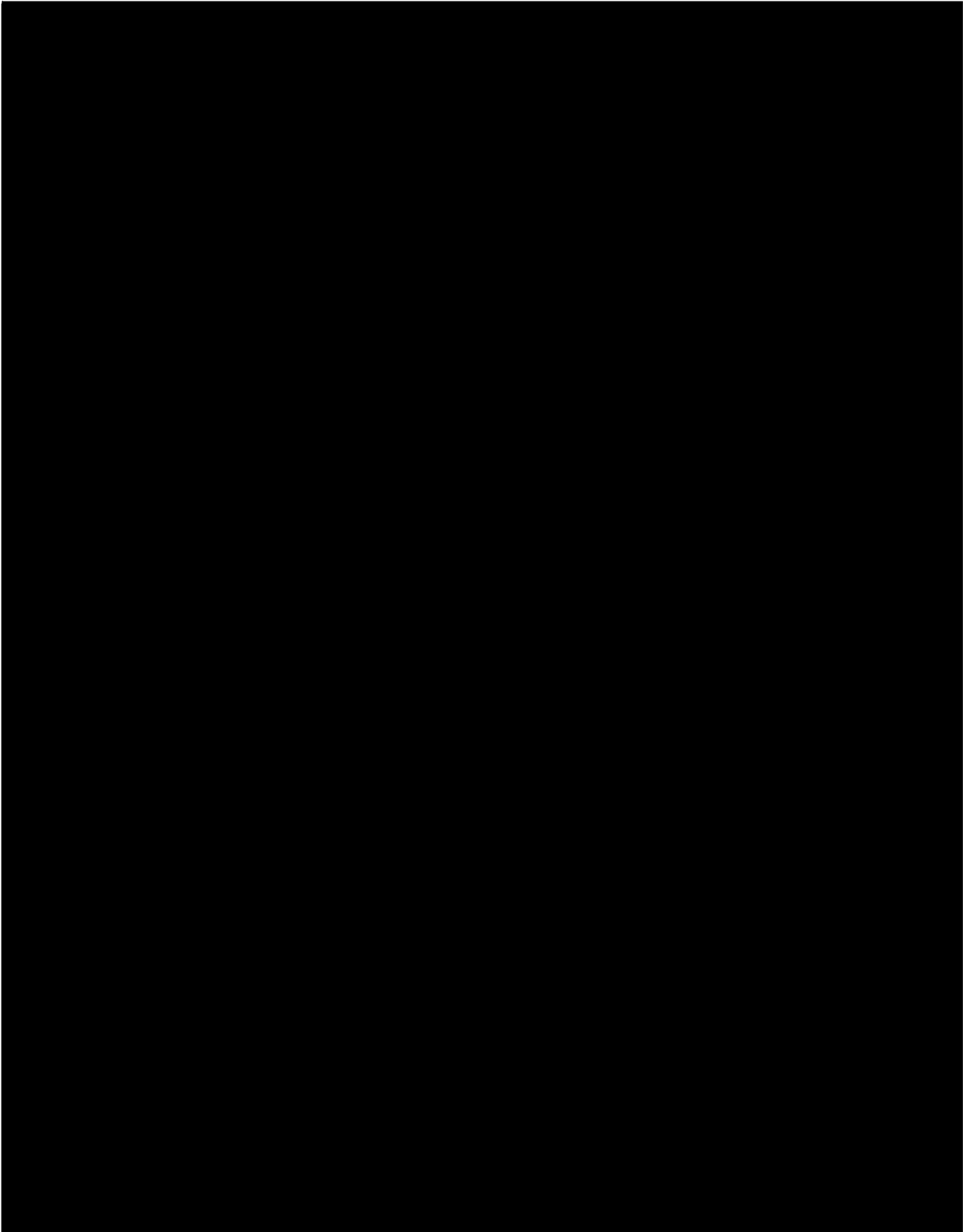


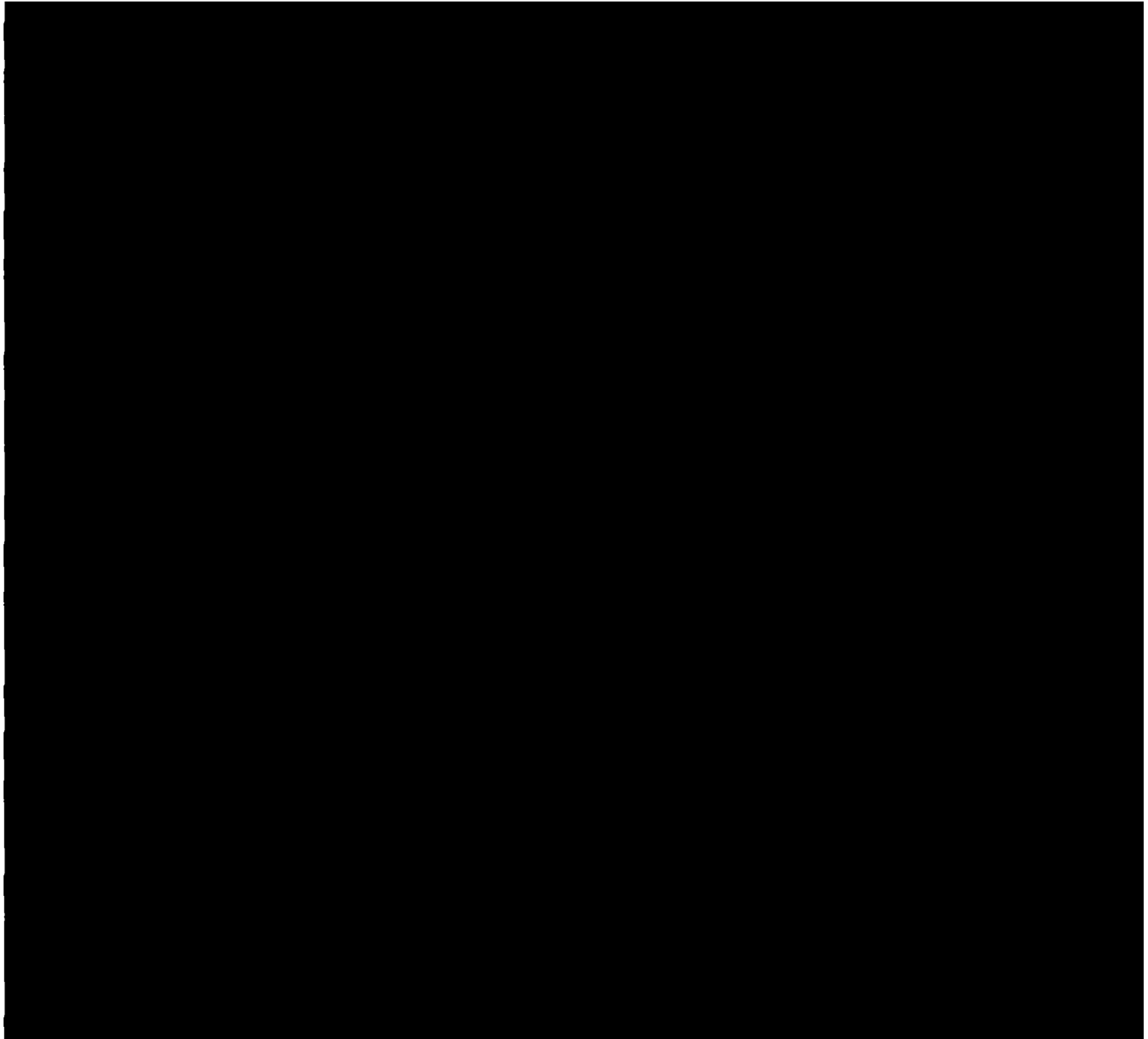




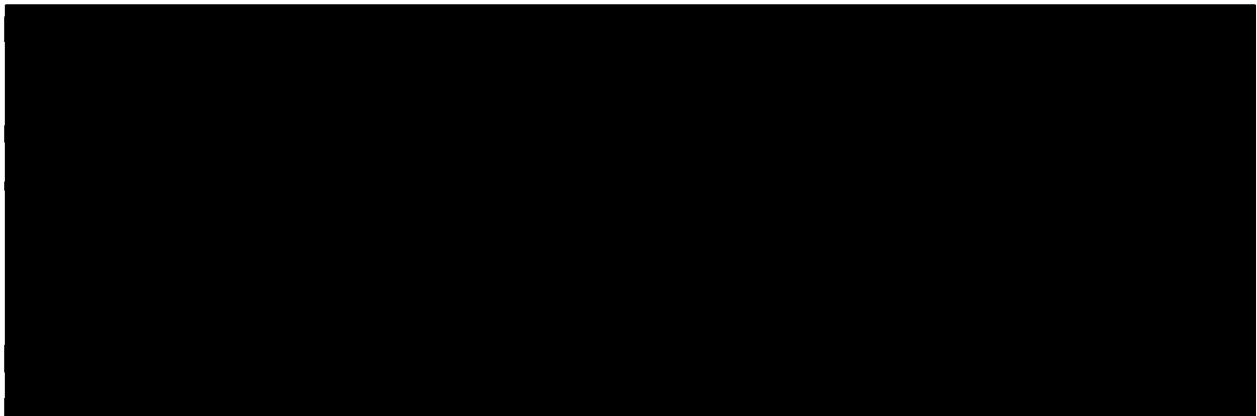
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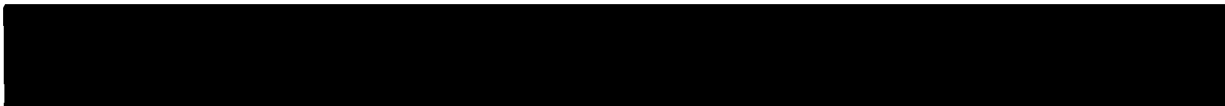






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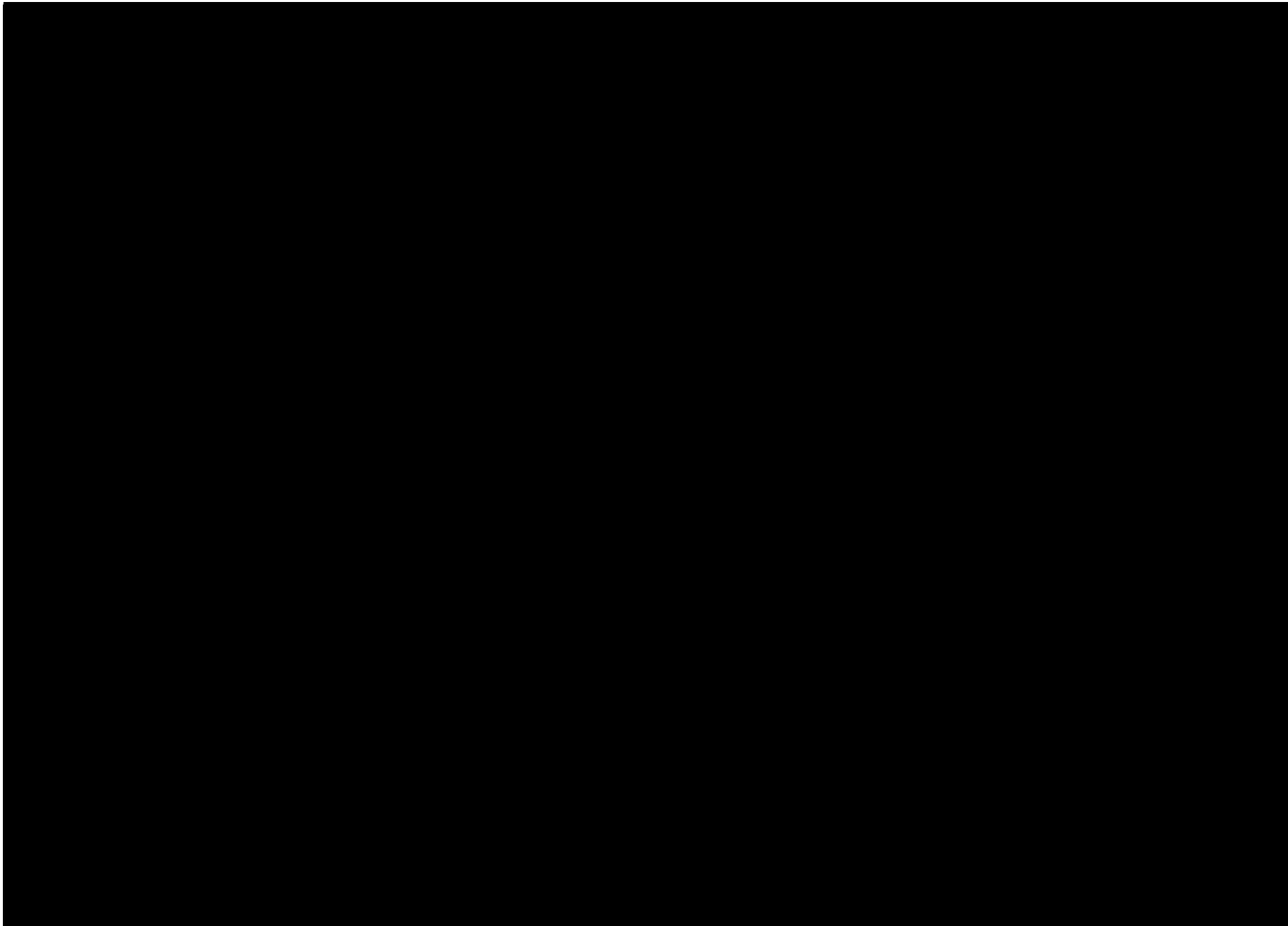


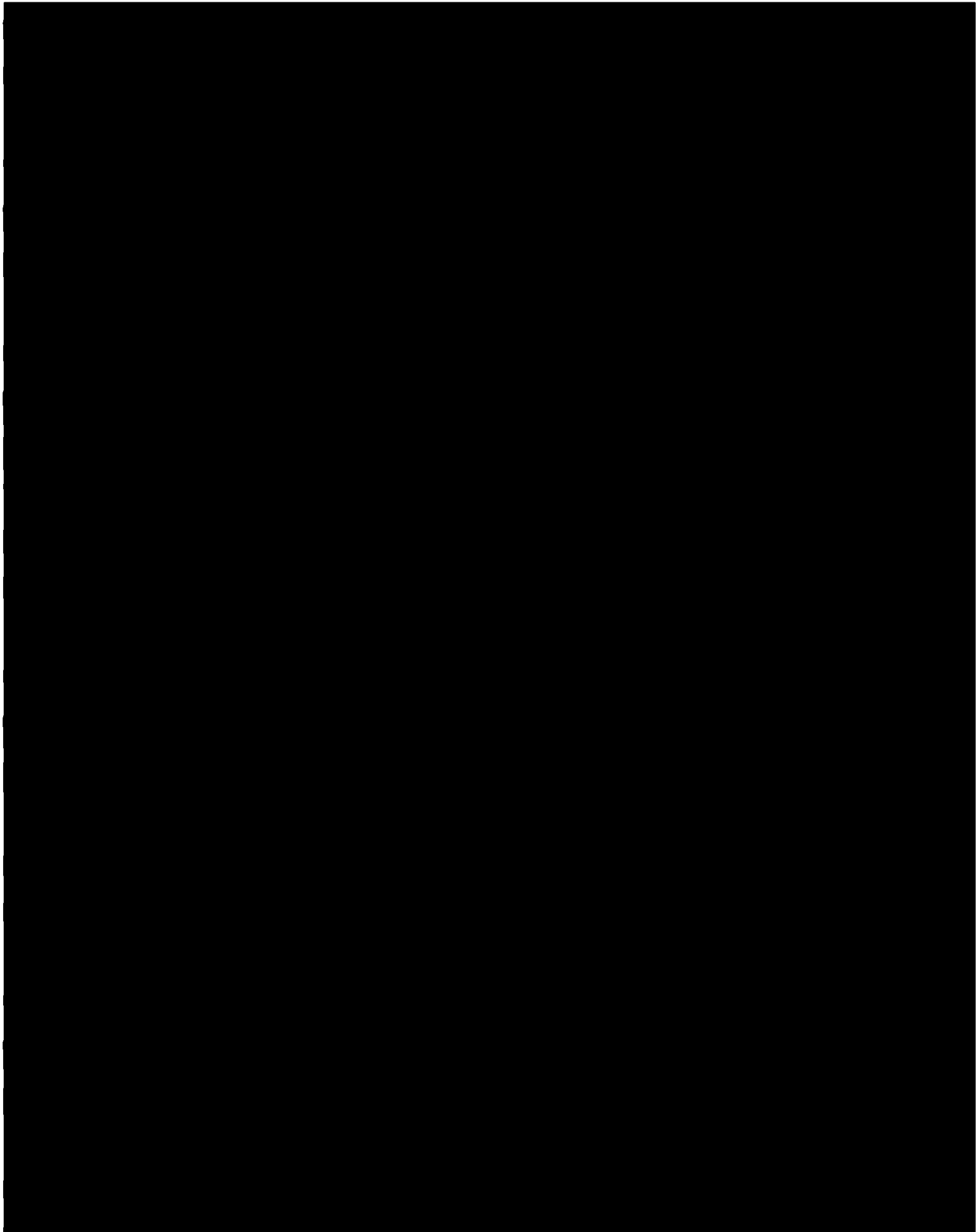
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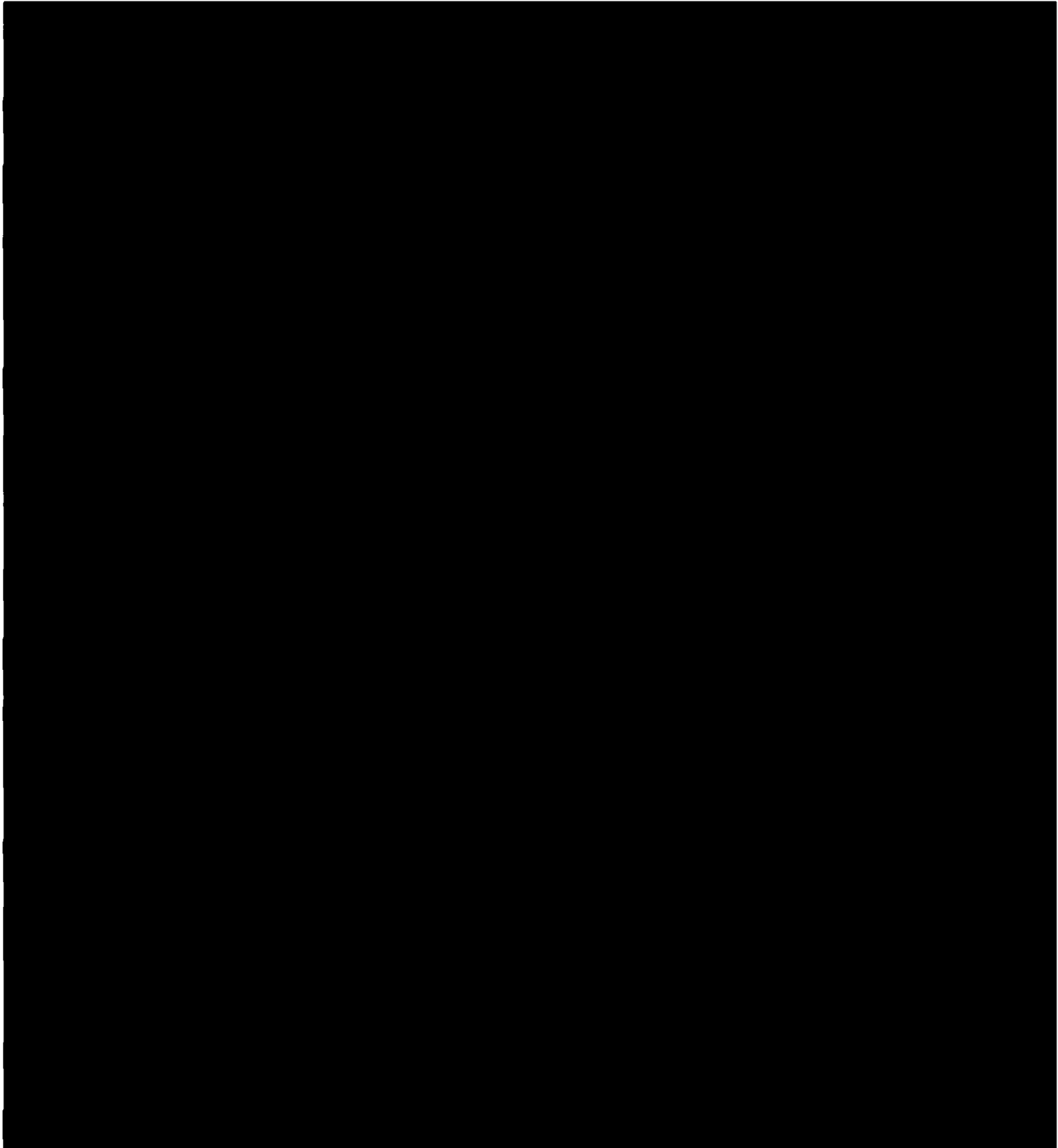
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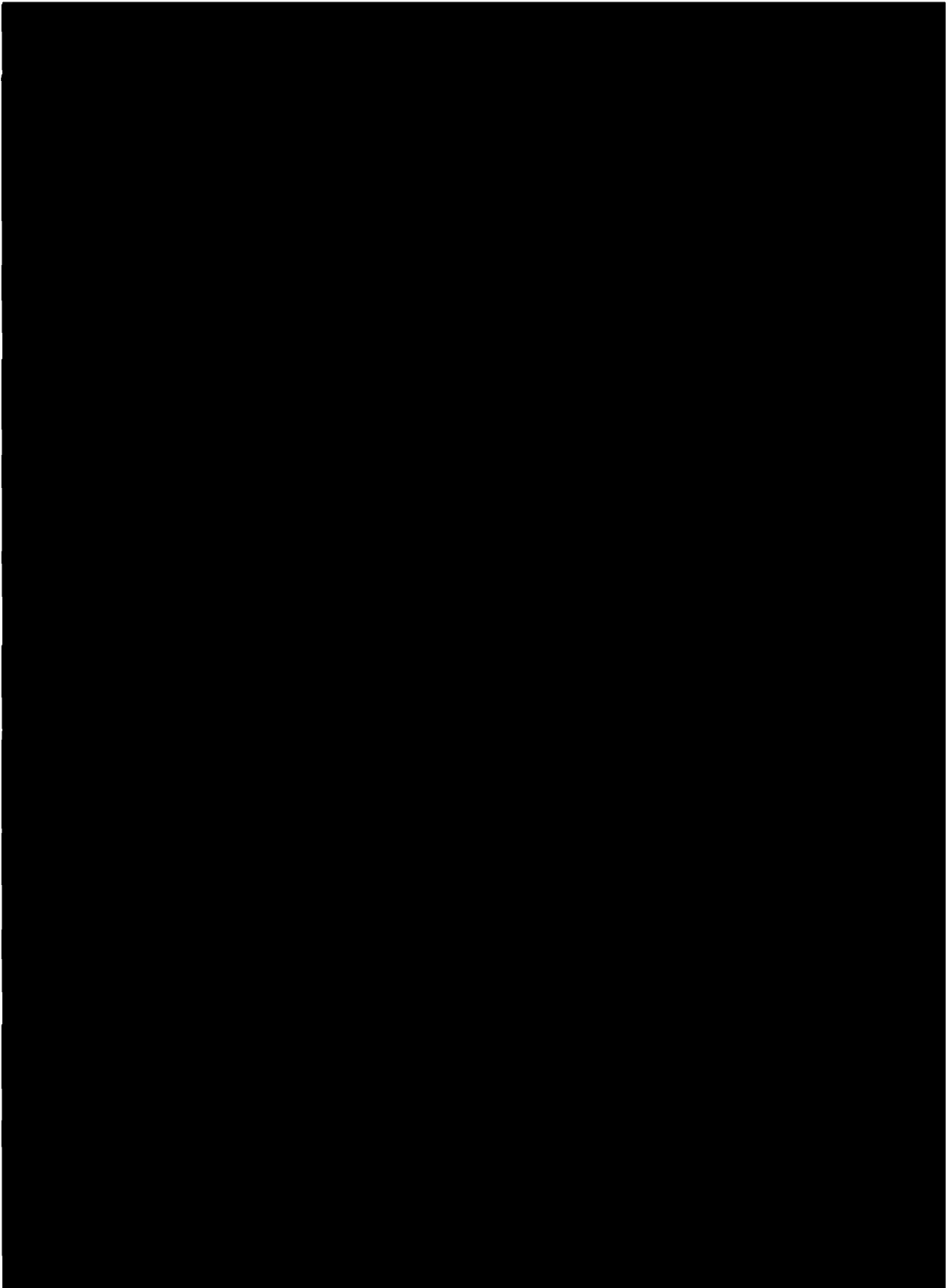


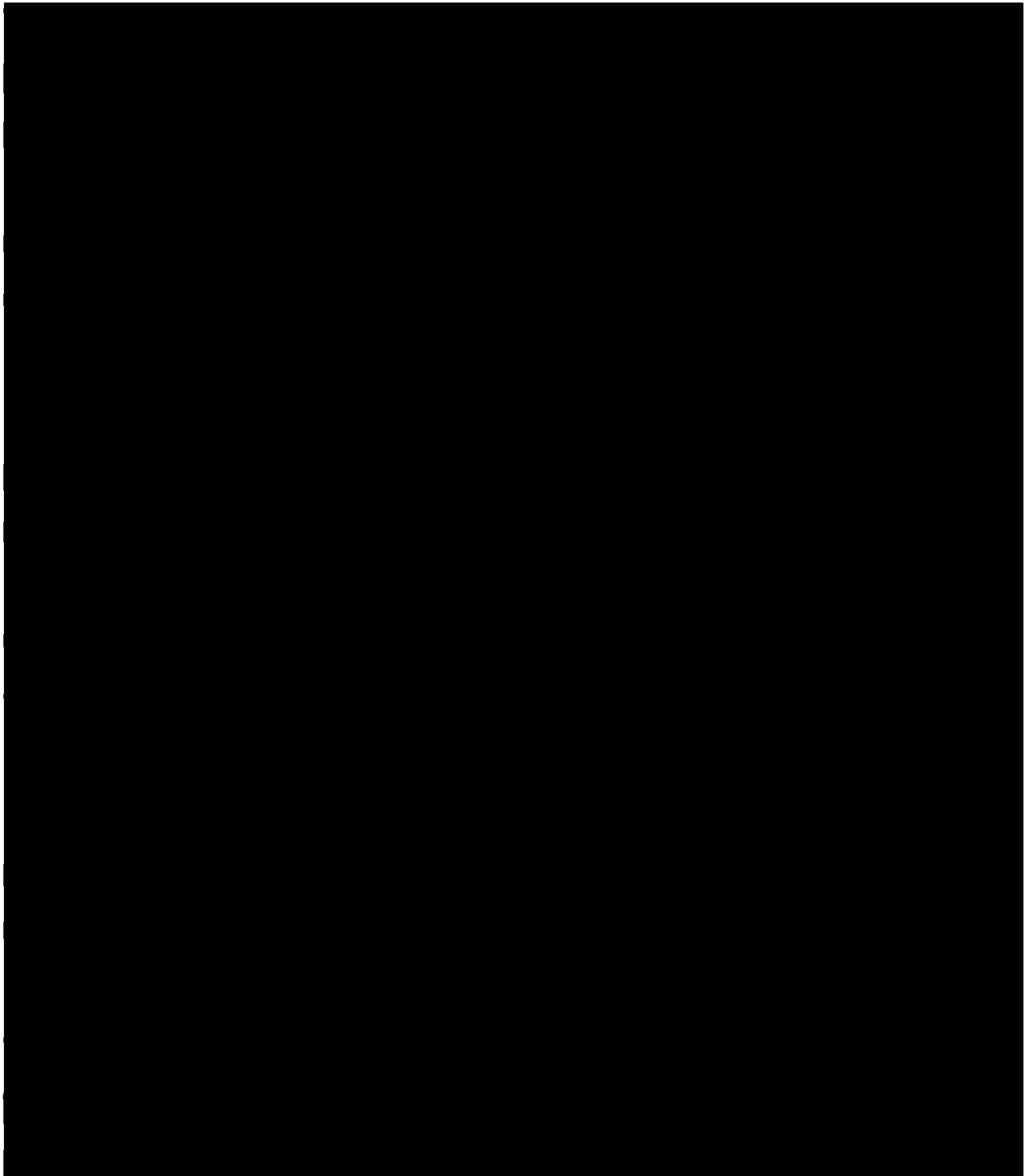




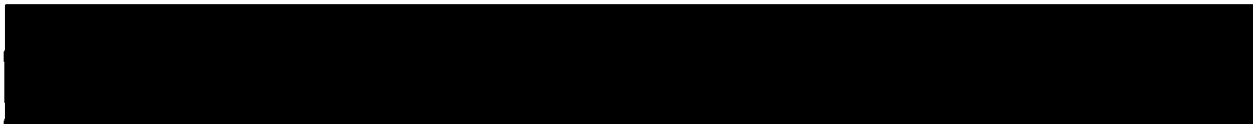
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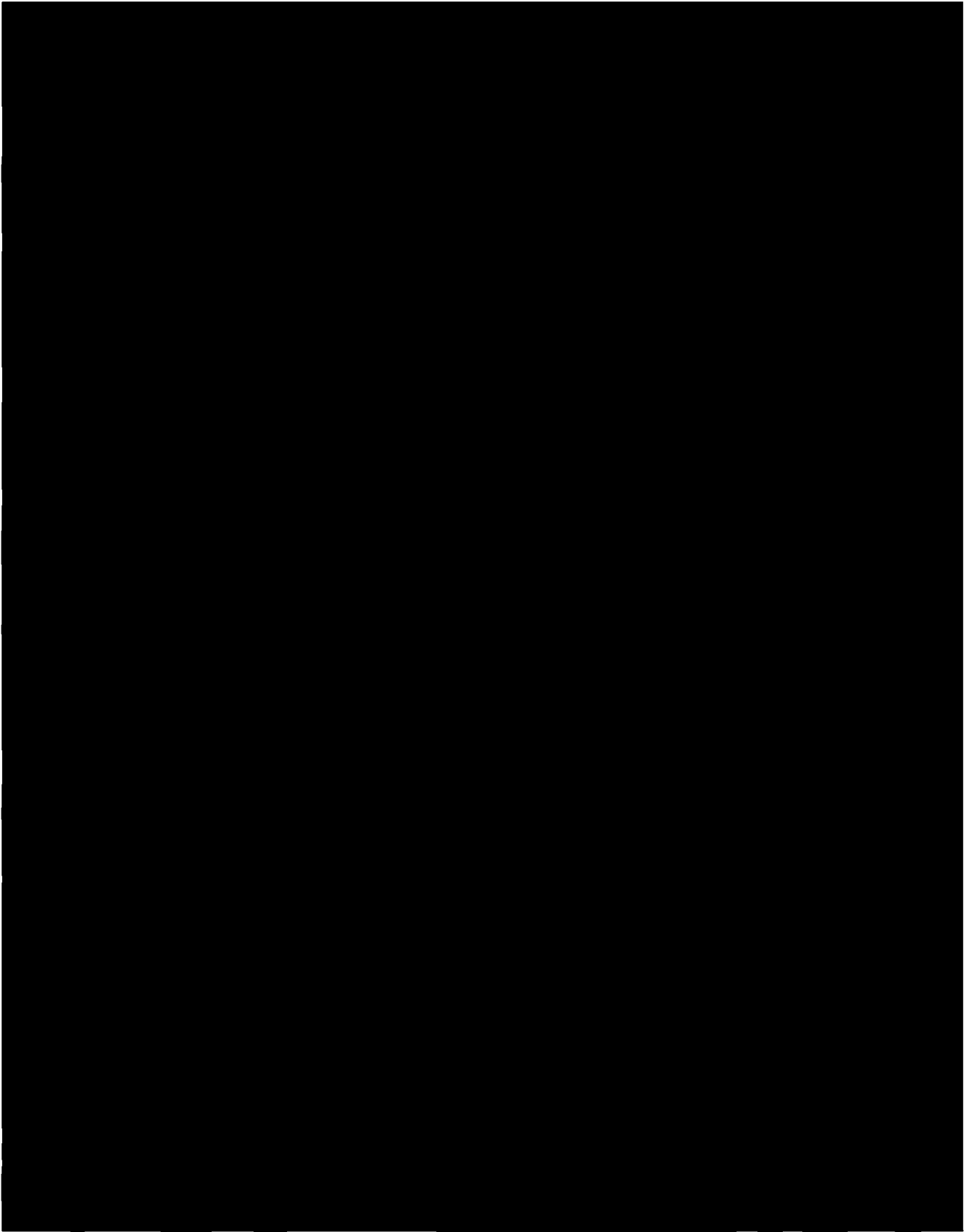


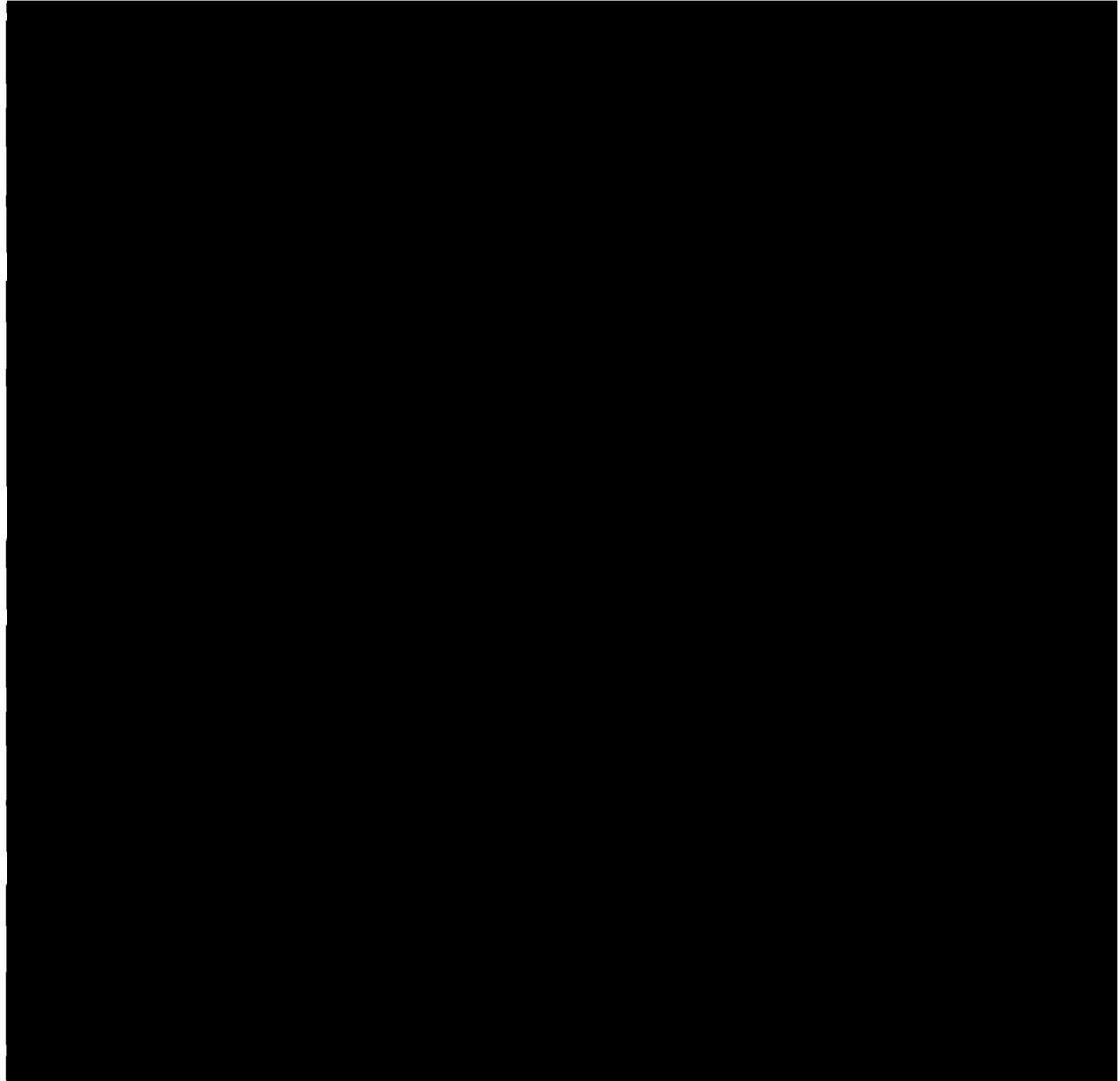




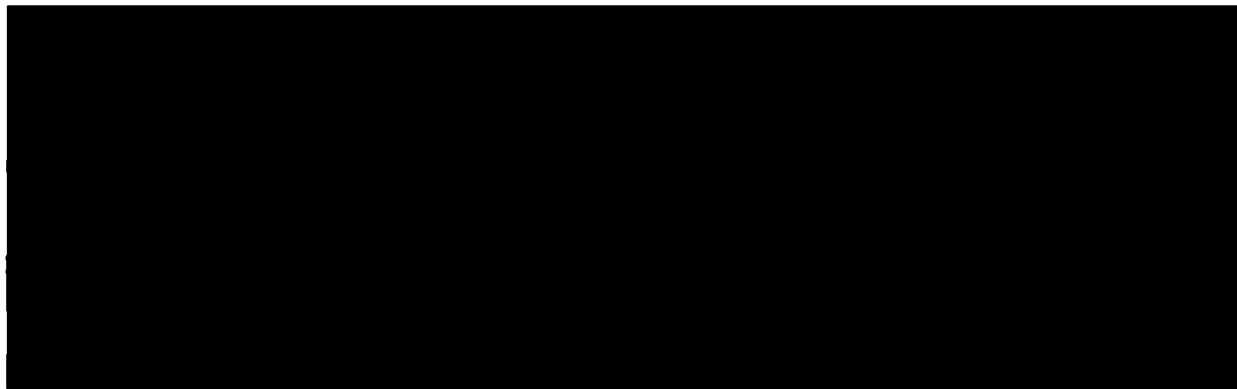
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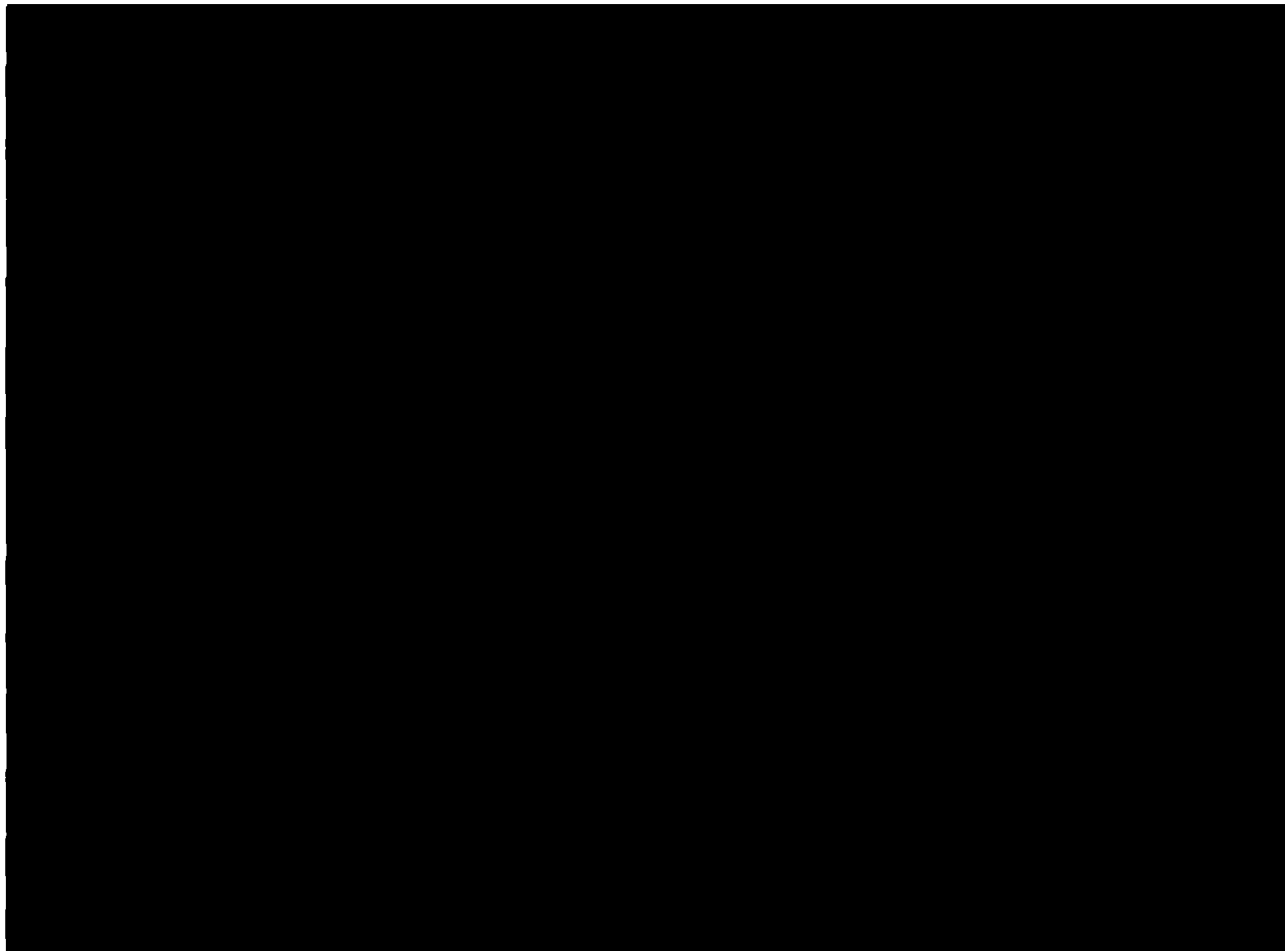


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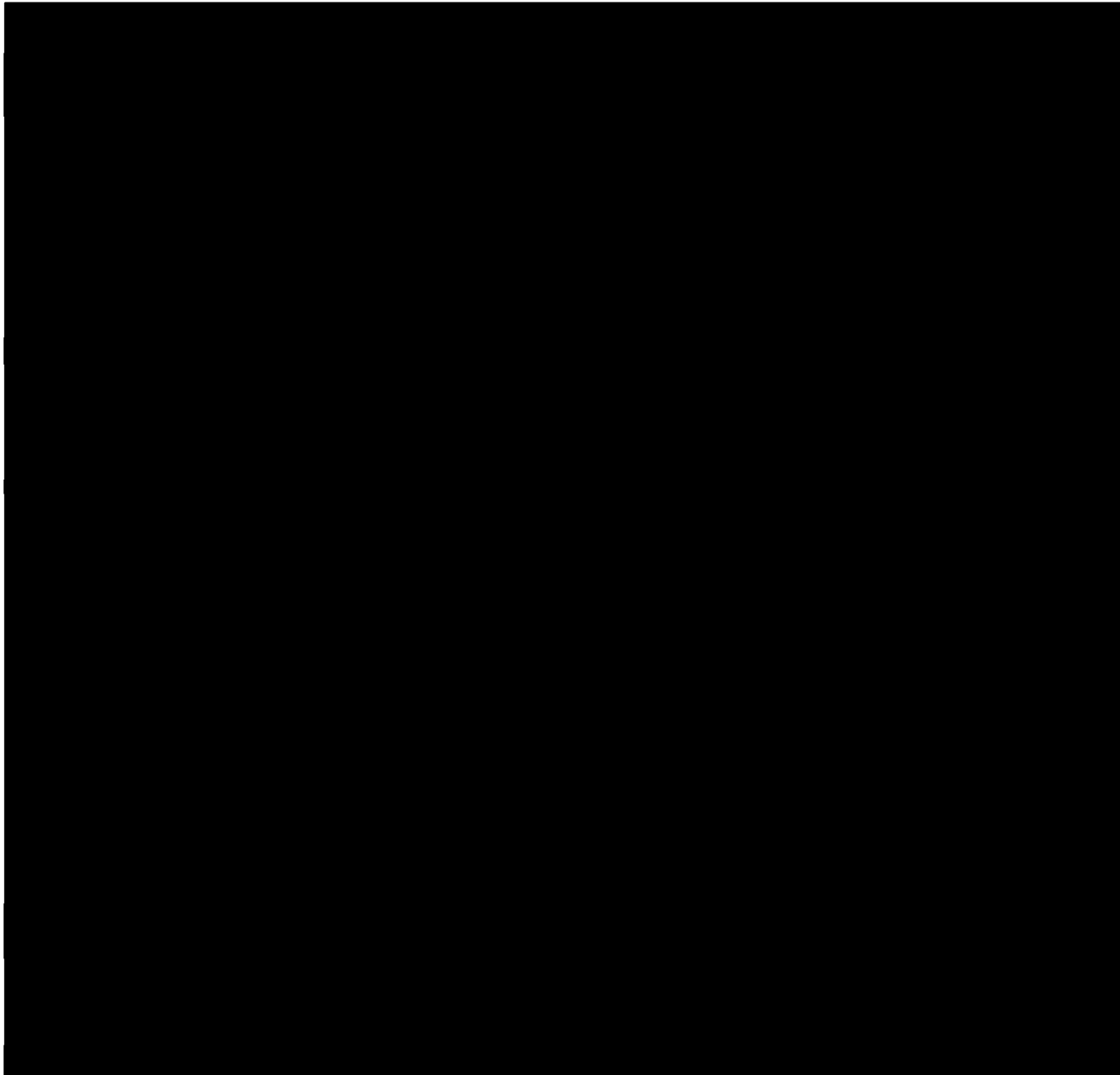
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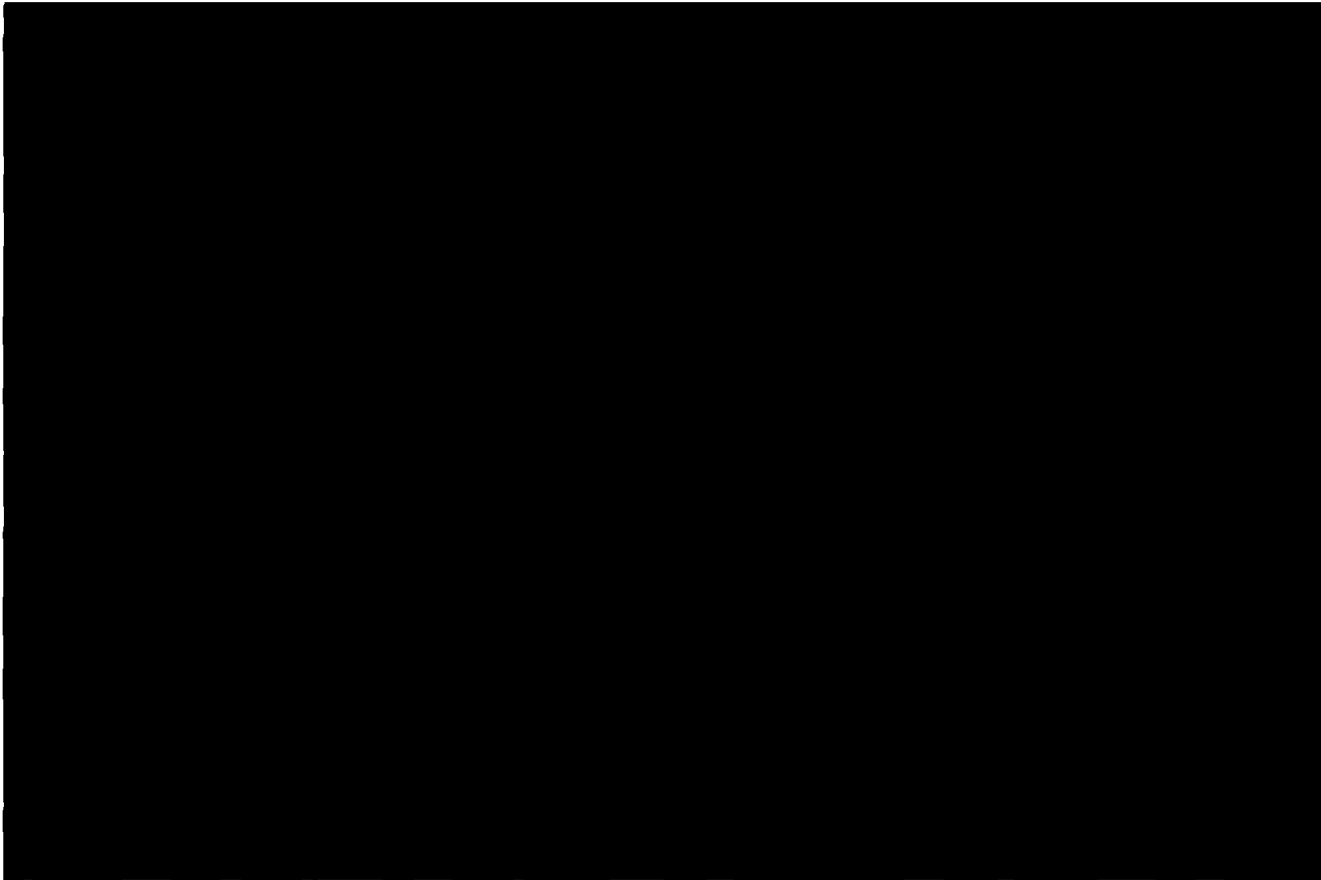
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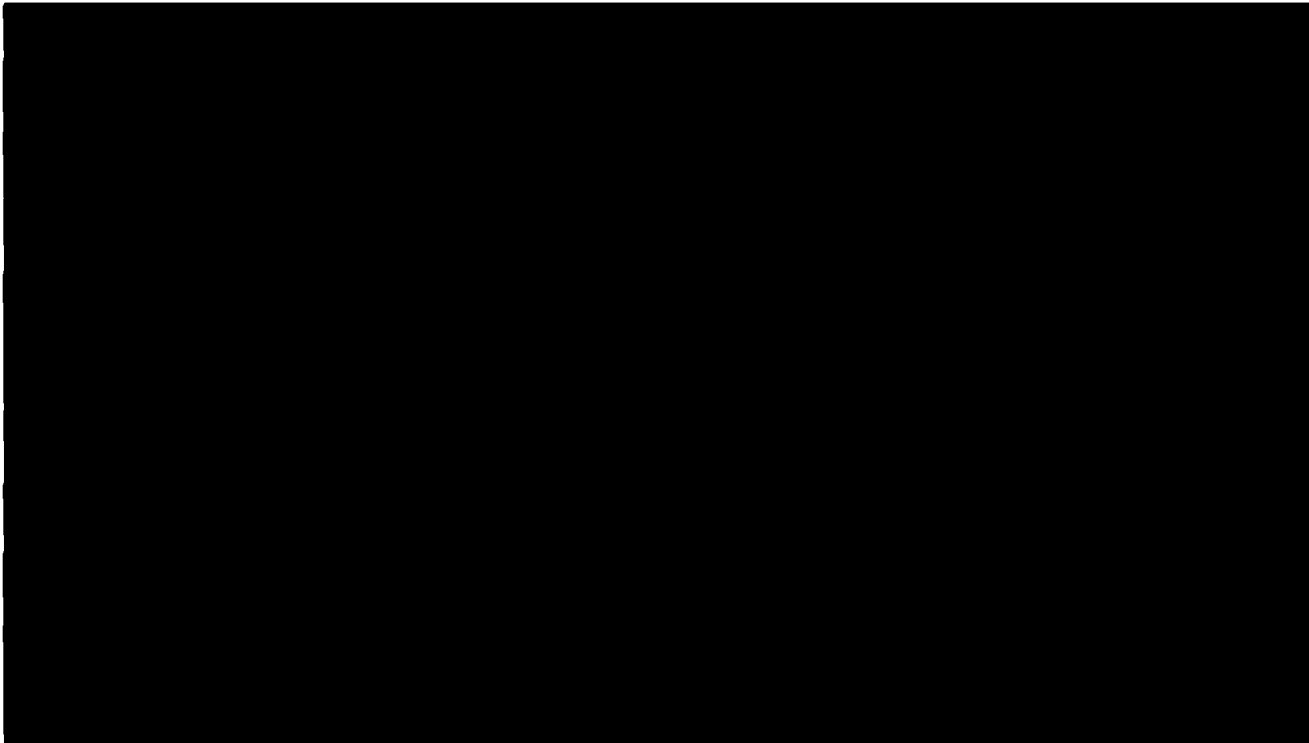


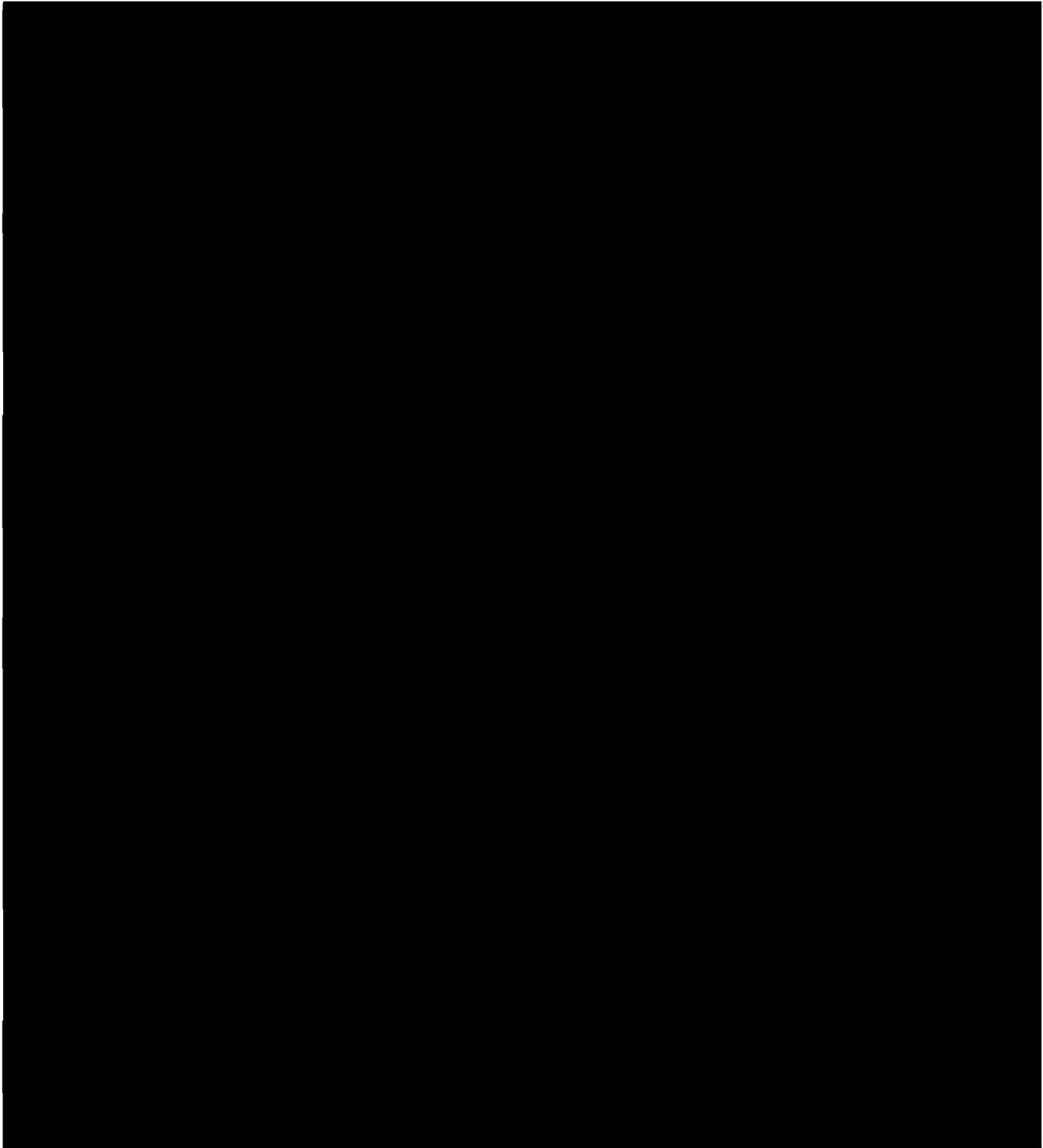
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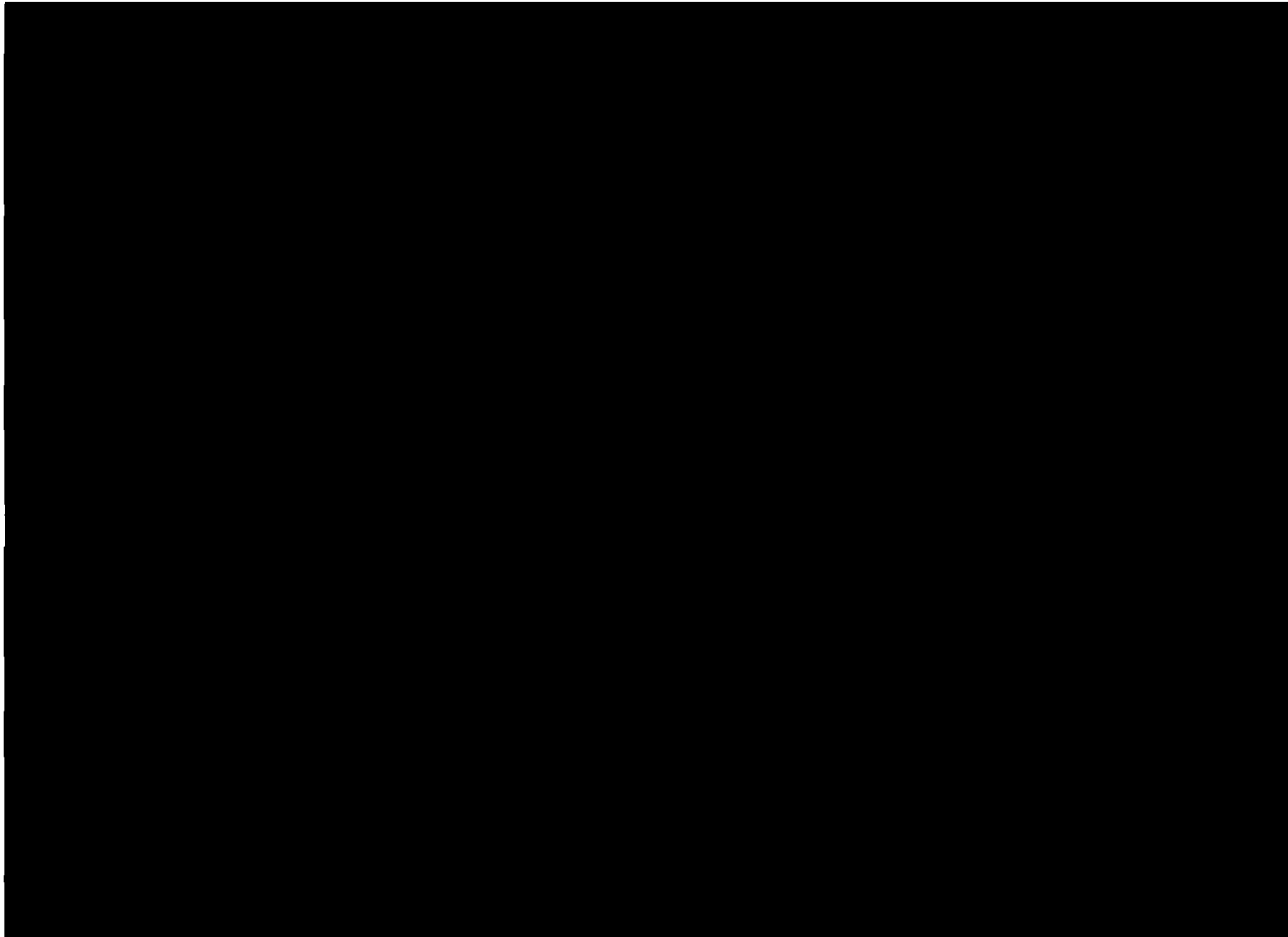


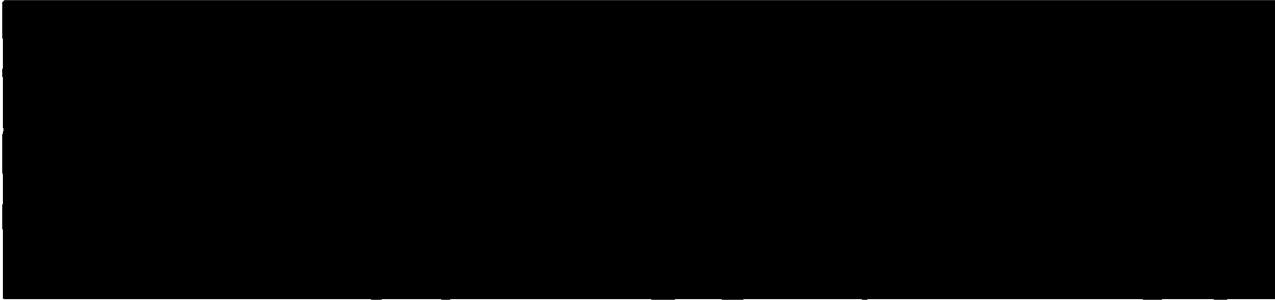
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COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, SUBCOMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND  
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ON  
“IMPLEMENTING THE COBELL SETTLEMENT: MISSED OPPORTUNITY AND  
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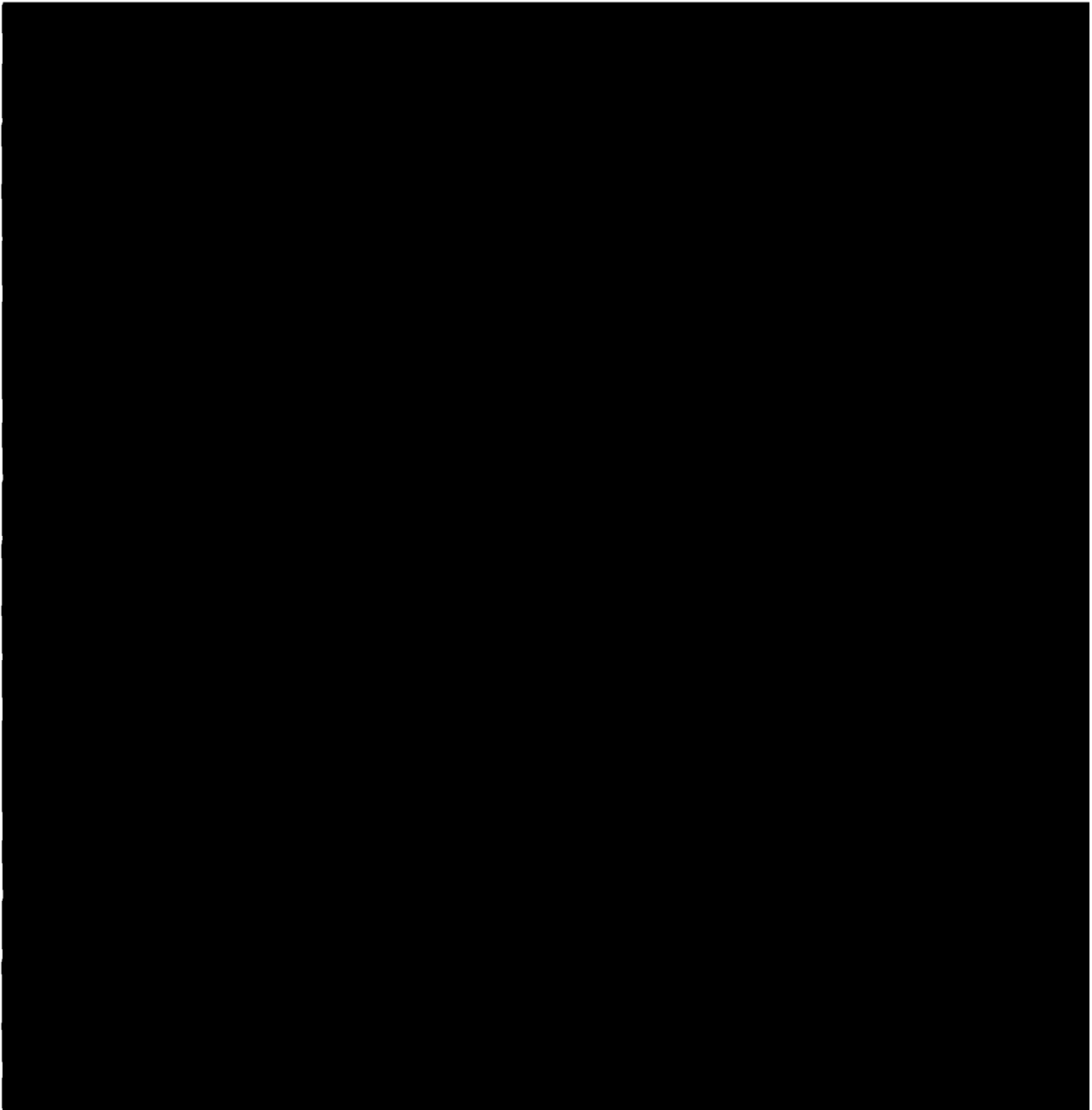
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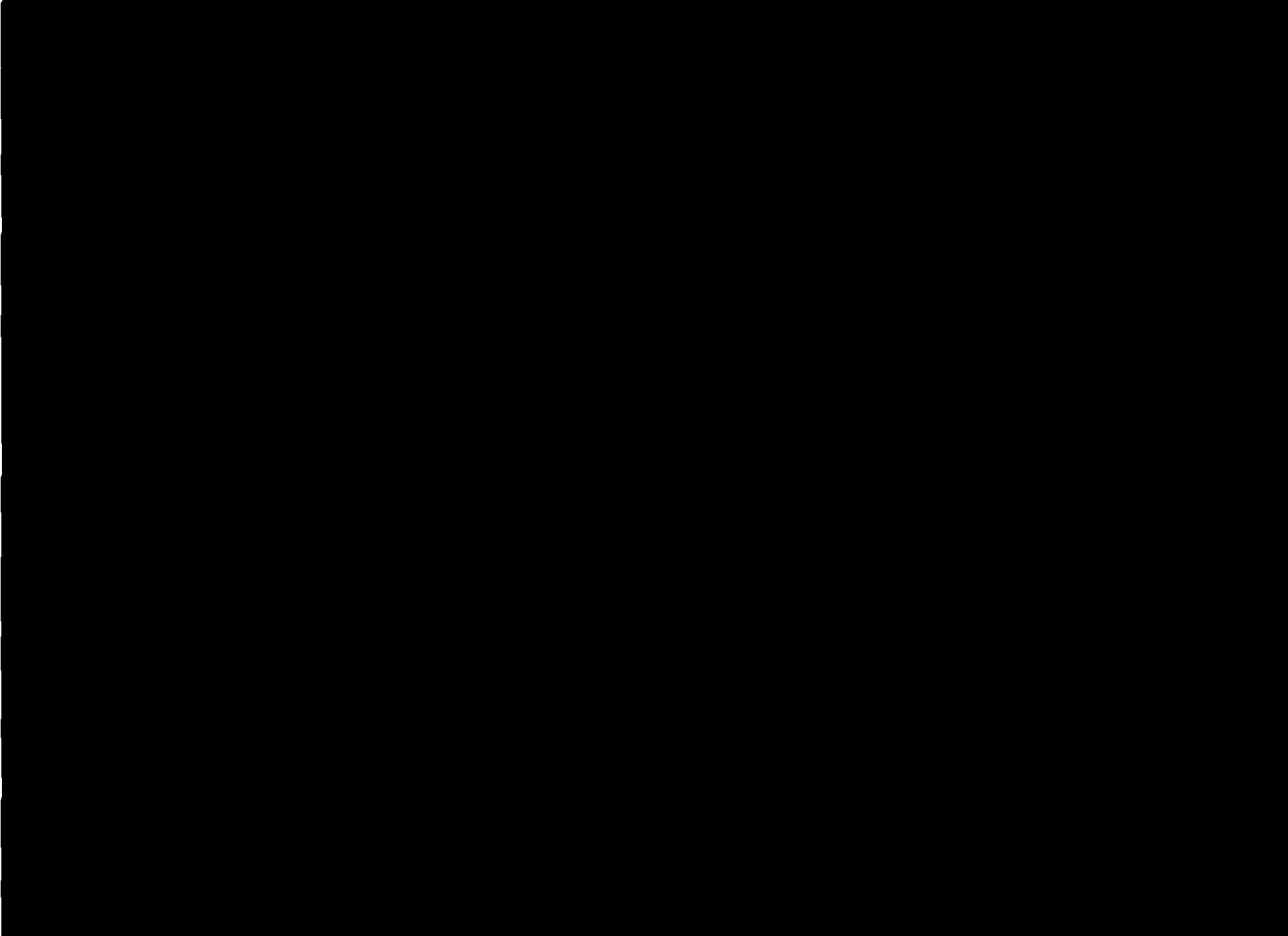
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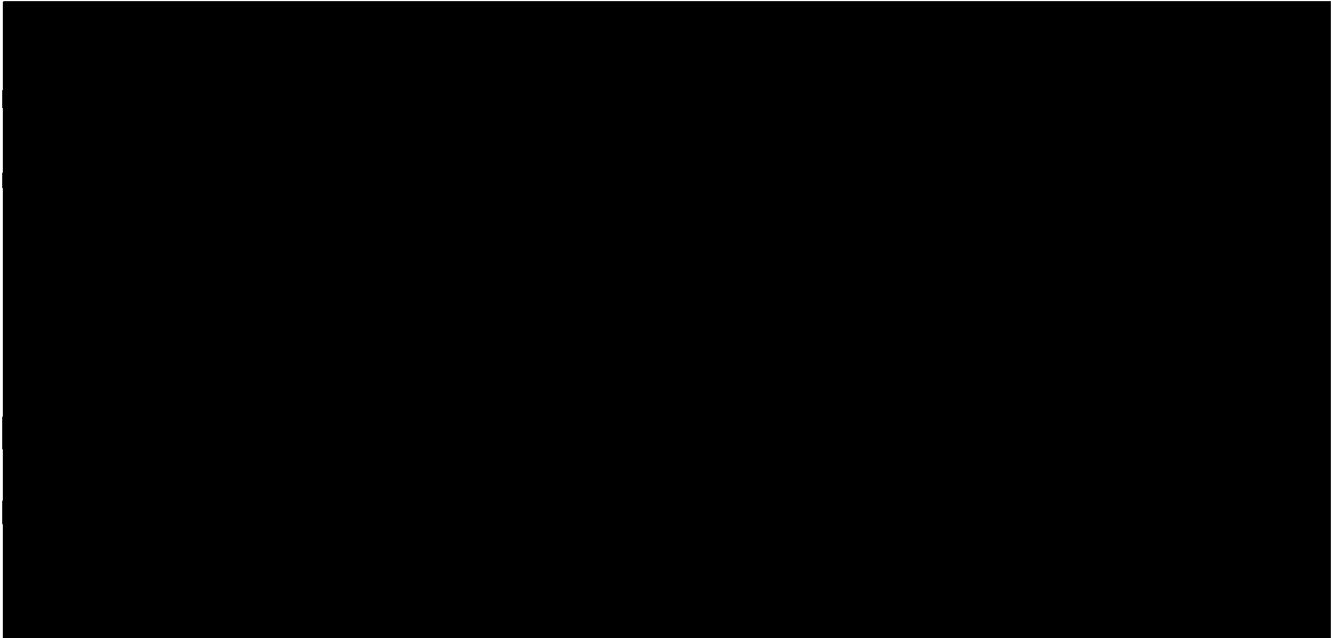


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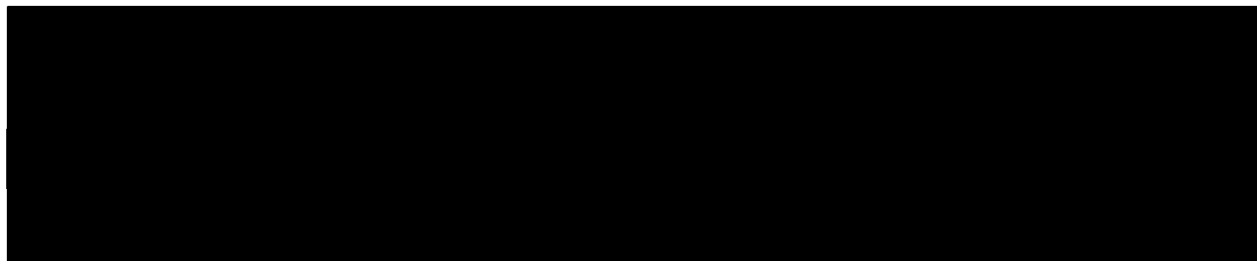


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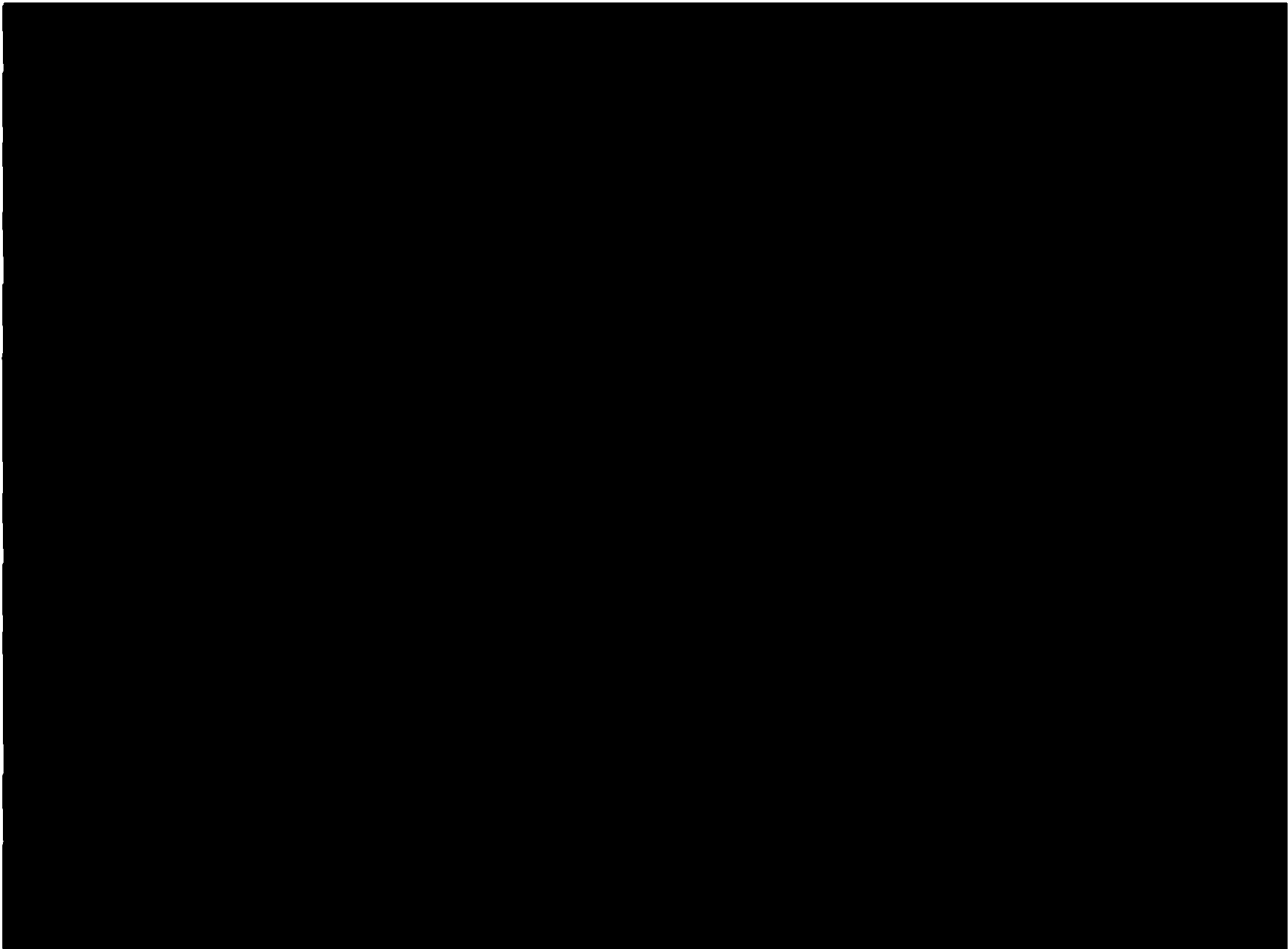


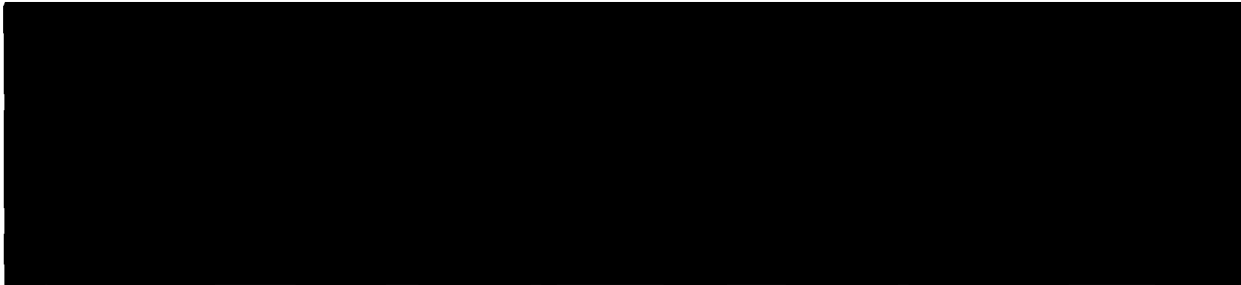
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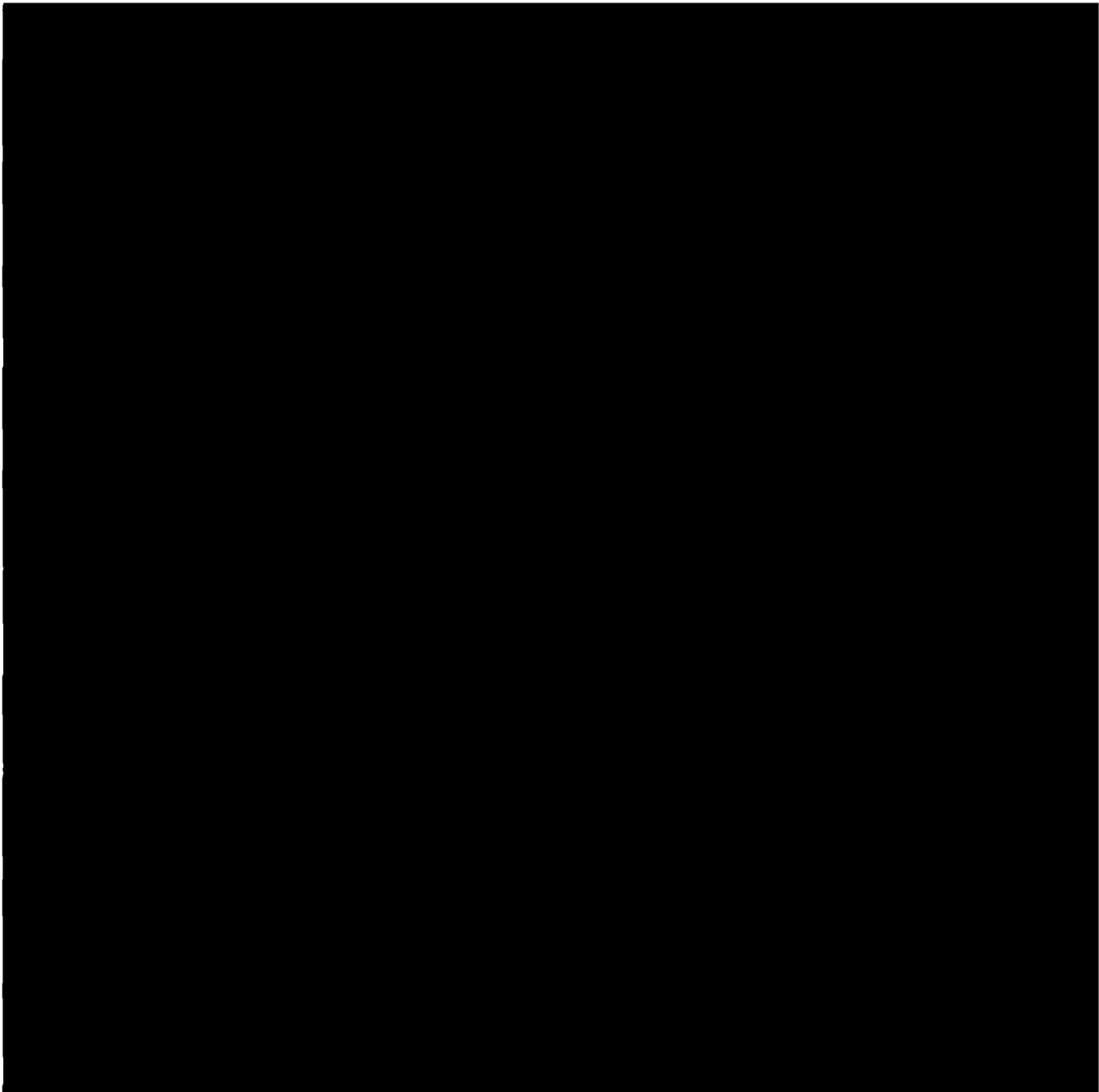
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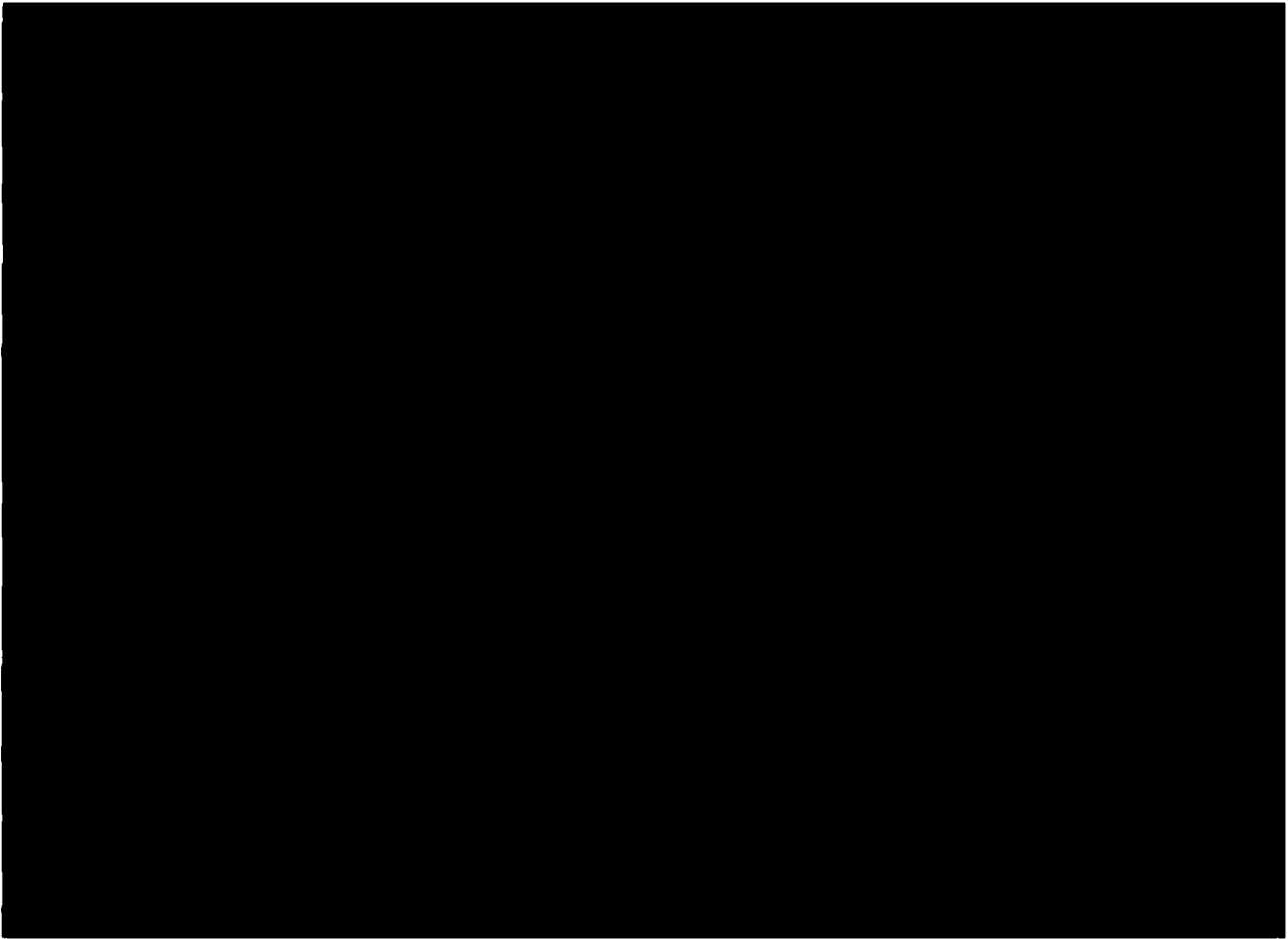
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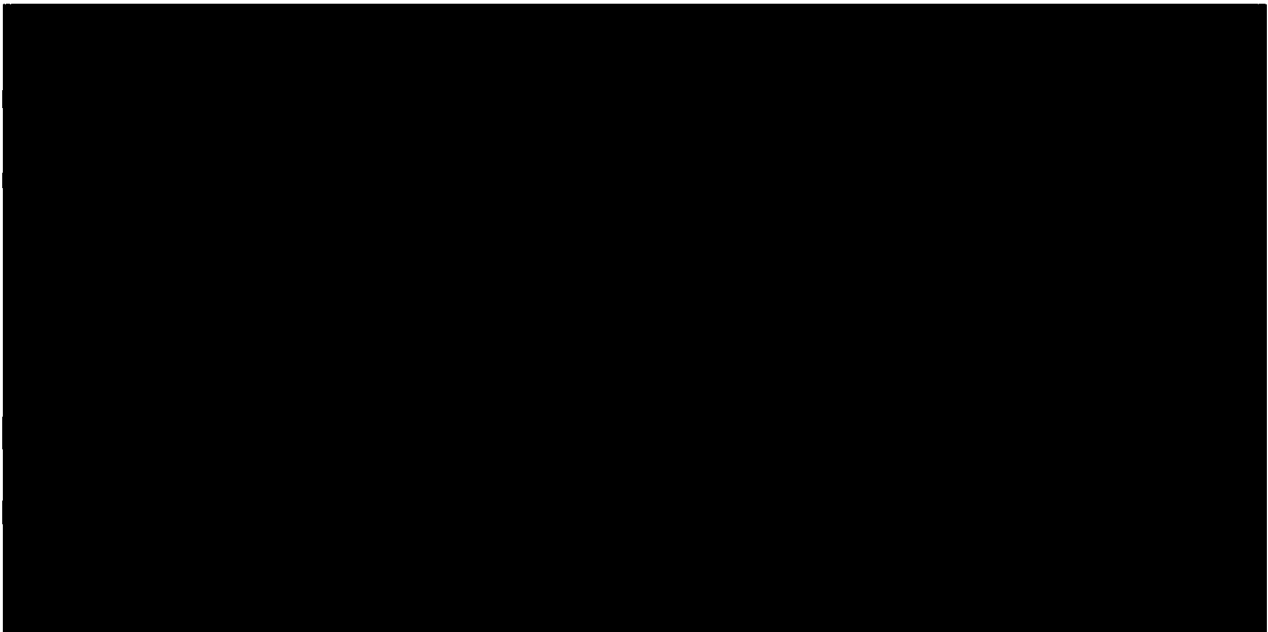


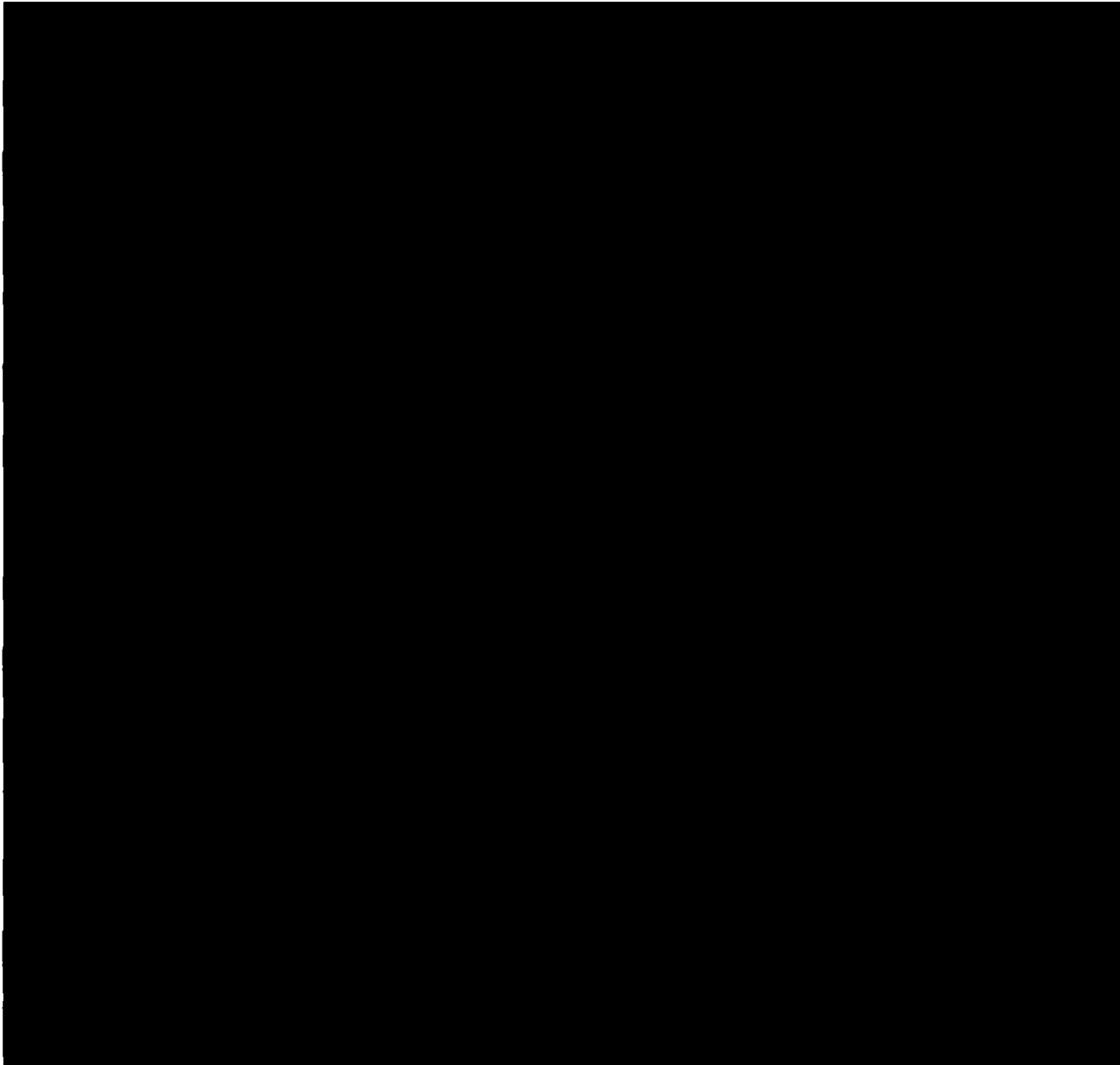
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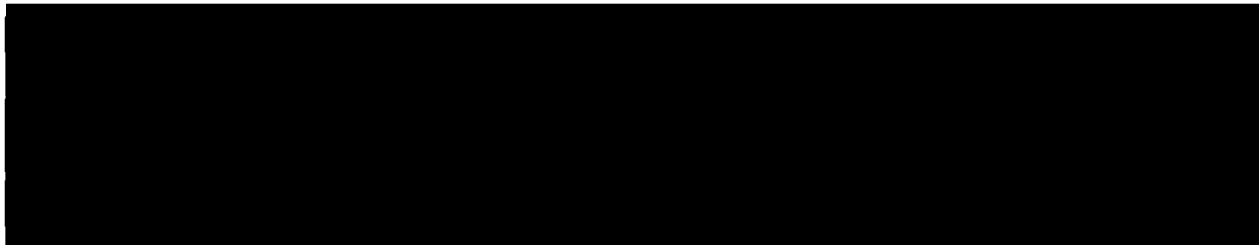


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## House Member Papers

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Good morning!

Attached are the House member papers we prepared. I believe the security issue is fixed and you should be able to open them.












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## Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.)

42nd District, Western Riverside County -- Corona, Murrieta



**Residence:** Corona

**Education:** Chaffey College, A.A. 1973 (business); San Diego State U., B.A. 1975 (economics)

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** Real estate executive; restaurant executive

**Elected:** 1992 (11th term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations (Defense; Energy-Water; Interior-Environment - Chairman)
- Budget

### General Issues

Water

Energy

Wildland Fire Management

Indian Affairs

### Member Specific Issues

**California Drought:** Chairman Calvert voted in support of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act, H.R. 3964, sponsored by Rep. Valadeo and recently passed by the House. This bill includes limitations of Secretarial authority regarding water availability for species protection or restoration in the Central Valley. Senator Feinstein issued a strong press statement in opposition to this legislation. Funding for the Central Valley Project appears to decrease in 2015 by \$60 million, but reflects a shift of \$32 million for a separate San Joaquin Restoration Fund account and a temporary suspension of drainage activities consistent with recent Court Order.

#### *If asked about the California drought situation:*

- The Administration remains committed to an 'all in' approach to the Federal response to drought conditions in the West.
- I will continue to work closely with the State to ensure a balanced and coordinated approach to provide for the water needs of people, agriculture, businesses, power and the environment.

#### *If asked about funding for California water programs:*

- The 2015 request for the Bureau of Reclamation includes \$294 million for significant California water projects including \$118.6 million for operations, management, and improvements within the Central Valley Project.

***If asked why funding for the Central Valley Project decreases by \$60 million:***

- This decrease reflects two things. First, the budget shifts funds to establish a separate account for the San Joaquin River Restoration program. Second, the project reflects a reduction due to a six month delay in the schedule for drainage services for the San Luis Unit as approved by the U.S. District Court.

**Salton Sea Project:** This project was identified as Riverside County's highest priority which Chairman Calvert represents. He was on the Congressional Salton Sea Task Force then chaired by Rep. Bono. The district is represented by Raul Ruiz (D-CA) and Juan Vargas. You recently received a letter from Senator Boxer and Reps. Ruiz and Vargas asking you to designate land at the Salton Sea as a renewable energy development focus area, similar to the DRECP. Congressional supporters and local authorities are supporting a plan to support mitigation efforts through renewable development efforts. The current restoration plan totals \$9 billion. At a recent Congressional briefing attended by Assistant Secretary Anne Castle, she was quoted as saying "The Federal government cannot afford that huge price tag, but the Obama administration supports developing renewable energy sources to finance some of the restoration costs." In February, the Department signed an MOU with the Salton Sea Authority agreeing to share available technical and scientific information including those related to renewable energy development, and affirming ongoing commitments.

***If asked about funding in 2015 for the Salton Sea Project:***

- The Department's budget request for the Bureau of Reclamation maintains the 2014 level of \$300,000 for monitoring and geothermal desalinization studies.
- I understand there is a proposal to pair renewable energy development in the area with restoration efforts.
- In February, Assistant Secretary Castle discussed this effort with Congressional and local leaders and the Department signed an MOU which will serve as the foundation for further cooperation over restoration plans.

**Earthquake Hazards Program:** Chairman Calvert received the USGS Coalition Leadership Award in September 2013. His press statement on the award indicated the important role of the USGS in providing the science and data used by natural disaster response organizations and other resource agencies. He said, "Specifically, the dangers associated with earthquakes are something Californians deal with on a regular basis. The valuable work done by the USGS provides our emergency planners with tremendous resources necessary to make informed decisions."

***If asked about funding in 2015 for the USGS Earthquake Hazards program:***

- The budget includes \$54.1 million for Earthquake Hazards. This is essentially level with 2014 with an increase for fixed costs.
- USGS is testing a prototype earthquake early warning system with selected users in California including utilities and State and local emergency responders.
- 2014 funding is being used to accelerate efforts to introduce a public warning system although work remains to operate a robust system 24 x 7.



## **Sponsored Legislation**

### **H.R.1165: Maximize Offshore Resource Exploration Act of 2013**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources; House Budget; House Rules

**Latest Major Action:** 3/14/2013 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and Rules.

### **H.R.2097: REBUILD Act**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 6/3/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

### **H.R.2280: Infrastructure Facilitation and Habitat Conservation Act of 2013**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 6/6/2013 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **H.R.2508: Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Water Rights Settlement Act**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 7/8/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

**H.R.3006: To authorize a land exchange** involving the acquisition of private land adjacent to the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge in Arizona for inclusion in the refuge in exchange for certain Bureau of Land Management lands in Riverside County, California, and for other purposes.

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 8/12/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

## Rep. Tom Cole (R–Okla.)

4th District, South central -- Norman, Lawton, part of Oklahoma City



**Residence:** Moore

**Education:** Grinnell College, B.A. 1971 (history); Yale U., M.A. 1974 (British history); U. of Oklahoma, Ph.D. 1984 (19th Century British history)

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** Political consultant; party official; congressional district director; professor

**Elected:** 2002 (6th term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations (Defense; Interior-Environment; Legislative Branch - Chairman)
- Budget
- Rules
- Joint Library

### General Issues

Indian Affairs

Energy

### Member Specific Issues

**Chickasaw National Recreation Area:** At last year's budget hearing with Secretary Salazar, Congressman Cole indicated his support for a proposal by the Chickasaw Nation to manage the Chickasaw National Recreation Area on behalf of the NPS as part of self-governance negotiations. In June 2013, the NPS Regional Director stated NPS does not support an Annual Funding Agreement but they are open to partnership opportunities with the Tribe.

#### ***If asked about collaboration with the Tribe:***

- There are exciting opportunities from partnering with the Chickasaw Nation.
- I understand NPS and the Tribe are working to construct a bridge to connect the Chickasaw Cultural Center to adjoining park property, and groundbreaking is scheduled for this May.
- NPS is also working with GSA for leased NPS space in the Chickasaw Visitor Center. There are discussions ongoing about shared interpretive programs, and NPS and the Tribe are working to formalize their working relationship in an agreement.

**Lesser Prairie-Chicken:** Congressman Cole is concerned about potential listing of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken would affect the ability of private landowners to use their lands and have a negative impact on local economies.

#### ***If asked about the listing of the Lesser Prairie-Chicken:***

- The FWS will send its listing determination to the Federal Register by the end of the month.
- At the same time, the FWS is involved in several key partnership conservation efforts.

- Earlier this month, we announced a Candidate Conservation Agreement covering oil and gas activities and the Lesser Prairie-Chicken with the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
- This is really a landmark agreement. It demonstrates how cooperation between Federal and State government agencies and private landowners can advance conservation objectives and consider economic needs.
- As of March 5<sup>th</sup>, enrollment covered 2.5 million acres, with 14 transmission companies, eight oil and gas companies, two wind energy developments, and one natural gas pipeline company.

### **Sponsored Legislation**

**H.R.279:** To amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 1/31/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.

**H.R.4214:** To promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program.

**Committees:** House Education and the Workforce

**Latest Major Action:** 3/12/2014 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

## Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R–Wash.)

3rd District, Southwest -- Vancouver



**Pronounced:** JAY-me HER-air-ah BUT-ler

**Residence:** Camas

**Education:** Seattle Pacific U., attended 1996-98; Bellevue Community College, A.A. 2003; U. of Washington, B.A. 2004 (communications)

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** Congressional aide

**Elected:** 2010 (2nd term)

**Committees:**

- Appropriations (Financial Services; Interior-Environment; Transportation-HUD)
- Small Business (Health and Technology; Investigations, Oversight & Regulations)

### General Issues

Payments in Lieu of Taxes

### Member Specific Issues

**Northwest Timber:** Congresswoman Herrera-Beutler is a strong critic of the Northwest Forest Plan and the designated critical habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl, citing its devastating impacts on the local economy and the failure of the plan to protect the Spotted Owl. She may be interested in the status of experimental removal of Barred Owls to benefit the Northern Spotted Owl.

*If asked about the status of the Barred Owl experiment:*

- An experimental removal project is underway on the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation in Northern California
- Removal on the other three study areas in Oregon and Washington will be deferred

**Ft. Vancouver:** At last year's hearing with Secretary Salazar, Congresswoman Herrera-Beutler raised a disagreement between the NPS and the City of Vancouver over the operation of the Pearson Air Museum at Ft. Vancouver. In February 2013, the operating partner in the Cooperative Agreement, the Fort Vancouver National Trust, removed all exhibits from the museum. Rep. Herrera-Beutler sponsored legislation to transfer the museum and 7 acres of surrounding land from NPS to the City of Vancouver. In March 2013, the NPS invited and offered to fund mediation among the parties, and they have since been in confidential mediation.

*If asked about the status of the Ft. Vancouver operations:*

- I am very supportive of public-private partnerships to support our national treasures.
- It is my understanding Director Jarvis has been very involved in this issue and NPS, the City of Vancouver, and the Trust have been in confidential mediation since last year.

- I am told there is general consensus among the parties on the terms for a new Cooperative Agreement between NPS and the Trust, and it is expected a new agreement can be executed this spring.

### **Sponsored Legislation**

**H.R.716:** To convey certain Federal land to the city of Vancouver, Washington, and for other purposes.

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 3/20/2013 Status: Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 20 - 14.

**H.R.2646: REFI Pacific Act**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 7/15/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.

**H.R.3414: FISH Act**

**Committees:** House Transportation and Infrastructure; House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 11/7/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.

## Rep. David Joyce (R–Ohio)

14th District, Northeast – Cleveland and Akron suburbs



**Residence:** Russell Township

**Education:** U. of Dayton, B.S. 1979 (accounting), J.D. 1982

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** County public defender

**Elected:** 2012 (1st term);

**Committees:**

• Appropriations (Interior-Environment; Labor-HHS-Education; Transportation-HUD)

### Member Specific Issues

**Great Lakes Restoration Initiative:** Congressman Joyce's District is along Lake Erie and he is a strong advocate for Great Lakes issues. According to his press statements, he was active in securing sufficient funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in the EPA's budget. Interior is an active participant in the Initiative and submits proposals for funding to EPA.

#### ***If asked about Interior's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative activities:***

- This year, Interior bureaus will receive almost \$62 million from EPA through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
- For 2015, our bureaus have submitted projects totaling \$51 million.
- Projects address toxic substances; invasive species including the Asian Carp; near-shore contamination; and habitats and species conservation and restoration work.

**Asian Carp:** Congressman Joyce shares a concern for the spread of Asian Carp with his colleagues on the Subcommittee and supports the work of the FWS and the USGS to address the issue. In 2014, the Subcommittee identified increases of \$3.5 million in FWS and \$1 million in USGS for this work.

#### ***If asked what is in the 2015 budget for Asian Carp efforts:***

- Efforts to control and limit the spread of Asian carp into the Great Lakes and the Upper Mississippi are a significant concern to the Administration.
- The 2015 budget includes an increase of \$6.4 million in the budgets of FWS and USGS.
- The USGS is working to develop a chemical control targeting Asian carp, developing lures to help in removal, testing methods to restrict the passage of the fish, and developing early detection tools.
- Additional funds in 2015 will take this research from "proof of concept" to be ready for the field.
- FWS efforts are focused on surveillance and monitoring. This year, FWS opened its laboratory facility in Lacrosse, WI to analyze environmental DNA (eDNA) samples taken from the Great Lakes and its tributaries.

**Sea Lamprey Control in the Great Lakes:** Another invasive species of concern to Congressman Joyce is the Sea Lamprey.

*If asked about funding for Interior's efforts to address the Sea Lamprey in the Great Lakes:*

- Interior is a strong partner in the control of invasive sea lamprey in the Great Lakes.
- The FWS manages the program with funding from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.
- Requested funding from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission for 2015 increases by \$4 million, providing a total of \$13 million in 2015 for the program if enacted.

**Sponsored Legislation**

**H.R.2773: Great Lakes Ecological and Economic Protection Act of 2013**

**Committees:** House Transportation and Infrastructure

**Latest Major Action:** 7/23/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

## Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D-N.Y.)

17th District, Rockland and part of Westchester counties -- White Plains, Peekskill



**Residence:** Harrison

**Education:** Mount Holyoke College, B.A. 1959 (political science)

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** State government aide; homemaker

**Elected:** 1988 (13th term)

**Committees:**

• Appropriations - Ranking Member (State-Foreign Operations - Ranking Member)

### General Issues

Energy – Hydraulic Fracturing

### Member Specific Issues

**National Heritage Areas:** Congresswoman Lowey attended last year's hearing with Secretary Salazar and discussed her support for the National Heritage Areas, specifically the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. The National Heritage Areas program has been in place for 29 years and has developed into a partnership program to preserve and protect natural and cultural resources as a practical and meaningful alternative to new park designations. The program is comprised of 49 congressionally designated areas. Although congressional interest in these areas is high, OMB continues to push for self-sufficiency, and funding requested in recent years has been about half of the appropriated prior year amount. The 2015 budget includes \$9.2 million for the program, a reduction of \$9.1 million from the 2014 enacted level of \$18.3 million.

#### ***If asked about the status of the National Heritage Areas program:***

- The Department values the National Heritage Areas program. The heritage areas promote recreation, outdoor activity, coalesce community preservation efforts, and are good partners to the National Park Service.
- Within a constrained budget environment, however, difficult choices are necessary.
- The leveraging generated by the heritage areas will help reduce the impacts of the budget reduction on natural and cultural protection activities.
- NPS has been working in collaboration with the heritage areas to develop a methodology to allocate program dollars to the full spectrum of heritage areas – new and mature.
- NPS is phasing in the allocation in FY 2015, which relies on the use of performance measures that address planning, accountability and sustainability.
- The Department continues to support the extension of authority for expiring areas through language in the Interior bill.



**Hurricane Sandy:** Full Committee Ranking Member Lowey has talked about the importance of the Hurricane Sandy response program. She may be aware the City of New York has submitted multiple project proposals for funding in the open competition the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is helping us manage.

***If asked about the status of the Hurricane Sandy program:***

- Interior continues to complete response and recovery projects – Interior received a total of \$787 million in supplemental funding for Hurricane Sandy.
- Our bureaus are restoring facilities and habitats throughout the Northeast including the Statue of Liberty.
- The U.S. Geological Survey is providing data to help communities improve their resiliency to future storms, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is helping to make sand available for beach replenishment and restoration.
- We are partnering with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to allocate \$100 million to improve the resiliency of coastal communities. We are reviewing the projects submitted in an open competition.
- We have received a total of 378 proposals requesting \$568 million.
- This includes 84 proposals for projects in New York requesting \$112 million.
- We have a panel of experts evaluating the projects and expect to be making final decisions in June 2014.

## Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.)

4th District, St. Paul and suburbs



**Residence:** St. Paul

**Education:** Inver Hills Community College, A.A. 1980; College of St. Catherine, B.A. 1987 (education)

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** Teacher; retail saleswoman

**Elected:** 2000 (7th term)

**Committees:**

• Appropriations (Defense; Interior-Environment)

### **General Issues**

Indian Affairs

Climate Change

### **Member Specific Issues**

**Asian Carp:** Congresswoman McCollum shares a concern for the spread of Asian Carp with her colleagues on the Subcommittee and supports the work of the FWS and the USGS to address the issue. In 2014, the Subcommittee identified increases of \$3.5 million in FWS and \$1 million in USGS for this work.

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### **Sponsored Legislation**

**H.R.358: Strategic Response to Asian Carp Invasion Act**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 2/1/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.

**H.R.757: SAVE Native Women Act**

**Committees:** House Judiciary; House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 3/1/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.

## Rep. James P. Moran (D–Va.)

8th District, Washington suburbs -- Arlington, Alexandria, part of Fairfax County



**Residence:** Arlington

**Education:** College of the Holy Cross, B.A. 1967 (economics); City U. of New York, Bernard M. Baruch School of Finance, attended 1967-68; U. of Pittsburgh, M.P.A. 1970

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** Investment broker; congressional aide; U.S. Health, Education and Welfare Department analyst

**Elected:** 1990 (12th term) Will retire at end of current term

**Committees:**

• Appropriations (Defense; Interior-Environment - Ranking Member; Legislative Branch)

### General Issues

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Energy

Climate Change

### Member Specific Issues

**Endocrine Disrupters:** Mr. Moran has been a champion of USGS work to investigate the fate and impacts of endocrine disrupters in waterways in the Washington, D.C. area including the Potomac River. Endocrine-disrupting chemicals alter hormone activity influencing life functions in fish, invertebrates and birds such as behavior, reproduction, and immune function. There is a link to human effects. He will likely inquire as to the status of the ongoing research about the impacts on the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

***If asked about the status of the Endocrine Disruptor program:***

- The U.S. Geological Survey has field based studies underway in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and in other areas of the country including Colorado, Nevada, Illinois, New York, Minnesota, Oregon and Washington.
- USGS is defining sources, pathways, and factors that affect deposition, transport, and persistence in aquatic environments.
- The 2014 budget for USGS includes \$1.4 million for this work, including an increase of \$1 million.
- USGS currently conducts work in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration, and the Department of Agriculture.
- USGS is evaluating ways to leverage the work they are doing and identify ways to approach the issue more strategically.

### Sponsored Legislation

**H.R.1195: International Conservation Corps Act of 2013**

**Committees:** House Foreign Affairs

**Latest Major Action:** 3/14/2013 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**H.R.2190: Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2013**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 6/4/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.

## Rep. Chellie Pingree (D–Maine)

1st District, South -- Portland, Augusta



**Pronounced:** Like "Shelley"

**Residence:** North Haven

**Education:** U. of Southern Maine, attended 1973; College of the Atlantic, B.A. 1979 (human ecology)

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** Inn owner; Common Cause president; knitting company owner; farmer

**Elected:** 2008 (3rd term)

**Committees:**

• Appropriations (Agriculture; Interior-Environment)

### General Issues

Climate Change

Energy – Offshore Wind Energy

### Member Specific Issues

**Beatrice Rafferty School:** The next school on the BIE list for replacement construction is in Maine. The Subcommittee provided \$954,000 for design of the school in 2014. The 2015 budget requests \$2.3 million for the next phase of the project to begin construction.

*If asked about the status of the project:*

- The \$954,000 funded in the 2014 bill provided for design of the Beatrice Rafferty School in Perry, Maine, the next school on the list.
- I understand planning for the school has concluded, however, BIE owes a response regarding the school's waiver request to re-evaluate the enrollment projections to increase allowable space.
- BIE is establishing the capital budget for design funding and the project manager is working with Maine Indian Education on the design statement of work. The Beatrice Rafferty design will be performed under a P.L. 93-638 contract modification anticipated within the next 30 days.
- The 2015 budget for Education Construction includes \$2.3 million to conduct the first phase of construction, site development, to keep the project moving.

### Sponsored Legislation

**H.R.2197: York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2014**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources; Senate Energy and Natural Resources

**House Reports:** 113-223

**Latest Major Action:** 3/5/2014 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Received in the Senate

and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## Rep. Harold Rogers (R-Ky.)

5th District, East and southeast -- Somerset, Middleboro



**Residence:** Somerset

**Education:** Western Kentucky U., attended 1956-57; U. of Kentucky, B.A. 1962, LL.B. 1964

**Military Service:** Ky. National Guard 1956-1957; N.C. National Guard 1957-1958; Ky. National Guard 1958-1963

**Career:** Lawyer

**Elected:** 1980 (17th term)

**Committees:**

• Appropriations - Chairman

### General Issues

Energy - Coal

### Member Specific Issues

**Stream Protection Rule:** *The Secretary is recused from this issue.* The House version of the Interior bill has previously included a provision prohibiting the use of funds to “develop, carry out, implement or otherwise enforce” proposed regulations regarding the Stream Protection Rulemaking. The provision has not been enacted and fell out during conference in 2014. Mr. Rogers has attended the Subcommittee hearing to discuss OSM’s handling of the Stream Protection Rule, in 2013, he specifically asked about allegations of political influence on the primary contractor working on the rule. The Inspector General investigated this allegation and in December 2013, issued a report that the allegations were unfounded. The House Natural Resources Committee has had the Inspector General testify on this issue and is now talking about issuing a subpoena to the IG for an unredacted copy of the report.

#### ***If asked about the Inspector General report:***

- I am pleased our Inspector General has looked into this matter and found no evidence of political influence or improper treatment.
- I am aware of press reports that Chairman Hastings continues to have concerns on this issue.

#### ***If asked about the status of the rulemaking:***

- My understanding is that OSM is still analyzing alternatives as part of a Draft EIS.
- OSM plans to develop a proposed rule once this analysis is completed and publish it in the Federal Register this year.
- The target date for a Final Rule and Final EIS is 2016.



**OSM State Regulatory Grants:** The Administration's budgets have consistently reduced State Regulatory grants with direction that OSM encourage States to cover these costs by charging fees. Each year, the appropriators reverse these reductions.

***If asked about the 2015 reduction in State Regulatory grants:***

- The budget includes \$55.2 million for these grants, this is \$13.4 million below the 2014 level. The reduction reflects a shift in the program to encourage States to increase cost recovery fees for services provided to the coal industry.
- The fees are already happening in the States, for example, in Texas. OSM has also formed a working group to help States to get fees into place.
- This proposal is consistent with the Department's efforts to encourage cost recovery where possible, for example, with offshore oil and gas inspections.
- The budget shifts resources to other programs which the States have requested including increases for science and technical assistance.

***If asked about OSM's proposed rule to recover the costs where OSM has regulatory responsibility:***

- OSM published a draft rule to recover permit costs in 2013. They expect to finalize the rule in late spring of this year.

### **Sponsored Legislation**

N/A

## Rep. José E. Serrano (D-N.Y.)

15th District, South Bronx



**Residence:** Bronx

**Education:** Lehman College, attended 1979-80

**Military Service:** Army Medical Corps 1964-1966

**Career:** School district administrator, banker

**Elected:** 1990 (12th full term)

**Committees:**

• Appropriations (Commerce-Justice-Science; Financial Services - Ranking Member; Interior-Environment)

### General Issues

Climate Change

### Member Specific Issues

**Bronx and Harlem River/ Urban Waters Federal Partnership:** Congressman Serrano is a strong advocate for the Bronx and Harlem River projects which were identified as AGO projects through the Urban Waters Federal Partnership. This initiative does not provide any new sources of funding to support the ambitious goals of the partnership. Staff support is provided through local staff of the NPS Rivers and Trails program. Former Secretary Salazar and Deputy Secretary Hayes worked to broker an impasse between the City and Amtrak on building a pedestrian overpass as part of the Bronx River Greenway segment. The two parties worked to eliminate the obstacles and now efforts are underway to secure funding for the project. Planning, design, and permitting have been completed and the project is "shovel ready" pending the availability of funds (\$30 million). The City of New York has committed \$12 million but no Federal money has been committed to the project. NPS and partners are developing an application for a Department of Transportation (DOT) TIGER grant for approximately \$15 million. Work is also ongoing regarding possible designation of the Bronx River Water Trail as one of the first urban rivers to be included in the new National Water Trail System.

The NPS and the USGS are working with the Harlem River Working Group to address its highest priorities to develop a continuous waterfront greenway, increase public access to the waterfront and out onto the river, and improve water quality in the river.

#### ***If asked to support project funding:***

- I am aware you have been a devoted supporter of this project.
- I understand you worked with Secretary Salazar and Deputy Secretary Hayes to keep the Bronx River Greenway project moving. I will continue to support this project.
- If I can be helpful in gaining the support of other Federal agencies, I will do my best.

**Hurricane Sandy:** Congressman Serrano has talked about the importance of the Hurricane Sandy response program. He may be aware the City of New York has submitted multiple project proposals for funding in the open competition the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is helping us manage.

***If asked about the status of the Hurricane Sandy program:***

- Interior continues to complete response and recovery projects – Interior received a total of \$787 million in supplemental funding for Hurricane Sandy.
- Our bureaus are restoring facilities and habitats throughout the Northeast including the Statue of Liberty.
- The U.S. Geological Survey is providing data to help communities improve their resiliency to future storms, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is helping to make sand available for beach replenishment and restoration.
- We are partnering with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to allocate \$100 million to improve the resiliency of coastal communities. We are reviewing the projects submitted in an open competition.
- We received a total of 378 proposals requesting \$568 million.
- This includes 84 proposals for projects in New York requesting \$112 million.
- We have a panel of experts evaluating the projects and expect to be making final decisions in June 2014.

**Supported Legislation**

N/A

## Rep. Mike Simpson (R–Idaho)

2nd District, East – Pocatello, Idaho Falls, part of Boise



**Residence:** Idaho Falls

**Education:** Utah State U., attended 1968-72 (pre-dentistry); Washington U. (Mo.), D.M.D. 1977; Utah State U., B.S. 2002 (pre-dentistry)

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** Dentist

**Elected:** 1998 (8th term)

**Committees:**

• Appropriations (Energy-Water - Chairman; Interior-Environment; Transportation-HUD)

### General Issues

Wildland Fire Management

Grazing and Rangeland Management

Indian Affairs

Energy

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### Member Specific Issues

**Sage Grouse:** Congressman Simpson is very concerned about the pending FWS decision on the status of the Greater Sage Grouse and the impacts to grazing and ongoing development in the West. He has been supportive of funding for the Bureau of Land Management to address the sage grouse in land management plans.

***If asked what is in the 2015 budget to address the sage grouse issue:***

- In BLM, the 2015 budget maintains last year's \$15 million increase for toward sage grouse management using science to focus land treatments and limit impacts to key habitat.
- The FWS request includes a \$4 million increase to help design, implement and align conservation efforts to meet the range-wide needs of the species.
- The 2015 request also supports an important collaboration between BLM, FWS and the USGS to manage the sagebrush landscape.
  - The USGS, working with partners, recently completed a sage grouse National Research Strategy defining high priority science needs for landscape scale decision making.
  - The USGS will conduct a pilot project using geospatial information on a landscape level to help refine the interagency sage grouse strategy, and assist FWS in making its upcoming listing decisions.

**Frivolous Lawsuits – EAJA:** Congressman Simpson has had a long-standing concern about the costs of “frivolous” lawsuits to the Department, and requirements under the Equal Access to Justice Act that the Federal government pay for the legal fees of the plaintiff in cases where the government has lost.

***If asked about the impacts of the impacts of litigation:***

- There are many impacts – not just from the cost but the litigation itself diverts staff time away from our mission.
- The full cost of litigation is difficult to determine. We track the direct costs of legal support and court ordered payments but the indirect costs – time of program managers, organizational delays and the effect of delayed actions on accomplishing mission work – are difficult to quantify.
- Interior has taken steps to curb the impacts and costs of litigation by:
  - entering into settlements on endangered species act listings, critical habitat, etc.;
  - resolving long-standing litigation issues – Cobell and land and water settlements; and,
  - taking pro-active steps to reduce litigation. For example, BLM’s leasing reforms have created a more orderly, open and environmentally sound process which has reduced protests from 47% protested in 2009, to 18% in 2012.

***If asked what Interior paid in 2013 for Endangered Species Act Payments and Equal Access to Justice payments:***

- As directed by the Subcommittee, the 2015 justification for the Office of the Solicitor includes those amounts.
- For Endangered Species Act (ESA) payments, in 2013, Interior made payments of \$927,000 for 12 cases.
- For Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) payments, in 2013, Interior made payments of \$761,000 for 9 cases.

**Sponsored Legislation**

**H.R.145: Central Idaho Economic Development and Recreation Act**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 1/31/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

**H.R.409: Indian Trust Asset Reform Act**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 2/6/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee Indian and Alaska Native Affairs.

**H.R.876: Idaho Wilderness Water Resources Protection Act**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 3/4/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

**H.R.1142: To authorize an exchange of land** between the city of Ketchum and the Blaine County School District, Idaho.

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 3/20/2013 Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.

**H.R.3992: Wildfire Disaster Funding Act of 2014**

**Committees:** House Budget; House Agriculture; House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 2/12/2014 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.

## Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah)

2nd District, Most of Salt Lake City; southwest



**Residence:** Farmington

**Education:** Utah State U., B.S. 1984 (economics)

**Military Service:** Air Force 1984-1998

**Career:** Management and leadership consulting company executive; author

**Elected:** 2012 (1st term); Defeated Jay Seegmiller, D

**Committees:**

• Appropriations (Interior-Environment; Labor-HHS-Education; Legislative Branch)

### **Member Specific Issues**

**Reimbursement to States for National Park Operations During Shutdown:** Congressman Stewart introduced the PARC Act, which directs the Secretary of the Interior to enter into agreements with and provide reimbursement to States to conduct activities determined to have a direct economic impact on tourism, mining, timber, or general transportation in the State that are otherwise not being conducted by the Federal government during a partial shutdown due to a lapse in appropriations. The Act requires the Secretary to approve or deny a petition for such an agreement not later than 90 days after receiving it, and deems such petition approved if the Secretary does not act on it within the 90-day period.

***If asked about reimbursement to the States who signed agreements to open parks during the shutdown:***

- In keeping with the agreements with the States, the NPS has returned all remaining unobligated funds.
- Congressional authority is necessary to reimburse the States that donated funds to open national parks during the shutdown.
- The NPS estimates every dollar contributed by States to reopen parks during the shutdown generated an estimated \$11 in visitor spending.

**CUPCA:** As a member of the Utah delegation, Congressman Stewart will likely be interested in the Central Utah Project Completion Act which has been proposed for significant reductions in recent requests.

***If asked about funding for CUPCA in the 2015 budget:***

- The budget requests \$7.3 million for the CUPCA project.
- Funding in 2015 provides for construction, program oversight, the Ute Tribal Settlement, fish and wildlife development, and Endangered Species Recovery.
- Although the project has additional capacity, within a constrained budget environment, difficult choices are necessary.

**Utah Prairie Dog:** Congressman Stewart introduced legislation to require the inclusion of species on State and private lands in determining whether a species is endangered or threatened. This is consistent with concerns raised by local government officials in Utah who would like FWS to count Utah Prairie Dogs on private lands toward recovery criteria. Recovery criteria identify a specific number of species which must be present in protected habitat, defined as Federal lands or non-Federal lands secured with purchases or conservation easements and managed in perpetuity for the conservation of the Utah Prairie Dog.

***If asked about the Utah Prairie Dog effort:***

- I understand this is an issue of concern to your constituents.
- The FWS is working with local communities to address their concerns. This includes development of habitat conservation plans, for Iron and Garfield counties, and the acquisition of lands and conservation easements for protected habitat which “counts” toward the recovery of the species.

**Sponsored Legislation**

**H.R.758: Utah Land Sovereignty Act** – Prohibits any further extension or establishment of national parks and monuments in Utah except by express authorization of Congress.

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 4/16/2013 Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**H.R.3311: PARC Act**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 11/21/2013 Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

**H.R.4256:** To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require, in counting the number of a species in a State for purposes of determining whether the species is an endangered or threatened species, inclusion of the number of the species on State and private lands as determined by the State, and for other purposes.

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 3/14/2014 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.



## Rep. David Valadao (R-Calif.)

21st District, Southern Central Valley



**Pronounced:** val-a-DAY-oh

**Residence:** Hanford

**Education:** College of the Sequoias, attended 1996-98

**Military Service:** None

**Career:** Dairy farmer

**Elected:** 2012 (1st term); Defeated John Hernandez, D

**Committees:**

• Appropriations (Agriculture; Interior-Environment; Military Construction-VA)

### General Issues

Water

Energy

### Member Specific Issues

**California Drought:** Congressman Valadao sponsored the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act, H.R. 3964, recently passed by the House. This bill includes limitations of Secretarial authority regarding water availability for species protection or restoration in the Central Valley. Senator Feinstein issued a strong press statement in opposition to this legislation.

#### ***If asked about the California drought situation:***

- The Administration remains committed to an 'all in' approach to the Federal response to drought conditions in the West.
- I will continue to work closely with the State to ensure a balanced and coordinated approach to provide for the water needs of people, agriculture, businesses, power and the environment.

#### ***If asked about funding for California water programs:***

- The 2015 request for the Bureau of Reclamation includes \$294 million for significant California water projects including \$118.6 million for operations, management, and improvements within the Central Valley Project.

#### ***If asked why funding for the Central Valley Project decreases by \$60 million:***

- This decrease reflects two things. First, the budget shifts funds to establish a separate account for the San Joaquin River Restoration program. Second, the project reflects a reduction due to a six month delay in the schedule for drainage services for the San Luis Unit as approved by the U.S. District Court.

**Endangered Species Act:** Congressman Valadao shares the concern of other majority Members of the Subcommittee about the limiting nature of ESA requirements and its impact on economic and other considerations, for example, available water supplies for communities.

***If asked how the 2015 budget promotes the use of voluntary conservation agreements and other creative solutions as reasonable alternatives to ESA regulatory requirements:***

- The recovery of listed or candidate species would be severely hampered were it not for conservation agreements.
- The 2015 budget request includes \$124 million, a \$19.5 million increase, for the FWS Conservation and Restoration program.
- This includes funding for Candidate Conservation, which promotes conservation of at-risk species before listing under the ESA is needed.
- Candidate Conservation Agreements provide certainty to landowners with immediate actions they can take to address or minimize threats to a species at risk.
- If the species is listed, these voluntary conservation agreements provide certainty to the participating landowner that they will not have to undertake any additional conservation actions.
- A recent example is an associated oil and gas Candidate Conservation Agreement for the Lesser Prairie-Chicken, covering New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

**Sponsored Legislation**

**H.R.3391: Indian Health Service Health Professions Tax Fairness Act of 2013**

**Committees:** House Ways and Means

**Latest Major Action:** 10/30/2013 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

**H.R.3964: Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act**

**Committees:** House Natural Resources

**Latest Major Action:** 2/10/2014 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 306.



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## Draft Member Issues for Int. Approps

6 messages

**Moss, Adrienne** <adrienne\_moss@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Mar 12, 2014 at 10:48 AM

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Attached are draft issues by member for the upcoming House and Senate Interior Approps hearings. These may change but this is the known universe at this time. Let me know if you have additional information to incorporate into this list, if there is something we're missing, etc...

Also, Chris, can I get an example of one of your member fact sheets so we can make the format match yours?

Thanks.

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Wed, Mar 12, 2014 at 11:06 AM

To: "Moss, Adrienne" <adrienne\_moss@ios.doi.gov>

Thank,s Adrienne.

Here are my suggestions:

Sen. Jack Reed  
Proposed NPS visitors' center at the Breakers

Sen. Begich  
I would add Izembek to him as well.

That's all from me!  
Jeremy

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Wed, Mar 12, 2014 at 11:31 AM

Thank you!!

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Adrienne -

Here is a copy of the defazio page I had with me the other day.

Here is what we're doing, just to be clear:

1. Leg list for approps members (tomorrow a.m. delivery)
2. Updated bullets for 5-6 issues you sent on (tomorrow a.m. delivery) - and these will be framed as Q and potential response
3. Review attachments to this e-mail and plug in any major issues that might be missing. My understanding was that we were going to deliver a draft set of our member pages for you guys to pull out key issues missing from your list, but it is I think easier for us to review this list and plug in any issues that may be missing. We'll shoot to get you an updated list by the end of the day tomorrow.

Chris

On Wed, Mar 12, 2014 at 10:48 AM, Moss, Adrienne <adrienne\_moss@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Thank you. Sounds good.

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We went through the member lists and added some issues under members as well as a few generic key issues segregated by bureau under the members. I think if there are a handful of other key issues specific to the authorizers that we feel she should have we can always supplement the list you are doing.

New/added issues should appear in blue, and (other than what was dropped in under the individual members) we tried to keep the key issues at the level of multi-interest.

Let me know if you have questions.

Chris

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**SenateInteriorApprops2015Budgetlist ocl.docx**

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## **Democratic Subcommittee Members**

### ***Senator Jack Reed (RI) (Chairman)***

- National Heritage Areas
- Hurricane Sandy Funding
- Offshore Wind Energy

### ***Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA)***

- Hazardous Fuel Reduction
- California Water
- CVP Water Allocation

### ***Senator Patrick Leahy (VT)***

- Sea Lampreys – Lake Champlain
- White Nose Syndrome in Bats
- Fish Hatcheries
- Streamgages (Lake Champlain)

### ***Senator Tim Johnson (SD)***

- Rural Water (Mni Wiconi, Lewis and Clark, Perkins County, Mid-Dakota)
- D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery
- BIE Schools

### ***Senator Jon Tester (MT)***

- Public Lands Renewable Energy bill?
- Hazardous Fuels Reduction
- Payments in Lieu of Taxes
- Little Shell Recognition
- Land Buy Back Program (Crow Tribe)
- Rural Water Projects
- Mineral Leasing Payments
- Ft. Peck Water System

### ***Senator Tom Udall (NM)***

- Hardrock Mining Reforms – Supports
- Mineral Leasing Act payments
- Hazardous Fuels Reduction
- Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge
- Reauthorize the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project

### ***Senator Jeff Merkley (OR)***

- Hazardous Fuels Reduction
- Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement
- Western Oregon Resource Management Plans
- Secure Rural Schools program
- Drought
- O&C Timber program

### ***Senator Mark Begich (AK)***

- Contract Support Costs
- Arctic Oil and Gas program

## **Republican Subcommittee Members**

### ***Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK) (Ranking)***

Izembek Road  
Alaska Conveyance  
Legacy Wells NPR-A  
Arctic-specific regulations in BOEM  
Contract Support Costs  
Arctic Oil and Gas program

### ***Senator Thad Cochran (MS)***

Gulf Islands National Seashore  
Natchez Trace  
Fish Hatcheries  
Non-Toxic Shot fee provision (FWS)  
Farmer and Hunter Protection Act (FWS)

### ***Senator Lamar Alexander (TN)***

Great Smokies Mountains National Park  
Jt. Curatorial Collections Facility – Grt. Smokies  
White Nose Syndrome in Bats  
Wind Energy, Eagle Permits  
Fish Hatcheries  
Reimbursement to States for Parks Under Shutdown

### ***Senator Roy Blunt (MO)***

St. Louis Arch project – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 2015  
Rare Earth Minerals

### ***Senator John Hoeven (ND)***

Red River Valley Water Supply Project  
Spirit Lake Nation  
Hydraulic Fracturing Rule  
Oil and Gas Permitting

### ***Senator Mike Johanns (NE)***

Niobra River, Ponca Bluffs Proposal

**California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014** (Feinstein, Merkley, Boxer and Wyden) – Orders DOI to keep the Delta Cross Channel Gate open as long as possible; use existing flexibility to maximize water supplies using Delta pumping; directs a 1:1 inflow-to-export ratio in April and May, for San Joaquin River flows to allow greater water transfers if CA receives additional rain; enables emergency declaration for droughts; increases drought assistance programs to provide \$300 million in emergency funds.

**Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2014** (Murkowski, Hoeven, Begich, Tester) – Legislation to enhance opportunities for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation and improve access to federal lands and help boost the outdoor recreation economy. Requires BLM and FS to keep their lands open to hunting, recreational fishing and shooting. Includes an exemption for lead

fishing and bullets from EPA regulation, electronic duck stamps, help for states to build and maintain shooting ranges.

**Tribal Self-Governance Act (Tester)** – Legislation to streamline the process for approving tribes' self-governance compacts.

**Farmer and Hunter Protection Act (Cochran)** – Legislation to prevent the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from unfairly penalizing farmers and sportsmen for rolling their fields during hunting season.

**The SECURE Water Amendments Act of 2014 (Udall)** – Legislation to conserve water and promote sustainability by increasing funding for WaterSMART grants, prioritize WaterSMART grant projects that prepare for and respond to droughts, and develop a comprehensive national water assessment.

**Empower States Act (Hoeven)** – Legislation to give States the primary responsibility to manage hydraulic fracturing and to respond first to any potential violation.

**Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act (Tester, Johnson, Begich)** – Legislation to preserve native languages and help strengthen Indian culture and education by awarding grants (\$5M in 2015) to eligible programs using Native American languages as the primary language of instruction.

**Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting Protection Act (Cochran)** – Excludes lead ammunition and lead in fishing tackle from EPA regulation.

**Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks Conservation Act (Udall)** – Legislation designating 498,815 acres as the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in Southern New Mexico.

**Civilian Property Realignment Act (Blunt)** – Would require \$9 billion in savings from reductions in Federal real property over ten years.

**National Rare Earth Cooperative Act of 2014 (Blunt)** – Grants private rare earth suppliers and end-users with an opportunity to jointly set up a rare earth refining cooperative in America.



**House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee  
Potential Member Issues for March 25, 2014 Hearing**

**Republicans**

*Ken Calvert, California, Chairman*

- California Water
- Salton Sea Project
- Santa Ana Sucker
- Delta Smelt
- CALFED
- Earthquake Hazards funding
- Energy programs
- GAO Report on Energy Hiring
- Hydraulic Fracturing
- Wildland Fire Funding
- Indian Country

*Mike Simpson, Idaho, Vice-Chairman*

- Fire Cap Exemption
- Sage Grouse
- Indian Education
- PILT
- Energy Inspection Fees and Reforms
- Frivolous Lawsuits – EAJA
- Grazing Administration Fee
- Delisting of the Gray Wolf
- Indian Law Enforcement/Detention Centers

*Tom Cole, Oklahoma*

- Contract Support Costs
- Chickasaw National Recreation Area
- Indian Schools
- Carcieri
- BIA Budget priorities
- Subsurface Leasing in Indian Country

*Jaime Herrera Beutler, Washington*

- LWCF funding v. Operations
- O&C Funding
- Spotted Owl
- Secure Rural Schools
- Ft. Vancouver

*David Joyce, Ohio*

- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Sea Lamprey Control in the Great Lakes
- Asian Carp
- Lake Erie Bluffs (FWS)

*David Valadao, California*

- California Water – Central Valley
- California Bay-Delta, use of science
- San Joaquin River Restoration

Energy  
Endangered Species Act Congressional Working Group  
Access to Recreation, Off-Road Vehicles

*Chris Stewart, Utah*

Reimbursement to States for Parks During Shutdown

*Hal Rogers, Kentucky*

Stream Protection Rule  
OSM State Regulatory Grants  
Lake Cumberland water levels (FWS)

## **Democrats**

*Jim Moran, Virginia, Ranking Member*

Endocrine Disruptors  
Wild Horse and Burro Program  
International Wildlife  
Hydraulic Fracturing Rule  
Oil and Gas Reforms  
Chesapeake Bay  
Dyke Marsh – Hurricane Sandy Relief

*Betty McCollum, Minnesota*

Asian Carp  
International Programs  
Invasive Species  
Indian Country  
Tiwahe Initiative

*Chellie Pingree, Maine*

Beatrice Rafferty School  
Acadia National Park  
Invasive Lion Fish  
Climate Change  
Coastal Issues

*José Serrano, New York*

Bronx River AGO

*Nita Lowey, New York*

National Heritage Areas  
Hurricane Sandy Recovery

## Rep. Peter A. DeFazio (D-Ore.)

4th District, Southwest -- Eugene, Springfield, Corvallis



**Residence:** Springfield

**Education:** Tufts U., B.A. 1969 (economics & political science); U. of Oregon, attended 1969-71 (international studies), M.S. 1977 (public administration & gerontology)

**Military Service:** Air Force 1967-1971

**Career:** Congressional aide; state senior citizens service program director

**Elected:** 1986 (14th term)

**Committees:** Natural Resources (Energy & Mineral Resources; Public Lands and Environmental Regulations; Water & Power); Transportation & Infrastructure

Rep. DeFazio is a senior member of the Committee. With Rep. Markey's move to the Senate, he is known to be seeking the position of ranking member of the Committee. He has historically been interested in timber production from the BLM managed lands in Oregon. He has recently been critical of the BLM's special recreation permit fee schedule due to fees assessed to the cycling group "Cycle Oregon."

**Cycle Oregon:** Cycle Oregon is a non-profit entity that has sponsors a popular multi-day annual bike ride event that often passes through BLM lands. Since 1994 BLM has issued Special Recreational Permits (SRPs) for Cycle Oregon rides charging inconsistent fees. In 2009, the BLM Director authorized a fee variance that would shift the Cycle Oregon permit fees gradually to the full fee level after 2011. Rep. DeFazio is not happy with the change and has requested that BLM revise its policy of charging the same fees for Special Recreation Permits to non-profit entities that it charges to others.

***If asked why the BLM charges the same fees for a nonprofit as they would for a for-profit organization:***

- I am aware that this is an issue that you care about.
- I am not deeply familiar with the specifics of BLM's rationale for what it is charging the organization, but I will make sure that our BLM team takes a hard look at this to ensure that its fee structure is an equitable one.

**O&C Lands:** He circulated (but has not introduced) draft legislation entitled the "O&C Trust, Conservation, and Jobs Act." The draft legislation would designate younger, previously managed timber stands within the O&C for sustainable timber production to be managed by a public board and under federal laws as they apply to private and state forests. The rest of the O&C Lands – old growth and sensitive lands not suitable for logging – would be transferred out of BLM management to the Forest Service and set aside for conservation. All lands would remain in federal ownership.

***If asked whether you could support this type of approach to solving the problem***

- It has been my experience that reasonable people want to work together to find common solutions.

- The BLM has committed to providing a predictable, sustainable supply of timber to help maintain the stability of these local economies.
- I look forward to engaging with you as this discussion begins.

**Sequester of SRS (Secure Rural Schools) payments:** Rep. DeFazio opposed the BLM's decision to withhold a portion of county payments in advance of Sequestration; has criticized the "lack of planning by Washington Bureaucrats" for the disparate approach to Sequestration.

***If asked to support his legislation providing full funding of PILT and SRS for five years***

- These cuts were required by the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit and Control Act - the law states that each non-exempt account shall be reduced by a uniform percentage.
- Sequester was designed to be inflexible, damaging, and indiscriminate -- and it is.
- But the Administration supports ways that the federal government can fulfill its role of being a good neighbor to local communities, such as through PILT and SRS.
- The President's budget for Fiscal Year 2014 proposes a five year reauthorization of the SRS program[, and a one-year reauthorization of the PILT program].
- In light of overall constrained budgets, during the one year reauthorization we would like to work with Congress to develop a longer-term strategy for providing sustainable levels of funding for PILT payments.

***If asked if you would support legislation to return these funds to the states***

- It seems that the best way to address sequestration would be to remove or repeal it rather than addressing it piecemeal, in a program by program approach.

**House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee  
Potential Member Issues for March 25, 2014 Hearing**

**Republicans**

*Ken Calvert, California, Chairman*

- California Water
- Salton Sea Project
- Santa Ana Sucker
- Delta Smelt
- CALFED
- Earthquake Hazards funding
- Energy programs
- GAO Report on Energy Hiring
- Hydraulic Fracturing
- Wildland Fire Funding
- Indian Country

*Mike Simpson, Idaho, Vice-Chairman*

- Fire Cap Exemption
- Sage Grouse
- Indian Education
- PILT
- Energy Inspection Fees and Reforms
- Frivolous Lawsuits – EAJA
- Grazing Administration Fee
- Delisting of the Gray Wolf
- Indian Law Enforcement/Detention Centers

*Tom Cole, Oklahoma*

- Contract Support Costs
- Chickasaw National Recreation Area
- Indian Schools
- Carcieri
- BIA Budget priorities
- Subsurface Leasing in Indian Country
- Lesser Prairie-Chicken
- American Burying Beetle

*Jaime Herrera Beutler, Washington*

- LWCF funding v. Operations
- O&C Funding
- Spotted Owl
- Secure Rural Schools
- Ft. Vancouver

*David Joyce, Ohio*

- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Sea Lamprey Control in the Great Lakes

Asian Carp  
Lake Erie Bluffs (FWS)

*David Valadao, California*

California Water – Central Valley  
California Bay-Delta, use of science  
San Joaquin River Restoration  
Energy  
Endangered Species Act Congressional Working Group

Access to Recreation, Off-Road Vehicles

*Chris Stewart, Utah*

Reimbursement to States for Parks During Shutdown  
Utah Prairie Dog  
CUPCA

*Hal Rogers, Kentucky*

Stream Protection Rule  
OSM State Regulatory Grants  
Lake Cumberland water levels (FWS)

## **Democrats**

*Jim Moran, Virginia, Ranking Member*

Endocrine Disruptors  
Wild Horse and Burro Program  
International Wildlife  
Hydraulic Fracturing Rule  
Oil and Gas Reforms  
Chesapeake Bay  
Dyke Marsh – Hurricane Sandy Relief

*Betty McCollum, Minnesota*

Asian Carp  
International Programs  
Invasive Species  
Indian Country  
Tiwahe Initiative

*Chellie Pingree, Maine*

Beatrice Rafferty School  
Acadia National Park  
Invasive Lion Fish  
Climate Change  
Coastal Issues

*José Serrano, New York*

Bronx River AGO

*Nita Lowey, New York*

National Heritage Areas  
Hurricane Sandy Recovery

**Other Major Issues**

FWS

Wildlife Trafficking

MDL/"sue and settle"

Wolf Delisting Proposal

BOEM

Offshore Renewables

BLM

Use of Antiquities Act/National Monuments

Shale Development

BOR

Indian water rights settlements

Colorado River Basin drought (Basin Studies)

WaterSMART

Aging Infrastructure

## **Democratic Subcommittee Members**

### ***Senator Jack Reed (RI) (Chairman)***

National Heritage Areas  
Hurricane Sandy Funding  
Offshore Wind Energy

### ***Senator Dianne Feinstein (CA)***

Hazardous Fuel Reduction  
California Water  
CVP Water Allocation  
Wild Horses and Burros  
Wildlife Trafficking

### ***Senator Patrick Leahy (VT)***

Sea Lampreys – Lake Champlain  
White Nose Syndrome in Bats  
Fish Hatcheries  
Streamgages (Lake Champlain)

### ***Senator Tim Johnson (SD)***

Rural Water (Mni Wiconi, Lewis and Clark, Perkins County, Mid-Dakota)  
D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery  
BIE Schools  
Badlands National Park  
Minuteman Missile National Historic Site Visitor Center  
Dakota Grasslands Conservation Area  
Revenue Sharing

### ***Senator Jon Tester (MT)***

Public Lands Renewable Energy bill?  
Hazardous Fuels Reduction  
Payments in Lieu of Taxes  
Little Shell Recognition  
Land Buy Back Program (Crow Tribe)  
Rural Water Projects  
Mineral Leasing Payments  
Ft. Peck Water System

### ***Senator Tom Udall (NM)***

Hardrock Mining Reforms – Supports  
Mineral Leasing Act payments  
Hazardous Fuels Reduction  
Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge  
Reauthorize the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project  
Lesser Prairie Chicken



Public Lands Service Corps  
Valles Caldera National Preserve  
Contract Support Costs  
Manhattan Project National Historical Park

**Senator Jeff Merkley (OR)**

Hazardous Fuels Reduction  
Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement  
Western Oregon Resource Management Plans  
Secure Rural Schools program  
Drought  
O&C Timber program  
Oregon Sage Grouse Conservation Partnership  
Chetco River corridor land withdrawal  
LWCF Collaborative Landscape Planning Project

**Senator Mark Begich (AK)**

Contract Support Costs  
Arctic Oil and Gas program  
Izembek Road legislation

**Republican Subcommittee Members**

**Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK) (Ranking)**

Izembek Road  
Alaska Conveyance  
Legacy Wells NPR-A  
Arctic-specific regulations in BOEM  
Contract Support Costs  
Arctic Oil and Gas program/ Shell 2014 Withdrawal  
Subsistence  
Oil and Gas exports  
ESA section 7 consultation re: Cooling water intake structures  
ANWR CCP/ 1002 area/ ANWR Oil and Gas Leasing  
Revenue Sharing

**Senator Thad Cochran (MS)**

Gulf Islands National Seashore  
Natchez Trace  
Fish Hatcheries  
Non-Toxic Shot fee provision (FWS)  
Farmer and Hunter Protection Act (FWS)

**Senator Lamar Alexander (TN)**

Great Smokies Mountains National Park

Jt. Curatorial Collections Facility – Grt. Smokies  
White Nose Syndrome in Bats  
Wind Energy, Eagle Permits  
Fish Hatcheries  
Reimbursement to States for Parks Under Shutdown  
Hunting & Fishing Access to Public Lands  
Manhattan Project National Historical Park

***Senator Roy Blunt (MO)***

St. Louis Arch project – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 2015  
Rare Earth Minerals

***Senator John Hoeven (ND)***

Red River Valley Water Supply Project  
Spirit Lake Nation  
Hydraulic Fracturing Rule  
Oil and Gas Permitting  
Fish Hatcheries  
Proposed Butterfly listing/ Dakota Skipper and Poweshiek Skipperling  
Rural water (Garrison Diversion Unit)

***Senator Mike Johanns (NE)***

Niobra River, Ponca Bluffs Proposal

**Other Major Issues**

FWS

Sage Grouse (and BLM)  
Hunting and Shooting on federal lands (ref. Sportsman's Act, infra.)  
ESA Implementation/ Reauthorization - Public Availability of Data

BOEM

Atlantic Seismic  
Offshore Wind Lease Sales

BLM

Use of Antiquities Act/National Monuments

BOR

Indian water rights settlements  
WaterSMART (grants and basin study program)

**California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2014** (Feinstein, Merkley, Boxer and Wyden) – Orders DOI to keep the Delta Cross Channel Gate open as long as possible;

use existing flexibility to maximize water supplies using Delta pumping; directs a 1:1 inflow-to-export ratio in April and May, for San Joaquin River flows to allow greater water transfers if CA receives additional rain; enables emergency declaration for droughts; increases drought assistance programs to provide \$300 million in emergency funds.

**Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2014** (Murkowski, Hoeven, Begich, Tester) – Legislation to enhance opportunities for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation and improve access to federal lands and help boost the outdoor recreation economy. Requires BLM and FS to keep their lands open to hunting, recreational fishing and shooting. Includes an exemption for lead fishing and bullets from EPA regulation, electronic duck stamps, help for states to build and maintain shooting ranges.

**Tribal Self-Governance Act** (Tester) – Legislation to streamline the process for approving tribes' self-governance compacts.

**Farmer and Hunter Protection Act** (Cochran) – Legislation to prevent the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from unfairly penalizing farmers and sportsmen for rolling their fields during hunting season.

**The SECURE Water Amendments Act of 2014** (Udall) – Legislation to conserve water and promote sustainability by increasing funding for WaterSMART grants, prioritize WaterSMART grant projects that prepare for and respond to droughts, and develop a comprehensive national water assessment.

**Empower States Act** (Hoeven) – Legislation to give States the primary responsibility to manage hydraulic fracturing and to respond first to any potential violation.

**Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act** (Tester, Johnson, Begich) – Legislation to preserve native languages and help strengthen Indian culture and education by awarding grants (\$5M in 2015) to eligible programs using Native American languages as the primary language of instruction.

**Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting Protection Act** (Cochran) – Excludes lead ammunition and lead in fishing tackle from EPA regulation.

**Organ Mountains – Desert Peaks Conservation Act** (Udall) – Legislation designating 498,815 acres as the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in Southern New Mexico.

**Civilian Property Realignment Act (Blunt)** – Would require \$9 billion in savings from reductions in Federal real property over ten years.

**National Rare Earth Cooperative Act of 2014 (Blunt)** – Grants private rare earth suppliers and end-users with an opportunity to jointly set up a rare earth refining cooperative in America.



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## Issues identified by Bureaus as possible budget hearing question fodder ...

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Hey, Gang –

I know a lot is going on right now, but we also need to be thinking ahead to budget hearings.

I polled the bureaus for their list of top issues the Secretary could see and have compiled the attached list, broken down by bureau, of key issues.

The bureaus are beginning to prepare briefing material (1 pagers) on these issues – in some cases it will mean just updating existing papers.

If there is something we determine to be missing from these lists (besides FWS's material, which I haven't yet received), we can add and ask the bureaus to prepare.

It is also on the O drive under 2015 budget, in a subfolder called bureau budget issue lists. Please take a look this week and add anything you think should be in there in redline so I can see it.

Thanks, Chris

–  
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## **Bureau-identified Issues for Potential Budget Hearings:**

### **Bureau of Indian Affairs:**

#### **Office of Justice Services**

- Law Enforcement staffing at Spirit Lake (collaboration with LE partners)
- HPPG - Shutdown at Rosebud
- HPPG - update on other current locations
- Detention staffing at Detention facilities coming online
- Partnerships with DOJ, FBI, State and locals, (status/groups/task force)
- Hiring and Recruitment (status update)

#### **Bureau of Indian Education**

- Johnson O'Malley Student Count
- Realignment/Restructuring of the Bureau of Indian Education
- American Indian Education Study Group – or items that are the result of the Executive Order 13592
- Southwestern Polytechnic Institute Accreditation
- Adequate Yearly Progress
- Early Childhood Programs
- Charter Schools

#### **Office of Indian Services**

- Child Protection in Indian Country
- Housing in Indian Country
- Road Maintenance in Indian Country
- Contract Support Costs

#### **Office of Indian Gaming**

- 9th Circuit reverses District Court in Big Lagoon Rancheria v. California
- Coquille Indian Tribe's application requesting 2.4 acre parcel of land be taken into trust in the City of Medford, Jackson County, Oregon

#### **Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development**

- Degenerating Status of Indian Road Infrastructure
- Energy and Mineral Development Grant Program (EMDP)
- Oil and Gas Leasing on Indian Lands
- Tribal Business Legal Infrastructure
- Tribal Renewable Energy Development Technical Assistance
- Public Law 102-477 Administrative Flexibility Working Group

## **Office of Trust Services**

- Increased oil & gas production issues
- Goal of 500K acres into trust represents a 1,700% increase over 2013
- Climate Change – Expand tribal involvement and solutions.
- Klamath – Mazama Land
- Invasive Species – The program needs to be expanded beyond plants to include insects, animals, fish, etc. that are causing problems in Indian country.
- Ag/Range program
- RPI – Continue to request full funding for CORA
- Tribal Hatcheries – Tribes are voicing that operation and monitoring funds are not sufficient.
- Real Estate Services -- Restoration of funds to address increased workload demands
- Land Records Improvement –Restoration of funds to allow the TAAMS system to be properly maintained and developed in 2015.
- Litigation Support/Attny Fees – Restoration due to tribal outcry.
- GIS – Expand GIS capabilities in collaboration with other DOI offices to provide stronger support for Research and Development activities.
- Forestry staffing issues

## **Bureau of Land Management:**

- Alaska Land Conveyance Program
- Border Security & Resource Protection
- Coal Development on Public Lands
- Critical & Rare Earth Mineral Development on Public Lands
- Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA)
- Fire & Hazardous Fuels
- Grazing Permit Renewal
- Helium
- Hydraulic Fracturing
- National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS)
- National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) Legacy Wells
- National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) Oil & Gas Development
- Oil & Gas Development on Public Lands
- Oil Shale
- Recreational Shooting
- Renewable Energy Development on Public Lands
- Revised Statute (RS) 2477
- Sage-Grouse Policy
- Western Oregon Forestry & Secure Rural Schools

- Wild Horse & Burro Management / NAS Recommendations

#### **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:**

- Five Year Oil and Gas Leasing Strategy
- Next Five Year Program Process
- Strategy for Oil and Gas in the Atlantic
- Targeted Leasing Strategy for the Arctic
- Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Statistics
- Mid and South Atlantic Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Programmatic Environmental Impact Study (PEIS)
- Regulation of Air Emissions from Offshore Oil and Gas Facilities
- Offshore Renewable Energy Leasing
- Marine Minerals Program (MMP)
- National Ocean Policy and BOEM
- Revenue Sharing
- Financial assurance and risk management program (tentative -- depends on outcome of passback process)
- Offshore Hydraulic Fracturing (with BSEE)
- Shell's 2014 Exploration Plan for Drilling in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas (with BSEE)

#### **Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement:**

- Arctic Activities/Shell's pursuit of drilling in Chukchi Sea during 2014 (with BOEM)
- Oil Spill Research and Response, especially re: the Arctic
- Use of Fracking Techniques on the Pacific OCS (with BOEM)
- Permitting in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
- Regulatory Priorities for 2014 (BOP rule, Arctic rule)
- Staffing, Recruitment & Training status
- Technology/Safety Research Goals
- Regulation of Contractors

#### **Bureau of Reclamation:**

- Purgatoire River Water Conservancy District Repayment status
- Heart Butte trailer sites status
- Lewis & Clark Project
- Fry-Ark Project - Arkansas Valley Conduit ROD Status



- Mni Wiconi Project Update with reference to S. 719
- Gila River projects authorized by the Arizona Water Settlements Act
- Colorado River Drought
- Salton Sea status of Reclamation activities
- Town of Payson rural water project proposal update
- Yuma Desalting Plant (YDP) Pilot results and future plans
- White Mountain Apache Settlement
- Navajo Generating System draft BART ruling
- CA Drought and past and present Reclamation actions
- BF Sisk dam proposal for enlargement concurrent w/dam safety work
- CVPIA Refuge Water Supplies
- Smelt Bi-Op status/Combined with Salmon Bi-Op Status
- San Joaquin River Restoration Program Status
- San Joaquin River Restoration Program Seepage
- Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Program status
- Klamath Project 2014 Water Supply Forecast
- Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) status
- Storage studies Feasibility Study and DEIS status
- Hermiston, OR Title XVI project and status
- Potholes Supplemental Feed Route status
- Scoggins Dam safety CAAS and status
- John Keys PGP Modernization financing and status of SAIT report
- Yakima Integrated Water Resource Management Plan
- Columbia/Snake River environmental compliance
- Minidoka Spillway Rehabilitation
- Odessa Subarea Special Study
- Bowman Dam – Status of Discussions with City of Prineville
- Encroachment – PN Region specific activities
- Status of recreation at Lake Nighthorse
- Jicarilla Apache
- Glen Canyon LTEMP EIS
- Aamodt Litigation Settlement Project
- Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Supply Project
- Middle Rio Grande Project Overview-Collaborative Program-Status of BiOp
- Navajo Settlement Implementation (Navajo Gallup Water Supply Project)
- Rio Grande water leasing status
- Rio Grande Pueblos Infrastructure Improvement Project
- Taos Indian Water Rights Settlement
- Scientific Integrity
- Desalination and Water Purification Research Program status

- Dam Safety Program, status of ceiling
- Drought Hydrology nationally/Drought Program status
- Aging Infrastructure, S. 1800
- Rural Water Program Criteria - Program Update
- Hydropower – Summary of deliverables made per the 2010 MOU
- Climate Change – latest BOR-specific developments
- WaterSMART Basin Studies status
- WaterSMART General/Basic Accomplishments Information
- Site Security Program Update
- CUPCA Integration proposal

**Fish and Wildlife Service:**

[Have not received despite multiple prompts]

**National Park Service:**

- Acadia Concessions      Acadia NP
- Aircraft Overflights (Mainly Grand Canyon, but also servicewide) Grand Canyon NP
- Arlington Memorial Bridge      National Capital Region
- Badlands National Park, South Unit - General Management Plan & Tribal Management  
Badlands NP
- Bi-County Parkway (Fairfax, Prince William, VA) Manassas NB
- Bicycle Races in Parks      Servicewide
- Bison and Brucellosis, Yellowstone & Interagency Bison Management Plan      Yellowstone NP
- Boathouses in the National Capital Region (Combined statement - Arlington, Wash. Canoe Club,  
Georgetown)      National Capital Region
- Border Security Overview - NPS Servicewide      Servicewide
- Cape Hatteras Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Use      Cape Hatteras NS
- Carter G. Woodson Home      National Capital Parks - East

- Cemetery Issue, Buffalo National River Buffalo NR
- Centennial/Call to Action Servicewide
- Chickasaw National Recreation Area, VC & Tribal management Chickasaw NRA
- Climate Change Response Program Status Servicewide
- Dog Walking, Golden Gate Golden Gate NRA
- Drakes Bay, Point Reyes Point Reyes NS
- Dyke Marsh Restoration George Washington Parkway
- Economic Impact of National Parks Servicewide
- Everglades Ecosystem Restoration: Consolidated Issue Paper Everglades NP
- Fire, Wildland & Structural FY 2015 NPS Budget Request, Suppression & Rehabilitation"  
Servicewide
- First Amendment Regulations Servicewide
- Fort Vancouver Partnership Issues-Pearson Air Museum Fort Vancouver NHS
- General Management Plan, Biscayne Biscayne NP
- Grand Teton Land Exchange Grand Teton NP
- Historic Tax Credit program Servicewide
- Hurricane Sandy: General Servicewide
- Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking) Servicewide
- Increased Authorities: Partnerships, Matching Grants, 2 year appropriation, endowment  
Servicewide
- Insurance Premiums (Concessions) Servicewide
- Invasive Species (combined statement - Asian Carp, Quagga, Lionfish) Servicewide (inc. Glen Canyon NRA)
- Jefferson Arch - City Arch River 2015 Jefferson National Expansion Monument
- Land Acquisition & LWCF - FY15 Budget and Reauthorization Servicewide

- Lassen Fire      Lassen Volcanic NP
- Lead Shot, Bullets and Fishing Tackle, Regulation of      Servicewide
- Lucas Museum, Presidio, Golden Gate      Golden Gate NRA
- Maintenance Backlog/Line Item Construction Program Funding & Impacts      Servicewide
- MAP-21 Reauthorization (Federal Lands Transportation Program)      Servicewide
- Merced River and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan      Yosemite NP
- National Heritage Areas Funding      Servicewide
- National Mall (Combined Statement - Washington Monument Repairs, Vietnam Visitor Center, Parking, Turf, DC Water Bill, Sewell Belmont)      National Mall
- New Parks - Proposed New Parks & Use of Antiquities Act      Servicewide
- North Shore Road Settlement Appropriations      Great Smokey Mountains NP
- Ozark National Scenic River, General Management Plan      Ozark National Scenic River
- Park Police (USPP) - General & Helicopter      Servicewide
- Rec Fees/Concession Fees - Unobligated Balances and FLREA reauthorization      Servicewide
- Renewable & Conventional Energy and Transmission Siting and Development (Combined statement)      Servicewide
- Rim Fire      Yosemite NP
- Rock Creek, Deer Management      Rock Creek Park
- Rock Creek, Waterside Drive Construction      Rock Creek Park
- Roosevelt Campobello Funding      Roosevelt Campobello NHS
- Sequestration Impacts      Servicewide
- Shutdown, Reimbursing States & Concessions Losses      Servicewide
- State-Federal Wildlife Management in Alaska      Alaska Region

- Transferring Federal Lands to States    Servicewide
- Urban Parks & UPARR - FY15 Budget and Director's priorities    Servicewide
- VSIP/VERA authority    Servicewide
- White Nose Bat Syndrome    Servicewide
- Wilderness Designation/Stewardship    Servicewide
- Wolves, Yellowstone    Yellowstone

**Office of Insular Affairs:**

[Have not received despite multiple prompts]

**Office of Natural Resources Revenue:**

- Budget Change Summary
- Overpayment Interest
- Civil Penalties
- Adjustments, Refunds and Obligation Period
- Coal Export Valuation
- DOI Revenue Systems Line of Revenue
- EITI
- Enforcement Efforts
- GAO and IG Reviews
- GOMESA
- Impact of Sequestration on Disbursements
- Indian Oil Negotiated Rulemaking
- Indian Trust Services
- Net Receipts Sharing
- ONRR Revenue Disbursement Summary
- State and Tribal Partners
- Valuation Regulations

**Office of the Special Trustee:**

- Indian Trust Commission
- status of appraisal backlog

- future of OST
- status of Whereabouts Unknown accounts (WAUs)
- Cobell settlement payments
- Land Buy-Back Program [LBBP]
- Various tribal and water settlements [OST?]
- Wind River settlement (Wyoming) [SOL or OST]
- Probate backlog [OHA]
- Cobell education scholarships [AS-IA]
- Contract Support Costs (CSC) after the Ramah decision [AS-IA]
- TAAMS contract with CGI [BIA]
- Garden City Group (GCG) contract increases [DOJ]

#### **Office of Surface Mining:**

- Stream Protection Rule/ Stream Buffer Zone Rule Litigation (Hastings, Lamborn, HNR)
- Lands Unsuitable for Mining Petition in Tennessee (Alexander, SENR)
- Limited Liability Rule for Noncoal Reclamation by Certified States and Tribes (Lummis – WY, Daines – MT, Fleming – LA, Barrasso – WY [SENR], Landrieu – LA [SENR])
- Cost Recovery Rule (Hastings – WA, Thompson – PA (raised this issue at a previous hearing), Sen. Alexander – TN)
- Coal Combustion Residues on Active and Abandoned Coal Mine Sites Rule (Sen. Hoeven – ND)
- Temporary Cessation of Operations Rulemaking (Hastings – WA)
- Navajo Generation Station and Kayenta Mine Complex (Sen. Flake – AZ, Rep. Gosar – AZ, Rep. Grijalva – AZ)
- Four Corners Power Plant and the Navajo Mine Energy Project (Sen. Heinrich – NM)
- Administration's Proposal to Terminate Payments to Certified States and Tribes (Rep. Lummis – WY, Sen. Barrasso – WY)
- Administration's Proposal to Establish AML Fund for Reclamation of Hard Rock Mines (Rep. Amodei – NV, Rep. Horsford – NV, and Sen. Heller – NV)

#### **Office of Wildland Fire:**

- The Burned Area Rehabilitation and Emergency Stabilization Allocation Process
- The Fuels Management Program
- 2014 Predicted Wildfire Season
- 2014 Wildfire Season Preparedness

### **US Geological Survey:**

- Scientific Integrity (Doc Hastings, Wash. – Chairman)
- Loss of monitoring on Alaska Volcanoes (Don Young, Alaska)
- Sage Grouse (Rob Bishop, Utah)
- Mitigation efforts post wildfire/floods/landslides; cuts to USGS minerals program (Doug Lamborn, Colo.)
- CA drought/storage issues (Tom McClintock, Calif.)
- Streamgages (Cynthia M. Lummis, Wyo.)
- Streamgages; groundwater studies, drought (Grace F. Napolitano, Calif.)
- oil/gas assessment for Puerto Rico [probably not Sec level] (Pedro R. Pierluisi, P.R.)
- Fracking (Matt Cartwright, Pa.)



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**Fwd: PILT Data**

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Jeremy,

Attached is the info you requested Friday. Let me know if you need anything else.

Best,  
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Excellent - thank you!  
Jeremy

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To: "May, Tina (Agriculture)" <Tina\_May@ag.senate.gov>, "AbouEISEoud, Hanna (Agriculture)" <Hanna\_AbouEISEoud@ag.senate.gov>

Wed, Jan 22, 2014 at 3:30 PM

Hello Tina and Hanna,  
Here is last week's PILT data, in Excel format, for ease of cutting and pasting.  
Jeremy

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**PILT Payments by County.xlsx**



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**May, Tina (Agriculture)** <Tina\_May@ag.senate.gov>

Thu, Jan 23, 2014 at 12:30 PM

To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, "AbouElSeoud, Hanna (Agriculture)" <Hanna\_AbouElSeoud@ag.senate.gov>

To confirm, this is FY13 or FY14 information?

**From:** Bratt, Jeremy [mailto:jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2014 3:30 PM

**To:** May, Tina (Agriculture); AbouElSeoud, Hanna (Agriculture)

**Subject:** Fwd: PILT Data

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Jan 23, 2014 at 12:43 PM

To: "Brown, Ryan" <ryan\_brown@ios.doi.gov>

Ryan, quick question: is this FY13 or FY14 info?

Thanks,

Jeremy

Jeremy Bratt

Deputy Director

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Department of the Interior

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On Wed, Jan 22, 2014 at 2:52 PM, Brown, Ryan <ryan\_brown@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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**Brown, Ryan** <ryan\_brown@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Jan 23, 2014 at 12:44 PM

To: "Bratt, Jeremy" <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

FY 13. Payments were made June 13, 2013.

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Jan 23, 2014 at 12:49 PM

To: "Brown, Ryan" <ryan\_brown@ios.doi.gov>

ok, thanks.

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To: "May, Tina (Agriculture)" <Tina\_May@ag.senate.gov>  
Cc: "AbouEISeoud, Hanna (Agriculture)" <Hanna\_AbouEISeoud@ag.senate.gov>

Thu, Jan 23, 2014 at 12:49 PM

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Cc: "AbouEISeoud, Hanna (Agriculture)" <Hanna\_AbouEISeoud@ag.senate.gov>

Thu, Jan 23, 2014 at 12:50 PM

Perfect - this is really helpful. My State guys are geeking out right now.

**From:** Bratt, Jeremy [mailto:jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2014 12:49 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**To:** May, Tina (Agriculture)  
**Cc:** AbouEISeoud, Hanna (Agriculture)  
**Subject:** Re: PILT Data

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**Bratt, Jeremy** <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "May, Tina (Agriculture)" <Tina\_May@ag.senate.gov>  
Cc: "AbouEISeoud, Hanna (Agriculture)" <Hanna\_AbouEISeoud@ag.senate.gov>

Thu, Jan 23, 2014 at 12:51 PM

Yes, they will do that, won't they?  
:)

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**LOCAL UNIT OF  
OF GOVERNMENT**

**ALABAMA**

AUTAUGA COUNTY	\$4,330
BALDWIN COUNTY	\$31,629
BARBOUR COUNTY	\$39,519
BIBB COUNTY	\$32,143
CALHOUN COUNTY	\$35,659
CHAMBERS COUNTY	\$15,815
CHEROKEE COUNTY	\$22,265
CHILTON COUNTY	\$25,357
CHOCTAW COUNTY	\$12,308
CLARKE COUNTY	\$4,662
CLAY COUNTY	\$56,272
CLEBURNE COUNTY	\$105,804
COFFEE COUNTY	\$0
COLBERT COUNTY	\$6,324
COOSA COUNTY	\$349
COVINGTON COUNTY	\$18,094
DALLAS COUNTY	\$3,790
DE KALB COUNTY	\$11,858
ELMORE COUNTY	\$2,495
ESCAMBIA COUNTY	\$9,639
ETOWAH COUNTY	\$0
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$1,320
GREENE COUNTY	\$24,973
HALE COUNTY	\$28,821
HENRY COUNTY	\$13,700
HOUSTON COUNTY	\$840
JACKSON COUNTY	\$746
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$0

LAMAR COUNTY	\$431
LAUDERDALE COUNT	\$3,251
LAWRENCE COUNTY	\$95,360
LEE COUNTY	\$0
LOWNDES COUNTY	\$26,623
MACON COUNTY	\$6,626
MARENGO COUNTY	\$3,364
MARSHALL COUNTY	\$0
MOBILE COUNTY	\$19,969
MONROE COUNTY	\$5,825
MONTGOMERY COUNT	\$1,867
PERRY COUNTY	\$26,002
PICKENS COUNTY	\$12,327
RANDOLPH COUNTY	\$255
RUSSELL COUNTY	\$5,437
SHELBY COUNTY	\$0
ST CLAIR COUNTY	\$192
SUMTER COUNTY	\$18,931
TALLADEGA COUNTY	\$54,339
TALLAPOOSA COUNTY	\$4,901
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY	\$23,601
WASHINGTON COUNT	\$1,214
WILCOX COUNTY	\$8,910
WINSTON COUNTY	\$72,982
Total	\$901,119
<b>ALASKA</b>	
ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH	\$512,818
ALEUTIANS WEST	\$911,561
BETHEL	\$1,672,655
BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH	\$152,159
DENALI BOROUGH	\$304,186

DILLINGHAM	\$811,164
FAIRBANKS NORTHSTAR BOROUGH	\$409,639
HAINES BOROUGH	\$366,573
HOONAH-ANGOON CENSUS AREA	\$345,394
JUNEAU CITY & BOROUGH	\$1,797,920
KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH	\$2,662,396
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH	\$1,017,546
KODIAK ISLAND BOROUGH	\$1,400,381
LAKE & PENINSULA BOROUGH	\$268,333
MATANUSKA SUSITNA BOROUGH	\$3,216,649
MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE	\$670,290
MUNICIPALITY-SKAGWAY	\$123,698
NOME	\$1,135,374
NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH	\$1,135,374
NORTHWEST ARTIC BOROUGH	\$1,062,047
PETERSBURG CENSUS AREA	\$623,623
PRINCE OF WALES	\$654,129
S.E. FAIRBANKS	\$1,001,367
SITKA CITY BOROUGH	\$596,029
VALDEZ/CORDOVA	\$1,135,374
WADE HAMPTON	\$1,062,047
WRANGELL BOROUGH	\$389,845
YAKUTAT BOROUGH	\$108,371
YUKON KOYUKUK	\$911,561
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,458,503</b>
<b>ARIZONA</b>	
APACHE COUNTY	\$1,595,835
COCHISE COUNTY	\$1,986,080
COCONINO COUNTY	\$1,572,295
GILA COUNTY	\$3,197,536
GRAHAM COUNTY	\$2,636,873

GREENLEE COUNTY	\$783,176
LA PAZ COUNTY	\$1,800,102
MARICOPA COUNTY	\$2,781,842
MOHAVE COUNTY	\$3,238,586
NAVAJO COUNTY FINANCE	\$1,417,672
PIMA COUNTY	\$2,924,105
PINAL COUNTY	\$1,153,625
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY	\$910,527
YAVAPAI COUNTY	\$2,960,656
YUMA COUNTY	\$3,244,942
Total	\$32,203,852
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	
ARKANSAS COUNTY	\$16,756
ASHLEY COUNTY	\$4,100
BAXTER COUNTY	\$235,674
BENTON COUNTY	\$93,595
BOONE COUNTY	\$33,168
CALHOUN COUNTY	\$0
CARROLL COUNTY	\$19,673
CHICOT COUNTY	\$1,088
CLARK COUNTY	\$43,199
CLAY COUNTY	\$6,748
CLEBURNE COUNTY	\$74,157
CONWAY COUNTY	\$2,395
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY	\$6,666
CRAWFORD COUNTY	\$161,931
CROSS COUNTY	\$0
DALLAS COUNTY	\$0
DESHA COUNTY	\$9,694
FAULKNER COUNTY	\$560
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$235,595

FULTON COUNTY	\$11,092
GARLAND COUNTY	\$339,019
GREENE COUNTY	\$971
HEMPSTEAD COUNTY	\$12,518
HOT SPRING COUNTY	\$31,226
HOWARD COUNTY	\$36,396
INDEPENDENCE COU	\$192
IZARD COUNTY	\$0
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$8,438
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$343,266
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	\$2,476
LEE COUNTY	\$18,678
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$0
LITTLE RIVER COU	\$40,058
LOGAN COUNTY	\$218,834
MADISON COUNTY	\$78,641
MARION COUNTY	\$178,204
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY	\$21,828
MONROE COUNTY	\$16,243
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$585,796
NEWTON COUNTY	\$435,914
OUACHITA COUNTY	\$265
PERRY COUNTY	\$189,174
PHILLIPS COUNTY	\$20,201
PIKE COUNTY	\$65,332
POINSETT COUNTY	\$17,592
POLK COUNTY	\$318,249
POPE COUNTY	\$362,350
PULASKI COUNTY	\$4,200
RANDOLPH COUNTY	\$578
SALINE COUNTY	\$118,369
SCOTT COUNTY	\$529,593
SEARCY COUNTY	\$109,905

SEBASTIAN COUNTY	\$66,260
SEVIER COUNTY	\$46,498
ST. FRANCIS COUNTY	\$607
STONE COUNTY	\$108,488
UNION COUNTY	\$1,609
VAN BUREN COUNTY	\$72,086
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$54,308
WHITE COUNTY	\$0
WOODRUFF COUNTY	\$3,143
YELL COUNTY	\$427,299
Total	\$5,840,895
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
ALAMEDA COUNTY	\$2,095
ALPINE COUNTY	\$144,922
AMADOR COUNTY	\$31,808
BUTTE COUNTY	\$127,774
CALAVERAS COUNTY	\$226,259
COLUSA COUNTY	\$190,936
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	\$5,502
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO	\$900,704
DEL NORTE COUNTY	\$421,086
EL DORADO COUNTY	\$190,235
FRESNO COUNTY	\$2,457,670
GLENN COUNTY	\$333,144
HUMBOLDT COUNTY	\$604,608
IMPERIAL COUNTY	\$3,236,144
INYO COUNTY	\$1,673,865
KERN COUNTY	\$2,473,776
KINGS COUNTY	\$20,447
LAKE COUNTY	\$126,893
LASSEN COUNTY	\$1,549,332



LOS ANGELES COUNTY	\$1,175,155
MADERA COUNTY	\$906,086
MARIN COUNTY	\$190,912
MARIPOSA COUNTY	\$1,068,119
MENDOCINO COUNTY	\$535,879
MERCED COUNTY	\$85,168
MODOC COUNTY	\$575,467
MONO COUNTY	\$1,140,454
MONTEREY COUNTY	\$815,744
NAPA COUNTY	\$144,893
NEVADA COUNTY	\$277,934
ORANGE COUNTY	\$88,733
PLACER COUNTY	\$502,776
PLUMAS COUNTY	\$389,158
RIVERSIDE COUNTY	\$3,110,166
SACRAMENTO COUNTY	\$23,169
SAN BENITO COUNTY	\$243,838
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY	\$3,100,812
SAN FRANCISCO	\$5,693
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY	\$5,245
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY	\$1,045,095
SAN MATEO COUNTY	\$15,287
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY	\$1,703,782
SANTA CLARA COUNTY	\$4,322
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY	\$0
SHASTA COUNTY	\$1,274,337
SIERRA COUNTY	\$150,729
SISKIYOU COUNTY	\$848,643
SOLANO COUNTY	\$13,866
SONOMA COUNTY	\$7,279
STANISLAUS COUNTY	\$7,901
SUTTER COUNTY	\$0
TEHAMA COUNTY	\$426,069

TRINITY COUNTY	\$512,062
TULARE COUNTY	\$2,938,661
TUOLUMNE COUNTY	\$1,908,579
VENTURA COUNTY	\$1,374,599
YOLO COUNTY	\$75,213
YUBA COUNTY	\$36,203
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,445,228</b>
<b>COLORADO</b>	
ALAMOSA COUNTY	\$182,513
ARAPAHOE COUNTY	\$1,531
ARCHULETA COUNTY	\$1,006,952
BACA COUNTY	\$463,484
BENT COUNTY	\$50,767
BOULDER COUNTY	\$332,384
CHAFFEE COUNTY	\$1,184,807
CLEAR CREEK COUNTY	\$282,337
CONEJOS COUNTY	\$1,041,359
COSTILLA COUNTY	\$859
CROWLEY COUNTY	\$9,028
CUSTER COUNTY	\$369,599
DELTA COUNTY	\$135,965
DOLORES COUNTY	\$140,127
DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$283,792
EAGLE COUNTY	\$2,042,388
EL PASO COUNTY	\$184,547
FREMONT COUNTY	\$1,018,817
GARFIELD COUNTY	\$2,825,294
GILPIN COUNTY	\$88,266
GRAND COUNTY	\$894,534
GUNNISON COUNTY	\$545,128
HINSDALE COUNTY	\$131,409

HUERFANO COUNTY	\$377,652
JACKSON COUNTY	\$170,498
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$101,026
KIOWA COUNTY	\$21,674
LA PLATA COUNTY	\$607,959
LAKE COUNTY	\$396,796
LARIMER COUNTY	\$1,606,215
LAS ANIMAS COUNTY	\$479,920
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$4,282
MESA COUNTY	\$3,127,674
MINERAL COUNTY	\$115,023
MOFFAT COUNTY	\$554,633
MONTEZUMA COUNTY	\$159,950
MONTROSE COUNTY	\$2,082,593
MORGAN COUNTY	\$1,069
OTERO COUNTY	\$390,763
OURAY COUNTY	\$364,380
PARK COUNTY	\$1,411,075
PITKIN COUNTY	\$1,251,871
PROWERS COUNTY	\$143
PUEBLO COUNTY	\$115,101
RIO BLANCO COUNTY	\$497,194
RIO GRANDE COUNTY	\$684,929
ROUTT COUNTY	\$1,468,688
SAGUACHE COUNTY	\$461,122
SAN JUAN COUNTY	\$71,547
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY	\$875,862
SEDGWICK COUNTY	\$0
SUMMIT COUNTY	\$475,574
TELLER COUNTY	\$215,317
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$264
WELD COUNTY	\$341,191
YUMA COUNTY	\$2,479

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$31,650,351</b>
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	
CANAAN TOWN	\$344
CHAPLIN TOWN	\$1,144
COLEBROOK TOWN	\$467
CORNWALL TOWN	\$0
HARWINTON TOWN	\$378
KENT TOWN	\$6,360
LITCHFIELD TOWN	\$708
MANSFIELD TOWN	\$4,157
MIDDLEBURY TOWN	\$583
NAUGATUCK	\$0
PLYMOUTH TOWN	\$1,551
RIDGEFIELD TOWN	\$0
SALISBURY TOWN	\$4,687
SHARON TOWN	\$1,043
SHERMAN TOWN	\$720
THOMASTON TOWN	\$1,414
THOMPSON TOWN	\$4,265
WATERBURY	\$563
WATERTOWN TOWN	\$217
WILTON TOWN	\$0
WINDHAM TOWN	\$299
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,900</b>
<b>DELAWARE</b>	
KENT COUNTY	\$200
NEW CASTLE COUNT	\$16,845
SUSSEX COUNTY	\$783

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,828</b>
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	
DISTRICT OF COLU	\$16,917
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,917</b>
<b>FLORIDA</b>	
BAKER COUNTY	\$143,419
BAY COUNTY	\$1,111
BRADFORD COUNTY	\$0
BREVARD COUNTY	\$63,310
CHARLOTTE COUNTY	\$0
CITRUS COUNTY	\$591
COLLIER COUNTY	\$1,243,582
COLUMBIA COUNTY	\$138,379
DADE COUNTY	\$835,779
DE SOTO COUNTY	\$0
ESCAMBIA COUNTY	\$5,262
FLAGLER COUNTY	\$0
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$32,711
GADSDEN COUNTY	\$149
GLADES COUNTY	\$616
GULF COUNTY	\$980
HAMILTON COUNTY	\$738
HENDRY COUNTY	\$0
HILLSBOROUGH COU	\$790
INDIAN RIVER COU	\$142
JACKSON COUNTY	\$39,678
JACKSONVILLE	\$23,233
LAKE COUNTY	\$96,272
LEE COUNTY	\$3,544
LEON COUNTY	\$190,363

LEVY COUNTY	\$666
LIBERTY COUNTY	\$341,311
MANATEE COUNTY	\$147
MARION COUNTY	\$369,880
MARTIN COUNTY	\$530
MONROE COUNTY	\$1,095,408
NASSAU COUNTY	\$1,918
OKALOOSA COUNTY	\$8,763
OSCEOLA COUNTY	\$400
POLK COUNTY	\$0
PUTNAM COUNTY	\$22,823
SANTA ROSA COUNTY	\$3,578
SEMINOLE COUNTY	\$1,045
ST JOHN COUNTY	\$482
ST LUCIE COUNTY	\$438
SUWANNEE COUNTY	\$0
VOLUSIA COUNTY	\$39,179
WAKULLA COUNTY	\$259,824
WALTON COUNTY	\$1,305
Total	\$4,968,346
<b>GEORGIA</b>	
BANKS COUNTY	\$1,133
BARTOW COUNTY	\$38,002
BIBB COUNTY	\$1,647
BURKE COUNTY	\$19,377
CAMDEN COUNTY	\$50,011
CATOOSA COUNTY	\$9,607
CHATHAM COUNTY	\$1,495
CHATTAHOOCHEE CO	\$1,190
CHATTOOGA COUNTY	\$21,037
CHEROKEE COUNTY	\$42,447

CLARKE COUNTY	\$0
CLAY COUNTY	\$36,222
COBB COUNTY	\$21,357
COLUMBIA COUNTY	\$46,580
DADE COUNTY	\$1,599
DAWSON COUNTY	\$19,071
DECATUR COUNTY	\$49,699
EARLY COUNTY	\$1,243
EFFINGHAM COUNTY	\$0
ELBERT COUNTY	\$66,079
FANNIN COUNTY	\$155,971
FLOYD COUNTY	\$11,732
FORSYTH COUNTY	\$45,022
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$6,774
FULTON COUNTY	\$5,911
GILMER COUNTY	\$92,261
GLYNN COUNTY	\$1,972
GORDON COUNTY	\$11,991
GREENE COUNTY	\$38,067
GWINNETT COUNTY	\$7,676
HABERSHAM COUNTY	\$60,736
HALL COUNTY	\$78,522
HARRIS COUNTY	\$0
HART COUNTY	\$48,288
HEARD COUNTY	\$22,835
JASPER COUNTY	\$19,135
JONES COUNTY	\$21,266
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$126,974
LUMPKIN COUNTY	\$85,735
MACON COUNTY	\$1,050
MCDUFFIE COUNTY	\$34,383
MONROE COUNTY	\$496
MORGAN COUNTY	\$529

MURRAY COUNTY	\$69,533
OCONEE COUNTY	\$284
OGLETHORPE COUNTY	\$3,481
PUTNAM COUNTY	\$40,445
QUITMAN COUNTY	\$15,656
RABUN COUNTY	\$265,306
RICHMOND COUNTY	\$125
SCREVEN COUNTY	\$8,617
SEMINOLE COUNTY	\$37,686
STEPHENS COUNTY	\$48,449
STEWART COUNTY	\$7,778
SUMTER COUNTY	\$246
TOWNS COUNTY	\$98,801
TROUP COUNTY	\$95,513
UNION COUNTY	\$156,055
WALKER COUNTY	\$33,426
WARREN COUNTY	\$308
WHITE COUNTY	\$60,252
WHITFIELD COUNTY	\$19,465
WILKES COUNTY	\$19,543
Total	\$2,286,091
<b>GUAM</b>	
GUAM	\$2,244
Total	\$2,244
<b>HAWAII</b>	
HAWAII COUNTY	\$297,067
HONOLULU CITY	\$4,976
MAUI COUNTY	\$24,863



Total	\$326,906
<b>IDAHO</b>	
ADA COUNTY	\$716,024
ADAMS COUNTY	\$179,699
BANNOCK COUNTY	\$454,684
BEAR LAKE COUNTY	\$514,795
BENEWAH COUNTY	\$60,718
BINGHAM COUNTY	\$722,894
BLAINE COUNTY	\$1,773,139
BOISE COUNTY	\$293,947
BONNER COUNTY	\$557,408
BONNFVILLE COUNTY	\$1,145,876
BOUNDARY COUNTY	\$180,737
BUTTE COUNTY	\$312,439
CAMAS COUNTY	\$147,760
CANYON COUNTY	\$47,912
CARIBOU COUNTY	\$325,665
CASSIA COUNTY	\$1,983,046
CLARK COUNTY	\$140,981
CLEARWATER COUNTY	\$628,098
CUSTER COUNTY	\$702,630
ELMORE COUNTY	\$2,146,303
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$215,728
FREMONT COUNTY	\$802,736
GEM COUNTY	\$247,288
GOODING COUNTY	\$605,416
IDAHO COUNTY	\$1,521,412
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$456,737
JEROME COUNTY	\$235,581
KOOTENAI COUNTY	\$570,883
LATAH COUNTY	\$230,833
LEMHI COUNTY	\$879,243

LEWIS COUNTY	\$7,422
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$811,002
MADISON COUNTY	\$64,247
MINIDOKA COUNTY	\$431,198
NEZ PERCE COUNTY	\$74,007
ONEIDA COUNTY	\$594,128
OWYHEE COUNTY	\$1,216,850
PAYETTE COUNTY	\$155,025
POWER COUNTY	\$706,964
SHOSHONE COUNTY	\$407,200
TETON COUNTY	\$152,334
TWIN FALLS COUNTY	\$1,536,249
VALLEY COUNTY	\$682,069
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$686,856
Total	\$26,326,163
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
ADAMS COUNTY	\$25,460
ALEXANDER COUNTY	\$64,629
BOND COUNTY	\$2,182
BROWN COUNTY	\$0
CALHOUN COUNTY	\$43,562
CARROLL COUNTY	\$25,638
CASS COUNTY	\$0
CLINTON COUNTY	\$60,589
COOK COUNTY	\$335
FAYETTE COUNTY	\$27,237
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$45,381
FULTON COUNTY	\$0
GALLATIN COUNTY	\$26,707
GREENE COUNTY	\$0
GRUNDY COUNTY	\$366

HARDIN COUNTY	\$64,723
HENDERSON COUNTY	\$7,107
JACKSON COUNTY	\$113,219
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$49,298
JERSEY COUNTY	\$12,925
JO DAVIESS COUNTY	\$17,276
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$21,037
LA SALLE COUNTY	\$0
MADISON COUNTY	\$9,725
MASSAC COUNTY	\$6,348
MERCER COUNTY	\$10,724
MOULTRIE COUNTY	\$41,858
OGLE COUNTY	\$0
PEORIA COUNTY	\$0
PIKE COUNTY	\$14,319
POPE COUNTY	\$215,520
PULASKI COUNTY	\$641
RANDOLPH COUNTY	\$1,043
ROCK ISLAND COUN	\$14,967
SALINE COUNTY	\$33,116
SANGAMON COUNTY	\$446
SHELBY COUNTY	\$40,836
TAZEWELL COUNTY	\$2,774
UNION COUNTY	\$85,923
WHITESIDE COUNTY	\$7,369
WILL COUNTY	\$25,911
WILLIAMSON COUNTY	\$779
Total	\$1,119,970
<b>INDIANA</b>	
BROWN COUNTY	\$41,088
CLARK COUNTY	\$655

CRAWFORD COUNTY	\$25,334
DEARBORN COUNTY	\$0
DUBOIS COUNTY	\$16,595
FLOYD COUNTY	\$0
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$22,351
GRANT COUNTY	\$3,752
HUNTINGTON COUNT	\$36,761
JACKSON COUNTY	\$30,118
KNOX COUNTY	\$0
LA PORTE COUNTY	\$1,290
LAKE COUNTY	\$9,331
LAWRENCE COUNTY	\$10,117
MARTIN COUNTY	\$7,317
MIAMI COUNTY	\$3,877
MONROE COUNTY	\$58,326
ORANGE COUNTY	\$55,621
OWEN COUNTY	\$10,279
PARKE COUNTY	\$8,838
PERRY COUNTY	\$53,679
PORTER COUNTY	\$19,186
POSEY COUNTY	\$7,374
PUTNAM COUNTY	\$7,342
SPENCER COUNTY	\$161
SWITZERLAND COUN	\$610
UNION COUNTY	\$18,423
VANDEBURGH COUN	\$125
WABASH COUNTY	\$37,672
WARREN COUNTY	\$0
WARRICK COUNTY	\$250
WELLS COUNTY	\$3,134
Total	\$489,606
IOWA	

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY	\$15,726
APPANOOSE COUNTY	\$61,899
BOONE COUNTY	\$15,721
CEDAR COUNTY	\$436
CLAYTON COUNTY	\$10,124
CLINTON COUNTY	\$18,107
DALLAS COUNTY	\$7,600
DES MOINES COUNT	\$8,737
DUBUQUE COUNTY	\$5,256
FREMONT COUNTY	\$10,083
HARRISON COUNTY	\$1,065
IOWA COUNTY	\$0
JACKSON COUNTY	\$20,380
JASPER COUNTY	\$202
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$58,725
LEE COUNTY	\$0
LOUISA COUNTY	\$23,694
LUCAS COUNTY	\$11,020
MARION COUNTY	\$94,410
MILLS COUNTY	\$8,793
MONONA COUNTY	\$1,606
MONROE COUNTY	\$222
MUSCATINE COUNTY	\$4,080
POLK COUNTY	\$46,100
SCOTT COUNTY	\$6,521
STORY COUNTY	\$429
WARREN COUNTY	\$13,385
WAYNE COUNTY	\$8,521
WOODBURY COUNTY	\$1,103
Total	\$453,945
<b>KANSAS</b>	

ATCHISON COUNTY	\$8,857
BUTLER COUNTY	\$39,519
CHASE COUNTY	\$0
CHAUTAQUA COUNT	\$2,663
CLAY COUNTY	\$43,192
COFFEY COUNTY	\$64,114
COWLEY COUNTY	\$3,978
DICKINSON COUNTY	\$3,589
DONIPHAN COUNTY	\$2,918
DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$49,550
ELLSWORTH COUNTY	\$50,922
GEARY COUNTY	\$58,371
GREENWOOD COUNTY	\$45,383
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$94,675
JEWELL COUNTY	\$16,986
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$282
KINGMAN COUNTY	\$2,824
LABETTE COUNTY	\$6,133
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$2,091
LYON COUNTY	\$12,704
MARION COUNTY	\$29,113
MARSHALL COUNTY	\$14,907
MIAMI COUNTY	\$31,273
MITCHELL COUNTY	\$59,493
MONTGOMERY COUNT	\$49,434
MORRIS COUNTY	\$14,396
MORTON COUNTY	\$34,265
NORTON COUNTY	\$19,762
OSAGE COUNTY	\$81,032
OSBORNE COUNTY	\$7,593
PAWNEE COUNTY	\$971
PHILLIPS COUNTY	\$27,488

POTTAWATOMIE COU	\$34,599
RENO COUNTY	\$35,319
REPUBLIC COUNTY	\$0
RILEY COUNTY	\$32,860
ROOKS COUNTY	\$17,305
RUSSELL COUNTY	\$50,399
SEDGWICK COUNTY	\$2,483
SHAWNEE COUNTY	\$4,746
SMITH COUNTY	\$0
STEVENS COUNTY	\$305
TREGO COUNTY	\$36,425
WILSON COUNTY	\$0
WOODSON COUNTY	\$11,730
Total	\$1,104,649
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	
ADAIR COUNTY	\$37,983
ALLEN COUNTY	\$17,679
ANDERSON COUNTY	\$5,527
BALLARD COUNTY	\$5,096
BARREN COUNTY	\$32,957
BATH COUNTY	\$21,902
BELL COUNTY	\$14,270
BOONE COUNTY	\$0
BRACKEN COUNTY	\$227
BRECKINRIDGE COU	\$12,745
BUTLER COUNTY	\$0
CALLOWAY COUNTY	\$424
CAMPBELL COUNTY	\$0
CARROLL COUNTY	\$0
CARTER COUNTY	\$23,150
CLAY COUNTY	\$61,477

CLINTON COUNTY	\$31,740
CRITTENDEN COUNT	\$0
CUMBERLAND COUNT	\$9,686
DAVIESS COUNTY	\$0
EDMONSON COUNTY	\$112,811
ELLIOTT COUNTY	\$17,621
ESTILL COUNTY	\$5,815
FLOYD COUNTY	\$29,296
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$0
GALLATIN COUNTY	\$563
GRAYSON COUNTY	\$22,690
GREENUP COUNTY	\$554
HANCOCK COUNTY	\$354
HARDIN COUNTY	\$267
HARLAN COUNTY	\$7,558
HART COUNTY	\$19,779
HENDERSON COUNTY	\$2,254
HENRY COUNTY	\$0
JACKSON COUNTY	\$43,784
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$2,791
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$27,998
KNOTT COUNTY	\$11,581
KNOX COUNTY	\$0
LARUE COUNTY	\$831
LAUREL COUNTY	\$91,229
LAWRENCE COUNTY	\$45,917
LEE COUNTY	\$9,445
LESLIE COUNTY	\$72,519
LETCHER COUNTY	\$281
LEWIS COUNTY	\$0
LIVINGSTON COUNT	\$8,210
LYON COUNTY	\$129,522
MADISON COUNTY	\$0



MARTIN COUNTY	\$0
MCCRACKEN COUNTY	\$0
MCCREARY COUNTY	\$178,281
MCLEAN COUNTY	\$0
MEADE COUNTY	\$0
MENIFEE COUNTY	\$22,956
MORGAN COUNTY	\$32,422
MUHLENBERG COUNTY	\$0
NELSON COUNTY	\$737
OWSLEY COUNTY	\$20,003
PERRY COUNTY	\$9,245
PIKE COUNTY	\$37,611
POWELL COUNTY	\$17,288
PULASKI COUNTY	\$115,832
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY	\$18,268
ROWAN COUNTY	\$65,998
RUSSELL COUNTY	\$91,366
SPENCER COUNTY	\$29,975
TAYLOR COUNTY	\$39,504
TRIGG COUNTY	\$182,408
UNION COUNTY	\$10,738
WARREN COUNTY	\$111
WAYNE COUNTY	\$68,304
WHITLEY COUNTY	\$54,162
WOLFE COUNTY	\$15,933
Total	\$1,949,675
LOUISIANA	
ACADIA PARISH	\$0
ASCENSION PARISH	\$0
AVOUELLES PARISH	\$202
BATON ROUGE METR	\$1,531

BIENVILLE PARISH	\$554
BOSSIER PARISH	\$74,147
CADDO PARISH	\$5,857
CALCASIEU PARISH	\$344
CALDWELL PARISH	\$2,052
CAMERON PARISH	\$2,490
CATAHOULA PARISH	\$1,558
CLAIBORNE PARISH	\$6,606
CONCORDIA PARISH	\$41,786
DE SOTO PARISH	\$378
GRANT PARISH	\$47,237
IBERIA PARISH	\$6,432
IBERVILLE PARISH	\$24,889
JEFFERSON DAVIS	\$0
JEFFERSON PARISH	\$30,639
LA SALLE PARISH	\$1,544
LAFAYETTE PARISH	\$116
LAFOURCHE PARISH	\$725
LIVINGSTON PARIS	\$1,558
MADISON PARISH	\$333
MOREHOUSE PARISH	\$0
NATCHITOCHE PARISH	\$43,392
NEW ORLEANS	\$688
OUACHITA PARISH	\$7,117
PLAQUEMINES PARISH	\$24,750
POINTE COUPEE PA	\$7,475
RAPIDES PARISH	\$63,475
RED RIVER PARISH	\$788
ST CHARLES PARI	\$18,536
ST JAMES PARISH	\$0
ST JOHN THE BAP	\$111
ST LANDRY PARIS	\$42,310
ST MARTIN PARIS	\$11,442

ST MARY PARISH	\$6,379
ST BERNARD PARISH	\$21,300
TANGIPAHOA PARIS	\$0
TERREBONNE PARIS	\$155
VERMILION PARISH	\$1,221
VERNON PARISH	\$72,582
WEBSTER PARISH	\$22,406
WEST BATON ROUGE	\$214
WEST CARROLL PAR	\$0
WEST FELICIANA P	\$2,252
WINN PARISH	\$36,746
Total	\$634,317
<b>MAINE</b>	
ALFRED TOWN	\$3,153
BAR HARBOR TOWN	\$38,457
BETHEL TOWN	\$0
CALAIS CITY	\$0
CRANBERRY ISLES	\$21,251
DAYTON TOWN	\$0
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$15,150
GILEAD TOWN	\$2,211
GOULDSBORO TOWN	\$4,042
HANCOCK COUNTY	\$1,526
HOLLIS TONW	\$0
ISLE AU HAUT TOW	\$6,466
LOVEL TOWN	\$121
LYMAN TOWN	\$3,100
MONSON TOWN	\$2,679
MOUNT DESERT TOW	\$30,745
OXFORD COUNTY	\$54,909
PISCATAQUIS COUN	\$31,121

ROBBINSON TOWN	\$0
SANDY RIVER PLAN	\$4,547
SOMERSET COUNTY	\$12,347
SOUTHWEST HARBOR	\$16,028
STONEHAM TOWN	\$12,519
STOW TOWN	\$3,615
SWANS ISLAND TOW	\$7,350
TREMONT TOWN	\$17,769
TRENTON TOWN	\$133
VINALHAVEN TOWN	\$5,575
WINTER HARBOR TO	\$4,965
YORK COUNTY	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$299,779</b>
<b>MARYLAND</b>	
ALLEGANY COUNTY	\$7,385
ANNE ARUNDEL COU	\$1,040
BALTIMORE	\$0
BALTIMORE COUNTY	\$260
CECIL COUNTY	\$5,667
CHARLES COUNTY	\$3,644
FREDERICK COUNTY	\$24,325
GARRETT COUNTY	\$5,238
MONTGOMERY COUNT	\$6,242
PRINCE GEORGE'S	\$8,619
SOMERSET COUNTY	\$0
TALBOT COUNTY	\$0
WASHINGTON COUNT	\$19,505
WICOMICO COUNTY	\$0
WORCESTER COUNTY	\$17,666
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$99,591</b>

**MASSACHUSETTS**

ATHOL TOWN	\$169
BECKET TOWN	\$260
BELLINGHAM TOWN	\$807
BOSTON	\$0
BOURNE TOWN	\$2,673
BRIMFIELD TOWN	\$2,338
BROOKLINE TOWN	\$0
CAMBRIDGE	\$0
CHARLTON TOWN	\$1,123
CHATHAM TOWN	\$339
CHESHIRE TOWN	\$807
CHESTER TOWN	\$3,417
CHESTERFIELD TOW	\$282
CONCORD TOWN	\$824
DALTON TOWN	\$1,939
DEDHAM TOWN	\$250
DOVER TOWN	\$191
DUDLEY TOWN	\$0
EASTHAM TOWN	\$5,614
EGREMONT TOWN	\$686
FRANKLIN TOWN/CITY	\$1,101
GREAT BARRINGTON	\$667
HINSDALE TOWN	\$968
HOLLAND TOWN	\$1,312
HOLLISTON TOWN	\$746
HUNTINGTON TOWN	\$5,903
LEE TOWN	\$593
LEXINGTON TOWN	\$246
LINCOLN TOWN	\$814
LOWELL CITY	\$5,453
MEDFIELD TOWN	\$1,118

MEDWAY TOWN	\$0
MILLIS TOWN	\$2,056
MONSON TOWN	\$725
NEEDHAM TOWN	\$108
NEWTON CITY	\$0
NORFOLK TOWN	\$521
NORTH ADAMS CITY	\$0
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN	\$679
ORLEANS TOWN	\$144
OXFORD TOWN	\$2,052
PROVINCETOWN TOW	\$2,760
QUINCY	\$0
ROYALSTON TOWN	\$3,719
SALEM	\$0
SANDSFIELD TOWN	\$327
SANDWICH TOWN	\$561
SAUGUS TOWN	\$0
SHEFFIELD TOWN	\$2,230
SHERBORN TOWN	\$188
SOUTHBRIDGE TOWN	\$219
SPRINGFIELD	\$0
STURBRIDGE TOWN	\$2,144
TEMPLETON TOWN	\$2,008
TOLLAND TOWN	\$0
TRURO TOWN	\$16,027
TYRINGHAM TOWN	\$3,354
UPTON TOWN	\$186
LUXBRIDGE TOWN	\$424
WALPOLE TOWN	\$0
WASHINGTON TOWN	\$646
WELLFLEET TOWN	\$25,222
WINCHENDON TOWN	\$4,263
WRENTHAM TOWN	\$0

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$111,203</b>
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	
ALCONA COUNTY	\$99,273
ALGER COUNTY	\$302,759
ALLEGAN COUNTY	\$0
ALPENA COUNTY	\$0
BARAGA COUNTY	\$72,118
BARRY COUNTY	\$0
BENZIE COUNTY	\$20,133
BERRIEN COUNTY	\$0
BRANCH COUNTY	\$0
CALHOUN COUNTY	\$0
CASS COUNTY	\$0
CHARLEVOIX COUNT	\$0
CHEBOYGAN COUNTY	\$0
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	\$214,251
CLARE COUNTY	\$0
CRAWFORD COUNTY	\$54,458
DELTA COUNTY	\$317,360
GENESEE COUNTY	\$0
GOGEBIC COUNTY	\$488,396
GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY	\$0
HOUGHTON COUNTY	\$281,543
IOSCO COUNTY	\$119,945
IRON COUNTY	\$329,887
KENT COUNTY	\$0
KEWEENAW COUNTY	\$316,511
LAKE COUNTY	\$160,028
LEELANAU COUNTY	\$100,777
MACKINAC COUNTY	\$61,778
MANISTEE COUNTY	\$90,129

MARQUETTE COUNTY	\$36,552
MASON COUNTY	\$98,779
MECOSTA COUNTY	\$2,756
MONTCALM COUNTY	\$3,107
MUSKEGON COUNTY	\$26,315
NEWAYGO COUNTY	\$84,099
OAKLAND COUNTY	\$0
OCEANA COUNTY	\$69,764
OGEMAW COUNTY	\$1,971
ONTONAGON COUNTY	\$465,273
OSCODA COUNTY	\$76,504
OTSEGO COUNTY	\$0
OTTAWA COUNTY	\$0
PRESQUE ISLE COU	\$0
ROSCOMMON COUNTY	\$0
SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY	\$195,336
VAN BUREN COUNTY	\$0
WASHTENAW COUNTY	\$0
WAYNE COUNTY	\$2,873
WEXFORD COUNTY	\$95,270
Total	\$4,187,945
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	
AITKIN COUNTY	\$2,804
ANOKA COUNTY	\$0
BECKER COUNTY	\$0
BELTRAMI COUNTY	\$104,182
BIG STONE COUNTY	\$101
BROWN COUNTY	\$0
CASS COUNTY	\$517,895
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	\$499
CHISAGO COUNTY	\$5,980



COOK COUNTY	\$212,212
CROW WING COUNTY	\$2,555
DAKOTA COUNTY	\$2,907
GOODHUE COUNTY	\$11,894
GRANT COUNTY	\$0
HENNEPIN COUNTY	\$120
HOUSTON COUNTY	\$8,010
HUBBARD COUNTY	\$0
ITASCA COUNTY	\$522,140
KOOCHICHING COUNTY	\$11,582
LAC QUI PARLE CO	\$737
LAKE COUNTY	\$240,235
LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTY	\$11,133
LE SUEUR COUNTY	\$0
MARSHALL COUNTY	\$0
MCLEOD COUNTY	\$0
MEEKER COUNTY	\$0
MILLE LACS COUNT	\$0
MORRISON COUNTY	\$0
MURRAY COUNTY	\$0
OTTER TAIL COUNT	\$4,959
PINE COUNTY	\$4,946
PIPESTONE COUNTY	\$715
POLK COUNTY	\$0
RAMSEY COUNTY	\$0
RENVILLE COUNTY	\$0
SHERBURNE COUNTY	\$0
ST LOUIS COUNTY	\$281,113
SWIFT COUNTY	\$532
TODD COUNTY	\$0
TRAVERSE COUNTY	\$1,325
WABASHA COUNTY	\$12,495
WADENA COUNTY	\$0

WASHINGTON COUNT	\$3,764
WILKIN COUNTY	\$0
WINONA COUNTY	\$10,137
WRIGHT COUNTY	\$0
Total	\$1,974,972
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	
ADAMS COUNTY	\$5,434
ALCORN COUNTY	\$0
AMITE COUNTY	\$11,840
ATTALA COUNTY	\$5,934
BENTON COUNTY	\$18,372
BOLIVAR COUNTY	\$9,570
CALHOUN COUNTY	\$39,550
CARROLL COUNTY	\$0
CHICKASAW COUNTY	\$8,926
CHOCTAW COUNTY	\$4,266
CLAIBORNE COUNTY	\$4,091
CLAY COUNTY	\$8,325
COAHOMA COUNTY	\$2,762
COPIAH COUNTY	\$2,451
COVINGTON COUNTY	\$0
DE SOTO COUNTY	\$42,358
FORREST COUNTY	\$16,805
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$31,848
GEORGE COUNTY	\$5,576
GREENE COUNTY	\$11,072
GRENADA COUNTY	\$110,148
HANCOCK COUNTY	\$0
HARRISON COUNTY	\$36,045
HINDS COUNTY	\$2,741
HOLMES COUNTY	\$1,142

HUMPHREYS COUNTY	\$8,366
ISSAQUENA COUNTY	\$30,705
ITAWAMBA COUNTY	\$50,568
JACKSON COUNTY	\$58,104
JASPER COUNTY	\$5,716
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$3,536
JONES COUNTY	\$10,935
KEMPER COUNTY	\$891
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	\$199,584
LAUDERDALE COUNT	\$25,491
LEAKE COUNTY	\$3,933
LEE COUNTY	\$5,484
LEFLORE COUNTY	\$4,433
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$2,606
LOWNDES COUNTY	\$19,235
MADISON COUNTY	\$7,850
MARSHALL COUNTY	\$59,783
MONROE COUNTY	\$56,981
MONTGOMERY COUNT	\$0
NESHOBA COUNTY	\$16,111
NEWTON COUNTY	\$1,108
NOXUBEE COUNTY	\$0
OKTIBBEHA COUNTY	\$0
PANOLA COUNTY	\$67,570
PEARL RIVER COUNTY	\$1,344
PERRY COUNTY	\$54,036
PIKE COUNTY	\$0
PONTOTOC COUNTY	\$936
PRENTISS COUNTY	\$12,932
QUITMAN COUNTY	\$0
RANKIN COUNTY	\$0
SCOTT COUNTY	\$28,306
SHARKEY COUNTY	\$52,601

SMITH COUNTY	\$24,143
STONE COUNTY	\$15,177
TALLAHATCHIE COU	\$250
TATE COUNTY	\$46,922
TIPPAH COUNTY	\$4,359
TISHOMINGO COUNT	\$65,494
TUNICA COUNTY	\$7,107
UNION COUNTY	\$5,674
WARREN COUNTY	\$6,965
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$8,942
WAYNE COUNTY	\$29,972
WEBSTER COUNTY	\$159
WILKINSON COUNTY	\$7,573
WINSTON COUNTY	\$9,508
YALOBUSHA COUNTY	\$145,481
YAZOO COUNTY	\$34,283
Total	\$1,580,410
<b>MISSOURI</b>	
ANDREW COUNTY	\$231
ATCHISON COUNTY	\$8,845
BARRY COUNTY	\$89,033
BATES COUNTY	\$578
BENTON COUNTY	\$138,543
BOLLINGER COUNTY	\$2,360
BOONE COUNTY	\$8,408
BUCHANAN COUNTY	\$438
BUTLER COUNTY	\$70,028
CALLAWAY COUNTY	\$19,152
CARROLL COUNTY	\$2,105
CARTER COUNTY	\$120,500
CEDAR COUNTY	\$64,307

CHARITON COUNTY	\$1,146
CHRISTIAN COUNTY	\$63,033
CLAY COUNTY	\$30,050
CLINTON COUNTY	\$18,122
COLE COUNTY	\$200
COOPER COUNTY	\$10,096
CRAWFORD COUNTY	\$60,616
DADE COUNTY	\$62,450
DAVISS COUNTY	\$335
DENT COUNTY	\$88,478
DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$54,444
DUNKLIN COUNTY	\$1,657
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$2,146
GASCONADE COUNTY	\$0
GREENE COUNTY	\$2,899
HENRY COUNTY	\$145,685
HICKORY COUNTY	\$49,614
HOLT COUNTY	\$18,692
HOWARD COUNTY	\$0
HOWELL COUNTY	\$56,508
IRON COUNTY	\$130,322
JACKSON COUNTY	\$21,518
LACLEDE COUNTY	\$40,162
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	\$410
LEWIS COUNTY	\$1,903
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$6,813
MACON COUNTY	\$18,279
MADISON COUNTY	\$52,782
MARION COUNTY	\$5,315
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY	\$10,560
MONITEAU COUNTY	\$2,984
MONROE COUNTY	\$90,107
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$1,307

NEW MADRID COUNTY	\$253
NEWTON COUNTY	\$578
OREGON COUNTY	\$91,926
OSAGE COUNTY	\$701
OZARK COUNTY	\$75,891
PEMISCOT COUNTY	\$0
PHELPS COUNTY	\$98,401
PIKE COUNTY	\$8,542
PLATTE COUNTY	\$629
POLK COUNTY	\$25,426
PULASKI COUNTY	\$63,009
RALLS COUNTY	\$36,427
REYNOLDS COUNTY	\$151,835
RIPLEY COUNTY	\$95,263
SALINE COUNTY	\$1,772
SHANNON COUNTY	\$145,525
ST CHARLES COUN	\$23,091
ST CLAIR COUNTY	\$98,246
ST LOUIS COUNTY	\$219
ST FRANCOIS COUNTY	\$898
STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY	\$16,000
STODDARD COUNTY	\$1,705
STONE COUNTY	\$107,258
TANEY COUNTY	\$135,273
TEXAS COUNTY	\$41,818
VERNON COUNTY	\$0
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$80,184
WAYNE COUNTY	\$196,539
WRIGHT COUNTY	\$8,562
Total	\$3,079,132
MONTANA	

ANACONDA DEER LODGE COUNTY	\$386,440
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY	\$679,159
BIG HORN COUNTY	\$13,750
BLAINE COUNTY	\$813,876
BROADWATER COUNTY	\$553,314
CARBON COUNTY	\$796,238
CARTER COUNTY	\$190,948
CASCADE COUNTY	\$419,841
CHOUTEAU COUNTY	\$342,023
CUSTER COUNTY	\$792,469
DANIELS COUNTY	\$0
DAWSON COUNTY	\$21,225
FALLON COUNTY	\$38,461
FERGUS COUNTY	\$1,089,117
FLATHEAD COUNTY	\$2,173,745
GALLATIN COUNTY	\$1,461,043
GARFIELD COUNTY	\$204,576
GLACIER COUNTY	\$934,215
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY	\$56,945
GRANITE COUNTY	\$232,970
HILL COUNTY	\$106,035
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$984,131
JUDITH BASIN COUNTY	\$125,158
LAKE COUNTY	\$382,783
LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY	\$2,184,611
LIBERTY COUNTY	\$62,392
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$580,059
MADISON COUNTY	\$656,474
MCCONE COUNTY	\$271,831
MEAGHER COUNTY	\$160,294
MINERAL COUNTY	\$211,977
MISSOULA COUNTY	\$1,464,787
MUSSELSHELL COUNTY	\$186,472

PARK COUNTY	\$1,044,257
PETROLEUM COUNTY	\$82,901
PHILLIPS COUNTY	\$456,938
PONDERA COUNTY	\$196,745
POWDER RIVER COUNTY	\$198,029
POWELL COUNTY	\$265,751
PRAIRIE COUNTY	\$142,521
RAVALLI COUNTY	\$1,959,799
RICHLAND COUNTY	\$17,988
ROOSEVELT COUNTY	\$1,421
ROSEBUD COUNTY	\$108,140
SANDERS COUNTY	\$303,664
SHERIDAN COUNTY	\$591
SILVER BOW CENSUS CTY	\$481,305
STILLWATER COUNTY	\$355,062
SWEET GRASS COUNTY	\$383,994
TETON COUNTY	\$583,746
TOOLE COUNTY	\$47,723
TREASURE COUNTY	\$248
VALLEY COUNTY	\$995,515
WHEATLAND COUNTY	\$101,177
WIBAUX COUNTY	\$8,958
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY	\$183,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,497,071</b>
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	
BLAINE COUNTY	\$23,393
BROWN COUNTY	\$2,291
BURT COUNTY	\$4,737
CASS COUNTY	\$5,146
CEDAR COUNTY	\$9,448
CHASE COUNTY	\$13,510



CHERRY COUNTY	\$325,422
CLUSTER COUNTY	\$0
DAKOTA COUNTY	\$1,936
DAWES COUNTY	\$140,353
DIXON COUNTY	\$0
DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$7,189
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$3,256
FRONTIER COUNTY	\$33,689
FURNAS COUNTY	\$3,379
GAGE COUNTY	\$436
GARDEN COUNTY	\$482
GARFIELD COUNTY	\$4,882
GREELEY COUNTY	\$2,716
HARLAN COUNTY	\$73,646
HAYES COUNTY	\$0
HITCHCOCK COUNTY	\$19,410
HOLT COUNTY	\$718
HOOVER COUNTY	\$494
HOWARD COUNTY	\$2,538
KNOX COUNTY	\$35,938
LANCASTER COUNTY	\$17,915
LOUP COUNTY	\$22,603
MCPHERSON COUNTY	\$0
MERRICK COUNTY	\$0
MORRILL COUNTY	\$631
NANCE COUNTY	\$840
NEMAHA COUNTY	\$5,493
NUCKOLLS COUNTY	\$2,148
OTOE COUNTY	\$4,335
RED WILLOW COUNT	\$3,061
RICHARDSON COUNT	\$0
ROCK COUNTY	\$192
SARPY COUNTY	\$2,854

SCOTTS BLUFF COU	\$24,516
SEWARD COUNTY	\$1,645
SHERIDAN COUNTY	\$316
SIoux COUNTY	\$209,343
THOMAS COUNTY	\$95,389
THURSTON COUNTY	\$1,069
VALLEY COUNTY	\$10,004
WEBSTER COUNTY	\$2,813
YORK COUNTY	\$385
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,120,561</b>
<b>NEVADA</b>	
CARSON CITY	\$116,138
CHURCHILL COUNTY	\$2,053,174
CLARK COUNTY	\$3,118,324
DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$615,397
ELKO COUNTY	\$2,850,083
ESMERALDA COUNTY	\$125,730
EUREKA COUNTY	\$324,628
HUMBOLDT COUNTY	\$1,604,229
LANDER COUNTY	\$911,561
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$811,164
LYON COUNTY	\$1,936,093
MINERAL COUNTY	\$643,925
NYE COUNTY	\$2,831,607
PERSHING COUNTY	\$1,001,367
STOREY COUNTY	\$34,943
WASHOE COUNTY	\$3,218,176
WHITE PINE COUNTY	\$1,135,374
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,331,913</b>
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	

ALBANY TOWN	\$99,111
BARTLETT TOWN	\$72,025
BENTON TOWN	\$57,833
BERLIN	\$39,090
BETHLEHEM TOWN	\$73,786
BRISTOL TOWN	\$465
CAMPTON TOWN	\$5,814
CARROLL COUNTY	\$3,819
CARROLL TOWN	\$38,130
CHATHAM TOWN	\$54,672
COOS COUNTY	\$340,106
CORNISH TOWN	\$9,188
DORCHESTER TOWN	\$197
DUBLIN TOWN	\$489
DUNBARTON TOWN	\$2,873
EASTON TOWN	\$31,649
ELLSWORTH TOWN	\$13,465
FRANCONIA TOWN	\$62,511
GORHAM TOWN	\$14,177
GRAFTON COUNTY	\$102,101
HANCOCK TOWN	\$120
HANOVER TOWN	\$5,642
HARRISVILLE TOWN	\$436
HARTS LOCATION T	\$6,652
HENNIKER TOWN	\$4,094
HILL TOWN	\$2,244
HOPKINTON TOWN	\$6,497
JACKSON TOWN	\$76,297
JEFFERSON TOWN	\$15,802
KEENE	\$852
LANCASTER TOWN	\$3,781
LANDAFF TOWN	\$10,591

LINCOLN TOWN	\$175,112
LYME TOWN	\$4,229
MERRIMACK COUNTY	\$9,361
MILAN TOWN	\$10,252
NEW HAMPTON TOWN	\$1,043
ORFORD TOWN	\$3,138
PETERBOROUGH TOW	\$1,763
PIERMONT TOWN	\$5,390
PLYMOUTH TOWN	\$0
RANDOLPH TOWN	\$32,367
ROXBURY TOWN	\$250
RUMNEY TOWN	\$28,667
SALISBURY TOWN	\$6,610
SANBORNTON TOWN	\$1,753
SANDWICH TOWN	\$40,899
SHELBURNE TOWN	\$39,432
STARK TOWN	\$44,890
SURRY TOWN	\$4,094
TAMWORTH TOWN	\$544
THORNTON TOWN	\$37,631
WARREN TOWN	\$41,894
WATERVILLE VALLE	\$39,909
WEARE TOWN	\$4,031
WEBSTER TOWN	\$1,948
WENTWORTH TOWN	\$9,219
WOODSTOCK TOWN	\$68,317
Total	\$1,767,252
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	
ATLANTIC COUNTY	\$0
CAMDEN COUNTY	\$344
CAPE MAY COUNTY	\$1,390

CUMBERLAND COUNT	\$0
ESSEX COUNTY	\$0
GLOUCESTER COUNT	\$385
HUDSON COUNTY	\$227
MIDDLESEX COUNTY	\$0
MONMOUTH COUNTY	\$4,272
MORRIS COUNTY	\$2,940
OCEAN COUNTY	\$106
PASSAIC COUNTY	\$0
SALEM COUNTY	\$10,293
SOMERSET COUNTY	\$453
SUSSEX COUNTY	\$54,506
WARREN COUNTY	\$22,334
Total	\$97,250
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	
BERNALILLO COUNTY	\$193,769
CATRON COUNTY	\$593,448
CHAVES COUNTY	\$2,860,983
CIBOLA COUNTY	\$1,693,192
COLFAX COUNTY	\$139,492
DE BACA COUNTY	\$100,654
DONA ANA COUNTY	\$2,843,049
EDDY COUNTY	\$3,168,147
GRANT COUNTY	\$1,837,491
GUADALUPE COUNTY	\$148,561
HARDING COUNTY	\$111,861
HIDALGO COUNTY	\$703,549
LEA COUNTY	\$1,009,074
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$1,536,831
LOS ALAMOS COUNTY	\$83,130
LLUNA COUNTY	\$1,779,759

MCKINLEY COUNTY	\$826,620
MORA COUNTY	\$188,703
OTERO COUNTY COMMISSION	\$2,824,773
QUAY COUNTY	\$4,314
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY	\$1,969,904
ROOSEVELT COUNTY	\$25,747
SAN JUAN COUNTY	\$2,062,957
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY	\$759,971
SANDOVAL COUNTY	\$2,197,580
SANTA FE COUNTY	\$668,483
SIERRA COUNTY	\$1,056,769
SOCORRO COUNTY	\$1,245,613
TAOS COUNTY	\$1,559,822
TORRANCE COUNTY	\$285,005
UNION COUNTY	\$139,764
VALENCIA COUNTY	\$73,952
Total	\$34,692,967
<b>NEW YORK</b>	
ALBANY COUNTY	\$0
ALLEGANY COUNTY	\$135
BROOME COUNTY	\$6,996
CATTARAUGUS COUN	\$5,558
CHENANGO COUNTY	\$0
COLUMBIA COUNTY	\$106
CORTLAND COUNTY	\$4,017
DELAWARE COUNTY	\$1,421
DUTCHESS COUNTY	\$28,702
ERIE COUNTY	\$424
GREENE COUNTY	\$537
LIVINGSTON COUNT	\$5,972
NASSAU COUNTY	\$228

NEW YORK (PART)	\$42,934
ONEIDA COUNTY	\$0
ORANGE COUNTY	\$7,215
PUTNAM COUNTY	\$6,966
RENSSELAER COUNT	\$0
SARATOGA COUNTY	\$3,480
SCHUYLER COUNTY	\$11,293
SENECA COUNTY	\$6,085
STEBEN COUNTY	\$2,652
SUFFOLK COUNTY	\$6,396
SULLIVAN COUNTY	\$0
WASHINGTON COUNT	\$171
WESTCHESTER COUN	\$0
WYOMING COUNTY	\$3,232
Total	\$144,520
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	
ALLEGHANY COUNTY	\$16,956
ASHE COUNTY	\$4,212
AVERY COUNTY	\$31,147
BEAUFORT COUNTY	\$0
BLADEN COUNTY	\$159
BRUNSWICK COUNTY	\$3,627
BUNCOMBE COUNTY	\$50,304
BURKE COUNTY	\$53,474
CALDWELL COUNTY	\$44,217
CAMDEN COUNTY	\$621
CARTERET COUNTY	\$110,609
CHATHAM COUNTY	\$93,581
CHEROKEE COUNTY	\$56,393
CLAY COUNTY	\$55,975
CRAVEN COUNTY	\$92,191

CURRITUCK COUNTY	\$7,938
DARE COUNTY	\$50,549
DAVIDSON COUNTY	\$1,010
DURHAM COUNTY	\$46,765
GRAHAM COUNTY	\$67,428
GRANVILLE COUNTY	\$21,139
GUILFORD COUNTY	\$9,328
HAYWOOD COUNTY	\$236,001
HENDERSON COUNTY	\$26,587
HYDE COUNTY	\$6,285
JACKSON COUNTY	\$86,161
JONES COUNTY	\$48,310
MACON COUNTY	\$169,704
MADISON COUNTY	\$45,666
MCDOWELL COUNTY	\$47,565
MITCHELL COUNTY	\$14,490
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$15,805
NEW HANOVER COUN	\$0
ORANGE COUNTY	\$217
PAMLICO COUNTY	\$0
PENDER COUNTY	\$214
RANDOLPH COUNTY	\$7,052
SURRY COUNTY	\$2,650
SWAIN COUNTY	\$543,226
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	\$124,765
TYRRELL COUNTY	\$0
VANCE COUNTY	\$53,034
WAKE COUNTY	\$48,348
WARREN COUNTY	\$4,361
WATAUGA COUNTY	\$21,957
WILKES COUNTY	\$24,581
YANCEY COUNTY	\$19,120



Total	\$2,363,722
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	
ADAMS COUNTY	\$0
BARNES COUNTY	\$14,917
BENSON COUNTY	\$8,180
BILLINGS COUNTY	\$103,955
BOTTINEAU COUNTY	\$308
BOWMAN COUNTY	\$13,131
BURKE COUNTY	\$0
BURLEIGH COUNTY	\$34,422
CAVALIER COUNTY	\$3,263
DICKEY COUNTY	\$1,529
DIVIDE COUNTY	\$453
DUNN COUNTY	\$24,679
EDDY COUNTY	\$1,404
EMMONS COUNTY	\$75,873
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY	\$28,380
GRAND FORKS COUNTY	\$2,821
GRANT COUNTY	\$20,839
GRIGGS COUNTY	\$4,019
KIDDER COUNTY	\$5,201
LOGAN COUNTY	\$2,011
MCHENRY COUNTY	\$4,985
MCINTOSH COUNTY	\$1,101
MCKENZIE COUNTY	\$169,613
MCLEAN COUNTY	\$373,141
MERCER COUNTY	\$17,494
MORTON COUNTY	\$31,738
MOUNTRAIL COUNTY	\$19,931
NELSON COUNTY	\$0
OLIVER COUNTY	\$0
PIERCE COUNTY	\$8,241

RAMSEY COUNTY	\$893
RANSOM COUNTY	\$90,622
RENVILLE COUNTY	\$559
RICHLAND COUNTY	\$59,763
ROLETTE COUNTY	\$255
SARGENT COUNTY	\$1,159
SHERIDAN COUNTY	\$70,197
SIOUX COUNTY	\$73,687
SLOPE COUNTY	\$44,429
STARK COUNTY	\$1,478
STEELE COUNTY	\$327
STUTSMAN COUNTY	\$21,821
TOWNER COUNTY	\$0
WALSH COUNTY	\$1,115
WARD COUNTY	\$106
WELLS COUNTY	\$20,101
WILLIAMS COUNTY	\$16,297
Total	\$1,374,438
<b>OHIO</b>	
ADAMS COUNTY	\$0
ASHLAND COUNTY	\$626
ATHENS COUNTY	\$9,121
BELMONT COUNTY	\$0
BROWN COUNTY	\$169
CARROLL COUNTY	\$463
CLARK COUNTY	\$10,221
CLERMONT COUNTY	\$25,635
CLINTON COUNTY	\$3,487
COSHOCTON COUNTY	\$776
CUYAHOGA COUNTY	\$6,242
DELAWARE COUNTY	\$34,847

FAYETTE COUNTY	\$6,288
GALLIA COUNTY	\$17,458
GREENE COUNTY	\$3,044
GUERNSEY COUNTY	\$313
HAMILTON COUNTY	\$3,196
HARRISON COUNTY	\$1,149
HIGHLAND COUNTY	\$17,175
HOCKING COUNTY	\$13,364
JACKSON COUNTY	\$693
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$205
KNOX COUNTY	\$2,918
LAKE COUNTY	\$0
LAWRENCE COUNTY	\$147,157
LICKING COUNTY	\$2,895
LUCAS COUNTY	\$186
MADISON COUNTY	\$503
MAHONING COUNTY	\$3,961
MARION COUNTY	\$3,500
MEIGS COUNTY	\$626
MONROE COUNTY	\$20,038
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$0
MORGAN COUNTY	\$1,147
MORROW COUNTY	\$735
MUSKINGUM COUNTY	\$16,299
NOBLE COUNTY	\$233
OTTAWA COUNTY	\$0
PERRY COUNTY	\$7,411
PICKAWAY COUNTY	\$10,604
PORTAGE COUNTY	\$23,890
RICHLAND COUNTY	\$0
ROSS COUNTY	\$1,121
SCIOTO COUNTY	\$8,197
STARK COUNTY	\$5,262

SUMMIT COUNTY	\$40,299
TRUMBULL COUNTY	\$38,852
TUSCARAWAS COUNT	\$2,044
VINTON COUNTY	\$620
WARREN COUNTY	\$19,198
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$42,665
WAYNE COUNTY	\$0
Total	\$554,833
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	
ALFALFA COUNTY	\$75,353
ATOKA COUNTY	\$73,229
BECKHAM COUNTY	\$0
BLAINE COUNTY	\$23,205
BRYAN COUNTY	\$67,568
CADDO COUNTY	\$20,956
CANADIAN COUNTY	\$390
CHEROKEE COUNTY	\$82,580
CHOCTAW COUNTY	\$81,184
CIMARRON COUNTY	\$37,510
CLEVELAND COUNTY	\$30,733
COAL COUNTY	\$0
COMANCHE COUNTY	\$126,676
COTTON COUNTY	\$11,892
CREEK COUNTY	\$57,504
CUSTER COUNTY	\$36,694
DEWEY COUNTY	\$22,334
ELLIS COUNTY	\$197
GRADY COUNTY	\$0
GREER COUNTY	\$8,990
HARMON COUNTY	\$0
HASKELL COUNTY	\$80,596

JACKSON COUNTY	\$5,924
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$25,612
JOHNSTON COUNTY	\$65,860
KAY COUNTY	\$93,492
KIOWA COUNTY	\$41,383
LATIMER COUNTY	\$15,415
LE FLORE COUNTY	\$166,913
LOGAN COUNTY	\$0
LOVE COUNTY	\$43,900
MAJOR COUNTY	\$469
MARSHALL COUNTY	\$142,723
MAYES COUNTY	\$49,405
MCCURTAIN COUNTY	\$165,115
MCINTOSH COUNTY	\$196,755
MURRAY COUNTY	\$22,999
MUSKOGEE COUNTY	\$54,229
NOBLE COUNTY	\$0
NOWATA COUNTY	\$52,169
OKLAHOMA COUNTY	\$13,091
OKMULGEE COUNTY	\$10,136
OSAGE COUNTY	\$157,965
PAWNEE COUNTY	\$40,314
PAYNE COUNTY	\$0
PITTSBURG COUNTY	\$147,239
POTTAWATOMIE COU	\$0
PUSHMATAHA COUNT	\$62,154
ROGER MILLS COUNTY	\$10,302
ROGERS COUNTY	\$75,324
SEQUOYAH COUNTY	\$76,678
STEPHENS COUNTY	\$14,654
TEXAS COUNTY	\$32,073
TILLMAN COUNTY	\$799
TULSA COUNTY	\$7,138

WAGONER COUNTY	\$114,227
WASHINGTON COUNT	\$32,761
WASHITA COUNTY	\$0
WOODS COUNTY	\$149
WOODWARD COUNTY	\$19,649
Total	\$2,794,607
<b>OREGON</b>	
BAKER COUNTY	\$651,070
BENTON COUNTY	\$94,905
CLACKAMAS COUNTY	\$404,022
CLATSOP COUNTY	\$12,416
COLUMBIA COUNTY	\$26,397
COOS COUNTY	\$378,821
CROOK COUNTY	\$311,645
CURRY COUNTY	\$208,571
DESCHUTES COUNTY	\$1,753,135
DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$556,203
GILLIAM COUNTY	\$74,690
GRANT COUNTY	\$581,458
HARNEY COUNTY	\$1,001,367
HOOD RIVER COUNTY	\$68,328
JACKSON COUNTY	\$765,726
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$325,266
JOSEPHINE COUNTY	\$580,715
KLAMATH COUNTY	\$735,376
LAKE COUNTY	\$1,062,047
LANE COUNTY	\$578,883
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$69,672
LINN COUNTY	\$186,431
MALHEUR COUNTY	\$2,297,293
MARION COUNTY	\$75,848

MORROW COUNTY	\$129,957
MULTNOMAH COUNTY	\$26,662
POLK COUNTY	\$97,455
SHERMAN COUNTY	\$126,102
TILLAMOOK COUNTY	\$43,556
UMATILLA COUNTY	\$922,681
UNION COUNTY	\$815,239
WALLOWA COUNTY	\$389,879
WASCO COUNTY	\$73,569
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$33,675
WHEELER COUNTY	\$100,192
YAMHILL COUNTY	\$19,510
Total	\$15,578,762
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	
ADAMS COUNTY	\$32,401
ALLEGHENY COUNTY	\$144
ARMSTRONG COUNTY	\$5,201
BEAVER COUNTY	\$0
BEDFORD COUNTY	\$0
BERKS COUNTY	\$17,915
BLAIR COUNTY	\$1,842
BUCKS COUNTY	\$0
CAMBRIA COUNTY	\$1,616
CARBON COUNTY	\$12,504
CENTRE COUNTY	\$18,122
CHESTER COUNTY	\$1,190
CLEARFIELD COUNT	\$6,459
CLINTON COUNTY	\$3,065
CRAWFORD COUNTY	\$4,157
CUMBERLAND COUNT	\$9,016
DAUPHIN COUNTY	\$2,712

ELK COUNTY	\$74,688
ERIE COUNTY	\$388
FAYETTE COUNTY	\$6,297
FOREST COUNTY	\$40,571
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$2,191
GREENE COUNTY	\$181
HUNTINGDON COUNTY	\$67,076
INDIANA COUNTY	\$2,281
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$0
LACKAWANNA COUNT	\$730
LEBANON COUNTY	\$2,122
LEHIGH COUNTY	\$959
LUZERNE COUNTY	\$2,804
MCKEAN COUNTY	\$90,043
MERCER COUNTY	\$22,878
MONROE COUNTY	\$18,695
MONTGOMERY COUNT	\$8,015
NORTHAMPTON COUN	\$4,149
PERRY COUNTY	\$0
PHILADELPHIA	\$1,257
PIKE COUNTY	\$41,713
SCHUYLKILL COUNT	\$1,714
SOMERSET COUNTY	\$24,803
SUSQUEHANNA COUN	\$1,199
TIOGA COUNTY	\$22,245
WARREN COUNTY	\$124,299
WASHINGTON COUNT	\$139
WAYNE COUNTY	\$1,856
WESTMORELAND COUNTY	\$1,941
YORK COUNTY	\$3,997
Total	\$685,575
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	



COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO	\$9,930
Total	\$9,930
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	
PROVIDENCE	\$0
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$0
Total	\$0
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	
ABBEVILLE COUNTY	\$15,534
AIKEN COUNTY	\$0
ANDERSON COUNTY	\$78,816
BERKELEY COUNTY	\$92,670
CHARLESTON COUNTY	\$68,865
CHEROKEE COUNTY	\$4,978
CHESTER COUNTY	\$4,196
COLLETON COUNTY	\$0
EDGEFIELD COUNTY	\$10,325
FAIRFIELD COUNTY	\$3,677
GEORGETOWN COUNTY	\$665
GREENWOOD COUNTY	\$3,974
HORRY COUNTY	\$227
JASPER COUNTY	\$1,178
LAURENS COUNTY	\$6,949
MCCORMICK COUNTY	\$29,565
NEWBERRY COUNTY	\$19,569
OCONEE COUNTY	\$33,517
PICKENS COUNTY	\$6,715
RICHLAND COUNTY	\$60,682
SALUDA COUNTY	\$1,487

UNION COUNTY	\$20,679
WILLIAMSBURG COU	\$0
YORK COUNTY	\$6,091
Total	\$470,359
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	
BEADLE COUNTY	\$705
BON HOMME COUNTY	\$26,589
BROWN COUNTY	\$192
BRULE COUNTY	\$21,375
BUFFALO COUNTY	\$28,624
BUTTE COUNTY	\$386,070
CAMPBELL COUNTY	\$44,311
CHARLES MIX COUN	\$49,186
CLARK COUNTY	\$1,546
CLAY COUNTY	\$0
CODINGTON COUNTY	\$0
CORSON COUNTY	\$157,546
CUSTER COUNTY	\$669,781
DAY COUNTY	\$503
DEWEY COUNTY	\$189,634
FALL RIVER COUNTY	\$631,192
GREGORY COUNTY	\$42,883
HAAKON COUNTY	\$9,134
HAND COUNTY	\$192
HARDING COUNTY	\$209,573
HUGHES COUNTY	\$79,276
HYDE COUNTY	\$4,186
JACKSON COUNTY	\$258,143
JERAULD COUNTY	\$0
JONES COUNTY	\$47,098
LAWRENCE COUNTY	\$424,795

LYMAN COUNTY	\$218,764
MARSHALL COUNTY	\$0
MCPHERSON COUNTY	\$385
MEADE COUNTY	\$160,528
MINER COUNTY	\$0
PENNINGTON COUNTY	\$1,356,548
PERKINS COUNTY	\$263,729
POTTER COUNTY	\$31,471
ROBERTS COUNTY	\$1,317
SHANNON COUNTY	\$4,763
SPINK COUNTY	\$1,778
STANLEY COUNTY	\$225,271
SULLY COUNTY	\$72,815
TRIPP COUNTY	\$385
WALWORTH COUNTY	\$39,639
YANKTON COUNTY	\$5,623
ZIEBACH COUNTY	\$4,217
Total	\$5,669,767
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	
BLOUNT COUNTY	\$235,139
CARTER COUNTY	\$68,408
CHEATHAM COUNTY	\$10,447
CLAIBORNE COUNTY	\$14,761
CLAY COUNTY	\$65,810
COCKE COUNTY	\$81,079
DE KALB COUNTY	\$84,979
DICKSON COUNTY	\$3,369
FENTRESS COUNTY	\$61,161
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$0
GREENE COUNTY	\$49,836
HAMILTON COUNTY	\$5,942

HARDEMAN COUNTY	\$0
HARDIN COUNTY	\$13,944
HICKMAN COUNTY	\$1,800
JACKSON COUNTY	\$43,415
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$17,456
LAWRENCE COUNTY	\$1,597
LEWIS COUNTY	\$7,547
MAURY COUNTY	\$344
MCMINN COUNTY	\$2,910
MONROE COUNTY	\$52,178
MONTGOMERY COUNT	\$1,731
MORGAN COUNTY	\$9,795
NASHVILLE-DAVIDS	\$42,178
OVERTON COUNTY	\$5,567
PICKETT COUNTY	\$43,678
POLK COUNTY	\$112,876
PUTNAM COUNTY	\$5,221
RUTHERFORD COUNT	\$40,022
SCOTT COUNTY	\$129,297
SEVIER COUNTY	\$306,128
SHELBY COUNTY	\$335
SMITH COUNTY	\$21,009
STEWART COUNTY	\$130,372
SULLIVAN COUNTY	\$49,711
SUMNER COUNTY	\$25,544
TIPTON COUNTY	\$260
TROUSDALE COUNTY	\$7,333
UNICOI COUNTY	\$64,792
WARREN COUNTY	\$0
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$21,414
WAYNE COUNTY	\$6,637
WEAKLEY COUNTY	\$191
WHITE COUNTY	\$2,476

WILSON COUNTY	\$28,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,877,039</b>
<b>TEXAS</b>	
ANGELINA COUNTY	\$152,184
ARANSAS COUNTY	\$1,967
BELL COUNTY	\$94,046
BEXAR COUNTY	\$660
BLANCO COUNTY	\$200
BOSQUE COUNTY	\$36,723
BOWIE COUNTY	\$131,624
BRAZORIA COUNTY	\$32,535
BREWSTER COUNTY	\$1,115,018
BURLESON COUNTY	\$30,953
CALHOUN COUNTY	\$2,401
CAMERON COUNTY	\$7,113
CAMP COUNTY	\$2,432
CASS COUNTY	\$83,417
CHAMBERS COUNTY	\$35,728
COLEMAN COUNTY	\$7,248
COLLIN COUNTY	\$90,041
COMAL COUNTY	\$26,450
COMANCHE COUNTY	\$21,696
COOKE COUNTY	\$65,726
CORYELL COUNTY	\$2,416
CULBERSON COUNTY	\$144,373
DALLAM COUNTY	\$186,428
DALLAS COUNTY	\$23,350
DELTA COUNTY	\$44,326
DENTON COUNTY	\$189,997
EL PASO COUNTY	\$133
ELLIS COUNTY	\$21,585

FANNIN COUNTY	\$42,930
FOARD COUNTY	\$26,765
FORT BEND COUNTY	\$3,495
GALVESTON COUNTY	\$13,183
GILLESPIE COUNTY	\$1,418
GRAY COUNTY	\$3,402
GRAYSON COUNTY	\$138,723
HARDEMAN COUNTY	\$1,972
HARDIN COUNTY	\$138,767
HARRIS COUNTY	\$59,724
HARRISON COUNTY	\$238
HEMPHILL COUNTY	\$192
HILL COUNTY	\$97,435
HOPKINS COUNTY	\$31,391
HOUSTON COUNTY	\$30,965
HUDSPETH COUNTY	\$66,176
HUTCHINSON COUNT	\$24,537
JASPER COUNTY	\$103,801
JEFF DAVIS COUNT	\$7,265
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$21,999
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$1,248
KENEDY COUNTY	\$69,922
KING COUNTY	\$0
KLEBERG COUNTY	\$56,287
KNOX COUNTY	\$9,458
LAMAR COUNTY	\$57,152
LEE COUNTY	\$16,718
LIBERTY COUNTY	\$12,207
LIVE OAK COUNTY	\$39,429
MARION COUNTY	\$56,023
MATAGORDA COUNTY	\$19,198
MCLENNAN COUNTY	\$28,636
MCMULLEN COUNTY	\$43,606

MONTAGUE COUNTY	\$0
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$54,989
MOORE COUNTY	\$26,866
MORRIS COUNTY	\$37,202
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY	\$46,319
NAVARRO COUNTY	\$21,164
NEWTON COUNTY	\$591
NIJECES COUNTY	\$2,050
ORANGE COUNTY	\$67,334
POLK COUNTY	\$54,456
POTTER COUNTY	\$86,523
SABINE COUNTY	\$33,866
SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY	\$94,247
SAN JACINTO COUNTY	\$38,621
SAN PATRICIO COU	\$116
SHELBY COUNTY	\$19,655
TARRANT COUNTY	\$40,583
TITUS COUNTY	\$812
TOM GREEN COUNTY	\$64,403
TRINITY COUNTY	\$22,344
TYLER COUNTY	\$64,672
UPSHUR COUNTY	\$7,328
VAL VERDE COUNTY	\$137,972
WALKER COUNTY	\$18,103
WASHINGTON COUNT	\$24,101
WILLACY COUNTY	\$12,330
WILLIAMSON COUNT	\$45,583
WISE COUNTY	\$6,719
Total	\$4,803,981
UTAH	
BEAVER COUNTY	\$1,001,367

BOX ELDER COUNTY	\$2,895,731
CACHE COUNTY	\$611,581
CARBON COUNTY	\$1,049,658
DAGGETT COUNTY	\$119,803
DAVIS COUNTY	\$64,848
DUCHESNE COUNTY	\$1,737,658
EMERY COUNTY	\$1,201,940
GARFIELD COUNTY	\$811,164
GRAND COUNTY	\$1,115,018
IRON COUNTY	\$2,991,420
JUAB COUNTY	\$1,110,698
KANE COUNTY	\$1,001,367
MILLARD COUNTY	\$1,342,254
MORGAN COUNTY	\$29,911
PIUTE COUNTY	\$225,071
RICH COUNTY	\$367,782
SALT LAKE COUNTY	\$226,395
SAN JUAN COUNTY	\$1,384,188
SANPETE COUNTY	\$1,217,685
SEVIER COUNTY	\$1,786,167
SUMMIT COUNTY	\$1,279,584
TOOELE COUNTY	\$3,193,382
UINTAH COUNTY	\$2,683,939
UTAH COUNTY	\$1,589,730
WASATCH COUNTY	\$1,066,599
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$2,717,957
WAYNE COUNTY	\$440,605
WEBER COUNTY	\$127,550
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,391,052</b>
<b>VERMONT</b>	
ARLINGTON TOWN	\$9,893



BARNARD TOWN	\$7,491
BENNINGTON COUNTY	\$42,737
BENNINGTON TOWN	\$3,112
BRANDON TOWN	\$214
BRIDGEWATER TOWN	\$2,951
BRISTOL TOWN	\$13,262
CHITTENDEN TOWN	\$70,824
CLARENDON TOWN	\$0
DANBY TOWN	\$0
DORSET TOWN	\$12,976
DOVER TOWN	\$13,583
GOSHEN TOWN	\$18,341
GRANBY TOWN	\$3,997
GRANVILLE TOWN	\$35,618
HANCOCK TOWN	\$46,447
HARTFORD TOWN	\$2,735
HARTLAND TOWN	\$1,493
JAMAICA TOWN	\$4,557
KILLINGTON TOWN	\$9,187
LANDGROVE TOWN	\$1,944
LEICESTER TOWN	\$6,613
LINCOLN TOWN	\$26,199
LONDONDERRY TOWN	\$1,690
MANCHESTER TOWN	\$13,161
MENDON TOWN	\$6,680
MIDDLEBURY TOWN	\$7,841
MOUNT HOLLY TOWN	\$8,091
MOUNT TABOR TOWN	\$41,045
NORWICH TOWN	\$1,618
PERU TOWN	\$41,387
PITTSFIELD TOWN	\$18,539
POMFRET TOWN	\$3,102
POWNAI TOWN	\$9,782

READSBORO TOWN	\$21,635
RIPTON TOWN	\$53,475
ROCHESTER TOWN	\$30,329
RUPERT TOWN	\$646
SALISBURY TOWN	\$9,223
SEARSBURG TOWN	\$17,521
SHAFTSBURY TOWN	\$4,956
SHREWSBURY TOWN	\$5,373
SPRINGFIELD TOWN	\$486
STAMFORD TOWN	\$28,472
STOCKBRIDGE TOWN	\$1,958
STRATTON TOWN	\$34,880
SUNDERLAND TOWN	\$52,701
THETFORD TOWN	\$2,353
TOWNSHEND TOWN	\$2,386
WALLINGFORD TOWN	\$21,843
WARDSBORO TOWN	\$7,475
WARREN TOWN	\$17,048
WEATHERSFIELD TO	\$2,676
WESTON TOWN	\$21,924
WILMINGTON TOWN	\$4,419
WINDHAM COUNTY	\$14,881
WINDSOR COUNTY	\$717
WINHALL TOWN	\$38,225
WOODFORD TOWN	\$60,329
WOODSTOCK TOWN	\$1,337
Total	\$944,378
<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>	
CHRISTIANSTED	\$33,424
Total	\$33,424

**VIRGINIA**

ACCOMACK COUNTY	\$25,194
ALBEMARLE COUNTY	\$35,490
ALLEGHANY COUNTY	\$193,012
AMHERST COUNTY	\$50,066
APPOMATTOX COUNT	\$4,063
ARLINGTON COUNTY	\$0
AUGUSTA COUNTY	\$290,354
BATH COUNTY	\$273,536
BEDFORD COUNTY	\$45,860
BLAND COUNTY	\$78,414
BOTETOURT COUNTY	\$149,240
BUCHANAN COUNTY	\$0
CAROLINE COUNTY	\$116
CARROLL COUNTY	\$18,448
CHARLOTTE COUNTY	\$8,311
CHESAPEAKE CITY	\$6,088
CHESTERFIELD COUNTY	\$0
CLARKE COUNTY	\$5,578
CRAIG COUNTY	\$135,172
DICKENSON COUNTY	\$26,881
DINWIDDIE COUNTY	\$821
FAIRFAX COUNTY	\$5,727
FAUQUIER COUNTY	\$2,471
FLOYD COUNTY	\$11,119
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$17,031
FREDERICK COUNTY	\$11,052
FREDERICKSBURG	\$516
GILES COUNTY	\$68,379
GLOUCESTER COUNT	\$0
GRAYSON COUNTY	\$12,394
GREENE COUNTY	\$39,615

HALIFAX COUNTY	\$40,158
HANOVER COUNTY	\$2,141
HENRICO COUNTY	\$2,790
HENRY COUNTY	\$3,184
HIGHLAND COUNTY	\$64,010
HOPEWELL	\$0
JAMES CITY COUNT	\$7,010
LEE COUNTY	\$26,196
LOUDOUN COUNTY	\$2,988
MADISON COUNTY	\$79,731
MECKLENBURG COUNTY	\$130,110
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	\$16,661
NELSON COUNTY	\$54,259
NEWPORT NEWS	\$0
NORTHAMPTON COUN	\$113
ORANGE COUNTY	\$4,059
PAGE COUNTY	\$116,566
PATRICK COUNTY	\$19,353
PETERSBURG	\$2,028
PORTSMOUTH CITY	\$0
PRINCE GEORGE CO	\$1,245
PRINCE WILLIAM C	\$48,663
PULASKI COUNTY	\$23,460
RAPPAHANNOCK COU	\$76,488
ROANOKE COUNTY	\$21,228
ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY	\$101,310
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	\$391,249
SCOTT COUNTY	\$28,155
SHENANDOAH COUNTY	\$163,852
SMYTH COUNTY	\$81,139
SPOTSYLVANIA COU	\$17,045
STAFFORD COUNTY	\$5,453
SURRY COUNTY	\$313

TAZEWELL COUNTY	\$13,180
VIRGINIA BEACH	\$619
WARREN COUNTY	\$50,748
WASHINGTON COUNTY	\$29,394
WESTMORELAND COU	\$1,325
WILLIAMSBURG	\$156
WISE COUNTY	\$42,681
WYTHE COUNTY	\$70,258
YORK COUNTY	\$9,541
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,263,807</b>
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	
ADAMS COUNTY	\$49,934
ASOTIN COUNTY	\$129,950
BENTON COUNTY	\$95,263
CHELAN COUNTY	\$2,342,695
CLALLAM COUNTY	\$800,289
CLARK COUNTY	\$0
COLUMBIA COUNTY	\$291,283
COWLITZ COUNTY	\$11,643
DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$140,570
FERRY COUNTY	\$505,390
FRANKLIN COUNTY	\$154,021
GARFIELD COUNTY	\$176,915
GRANT COUNTY	\$672,770
GRAYS HARBOR CTY	\$158,833
ISLAND COUNTY	\$1,831
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$1,283,164
KING COUNTY	\$681,970
KITTITAS COUNTY	\$862,577
KLICKITAT COUNTY	\$82,641
LEWIS COUNTY	\$157,572

LINCOLN COUNTY	\$211,216
MASON COUNTY	\$195,957
OKANOGAN COUNTY	\$1,967,641
PACIFIC COUNTY	\$6,230
PEND OREILLE COUNTY	\$707,860
PIERCE COUNTY	\$699,652
SAN JUAN COUNTY	\$5,783
SKAGIT COUNTY	\$975,323
SKAMANIA COUNTY	\$281,499
SNOHOMISH COUNTY	\$1,163,957
SPOKANE COUNTY	\$4,925
STEVENS COUNTY	\$384,142
THURSTON COUNTY	\$909
WAHIAKUM COUNTY	\$0
WALLA WALLA COUNTY	\$2,172
WHATCOM COUNTY	\$1,552,202
WHITMAN COUNTY	\$51,479
YAKIMA COUNTY	\$412,575
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,222,833</b>
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	
BARBOUR COUNTY	\$1,296
BRAXTON COUNTY	\$63,132
CABELL COUNTY	\$5,411
FAYETTE COUNTY	\$96,366
GRANT COUNTY	\$33,704
GREENBRIER COUNTY	\$260,423
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY	\$8,472
HANCOCK COUNTY	\$0
HARDY COUNTY	\$125,177
JACKSON COUNTY	\$0
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$6,211

KANAWHA COUNTY	\$797
LEWIS COUNTY	\$49,137
LOGAN COUNTY	\$0
MARION COUNTY	\$537
MASON COUNTY	\$2,516
MCDOWELL COUNTY	\$0
MERCER COUNTY	\$282
MINERAL COUNTY	\$4,255
MINGO COUNTY	\$8,479
MONONGALIA COUNT	\$217
MONROE COUNTY	\$48,699
MORGAN COUNTY	\$277
NICHOLAS COUNTY	\$87,845
OHIO COUNTY	\$205
PENDLETON COUNTY	\$214,526
PLEASANTS COUNTY	\$108
POCAHONTAS COUNTY	\$748,081
PRESTON COUNTY	\$9,384
PUTNAM COUNTY	\$982
RALEIGH COUNTY	\$32,401
RANDOLPH COUNTY	\$493,366
SUMMERS COUNTY	\$57,172
TAYLOR COUNTY	\$5,426
TUCKER COUNTY	\$244,355
WAYNE COUNTY	\$86,740
WEBSTER COUNTY	\$158,794
WETZEL COUNTY	\$103
WOOD COUNTY	\$427
WYOMING COUNTY	\$37,257
Total	\$2,892,560
WISCONSIN	

ADAMS COUNTY	\$205
ASHLAND COUNTY	\$233,009
BARRON COUNTY	\$0
BAYFIELD COUNTY	\$216,678
BUFFALO COUNTY	\$14,703
BURNETT COUNTY	\$14,007
CALUMET COUNTY	\$0
CHIPPEWA COUNTY	\$103
CLARK COUNTY	\$106
COLUMBIA COUNTY	\$594
CRAWFORD COUNTY	\$3,089
DANE COUNTY	\$419
DODGE COUNTY	\$0
DOOR COUNTY	\$2,114
DOUGLAS COUNTY	\$3,203
DUNN COUNTY	\$205
EAU CLAIRE COUNT	\$0
FLORENCE COUNTY	\$22,474
FOREST COUNTY	\$139,678
GRANT COUNTY	\$19,890
GREEN COUNTY	\$0
GREEN LAKE COUNT	\$0
IOWA COUNTY	\$882
JEFFERSON COUNTY	\$0
JUNEAU COUNTY	\$245
KENOSHA COUNTY	\$0
KEWAUNEE COUNTY	\$0
LA CROSSE COUNTY	\$21,521
LANGLADE COUNTY	\$18,031
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$0
MANITOWOC COUNTY	\$0
MARATHON COUNTY	\$0
MARINETTE COUNTY	\$174



MILWAUKEE COUNTY	\$0
MONROE COUNTY	\$128,746
OCONTO COUNTY	\$90,886
ONEIDA COUNTY	\$10,792
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY	\$0
OZAUKEE COUNTY	\$0
PEPIN COUNTY	\$219
PIERCE COUNTY	\$1,709
POLK COUNTY	\$8,064
PORTAGE COUNTY	\$0
PRICE COUNTY	\$141,539
RACINE COUNTY	\$0
ROCK COUNTY	\$0
RUSK COUNTY	\$0
SAUK COUNTY	\$238
SAWYER COUNTY	\$131,582
SHAWANO COUNTY	\$0
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY	\$0
ST CROIX COUNTY	\$3,189
TAYLOR COUNTY	\$20,806
TREMPEALEAU COUN	\$790
VERNON COUNTY	\$14,724
VILAS COUNTY	\$29,731
WALWORTH COUNTY	\$0
WASHBURN COUNTY	\$10,410
WASHINGTON COUNT	\$0
WAUPACA COUNTY	\$0
WAUSHARA COUNTY	\$0
WINNEBAGO COUNTY	\$0
WOOD COUNTY	\$231
Total	\$1,304,986
WYOMING	

ALBANY COUNTY	\$1,368,852
BIG HORN COUNTY	\$903,000
CAMPBELL COUNTY	\$643,268
CARBON COUNTY	\$1,158,297
CONVERSE COUNTY	\$652,116
CROOK COUNTY	\$586,708
FREMONT COUNTY	\$2,369,640
GOSHEN COUNTY	\$65,776
HOT SPRINGS COUNTY	\$753,019
JOHNSON COUNTY	\$934,440
LARAMIE COUNTY	\$22,897
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$1,117,008
NATRONA COUNTY TREASURER	\$3,242,853
NIOBRARA COUNTY	\$299,781
PARK COUNTY	\$1,608,173
PLATTE COUNTY	\$255,646
SHERIDAN COUNTY	\$927,267
SUBLETTE COUNTY	\$892,932
SWEETWATER COUNTY	\$3,073,531
TETON COUNTY	\$1,735,938
UINTA COUNTY	\$1,346,134
WASHAKIE COUNTY	\$1,044,509
WESTON COUNTY	\$338,827
Total	\$25,340,612
GRAND TOTAL:	\$399,786,736





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## Interior Announces \$9.4 Million in Tribal Energy and Mineral Development Grants

1 message

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Hello,

Attached is a press release - embargoed until 2 p.m. - from the Department of the Interior announcing that more than \$9.4 million has been awarded to 46 tribal projects to assist in developing energy and mineral resources. Note that the link in the final sentence of the release will not be live until shortly before 2 p.m.

The grants were awarded as part of the Energy and Mineral Development Program administered by the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, a division of the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. The projects funded include a panoply of renewable energy sources, including geothermal, biomass, hydro-electric, woody biomass, solar, wind, and plastics-to-energy that will provide clean, low-cost power to tribal members and encourage business on tribal lands.

Also attached is a document breaking down each grant recipient by state.

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Jeremy Bratt

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### 2 attachments

 **EMDP 2014 Energy Minerals Development Program Grants by State Chart.docx**  
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## ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EMDP) 2014 GRANT AWARDS

Recipient	Awarded Amount	Project Description
<b>ALASKA</b>		
Metlakatla Indian Community	\$100,000	The Metlakatla Indian Community is conducting a feasibility study to determine the feasibility of installing a biomass cogeneration facility on Annette Island. The facility would provide heat and power to local community buildings, offsetting diesel and electricity consumption. The project would utilize local woody biomass residues that are otherwise sent to a landfill.
	\$140,000	The Metlakatla Indian Community (MIC) is utilizing EMDP grant funding to evaluate the feasibility of replacing three 1.2 MW turbine generator units at Metlakatla Power and Light's (MP&L) Purple Lake Hydroelectric project (3.6 MW total generating capacity). The project was originally built in 1956 and is in need of system updates. Power generated by the project is currently used by the residents and businesses of Metlakatla.
<b>ARIZONA</b>		
Tohono O'odham Nation of Arizona	\$320,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund an exploration study designed to identify the quality and quantity of sand and gravel on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about sand and gravel in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>		

<p>Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe of the Benton Paiute Reservation</p>	<p>\$282,000</p>	<p>The Division has been funding an ongoing geothermal study adjacent a hot springs area with 140°F water at the surface. Previously, DEMD funded studies have identified the area to have temperature potential up to 221°F which would be sufficient to generate electricity for the Tribes uses via a micro grid electric system. Previous studies included geophysical and geological data acquisition and 2 meter temperature gradient modeling.</p>
<p>Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians of the Cahuilla Reservation</p>	<p>\$60,000</p>	<p>Funding is for a preliminary feasibility study for the tribe to develop a solar, wind, geothermal, or biomass energy project on the Cahuilla Indian Reservation that will produce electricity and reduce the Tribe's reliance on electricity from the Anza COOP (local utility company). The final product will include a conceptual framework for a solar project that takes into account the resource availability and market characteristics specific to the tribe and surrounding region.</p>
<p>Mesa Grande Band of Diegueno Mission Indians of the Mesa Grande Reservation</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>	<p>Mesa Grande will be assessing the multiple renewable energy resources available to the Band for the purpose of fueling planned community and business development. Special focus is on 900 acres of land purchased in 1998 for development purposes. The land currently is not served by electricity.</p>
	<p>\$102,400</p>	<p>The purpose of this grant is to fund an exploration study designed to identify the quality and quantity of sand and gravel on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about sand and gravel in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.</p>
<p>Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians of California</p>	<p>\$99,875</p>	<p>The Mooretown Rancheria is considering the potential development of a forest bioenergy combined heat and power facility co-located with the tribe's Feather Falls Brewery. The Rancheria is currently working with the US Forest Service (Plumas National Forest) to conduct hazardous fuels treatment and restoration activities. This feasibility study will look at utilizing woody biomass by-products from the forest management work as the feedstock for the combined heat and power project.</p>

Round Valley Indian Tribes, Round Valley Reservation	\$78,000	Round Valley will be conducting an initial feasibility study for a potential 3MW biomass to energy power plant on Tribal Trust land in Round Valley. The results of this initial feasibility study will be used to provide information to decide if this project should move forward.
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria	\$112,708	The Trinidad Rancheria would like to identify and assess, in depth, its renewable energy resources and develop a feasibility study that evaluates the economic potential and viability of utilizing these resources. The Trinidad Rancheria will use positive results of the feasibility study to secure funding that would help ensure the Trinidad Rancheria's economic future and energy independence; as well as create a solid pathway to conservation and environmental protection.
<b>MINNESOTA</b>		
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe - Fond du Lac Band	\$125,000	The Fond du Lac Band will complete financing and technical studies in pursuit of their 1 MW solar project.
	\$250,000	The Fond du Lac Band will perform studies to determine the best way to dry the biomass for chipping, and determine the viability of utilizing biomass microchips in pellet appliances as well as the change in boiler efficiency with air dried microchips.
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>		
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	\$75,000	The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indian Tribe will be studying renewable energy resources available to them, specifically the feasibility of a biomass pellet mill. This study will build on prior work and research performed by the tribe as available. The Tribal Forestry Department has experience in all aspects of forest management. There is a current Firewood Services Program to provide firewood for indoor heat to eligible members that include the elderly, permanently disabled, and low-income female head of household families. This pellet mill opportunity could help enhance this program to provide internal benefits while also using excess product to generate outside revenues.

<b>MONTANA</b>		
Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana	\$48,313	The purpose of this grant is to provide funds to perform a geochemical investigation of rock cores and chip samples to assess hydrocarbon prospectively of the Bakken, Three Forks and Cone formations on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana. Assessing the oil and gas potential in these emerging plays will greatly benefit the Blackfeet Tribe as exploration and development continues.
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation	\$1,245,920	The project will assist CSKT in the acquisition of critical expertise and infrastructure necessary for the final stages of the CSKT's firm commitment to acquire and operate the Kerr Hydro Project (FERC License #5). This proposed scope of work promotes the processing, use, and development of hydro power generation under ownership and operation by the CSKT who has formed Energy Keepers Incorporated, which it intends to share co-licensee status for FERC Project #5 (Kerr Hydro). Specific activities and assessments in this proposal are in the highly specialized areas of facility cost, energy organization and corporate development, electricity market forecasting, power marketing, risk management, risk tolerance, resource balancing, and hydro plant operations and maintenance—essential prerequisites to the Tribes' ability to successfully operate the Kerr Project.
Crow Tribe of Montana	\$432,000	The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to core the productive zones in the Belle Fourche Shale and the Carlile Shale formations, consisting of a total of about 90 feet of core. The cores will then be analyzed to determine the best practices in drilling and completing these zones. The grant is ineligible for transfer to the tribe pursuant to Indian Self Determination Act because the funds are time-limited and limited to this specific project.
	\$114,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund a one-time Oil and Gas study for economic development as a potential marketable resource utilizing time-limited funds. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about the subject property in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.



Fort Belknap Indian Community	\$80,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund an exploration study designed to identify the quality and quantity of sand and gravel on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about sand and gravel in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.
Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation	\$314,000	The funding will assist the Tribe in shooting 3D Seismic on Tribal lands. This data will support the Tribe in their leasing of the lands for petroleum development.
<b>NEBRASKA</b>		
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	\$60,000	The project will build upon a previous wind assessment as well as address first level potential for solar development.
<b>NEVEDA</b>		
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe	\$314,000	This is a continuance of a multiyear geothermal study at the Pyramid lake Reservation. The Tribe has completed numerous geophysical and regional geologic studies and identified areas of commercial geothermal potential from previous studies. This project will tie existing study areas together to provide a larger geologic framework of the geothermal system already identified.
	\$325,000	The tribe will continue their efforts towards renewable energy and potential economic development by assessing the hydroelectric potential at Marble Bluff and Numana Dam sites on the reservation as well as run –of-river applications for the irrigation system, and small hydropower on perennial streams to off-set high electric costs for the fish hatcheries.
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>		
Pueblo of Acoma	\$110,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund an exploration study designed to identify the quality and quantity of sand and gravel on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about sand and gravel in order to develop resources to the benefit

		of the Tribe.
Jicarilla Apache Nation,	\$200,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund an exploration study designed to identify the quality and quantity of a titaniferous rare earth sandstone deposit on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about the rare earth deposit in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.
Pueblo of Nambe	\$87,868	The purpose of this grant is to fund a one-time Aggregate study for economic development as a potential marketable resource utilizing time-limited funds. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about the subject property in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.
Navajo Nation	\$1,000,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund a one-time Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC for Coal Supply (Coal Resource Study), Coal Gasification, and Coal Marketing Feasibility Studies for the Navajo Nation for economic development as a potential marketable resource utilizing time-limited funds. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about the subject property in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.
	\$200,000	The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to perform an assessment study of conventional and unconventional oil and gas plays on lands held by the Navajo Nation in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.
Pueblo of Cochiti	\$189,080	The goal of this project is to study the feasibility, both financially and technically, of producing hydroelectric power on the Cochiti Dam to provide income for the tribe. The proposed study would be the first of its kind at Cochiti Pueblo since the dam was completed in 1975.
	\$101,000	The funding will support feasibility of manufacturing adobe bricks. The study will include a reservation wide study for the appropriate material needed to

		construct the bricks.
	\$125,000	The Pueblo will conduct a reservation wide survey of sand and gravel to assist them with on- going mineral lease negotiations.
Pueblo of Jemez	\$110,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund an exploration study designed to identify the quality and quantity of sand and gravel on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about sand and gravel in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.
	\$425,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund an exploration study designed to identify the quality and quantity of clay and sand deposits on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about the resource in order to develop resource and home building industry to the benefit of the Tribe.
Pueblo of San Felipe	\$205,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund an exploration study designed to identify the quality and quantity of sand and gravel on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about sand and gravel in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.
	\$40,000	The purpose of this grant is to fund a marketing study designed to identify the economic value of a gypsum deposit on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about gypsum in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.
Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation	\$80,000	The Pueblo of Zuni is conducting a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a wood pellet business on the Reservation. Many tribal members rely on wood for heating during the winter; however, current harvesting practices on the reservation are creating resource management problems. This study will determine if a tribal wood pellet business will lower the cost of wood

		pellets for tribal members and support sustainable forest management practices.
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>		
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	\$410,000	The Eastern Band of Cherokee will be conducting a demonstration project to educate Tribal Leaders, and key personnel on the process of a thermal conversion system. Also, they will have lab tests of the base oil, and a certified engineering report on the process and end products based on recyclable material derived from the reservation. They will then use the certified engineer report and the results of the demonstration project to determine if they should proceed with the project.
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>		
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota	\$90,000	The Tribe intends to update a previous wind feasibility study utilizing the 3 years of collected data and reinstall the same tower on trust land with new instrumentation. Additionally, the Tribe will continue to investigate and engage land owners and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in an effort to gain site control with the goal of obtaining option agreements for all affected lands. The Tribe will also advance the next stages under the transmission and interconnection process including the procurement of a transmission feasibility study.
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>		
The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma	\$163,700	The Seminole Nation is proposing to determine the feasibility of converting waste to renewable energy using some of the latest thermal conversion technologies. Specifically they are proposing to use thermal conversion technologies to convert waste plastic to oil. This proposal would look at conducting studies to 1) identify the local sources of waste currently going to the regional landfills that could be utilized in a thermal conversion facility to

		create oil; priority would be for waste that is high in plastic content; 2) determine potential feedstock available, input levels and potential revenues that could be generated from the waste streams.
<b>ORGEON</b>		
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon	\$320,000	This grant request is for initiating a geothermal study on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation that could potentially lead to commercial uses of the Tribes natural resources. The funding for this study is focused upon the early investigative stages of evaluating the geothermal system in the area, and will focus on data acquisition.
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>		
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation	\$45,000	This grant is to finalize the geothermal project for the Rosebud Reservation. From previous EMDP grants, two geothermal wells were drilled adjacent the Whitewater Indian Health Center to provide that facility with space heat during the winter months and offset the large propane heating expense. The wells identified a 140°F water resource in sufficient quantities to provide the needed heat resource.
<b>WASHINGTON</b>		
Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe	\$50,000	Shoalwater Bay is studying renewable energy resources available on tribal lands. The proposed study will look into identifying the types of renewable energy resources on tribal lands and the financial feasibility of using those resources. Receiving BIA DEMD funds is essential to the exploration of renewable energy potential accessible to the tribal population and for the potential economic and environmental benefit of future renewable energy projects.

Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation	\$56,560	The Spokane Nation is conducting a study on the feasibility of Biomass and solar energy. The Biomass portion of the study will be focused on assessing biomass to solid fuels, biomass to heat and power, biomass to liquid fuels and financial analysis and modeling.
	\$30,000	The Spokane Nation is conducting a study on the feasibility of Biomass and solar energy. The Solar portion of the study will be focused on assessing the feasibility of solar PV and solar thermal capacity.
<b>WISCONSIN</b>		
Forest County Potawatomi Community	\$68,570	The Forest County Potawatomi Tribe will perform feasibility studies for a community scale biomass fuel production facility.
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin	\$90,000	The grant is to fund an exploration study designed to identify the quality and quantity of sand and gravel on the Reservation. This project will help to further industrial advancement of Indian property by generating vital information about sand and gravel in order to develop resources to the benefit of the Tribe.
<b>WYOMING</b>		
Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation	\$435,570	The Northern Arapaho Tribe will study the amenability of performing carbon dioxide injection and flooding to enhance oil recovery in existing producing oil fields on the reservation.



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# News Release

## **Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs**

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### **Assistant Secretary Washburn Announces \$9.4 Million in Grants to Develop Tribal Energy and Mineral Resources**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – As part of President Obama’s commitment to working with Indian Country leaders to promote strong, prosperous and resilient tribal economies and communities, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn today announced that more than \$9.4 million has been awarded to 46 tribal projects to assist in developing energy and mineral resources.

The grants were awarded as part of the Energy and Mineral Development Program administered by the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), a division of the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. The projects funded include a panoply of renewable energy sources, including geothermal, biomass, hydro-electric, woody biomass, solar, wind, and plastics-to-energy that will provide clean, low-cost power to tribal members and encourage business on tribal lands.

“The IEED Energy and Mineral Development Program is another example of how Indian Affairs is working to assist tribes in realizing the maximum potential of their energy and mineral resources,” said Assistant Secretary Washburn. “These grants will provide tribal communities who have energy and mineral resources with the opportunity and financial support to conduct projects that will evaluate, find and document their energy and mineral assets, and help bring those assets to market.”

The Energy and Mineral Development Program uses a hands-on approach to assist tribes by funding the evaluation and documentation of energy and mineral resource potential on their lands. Program staff solicit proposals from tribes and select qualified projects through a competitive review process. Staff then work hand-in-hand with tribal personnel as technical advisors to advance, modify and tailor projects to a tribe’s needs and to ensure the best possible product is obtained for the funds allocated.

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The grants and technical assistance help tribes and individual land owners evaluate their energy and mineral resource potential by:

- funding geological, geophysical and engineering reports, maps, and other data concerning their energy and mineral resources;
- offering technical assistance to use assessment information to enable them to understand their resource potential and plan for the potential development of those resources;
- developing a marketing vehicle to promote their lands and resources; and, perhaps most significantly,
- providing direct assistance in negotiating complex, value-added agreements with potential partners or investors.

IEED has worked collaboratively within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Plains Regional Office's Division of Acquisition and Grant Management and with Bureau of Indian Affairs resources during the week of September 8-12 to process the new awards. "Energy and mineral development on Indian trust lands play a critical role in creating jobs and generating income throughout Indian Country, while also contributing to the national economy," said Washburn.

All natural resources produced on Indian trust lands had an estimated economic impact of more than \$19 billion, with more than 90 percent of this impact derived from energy and mineral development on tribal lands, according to the *Department of the Interior's Economic Contributions* report issued on July 11, 2014. The report also noted that out of an estimated 80,868 natural resources-related jobs on tribal lands in Fiscal Year 2013, 89 percent were directly associated with energy and mineral development.

According to Interior's Office of Natural Resource Revenue, energy and mineral resources generated more than \$970 million in royalty revenue paid to Indian mineral owners in 2013. Income from energy and minerals is by far the largest source of revenue generated from Indian trust lands.

In 2014, the Energy and Mineral Development Program received 78 proposals with total funding requests exceeding \$27.5 million. Funds were awarded to 46 of the submissions. The chart below summarizes the funds awarded by commodity, number of projects awarded, and total amount awarded in each commodity category.

The Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs oversees the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, which implements the Indian Energy Resource Development Program under Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. IEED's mission is to foster stronger American Indian and Alaska Native communities by helping federally recognized tribes with employment and workforce training programs; developing their renewable and non-renewable energy and mineral resources; and increasing access to capital for tribal and individual American Indian- and Alaska Native-owned businesses.

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For more information about the IEED2014 EMDP Grant Awards, programs and services, visit the Indian Affairs website at <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/index.htm>.

Commodity	Number of Projects Awarded	Total Amount
Coal	1	\$1,000,000
Hydro Projects	4	\$1,900,000
Mineral	13	\$1,996,268
Oil & Gas and Geothermal	10	\$2,504,883
Renewable Energy	18	\$2,059,413
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>\$9,460,564</b>

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## Secretary Jewell to visit Jackson on October 29th

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Dear Members of the Mississippi Delegation,

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We will keep you updated as we finalize details of her trip.

Thank you,

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## For Review: Choctaw School Visit

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**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS CHOCTAW SCHOOLS.** [WTOK-TV](#) Meridian, MS (10/30, 642) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell "visited Choctaw tribal schools in Mississippi Wednesday" to "examine the Choctaw education system." Jewell "rates the Choctaw School System as one of the best." According to the article, "she credits much of that to the tribe's hands-on approach, with the chief and tribal council virtually serving as the school board." Jewell said, "In many other communities we don't see that. We don't have engagement between tribal leaders and the schools. Sometimes we run the schools. We run them out of Albuquerque, New Mexico or Washington D.C., and the schools may be all the way across the country."

**GROUP WANTS BLM TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS BEFORE RENEWING GRAZING PERMITS.** The [AP](#) (10/30, Ridler) reports that "a conservation organization is requesting the US Bureau of Land Management conduct environmental reviews before renewing 453 grazing permits that contain areas designated as important sage grouse habitat." In a letter sent last week to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Western Watersheds Project said that the grazing permits expire in March. The article notes that "the letter followed a ruling in US District Court in Boise last month that found the BLM improperly used a congressional grazing rider to renew grazing permits in Idaho without necessary environmental reviews."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/30, Ridler, 2.47M), the [Idaho Statesman](#) (10/29, 150K), the [San Antonio Express-News](#) (10/30, 904K), the [Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#) (10/30, 1.06M), [The Oregonian](#) (10/30, 690K), and [KIVI-TV](#) Boise, ID (10/30, 861).

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### ***National Park Service:***

**NPS IDENTIFIES SUSPECT IN VANDALISM AT WESTERN SITES.** The [Flathead \(MT\) Beacon](#) (10/29, 19K) reports that "a 21-year-old New York woman has been identified as the primary suspect in recent vandalism cases that affect eight national parks in the western United States." NPS investigators say Casey Nocket "painted images on rocks and boulders in Yosemite National Park, Death Valley National Park, and Joshua Tree National Park, all in California; Rocky Mountain National Park and Colorado National Monument, both in Colorado; Crater Lake National Park, in Oregon; Zion National Park and Canyonlands National Park, both in Utah." According to the article, "investigators continue to collect evidence of the crimes, conduct interviews, and are consulting with the US Attorney's Office about potential charges."

Also reporting on the story are [CNN](#) (10/30, Hetter, Yan, 14.29M) and the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (10/30, 2.24M).

**Yosemite Vandalism Criticized.** In an editorial, the Marysville (CA) Appeal-Democrat (10/30, 68K) urges the NPS to "throw the book at CreepyTings when they find and arrest her." It argues that "drawing on them isn't art. It's theft."

**GAO: NPS AMONG AGENCIES NOT MEETING CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS.** The [Fierce Government](#) (10/30, 224) reports that the NPS is among the five agencies that the Government Accountability Office surveyed that didn't meet "all key elements of the government's customer service standards, an Oct. 24 report says." The NPS lacks "guidance for when to elevate customer comments from the local level up to the agency level." However, "steps are being taken to make agencies compliant, GAO says."

**AMPHITHEATER AT LAKE BARKLEY RECEIVES LWCF FUNDING.** The [SurfKy](#) (10/30, 1K) reports that Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear on Wednesday "came to Lyon County to ceremonially deliver funding for two projects that will bring lasting benefits to the Lake Barkley region, a multi-use 'bike/ped' trail along the lake front and a new amphitheater located on the northern shore." Beshear "ceremonially presented a check for a \$70,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund to city of Kuttawa for the construction of a new amphitheater on the northern shores of Lake Barkley."

Also reporting on the story is the [Lane Report](#) (10/30, 4K).

**NPS' PROPOSES CHANGES FOR SPORT HUNTING, TRAPPING IN ALASKA.** [KNOM-FM](#) Nome, AK (10/29) reports that the NPS is "proposing changing regulations for sport hunting and trapping on Alaska's national preserves—but while the changes mostly impact a variety of predator species like wolves and bears, new regulations on caribou hunting are drawing concern from local hunters." The article notes that "the new regulations would prohibit taking wolf and coyote pups and adults during the summer denning season; to taking of brown bears over bait stations; and the use of artificial light to take black bear cubs—or sows with cubs—at their den sites." Also, one of the proposals would "prohibit hunting caribou in the water."

**REPORT: GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE CREATED \$39M IN ECONOMIC GROWTH.** The [Bloomberg BusinessWeek](#) (10/30, 2.52M) reports that "a group of coastal leaders toured natural resource sites across Jackson County early Tuesday morning to observe how to grow the nature tourism industry." Dan Brown, superintendent of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, said, "We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities." The article notes that "a National Park Service report showed 944,004 visitors toured the Mississippi portion of the park in 2013 and spent \$39 million in the surrounding area."

**CRATER LAKE SEES RECORD NUMBER OF VISITORS.** The [Klamath Falls \(OR\) Herald And News](#) (10/30, 45K) reports that "visitors have been making the trip to Crater Lake National Park in record numbers this year, but touring the park will be more challenging next summer." The article notes that "as of Sept. 31, the park had counted 536,749 visitors this calendar year." Superintendent Craig Ackerman says that "means it's likely the total number of visitors from all of 2013, 572,527, will likely be surpassed this year."

**LOTTERY OPENS FOR SKIERS WHO WANT TO STAY IN YOSEMITE BACKCOUNTRY HUT.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (10/30, Forgione, 4M) reports that "the lottery has opened for those who want to bunk down this winter in the Ostrander Ski Hut in Yosemite National Park's backcountry." The lottery opened Tuesday and

continues until Nov. 19,

**RIVERVIEW CEMETERY ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** The [Wilmington \(DE\) News Journal](#) (10/30, 291K) reports that Wilmington's Riverview Cemetery has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS REVIEWING POLICY FOR VIP STAYS AT GRAND TETON LODGE.**

Additional coverage that the NPS is "reviewing its policy for the use of a lakeside lodge in the Grand Tetons after Vice President Joe Biden and his family spent some time there in August" was provided by the [Alabama Live](#) (10/30, 497K), [Fox Business](#) (10/29, 448K), the [Newser](#) (10/30, 383K), the [Daily Mail \(UK\)](#) (10/30, 4.35M), and [WDIV-TV Detroit](#) (10/30, 172K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS RELEASES INVENTORY OF ITEMS DESTROYED IN FLIGHT 93 FIRE.**

Additional coverage that the NPS has "completed its inventory of items lost in the Pennsylvania fire that destroyed the flag flown above the Capitol on Sept. 11, 2001" was provided by [Roll Call](#) (10/30, 90K).

**LATIMES URGES MORE PROTECTIONS FOR SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (10/30, 4M) argues that President Obama did not go far enough when he created a national monument to protect the San Gabriel Mountains, noting that the "final map leaves out the entire southwest portion of the Angeles National Forest, which is close to foothill cities and contains some of the most popular and damaged facilities." The Times opines that the monument status should not be seen as "the endgame" and calls on Rep. Judy Chu and the Los Angeles-area congressional delegation to "continue to push for greater protection and funding for the entire range."

***Bureau of Land Management:***

**ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA CELEBRATES 25TH YEAR.** The [Chaffee County \(CO\) Times](#) (10/30, 9K) reports that "Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area celebrated its 25th year Monday." The article notes that "plans are being finalized for AHRA's 25th anniversary celebration, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 7 with activities for kids and adults alike in the area around the AHRA Visitors Center and Salida SteamPlant." The event will "include a reception, followed by guest speakers who will review the accomplishments of the past quarter-century."

**BLM AUTHORIZES TRAIL CONNECTIONS NEAR LANDER.** The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (10/30, 90K) reports that the BLM Lander Field Office "decided to authorize the construction and maintenance of 1.17 miles of connecting trail in the Johnny Behind the Rocks Area." According to the article, "studies were completed to address connectivity problems between the Johnny-On-Top and Red Ridge Trails."

**SCHOLARS CHALLENGE LEGAL BASIS OF UTAH'S PUBLIC LANDS CAMPAIGN.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (10/30, 479K) reports that "University of Utah legal scholars released a white paper Wednesday concluding the state has no legal basis to demand the federal government turn over title to public lands." According to John Ruple, a research fellow with the U. law school's Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources and the Environment, "suing would not only be a waste of money, but also set back efforts to resolve conflicts over public land management." Ruple said, "We recognize there are legitimate questions about how federal lands are managed and there is room for disagreement, but demanding the federal government give those lands to the state is legally untenable."

***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FEWER GRIZZLY BEARS DYING IN YELLOWSTONE AREA.** The [AP](#) (10/30, Brown) reports that "fewer threatened grizzly bears are being killed in and around Yellowstone National Park, and scientists said Wednesday their numbers appear to be holding stable as officials consider lifting protections for the animals." According to the article, "during a Wednesday meeting of state and federal wildlife agencies in Montana, scientists said a new counting method indicates roughly 1,000 grizzlies in the Yellowstone region, with the population growing zero to 2 percent annually." If the FWS "eliminates protections, it would open the door to limited hunting in the Yellowstone region of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming."

Also reporting on the story is the [AP](#) (10/30).

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by [ABC News](#) (10/30, 5.02M), the [Boston Herald](#) (10/30, 640K), the

[Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#) (10/29, 572K), the [Daily Inter Lake \(MT\)](#) (10/30, 57K), the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (10/30, 646K), the [US News & World Report](#) (10/29, 661K), the [Washington Post](#) (10/29, 4.9M), the [Washington Times](#) (10/30, Brown, 373K), and [Yahoo!](#) (10/30, Brown, 65.94M).

**FWS SEEKS FEDERAL PROTECTIONS FOR SNAPPING TURTLES.** [The Hill](#) (10/30, Devaney, 241K) reports that “snapping turtles would be protected under new federal rules proposed Wednesday.” The FWS is “considering placing common snapping turtles, along with Florida softshell turtles, smooth softshell turtles and spiny softshell turtles, on an international endangered species list.” The agency said “snapping turtles are in danger of being harvested for their meat as well as collected as pets.”

Also reporting on the story are the [Washington Times](#) (10/30, Chumley, 373K) and [Reuters](#) (10/30, Krasny).

**MARKETING TECHNIQUES DRAW NEW VISITORS TO J.N. ‘DING’ DARLING NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The [Sanibel \(FL\) Island Reporter](#) (10/30) reports that “using social media, direct marketing to local radio and other outreach tools, officials with the J.N. ‘Ding’ Darling National Wildlife Refuge are reporting a sharp uptick in the number of Hispanics visiting the parkland.”

**FWS SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE.** [NBC](#) (10/30, 441K) reports that on Thursday, the FWS is “publishing a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement that will assess the natural and human effects of issuing a permit to authorize the take of the federally endangered American burying beetle.” The Nebraska Public Power District has requested that the FWS “issue this permit because the construction, operation, and maintenance of its proposed 220-mile long, 345 kV transmission line is likely to impact the American burying beetle.”

**NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT FWS RULE.** [WNAX-AM](#) Yankton, SD (10/30) reports that the Nebraska Farm Bureau has submitted comments to the FWS “on a proposed rule that would change critical habitat for endangered species.” The Farm Bureau’s Vice President of Government Relations Jay Rempe says “the change in the proposed rule would cover a lot of area not now covered.” Rempe says “another problem is that the rule would not only expand the regulatory overreach of the Fish and Wildlife Agency, it also would severely limit farming and ranching.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SOUTHERN PINE BEETLES INVADE LONG ISLAND.** Additional coverage of the discovery of the southern pine beetle on Long Island was provided by [Newsday](#) (10/30, 1.38M).

#### *US Geological Survey:*

**CRITIC QUESTIONS ARTIFICIAL SPAWNING REEFS IN DETROIT RIVER.** The [Port Huron \(MI\) Times Herald](#) (10/29, 75K) reports that a recent report from the USGS and the FWS “about the Fighting Island reef project in the Detroit River shows the reef is producing lake sturgeon eggs and larvae.” However, Kathy Johnson, “who co-owns Gregory A.D. and is a documentary filmmaker, said she believes man-made reefs are not as important in the St. Clair River to maintaining sturgeon numbers.” Johnson “estimates 50,000 sturgeon spawn in the St. Clair River, which would be the largest free-range spawning population in the Great Lakes basin.” She said “her estimate is based on combined results from the Ontario Natural Resources Department and the US Department of Natural Resources.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: USGS MONITORING LAVA FLOW FROM HAWAII VOLCANO.** Additional coverage of the lava flow from a Hawaii volcano was provided by the [Salem \(OR\) Statesman Journal](#) (10/28, 23K), the [Concord \(NH\) Monitor](#) (10/30, 47K), the [Albany \(NY\) Times Union](#) (10/30, 465K), the [International Business Times](#) (10/29, Varandani, 655K), and [Yahoo!](#) (10/30, Mcavoy, Kelleher, 65.94M).

## **Securing America’s Energy Future:**

### *Renewable Energy:*

**SOUTH CAROLINA EYES NEXT STEPS FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY.** The [Myrtle Beach \(SC\) Online](#) (10/29, 5K) reports that “the next step in North Myrtle Beach’s years-long drive to become the offshore wind energy capital of South Carolina will begin next month, when Coastal Carolina University, the University of South Carolina and others begin the work to label areas in the Atlantic Ocean off South Carolina as good and not-so-good for the development of wind energy farms.” Paul Gayes, director of the Burroughs & Chapin Center

for Marine and Wetland Studies at Coastal Carolina University, said Wednesday "the study will use \$750,000 from the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management with a match from the state to narrow down a broad swath of ocean to areas that can then be studied further by private companies that might build the farms." The article notes that "the step after that will come early next year when Sen. Greg Hembree, R-North Myrtle Beach, reintroduces a bill that would allow utility companies that wanted to build a demonstration wind tower offshore to apply to the state's Public Service Commission to raise rates to fund the project."

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**BLM RELEASES ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON CONOCOPHILLIPS PROJECT IN ALASKA.** The [FuelFix](#) (10/29, 7K) reports that "ConocoPhillips' plans for the first oil production facilities from federal lands in Alaska moved one step closer to reality Wednesday, as the Interior Department released a key environmental study on the project." The article notes that "although it is not a final verdict, the assessment by Interior's Bureau of Land Management sets the stage for approval later this year by outlining steps ConocoPhillips would have to take to mitigate environmental effects while boring up to 33 wells at its Greater Mooses Tooth site." BLM director Neil Komze said, "Reaching this stage of permitting is a major milestone for the project and for the future of balanced, responsible federal oil production in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska."

Also reporting on the story is the [Delta \(AK\) News Web](#) (10/29).

**USGS STUDY SAYS WASTEWATER DISPOSAL LIKELY TRIGGER 2011 COLORADO EARTHQUAKE.** Reuters (10/30, Zuckerman) reports that the US Geological Survey claims that underground disposal of wastewater from natural gas production was likely responsible for a moderate earthquake in Colorado in 2011. The study is expected to "fuel debate over the impact of the US energy boom," as it bolsters previous studies linking wastewater disposal with earthquakes in other energy producing states, particularly Texas and Oklahoma.

**TENSIONS MOUNT AS DENTON FRACKING BAN NEARS.** The Dallas Morning News (10/30, Osborne, 1.16M) reports that the vote to ban fracking in Denton has "turned into a flash point for a national debate on the oil and gas drilling boom." More locally, it has created tensions as rival groups in Denton "work to undermine each other." Business owners are reported to avoid talking about the ban "for fear of alienating customers," while opposing sides of the ban accuse one other of "misleading voters on everything from how hydraulic fracturing works to how to vote for the ban."

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**NEW DOCUMENTARY DELVES INTO DEEPWATER HORIZON EXPLOSION.** The Los Angeles Times (10/29, Tsai, 4M) reports that the documentary "The Great Invisible," investigates the aftermath of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, and "gives voice to many of the previously nameless and faceless victims of the disaster," such as those who suffered from its environmental and economic consequences.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SHELL SEEKS MORE TIME TO ACT ON ARCTIC LEASES.** Additional coverage that "Royal Dutch Shell is asking the Obama administration for five more years to explore for oil off Alaska's coast, saying setbacks and legal delays may push the start of drilling past the 2017 expiration of some leases" was provided by The [Fairbanks \(AK\) News-Miner](#) (10/30, 44K).

**ALABAMA'S PLAN FOR CONVENTION CENTER SUPPORTED.** In an editorial, the Montgomery (AL) Advertiser (10/30, 2K) supports "bringing a hotel and convention center" back to Gulf State Park because it "would be a boon for Alabama's economy and would allow the state to draw tourist and convention business that it has been losing for years to Florida facilities only a few miles down the road." However, it notes that "the latest effort to get such a project underway has been challenged in court by a New Orleans-based environmental group that seeks to block the use of funds from the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill recovery program." It also notes that "despite the expenditure's having the blessing of four different federal agencies — the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency — the Gulf Restoration Network claims the approval violates the law."

### **Tackling America's Water Challenges:**



**BOR AREA MANAGER PROVIDES UPDATE ON DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA.** The [Weaverville \(CA\) Trinity Journal](#) (10/30, 12K) reports, Area Manager Brian Person of the Northern California Area Office of the BOR “recently offered a historic overview on how the Trinity River Division of the Central Valley Project came to be back in 1955 as he updated Trinity County supervisors on current operations and challenges presented by severe drought conditions.” Person “noted that while the vast majority of precipitation occurs in the northern part of the state, the vast majority of people settled in the southern part ‘which creates disparity. California has the most complex system of water distribution in the world with state, federal and some local projects. The state is very well-plumbed.’”

**PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT ON PROJECT TO RAISE LAKE CLE ELUM RESERVOIR.** The [Ellensburg \(WA\) Daily Record](#) (10/30, 16K) reports “people have until Nov. 25 to comment on a proposed project that would raise the Lake Cle Elum reservoir by 3 feet.” According to the article, “raising the water level by 3 feet would allow for an additional 14,600 acres-feet of water to be stored and released from the reservoir.” The project involves the BOR and the Department of Ecology.

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**BIA HEAD WASHBURN INTERVIEWED.** In part two of an interview with the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (10/29, 78K), Kevin Washburn, the Interior Department’s Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, discussed the role of the National Congress of American Indians, possible federal recognition for Native Hawaiians, as well as changes to the federal recognition process.

**SEN. TESTER INTERVIEWED ON INDIAN EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE AND ENVIRONMENT.** In an interview with the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (10/29, 78K), Sen. Jon Tester “outlined his plans for introducing new, comprehensive legislation in November that is designed to address a variety of problems and gaps in Native school districts.” Tester said, “We saw some amazing teachers and students on this trip, but there are some things that need our immediate attention. We want to address the needs of Indian students from early childhood development to post secondary education, so it’s important that we get the tribes on board, because it will improve education in Indian Country in a positive way.”

**CONTINUING COVERAGE: FEDERAL OFFICER ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY THREATENING UBER DRIVER AT GUNPOINT.** In continuing coverage of the arrest of Byron Keith McDonald, a lieutenant for the BIA Office of Justice Services, [KSL-TV Salt Lake City](#) (10/30, 1.07M) reports that in a statement, the Interior Department said, “The incident is being investigated by our Internal Affairs Division, which will make use of the investigation being conducted by the Salt Lake City Police Department. Senior managers in the BIA are aware of the decision and are taking steps to investigate the matter properly and then make appropriate decisions in accord with law and policy.”

Also providing coverage are the [Washington Post](#) (10/29, Phillip, 4.9M) and the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (10/30, 538K).

## Top National News:

**OBAMA URGES AMERICANS TO REJECT CALLS FOR MANDATORY QUARANTINES.** Even as controversy continued to grow regarding the implementation of mandatory quarantines, coverage of the Ebola crisis continues to level off from where it was last week. On Wednesday, for the first time in many days, none of the network newscasts led with a report on Ebola. All three networks did mention President Obama’s remarks from earlier Wednesday regarding his opposition to imposing quarantine restrictions on medical workers returning from West Africa. But the President’s appearance was overshadowed by the news that Kaci Hickox, the nurse who had been involuntarily quarantined in New Jersey this weekend, will not abide by the voluntary restrictions she agreed to when she was allowed to travel to her home in Maine.

Despite the generally positive coverage the President has garnered this week as he makes the case for allowing the free movement of those without symptoms of Ebola, coverage of Hickox and new polling indicate that the President is taking an unpopular stand on the matter. On the CBS Evening News (10/29, story 6, 2:30, Pelley, 5.08M), Scott Pelley noted that a new CBS News poll found that “80% of Americans support the quarantine idea” even though the President has made the case that mandatory quarantines are counterproductive. McClatchy (10/29, Subscription Publication, 27K) similarly says polls show “Americans...overwhelmingly supported quarantine for travelers arriving from West Africa,” while Politico (10/29, Epstein, 977K) reported that on Wednesday, “even as he stressed the need for American leadership on Ebola,” the President “conceded that

he understands Americans' worries."

On NBC Nightly News (10/29, story 2, 2:55, Williams, 7.86M), after showing a Maine public health official pleading with Hickox to accede to the state's "reasonable request" that she stay at home for a few weeks, correspondent Kate Snow reported that "many Americans agreed," and "some say [Hickox] is putting her self-interest ahead of everybody else."

On ABC World News (10/29, story 5, 1:45, Muir, 5.84M), David Muir reported that President Obama is "calling for 'dignity and respect' for those healthcare workers fighting the disease on the front lines in west Africa, calling them 'heroes.'" On NBC Nightly News (10/29, story 2, 2:55, Williams, 7.86M), Kate Snow reported that the President is "worried quarantine rules will discourage volunteering," but "despite the President's concern about mandatory quarantines, the US military is doing just that" and California "became the latest state to enact some kind of quarantine."

USA Today (10/30, Jackson, 9.86M) reports that on Wednesday, the President "thanked health care professionals...for fighting Ebola on the front lines in West Africa, while criticizing officials who would put restrictions on these 'heroes' who are helping secure the United States." USA Today adds that in reference to "unnamed state officials who want to confine or quarantine health care workers," the President "decried 'policies that would avoid leadership and have us running in the opposite direction and hiding under the covers.'" According to USA Today, the President and White House aides "criticized New Jersey, New York and Illinois over quarantine policies for returning workers."

The Hill (10/29, Sink, 241K) reported that the President "also pushed back against those who have recommended a travel ban against the three African countries where the outbreak is concentrated," and "suggest[ed] doing so would be counterproductive." The Huffington Post (10/29, Delaney, 11.54M) noted that the President, "who has repeatedly sought to show he is unafraid of catching the virus...shook hands with each of the workers after his speech."

The Los Angeles Times (10/30, Hennessey, 4M) calls the President's appearance on Wednesday, in which he delivered a "campaign-friendly riff on American patriotism," was "his most choreographed event on the topic in weeks," and notes that it took place in the White House's East Room, which is "typically used for policy announcements and formal ceremonies." The Times says the appearance "seemed to mark an evolution of the White House public relations push" following "weeks of unscripted reassurances, photo ops and hastily arranged briefings."

The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Sparshott, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) covers the President's remarks in an article titled, "Obama Urges US Leadership To Stem Ebola Outbreak." Sen. Chris Coons, in an op-ed for the Washington Post (10/30, 4.9M), echoes the President's rhetoric when he writes: "Instead of demonizing those who volunteer for service, through stigmatizing mandatory quarantines or the imposition of a travel ban, we should be honoring them."

Bloomberg News (10/30, Olorunnipa, Keane, 1.94M) reports that the President's "appearance was part of a strategy to head off a patchwork of responses by state and local officials, while easing public concern about his administration's response a week before mid-term elections." But Bloomberg notes that earlier on Wednesday, Defense Secretary Hagel "ordered all US troops to be held for 21 days for monitoring after their duty in the Ebola region," which Bloomberg says "add[ed] to conflicting messages about the government's response." Bloomberg notes that the CDC and the President "have advocated against a blanket quarantine for those who don't show any symptoms of the deadly virus."

The Washington Times (10/30, Howell, 373K) reports that the Administration has "had to play catch-up at times, as missteps in Dallas exposed cracks in US preparedness and the administration appeared a step behind states itching to put tough rules in place to stem a potential outbreak within their borders."

The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), in an editorial, warns that the Administration's criticism of quarantining measures could come back to haunt them if there is a wider outbreak and it becomes necessary to separate Ebola patients and those they have been in contact with from the general public.

***Klain Has Not Spoken Publicly Since Being Named "Ebola Czar."*** The New York Daily News (10/29, Warren, Friedman, Siemaszko, 3.52M) reports that as the President "heaped praise on the medics gathered with him at the White House, his enigmatic Ebola czar Ron Klain watched from a front row seat" and then "quickly split after Obama finished speaking." According to the Daily News, White House press secretary Josh Earnest



"hinted strongly they may trot out Klain to talk with reporters soon."

**Doctors Without Borders' Criticism Of Obama's Support For Drug Companies Noted.** The Huffington Post (10/29, Carter, 11.54M) reports that although the President "was celebrating...Doctors Without Borders volunteers" on Wednesday, and Ambassador Samantha Power has praised the group repeatedly, "the recent executive branch acclaim for Doctors Without Borders obscures a long-running struggle between the humanitarian group and the White House over global drug prices." According to the Huffington Post, "the Obama administration has aggressively pursued policies that prevent poor countries from accessing low-cost generic versions of expensive name-brand medications, despite persistent calls from Doctors Without Borders for the White House to reverse course."

**AS EXPECTED, FED WINDS DOWN BOND-BUYING, CITING STRONGER ECONOMY.** The Federal Reserve's announcement that it will wind down its bond-buying stimulus program as the end of this month was widely expected, but still generated significant media coverage, including a mention on the CBS Evening News. A prominent theme was that the Fed saw the labor market improving, while another is that the central bank will still keep interest rates near zero for the foreseeable future.

The CBS Evening News (10/29, story 8, 0:15, Pelley, 5.08M) calls the end of the stimulus program "a major milestone today in the long climb out of the great recession" but adds that the Fed "said it will keep short-term interest rates near zero for a considerable time."

The New York Times (10/30, Appelbaum, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that in a statement following a two-day meeting, an "upbeat" Fed said on Wednesday that the "economic recovery was chugging along and that it would end its latest-bond buying campaign on schedule at the end of the month." The Fed also "upgraded its appraisal of labor market conditions," stating that "underutilization of labor market resources is gradually diminishing." However, it "added that it still planned to keep short-term interest rates near zero for a 'considerable time.'"

Reuters (10/30, Schneider, Flaherty) reports that the Fed said, "On balance, a range of labor market indicators suggests that underutilization of labor resources is gradually diminishing," a change from previous statements which focused on weakness in the labor market.

USA Today (10/30, Davidson, 9.86M) reports that while the Fed "has said for months" that its bond-buying would end this month, "the move was thrown into doubt by reports two weeks ago of weak euro zone growth and disappointing U.S. retail sales that sent stock and bond markets reeling." However, since then, domestic economic news "has been generally encouraging, with factory output and consumer confidence surging, and at least partly recovering."

The Wall Street Journal (10/30, A1, Hilsenrath, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the Fed's actions are a sign that the central bank has confidence in the trajectory of the US economy. Similarly, the Washington Times (10/30, Hill, 373K) says that by ending the bond-buying program, Fed officials "signaled that they believe the economy is returning to normal after more than five years of convalescence from the worst recession and financial crisis since the 1930s."

McClatchy (10/30, Hall, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that only one member of the Fed's Open Market Committee voted against ending the bond-buying program. The bond-buying program, formally known as quantitative easing, had been "blasted by critics," who were concerned by inflation or a weakened dollar, which didn't materialize. However, the Fed "still has all those bonds on its books, so ending the bond buying is just a first step in a drawn-out wind-down."

The Christian Science Monitor (10/30, Velasco, 426K) reports that the "tone shifts" in the Fed's statement "led to a shift in voting for the new policy," which drew the backing of "known hawks" Richard Fisher and Charles Plosser, who had dissented on several previous policies. The only dissenter "was the Fed's most dovish member, Narayana Kocherlakota, who wanted the \$15 billion a month pace in bond buying to continue."

In one of the only negative pieces of coverage, the Huffington Post (10/30, Gongloff, 11.54M) says that by "pulling away support for the economy, the Fed is taking a chance that recent signs of economic strength are more reliable than recent signs of weakness." While unemployment is down and recent GDP growth has been strong, "wages have stayed stubbornly flat, and much of the drop in unemployment has been due to workers checking out of the labor market, meaning they're no longer counted as unemployed." In addition, financial markets "have been turbulent lately, and economies around the world seem to be teetering on the edge of

recession.”

Bloomberg News (10/30, Keams, Condon, 1.94M) says that Fed Chair Janet Yellen must now “chart a course toward the first interest-rate increase since 2006.” The FOMC “repeated it will consider a wide range of information in deciding when to raise the federal funds rate, which has been held near zero since December 2008.”

The Washington Post (10/30, Mui, 4.9M) says in its “Wonkblog” section that “debate over when to raise rates, which has already begun, will prove tricky for the Fed — and likely the biggest challenge of Janet Yellen’s tenure” so far. Fed officials, “who have suggested that the move could come in the middle of next year, hope that it causes little disruption.”

**Stocks Down Slightly After Fed Action.** Reuters (10/30, Vlastelica) reports that US stock indexes drop a bit on Wednesday following the Fed’s move. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 31.44 points to 16,974.31, while the S&P 500 dropped 2.75 points to 1,982.3. The Nasdaq Composite Index dropped 15.07 points to 4,549.23.

**WSJournal Doesn’t See QE As Success.** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that it has been skeptical of quantitative easing, and says that it has not accomplished all of its goals. In particular, the Journal says that the drop in the jobless rate has been primarily due to workers exiting the workforce, while economic growth has still been tepid.

**Samuelson: “Wage Gains Are Meager.”** In his column for the Washington Post (10/30, 4.9M), Robert J. Samuelson writes that despite the drop in unemployment, there are still “too many potential workers must be chasing too few openings” so “wage gains are meager, and the recovery suffers.” He says that the issue isn’t only the large number of workers that have exited the workforce; another issue is that “workers are so insecure that they’re afraid to abandon their present jobs for something better; therefore, companies don’t have to pay higher wages to retain them.” Overall, “bargaining power has shifted to employers, based on workers’ fears of permanent job loss.”

**ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS CRITERIA FOR EXPEDITED ACTION ON IMMIGRATION.** The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Meckler, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that in a move that could potentially provide protection to as many as four million people who are in the country illegally, the Administration is considering an immigrant’s minimum length of time in the country and his or her familial ties in the country to determine which illegal immigrants will be granted protection through an expedited executive action.

**Cato Analyst Urges GOP To Reject Nativist Views On Immigration.** In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (10/30, Nowrasteh, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), Alex Nowrasteh, an immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute, argues that the Republican Party should turn away from its nativists, who see opposition to immigration reform as the future of the party, arguing that pursuing nativist policies could have long-term negative political consequences for the party.

**Greenhouse Decries New York School Officials’ Demands For Proof Of Residency.** In a column for the New York Times (10/30, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), Linda Greenhouse writes that New York State school officials “know they can’t demand proof of legal immigration status, thanks to Plyler v. Doe, a 1982 decision in which the Supreme Court ruled that states can’t exclude undocumented children from the free public education provided to all other children,” so instead they “have been demanding proof of residency in the district, which families who are trying to make the best of patchwork and last-minute arrangements often can’t provide.” The “bureaucratic impasse has left these children, finally safe from the gang violence that led to their long journeys north, languishing in their new homes.”

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES. “California Leads On Justice Reform.”** The New York Times (10/30, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorializes that studies have found that “crime has gone down faster in states that have reduced their prison populations,” and it points to California as an “encouraging example” of a state with “some the worst excesses of the mass incarceration era, but also some of the more innovative responses to it.” California voters in 2012 “overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure to scale back the state’s notorious ‘three-strikes’ law, leading to the release, so far, of more than 1,900 prisoners who had been serving life in prison — in some cases, for petty theft.” The Times notes that it is “very rare for lawmakers anywhere to approve legislation

to shorten sentences for people already in prison; it is virtually unheard-of to do it by ballot measure,” and it sees California’s “continuing experiment on sentencing” as “a valuable lesson to states around the country looking for smart and safe ways to unravel America’s four-decade incarceration binge.”

**“The SEC And Political Spending.”** An editorial in the New York Times (10/30, Times, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) accuses the SEC of being “complicit in the corrupting system of unlimited campaign donations from unnamed donors,” and argues that as the “presumed guardian of investors’ right to know how corporate executives spend shareholder money,” the SEC should impose a political disclosure rule.

**“Unfinished Business On Press Freedom.”** The New York Times (10/30, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorializes that Attorney General Holder “bears responsibility for undermining robust journalism by his overzealous leak investigations and his opposition to recognizing a reporter’s constitutional or common law privilege to protect sources.” The Times notes that Holder “issued new guidelines in February concerning prosecutors’ use of subpoenas and search warrants to obtain information from reporters,” which include “some valuable changes, but they also contain a central flaw that requires prompt correction, as a group of media representatives will be urging at a meeting with Justice Department officials scheduled for Thursday.” The Times argues that the guidelines call for “avoiding the issuance of subpoenas that ‘might unreasonably impair ordinary news gathering.’” This change “could invite prosecutors in the future to claim that news gathering that entails the disclosure of classified information (as national security reporting typically does) is out of the ‘ordinary’ and, therefore, exempted from the guidelines.”

**WASHINGTON POST. “Will Congress Compromise?”** An editorial in the Washington Post (10/29, Board, 4.9M) notes a “spreading sense that national political institutions, beset with partisanship, no longer work well,” and expresses hope that lawmakers who “quietly prefer governing to posturing” will take the opportunity “to stand up and prove it after the election.”

**“Children And Handguns.”** In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/29, Board, 4.9M) laments “the sickening ease with which children can get their hands on guns,” citing 15-year-old Jaylen Fryberg’s “murderous rampage at Marysville-Pilchuck High School in Washington state” last week. The Post notes that “it is important to know what was behind the actions of this seemingly popular high school freshman and whether signs of trouble went undetected,” but “we can’t help but wonder whether the outcome would have been different if not for his ability to get a gun.”

**“Maryland And Isolation.”** A Washington Post (10/29, Board, 4.9M) editorial calls on Maryland’s General Assembly to revise rules on the use of solitary confinement instate prisons, arguing that the practice “can be expensive and counterproductive, deepening the psychosis that led to bad behavior.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. “The QE Record.”** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that it has been skeptical of quantitative easing, and says that it has not accomplished all of its goals. In particular, the Journal says that the drop in the jobless rate has been primarily due to workers exiting the workforce, while economic growth has still been tepid.

**“Chow Yun-Fat Beats Jackie Chan.”** The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) editorializes that pro-democracy Hong Kong celebrities unwillingness to be silenced by threats to their income shows the high level of discontent with China’s rule of their home.

**“‘The Science’ vs. Ebola.”** The Wall Street Journal (10/30, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), in an editorial, warns that the Administration’s criticism of quarantining measures could come back to haunt them if there is a wider outbreak and it becomes necessary to separate Ebola patients and those they have been in contact with from the general public.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

County Fire Chief Vows Hiring Fixes

Union Leader Durazo To Step Down

Pot Measures Looking Shaky

Fed Says Economy Strong Enough For Stimulus To End

**An E-Peon, At Your Service****Wall Street Journal:**

Fed Closes Chapter On Easy Money  
 NATO Tracks Large-Scale Russia Air Activity In Europe  
 Energy Boom Can Withstand Steeper Oil-Price Drop

**New York Times:**

National Concerns Drain Color From Politics In Louisiana  
 Prosecutors See Repeat Offenses On Wall Street  
 Egypt Flattens Neighborhoods To Create A Buffer With Gaza  
 Madison Bumgarner Rises To The Moment, And Jaws Drop  
 Southern Democrats, Courting Black Voters, Focus Senate  
 Obama Could Swap Out Aides Bruised By A Cascade Of Crises

**Washington Post:**

New Cases Of Ebola Declining, WHO Says  
 US Sees Its Long Alliance With Turkey Crumble  
 Goodbye To A Good Life  
 Fed Concludes Bond Buying, Turns To Question Of Raising Rates  
 Brown's Role: "The Backroom Guy"

**Financial Times:**

Fed Eyes First Rate Rise After End To QE  
 How The Fed Got From Eternity To Here  
 Saudi Businessman Sues Barclays For \$10Bn

**Washington Times:**

Firestorm After "Friendly Fire"  
 Thousands Of Veterans Tripple-Dip On Benefits  
 Ebola Nurse In Maine To Test Stength Of Quarantine Laws  
 Moran's Pressure On VA Helped Contractor  
 Even \$76 Million Can't Heat Up Voters Over Climate Change

**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

ABC: NASA-Rocket Explosion; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Severe Weather; White House Computers Hacked; Ebola-Obama Comments; Sexual Assault-Air Force Academy; Colorado-Missing Father Found; Chris Christie-Super Storm Sandy Anniversary; Holiday Package Theft; Crash Test Dummies-Remodeled.  
 CBS: NASA-Rocket Explosion; Florida-Rocket Launch; Hawaii-Lava Flow; White House Computers Hacked; Obama-Netanyahu Relationship; Ebola-US Quarantines; Drones-Security; Economy Stimulus Program; Midterm Elections.  
 NBC: NASA-Rocket Explosion; Ebola-US Quarantines; Chris Christie-Super Storm Sandy Anniversary; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Missouri-Officer Ruling; Common Core-Poll; Washington Post Editor Memorial; Amelia Earhart-Piece Of Plane Found; Crash Test Dummies-Remodeled.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

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ABC: MLB-World Series Winner; Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Christie-Super Storm Sandy.  
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 NPR: MLB-World Series Winner; Midterm Election-Campaign Ads; NASA-Rocket Explosion; Ebola-US Quarantines; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Coast Guard-Immigrant Rescue; Military Pilot Death-California Base.  
 FOX: Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Military Pilot Death-California Base; Hawaii-Lava Flow; MLB-World Series.

**Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.****White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Receives the Presidential Daily Briefing, Oval Office; departs Joint Base Andrews; arrives in Portland, Maine; attends a DNC Roundtable; delivers remarks at a campaign event for Mike Michaud and other Maine Democrats; departs Maine; arrives in Rhode Island.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Attends the Presidential Daily Briefing; travels to New York City; attends an event for Bruce Braley.

**FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA** — Headlines a GOTV Rally to Rebuild the Middle Class in support of Gina Raimondo, Democratic candidate for Rhode Island governor; participates in a grassroots campaign rally with Governor Dan Malloy and Connecticut Democrats.

**US Senate:** No scheduled events.

**US House:** Sept. 22 – Nov. 11. — The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

**Other:** Oct. 29 – 30. 9 a.m. **THE ATLANTIC – WASHINGTON IDEAS FORUM** — Sixth Annual Washington Ideas Forum. Political leaders, including Secretary of State John Kerry, National Security Advisor Susan Rice, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, Attorney General Eric Holder and Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker will join more than 70 entrepreneurs and innovators who will share their ideas at the sixth annual "Washington Ideas Forum" October 29 and 30. Presented by the Aspen Institute and The Atlantic at the Harman Center for the Arts, the Forum will convene those who are changing our world and the way we livewhether by shaping U.S. policy on the Middle East or Ebola, or pushing action in their fields of business, education, energy, technology, science, and the arts. The Washington Ideas Forum expects to draw an audience of more than 1,500 people across the two days. <https://usaive.ap.org/live/events/washington-ideas-forum/2014/>. DanaInfowww.theatlantic.com+ 8:45 a.m. Debbie Stabenow, Senator, State of Michigan. 9:35 a.m. Jeremy Stoppelman, CEO, Yelp! Inc.. 9:50 a.m. John Kerry, Secretary, U.S. Department of State. 10:20 a.m. Ernest Moniz, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy. 11 a.m. Mike Froman, U.S. Trade Representative. 11:15 a.m. Anthony Fauci, Director, NIAID; David Nabarro, Senior UN Systems Coordinator for Ebola Virus Disease, United Nations. 12:25 p.m. Walter Robb, CEO, Whole Foods. 2 p.m. Fred Hochberg, Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States. Forum Stage. Location: Harman Center for the Arts, 610 F Street, NW.

**Oct. 30 – 31. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, EDA – MANUFACTURING SUMMIT** — The U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) will host a summit bringing together communities to discuss best practices for promoting American manufacturing. In May 2014, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced the 12 communities that were designated as Manufacturing Communities as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) initiative. At the IMCP Summit, representatives from each of the 12 designated communities will discuss their efforts and progress. Speakers include: Jason Miller, Deputy Director, National Economic Council and Special Assistant to the President for Manufacturing; Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce; Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce for Economic Development Administration. Closing remarks and special announcement delivered by Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce Location: Herbert C. Hoover Federal Building Auditorium, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW.

**FEDERAL RESERVE DIVERSITY SUMMIT** — 8:15 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. The National Summit on Diversity in the Economics Profession, hosted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in partnership with the American Economic Association. <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/conferences/national-summit-diversity-economics-profession-program.htm> 9 a.m. Remarks by Fed Chair Janet Yellen. Location: William McChesney Martin Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C streets, NW.

**CANCER POLICY BRIEFING** — 9:30 a.m. Cancer leaders hosts host Special Policy Forum to Inform Development of New Legislation in 2015. Speakers: Rep. Robert "Bobby" Scott (D-VA); Hampton, VA; Edith P. Mitchell, MD, Clinical Professor of Medicine and Medical Oncology, Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University; Philadelphia, PA; John Harrington, retired Chief Commercial Officer for Sanofi Global Oncology; Cambridge, MA; Heather Follweiler, a cancer survivor alive today due to cancer innovation; Windsor Mill, MD; Nancy Davenport-Ennis, Founder of the National Patient Advocate, Foundation (NPAF) and Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) and Chair, Project Innovation; Washington, DC. The forum will also feature taped remarks from leading cancer scientists and clinicians. Location: 2168 Rayburn.

**DUNCAN – SCHOOL PRINCIPALS – DAY IN THE LIFE** — 4 p.m. Secretary Duncan will join U.S. Department of Education staff for a Debriefing on the Principal Shadowing Day. The Secretary and ED staff will discuss observations from the day in the life of a school principal and how important principals are in making a



school environment that supports high-quality teaching and learning. Location: Bamard Auditorium, 400 Maryland Ave. SW.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION – CLINTON — 6:45 p.m. Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will be honored for her global work by The Executive Leadership Foundation (ELF). <https://www.elcinfo.com/information/what-we-do/foundation> Location: Gaylord National Harbor Hotel, Potomac Ballroom, 201 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Md.

## **Last Laughs:**

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Jimmy Fallon:** “I saw that next month Joe Biden is scheduled to make international stops in Turkey, Ukraine, and Morocco to discuss foreign policy issues. While his advisers are learning how to say, ‘We’re sorry’ in all three languages.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “The man in charge of investigating the 2012 Secret Service prostitution scandal has quit after he himself was caught with a prostitute. Which explains why President Obama just appointed an irony czar.”

**Seth Meyers:** “Former President George W. Bush will be going on a promotional tour for his new book ‘41.’ Bush says he’s excited about the book, and he had a great time coloring it.”

**Seth Meyers:** “After being threatened with a lawsuit from the nurse who was quarantined in New Jersey this week, Governor Christie said, ‘I’ve been sued lots of times before. Get in line.’ Then he added, ‘Oh, not this line. This is the line for cronuts. That line. It’s over there.’”

**David Letterman:** “Well, I mean, it keeps happening – the White House computers. You know what happened – they were hacked. Yeah, and they stole all of Michelle Obama’s secret kale recipes. And then, then they uploaded to the computer naked photos of Joe Biden.”

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**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS CHOCTAW SCHOOLS.** The [AP](#) (10/30) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell praised the Choctaw tribal schools in Mississippi during her visit on Wednesday. Jewell said "much of the success of the Choctaw School System can be attributed to the tribe's hands-on approach, with the chief and tribal council virtually serving as the school board." Jewell said, "In many other communities we don't see that. We don't have engagement between tribal leaders and the schools. Sometimes we run the schools. We run them out of Albuquerque, New Mexico or Washington D.C., and the schools may be all the way across the country."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Times](#) (10/31, 373K), the [Hattiesburg \(MS\) American](#) (10/30, 34K), [KNOE-TV](#) Monroe, LA (10/31, 2K), [WKRG-TV](#) Mobile, AL (10/31, 37K), [WSFA-TV](#) Montgomery, AL (10/31, 30K), and [WDBD-TV](#) Jackson, MS (10/31, 152K).

**MAITLAND ART CENTER DESIGNATED NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.** The [ARTFIXdaily](#) (10/30) reports that "the Art & History Museums – Maitland's (A&H's) Maitland Art Center – has become the first



National Historic Landmark in greater Orlando and the 44th in the state of Florida." According to the article, "awarded on September 30, 2014 by Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, the designation applies to places that 'exceptionally illustrate or interpret the heritage of the United States.'" The article notes that "an official plaque dedication ceremony at A&H's Maitland Art Center will take place Jan. 8, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. with details to follow."

**DEAL REPORTEDLY REACHED TO RECOGNIZE NATIVE HAWAIIANS AS INDIAN TRIBE.** The [Examiner](#) (10/31, 1.01M) reports that "a deal has been reached between the Department of the Interior and the Obama administration to give federal recognition to native Hawaiians as an Indian Tribe." According to Free Hawaii TV, "the deal is an attempt to do an end run around overwhelming native Hawaiian opposition to being recognized as an Indian Tribe."

**AUDIT OF FEDERAL OPEN DATA CATALOGS FINDS ISSUES WITH INTERIOR'S DATA.** The [Sunlight Foundation](#) (10/29, 3K) reports that it is "conducting a broad audit of agencies' sometimes-faithful attempts to comply with President Obama's open data executive order from 2013," but "while auditing the Department of the Interior's data catalog," it found that some data was inaccessible.

The [Sunlight Foundation](#) (10/30, 3K) reports that "the Department of the Interior's public data catalog is impressive." It notes that "there were 43,940 unique URL entries associated with these datasets, and quite a few of those point to geographic databases." However, "when we checked those URLs, we also found a variety of issues, from items that didn't exist at the provided URL to entries that pointed to local addresses, meaning the datasets are on agency computers rather than the Internet."

**REVIEW FINDS \$20 BILLION IN SECRET PURCHASES BY FEDERAL AGENCIES IN RECENT MONTHS.** [WRC-TV](#) Washington (10/31, 367K) reports that a "review of federal agency purchase records shows each major federal agency spends millions of dollars a year on 'micropurchases.'" It notes that the Interior Department "shared details about the 'micropurchase' items bought by their agency employees."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NAVAJO NATION AWARDED FUNDS TO CREATE SCHOOL SYSTEMS.** Additional coverage that "a \$200,000 check from the Interior Department will help jumpstart the Navajo Nation's efforts to take local control of Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools" was provided by the [Navajo Times \(AZ\)](#) (10/31, 66K).

**ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS FOR WILDERNESS URGED.** For the "Pundits" blog of [The Hill](#) (10/31, Molvar, 241K), Erik Molvar, who directs the Sagebrush Sea Campaign for WildEarth Guardians, writes that "additional wilderness preservation can be an integral part of solving the global biodiversity crisis by anchoring a network of protected reserves." However, he argues that "we need to be designing such networks at the scales of ecosystems and regions, along natural boundaries, rather than the traditional political borders of states, counties and agency jurisdictions." Molvar also notes that "with economic research pointing to greater job and business growth in rural Western counties with the greatest area of protected public lands, the best interests of jobs and the environment have come into alignment."

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### ***National Park Service:***

**GRAFFITI FOUND IN THREE MORE NATIONAL PARKS.** The [AP](#) (10/31) reports that the NPS says "it has found more graffiti in some of the West's most scenic locations in a case that sparked an uproar on social media last week." Rangers say "they've now confirmed images in Joshua Tree in California and at two more Colorado locations, bringing the total number of tagged parks to eight."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Post](#) (10/30, 4.9M), the [Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#) (10/30, 572K), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/31, 2.47M), the [Denver Post](#) (10/31, 1.12M), the [Salem \(OR\) Statesman Journal](#) (10/30, 23K), [Yahoo! Finance](#) (10/31, 9.7M), [WJBK-TV](#) Detroit (10/31, 166K), [KCNC-TV](#) Denver (10/30, 74K), and [KTVZ-TV](#) Bend, OR (10/31, 1K).

Also reporting on the story is the [Denver Post](#) (10/31, Cotton, 1.12M).

Additional coverage of identification of the suspect was provided by [Reuters](#) (10/31, Gorman), the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (10/31, 538K), the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (10/31, 94K), [KSL-TV](#) Salt Lake City (10/31, 1.07M), and [WDIV-TV](#)

Detroit (10/31, 172K).

**NPS INVESTING IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY, WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS AT WASHINGTON AREA NATIONAL PARKS.** The National Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 626K) reports that the NPS is "investing \$29 million in 81 individual energy efficiency and water conservation projects at national parks throughout the greater Washington region." According to the article, "the 23-year Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC) awarded at the end of September to Siemens Government Technologies, will allow the NPS to conserve energy and water with no upfront costs and to accrue cost savings into the future." NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis said, "The National Park Service is committed to managing the future health and sustainability of our national parks proactively through this kind of ambitious energy and resource conservation program. The parks in the greater Washington region involved in this effort are demonstrating the kind of leadership that other parks and public lands across the country can follow to reduce our carbon footprint, energy consumption, and water usage."

**NEW WASHINGTON FLOOD BARRIER TO BE TESTED.** The Washington Post (10/30, Ruane, 4.9M) reports that "Washington's long-delayed 17th Street flood barrier is scheduled to be tested Friday when officials from the Army and the National Park Service install the metal apparatus across 17th Street, near Constitution Avenue." According to the article, "the temporary barrier is designed to block floodwaters surging north from the Tidal Basin and flowing into downtown Washington." The test is intended "to demonstrate how the post-and-panel barrier is put in place."

**ALL-SENSORY TRAIL IN MARYLAND'S PATAPSCO VALLEY STATE PARK OPENS.** The Baltimore Sun (10/29, 857K) reports that "the first All-Sensory Trail in Maryland state parks officially opened Oct. 16." According to the article, "located in the Hilton Area of Patapsco Valley State Park, it is designed for the visually impaired." The All-Sensory Trail is a partnership between the state Department of Natural Resources and the NPS.

***Bureau of Land Management:***

**SEN. MURKOWSKI SIDES WITH STATE OF ALASKA IN ANWR BOUNDARY DISPUTE.** The National Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 626K) reports that Sen. Lisa Murkowski is backing "a request from Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell that the federal government convey roughly 20,000 acres on the western boundary of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to the state." In a letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Murkowski urged the BLM "to quickly respond to the state's request for priority conveyance under the Alaska Statehood Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)." Murkowski wrote, "This issue centers on what waters are considered part of the Canning River, which has long been designated and reaffirmed as the western boundary of the Arctic coastal plain. The state believes that the US Fish and Wildlife Service has effectively re-designated the separate Staines River, which empties into the Beaufort Sea several miles west of the Canning River, as a channel of the Canning, thereby shifting nearly 20,000 acres of the coastal plain lying between the streams into the refuge."

**PHOTOGRAPHER TO PRESENT ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE PHOTOS AT ANASAZI HERITAGE CENTER.** The Cortez (CO) Journal (10/30, 646) reports that "photographer Wayne Keene took on the challenge of capturing the sacred landscapes of Canyons of the Ancients National Monument through the lens of his camera as an artist-in-residence for the Bureau of Land Management." On Sunday, Nov. 2, Keene will "showcase these images during a multimedia presentation at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores at 1 p.m." according to the article, "Keene's images, in black and white as well as color, capture the rustic landscapes of the monument while weaving elements of the archeological resources into many of the scenes." Marietta Eaton, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument/Anasazi Heritage Center Manager, said, "His keen eye for capturing lighting reveals the distinct contrasts between the landscape and the skyline. We're excited to share the images he captured with the public."

**BLM'S ROYAL GORGE FIELD OFFICE SEEKING INPUT ON RECREATION MANAGEMENT.** The Pueblo (CO) Chieftain (10/31, 79K) reports that the BLM's Royal Gorge Field Office is "seeking input on recreation management in the area and will host several focus group meetings."

**BLM PLANS SLASH BURNING IN GRAND COUNTY THROUGH DECEMBER.** The Sky-Hi Daily News (CO) (10/31, 728) reports that the BLM Kremmling Field Office is "planning to burn slash piles of lodgepole pine early November through December if weather conditions are favorable."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SCHOLARS CHALLENGE LEGAL BASIS OF UTAH'S PUBLIC LANDS CAMPAIGN.** Additional coverage that "a new legal analysis asserts a successful Utah effort to claim federal land would fuel similar efforts among Western states and potentially end the public land system as it exists today, but it isn't likely to happen" was provided by the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (10/31, 538K) and [KNRS-FM Salt Lake City](#) (10/31).

**BLM CRITICIZED FOR FAILING TO PROVIDE PUBLIC RECORDS.** In an op-ed for the [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (10/31, 74K), Ray Ring writes that the BLM's "main Freedom of Information Act office appears incompetent or overworked." According to Ring, "its response to our request for public records can only be described as dysfunctional." He encourages "the head of the BLM, Neil Kornze, and his boss, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, to fix the problems in the BLM's FOIA office."

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**ANIMAL RESEMBLING GRAY WOLF REPORTED AT GRAND CANYON.** The [AP](#) (10/31, Fonseca) reports that "an animal resembling a gray wolf has been spotted roaming the far reaches of northern Arizona, officials said Thursday, and tests are planned to determine exactly what it is." According to the FWS, "the animal has been seen and photographed in Kaibab National Forest north of Grand Canyon National Park with a collar similar to those used in a wolf recovery effort in the Northern Rockies." Agency spokesman Jeff Humphrey said that "the animal could be from that population of about 1,700 or a wolf-dog hybrid." Humphrey said "the animal should be treated as endangered until more is known about it."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Inside Bay Area \(CA\)](#) (10/31, 4K).

Also reporting on the story are [Reuters](#) (10/31), the Arizona Republic (10/31, 1.21M), the Tucson (AZ) Daily News (10/31), and the [Cronkite News](#) (10/31).

**WYOMING GOV. MEAD EYES CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON WOLF DELISTING.** The [AP](#) (10/31, Neary) reports that "Congressional action appears to offer Wyoming its best chance at regaining state management of wolves, Gov. Matt Mead said Thursday." He said "Wyoming's best chance at regaining wolf management authority appears to be seeking congressional action specifying its wolf plan wouldn't be challenged legally." Mead said "his administration is still considering whether to appeal .S. District Judge Amy Berman's order."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Times](#) (10/31, Neary, 373K).

**SCIENTISTS WARN INFECTION THAT DEVASTATES AMPHIBIANS COULD SPREAD TO US.** The [New York Times](#) (10/31, Gorman, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that "an emerging infection similar to one that has caused the extinction of hundreds of frog and toad species around the world is killing salamanders in Europe and could easily spread to the United States, with disastrous effects, scientists reported Thursday." According to the article, "writing in the journal *Science*, an international team of 27 researchers blamed the spread of the disease on 'globalization and a lack of biosecurity' and said the importation of the fire-bellied newt in the pet trade with Asia was the likely cause." The article notes that "Karen R. Lips at the University of Maryland, one of the authors of the *Science* paper, met on Thursday with Fish and Wildlife Service officials to talk about the new fungus."

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS FILE LAWSUIT OVER CORMORANTS.** The [Courthouse News](#) (10/30, 7K) reports that "environmentalists say there is no scientific basis for the extension of US Fish and Wildlife's 'shoot-on-sight' order that has permitted the killing of an estimated half million double-crested cormorants in the last 10 years." The group "Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), and five biologists and birders sued the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Director Dan Ashe in federal court." The complaint claims that the FWS "re-authorized the killing of tens of thousands of double-crested cormorants without conducting a proper environmental assessment."

**WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE SUBMITS COMMENTS ON NEW FWS RULES.** The [Farmington \(NM\) Daily Times](#) (10/31, 47K) reports that "the Western Energy Alliance submitted formal comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service about changes expected to increase protections for critical wildlife habitats." According to the article, "the organization submitted comments about two rules and one policy 'that would considerably expand the Endangered Species Act (ESA) beyond congressional intent and assert new federal powers to control land and economic activity.'"

**FWS RELEASES DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR JAMES RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

The [AmmoLand](#) (10/31, 4K) reports that the FWS has "released a draft plan to guide management of the James River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) for the next 15 years." Alternative B, the agency's preferred alternative, would "pursue Service administrative requirements to expand public deer hunting, open the refuge to spring and fall turkey hunting, open the refuge to limited waterfowl hunting by youth, and promote youth involvement in all hunting opportunities."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS PROPOSES LISTING AFRICAN LIONS.** Additional coverage that the FWS is "seeking to enhance protections for the African lion" was provided by the [AllAfrica](#) (10/31, 12K), the [Hagerstown \(MD\) Herald-Mail Media](#) (10/31), and the [Somerset County \(PA\) Daily American](#) (10/31, 40K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS SEEKS PROTECTIONS FOR SNAPPING TURTLES.** Additional coverage of the proposal by the FWS to place four kinds of freshwater turtle under the protection of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora was provided by [Reuters](#) (10/31, Liston).

**FWS NORTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR CALLS FOR STRONGER COASTAL PROTECTIONS.** For "The Blog" of the [Huffington Post](#) (10/31, Weber, 11.54M), Wendi Weber, Northeast Regional Director for the FWS, writes that for wildlife resource managers, Hurricane Sandy was "a wake-up call to the vulnerability of the beaches, sand dunes, and coastal marshes that not only provide habitat for fish and wildlife but also protect local communities from flooding." According to Weber, "in the aftermath of Sandy, we have an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen natural defenses along the Atlantic Coast to protect communities and wildlife against future storms." Weber is "confident the long-term benefits of building a stronger coast will far outweigh initial costs when it comes to protecting communities, sustaining wildlife and lessening the financial impact of damages resulting from future intense storms."

***US Geological Survey:***

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: USGS MONITORING LAVA FLOW FROM HAWAII VOLCANO.** coverage of the lava flow from a Hawaii volcano was provided by [CNN](#) (10/30, 14.29M), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (10/31, 479K), [TIME](#) (10/31, 23.35M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (10/30, 426K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (10/30, 426K), and [WDIV-TV Detroit](#) (10/31, 172K).

**Securing America's Energy Future:*****Renewable Energy:***

**SOUTH CAROLINA EYES NEXT STEPS FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY.** The [AP](#) (10/31) reports that "a new study and a proposed law are seen as the next steps in making offshore wind energy a reality in South Carolina." Paul Gayes with the Center for Marine and Wetland Studies at Coastal Carolina University says "the state will match a \$750,000 federal grant to study which areas offshore are the most promising for wind farms." The federal money comes from the BOEM. Meanwhile, Sen. Greg Hembree "plans to reintroduce a bill allowing utilities who want to build demonstration wind projects to apply for rate increases to pay for them."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#) (10/30, 572K), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/31, 2.47M), the [Greenfield \(IN\) Daily Reporter](#) (10/31, 31K), the [Florence \(SC\) Morning News](#) (10/31, 87K), and [WJCL-TV Savannah, GA](#) (10/30, 2K).

**WIND PROJECT PULLED FROM CALIFORNIA'S SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS.** [KCET-TV](#) Los Angeles (10/31, 15K) reports that "a proposal that would have placed 71 wind turbines on the north slope of the San Bernardino Mountains has been withdrawn by its owner, according to the Bureau of Land Management." According to the article, "the 126-megawatt North Peak Wind project, which would have occupied about 16 square miles of the Juniper Flats area between Lucerne Valley and Apple Valley in San Bernardino County, was pulled from consideration by the BLM by its Austin-based owner E.ON Climate and Renewables last Friday." The article notes that "the project had drawn fierce opposition, including from two San Bernardino County supervisors who blasted North Peak Wind's possible impact on wildlife."

**REPLACING SAFETY NETTING AT SOLAR PLANT COULD HAVE PREVENTED BIRD DEATHS.** The [Riverside \(CA\) Press Enterprise](#) (10/30, Danelski, 396K) reports that the death of 64 birds at the NextEra Energy's Genesis solar plant earlier this month "could have been prevented had safety netting been replaced"



after an August thunderstorm, according to officials with the California Energy Commission. The birds died “after getting mired in an oily chemical in the plant’s waste-water evaporation ponds,” according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The ponds “are being drained,” according to the FWS, which is overseeing an investigation to determine “whether the company ‘took reasonable measures’ to protect the birds.”

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**INTERIOR’S IG REPORT WARNS OF ILLEGAL DRILLING ON FEDERAL LAND.** The [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (10/31, 74K) reports that “a recent report from the Interior Department’s inspector general highlighted the problem of illegal drilling on federal lands.” The report, released late last month, “found that the increase in horizontal drilling means it’s easier than ever for oil and gas companies to operate – inadvertently or not – in areas for which they don’t have permission to drill.” The article notes that “the unauthorized drilling means the government is losing out on royalty payments, and poses environmental risks.” According to the report, the BLM has “a ‘weak’ policy for deterring lawbreakers and no reliable way of catching operators who drill illegally.”

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS CALL ON BLM’S FARMINGTON FIELD OFFICE TO PAUSE ISSUING DRILLING PERMITS.** The [Farmington \(NM\) Daily Times](#) (10/31, 47K) reports that officials with the BLM say “they will organize an internal committee to respond to a letter from environmentalists that calls for the bureau to stop issuing oil and gas drilling permits until an environmental analysis is complete.” The San Juan Citizens Alliance, the Chaco Alliance, WildEarth Guardians and the Western Environmental Law Center “sent a 34-page letter to the bureau on Monday outlining issues with BLM’s Farmington Field Office and its approval of Mancos Shale drilling permits.” A BLM spokeswoman, Donna Hummel, said the bureau “received the letter and will draft a formal response to its demands.”

**TO HELP DEMOCRATS KEEP SENATE, ENVIRONMENTALISTS BACK CANDIDATES WHO OPPOSE THEIR GOALS.** The Wall Street Journal (10/31, Harder, Reinhard, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that in an effort to maintain Democratic control of the Senate, environmental groups are spending a record amount of money this year and are supporting Democrats who oppose some of their key goals, including blocking the Keystone XL pipeline and ending the practice of fracking for oil and natural gas.

**NEW STUDY FINDS HIGH LEVELS OF AIR TOXINS AT FRACKING SITES.** NPR (10/30, Phillips, 2.22M) reports that a new study reveals “dangerous levels of air toxins near fracking operations,” particularly the carcinogen formaldehyde in levels that exceeded federal safety levels. The study, published Thursday in the journal *Environmental Health*, also found high levels of the “deadly chemical hydrogen sulfide,” which is known to kill oil field workers. It is noted that a 2010 air monitoring study by the Department of Environment did not find dangerous levels of air toxins at fracking sites, which has spurred industry groups to “question the methodology used in this most recent report.”

The Albany (NY) Times Union (10/31, Nearing, 465K) reports that toxins from air and gas sites surrounding fracking sites are “much more dangerous” than threats of water pollution, according to the study’s lead author, David Carpenter. As a result of the study’s findings, Carpenter recommended that “buffer zones around natural gas wells... need to be expanded.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BLM RELEASES ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY ON CONOCOPHILLIPS PROJECT IN ALASKA.** Additional coverage that the BLM “released its final supplemental environmental impact statement for the proposed Greater Mooses Tooth (GMT1) oil and gas project within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska” was provided by the [Oil and Gas Journal](#) (10/31, 1K) and the [Summit County \(CO\) Citizens Voice](#) (10/30, 506).

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT OFFSHORE FRACKING.** [WWL-TV New Orleans](#) (10/31, 107K) reports that “fracking is also expanding offshore, in the Gulf of Mexico, with hardly anyone noticing.” However, “there are questions...about how well the procedures are being tracked by regulators.” According to the article, “environmental nonprofits complain that they can’t find out when and where acids and other fracking chemicals are being shot down into the bottom of Gulf wells.” In response to a request from the station, the BSEE “reported that 115 Gulf oil or gas wells, or 15 percent of the 785 that were completed and prepared for production in 2013, employed a hydraulic fracturing technique known as a frac pack – the less-destructive of two fracking methods used offshore.” BSEE spokeswoman Eileen Angelico said that “frac packs account for the vast majority of the offshore fracking work, but the agency could not provide any data for other types of fracking or

well-stimulation.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SHELL SEEKS MORE TIME TO ACT ON ARCTIC LEASES.** Additional coverage that Shell is asking the Obama Administration for five more years to explore for oil off Alaska's coast was provided by [Bloomberg BusinessWeek](#) (10/30, 2.52M) and [Bloomberg News](#) (10/30, Ward, 1.94M).

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION URGED TO BAR DRILLING IN ARCTIC OCEAN.** For the “Congress” blog of [The Hill](#) (10/31, Ritzman, 241K), Dan Ritzman, Alaska Program director for Sierra Club's Our Wild America campaign, writes that “in the US, the Obama administration has done more than any previous administration to reduce emissions, improving fuel economy, investing in clean, renewable energy, and working to set the first-ever carbon pollution standards for dirty power plants.” However, he notes that “even as the administration is reducing carbon pollution, it continues to advance an ‘all-of-the-above’ energy plan that promotes greater fossil fuel production, exporting these polluting fuels abroad, and opening up millions of acres of our nation's most treasured lands and waters to dirty fuel extraction.” According to Ritzman, as the administration “reconsiders leasing in the Chukchi Sea and develops its next five-year offshore leasing plan,” it has “the opportunity to put the Arctic Ocean off-limits to oil and gas drilling.”

## Tackling America's Water Challenges:

**BOR MAKES WATERSMART GRANTS AVAILABLE.** The [WaterWorld](#) (10/31, 96) reports that the BOR is “inviting states, tribes, water and irrigation districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery to apply for a funding opportunity to cost-share on projects that conserve and use water more efficiently, increase renewable energy use and improve energy efficiency.”

**EPA QUESTIONS NORTHWEST AREA WATER SUPPLY PLAN.** [KXMC-TV](#) Minot, ND (10/31, 1K) reports that the EPA has “come out against a proposal for getting the Northwest Area Water Supply project finished.” The agency “supplied comments this week saying it is not in support of the Bureau of Reclamation's plan for treating water from the Missouri River that will be used to supply NAWWS with water.”

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**NATIVE YALE LAW STUDENTS HONOR BIA HEAD WASHBURN.** For the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (10/30, 78K), attorney Peter d'Errico writes that “the Native American Law Students Association at Yale Law School held its first ever Alumni Achievement Awards Dinner October 23, 2014.” He notes that “the recipient, Kevin Washburn (Chickasaw), class of 1993, is Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the US Department of the Interior.” In his piece, d'Errico explains why “Washburn well deserves the honor of receiving the Alumni Achievement Award.”

**CASINOS PROLIFERATE UNDER OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.** The [Weekly Standard](#) (10/31, 519K) reports that the Obama Administration has “consciously made it easier for tribes to acquire the right to operate a casino on land far removed from their reservation.” The article also notes that “since 1988, the Interior Department has approved 51 percent of applications to allow gaming on trust land. A third of those have been approved by the Obama administration.”

## Top National News:

**OBAMA CAMPAIGNS FOR MICHAUD IN MAINE GUBERNATORIAL RACE.** Most reports on the President's visit to Maine, where he reportedly sought to energize the Democratic base by focusing on so-called pocketbook issues and cited evidence of recent improvements in the economy, focus on Obama's apparent unpopularity and his relatively limited campaign schedule, with Democrats cast as seeking to distance themselves from him and his policies. The President's trip was not mentioned on the network newscasts.

The Portland (ME) Press Herald (10/31, 140K) notes that the President's visit, as well as trips to the state by “other prominent Democrats, are designed more to motivate the Democratic base and ensure they show up on Election Day than to sway independent voters,” adding that in a recent poll commissioned by the Portland Press Herald, “Obama's approval rating in Maine is just 39 percent,” but “among voters who identified as Democrats, the president's approval rating was 75 percent.” Similarly, the AP (10/31, Durkin) reports that Maine Democrats are hoping the President's visit “will energize their base and get supporters to get out and vote to unseat Republican Gov. Paul LePage.” The President called on the approximately 3,000 [Mike] Michaud supporters in

attendance to “get everyone they know to the polls on Tuesday, saying the election is ‘too important to stay home.’”

The Washington Post (10/30, Mufson, 4.9M) reported in its “Post Politics” blog that the President noted that “the last election was decided by an average of just 18 votes per precinct, and urged the avid Michaud supporters to bring others to the polls with them.” Michaud campaign spokeswoman Lizzy Reinholt said that the President could help turn out “the voters most supportive of Michaud – seniors, women and young people,” noting, “We are at a dead heat with Gov. LePage, and the outcome will be determined by who comes out for this election.”

The Washington Times (10/31, Wolfgang, 373K) focuses on the President’s criticism of Republicans, noting that he said that “he has no personal issues with Republicans — in fact, he said they’re a lot like his own family members who simply ‘have bad ideas’ and aren’t fit to be ‘in charge.’” Arguing that Republican “economic principles have been tried and have failed,” the President “urged voters to reject the GOP philosophy toward the economy and put Democrats in charge at both the state and federal levels.”

The Bangor (ME) Daily News (10/31, Cousins, 166K) reports that while the President’s visit “is sure to energize partisan Democrats...to some degree it gives Republicans a rallying point as well,” given his “sinking national and state approval ratings.”

Bloomberg News (10/31, Keane, 1.94M) reports that while the President has been “mostly limiting himself to raising money for Democratic candidates in the Nov. 4 midterm elections,” he is “making a last-ditch effort five days before the mid-term elections to prod voters to the polls.” However, with “an approval rating at 43 percent, according to the Gallup Poll, Obama is only scheduled to make one appearance before election day on behalf of a congressional candidate.”

The New York Times (10/31, Davis, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that the President is seeking to “shift the public focus from his administration’s handling of the Ebola crisis to pocketbook issues that his advisers said play to Democrats’ advantage,” but “world events were...threatening to drown out his closing arguments in the campaign.” Reuters (10/31, Holland) reports that in an effort to blunt Democratic losses next week, the President cited new government figures showing that the economy grew at a rate of 3.5 percent in the third quarter as an indication that his policies are working and that middle class will benefit from electing Democrats. Reuters notes however, that the case he made may not be enough to convince voters who have voiced concerns about his leadership, adding that his approval rating of about 40 percent has kept him away from states where control of the Senate will be determined.

The New York Times (10/31, Davis, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) also notes that the President’s “itinerary keeps him far from the main battlegrounds of this year’s elections as Democrats fight to keep Senate seats in competitive states Mr. Obama carried — like Iowa, North Carolina and Colorado — and in Republican-leaning places he lost, including Alaska and Louisiana.”

Likewise, USA Today (10/31, Jackson, 9.86M) reports that while the Maine stop was “the latest in a string of appearances on behalf of gubernatorial candidates,” as Democrats battle for control of the Senate, he “is currently scheduled to appear with only one Senate candidate: Gary Peters, the Democratic nominee in Michigan.” The Los Angeles Times (10/31, Lauter, 4M) also contrasts the President’s appearances in gubernatorial races in several battleground states with “the races for the Senate, most of which are taking place in conservative states where the president is deeply unpopular.”

The Hill (10/30, Sink, 241K) noted in its “Ballot Box” blog that the President “said he was “a little wistful” that this would be his last time working to rally voters as president,” and described the comment as “telling for a president who has been largely sidelined during the 2014 campaign cycle.” The Hill added that the President’s campaign schedule “is a reflection of his perceived liability for Democratic candidates, many of whom have openly sought distance from the president as his approval ratings have steadily eroded throughout the year.”

McClatchy (10/30, Lightman, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that during a Politico Playbook lunch Thursday, NRSC executive director Rob Collins said the President has been “the best surrogate” for Republican candidates in this election cycle. McClatchy added that to win control of the Senate, Republicans need a net gain of six seats, and the President’s “sagging popularity has been a big boost.” Collins and DSCC executive director Guy Cecil, who appeared with him at the lunch, “agreed...that a lot of races are too close to call.”

**Todd: Democrats Are Running Toward The Clintons This Year.** Chuck Todd reported on NBC Nightly News (10/30, story 6, 1:50, Williams, 7.86M) that whatever the result of Tuesday’s election “the Democratic Party is

going to be leaving Barack Obama behind and is about to become the party of the Clintons again, because that [is] who all of these Democrats are running toward this election year, Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton."

**Tapper Calls Obama An "Albatross" For Democrats.** The Daily Caller (10/30, Weaver, 475K) reported that in an interview with conservative radio host Laura Ingraham Thursday, CNN host Jake Tapper described the President as an "albatross" for Democrats in the final days before the midterm election. Taper said that the President is "very unpopular. He's an albatross on Democrats. No question."

**Landrieu: South Is A Tough Place For Obama To Campaign This Year.** In a report on the Louisiana Senate race on NBC Nightly News (10/30, story 6, 1:50, Williams, 7.86M), Chuck Todd noted that while he has not been doing a great deal of campaigning in this election cycle, "the most omnipresent person on the campaign trail" is the President, who Republicans see as the issue that "will get them control of the US Senate." That dynamic is "more acute here in the South and it was something that Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu told me has more to do than his policies." Landrieu: "To be very, very honest with you, the South has not always the friendliest place for African-Americans. It's been a difficult time for the President to present himself in a positive light as a leader."

**Rothenberg: Obama Likely To See Worst Losses For Incumbent Since Truman.** In a blog post for Roll Call (10/30, 90K), Stuart Rothenberg wrote that the President "is likely to have the worst midterm numbers of any two-term president going back to Democrat Harry S. Truman." Rothenberg added that the President is "at least partially to blame" for the losses "because he failed to show leadership on key issues and never successfully moved to the political center."

**Obama's Closed-Door Fundraisers Draw Criticism.** The Washington Times (10/31, Wolfgang, 373K) reports that the President's appearances at party fundraisers in this election cycle have frequently been "held in secret and away from the view of the press," noting that before his appearance for Michaud, he "spoke at a closed-door 'roundtable' for the Democratic National Committee, an event that essentially is a fundraiser with a different title." According to the Sunlight Foundation, about half of the 64 fundraisers the President has headlined this year "have been entirely closed to the press." Critics say the closed-door fundraisers "are just one example of...an unacceptable level of secrecy and censorship from the Obama White House."

**THREE GOP SENATORS PRESS PRESIDENT TO HOLD OFF ON UNILATERAL IMMIGRATION MOVES.** The AP (10/31, Cassata) reports that on Thursday, GOP Sens. Lindsey Graham, John McCain and Marco Rubio, who were "responsible for comprehensive immigration legislation," urged the President in a letter to "hold off on any steps to shield millions of people from deportation." They wrote, "Acting by executive order on an issue of this magnitude would be the most divisive action you could take – completely undermining any good-faith effort to meaningfully address this important issue, which would be a disservice to the needs of the American people."

Politico (10/30, Kim, 977K) reported that the three "also questioned whether Obama had the legal authority to take such a wide-scale executive action." They wrote, "In this regard, acting by executive order on an issue of this magnitude would be the most divisive action you could take — completely undermining any good-faith effort to meaningfully address this important issue, which would be a disservice to the needs of the American people."

The Washington Times (10/31, Dinan, 373K) reports that the bill the three senators wrote "as part of the Gang of Eight senators would have granted quick legal status to most of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants, with an eventual chance at citizenship." Obama "has repeatedly vowed to take unilateral action halting more deportations — but has delayed each time, under political pressure."

Meanwhile, The Hill (10/30, Lillis, 241K) reported that looking to "energize" Hispanic voters ahead of the elections, House Democrats "are making the case for bold executive action on immigration reform" but the message, rolled out on Univision.com on Thursday, "appears to be aimed as much at President Obama as it is the readers of the popular Spanish-language website."

**Grassley Questions Expensive Housing For Unaccompanied Minors.** The Washington Times (10/31, Dinan, 373K) reports that a contractor housing some of the unaccompanied minors from this summer "offers them a petting zoo with miniature ponies, a tilapia fish farm operation and guitar lessons," according to documents released Thursday by Sen. Chuck Grassley. He has "questioned whether the plush accommodations were a good use of taxpayers' money." In a letter to HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell, Grassley wrote, "It is disturbing that HHS is funding such expensive facilities despite claiming to be unable to meet basic needs for UACs."



**Kerlikowske Looks To Reform CBP.** USA Today (10/31, Gomez, 9.86M) reports that CBP Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske "is trying to get his agency back on track amid controversies that range from deadly shootings by agents to the handling of children flooding across the border from Central America." He has "changed rules that govern when agents can use deadly force, created a new review system to investigate abuses, and is pushing to get body cameras on all agents." In an interview with the paper, Kerlikowske "said those measures attempt to reverse what had become an institutional practice of secrecy when faced with questions from outside."

In a nearly-10,000 word piece for Politico Magazine (10/30, 6.67M), Garret M. Graff traces the rapid growth of Customs and Border Patrol since 9/11. He says that it has "become one of the nation's deadliest law enforcement agencies" during that time. He adds that "corruption and excessive force have also skyrocketed along with the massive hiring surge." Despite this, the agency's "response has been paralyzed by bureaucratic turf battles and the broken Senate confirmation process, which left CBP without a Senate-confirmed leader for five years." CBP "officials admitted during an internal meeting this past spring, that might take a generation to fix."

**ECONOMY GREW AT 3.5% RATE IN THIRD QUARTER.** The New York Times (10/31, Cohen, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that the US GDP rose at a 3.5% annual rate during the 3rd quarter, according to data released Thursday by the Department of Commerce, "offering a strong sign that the economy's plodding growth may be picking up speed." The growth "was driven in part by an unusual spurt of federal spending, concentrated in defense, combined with robust exports and investment in business equipment."

The CBS Evening News (10/30, story 6, 0:20, Pelley, 5.08M) reported, "Good news tonight on the economy" as the government said the GDP grew 3.5 percent during the 3rd quarter. That is "stronger than economists were expecting, but still a little bit slower than the 4.6 percent rate in the 2nd quarter."

Bloomberg News (10/31, Stilwell, 1.94M) says that the Q3 figure, was above economists' expectations of a 3.0 percent increase. Following the 2nd quarter's 4.6 percent rate, it caps the economy's "strongest six months in more than a decade, as gains in government spending and a shrinking trade deficit made up for a slowdown in household purchases."

USA Today (10/31, Davidson, 9.86M) reports that together, "the second and third quarters produced the best six-month stretch for the economy since 2013" and "growth has now exceeded 3% in four of the past five quarters." However, "after including the disappointing first quarter, the economy has expanded just 2% so far this year, in line with its performance for most of the 5-year-old recovery."

The Wall Street Journal (10/31, Timiraos, Morath, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) generally hails the new data as good news, but said that it suggests that there are questions about whether the strong growth can be maintained in the 4th quarter.

The Christian Science Monitor (10/30, Trumbull, 426K) reported that the GDP figure is "a sign of progress against a backdrop of concerns about slow wage growth and difficulties for the wider global economy." The CSM says that the number is also "significant because it's the final overview of the economy to come out before Americans cast ballots in elections next Tuesday."

The Los Angeles Times (10/31, Lee, 4M) reports that the economy's "resilience will be tested in the coming months." While the new report "was clearly positive," economists "at the moment see GDP growth in the last three months of the year coming in at less than 3%." The Times says that if "contributions from government spending and net exports" to the GDP "fade in the near term" from their strong Q3 levels, "that leaves consumers and businesses to pick up the slack, and their ability to do so are question marks at the moment."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the US economy remains resilient despite the heavy burdens imposed by the government. While the Journal hails the GDP numbers, it says that the Commerce report showed that private business investment remained muted, and for it to rise, Washington needs to reform.

**Stocks Up On GDP Report, Strong Corporate Earnings.** The AP (10/31) reports that the stock market climbed on Thursday "as investors were encouraged by better than expected economic growth and strong corporate earnings." The Dow Jones Industrial Average "surged" 221.11 points to 17,195.42, while the S&P 500 was up 12.35 points to 1,994.65. The Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 16.91 points to 4,566.14.

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. "The Prospect Of A Republican Senate."** In an editorial, the New York Times (10/31, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says that the intraparty flare-up regarding Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's suggestion that the ACA is unlikely to be repealed are a "pretty good indication of what life will be like in Congress" if the GOP takes the Senate. The Times says its not just that Republicans are "committed to time-wasting, obstructionist promises like repeal of health care reform," but that the party's leaders "have continually proved unable to resist pressure from the radical right."

**"Tunisia's Victory."** The New York Times (10/31, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorializes that while Tunisia "has made impressive progress," it requires "enlightened, constructive leaders and support from the West to continue" its path to a successful democracy.

**"Governor Cuomo's Power Play."** In an editorial, the New York Times (10/31, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says that in response to the Long Island Power Authority's poor performance in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Gov. Andrew Cuomo created a commission to improve the situation. However, "even before the commission got to work, it was clear that Mr. Cuomo was largely responsible for LIPA's failings, since he did not fill vacant positions on LIPA's board or appoint a permanent chief executive." With new reforms in place, Cuomo "can take some credit if the new hybrid arrangement works," but "must also accept responsibility for LIPA's failures if it doesn't."

**WASHINGTON POST. "Looking At You, Mr. Kim."** The Washington Post (10/31, 4.9M) editorializes that "no amount of damage control by North Korea" should prevent the UN Security Council from voting on the country's referral to the International Criminal Court for human rights abuses. The Post says "there is no justification for inaction."

**"Hitting The Snooze Button."**

**"For Arlington County."**

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "Hillary Rodham Warren."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that Hillary Clinton's botched comments last week about businesses not creating jobs is a sign that she is tracking her party's sharp move to the left on economic issues. However, the Journal says that Clinton will have to work hard to gloss over the relatively pro-business record amassed by her husband during his time in office.

**"Obama Belittles Israel."** The Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) editorializes the Obama Administration's public embarrassing of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon during the past week only serves to create further distance between the US and Israel and jeopardize the countries' relationship.

**"An Economy On The Verge."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the US economy remains resilient despite the heavy burdens imposed by the government. While the Journal hails the GDP numbers, it says that the Commerce report showed that private business investment remained muted, and for it to rise, Washington needs to reform.

**"David Cameron's Moral."** An editorial in the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) praises British Prime Minister David Cameron for advocating tax cuts to promote work as opposed to raising taxes to increase welfare.

**"Beijing Loses Friends On Hong Kong."** An editorial in the Wall Street Journal (10/31, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) urges China to compromise with Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement, saying the current situation will make it impossible for Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying to govern the territory.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

Judge's Ruling Preserves City Pensions

**Speakeasy Spills Secrets**

Not Going Quietly

A Rich Irony In China

U.S. Plan To Fight Militants Imperiled

**Wall Street Journal:**

US Extends Solid Growth, Sidestepping Global Tumult

Big Banks Brace For Penalties In Probes

Apple CEO Cook Is 'Proud To Be Gay'

Democrats Lose Their Grip On Voters With Keys To The House

**New York Times:**

Campaigning To Extend, Or End, One-Party Rule

Liberia's Ebola Crisis Puts President In Harsh Light

Israel To Reopen Contested Holy Site In Jerusalem

A Winding Trail For Mitch McConnell To Lead The Senate

A Visit To Madison Bumgarner Country, And A Proud Father's Home

Apple Chief Tim Cook's Coming Out: 'This Will Resonate'

**Washington Post:**

Fighters Are Still Flocking To Syria

Brookings's New Reality

Hogan Was An Insider Before He Was An Outsider

Gay CEO Pulls Apple Into Advocacy Spotlight

Is It Time To Move Tots Beyond The Nuggets

**Financial Times:**

US Shakes Off Torpor With 3.5% Growth

Shadow Banking Nears Pre-Crisis Peak

Shell Taps Ex-BofA Banker To Be New Chairman

Citigroup Takes \$600m Hit On Legal Charge

StanChart Faces US Sanctions Probe

Fed Caveats Flag Greater Uncertainty

**Washington Times:**

Airstirks In Syria Hotly Debated In White House, Benefit Assad

Republican Allies Warn Obama On Amnesty

Depserate Final Fund Please Full Of Shame

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GOP Junket To China Postposned After Protests

Ray Rice. Drug Addicts And Ebola At The Door

**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

ABC: Kansas-Plane Crash; NASA-Rocket Explosion; Hawaii Lava Flow; Severe Weather; Ebola-US Quarantines; Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Apple CEO-Sexual Orientation Announcement; Boston Mayor Death; International Gambling Ring Busted; Solar Flares.

CBS: Kansas Plane Crash; Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Midterm Elections-Chris Christie; Colorado Election; Boston Mayor Death; Economy Improvement; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Domestic Violence-Police Strategy; Apple CEO-Sexual Orientation Announcement; Bankruptcy-Stockton California.

NBC: Kansas Plane Crash; Ebola-US Quarantines; Apple CEO-Sexual Orientation Announcement; Hawaii-Lava Flow; Severe Weather; Midterm Elections; Boston Mayor Death; International Gambling Ring Busted; Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

Ebola-US Quarantines – 7 minutes, 25 seconds

Kansas Plane Crash – 6 minutes, 40 seconds

Midterm Elections – 6 minutes, 35 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

ABC: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Kansas-Plane Crash; Halloween Parade-Train Accident; Ebola-

US Nurse Quarantined.

CBS: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Ebola-Quarantined Nurse; Ebola-US Military Aid; Hawaii Lava Flow; Gerber-False Health Claims;

NPR: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Ebola-US Quarantines; Hawaii Lava Flow; California City-Debt Consolidation Plan; Washington-Boeing Plant Security; Florida A&M Former Student-Trial.

FOX: Pennsylvania Manhunt-Suspect Captured; Boeing Plant-Security; Ebola-US Quarantines; Kansas-Plane Crash.

## Washington Schedule:

### **TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

White House:

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Holds a roundtable discussion at Rhode Island College; delivers remarks at Rhode Island College; departs Rhode Island; arrives at the White House; welcomes local children and children of military families to trick-or-treat at the White House.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Meets with senior advisors; travels to San Diego; attends an event for the Democratic National Committee.

**FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA** — join the President in welcoming local children and children of military families to trick-or-treat at the White House.

**US Senate: Oct. 31 – Dec. 17. SENATE GALLERY PERIODICAL PRESS ELECTIONS** — Elections for the seven members Executive Committee of Correspondents of the Congressional Periodical Press Galleries will take place in January of 2015.

**US House: Sept. 22 – Nov. 11.** — The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

**Other: Oct. 30 – 31. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, EDA – MANUFACTURING SUMMIT** — The U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) will host a summit bringing together communities to discuss best practices for promoting American manufacturing. In May 2014, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced the 12 communities that were designated as Manufacturing Communities as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) initiative. At the IMCP Summit, representatives from each of the 12 designated communities will discuss their efforts and progress. Speakers include: Jason Miller, Deputy Director, National Economic Council and Special Assistant to the President for Manufacturing; Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce; Jay Williams, Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce for Economic Development Administration. Closing remarks and special announcement delivered by Bruce Andrews, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce 11:45 a.m. U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Bruce Andrews will make an announcement. Deputy Secretary Andrews remarks are open to the media. To RSVP, please contact Sarah Horowitz at 202-482-4883 or shorowitz@doc.gov Location: Herbert C. Hoover Federal Building Auditorium, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW.

**SAIS – FOREIGN FIGHTERS – RUSSIAN MONEY** — 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Foreign Fighters, Russian Money, & Ethnic Tensions. The Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS will host Senator Chris Murphy (D – CT) for a discussion on the need for U.S. re-engagement in the Balkans. Senator Murphy recently returned from a trip to Kosovo, Serbia, Croatia, Albania, and Montenegro, where he met with government officials, local businesses, and members of the public to discuss U.S. relations in the region. Daniel S. Hamilton, Executive Director of SAIS's Center for Transatlantic Relations will moderate the discussion. Location: Kenney Auditorium, Nitze Building, 1740 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

## Last Laughs:

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Seth Meyers:** "Apple CEO Tim Cook wrote an article this week coming out as gay and saying that he's tried to maintain a basic level of privacy. After Cook came out as gay, a member of Russian Parliament has called for him to be banned from Russia for life. At which point, everyone in Ukraine came out as gay."

**Seth Meyers:** "North Korea released photos of Kim Jong-un sitting in the cockpit of a fighter jet. Said Kim Jong-un, 'I was standing!'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Michael Bay is reportedly in talks to direct a new film about the Benghazi scandal. Said Bay, 'It will be an honest depiction of the events as they happened. Also, Hillary Clinton will be played by Megan Fox.'"

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**INTERIOR PARTNERS WITH NORTH FACE TO PROMOTE PUBLIC LANDS.** For the [Wall Street Journal](#) (11/3, Gardner, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), Ralph Gardner Jr. writes about his experience taking an adventure with North Face as part of a promotion by the company and the Interior Department to promote public lands. Under the promotion, a taxicab would take a pedestrian hailing a cab to an experience at one of three secret locations, where they'd be joined by North Face professional athletes.

**WACO MAMMOTH SITE ADVOCATES SEEK PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION.** The [Waco \(TX\) Tribune-Herald](#) (11/3, 99K) reports that "advocates of the Waco Mammoth Site have returned to Waco encouraged by two days of meetings with federal officials about making it a national monument." Now, "they're asking for the public's help to make the designation a reality." The delegation on Thursday invited NPS and Interior Department officials "to tour the site in coming months and conduct a public meeting to gauge local support for incorporating it into the National Park System by executive order."

**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS ON FEDERAL AGENCIES' GLOBAL WARMING VULNERABILITIES.** The

Washington Post (11/1, Mooney, 4.9M) reports in its "Wonkblog" that the Obama Administration on Friday "published a small library's worth of climate change documents, outlining 38 federal agencies' vulnerabilities to global warming and how they will address them – as well as a separate and even larger set of new government-wide plans to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions and achieve new targets for sustainability." The reports collectively "represent over a thousand pages of climate change threat assessment and sustainability planning by a vast federal complex that collectively operates 360,000 buildings, maintains 650,000 vehicles and spends \$25 billion on energy costs per year." In "many cases, the vulnerabilities revealed are stark," such as the Agriculture Department's projection that the acreage burned in wildfires could double by 2050.

The Hill (11/1, Barron-Lopez, 241K) reports that on Friday, "the Obama administration released thousands of pages...documenting federal agencies' vulnerabilities to climate change and what those agencies plan to do about it." Overall, "38 agencies released climate change adaptation reports and sustainability plans to address climate threats and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the federal government." The agencies "charted threats climate change may have on their operations, and crafted plans to mitigate it." Mike Boots of the White House Council on Environmental Quality said, "These agency climate plans underscore the Administration's commitment to leading by example throughout the Federal Government so we can leave behind a planet that is not polluted and damaged and protect our ability to provide the vital services American communities depend on."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS CHOCTAW SCHOOLS.** Additional coverage of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's visit to Choctaw tribal schools in Mississippi was provided by [WJTV-TV](#) Jackson, MS (11/3, 4K) and [WTVA-TV](#) Columbus, MS (11/3, 7K).

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### ***National Park Service:***

**GRAFFITI AT NATIONAL PARKS NEED PAINSTAKING REMOVAL.** The [AP](#) (10/31, Whitehurst) reports that "a series of graffiti-like paintings on rocks in national parks across the West set off a furor on social media this month, angering people who say they desecrated some of the nation's most famously picturesque landscapes." The vandalism has also "created a headache for park managers who have the delicate task of cleaning up the sites without causing further damage." NPS spokesman Jason Olson said, "They will repeat that as often as it takes until they remove all the paint or until they can't remove any more."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Post](#) (10/31, 4.9M), the [Arizona Republic](#) (10/31, 1.21M), the [Boston Herald](#) (11/3, 640K), the [Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#) (10/31, 572K), the [Denver Post](#) (11/3, 1.12M), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/31, Whitehurst, 2.47M), the [US News & World Report](#) (10/31, 661K), the [Huffington Post](#) (10/31, Whitehurst, 11.54M), [Newsday](#) (11/3, 1.38M), and [WJBK-TV](#) Detroit (11/3, 166K).

Additional coverage of the graffiti was provided by the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (11/3, 94K), the [Seattle Times](#) (11/3, 1.03M), [KSL-TV](#) Salt Lake City (11/3, 1.07M).

**YELLOWSTONE PARK CONSIDERS INCREASING BANDWIDTH.** The [AP](#) (11/3) reports that "the prospect of streaming wireless service deep inside Yellowstone National Park is re-igniting the debate over whether there should be any place off limits to technology." According to the article, "park officials are in preliminary discussions with CenturyLink about installing a \$34 million fiber-optic line through neighboring Grand Teton National Park and into Yellowstone." The article note that "the CenturyLink proposal coincides with a National Park Service campaign to 'Go Digital' ahead of its 100th anniversary in 2016."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Times](#) (11/3, Brown, 373K), the [Greenwich \(CT\) Time](#) (11/3, 18K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (11/3, 1.21M), and [ABC News](#) (11/3, 5.02M).

**CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS PRESERVED IN VIRGINIA.** The [AP](#) (11/1) reports "Virginia is celebrating the transfer of more than 125 acres of land from the Civil War Trust." Gov. Terry McAuliffe "accepted the transfer of land at Sailor's Creek Battlefield Historical State Park and High Bridge Trail State Park in Amelia and Prince Edward counties." On Saturday, the NPS and the Richmond Battlefields Association also "commemorated the transfer of 18 acres at the Cold Harbor battlefield."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Post](#) (11/1, 4.9M) and the [Houston Chronicle](#) (11/1, 2.47M).

**MARYLAND BATTLEFIELDS COMMEMORATE EMANCIPATION ANNIVERSARY.** The [AP](#) (11/1) reports that the NPS is "holding events at two Civil War battlefields to mark the 150th anniversary of the end of slavery in Maryland." The article notes that "Saturday's events include two lectures and a special exhibit at the Monocacy National Battlefield near Frederick." Also, "the Antietam National Battlefield near Sharpsburg is co-hosting a series of lectures with the Friends of Tolson Chapel."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Post](#) (11/1, 4.9M), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (11/1, 2.47M), and [WRC-TV Washington](#) (11/3, 367K).

**FLIGHT 93 CENTERS EXPECTED TO OPEN IN 2015.** The [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#) (11/3, 687K) reports that the NPS and the Friends of the Flight 93 National Memorial are "focused on completing a visitors center and a learning center, both estimated to cost a total of more than \$20 million, at the Somerset County crash site of Flight 93 during the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, officials said." According to Jeff Reinbold, superintendent of the Flight 93 National Memorial, "the construction of the two separate buildings at the crash site near Shanksville is on schedule to be completed by Sept. 11, 2015, the 14th anniversary of the attacks on the United States."

**NPS WANTS PROTECTIONS FOR HISTORIC JACKSONVILLE FORT.** The [Florida Times-Union](#) (11/1, 261K) reports that "the fate of a piece of Jacksonville history is in doubt due to the sale of land in Arlington that is home to a fort from a nearly forgotten war." The NPS "talked with a local charity for years about acquiring the property, but never closed the deal." According to the article, "the new owner, who says he didn't know the fort was there until he bought the land through a tax-deed auction, suggested land deals to leave the site undisturbed." However, "he says he'll build a house beside the fort if he can't get an agreement quickly." The NPS "doesn't want to see that happen." Barbara Goodman, superintendent of the nearby Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, said, "We believe it's an extraordinary resource that needs to be protected and we hope we are able to do that."

**NPS ASSAULT SUSPECT TO BE TRIED NEXT YEAR.** The [Eastern Arizona Courier](#) (11/3, 18K) reports that "a man accused of the attempted murder of a National Park Service employee will be tried next year, though a plea offer remains on the table." Gil Gaxiola is also "charged with attempted second-degree murder, armed robbery, three counts of aggravated assault, kidnapping, and theft of means of transportation in connection to his alleged attack on Karen Gonzales, of Willcox."

**NPS AWARDS GRANT TO CREPE MYRTLE TRAIL.** The [Alabama Live](#) (11/3, 497K) reports that "a trail that would give bicyclists and pedestrians access to an off-limits stretch of the Mobile Bay shoreline has scored some support from the National Park Service." The agency has "awarded a Rails, Trails and Conservation Assistance grant to Mobile United to develop the concept of the proposed Crepe Myrtle Trail." The NPS isn't "providing any cash, but will chip in two years of 'planning assistance' for the project, helping to establish partnerships, nail down a route and resolve obstacles."

**NPS PLANS TO OFFER BOAT RIDES THROUGH RESTORED C&O CANAL AQUEDUCT.** The [AP](#) (11/3) reports that the NPS says "it plans to offer boat rides through a restored aqueduct on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Williamsport." The NPS has "awarded a \$430,000 design contract for restoration of the Conococheague Aqueduct." According to the article, "the restoration should be finished by 2016 at a cost of \$5 million to \$6 million."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Post](#) (10/31, 4.9M) and the [Washington Times](#) (10/31, 373K).

**ALASKA OPPOSES NEW PREDATOR CONTROL RULES PROPOSED BY NPS.** [Slate Magazine](#) (10/31, Langlois, 13.66M) reports on the controversy surrounding a new rule that "would ban baiting brown bears, killing wolves and coyotes when they have pups, and killing black bears in their dens in national preserves" in Alaska. However, "that doesn't sit well with Alaskan wildlife officials." According to the article, "being told how to do their job by the National Park Service offends them."

**YELLOWSTONE TRIES ELECTROSHOCKING INVASIVE LAKE TROUT.** The [AP](#) (11/3) reports that "biologists are making their first use of electroshock in their efforts to save native cutthroat trout in Yellowstone National Park from another voracious species of trout." According to the article, "the electroshock treatment is being done to kill off lake trout that have invaded Yellowstone Lake when the unwanted fish is still spawning and in the earliest stages of its life."

**ROADS CLOSED IN GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS PARK.** The [AP](#) (11/3) reports that Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials say “most of the park’s roads will remain closed overnight because of record snow and ice.” The article notes that “some parts of the park saw record snowfall over the weekend.”

Also providing coverage are the [AP](#) (11/1) and [Reuters](#) (11/1, Ghianni).

**FALL IS MATING SEASON FOR PORCUPINES IN GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK.** The [Anchorage \(AK\) Dispatch News](#) (11/1, 146K) reports that it is mating season for the porcupines of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. Park ranger Laura Buchheit said “there have been several recent reports from community members and from her own colleagues that more porcupines are making themselves known lately than at any other time of year.” According to the article, “that is likely because it’s mating season.”

**SECOND SCENIC FLIGHT FIRM RECEIVE PERMIT TO OFFER TOURS OF TETONS.** The [AP](#) (11/3) reports that “a second commercial operation has been permitted to conduct scenic air tours based out of the Jackson Hole Airport in Grand Teton National Park.” According to the article, “for years the commercial activity was absent from the airport, but Fly Jackson Hole and now New Flight Charters are authorized to do business.”

**CONTINUING COVERAGE: NATIONAL PARKS GAUGE PUBLIC REACTION TO ITS PLANNED FEE INCREASES.** Coverage that NPS sites including Olympic National and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore are seeking public input on a proposed increases to fees was provided by the [Peninsula \(WA\) Daily News](#) (11/2, 41K) and the [MLive](#) (11/3, 660K).

#### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM UTAH STATE DIRECTOR PALMA PROFILED.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (11/3, 538K) profiles Juan Palma, the Utah state director for the BLM. The article describes him as “warm and affable,” but says “he needs all of his charm for his job, which puts him in the middle of a debate that has simmered in the West for decades.” It notes that “on one side there are proponents of land restrictions and preservation and on the other side there are opponents of federal control over the use of state lands and those who want to use it for everything from mining to recreating to ranching.” Palma said, “From my earliest days, I developed a deep appreciation of our nation’s lands. Land is one of the forces that connects us all. ... This is a wonderful endowment that we care for, for generations to come. That’s why I take this so seriously. We cannot screw it up.”

**WASHINGTON COUNTY QUESTIONS CLOSING OF RECAPTURE CANYON.** The [St. George \(UT\) News](#) (10/31, 3K) reports that “the Washington County Commission is questioning the Bureau of Land Management’s closure of Recapture Canyon in San Juan County, the BLM’s delay in reopening the canyon and calling for the immediate reopening of Recapture Canyon.” According to the article, “in a resolution passed at a special meeting this week, the commission called on the BLM to recognize San Juan County’s right of way through Recapture Canyon and immediately lift the road’s closure.” Commissioner Alan Gardner said, “It’s just typical overreach. Transferring public lands to the counties would eliminate most of the problems.”

**BLM SET TO GATHER WILD HORSES NEAR TONOPAH.** The [Pahrump \(NV\) Valley Times](#) (11/3, 23K) reports that “the Battle Mountain District, Tonopah Field Office plans to gather about 120 horses from within the Reveille Allotment and Herd Management Area located approximately 50 miles east of Tonopah to remove excess wild horses in order to maintain a thriving natural ecological balance, and ensure healthy wild horses, the office announced this week.” The gather will be conducted through a BLM “helicopter trapping contract and was scheduled to begin as early as Thursday.” According to the article, “once gathered, approximately 70 of the wild horses will be removed from the area, 60 horses will be sent to holding facilities in Ridgecrest, Calif., and about 10 horses will be offered for adoption after the gather in Tonopah on Nov. 8.”

**DEBATE OVER CONTROL OF PUBLIC LANDS CONTINUES.** In an editorial, the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (11/3, 479K) criticizes Utah’s efforts to take control of federal lands. It notes that “the state is now weighing whether to take the United States to court,” but argues that “Utah’s case is akin to flying through the eye of a needle.”

Additional coverage that “University of Utah law professors argue in a new report that there’s no legal standing for Utah to push for control over federal lands” was provided by the [Washington Times](#) (10/31, 373K).

**Sen. Heinrich Criticizes Effort To Turn Public Lands Over To States.** The [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (11/3,

234K) reports that Sen. Martin Heinrich “penned an op-ed in the New York Times last week that took aim at Republicans and conservative interest groups who advocate a return of federal lands to the states.” In a piece titled “The Land Grab Out West,” Heinrich “warned of an increasingly heated battle over ownership of America’s public lands.” Heinrich “cited as a prime example Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy’s standoff last spring with Bureau of Land Management authorities, who demanded he pay more than \$1 million in overdue grazing fees.”

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**RAZORBACK SUCKER FOUND SPAWNING IN GRAND CANYON.** The Summit County (CO) Citizens Voice (11/1, 506) reports that the endangered razorback sucker “may get a boost from the recent discovery that the fish are spawning in the Lower Colorado, specifically in Grand Canyon National Park, where they haven’t been seen since the 1960s.” According to the article, “the larval fish were detected this past spring and again in multiple samples from both April and May, confirming the occurrence of spawning and indicating that suitable habitat is available to support larger populations of this species.” Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science Anne Castle said, “The discovery that the Razorback suckers are spawning in the national park far upstream from Lake Mead is good news for this endangered species.”

**MINNESOTA ZOO HOPES TO BUTTRESS POPULATION OF BUTTERFLIES.** The Minneapolis Star Tribune (11/1, Shiffer, 1.48M) reports on “the Minnesota Zoo’s experiment to create an ‘insurance population’ of Dakota skippers” According to the article “more than 300 Dakota skipper caterpillars will spend the winter” inside a Sanyo cube refrigerator, “snuggled in paper towel beds inside plastic cups, to simulate their normal home clinging to snow-covered prairie grasses.” The article notes that “this year, the zoo and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources received a total of \$625,000 from the Minnesota Lottery’s environmental fund for the captive breeding program, increased habitat monitoring and genetics research.”

**APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR SCHOOLYARD HABITAT GRANTS.** The Minot (ND) Daily News (11/3, 61K) reports that the National Wildlife Federation’s Schoolyard Habitat Program and the FWS are “partnering with schools to establish schoolyard habitats near national wildlife refuges.” Schools can “apply for a \$2,500 grant.” According to the article, “the program’s objectives are to replicate, on a much smaller scale, the habitats found on national wildlife refuges, while creating outdoor classrooms that students and educators can build, maintain, and access throughout the year.”

**FLORIDA FISHERMAN PROTESTING CONVICTION UNDER SARBANES-OXLEY ACT.** In an overview of Supreme Court cases, the Washington Post (11/2, Barnes, 4.9M) reports that “Florida fisherman John L. Yates is becoming the face of overzealous prosecution — he is protesting his conviction under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, meant to target corporate giants such as Enron, but used against him for disposing of undersized grouper.” A FWS officer “who had boarded Yates’s vessel told him to keep what appeared to be undersized red grouper as evidence that Yates had violated commercial fishing laws.” However, “some of the fish went missing, and the government and lower courts said they met the definition of ‘tangible object.’”

**CHIPPEWA TRIBES ALLOWED TO HUNT SWANS.** The AP (11/1) reports that “members of seven Chippewa Indian tribes in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan are allowed to hunt for swans during a two-month season that started Saturday.” The article notes that “it represents the first legal swan hunt in the Mississippi Flyway and the first hunt anywhere that allows trumpeter swans to be legally killed.” According to the article, “the hunt, approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, is only allowed for tribal members and only on huntable waters across parts of east-central Minnesota, northern Wisconsin and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.”

**MEN SENTENCED IN DEER SMUGGLING CASE.** The Charlotte (NC) Observer (10/31, 572K) reports that “three Louisiana, men have been sentenced for smuggling white-tailed deer into Mississippi in violation of a law that protects the state’s deer population from chronic wasting disease.” According to the article, “the case before US District Judge Sul Ozerden in Gulfport, Mississippi, on Thursday involved the import of 52 white-tailed deer from four states to family-owned or managed property Pearl River and Lamar counties.” The article notes that “the men were charged in a 13-count indictment filed in February following investigation by the state wildlife agency and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.”

**TWO MUTILATED ALLIGATORS FOUND.** The AP (11/3) reports that “separate findings of mutilated alligators have some Palm Beach County residents puzzled.” According to the article, “a Loxahatchee man spotted a gator carcass last week in a canal near his home. It had no head, tail or front legs,” and “a second alligator was found in West Palm Beach with its head and tail chopped off.” The article notes that “the sightings came months after the US Fish and Wildlife Service approved alligator hunting for the first time at the Arthur R. Marshall



Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS SEEKS PROTECTIONS FOR SNAPPING TURTLES.** Additional coverage of the proposal by the FWS to place four kinds of freshwater turtle under the protection of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora was the [Los Angeles Times](#) (10/31, Sahagun, 4M) and the [AP](#) (11/3). Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#) (11/2, 572K), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (11/3, 2.47M), and [WTSP-TV](#) St. Petersburg, FL (11/2, 139K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SCIENTISTS WARN INFECTION THAT DEVASTATES AMPHIBIANS COULD SPREAD TO US.** Additional coverage of a fungus that attacks salamanders was provided by the [New York Times](#) (10/31, 9.9M).

**“SUE AND SETTLE” AGREEMENTS CRITICIZED.** In an op-ed for [Fox News](#) (11/2, 7.66M), William Kovacs, senior vice president for the Environment, Technology and Regulatory Affairs at the US Chamber of Commerce, criticizes “Sue and Settle agreements.” Now, Kovacs argues, the “FWS controls what is built anywhere there is an endangered species and those areas, already vast, only continue to grow.” He writes that “if this nation cannot build anything, anywhere, we will not be able to create jobs. We are at risk of creating a climate of endangered employment in many parts of the country.”

## **Securing America’s Energy Future:**

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**BLM’S FARMINGTON OFFICE ASKED TO STOP ISSUING OIL PERMITS.** The [AP](#) (11/3) reports that “environmental activists are calling on federal officials to cease giving out oil and gas drilling permits in the Farmington area until an environmental study is done.” According to the article, “WildEarth Guardians and the Western Environmental Law Center are among several organizations who voiced issues a letter sent Monday to the BLM’s Farmington Field Office about approving Mancos Shale drilling permits.” The BLM “plans to issue a formal response to a 34-page letter drafted by several environmental groups.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Times](#) (11/3, 373K), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (11/2), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (11/3, 234K), and [KOB-TV](#) Albuquerque, NM (11/3, 59K).

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO ANNOUNCE DECISION ON GUNNISON SAGE GROUSE SOON.** For the [New Republic](#) (11/2, 195K), Jeffrey Ball, scholar-in-residence at Stanford University’s Steyer-Taylor Center for Energy Policy and Finance, writes that the Obama Administration is scheduled to announce whether it will put the Gunnison sage grouse on the Endangered Species List sometime in the next two weeks. But the concern over the sage grouse is “uniting strange bedfellows who have gambled that their divergent interests all are best served if they join forces to try to protect the environment and the economy simultaneously.”

**NORTH DAKOTA TRIBE TO DRILL FIRST TRIBE-OWNED WELL.** The AP (11/2, Wood) reports that a North Dakota Indian tribe is planning to drill the first-tribe owned oil wells on its reservation next year. According to tribal councilman Ken Hall, the wells “present a huge opportunity for the tribe to get involved rather than be passive royalty owners,” although the tribe is constrained by limited land that is not already leased to companies.

**VOTE ON FRACKING BAN PROPOSAL LOOMS OVER DENTON, TX.** The AP (11/1, Schmall, 2.47M) detailed the controversy surrounding the proposed fracking ban in Denton, TX. Although “scores of cities in other states have considered similar bans over health and environmental concerns,” the Denton proposal has become “a litmus test on whether any community in Texas – the nation’s biggest oil and gas producer – can rebuff the industry and still thrive.” The Huffington Post (11/1, Meshkati, 11.54M) also reported the story.

**Denton Expecting To Face Legal Battles If Fracking Ban Passes.** In continuing coverage of the Denton, TX, fracking ban proposal, the Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram (11/1, Baker, 489K) reported that the oil and gas industry, as well as state officials and landowners are “threatening to try to block” the measures, “if voters approve it Tuesday.” Denton Mayor Chris Watts stated: “It may be just the beginning for us. The vote is not the end of the story. It may just be the beginning. It may be decided at the courthouse or at the statehouse.”

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**BOEM RELEASES ARCTIC DRILLING REVIEW.** [The Hill](#) (11/1, Barron-Lopez, 241K) reports that the Obama Administration "increased its estimates on Friday for the amount of oil that is recoverable from Arctic drilling leases sold to oil companies in 2008." Under the BOEM's "new environmental analysis, mandated by the court, the bureau proposes a new estimate of 4.3 billion barrels of oil." According to the article, "due to the increased estimate in recoverable oil, the bureau's analysis also changed its projections on the chances of oil spills." The draft report states, "There is a 75 percent chance of one or more large spills occurring."

The [AP](#) (11/3) reports that "the document was immediately panned by environmental groups that have twice successfully sued to block drilling in the Chukchi Sea." Criticism "claim federal reviewers have seriously underestimated drilling's environmental effects in a remote, harsh environment that's home to polar bears, whales, walrus and other threatened species and Native Alaskans who depend on the ocean." BOEM Acting Director Walter Cruickshank said "the document was released after 'a robust and thorough process.'"

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by [Fox Business](#) (10/31, 448K), the [Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#) (10/31, 572K), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (10/31, Joling), and [Yahoo!](#) (10/31, Joling, 65.94M) .

Also reporting on the story the [FuelFix](#) (10/31, 7K), the [National Journal](#) (11/3, Subscription Publication, 626K), the [International Business Times](#) (11/2, 655K), the [Anchorage \(AK\) Dispatch News](#) (10/31, 146K), and [KUCB-FM Unalaska, AK](#) (11/3).

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS SEEK ACCESS TO NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT MEETING ON OFFSHORE DRILLING.** The [Raleigh \(NC\) News & Observer](#) (10/31, 468K) reports that "a high-level meeting scheduled in Raleigh next week for government officials to discuss offshore drilling will be off-limits to the public and to journalists." But "as the closed-door meeting approaches, North Carolina environmental groups who hope to block offshore energy exploration are urging Gov. Pat McCrory to at least allow all stakeholders to attend and listen." According to the article, "the Nov. 6 meeting, organized by DENR, will focus on energy exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf, with a closing speech by McCrory entitled 'Responsible OCS Energy Development.'"

**ECONOMIC VALUE OF ALABAMA'S COASTLINE TOUTED.** In an op-ed for the [Gadsden \(AL\) Times](#) (11/2, 43K), John F. Floyd writes that "just recently the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management asked for public comment on opening new exploration for oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico." He notes that "from a socioeconomic standpoint, the beaches of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores provide thousands of jobs for Alabamians." According to Floyd, "recreational fishing and boating are among the best anywhere." He asserts that "the beaches of Alabama are truly one of the jewels in Alabama's crown."

## Tackling America's Water Challenges:

**BOR LOOKING TO SELL STOCKPILE OF WATER CREDITS.** The [Arizona Public Media](#) (10/31, 2K) reports that the BOR is "looking to sell its stockpile of credits for water held in the Tucson area." According to the article, "one group the bureau hopes to catch the interest of is the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District, which is responsible for ensuring the state's groundwater is not depleted too rapidly." Lawrence Marquez, spokesman for BOR, said, "[The district] actively go[es] out looking to purchase credit. In most cases, I don't think they even look to recover those credits. They would basically just keep them in the bank as a part of their attempt to balance the groundwater withdrawals."

**NEW AREA MANAGER FOR BOR'S WYOMING-AREA OFFICE NAMED.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (11/3, 236K) reports that "Carlie Ronca has been named area manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Wyoming-area office."

**CALIFORNIA VOTERS URGED TO PASS WATER BOND MUST.** In his column for the [Modesto \(CA\) Bee](#) (11/3, 174K), Mike Dunbar writes in support of California's Proposition 1 ballot measure. According to Dunbar, if it doesn't pass, "then the people who have targeted 'our' water – the Tuolumne, Merced and Stanislaus rivers – will become even more desperate to get it." He concludes that "with the water bond, we have a fighting chance to keep more of our rivers in our reservoirs," but "without it, it will be a much tougher fight."

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES ON TRIBAL RECOGNITION HAS COMMUNITIES CONCERNED.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (11/2, Halper, 4M) reports that proposed changes to federal rules governing recognition of

Native American tribes has “caused near panic in communities from Napa to the coast of Connecticut, prompting state and local officials to implore the administration to reconsider.” The article notes that “the politics involved are complicated for President Obama, whose advocacy on behalf of Native Americans has earned him broad support on the reservations but who risks irritating longtime Democratic allies.” Kevin K. Washburn, the Interior Department’s assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, said, “The facts are the facts. If there is a legitimate group that has been an Indian tribe throughout time and they can meet our very rigorous criteria, they deserve to be recognized.” But “just how rigorous those criteria should be is at the heart of the current debate.”

**Connecticut Criticized For “Discriminating” Against Natives.** For the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (11/2, 78K), Chief Quiet Hawk (Aurelius Piper Jr.), who represents the Golden Hill Paugussetts, criticizes “the State of Connecticut’s continued discrimination against state-recognized Indian Tribes when those Tribes continue to struggle to gain recognition by the US Government.” According to Hawk, “Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Gov. Dannel Malloy and small army of elected officials insist that the federal recognition process is broken only when Connecticut Tribes manage to somehow overcome the BIA’s Byzantine complexity.”

**FORMER TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIR SEEKS WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION.** The [Havre \(MT\) Daily News](#) (10/31, 11K) reports that “Ken Blatt St. Marks, the deposed chair of the Rocky Boy tribal council, asked” Rep. Steve Daines’ “support in winning Whistleblower protection from the federal Interior Department” on Thursday. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “has on her desk the decree that would give St. Marks Whistleblower status and would enable him to get his job back as tribal council chair.”

**MONTANANS REMINDED OF LEGACY OF ELOUISE COBELL.** The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (11/2, 77K) reports that “as settlement checks arrived across Indian County and the University of Montana dedicated the new Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute in Missoula this fall, Montanans have been reminded again of the legacy of Elouise Cobell and her unyielding pursuit of justice.” According to the article, “after a hard-fought 15 years, the lawsuit reached a \$3.4 billion settlement, the largest class-action award in American history.” The article notes that “the settlement included payments to hundreds of thousands of individuals and a \$1.9 billion land buy-back program, which will put land back into tribal hands.”

## Top National News:

**OBAMA’S POOR POLL NUMBERS IN SPOTLIGHT A DAY AHEAD OF MIDTERMS.** New polls were released this weekend confirming that Republicans have an excellent chance of taking control of the Senate, and media analyses of national political trends continue to put the blame for the Democrats’ anticipated losses at the feet of President Obama. On ABC World News (11/2, story 6, 1:25, Vega, 5.84M), for example, Cecelia Vega asked White House correspondent Jonathan Karl if the President is “helping” or “hurting” Democrats. Karl replied, “It is pretty clear he has been hurting.” Karl noted that in a new ABC News/Washington Post poll, “a majority say he is simply not a good manager, not a strong leader.” ABC News (11/3, 5.02M) also has an online piece detailing that poll’s findings under the headline, “Obama Hits Career Lows In Favorability, Empathy.”

Reuters (11/3, Holland) titles its midterm preview: “Republicans Poised To Ride Obama’s Unpopularity To Gains In US Elections,” and Glenn Thrush and Carrie Budoff Brown of Politico (11/2, 977K) say the President has been “relegated to a sidelined pariah in the midterms.” The AP (11/3, Peoples) reported that over the weekend, “GOP officials...seized on the president’s low approval ratings, which have overshadowed [the] election season,” while the President “has avoided the nation’s most competitive contests.” The AP notes that, on the other hand, former Secretary of State Clinton closed out the campaign season in New Hampshire for Gov. Maggie Hassan and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen.

The welcome given to the Clintons in states where the President has been absent continues to get widespread coverage. On NBC Nightly News (11/2, story 4, 2:40, Holt, 7.86M), Kelly O’Donnell reported that on Sunday, the President was “on friendly turf for the Democratic Party...but trying to save Senate control for Democrats, it has been the Clintons who have been in high demand.” McClatchy (11/2, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that “in recent weeks, Clinton has hit the campaign trail for Democrats running in tough races across from the nation, including Colorado, Kentucky and North Carolina, states where her former boss...is unpopular and unwanted.” In a report titled, “Running From Obama, Mary Landrieu Embraces Hillary Clinton,” the Huffington Post (11/2, Sledge, 11.54M) says that in Louisiana, “the poll numbers look grim” for Sen. Mary Landrieu and “the blame lies in part with Obama, who is deeply unpopular among Louisiana voters.”

According to CNN (11/3, Liptak, Koran, 14.29M), the President’s “diminished presence in 2014 amounted mostly to headlining high-dollar fundraisers in wealthy neighborhoods, mostly on the coasts,” while “Democrats have

distanced themselves from his policies.”

E.J. Dionne, in his column for the Washington Post (11/3, 4.9M), says the President “has always been right that joining the fray requires a great deal of hope.” And, according to Dionne, “There should be no doubt that Republicans immediately saw the threat of what Sarah Palin came to call the ‘hopey-changey stuff’ and set out from the start to foil Obama and disappoint his optimistic expectations of harmony.”

***In Connecticut And Pennsylvania, Obama Encourages African-Americans To Vote.*** Coverage of President Obama’s campaign appearances on Sunday emphasizes his absence from states with contested Senate races, as well as the President’s focus on exhorting African-Americans to vote. Politico (11/2, 977K) reported that the President “is not expected to leave Washington to campaign on Monday or Tuesday, but is expected to follow the precedent he’s set on other Election Days — a media blitz to get out the vote, especially among African Americans and young people.”

In an article titled, “Obama Lending Support, But Only In Friendly Territory,” the New York Times (11/3, A14, Davis, Mueller, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that in Philadelphia on Sunday, the President was “campaigning before a mostly African-American crowd for Tom Wolf, the Democrat with a substantial lead in his race against” Gov. Tom Corbett (R), and “pleaded with his supporters to turn out on Election Day.”

The AP (11/3, Kuhnenn) reports that the President also traveled to Connecticut on Sunday “seeking to mobilize his election coalition of young people, African-Americans, women and Latinos.” According to the AP, the President “relied on the old rallying cries...that branded his 2008 and 2012 contests.” The AP adds that this weekend’s appearances in Connecticut and Pennsylvania “highlighted competing pressures on the president as he balances his unpopularity in states where Democrats face tough Republican challenges and the need for Democrats to energize crucial elements of their voting bloc.” Likewise, Bloomberg (11/2, Olorunnipa, 2.95M) says the fact that the President “spent his final day on the campaign trail in states that don’t have competitive Senate races underscores the limits of his political power as he battles low poll numbers.”

Charles Blow, in his column for the New York Times (11/3, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), says the President is “playing to...black folks in a last-ditch effort to help Democrats maintain Senate control,” and “has been making direct appeals to this group on black radio stations across the country.” The Washington Post (11/3, Fahrenthold, Lowery, Izadi, 4.9M) describes efforts by the leaders of a Baptist church in Charlotte, North Carolina to get their parishioners to vote, and reports that “black turnout is vital to the hopes of Democrats like North Carolina Sen. Kay Hagan struggling to hold their seats on Election Day.” According to the Post, “Democrats in Southern states spent Sunday visiting majority-black churches, where ministers and guest speakers pressed the congregations to vote.”

The Washington Post (11/3, Phillip, 4.9M) describes Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy as “one of the few Democrats running this cycle who could stand to benefit from his help.” But the Post notes that the timing of the visit, which was rescheduled from a month ago, means that “the stakes were higher,” and the President “could be seen as either boosting Malloy to victory or helping to keep him down by appearing by his side in the campaign’s final stretch.”

CNN (11/3, Liptak, Koran, 14.29M) reported that on Saturday in Detroit, the President “urgently worked to persuade black voters there to rally behind Gary Peters, a Democratic Senate candidate who polls show is running well ahead of his GOP rival.” According to CNN, the President’s “message” for “the largely African-American crowd” was “get out and vote,” and he “reiterated that theme in Connecticut.”

The AP (11/3, Levy, 59K) reports that in an appearance that was meant to “stoke turnout in Pennsylvania’s liberal bastion,” President Obama appeared in Philadelphia, where he “cast” the race between Corbett and Wolf “as a choice between trickle-down economics and policies that strengthen the middle class.” However, the AP says Pennsylvania Republicans “seemed equally as pleased to see Obama, aggressively attacking him in a fresh campaign ad as Wolf’s running mate.”

The Connecticut Post (11/3, Vigdor, Dixon, 291K) reports that the “rematch between Malloy and Republican businessman and former ambassador Tom Foley...could hinge on the Democratic powerhouse of Bridgeport” where “a ballot shortage and voting irregularities stirred controversy” in 2010 as Malloy beat Foley by “less than one-half of 1 percent.” The Post notes that on Sunday, Malloy “took several major swipes at Foley, an investor who in recent years paid no federal income tax, and declined to release copies of his state tax returns.” The Hartford (CT) Courant (11/3, 554K) reported that on Sunday, independent gubernatorial candidate Joseph Visconti “abruptly dropped out of the race” and endorsed Foley. The Courant notes that a PPP poll released on





The Washington Times (11/3, Althoff, 373K) reported that “in a final fundraising appeal,” House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi “warned that the election could be a ‘catastrophe’ for Democrats,” and “that the GOP is poised to have the greatest majority in the House since President Herbert Hoover was in the White House over 80 years ago.”

***GOP Has Slim Lead Among “Likely Voters” Nationally.*** The Wall Street Journal (11/3, O’Connor, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that in a new WSJournal/NBC News poll of likely voters, 46% said they would rather have Congress run by Republicans, while 45% incidental that they wanted Democrats to control the legislative branch. The Journal points out that on the eve of the 2010 midterms, the GOP had a 6% advantage.

On NBC Nightly News (11/2, story 5, 1:25, Holt, 7.86M), Chuck Todd said the new NBC News/WSJournal poll found that voters are most concerned with “domestic issues like the economy, healthcare, Social Security and Medicare.” John Harwood of the New York Times (11/3, Harwood, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) emphasizes that “voters now tell pollsters that they trust Republicans more than Democrats on the economy as well as on foreign policy.”

***Case Made For Canceling Midterm Elections.*** In an op-ed for the New York Times (11/3, Schanzer, Sullivan, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) titled, “Cancel The Midterms,” David Schanzer, a professor of public policy at Duke, and Duke student Jay Sullivan argue that “the two-year cycle isn’t just unnecessary; it’s harmful to American politics.”

**POLL: 71% SUPPORT 21-DAY QUARANTINE FOR VOLUNTEERS RETURNING FROM EBOLA ZONE.** NBC News (11/3, Dann, 3.76M) reports on a joint poll by NBC News and the Wall Street Journal that found that 71% of survey respondents believe healthcare workers returning from the Ebola zone to the US should go through a 21-day quarantine. The poll found that Republicans were 85% of the time in agreement with enforcement of quarantines, compared to 60% of Democrats. Among the elderly, 90% agreed with the policy, while in the 18-34 age group, two thirds agreed.

The Wall Street Journal (11/3, Tracy, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) also reports on the poll, noting the respondents were all registered voters who answered the survey between Thursday and Saturday. The Journal also adds that only 6% responded that Ebola was a first or second highest priority issue when deciding on who to vote for. The Journal notes that Ambassador Samantha Power said on CBS on Sunday that US policies toward healthcare workers should “make sure we incentivize these extraordinary individuals” and “treat them with great respect and admiration.”

***Nurse Defends Her Opposition To Ebola Quarantines.*** In an exclusive interview on NBC’s Meet the Press (11/2, Todd, 3.08M), Kaci Hickox, who returned from Sierra Leone last month and has since become a prominent figure in the Ebola quarantine policy debate, defended her opposition to being quarantined, stating, “My goal was to make sure that we are talking about science and not politics. ... I think all of the scientific, medical, and public health community agreed with [my effort to challenge the quarantine]. I’m really glad that the judge also agreed, looking at the law. ... This is a terrific win for healthcare workers. Their voices need to be heard in this debate. It should not be the politicians. It should be the medical community.”

USA Today (11/3, Bacon, 9.86M) also reports on Hickox’s appearance on NBC’s Meet the Press to discuss her experience. Hickox challenged the mandatory quarantine placed on her by the state and won the court order, though she explained she still plans to spend the remainder of her 21-day period away from public places. She has received visitors, though, saying, “I have had a few friends come visit me in my home and that’s absolutely fantastic.” District Court Judge Charles LaVerdiere blocked the quarantine, though Hickox will still monitor her temperature, notify officials if she develops symptoms, and communicate any travel plans with public health authorities.

Also covering Hickox’s Sunday interview on “Meet the Press”, The Hill (11/2, Becker, 241K) notes that the nurse gave her opinion of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, saying his decision to place Hickox in mandatory quarantine upon her arrival to the US was not made out of “an abundance of caution,” but “an abundance of politics.” Hickox added, “I think the scientific and medical and public health community agrees with me on that statement.”

The Portland (ME) Press Herald (11/3, Richardson, 140K) reports on an interview by the Maine Sunday Telegram with nurse Hickox. In the interview on Saturday, Hickox said about her role as a quarantine policy opponent, “I didn’t mean to bring this media storm onto this community, either, but I think unfortunately

sometimes, especially when up against governors, you don't always have an option," adding, "I don't feel like I was given an option."

**Paul, Cardin Weigh In.** With the midterm elections looming, the controversy surrounding Kaci Hickox, the nurse who successfully defied her Ebola quarantine in Maine, was mentioned only briefly by a few commentators during the Sunday morning talk shows. Those officials who weighed in on the controversy either discussed the merits of voluntary and mandatory quarantines or tied the issue to the US response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Regarding the quarantines imposed in the US, Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) stated on CNN's State Of The Union with Candy Crowley (11/2, 420K), "I think there are reasonable precautions. I also think the Federal government should have stepped in [earlier] to impose some travel restrictions [and established] a uniform way of accepting people back into the US. Are we proud of nurses and doctors who risk their lives to treat people in West Africa? Absolutely. ... We have to be careful of people's civil liberties, but the government has a role in trying to prevent contagion. The Libertarian in me says, if [nurse Kaci Hickcox] is going to be confined, she should have the right to file a writ of habeas corpus [to challenge her quarantine]. ... Ideally, she would want to [quarantine] herself voluntarily."

On CBS' Face The Nation (11/2, Schieffer, 2.64M), Paul stated: "I think President Obama's biggest mistake was saying, 'Oh, it's no big deal. You can't catch it if you're sitting on the bus with somebody.' Apparently, you can be in the intensive care unit – gloved, gowned and masked – and still get it. Ebola is very contagious when someone's sick. ... The American public sees people who are getting infected, who are fully masked and gowned, and they are saying, 'My goodness, I don't think anybody should be riding on a bus or coming from Liberia to visit their aunt or uncle when they could be contagious.' ... I don't think it's out of the ordinary for government to be involved in [controlling the spread of infectious diseases]."

On Fox News Sunday (11/2, Wallace), Senate Foreign Relations Committee member Ben Cardin (D-MD) talked about the US response to Ebola in West Africa, stating: "We do believe that we have responsibilities. With Ebola, we are seeing that the United States is leading not only in making sure our homeland is safe, but also dealing with the core of the problems in Africa. ... I think the American people understand that, and appreciate the fact that Americans' leadership has made a huge difference on these global issues."

**RICHMOND FEDERAL RESERVE PRESIDENT WEIGHS IN ON US ECONOMY.** On Fox News Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo (11/2, Bartiromo), Richmond Federal Reserve president Jeffrey Lacker, said, "Given the economic challenges we faced, I think this economy has turned in an excellent performance. This is the sixth year of our recovery. We've grown at about a 2.25% in an annual rate, unemployment rate has come down from 10% to 5.9%, and inflation is low and not a problem. I think it will continue at about that pace and I think we're poised for growth ahead."

**Lacker: Market Discipline Needed To Fully Restore Banking System.** When asked if the banking industry is "too big to fail," Lacker said on Fox News Sunday Morning Futures with Maria Bartiromo (11/2), "That's a good question. I think it remains to be seen. We've done a lot. Dodd-Frank required a lot of things and we implemented a lot of those. ... We need to get to the point where we can credibly choose bankruptcy rather than bailouts for these large institutions. Until we get to that point, we won't have the strong incentives that competitive market forces can provide to force institutions to manage risk more soundly. We're doing that on the regulatory side, but we need help from market discipline to get the banking system back to where it needs to be."

**Home Sales At Their Highest Level This Year.** Cecilia Vega reported on ABC World News (11/2, story 7, 2:05, Vega, 5.84M) that home sales have jumped "to the highest point all year."

**Krugman: Business Leaders Not Best Source Of Advice On Fixing The Economy.** In his column for the New York Times (11/3, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), Paul Krugman takes issue with "the belief that if you want to fix an ailing economy, you should turn to people who have been successful in business, like leaders of major corporations, entrepreneurs and wealthy investors," noting that business leaders "often give remarkably bad economic advice, especially in troubled times. Krugman notes that "a country is not a company," adding that national economic policy "needs to take into account kinds of feedback that rarely matter in business life." A successful businessperson, he argues, "sees the troubled economy as something like a troubled company, which needs to cut costs and become competitive," but "cutting wages and spending in a depressed economy just aggravates the real problem, which is inadequate demand."

**Melloan: Fed Policy Has Discouraged Savings, Encouraged Borrowing.** In his column for the Wall Street Journal (11/3, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), George Melloan writes that by keeping interest rates artificially low, the Fed has discouraged savings and encouraged borrowing, and argues that interest rates should be allowed to increase to better balance saving and borrowing.

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. "A Prisoner Swap With Cuba."** In an editorial, the New York Times (11/3, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says the Cuban government's continued imprisonment of Alan Gross is "the chief obstacle to a diplomatic breakthrough," and argues that the Obama Administration "should swap him for three convicted Cuban spies who have served more than 16 years in federal prison." Noting that the President "would need to commute the men's sentences," the Times says the action "would be justified considering the lengthy time they have served, the troubling questions about the fairness of their trial, and the potential diplomatic payoff in clearing the way toward a new bilateral relationship."

**"Money And Judges, A Bad Mix."** The New York Times (11/3, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorializes that "more money than ever is being spent to elect judges – or toss them out," and notes that nearly \$25 million "was spent by outside groups alone in the 2011-12 election cycle, almost seven times the amount in 2000." The Times argues that if the judicial branch "is to be a meaningful check on the other branches of government, it needs to be insulated as much as possible from the normal political pressures that pervade those branches," but the "evidence is growing that whatever distinction survives is becoming harder to maintain with every dollar spent."

**"Falling Short On Concussion Warnings."** A New York Times (11/3, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorial that more than four years after the NCAA required member colleges "to have a concussion management plan mandating that any athlete showing signs of a concussion be removed from practice or competition," some universities "are still not doing enough to protect athletes." The Times argues that the NCAA shares some of the blame "for offering minimal guidance — on how to educate athletes, for instance — and for failing to outline consequences for noncompliant programs."

**WASHINGTON POST. "The Facts On Sexual Assault."** The Washington Post (11/3, 4.9M) editorializes that the findings by a survey at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) "that nearly 17 percent of undergraduate women experienced sexual assault were consistent with other national studies and underscored yet again the serious problem this issue poses for colleges and universities." MIT, by "undertaking such a detailed fact-finding mission – and publishing the results," has "has signaled that it is serious about finding solutions, and it offered a model that other institutions would do well to emulate." The Post notes that MIT "is not alone in its proactive approach; the University of Maryland at College Park, for example, last month adopted a new sexual misconduct policy, and that's encouraging." The Post notes that these efforts suggest that "after years of turning a blind eye to a widespread problem, schools are finally paying attention and taking needed action."

**"Confronting Burma."** In an editorial, the Washington Post (11/3, 4.9M) says that because the Obama Administration "was so eager to declare victory and end sanctions on Burma's economy...U.S. leverage now is more limited than it should be," and while the US has sought to "accentuate the positive, there have been serious setbacks for ethnic tolerance, free expression and political plurality." The Post argues that when the President visits Burma for a regional summit later this month, he "must acknowledge the nation's leadership and military are sliding backward."

**"Ballot Questions in Md. And Pr. George's."** An editorial in the Washington Post (11/3, 4.9M) expresses support for Maryland Ballot Question 1, which would establish a "lockbox on the state's Transportation Trust Fund" and "furnish the governor and state lawmakers with a key to open it in case of dire circumstances." The Post also voices its support for a ballot question in Prince George's County, Maryland on "whether to extend the current two-term (eight-year) limit for the county executive and members of the County Council to three terms, or 12 years."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "Tax Hike Election Reckoning."** The Wall Street Journal (11/3, Subscription Publication, 5.62M), in an editorial, says Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy has been hurt by opposition to 77 tax increases that have been approved since he became governor.

**"Inevitable Space Failures."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/3, Subscription Publication, 5.62M)



says that the recent failures of private space programs, namely the crash of the Virgin Galactic vehicle and the explosion of the Orbital Sciences cargo rocket, don't diminish the bright future of private space activity. The Journal says that such enterprises are fraught with risk, and that the government should let it continue to work out its issues.

**"The Run On The Ruble."** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/3, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that along with the drop in oil prices, the international sanctions on Russia are forcing down Russia's ruble. It's down 22% this year against the dollar, and if it continues, it could cause mayhem in the Russian economy. The Journal says that the early success of the sanctions suggests that the West should continue to tighten the screws.

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Private Space Flights' Cloudy Outlook

'Walk For Your Life'

Anger May Bring Out Voters

Iraq Troops Doubt Own Army Despite US Training, Aid They Were Driven To Obsession

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Voters Favor GOP By Slim Margin For Control Of Congress

Big Oil Feels Need To Get Smaller

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Virgin Galactic Crash Probe Focuses On Possible Structural Failure

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One Day In An Elevator With Obama, Then Out Of A Job

Senate Control May Be Decided By Runoff Votes

A Flood Of Late Spending On Midterm Elections, From Murky Sources

Iraqis Prepare ISIS Offensive, With US Help

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#### ***Washington Post:***

In Alabama, Race Again At Heart Of Voting Rights Debate — But With Twist

US-Backed Syria Rebels Routed By Fighters Linked To Al-Qaeda

Cruz Aims To Take On Obama If GOP Wins Senate; Won't Vow Support For McConnell

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#### ***Financial Times:***

UN Says Climate Moves Need Not Dent Growth

UK Bank Turns Gatekeeper As It Agrees To Give Police Advice On Financial Crime

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Hagel Defends General's Doctored Resume

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#### ***Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:***

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CBS: Preempted by sports.

NBC: Severe Weather; Virgin Galactic Rocket Crash; United Nations-Climate Change Report; Midterm

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### **Network TV At A Glance:**

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Virgin Galactic-Rocket Crash – 4 minutes, 35 seconds

### **Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

ABC: Severe Weather; Virgin Galactic-Rocket Crash; Canada Forces-ISIS Fight; Midterm Elections.

CBS: Brain Cancer Patient-Right To Die; Virgin Galactic Rocket Crash Investigation; Midterm Elections-President Obama; Midterm Elections-Iowa; Severe Weather.

NPR: Midterm Elections; Pakistan-Suicide Bombing; Netanyahu-Holy Land Comments; Maine-Deadly Fire; Former Boston Mayor-Memorial; Obama Campaign Trip-Plane Problem; Pierce Manufacturing-Fire Truck Recall.

FOX: Midterm Elections-President Obama; Midterm Elections-Iowa; Ebola-North Carolina Possible Case; Washington Redskins-Bus Collision.

## **Washington Schedule:**

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**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Meets with Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen to discuss the long-term outlook for the American economy and the global recovery.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — No scheduled events.

**FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA** — Holds a Get Out The Vote rally for the Brown-Ulman team at the Way Memorial Building in Baltimore.

**US Senate: Oct. 31 – Dec. 17. SENATE GALLERY PERIODICAL PRESS ELECTIONS** — Elections for the seven members Executive Committee of Correspondents of the Congressional Periodical Press Galleries will take place in January of 2015. Nominating petitions are being accepted now through 5:00 PM Wednesday, December 17, 2014 by Senate Periodical Gallery Director Edward V. Pesce. Contact Edward V. Pesce at 202-224-0265 for instructions and blank nominating petitions.

**US House: The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.**

**Other: Nov. 3 – 4. AICPA NATIONAL TAX CONFERENCE** — IRS officials, including the IRS Commissioner, two IRS operating division heads, and the IRS Taxpayer Advocate, will offer insights about preparations for the 2015 tax filing season at the American Institute of CPAs tax conference. Participants include: John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Washington, D.C.; Debra Holland, Commissioner, Wage and Investment Division, IRS, Washington, D.C.; Karen Schiller, Commissioner, Small Business/Self-Employed Division, IRS, Washington, D.C.; Sergio Arellano, Acting Deputy Commissioner (Domestic), Large Business and International Division, IRS, Washington, D.C.; Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS, Washington, D.C.; Martin L. Pippins, Director, Customer Service and Stakeholder Relations, Affordable Care Act Office, IRS, Washington, D.C.; James P. Clifford, Director, Accounts Management, Wage and Investment Division, IRS, Atlanta, Ga. Lee Martin, Deputy Director, Office of Professional Responsibility, IRS, Washington, D.C.; Adrienne M. Mikolashek, Passthroughs and Special Industries Division, Office of Chief Counsel, IRS, Washington, D.C.; Kevin Knopf, Senior Technician Reviewer, Office of Chief Counsel, Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division, Health and Welfare, IRS, Washington, D.C.; Karen McAfee, Chief Tax Counsel, Minority, House Ways and Means Committee, Washington, D.C.; Mark Prater, Deputy Staff Director and Chief Tax Counsel, Minority, Senate Finance Committee, Washington, D.C.; J. Todd Metcalf, Chief Tax Counsel, Senate Finance Committee, Washington, D.C. <http://www.aicpa.org/Pages/default.aspx> Location: Washington Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Road, N.W and online.

**ELLIOTT SCHOOL – THOMAS-GREENFIELD** — 5:30 p.m. "The U.S.-Africa Summit – Next Steps" with Linda Thomas-Greenfield Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, U.S. Department of State. Chair:

Ambassador George Moose, Adjunct Professor of International Affairs, GW; Former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs (1993-97). Location: The Elliott School of International Affairs, Lindner Family Commons, Room 602, 1957 E St. NW.

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**Jimmy Fallon:** "And now health officials in countries affected by Ebola are encouraging people to stop shaking hands and instead, give an Ebola handshake. Which is, which is when you bump elbows with someone, which would be a great idea if they hadn't spent the past five years telling us to sneeze into our elbows!"

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**IDAHO CONFERENCE SEEKS SOLUTIONS FOR SAGE GROUSE.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports "some of the nation's top public lands officials and rangeland scientists have gathered in Boise to try to figure out what can be done to avoid a listing of the sage grouse on the federal Endangered Species Act." According to the article, "the three-day conference, called The Next Steppe: Sage-grouse and Rangeland Wildfire in the Great Basin, opened Wednesday with keynote remarks" by Mike Connor, deputy secretary of the Interior Department. Connor said, "Just seeing this grow from primarily a federal agency discussion to a broad-based, diverse level of participation from states and local communities is very encouraging, because that diversity of participation is what we're going to need to make progress over the next year on an important set of issues."

Also, the [Idaho Statesman](#) (11/5, 150K) reports that the conference "opened Wednesday with remarks from US Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe and US Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Komze." The article notes that "early remarks focused on finding collaboration among federal, state and private entities as massive wildfires and invasive species threaten a fragmented sage grouse habitat."

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [Washington Times](#) (11/6, Ridler), the [Houston Chronicle](#) (11/6, Ridler, 2.47M), the [Twin Falls \(ID\) Times-News](#) (11/6, 54K), the [Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#) (11/6, 1.06M), the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (11/6, 2.24M), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (11/5, 169K), [KSL-TV Salt Lake City](#) (11/6, 1.07M), and [KIVI-TV Boise, ID](#) (11/6, 861).

**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS CHOCTAW TRIBAL SCHOOLS.** The [Neshoba \(MS\) Democrat](#) (11/6, 21K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell took a tour of the Choctaw Indian Reservation on October 29. She was joined by Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn and Bureau of Indian Education Director Dr. Charles 'Monty' Roessel "to tour the three facilities and discuss ongoing Indian education reform initiatives." According to the article, "in a press conference at the end of the visit, Jewell said the Choctaw school system functioning at such a high level can be used as a model to other Tribal school systems that are struggling." She "identified the involvement of Tribal leadership as something that puts them ahead of the pack." Jewell said, "We got a challenge in Indian education across the country. We under-perform other students, part of my job as Secretary of the Interior is overseeing the bureau of Indian education. We're reforming it, because it's not working well for Indian children, but right here in Mississippi we see a really highly functional school system, we see tribal leadership with the chief engaged deeply in the schools, the school system and the future for these kids and we know that there are lessons that we can learn here, that we can apply elsewhere to Indian country but we also know that there are things that the tribe needs from us to a better job in supporting their needs, so that's why we're here."

**INTERIOR AWARDS GRANTS TO LGBT HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SITES.** The [Out In Jersey](#) (11/6, 104) reports that the NPS has "given a \$49,999 grant to the LGBT Sites in New York City Project, which seeks to survey and document 'historic and cultural sites associated with LGBT heritage' in the five boroughs." Also, "a second grant for \$25,000 was given to the LGBT Heritage of Kentucky Project, a group supporting the addition of Louisville's Henry Clay Hotel and the Whiskey Row Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, "Our American heritage is a tapestry made up of threads from many nations and communities, and we are working with public and private partners to help ensure that our National Register of Historic Places reflects this remarkable diversity."

**US WATER USE DROPS TO LOWEST LEVEL IN 40 YEARS.** The [Environment News Network](#) (11/6, 260) reports that "water use across the country reached its lowest recorded level in nearly 45 years." According to a new USGS report, "about 355 billion gallons of water per day (Bgal/d) were withdrawn for use in the entire United States during 2010." The article notes that "this represents a 13 percent reduction of water use from 2005 when about 410 Bgal/d were withdrawn and the lowest level since before 1970." Mike Connor, deputy secretary of the Interior, said, "Reaching this 45-year low shows the positive trends in conservation that stem from improvements in water-use technologies and management. Even as the US population continues to grow, people are learning to be more water conscious and do their part to help sustain the limited freshwater resources in the country."

Also reporting on the story is the [Huffington Post](#) (11/6, Gleick, 11.54M).

**SECRETARY JEWELL TO ATTEND WORLD PARKS CONGRESS.** The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (11/6, 20K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will be "in Sydney attending the World Parks Congress."

**SEN. MURKOWSKI POISED TO REINS OF SENATE ENERGY.** The [Washington Examiner](#) (11/6, 346K) reports that "with Republicans taking control of the Senate on Tuesday, Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma are now in line to hold committee chairmanships in the upper chamber." Murkowski has "largely laid out her policy agenda for the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in a 121-page report she titled 'Energy 2020.'" The article notes that "chief among her policy aims will be expanding oil and gas drilling in federal onshore and offshore lands, including the Arctic."

The [New York Times](#) (11/5, Schwartz, Krauss, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that Murkowski and "other Republicans also oppose any new stringent rules governing hydraulic fracturing in shale oil and gas fields." According to the article, "they may also try to obstruct or weaken any Interior Department actions to use the Endangered Species Act to slow drilling and other energy development."

The [Hill](#) (11/6, Barron-Lopez, 241K) reports that "Murkowski's new power will allow her to fight for a proposed Alaskan road through a federal wildlife refuge."

Also providing coverage are the [Washington Examiner](#) (11/6, 346K), the [Anchorage \(AK\) Dispatch News](#) (11/5, 146K), the [FuelFix](#) (11/5, 7K), and [Reuters](#) (11/6).

**PROFESSOR CLAIMS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CAN RESTORE HAWAII KINGDOM.** The [Examiner](#) (11/6, 1.01M) reports that “a video was released today of a lecture by Professor Francis Boyle where he advocated that Kanaka Maoli (indigenous Hawaiians) go to a proposed 2015 Constitutional Convention to restore the Kingdom of Hawaii.” According to the article, “the lecture was sponsored by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and contains Boyles’ current analysis of the overthrown Kingdom’s status under international law.” Boyle, a professor of international law at the University of Illinois College of Law, “claims that US Federal and State control over the Hawaiian Islands are little more than military and civilian facets of an illegal occupation regime that has not extinguished the sovereignty of the Hawaii Kingdom despite over a century of US rule.”

Also providing coverage is the [Scoop](#) (11/6, 1K).

**CONGRESS URGED TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS.** Roll Call (11/6, Subscription Publication, 90K), Dave Richins, a city council member from Mesa, Arizona, writes that “whatever the next Congress brings us, let’s hope it brings a fresh perspective on how to balance the management of our public lands, and a renewed push to actually get things done.” He argues that “whether we’re talking about congressional action on public land conservation, public/private partnerships, or community investments that a private company like Resolution Copper makes, outdoor recreation is a leading economic driver in today’s American West, and the 114th Congress should remember that when they get to work next year.”

## **America’s Great Outdoors:**

### ***National Park Service:***

**FBI INVESTIGATING EXPLOSIVE DEVICE FOUND AT NATIONAL PARK IN GEORGIA.** The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (11/6, Stevens, 1.21M) reports that the FBI is searching for evidence after a backpack containing explosive materials was found at the Vickery Creek Park in Roswell, Georgia. According to an FBI spokesman, the backpack was found Tuesday by “A mother and daughter walking in the park” who then contacted authorities. The Cobb County police bomb squad responded to the scene and the items were detonated, according to police. .

WXIA-TV Atlanta (11/5, 42K) reports on its website that the FBI was called into the investigation because “Vickery Creek Trail is a national park.” The FBI spokesman said that the backpacks contents could have been used to make an improvised explosive device and were detonated to “render them safe.” He added that the materials will be sent to the FBI’s labs and analyzed and WXIA notes that “It’s unclear whether the device was active and set to go off.”

**YELLOWSTONE, GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARKS PROPOSES FEE INCREASES.** The [Bozeman \(MT\) Daily Chronicle](#) (11/6, 54K) reports that “Yellowstone National Park is proposing to raise entrance fees for the first time in eight years and to create a backcountry camping permit in order to keep the park running at its current level.”

The [County 10](#) (11/5) reports that Grand Teton National Park is “proposing to update its entrance fees and invites public input on this prospect.”

**MARIJUANA USE STILL ILLEGAL ON FEDERAL PROPERTY.** The [New Republic](#) (11/6, 195K) reports that “the ballot measure to legalize marijuana in the District of Columbia handily passed yesterday,” but “although the local pot laws in D.C. might change, just as they did in Colorado and Washington, the federal law hasn’t.” Federal employers including the NPS “issued staff-wide memos reminding workers that all pot use is considered unacceptable.” The article notes that “marijuana use also remains illegal on federal property, and in D.C., that means legalization won’t touch places like the National Mall and Rock Creek Park, a wooded recreational area that covers a large part of the city’s northwestern quadrant.”

**GOV. MCAULIFFE SUPPORTS AN EXPANSION OF FORT MONROE NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The [Newport News \(VA\) Daily Press](#) (11/6, 181K) reports that Gov. Terry McAuliffe “wants the National Park Service monument at Fort Monroe expanded to connect the two federally protected parcels in the North Beach and Inner Moat areas.” Brian Coy, McAuliffe’s press secretary, said, “Governor McAuliffe believes a contiguous national monument at Fort Monroe would be an enormous historical and economic asset to Hampton Roads and



the commonwealth as a whole.” Fort Monroe National Park Superintendent Kirsten Talken-Spaulling said “she couldn’t comment on changes to the monument boundary without knowing more details, although she pointed to a section of the federal code dealing with park boundary adjustments.”

**MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE RANCH PLAN.** The [Marin \(CA\) Independent Journal](#) (11/6, 67K) reports that “the future of ranches in the Point Reyes National Seashore will be the focus of meetings later this month.” This week the NPS “announced two sessions to look at ranching practices and tule elk on pasturelands.” The article notes that “the meetings are part of a larger look at ranchlands dubbed the ‘Ranch Comprehensive Management Plan/Environmental Assessment.’”

**YELLOWSTONE BISON TO BE MOVED TO FORT PECK.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports that “Montana wildlife officials say a group of about 140 bison captured from Yellowstone National Park will be re-located to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation next week.” The animals “went through a lengthy quarantine to ensure they don’t carry the animal disease brucellosis.”

**REVIEW FINDS ISSUES SURROUNDING LAVA ALTERNATE ROUTE AT HAWAII VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports that “an environmental review for constructing an emergency access route along a lava-covered section of Chain of Craters Road identifies concerns including the spread of invasive species and possible harm to endangered nene.” The NPS has “agreed to accommodate two-way traffic on an alternate route to Puna to prepare for lava flowing over the district’s main road.” The article notes that “the review released Tuesday says a potential impact is spread of invasive species such as little fire ants and coqui frogs hitching rides on vehicles from Puna.”

**GATES BEING INSTALLED TO PROTECT NEW RIVER GORGE’S BATS.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports that “gates are being installed on abandoned mine openings in the New River Gorge National River to protect bat habitat.” The NPS said Wednesday that “the old mines provide habitat for 10 species of bats.” The article notes that “two species are endangered, the Virginia big-eared bat and the Indiana bat.” The gates “allow bats to enter the mines while preventing humans from entering.”

**RESEARCHERS STUDYING BLACK BEAR POPULATION IN ALABAMA.** The [AP](#) (11/6, Edgemon) reports that this week, an Auburn University team will “begin catching and tagging bears in and near Little River Canyon National Preserve and on private property in the Saraland area far to the south, in Mobile County.” According to the article, “ten bears in each area will be outfitted with GPS collars, which cost \$2,500 each.” Researchers are “conducting a statewide study of black bears, their population viability and their movements.” The article notes that “thanks to grant funding from the National Park Service, Little River Canyon is also installing game cameras and bear-hair snares.”

**NPS OFFERING YELLOWSTONE SNOWMOBILE COURSE ONLINE.** The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (11/6, 90K) reports that the NPS is “offering a Yellowstone Snowmobile Education Certification course for free online.”

**TIMBERLAND PARK OPENS ON NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY.** The [Tennessean](#) (11/5, 386K) reports that Timberland Park has “opened in Williamson County on the historic Natchez Trace Parkway.”

**MOUNT RAINIER FEATURED ON TUMBLR.** The [Tacoma \(WA\) News Tribune](#) (11/5, 228K) reports that the Interior Department featured Mount Rainier in its “America’s Great Outdoors” Tumblr update.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS INVESTIGATING VANDALISM AT NATIONAL PARKS.** Additional coverage of the vandalism in national parks was provided by the [Fort Collins \(CO\) Coloradoan](#) (11/5, 59K).

**PREDATOR CONTROL MEASURES SUPPORTED.** In an op-ed for the [Anchorage \(AK\) Dispatch News](#) (11/5, Stratton, 146K), Jim Stratton, the deputy vice president of regional operations for the National Parks Conservation Association, supports the NPS’ “proposed wildlife regulations to end unbearable hunting methods on Alaska’s national preserve lands.” He writes that “hunting will continue on our national preserve lands, as it should, but some of the methods must change.” Stratton concludes that “predator control and national park lands just don’t mix.”

#### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**PROSECUTORS OBJECT TO RETRIAL IN FEDERAL VANDALISM CASE.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports that “prosecutors are objecting to a radio host’s request for a new trial after he was convicted of vandalism for tearing



down barricades on federal land in Montrose County.” The US Attorney’s Office argues that “David Justice’s motion for a new trial is based on an inaccurate statement of the law.” Justice, “whose given name is Stanley Hugh Anderson, was convicted in September after damaging Bureau of Land Management property at the Cushman Creek Trail.”

**ARKANSAS HEADWATERS RECREATION AREA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS.** The [Leadville \(CO\) Herald Democrat](#) (11/6) reports that “the public is invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service.” According to the article, “festivities will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nov. 7, at the Salida SteamPlant Ballroom, courtyard and the nearby Salida boat ramp.”

**BLM EMPLOYEE KILLED BY FALLING TREE IN COOS COUNTY.** The [Eugene \(OR\) Register-Guard](#) (11/6, 172K) reports that “a falling tree killed a Bureau of Land Management employee in her car at noon Tuesday near Blue Ridge east of Coos Bay.” According to the article, “Estella Morgan, 55, was found unresponsive but breathing when medics arrived on land management property off of Blue Ridge Road.” Authorities said that “while crews were on scene, she died.”

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**COURT STRIKES DOWN PRAIRIE DOG RULES IN UTAH TOWN.** The [AP](#) (11/6) reports that “a judge is striking down federal regulations that prohibit Cedar City residents from controlling prairie dogs on private property.” Federal Judge Dee Benson says the FWS “can’t regulate the Utah prairie dog population on private land because the species is only found inside the state.”

The [Washington Post](#) (11/5, Adler, 4.9M) reports that “this decision is significant if for no other reason that it is the first time that a federal court has held that the regulation of private land use exceeds the scope of Congress’s enumerated powers.”

Coverage by the AP was also picked up by the [St. George \(UT\) Spectrum](#) (11/5, 45K).

**COURT UPHOLDS FWS’ REMOVAL OF EAGLES FROM ENDANGERED LIST.** The [Law 360](#) (11/6, 18K) reports that “an Arizona federal judge on Wednesday upheld the US Fish and Wildlife Service’s decision not to give Endangered Species Act protection to the Sonoran Desert bald eagle population, finding the analysis used by the agency was not flawed and took adequate scientific evidence into consideration.” US District Judge David G. Campbell “granted a motion for summary judgment filed by the FWS, saying that the Center for Biological Diversity and other environmental groups had failed to provide evidence showing the agency’s decision runs contrary to scientific and legal conclusions.”

**CHICAGO’S SHEDD AQUARIUM WELCOMES ABANDONED SEA OTTER PUP RESCUED OFF CALIFORNIA.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (11/6, Rocha, 4M) reports that “a 5-week-old sea otter pup rescued along the Central California coast will get a second chance at life in Chicago after getting fattened up at Monterey Bay Aquarium, experts announced Tuesday.” According to the article, “after receiving around-the-clock care at the aquarium for four weeks, ‘Pup 681’ – a member of the threatened Southern Sea otter species – was shipped to the Shedd’s Abbott Oceanarium in Chicago for continued rehabilitation.”

Also reporting on the story are [KSBW-TV](#) Monterey, CA (11/6, 7K), [WGN-TV](#) Chicago (11/5, 141K), and [WTVR-TV](#) Richmond, VA (11/5, 47K).

**FWS OFFERS TOUR OF GREAT BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The [Seacoast Online \(NH\)](#) (11/5, 6K) reports that the FWS is “offering a limited number behind the scenes tours this month of its Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge on a portion of the former Pease Air Force Base.”

**FWS FORENSICS LABORATORY DIRECTOR INTERVIEWED.** In an interview with the [Al Jazeera America](#) (11/6, 177K) FWS Forensics Laboratory Director Ken Goddard discussed “the lab’s early beginnings, why he thinks rhinos are nearing extinction, and what it’s like wading through walrus guts in the Arctic.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ANIMAL RESEMBLING GRAY WOLF REPORTED AT GRAND CANYON.** Additional coverage of an animal that could be a gray wolf that has been seen at Grand Canyon National Park was provided by the [Washington Post](#) (11/5, Larimer, 4.9M).

## ***US Geological Survey:***

**USGS, CANADA DEVELOP NORTH AMERICA WATERWATCH.** The [WaterWorld](#) (11/6, 96) reports that “in an international collaboration, the US Geological Survey (USGS) and the Water Survey of Canada (WSC) have officially produced the North America WaterWatch (NAWWW), a new online website that displays streamflow conditions throughout much of North America.” According to the article, “NAWWW provides a fast, easy-to-use, cartographically-based, central web interface for users to access real-time streamflow conditions for both Canada and the United States.” Jerad Bales, USGS chief scientist for water, said, “North America WaterWatch delivers easily understandable maps and graphics of streamflow conditions and, simultaneously, provides access to real-time and past streamflow data at thousands of streamgages in both nations. The portal demonstrates the value of free exchange of water-data through interoperable web services, which is a major strategic focus of the USGS through open-water data activities.”

**USGS REPORT DESCRIBES TRACKING NITRATE PULSE TO THE GULF OF MEXICO.** The [Water Technology Online](#) (11/6) reports that “a new report released by the US Geological Survey (USGS) describes how advanced optical sensor technology is being employed in the Mississippi River basin to accurately track the nitrate pulse to the Gulf of Mexico.” According to the report, “excessive springtime nitrate runoff, from agricultural land and other sources in the Mississippi drainage, flows into the Mississippi River and then downstream into the Gulf of Mexico.” USGS Researcher Brian Pellerin said, “High frequency data from these sensors has revealed considerable variability in nitrate concentrations in small rivers and streams. However, we were surprised to see nitrate concentrations vary by as much as 20 percent in a week in a river as large as the Mississippi River without similar changes in streamflows.”

**USGS MODEL SIMULATES HOW SEDIMENT MOVES.** The [Dredging Today](#) (11/5) reports that “for the first time ever, scientists have simulated the movement of sediment throughout the San Antonio River Basin with a new US Geological Survey model, created in cooperation with the San Antonio River Authority (SARA).” According to the article, “the new model simulates how water and suspended sediment flowed through the San Antonio River Basin from 2000-2012.” Aarin Teague, SARA Sustainability Stormwater Specialist, said, “The San Antonio River Authority will be utilizing this model and the study findings as part of a holistic watershed master planning effort. With the study results, SARA management strategies will be targeted to efficiently address sources of pollutants.”

## **Securing America’s Energy Future:**

### ***Renewable Energy:***

**RESEARCHERS TO STUDY MARINE MAMMALS TO MINIMIZE EFFECTS OF WIND FARM DEVELOPMENT.** The [reNews](#) (11/6) reports that “researchers will begin a study of marine mammals off the coast of Ocean City, Maryland this fall to help minimize the affects of wind farm development.” According to the article, “a new study led by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science will help state and federal decision-makers better understand where whales, dolphins and porpoises occur and how they use this habitat.” The article notes that “beginning this fall, underwater microphones will be affixed on buoys anchored to the ocean floor to continuously record sounds produced by large whales and other marine mammals.”

**PUBLIC HEARING ON DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN SCHEDULED THURSDAY.** The [Inland Valley \(CA\) Daily Bulletin](#) (11/5, Steinberg, 99K) reports that “there will be a public hearing Thursday night on the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, a historic planning effort covering more than 22 million acres of the California desert.”

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**DENTON, TX VOTERS PASS ANTI-FRACKING BAN; INDUSTRY RESPONDS WITH INJUNCTION REQUEST.** Bloomberg News (11/5, Olson, Polson, 1.94M) reports that on Tuesday the “small college town” of Denton, TX passed a measure banning fracking. The mandate passed with 14,881 votes for 59% of the total vote.

Reuters (11/5, Richter) reports that Denton’s vote was considered key because fracking is a widely-used practice in Texas. This is the first anti-fracking measure to pass in the state. In response, Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter said the ban should be cast aside. He argued, “Bans based on misinformation –

instead of science and fact – potentially threaten this energy renaissance and as a result, the well-being of all Texans.”

The AP (11/5) reports that in response to Tuesday’s vote, the Texas Oil and Gas Association on Wednesday “responded quickly” by filing suit “for an injunction to stop” the anti-fracking ban from taking effect.

The Dallas Morning News (11/5, Miller, 1.16M) reports that in a Wednesday statement, Texas Oil and Gas Association attorney Thomas R. Phillips argued, “A ban on hydraulic fracturing is inconsistent with state law and therefore violates the Texas Constitution.”

In “The Two Way” blog NPR (11/5, 2.22M) reports that Denton, TX Mayor Chris Watts vowed to fight for the fracking ban. He said Wednesday, “Hydraulic fracturing, as determined by our citizens, will be prohibited in the Denton city limits.” The ban is set to take effect Dec. 2.

The Dallas Morning News (11/5, Heinkel-Wolfe, 1.16M) reports that since July Denton Taxpayers for a Strong Economy, the main group opposed to the fracking ban, raised nearly \$700,000 to defeat it, the bulk of which came from the energy producers including Chesapeake, XTO, and Chevron. In that time, Frack Free Denton raised \$75,000.

**Results Mixed For Local Anti-Fracking Measures.** The New York Times (11/6, Krauss, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that across the nation “local initiatives to ban or restrict the oil and gas production process lost as many elections as were won. Voters in Youngstown, Ohio, a Rust Belt city sitting atop vast deposits of natural gas, sent a proposed ban to a landslide defeat.” Overall “on Election Day, the oil industry and fracking opponents split eight local races, three in California, four in Ohio and the one in Denton.”

The Hill (11/6, Cama, 241K) notes “Denton, Texas; Athens, Ohio; and San Benito and Mendocino counties in California passed ballot measures to restrict fracking, the controversial method of injecting fluid into wells to extract more oil and gas.” According to the Natural Resources Defense Council “the passed measures show a growing trend of localities opposing fracking.”

**OSMRE HONORS ACKERMAN COAL MINE WITH AWARD.** WTVA-TV Columbus, MS (11/6, 7K) reports that “a lignite surface mining operation in Choctaw County has been honored for its work to reclaim areas affected by their operations.” The OSMRE “named Mississippi Lignite Mining Company Red Hills Mine as a winner of the 2014 National Award.” The agency “selected Red Hills for the honor for work done to reclaim the McIntire Branch of Little Bywy Creek.”

**MINE OPERATOR RECOGNIZED WITH AWARD.** The Logan (WV) Banner (11/6, 574) reports that “Alpha Natural Resources Elk Run Coal Company, Inc., was given the ‘Good Neighbor Award’ by the USDI, an award given to mine operators for successfully working with the surrounding land owners and the community while completing mining and reclamation.” According to the article, “Elk Run received the award for ‘its significant contributions each year to communities near Elk Run Coal Company.’”

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CONTEST MOAB PIPELINE DECISION.**

Additional coverage that environmentalists are challenging the BLM’s Moab pipeline decision was provided by the Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (11/6, 479K).

#### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**LAWSUIT CLAIMS NATIONAL OFFSHORE TRAINING AND LEARNING CENTER SCUTTLED.** WWL-TV New Orleans (11/5, 107K) reports that “a training center – touted as central to the federal government’s efforts to improve offshore drilling safety after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion – failed to get off the ground, and its former director blames Gulf of Mexico regulators for undermining reforms.” Chris Barry, the former head of the National Offshore Training and Learning Center, is “suing the Interior Department, alleging hostile working conditions from senior agency management, who, Barry alleges, called him and his staff ‘idiots’ and used homophobic slurs to refer to Barry.” The article notes that “more importantly, though, Barry says that the safety bureau’s Gulf of Mexico regional office undercut” Michael Bromwich’s plans and “hijacked funds and staff intended for the training center.”

**ANNIVERSARY OF END OF FIRST SEMS AUDIT CYCLE APPROACHING.** The Penn Energy (11/6, 128) reports that “it has been almost four years since the Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS)

regulations were promulgated and on November 15, 2014, it will be one year since the end of the first SEMS Audit Cycle." According to the BSEE, "86 percentage of the regulated operators successfully demonstrated that they met required SEMS program requirements," and "in August 2014 only three operators were still out of compliance."

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BOEM RELEASES ARCTIC DRILLING REVIEW.** Additional coverage of the release of the BOEM's new environmental analysis in the Chukchi Sea was provided by the Offshore Magazine (11/6, 143K) and the Penn Energy (11/6, 128).

**BOR TO DISCUSS BIGHORN RESERVOIR DURING PUBLIC MEETING.** The Billings (MT) Gazette (11/6, 236K) reports that the BOR will "present water supply conditions in the Bighorn Basin and discuss the agency's proposed fall/winter operating plan for Yellowtail Dam/Bighorn Reservoir at a public meeting on Wednesday." Also, "the Bighorn River System Issues Group will discuss the river and reservoir aquatic health and operating criteria for Yellowtail Dam."

**BIA BACKS HOPI'S IMPOUNDING OF NAVAJO SHEEP.** The Indian Country Today Media Network (11/5, 78K) reports that "the deep Southwestern drought has pitted tribe against tribe, as Hopi authorities backed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) impound hundreds of sheep and other livestock owned by Navajo who are grazing the animals on Big Mountain, which lies on Hopi Partition Land." However, "Navajo ranchers in the area, many of them lifelong, elderly, pastoral people, are crying foul on methods that they say are harsh and unfair, even though the activity fits Hopi regulations' definition of overgrazing."

## **Top National News:**

**OBAMA DECLINES TO TAKE BLAME FOR DEMOCRATS' MIDTERM LOSSES.** Almost all the coverage of President Obama's press conference on Wednesday afternoon describes it as evidence that he does not blame his relative unpopularity for the Democrats' losses on Tuesday and does not intend to make any major changes, either in staffing or policymaking, in the wake of the Republican wave. On NBC Nightly News (11/5, story 3, 1:35, Williams, 7.86M), Chuck Todd said Democrats told him they believe the President "made a mistake not accepting more responsibility...at that press conference." Todd added, "What's amazing here is that this was a horrendous night for the Democratic Party, and the President is not talking about changing either his style or the White House staff."

Also on NBC Nightly News (11/5, story 2, 2:45, Williams, 7.86M), correspondent Chris Jansing said the midterms were "widely viewed as a repudiation of" the President. But Jansing added that "if the election results left him chastened, the President is not showing it," and, on Wednesday, he "didn't accept responsibility" for his party's defeats.

In the lead story for the CBS Evening News (11/5, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Major Garrett reported that "after another midterm election drubbing, President Obama pledged no fundamental changes in his White House team or its tactics." On ABC World News (11/5, lead story, 3:05, Muir, 5.84M), Jonathan Karl also reported that the President "offered no sign that he has...a desire to change course" nor any "apologies." According to Karl, the President "suggested Democrats lost primarily because most people didn't bother to vote."

Just after the President finished his press conference, MSNBC's (11/5, 111) Alex Wagner said, "If you wanted contrition...from the President, you certainly did not get it." Under the headline, "Obama Defiant After GOP Wave," Politico (11/5, Epstein, 977K) reported that the President "sounded a defiant tone on Wednesday, arguing that Democrats' big losses...were more about dysfunction in Washington than about his policies and leadership." Politico also reported that the President "repeatedly resisted reporters' efforts to extract political analysis from him," but "offered a broader political takeaway: that Americans are still hungry for the change he promised as a candidate six years ago."

The Hill (11/5, Barron-Lopez, Ferris, 241K) reported that on Wednesday, the President "suggested he's going full steam ahead with plans to take executive action on immigration and made a point of noting that two-thirds of voters didn't take part in the midterms – a swipe at any GOP suggestions that the election gave their party a mandate."

Charles Blow of the New York Times (11/6, Blow, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) says the President "was not

contrite or cowed" on Wednesday, which Blow says "could actually stiffen the spines of some staunch progressives who are already...feeling some commingling of betrayal, buyer's remorse and battle fatigue." But the Washington Times (11/5, Wolfgang, 373K) describes the President as "humbled" and reports that he said he is "fully prepared to work with Republicans."

McClatchy (11/5, Clark, Subscription Publication, 27K) reports that the President "declined to take blame for the [Democrats'] showing, though he had said...that his policies would be on the ballot." McClatchy says the President "sought to strike an upbeat, conciliatory tone," and while he "memorably characterized Democratic losses in 2010 as a 'shellacking,'" he "studiously avoided any word like it on Wednesday." USA Today (11/5, Korte, Jackson, Today, 9.86M) also notes that the President "steered clear of using similarly vivid language," and "declined to analyze" the "causes" of the Democrats' losses."

In a column titled, "Obama Seems Numb To This Latest 'shellacking' Of Democrats," Dana Milbank of the Washington Post (11/5, Milbank, 4.9M) writes that on Wednesday, the President "spoke as if Tuesday had been but a minor irritation," and "acknowledged no fault or error and expressed no contrition or regret."

In USA Today (11/5, Goldberg, 9.86M), National Review's Jonah Goldberg writes that "contrary to a lot of spinning early election night, this wasn't an 'anti-incumbent wave'; it was...an anti-Obama wave." Neil Munro of the Daily Caller (11/5, Munro, 475K) said that during his "painful" press conference, the President "declined to promise any staffing changes or trim his progressive goals."

USA Today (11/5, Board, 9.86M) editorializes that "again and again when he was" campaigning, the President said he "would be the peacemaker," but "when that turned out to be harder than he thought, he publicly fumed and finally seemed to lose interest." But the New York Times (11/6, Board, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), in an editorial, praises the President for having "refused on Wednesday to submit to the Republican narrative that his presidency effectively ended with the midterm elections." The Times says the President was "right to ignore" reporters' "demands that he take personal responsibility for the Democratic losses, or exhibit public contrition."

**OBAMA PLEDGES TO WORK WITH REPUBLICANS TO FIND COMMON GROUND.** On Wednesday, both President Obama and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's remarks on their willingness to cooperate on bipartisan initiatives were met with a great deal of skepticism from media analysts. On NBC Nightly News (11/5, story 2, 2:45, Williams, 7.86M), White House Correspondent Chris Jansing reported that on Wednesday, the President "suggested the bitter campaign season could give way to compromise." In the lead story for the CBS Evening News (11/5, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Scott Pelley reported that Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and the President "both...said they will try to work together to get things done – try." Also on the CBS Evening News (11/5, story 2, 2:25, Pelley, 5.08M), Nancy Cordes said McConnell's "assertion that he wants to work with the President was met with skepticism from Democrats who say he was a key contributor to the gridlock...and that the few times he did try to meet the President half way, conservatives in his party yanked him back."

Under the headline, "After Midterm Rout, Obama Says He Got Nation's Message," the Washington Post (11/5, Eilperin, Sullivan, Nakamura, 4.9M) reports that the President said he "accepts the American public's message in the midterm elections that Washington needs to break its political gridlock." The Post notes that the President spoke after speaking with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who has "sounded a bipartisan note" since Tuesday night. According to the Post, the President "cited investments in infrastructure and multi-nation trade pacts as areas of potential compromise." The Wall Street Journal (11/6, O'Connor, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) details the history between the President and McConnell in an article titled, "Testy Obama-McConnell Relationship Takes The Spotlight."

The Wall Street Journal (11/5, Sparshott, Schwartz, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) covers the President's press conference in an article titled, "Obama Open To Striking Deals With GOP Congress." Reuters (11/5, Mason, Rampton) quotes the President as saying, "As president, I have a unique responsibility to try and make this town work. ... So, to everyone who voted, I want you to know that I hear you."

The Hill (11/5, Barron-Lopez, Ferris, 241K) says the President "made a point of complimenting" McConnell, and "defended his relationships with members of Congress, which he said have largely been 'cordial' and 'constructive.'" In an article titled, "Obama Vows To 'Get The Job Done' With Republicans," the AP (11/5, Espo, Pace) says the President and McConnell both "pledged to try and turn divided government into a force for good rather than gridlock...yet warned of veto showdowns as well." According to the AP, "Trade legislation loomed as one possibility for quick compromise, and immigration as an early irritant."



USA Today (11/5, Korte, Jackson, Today, 9.86M) reports that the President “put two new items on the agenda for the lame-duck Congress: A \$6.2 billion emergency spending bill that would pay for efforts to fight Ebola and, in a turnabout from his previous stance, explicit congressional authorization for his war against the Islamic State.”

In an op-ed for USA Today (11/5, Robbins, 9.86M), author James Robbins writes that despite claims from Democrats, including the President, “Republicans have not been the obstructionists.” Robbins notes that the House “has passed dozens of bills that Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid refused to bring up for a vote.”

**Republicans Intend To Focus On Trade Deals, Tax Reform And Energy.** According to Major Garrett, on the CBS Evening News (11/5, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M), the President is “hopeful” that he can “cut deals with Republicans on trade, infrastructure, and tax reform,” while McConnell says Republicans “are looking to compromise on trade and tax reform, too.”

The Washington Post (11/6, Montgomery, Costa, 4.9M) reports McConnell and Speaker Boehner “are both eager to shed the party’s image as an unruly collection of obstructionists,” and “the remedy, they have decided” is to “act quickly to send President Obama bills with bipartisan support to fast-track international trade agreements, repeal an unpopular tax on medical devices and approve the Keystone XL pipeline.”

According to the New York Times (11/6, Hulse, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), the GOP’s Congressional leadership intend to “focus on balancing the budget, restoring an orderly process for spending bills, revising if not repealing the health care law and enacting a major overhaul of the tax code.” The Times says “approving the Keystone XL oil pipeline...could be fertile ground for agreement with Democrats who have differed with the White House on the issue,” and “combining the pipeline with new energy exports, expanded exploration and added efficiency could build a bipartisan consensus.”

According to Politico (11/6, Sherman, Raju, 977K), McConnell and Speaker Boehner “are sending subtle warnings to the right wing of their party: The days of crisis-dominated Washington are over.” Politico adds that “top Republicans in both chambers have even showed a new eagerness to cut deals with the White House” while “vowing not to repeat the errors of past years, when messy fiscal fights eroded public confidence in Washington and became the hallmark of the GOP-controlled House.”

In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (11/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) titled, “Now We Can Get Congress Going: Reform The Tax Code, Redefine ‘Full Time’ As Working 40 Hours A Week, Move On The Keystone XL Pipeline,” McConnell and Boehner lay out their agenda for the next Congress. In an editorial, the Christian Science Monitor (11/5, Board, 426K) says the White House and Congressional Republicans “should...strike a deal to expand trade with Asia and Europe.”

**New Senate Appears To Have Votes To Pass Keystone Bill.** The Huffington Post (11/5, Sheppard, 11.54M) reports that the incoming GOP Senate majority “creates an opportunity” for “likely” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell “to force a vote on the proposed Keystone XL pipeline he’s been waiting years to hold.” By the HuffPo’s count, “the new Senate will have at least 61 votes in favor of a measure forcing the pipeline’s approval – a filibuster-proof majority.”

The Wall Street Journal (11/5, Harder, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) reports that beyond Keystone, the new Senate GOP majority is likely to oppose many of the President’s top energy and environmental policies. McConnell has vowed to hold votes on Keystone and legislation trimming the Administration’s proposed carbon limits. However, it remains unclear how much success the GOP will have.

**EXIT POLLS: “ANGER” OVER ECONOMY DROVE GOP SENATE GAINS.** Bloomberg News (11/5, Doming, Allen, 1.94M) reports that on Tuesday, Republicans “seized on voter anger” over the President’s handling of the economy to take control of the Senate. The economy “was voters’ most pressing concern,” with “with seven of 10 rating conditions poor, preliminary exit polls showed.”

The CBS Evening News (11/5, story 5, 2:25, Pelley, 5.08M) reported that the economy was “a major issue” in the elections. CBS (Mason) adds that “the overwhelming majority of voters feel it’s in bad shape. Nearly eight in 10 in our exit poll told us they’re worried about where the economy is headed.” CBS (Mason) adds that the “stock market may be at record highs, and the unemployment rate may finally have fallen below six percent but household incomes have yet to recover from the recession and are now back at levels we last saw in the mid-1990s.”

Bloomberg News (11/5, Torres, 1.94M) reports that there are “signs” emerging that incomes are beginning to rise. Wages and salaries of civilian workers “climbed 2.1 percent in the third quarter from the same time last year, the most since the first three months of 2009, Labor Department data showed last week.” However, the increase “failed to pay dividends at the polls for Democrats, as voter perceptions of the economy tend to be locked in about six months before Election Day,” political analysts say.

In his column for the Washington Post (11/5, Meyerson, 4.9M), Harold Meyerson writes that Democrats lost “catastrophically” because of “their inability to deliver broadly shared prosperity as they used to do.” Democrats were unable to “take advantage” of “populist sentiments” among the electorate.

**Businesses Prepare To Push For Priorities In New Congress.** The New York Times (11/5, Schwartz, Krauss, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) reports that following “years of gridlock,” businesses are “gearing up for a major push on long-sought goals like an overhaul of the corporate tax system, building the Keystone XL oil pipeline, lighter environmental and financial regulation” and advance major trade deals. However, “despite plenty of public talk of more aggressive action,” the Times says that lobbyists, political veterans and Wall Street experts “say the actual legislative agenda will be much more limited.”

**Fisher Warns Senate GOP Against Compromising Fed’s Independence.** Bloomberg News (11/5, Boesler, Mckee, 1.94M) reports that Dallas Fed President Richard Fisher said in an interview on Wednesday that Senate Republicans “should resist the temptation to erode Federal Reserve independence after victory in mid-term elections.” Fisher said, “Think about this: Here’s a Congress that can’t even get its own budget together. Do you want them running the central bank?”

**More Commentary.** In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that at his press event on Tuesday, the President gave no indication that he was interested in driving the economic agenda, so the paper says it will be up to the GOP. The Journal argues that the Republicans should push an economic reform and growth agenda. The paper suggests that the GOP focus on issues that could draw at least some Democratic support, including approving Keystone XL, expanding energy drilling and exports, dumping the ACA’s medical device tax, pushing free-trade legislation, and considering tax reform.

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (11/6, Subscription Publication, 5.62M) says that the election wasn’t just a referendum on the President, but it was also a showdown between blue- and red-state styles of government, and the GOP won a substantial victory. Governors such as Scott Walker, Rick Scott, Brian Sandoval and Rick Snyder all pushed reforms against Democratic opposition that the Journal says boosted their states’ economic competitiveness, and all won reelection.

## **Editorial Wrap-Up:**

**NEW YORK TIMES. “Mr. Obama’s Offer To Republicans.”** The New York Times (11/6, Board, Subscription Publication, 9.9M), in an editorial, praises the President for having “refused on Wednesday to submit to the Republican narrative that his presidency effectively ended with the midterm elections.” The Times says the President was “right to ignore” reporters’ “demands that he take personal responsibility for the Democratic losses, or exhibit public contrition.”

**“In Red And Blue States, Good Ideas Prevail.”** A New York Times (11/6, Board, Subscription Publication, 9.9M) editorial argues that Republican victories were “driven by ideological hatred for President Obama,” and when voters had “a choice on an actual policy, rather than between candidates with a D or R next to their names,” they “made notably liberal decisions in both red and blue states.”

**WASHINGTON POST. “Give Republicans Time.”** An editorial in the Washington Post (11/5, Board, 4.9M) says that while the President “promised to take unilateral action on immigration before the end of the year,” he should wait and “give Mr. McConnell the opportunity to make good on some of the lofty promises he has made since the Republican victory.” The President, the Post argues, should “seize the moral high ground and test GOP leaders’ seriousness about cooperating by offering them time to show they can act, including on immigration.”

**“Leaving Yazidis Exposed.”** The Washington Post (11/6, 4.9M) editorializes that President Obama’s plan to take a “multiyear” approach to the war against ISIL has “advantages,” but “also has some big upfront risks.” The Post says “one” risk is that the “strategy” is leaving the Yazidis and other vulnerable populations...exposed” to ISIL’s “aggression and unspeakable brutality toward non-Muslims.”





**Network TV At A Glance:**

Midterm Elections – 21 minutes, 20 seconds

Alex Rodriguez-PED Confession – 4 minutes, 20 seconds

Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive – 2 minutes, 25 seconds

Israel-Terrorist Attacks – 1 minute, 45 seconds

Midterm Elections-Ballot Measures – 1 minute, 35 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

ABC: Syria-US Airstrikes; Senator McConnell-Obama Relationship; Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive; NFL-Ray Rice Case.

CBS: Midterm Elections-Obama; Senator McConnell-Immigration; Obama-Ebola Funding Request; Missouri-Gay Marriage Ban Overturned; Honda-Air Bar Recall Investigation; Navy SEAL Sues Ex-Lawyers.

FOX: Philadelphia-Abducted Woman Found Alive; Oregon-Murder Case; Midterm Elections-Obama; Missouri-Gay Marriage Ban Overturned; Obama-Ebola Funding Request; Spain-Ebola Victim Cured; Asian Stock Market.

NPR: Midterm Elections-Senator McConnell; Texas-Denton Fracking Ban; Missouri-Gay Marriage Ban Overturned; Kerry-Iranian Nuclear Program; Obama-Ebola Funding Request; NTSB-Alaska Helicopter Crash Investigation; Maine-Shrimp Season Canceled.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

White House:

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — The President and the Vice President receive the Presidential Daily Briefing. The President awards Army First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing the Medal of Honor, Roosevelt Room, pooled press. The President and the First Lady host "A Salute to the Troops: In Performance at the White House"; the Vice President and Dr. Biden also attend, south Lawn, pooled press. Notes: Press Briefing by Press Secretary Josh Earnest.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Unavailable.

**MICHELLE OBAMA** — As part of the Joining Forces initiative and in recognition of Veterans Day, First Lady Michelle Obama will host a special daytime workshop for high school students from military communities in the greater Washington, DC, area. The workshop, "The Stars and Stripes Forever: A History of Music and the Military," will feature Robert Santelli, Executive Director of The GRAMMY Museum, Willie Nelson, Common, U.S. Army SGT Christiana Ball and U.S. Navy veteran Ted Peterson. The workshop will be livestreamed on [WhiteHouse.gov/live](http://WhiteHouse.gov/live). This event will be open press. The First Lady will join President Obama as he awards the Medal of Honor to Army First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing for conspicuous gallantry. Cushing will receive the Medal of Honor posthumously for his actions while serving as commanding officer of Battery A, 4th United States Artillery, Artillery Brigade, 2nd Corps, Army of the Potomac during combat operations in the vicinity of Cemetery Ridge, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 3, 1863. The First Lady will join the President, music legends, members of the U.S. military, veterans, and their families, at the White House for a celebration of the men and women who serve the United States. "A Salute to the Troops: In Performance at the White House" will take place on the South Lawn with a live audience including hundreds of military service members, veterans, and their families. The President's remarks will be pooled press and the entire event will be streamed live at [WhiteHouse.gov/live](http://WhiteHouse.gov/live).

**US Senate: SENATE GALLERY PERIODICAL PRESS ELECTIONS** — Oct. 31 – Dec. 17. Elections for the seven members Executive Committee of Correspondents of the Congressional Periodical Press Galleries will take place in January of 2015. Nominating petitions are being accepted now through 5:00 PM Wednesday, December 17, 2014 by Senate Periodical Gallery Director Edward V. Pesce. Contact Edward V. Pesce at 202-224-0265 for instructions and blank nominating petitions.

**US House: Sept. 22 – Nov. 11.** — The House stands in recess until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

**SPEAKER BOEHNER** — 1:15 p.m. Holds on-camera press briefing. Location: Capitol Visitor Center HVC Studio A, located in HVC 114. Contacts: Kevin Smith, Michael Steel, 202-225-0600

**Other: PRINCESS ANNE – ARLINGTON CEMETERY** — 12:45 p.m. HRH The Princess Royal will pay formal respects to the sacrifice of America's veterans in foreign wars by placing a wreath before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Additionally, as part of the UK's First World Centenary Programme, Princess Anne will unveil a bronze memorial plaque for those Americans awarded Britain's highest military honour, the Victoria Cross, for

service in the First World War. ALL registered media must report to Memorial Avenue at 12:45 p.m. to be escorted to the ceremony. Register for additional details by COB Nov. 3, 2014 with Kelly Hysan at 202-518-7521 or [kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk](mailto:kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk). Location: Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Amphitheater, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Contacts: Kelly Hysan [kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk](mailto:kelly.hysan@fco.gov.uk) ((202) 518-7521)

**HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SUMMIT** — Nov. 5 – 7. Third annual Healthcare Workforce Summit on pressing workforce issues that confront today's acute and non-acute healthcare facilities. Contact: Jim Gogek, Corporate Communications, AMN Healthcare, (858) 350-3209, [jim.gogek@amnhealthcare.com](mailto:jim.gogek@amnhealthcare.com). Location: Renaissance Washington, D.C., Dupont Circle Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Ave. NW.

**WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCILS NATIONAL CONFERENCE** — Nov. 5 – 7. The World Affairs Councils of America will host its 2014 National Conference, America and the World 2015. The 2014 National Conference Agenda will examine: China, the U.S., and Asia; Russia/Eurasia; Cybersecurity; Future of Education; Youth, Jobs, and Social Unrest; Food and Water; Global Economic Realignment; Future of Energy; Africa; and Climate Change. [http://www.worldaffairscouncils.org/2011/main/home.cfm?Database=programs&Category=natl\\_conf&SectionMain](http://www.worldaffairscouncils.org/2011/main/home.cfm?Database=programs&Category=natl_conf&SectionMain). Location: The Fairfax at Embassy Row, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue.

**ABA NATIONAL SECURITY LAW CLE CONFERENCE** — Nov. 6 – 7. The American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security hosts their 24th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law CLE Conference. [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public\\_services/law\\_national\\_security.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_services/law_national_security.html). Highlights: Assistant Attorney General John P. Carlin for the National Security Division will deliver remarks. Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs at 202-514-2007. Location: Capital Hilton, 1001 16th K Streets NW.

**ANNUAL REVIEW – NATIONAL SECURITY LAW** — Nov. 6 – 7. 24th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law. Panel include an 8:30 a.m. panel on Panel I – Executive Branch Updates on Developments in National Security Law. Moderator: Benjamin Powell, Partner, WilmerHale. Discussants: Caroline Krass, General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency; Robert Litt, General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence Brig. Gen. Richard C. Gross, Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Army; Rajesh De, General Counsel, National Security Agency; Cynthia Ryan, General Counsel, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency; John Carlin, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law\\_national\\_security/LW1114\\_prog.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law_national_security/LW1114_prog.authcheckdam.pdf). Highlights: 1 p.m. NPPD Under Secretary Suzanne Spaulding will deliver remarks on cybersecurity for critical infrastructure. Location: Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St. NW. Contacts: [www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org) Jennifer Kildee (202-662-1732)

**JPAC – CLIMATE CHANGE** — Nov. 6 – 7. The Joint Public Advisory Committee presents "North America's Coasts in a Changing Climate." Location: Sheraton Pentagon City, 900 S Orme Street, Arlington VA. Contacts: Fritz Schneider, 301-728-4811. Notes: [http://www.cec.org/Page.asp?PageID=1209&ContentID=25808&SiteNodeID=215&BL\\_ExpandID=&AA\\_SiteLanguageID1](http://www.cec.org/Page.asp?PageID=1209&ContentID=25808&SiteNodeID=215&BL_ExpandID=&AA_SiteLanguageID1)

**NATIONAL SECURITY LAW** — Nov. 6 – 7. 24th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law CLE Conference. Sponsored by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security; Cosponsored by the Center for National Security Law, University of Virginia School of Law; Center on Law, Ethics and National Security, Duke University School of Law Center on National Security and the Law, Georgetown Law. Speakers include: Suzanne E. Spaulding, Under Secretary, National Protection and Programs Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (luncheon keynote on the 6th); Sir James D. Wolfensohn, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Wolfensohn Fund Management; Fmr. President, World Bank (Dinner keynote on the 6th). [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law\\_national\\_security/LW1114\\_prog.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/law_national_security/LW1114_prog.authcheckdam.pdf). Location: Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th Street, N.W.

**CQ – ELECTION IMPACT CONFERENCE** — 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Keynote (8:30 a.m.) with Rob Collins, Executive Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and Guy Cecil, Executive Director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee will participate in a panel discussion moderated by Roll Call's Christina Bellantoni. Keynote Panel: Gov. Ted Strickland & Congressman Tom Davis. Stu Rothenberg On the Midterm Elections. For additional panel information: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1561470>. Location: Liaison Capitol Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave. NW.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR** — 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Fish and Wildlife Service Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting. Must register by October 30th. CONTACT: Laura Norcutt, Acting Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, by telephone at (703) 358-2398, or by email at [Laura\\_Norcutt@fws.gov](mailto:Laura_Norcutt@fws.gov).

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-09/html/2014-24067.htm>. Location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lucille Stickle Conference Room (1W108), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

**FEDSCOOP'S FEDTALKS 2014 — 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.** Fedcoop's FedTalks 2014 event.

<http://fedcoop.com/events/fedtalks/agenda.html> Highlights: 10:15 a.m. NPPD CS&C Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity Strategy and Emergency Communications Roberta Stempfley will participate in a panel discussion on women in technology. 1:20 p.m. Acting Department of Defense Chief of Information Officer Terry Halvorsen delivers remarks. Location: Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW. Contacts: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS – MAGNA CARTA – PRINCESS ANNE, SCALIEA, GRAVES — 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** The Library of Congress will open the exhibition “Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor” to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta and to illustrate the great charter’s influence on laws and liberties throughout the centuries. The centerpiece of the 10-week exhibition will be Magna Carta on loan from Lincoln Cathedral in England, one of only four surviving copies issued in 1215. The rare document and 76 items drawn from the collections at the Library of Congress will be on display from Thursday, Nov. 6, through Monday, Jan. 19, 2015. HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne and Sir Peter Westmacott, the British Ambassador to the United States, will open the Library of Congress exhibition “Magna Carta: Muse and Mentor” during a morning public ceremony in the Great Hall of the Thomas Jefferson Building. The Choir of the Temple Church in London and the Howard University Choir will perform. Fanfare and procession music will be provided by U.S. Army Herald Trumpets. In addition, on the evening of Nov. 6, HRH Princess Anne will take part in a program for invited guests in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Thomas Jefferson Building. The program will feature Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Antonin Scalia as the keynote speaker and opera mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves. Location: second level of the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First St. S.E. Contacts: Donna Urschel [durschel@loc.gov](mailto:durschel@loc.gov) ((202) 707-1639). Notes: Media interested in covering the events need to register in advance with Donna Urschel, at 202-707-1639 or [durschel@loc.gov](mailto:durschel@loc.gov). Upon registration, specific times and arrival details will be given.

**OECD – G20 PROJECTIONS — 5 a.m.** The OECD will present its latest economic projections for G20 countries. The presentation will also provide analysis of the outlook facing the world economy in the run-up to the G20 Leaders’ Summit, to be held on November 15-16 in Brisbane, Australia. OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurrma and Chief Economist Catherine Mann will present the projections (in English with French interpretation) at the OECD in Paris, France. Contacts: n/a, 202-785-6323 Notes: Webcast at <http://video.oecd.org/>

**AIR FORCE BREAKFAST – HOOG — 7 a.m. – 9 a.m.** The Air Force Association November AFA Air Force Breakfast Series with Lieutenant General Stephen L. Hoog, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff. <http://www.afa.org/AFA/EVENTS/AFAAFBreakfastProgram>. Location: Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209. Contacts: Mary Ellen Dobrowolski ([Mdobrowolski@afa.org](mailto:Mdobrowolski@afa.org))

**OPEN WATER DATA – NIMMICH — 8:30 a.m.** Federal Emergency Management Agency Deputy Administrator Joe Nimmich will deliver remarks entitled “Open Water Data: Assessment of National Priorities at the American Water Resources Association annual meeting. Open press. Location: Sheraton Tysons Hotel, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Va. Contacts: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010

**CSIS – UPCOMING EAST ASIA SUMMITS — 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** Speakers: Ernest Z. Bower, Senior Adviser and Sumitro Chair for Southeast Asia Studies, CSIS, Former President of U.S.-ASEAN Business Council; Matthew P. Goodman, William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy, CSIS, Former director for international economics, National Security Council, Former White House director for the East Asia Summit; Michael J. Green, Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair, CSIS, Former Senior Director of Asia, National Security Council. Moderator: H. Andrew Schwartz, Senior Vice President of External Relations CSIS. Location: First Floor Conference Room, CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW.

**DOJ – LITIGATION LESSONS AND TRENDS – GELFAND — 9:45 a.m.** Deputy Assistant Attorney General David Gelfand for the Antitrust Division will participate on the “Agency Litigation Lessons and Trends panel and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brent Snyder for the Antitrust Division will participate on the “Criminal Antitrust Outlook panel at the 2014 Antitrust Fall Forum. Location: National Press Club, Floor 13, 529 14th St NW. Contacts: (202) 514-2007. Notes: Press inquiries regarding logistics should be directed to Robert Robison at [Robert.Robinson@americanbar.org](mailto:Robert.Robinson@americanbar.org).

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION — 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Federal Aviation Administration Twenty-Eighth Meeting: RTCA Special Committee 224, Airport Security Access Control Systems.

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-10-23/html/2014-25159.htm>. Location: RTCA, Inc., 1150 18th Street, NW., Suite 910. Contacts: (202) 833-9339.

**WILSON CENTER – FINDING COMMON CAUSE — 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Scholars, Policymakers and International Affairs: Finding Common Cause. Welcome remarks: Dr. Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary for Political Affairs, Organization of American States. Introductory remarks: H. E. Jose Miguel Insulza, Secretary General, Organization of American States. Book presentation: “Scholars, Policymakers and International Affairs: Finding Common Cause; Dr. Abraham Lowenthal, Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California. Panel: How Can Scholars Contribute More Effectively to Policy-Making?; Dr. Cynthia J. Amson (Moderator), Director, Latin American Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Dr. C. Fred Bergsten, Senior Fellow and Director Emeritus, Peterson Institute for International Economics; Ambassador Thomas Shannon, Counselor, U.S. Department of State; Dr. Santiago Levy, Vice-President for Sectors and Knowledge, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). Location: Hall of the Americas, 17th St. & Constitution Ave. NW. Contacts: RSVP to [SER-DIA@oas.org](mailto:SER-DIA@oas.org). On the Net: [www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org)

**ATLANTIC COUNCIL – ISLAMIC STATE – GEN. AUSTIN — 11 a.m.** The Islamic State and Beyond: US Military Strategy in the Middle East. Commanders Series event with General Lloyd J. Austin III, commander of US Central Command, to discuss the US-led coalition campaign against the Islamic State and the broader role the US military will play in the Middle East in the coming years. <http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/events/upcoming-events/detail/us-military-strategy-in-the-middle-east>. Location: 1030 15th Street, NW, 12th Floor (West Tower).

**IMMIGRANT RIGHTS – EXECUTIVE ACTION — 11 a.m.** National leaders from all segments of the pro-immigrant rights movement will hold a press conference to urge President Barack Obama to seize the moment and use his authority to take administrative action to expand immediate relief from deportations for millions of workers and families. Participants include Mary Kay Henry, Int’l President, SEIU; Rich Trumka, Int’l President, AFL-CIO; Marielena Hincapii, Executive Director, Natl Immigration Law Center. Location: National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW. Contacts: Beatriz Lopez, [beatriz.lopez@seiu.org](mailto:beatriz.lopez@seiu.org), 202-412-7396.

**NASA TELECONFERENCE – ROCKET EXPERIMENT — 2 p.m.** NASA will host a news teleconference to announce discoveries from a sub-orbital rocket experiment “that are redefining what we think of as galaxies.” The briefing participants are: Michael Garcia, program scientist, NASA Headquarters, Washington; James Bock, astronomer, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory and California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California; Michael Zemcov, astronomer, Caltech and JPL; Karoline Gilbert, assistant astronomer, Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland. Contacts: Felicia Chou, [felicia.chou@nasa.gov](mailto:felicia.chou@nasa.gov), 202-358-0257. Notes: For dial-in information, media representatives should e-mail their name, affiliation and telephone number to Felicia Chou at [felicia.chou@nasa.gov](mailto:felicia.chou@nasa.gov) by noon on Thursday. Audio of the teleconference will be streamed live at: <http://www.nasa.gov/newsaudio>.

**NATURALIZATION CEREMONY – SCIALABBA – CHILDREN — 3 p.m.** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Deputy Director Lori Scialabba will participate in a special naturalization ceremony for 20 children citizenship candidates in recognition of National Adoptions Month. Location: USCIS Washington District Office, 2675 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, Va. Contacts: DHS Press Office 202-282-8010.

## **Last Laughs:**

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Jimmy Kimmel:** “Yesterday was, of course, Election Day. There were a number of pot-related items on state ballots. Alaska, Oregon, and Washington, D.C. voted to legalize recreational marijuana. Vice President Joe Biden celebrated quietly at home, contemplating the infinite nature of the universe.”

**Jimmy Kimmel:** “Imagine Washington, D.C. – if you thought Congress didn’t get a lot of work done before, just wait until they get legal pot.”

**Jimmy Kimmel:** “In Florida, a measure to legalize medical marijuana did not pass. Which, that’s probably for the best, right? People in Florida are weird enough already.”

**Jimmy Kimmel:** “Remarkably, the very liberal state of California still has not legalized marijuana for recreational use. Though, due to the drought we are having here, we are considering making it legal to drink bong water.”

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "As you probably know, Republicans picked up a lot of seats and won control of both chambers of Congress yesterday, which is key because whoever controls Congress controls the lunch menu at the cafeteria."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Republicans have a majority in the Senate and House of Representatives for the first time in eight years. I guess when it was all said and done, the Republicans just had the better lawn signs."

**David Letterman:** "Boy, it was a big night for the Republicans, big night for the conservatives. Rush Limbaugh broke out the OxyContin. ... Even the Washington Redskins are demanding the Democrats change their name."

**David Letterman:** "The governor's race in Florida – very close. They had to wait all night to count the crooked ballots."

**David Letterman:** "The new senator from Iowa, Jodi Ernst, says we're heading to Washington and we're going to make them squeal. I said to myself, 'Lady, it's the United States Senate. It's not a bachelor's party.'"

**David Letterman:** "You know what happened today? When is this going to stop? There was another fence-jumper at the White House. Yeah, this time it was Obama trying to get out."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Huge night for the Republicans across the country. They won everything – the Senate majority, the bigger House majority, tight governor's races, and a giraffe from one of those claw machines."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "The big news, of course, is the mid-term elections. Last night, Republicans picked up a dozen seats in the House to give them their biggest majority since World War II. Or, as they put it, 'Time to party like it's 1939!'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "They also took control of the Senate, after gaining another seven seats. I haven't seen the GOP get this many seats since Chris Christie made an airline reservation."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "I saw that Republican Scott Brown lost his bid for Senate in New Hampshire last night, two years after he was voted out as senator in Massachusetts. When asked what he was planning to do next, he said, 'Are they still looking for a mayor in Toronto?'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Yesterday, Republicans won enough seats to gain a majority in the Senate and increase their majority in the House. For those Democratic candidates who wanted to distance yourselves from Obama, congratulations, you did. You don't ever have to worry about seeing him again."

**Conan O'Brien:** "But, history was made. For the first time ever, a Black Republican woman has been elected to Congress. President Obama gave her a congratulatory call and told her, 'You're all set. This country never turns against the first black anything.'"

**Conan O'Brien:** "Yesterday, Washington D.C. voted to legalize recreational marijuana. President Obama said, 'And after these midterms, thank God.'"

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On Wednesday, the White House will host the White House Tribal Nations Conference. Leaders from the 566 federally-recognized Native nations engaged with the President, Cabinet Officials, and the White House Council on Native American Affairs on key issues facing tribes including, respecting tribal sovereignty and upholding treaty and trust responsibilities, lack of access to capital and credit, and protecting Native women and youth.

This year's Conference builds on the President's visit in June of this year to the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, where he reaffirmed his commitment to education and economic development. Nearly half of Native American people (42 percent) are under the age of 24; more than one-third of Native children live in poverty; and Native youth have the lowest high school graduation rate of students across all schools. As part of the Conference, the White House will release a new Native Youth Report that explores the challenges facing Native youth and makes recommendations for a path forward. For the first time in these Conferences, the voice of Native youth will be represented by 36 White House Youth Ambassadors, who will join tribal leaders in the breakout sessions and panels, and participating in leadership development programming.

President Obama will also announce the launch of \*Generation Indigenous (Gen I\*), a Native youth initiative focused on removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed. This initiative will take a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve

the lives and opportunities for Native youth and will include:

- New **\*Native Youth Community Projects\***, administered by the Department of Education (ED) through the existing Demonstration Grants Program to provide funding in a select number of Native communities to support culturally relevant coordinated strategies designed to improve the college-and-career readiness of Native children and youth.
- New **\*National Tribal Youth Network \***program in partnership with the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth. The Youth Network will support leadership development, provide peer support through an interactive online portal that links resources and tools, and empowers youth to become leaders within their communities. The White House, in cooperation with the Aspen Institute, will also host a high-level convening on challenges facing Native youth in February 2015.
- The release of the White House **\*Native Youth Report\*** that acknowledges past failures of federal policy on the education of Native students, explores the breadth of the challenges facing Native children, and makes recommendations for a path forward.
- The launch of the **\*Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour\***, which will begin next year as part of the President's call to hear directly from Native youth on how to bolster federal policies to improve youth outcomes. In addition, the Administration will expand federal outreach on youth internships and employment opportunities across the federal agencies.
- The first ever **\*White House Tribal Youth Gathering\*** to engage hundreds of Native youth in a day-long convening in the summer of 2015. This gathering builds on the November 2014 Native Youth Conference hosted by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the tribal youth visit with President Obama.

In addition to these efforts, the Department of the Interior (DOI) is making progress to transform the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). Since Secretary Jewell's Secretarial Order [ <http://www.doi.gov/news/upload/BIEsecOrder.pdf> ] ( <http://www.doi.gov/news/upload/BIEsecOrder.pdf> ) directing Indian Affairs to restructure the BIE to serve as a support network to schools rather than a direct education provider, DOI, along with ED has made steady progress towards implementing the Administration's vision of high-achieving tribally-controlled schools.

Below are additional announcements and commitments that support tribal nations:

**""SUPPORTING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF ALL NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS""\*\*\*\***

**\*Promoting Educational Self-Determination for Tribal Nations through Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancements\***. In October 2014, DOI took a critical step towards furthering tribal control over BIE-funded schools when it issued \$1.2M to six tribes to research, assess and develop implementation plans to establish tribally managed school systems.

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\*Building tribal capacity through State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) grants.\* The STEP grant program is designed to strengthen Tribal Education Agencies (TEAs), and improve partnerships between tribes, states, and school districts so they can work together more effectively to meet the academic, cultural, and social needs of Native students. ED's Office of Indian Education (OIE) published a Notice of Proposed Priorities (NPP) for the STEP program on October 31, 2014.

\*Expanding Access to STEM Programs.\* In September 2014, ED entered into an agreement with the National Park Service at DOI, and the Hands on the Land program at the National Environmental Education Foundation, to develop a project around STEM skills at 17 Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) funded schools and one state funded school near 21st Century Community Learning Center programs. The project will introduce students to STEM activities focused on natural and cultural resources to improve the retention of students in STEM activities during their middle and high school years.

\*Convening Native Languages Summit.\* Following the first Native Languages Summit in June 2014 which brought together 300 participants, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, and the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums have joined ED and the Departments of the Interior (DOI) and Health and Human Services, (HHS) to convene a second Native Languages Summit in the Fall of 2015. The Summit will discuss best practices in preserving and revitalizing Native languages.

\*Improvements in ED's Special Programs for Indian Children\*. On December 3, ED will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposes changes to the Demonstration grants program to add the \*Native Youth Community Projects\* mentioned above. It also makes substantial improvements to the Professional Development program, which funds the training of new American Indian/Alaska Native teachers and administrators.

#### \*"BUILDING STRONGER TRIBAL BUSINESSES AND ECONOMIES"\*

\*Including Tribal Nations in Department of Labor (DOL) Grant Programs.\* DOL will announce that the agency will treat federally-recognized tribal governments the same way it treats state and local governments when determining eligibility for employment and training grants. Following this announcement, DOL will consult with tribes, develop model grant language, incorporate the language into all relevant Funding Opportunity Announcements, and inform tribal leaders of upcoming funding opportunities.

\*Supporting the Hiring of Tribal Members by Federal Contractors.\* DOL's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' (OFCCP) Indian and Native American Employment Rights Program assists federal contractors that would like to use a tribal preference for work on or near tribal lands to do so consistent with existing law. OFCCP will sign an MOU with the Council on Tribal Employment Rights to formalize the agency's working relationship with the Council. In turn, the Council will work closely with Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TEROs) to ensure contractors are able to hire tribal members.

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\*Supporting Native CDFIs' Sustainability and Impact.\* In October, the Department of Treasury announced a specialized training and technical assistance series to Native Community



Development Financial Institutions (Native CDFIs) to foster their growth and sustainability, and enhance their ability to deliver financial services and financial products to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian nations, tribes, and communities.

**\*Improving Transportation and Infrastructure.** \* As part of a set aside to the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) [ <http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ttp/> ] (<http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ttp/>) Tribal Transportation Program (TTP), DOT awarded \$8.5 million this year in Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds to 183 tribal nations for 195 projects that address safety needs in tribally identified areas of planning, engineering, education, and emergency response and enforcement. Similarly, under the discretionary component of the Tribal Transit Program (TTP) [ [http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094\\_3553.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094_3553.html) ] ([http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094\\_3553.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094_3553.html)), Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) funded 48 projects in 19 States totaling \$5.04 million for Indian tribes to enhance and expand their transit services.

**\*Improving Tribal Water Infrastructure.** \* This year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) distributed \$29 million to initiate the construction of 77 wastewater infrastructure projects for tribal nations to address the desperate need for basic sanitation services on tribal lands. Additionally, EPA distributed over \$18 million for the construction of drinking water infrastructure projects for tribes to improve access to safe drinking water. \*\*\*\*

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#### \*\*IMPROVING TRIBAL JUSTICE \*\*

**\*Disseminating Reports and Recommendations on Tribal Justice\*\*.** \* In November, the Department of Justice (DOJ) disseminated a report titled "Ending Violence So Children Can Thrive [ <http://www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood/cev-rpt-full.pdf> ]" (<http://www.justice.gov/defendingchildhood/cev-rpt-full.pdf>) that outlines policy and practice recommendations on the issue of children's exposure to violence in Indian Country. The report is the culmination of the work of DOJ's Task Force Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence, which conducted four public hearings and several listening sessions across the country to gather information on these important issues. Additionally, DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime's National Coordination Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Sexual Assault Response Team released a report titled "Improving Federal Agency Response to Sexual Violence in Tribal Nations: Issues and Recommendations".

#### \*\*SUPPORTING HEALTHY, STRONG NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES\*\*\_\_

**\*Expanding Access to Health Care.** \*HHS plans to announce the publication of a proposed rule for Medicare like rates for Indian Health Service (IHS) payments for purchased/referred care for non-hospital based and provider services. Additionally, HHS/CMS and Treasury/IRS have developed a new streamlined process for American Indian and Alaska Native citizens and family members who are eligible for health services from an Indian health-care provider to claim an exemption from the Affordable Care Act's individual shared responsibility payment through the tax filing process. CMS also issued approximately \$4 million for Connecting Kids to Coverage American Indian and Alaska Native Grants to increase participation in Medicaid and CHIP. In November, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced new flexibility concerning the participation of tribal employers that will make it easier for them to enroll their employees in the FEHB Program [ <http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/tribal-employers/> ] (<http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/tribal-employers/>).

**\*Improving Behavioral Health.** \*In November, HHS's SAMHSA hosted a Native Youth Conference focused on improving the health and well-being of Native youth. At the conference, youth shared

their views on federal policies, programs, and activities; contributed to the national tribal behavioral health agenda; and learned about best practices supported by SAMHSA's tribal grants. In August, SAMHSA also announced the creation of a new Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy [ <http://www.usetinc.org/news/samhsa-office-of-tribal-affairs-and-policy-otap/> ] (<http://www.usetinc.org/news/samhsa-office-of-tribal-affairs-and-policy-otap/>) to serve as the point of contact on behavioral health issues and to support policies and innovative practices.

**\*\*PROMOTING CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES\*\***

**\*Technical Assistance for Tribal Renewable Energy Projects.\*** Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy announced a new round of competition for the Alaska Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team Program (START), a technical assistance program that supports the development of clean energy, energy efficiency projects, capacity building and energy planning efforts for rural Alaska Native villages and corporations.

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**\*\*ADVANCING THE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP\*\***

**\*Restoring Tribal Homelands in Trust for Tribes.\*** DOI continues to prioritize placing tribal homelands in trust for tribes, and has placed more than 280,400 acres of land into trust since 2009. Interior Secretary Jewell's goal for DOI is to place at least 500,000 acres of land into trust by the end of the Obama Administration. In May of this year, DOI issued a proposed rule that would allow the Department to consider fee-to-trust applications from tribes in Alaska. Additionally, under DOI's Land Buy-Back Program [ <http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/index.cfm> ] (<http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/index.cfm>) for Tribal Nations, the Department is paying fair-market value to individuals who choose to sell fractional interests in trust or restricted land. Purchased interests are immediately transferred to tribal trust ownership, ensuring that land stays in trust.

**\*Resolving Longstanding Disputes.\*** Since President Obama took office, the Administration has established a new relationship with Native nations, increasing consultation with tribes on matters across the federal government that affect their interests, and the fair and expeditious settlement of litigation. The Administration settled the protracted "Cobell" litigation, several significant water rights cases, and lawsuits or claims brought by 80 Indian tribes, over the management of monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States, for a total of \$2.5 billion. These settlements mark an important milestone in the Obama Administration's commitment to upholding the federal trust responsibility and strengthening our partnerships with tribal nations.

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# 2014 Native Youth Report

Executive Office of the President





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## Introduction

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*Let's put our minds together to improve our schools -- because our children deserve a world-class education, too, that prepares them for college and careers. And that means returning control of Indian education to tribal nations with additional resources and support so that you can direct your children's education and reform schools here in Indian Country. And even as they prepare for a global economy, we want children, like these wonderful young children here, learning about their language and learning about their culture, just like the boys and girls do at Lakota Language Nest here at Standing Rock. We want to make sure that continues and we build on that success. President Barack Obama<sup>1</sup>*

In June 2014, President Obama embarked on his first presidential visit to Indian Country, where he and Mrs. Obama witnessed the tale of two Americas. Standing Rock Reservation, like many others, faces myriad social, economic, and educational problems. Together, those problems are coalescing into a crisis for our most vulnerable youth. The specific

children, and that has to change. In their visit to Standing Rock, President and Mrs. Obama met with a group of Native youth, who courageously shared their stories of struggle and triumph. After hearing their stories, President Obama challenged his Administration to do more and do better for the young people of Indian Country.

The Obama Administration is working to find solutions to the pressing problems that confront Native youth, with an emphasis on education, economic development, and health. This report aims to bring attention to these matters and to issue a call to action to all Americans, to work together to remove barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed.

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<sup>1</sup> Barack Obama, President of the U.S., Remarks by the President at the Cannon Ball Flag Day Celebration (June 13, 2014), <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/06/13/remarks-president-cannon-ball-flag-day-celebration>.

Native youth have a special role as citizens of tribal nations in defining the future of this country, and also in leading Native cultures, traditions, and governments into the next century. However, they experience significant institutional and intergenerational challenges in reaching their potential. Native children are far more likely than their non-Native peers to grow up in poverty, to suffer from severe health problems, and to face obstacles to educational opportunity. These conditions are systemic and severe, and must be addressed through increased resources and strategic action.

The United States has a unique nation-to-nation relationship with and owes a trust responsibility to Indian tribes. The federal government's trust relationship with Indian tribes (which is based on treaties, agreements, statutes, court decisions, and executive orders) charges the United States with moral obligations of the highest responsibility. Yet, despite the United States' historic and sacred trust responsibility to Indian tribes, there is a history of deeply troubling and destructive federal policies and actions that have hurt Native communities, exacerbated severe inequality, and accelerated the loss of tribal cultural traditions. The repudiated federal policies regarding the education of Indian children are among those with a devastating and continuing effect on Native peoples.

Past efforts to meet trust obligations often have led to problematic results, even when intentions were good. Education was at the center of many harmful policies because of its nexus with social and cultural knowledge. Education was and remains a critical vehicle for impacting the lives of Native youth for better or worse. Beginning in the early 1970s, the federal government resumed support of tribal sovereignty and self-determination, recognizing the significant gaps in opportunities and life outcomes created in the previous two centuries. In

education, recognizing that tribes must be part of the solution in Indian country meant that federal policy shifted to align itself more closely with tribal goals.

Unfortunately, in addition to the other negative effects of decades of debilitating poverty on Native youth, educational progress was and continues to be hindered by poor physical infrastructure in the schools serving Native youth. Today, federal and state partners are making improvements in a number of areas, including education, but absent a significant increase in financial and political investment, the path forward is uncertain. Despite advances in tribal self-determination, the opportunity gaps remain startling:

- More than one in three American Indian and Alaska Native children live in poverty<sup>2</sup>
- The American Indian/Alaskan Native high school graduation rate is 67 percent,<sup>3</sup> the lowest of any racial/ethnic demographic group across all schools. And the most recent Department of Education data indicate that the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools fare even worse, with a graduation rate of 53 percent, compared to a national average of 80 percent.<sup>4</sup>
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death 2.5 times the national rate for Native youth in the 15 to 24 year old age group.<sup>5</sup>

Without many urgently needed investments and reforms targeting Native youth in education and other high impact areas, Native youth face even greater challenges in the future.

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<sup>2</sup> Data from the 2008-2012 Amer. Community Survey 5-Commerce (Dec. 17, 2013) [hereinafter 2008-2012 ACS].

<sup>3</sup> *Indian Students in Public Schools- Cultivating the Next Generation: Hearing on Indian Education Before the S. Comm. on Indian Affairs*, 113th Cong. (2014) (testimony of William Mendoza, Exec. Dir., White House Initiative on Am. Indian and Alaska Native Educ.).

<sup>4</sup> See MARIE C. STETSER & ROBERT STILLWELL, U.S. DEP T OF EDUC., NAT L CTR. FOR EDUC. STAT., PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOUR-YEAR ON-TIME GRADUATION RATES AND EVENT DROPOUT RATES: SCHOOL YEARS 2010-11 AND 2011-12 10 (2014), *available at* <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2014/2014391.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> Pamela Hyde, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Servs. Services, *Behavioral Health and Tribal Communities* (Feb. 8, 2011), *at* <http://www.store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA11-PHYDE020811/SMA11-PHYDE020811.pdf>.



The impact of these challenges is significant; 39 percent of the American Indian and Alaska Native population is under 24 years old<sup>6</sup> compared to 33 percent of the total population. Across the United States, tribes and their communities are making meaningful and often transformative differences in the lives of their children. By bolstering the interest and involvement of Native youth in tribal cultures and traditions, Native communities have learned how to reach struggling youth. But the challenges faced by Native youth require broader support. Federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as private and nonprofit sector institutions, all have roles in assuring that all young people have the tools and opportunities they need to succeed.

This report summarizes the nature and effect of misguided federal policies on Native children historically, with a particular focus on education. It then examines the breadth of negative consequences, including poor health, education, and employment outcomes, which are the legacy of these past policies. Next, this report describes the education systems currently serving Native youth and focuses on some root causes of the persistent educational disparities identified in the prior section. Finally, this report proposes some broad recommendations on opportunities for tribes to engage with other governmental entities and the private and nonprofit sectors to strengthen ladders of opportunity for youth and to help rebuild more prosperous, resilient tribal nations. In doing so, this report identifies areas where promising work is already taking place and where more work is needed.

# The History of Federal Educational Policies

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*"Only by complete isolation of the Indian child from his savage antecedents can he be satisfactorily educated." John B. Riley, Indian School<sup>7</sup>*

The hallmarks of colonial experiments in Indian education were religious indoctrination, cultural intolerance, and the wholesale removal of Native children from their languages, religions, cultures, families, and communities. The overlapping goals of education and civilization operated as euphemisms and justifications for taking culturally and physically injurious actions against Native children and their peoples. As a tool of colonization, education served the dual purposes of imposing European and Euro-American cultures and justifying seizure of Indian land. Early 1600s to separate Native people from their nations and to Christianize them,<sup>8</sup> and the first boarding school for Native students in 1754.<sup>9</sup> Early American diplomacy engaged tribes through treaties and substantive diplomatic protocol that acknowledged their importance in securing independence, territory, and unity among the states. At the same time, American policy toward Indian peoples deeply focused on assimilationist strategies. Indian education provisions and became a feature of treaties between the U.S. treaties with tribal nations. I o religious franchises of named Indian tribes to Christian denominations for the purpose of education and conversion to Euro-American ways. <sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> John B. Riley, *Report of the Indian School Superintendent*, in U.S. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR THE YEAR 1886 LXI (1886).

<sup>8</sup> JON REYHNER & JEANNE EDER, AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION: A HISTORY 26-28 (2006).

<sup>9</sup> Lorie Graham, *The Past Never Vanishes: A Contextual Critique of the Existing Indian Family Doctrine*, 23 Am. Indian L. Rev. 1, 12 (1999).

<sup>10</sup> NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE: CHALLENGES OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN 33 (2011).

Over time, the federal government support for religious organizations in Indian education became a centralized system of federally-funded Indian boarding schools. The pioneer of this education/civilization model was Captain Richard Henry Pratt, a longtime soldier and



Three young Lakota Indian boys pictured (left) wearing their tribal clothing upon their arrival at Carlisle, and (right) a short time later wearing their school military-style uniforms, ca. 1900. Photos courtesy the Smithsonian National Anthropological Archives.

veteran of the Civil War and Indian Wars. After turning an Army prison in Florida into a Pratt opened the Carlisle Indian School in 1879.<sup>11</sup> His now-infamous maxim "Kill the Indian, Save the Man" encapsulated both the objective of

his assimilationist vision and the psychological and actual violence with which it was executed.<sup>12</sup>

School officials closely monitored student behavior and punished students for speaking Native languages and practicing tribal traditions or religions.<sup>13</sup> arrogant and paternalistic plans sought elimination of Native people cultures and identities under the guise of Indian education.

While many boarding schools did not conform entirely to the Carlisle model, nearly all Native students were subjected to a two-pronged assault on their tribal identities from the moment they entered one of these institutions. First, school officials stripped away all outward

School officials mandated uniforms,

<sup>11</sup> RICHARD HENRY PRATT, *BATTLEFIELD AND CLASSROOM: FOUR DECADES WITH THE AMERICAN INDIAN, 1867-1904* xxi (Robert M. Utley ed., Univ. of Okla. Press 2003) (1964).

<sup>12</sup> *AMERICANIZING THE AMERICAN INDIANS: WRITINGS BY THE FRIENDS OF THE INDIAN 1880-1900* 261 (Francis Paul Prucha ed., Harvard Univ. Press 1973).

<sup>13</sup> See generally DAVID WALLACE ADAMS, *EDUCATION FOR EXTINCTION: AMERICAN INDIANS AND THE BOARDING SCHOOL EXPERIENCE, 1875-1928* (Univ. of Kan., 1995).

dictated hair length<sup>14</sup>, and in many cases ordered children to change their Indian names to common Euro-American names.<sup>15</sup> pedagogy was intended to eliminate the traditional culture from Native youth and restructure their minds and life-ways. Boarding school educators commonly had four key goals: to teach students English, Christianize them, inculcate within them the values and beliefs of possessive individualism, and ultimately prepare them for American citizenship.<sup>16</sup> Furthermore, by removing children from the institutions usurped Indian parenting responsibilities, tore apart tribal kinship networks, and destroyed the fabric of Indian communities.<sup>17</sup>

Native families responded to these policies with a mixture of resistance and accommodation. One Hopi student recounted how children and their parents evaded compulsory

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The student recalled that while they hid, they saw the feet of the principal and the policeman as they walked by, and . . . <sup>18</sup> Mandatory school attendance was further enforced through congressional action. Laws and treaties authorized provisions that denied parents subsistence rations if they refused to send their children to school.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> See *Id.* at 101 (explaining that long hair held various cultural meanings for different tribes, and this mandatory policy proved humiliating for the majority of students); see also U.S. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 1902, Indian Affairs, Part 1. Report of the Commissioner, and Appendixes 13-15 (1903).

<sup>15</sup> Teachers renamed a large portion of their new Native students a procedure that symbolized bestowing Indian children with a new American identity and discarding th Daniel L. Littlefield, Jr. & Lonnie E. Underhill, *Renaming the American Indian: 1890-1915*, 12 AM. STUDIES 33, 33-45 (1971).

<sup>16</sup> ADAMS, *supra* note 13, at 22-24.

<sup>17</sup> GRAHAM, *supra* note 9, at 14.

<sup>18</sup> MICHAEL C. COLEMAN, AMERICAN INDIAN CHILDREN AT SCHOOL, 1850-1930, at 62 (Univ. of Miss. Press 1993).

<sup>19</sup> See, for example, Regulations by Secretary of the Interior to secure attendance at school, 25 U.S.C. § 282 (1920); Indian Reform School; rules and regulations; consent of parents to placing youth in reform school, 25 U.S.C. § 302 (1906).

The broader cultural conflict was not lost on tribes; confronted with a changing and increasingly foreign world, some sent their children to school as a survival mechanism, with the hope that Euro-American education would provide the tools needed to succeed in the outside world.<sup>20</sup> Despite these efforts, boarding schools failed in their mission to transform Native children into images of their Euro-American counterparts. Instead, many students experienced traumatic alienation when they returned home, finding themselves no longer able to connect with their families, while simultaneously confronting the endemic racism that limited and undermined their ability to fully join the non-Indian world.

The early twentieth century saw federal policy go full circle, with a brief departure from an assimilation-based approach to one that supported tribal sovereignty and a quick return to assimilationist practices. In 1923,

administration of Indian affairs [is] a disgrace—a policy designed to rob Indians of their property, destroy their culture

<sup>21</sup> Five years later, the

Meriam Report condemned the boarding

prevalence of tuberculosis and trachoma, and comm

be raised as to whether much of the work of Indian children in boarding schools would not be

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These criticisms prompted a shift in federal Indian education policy that recognized the value of maintaining Native cultures and strengthening tribal families and social structures.<sup>23</sup> As a result, during the 1930s, the Bureau of Indian Affairs closed 16 boarding schools and opened 84

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<sup>20</sup> COLEMAN, *supra* note 18, at 105.

<sup>21</sup> REYHNER & EDER, *supra* note 8, at 207.

<sup>22</sup> INST. FOR GOV T RESEARCH., MERIAM REPORT: THE PROBLEM OF INDIAN ADMINISTRATION 32 (1921), [http://www.narf.org/nill/merriam/n\\_merriam\\_chapter9\\_part1\\_education.pdf](http://www.narf.org/nill/merriam/n_merriam_chapter9_part1_education.pdf).

<sup>23</sup> REYHNER & EDER, *supra* note 8, at 11.

reservation-based day schools.<sup>24</sup> However, this positive shift was not universal. For example, the House Select Committee on Indian Affairs declared in 1944 that, [t]he goal of Indian education should be to make the Indian child a better American rather than to equip him simply to be a better Indian.<sup>25</sup> The Committee disapproved of on-reservation day schools and encouraged a return to boarding schools<sup>26</sup> more quickly in learning the

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In 1969, the Senate convened a Special Subcommittee on Indian Education to investigate the challenges facing Native students.

informally known as the Kennedy Report, delivered a scathing indictment of the federal It concluded that the

<sup>28</sup> The Subcommittee detailed 60 recommendations for overhauling the system, all

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Congress also moved to enhance the role of Native nations in education, with the Indian Education Act of 1972,<sup>30</sup> the landmark Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975,<sup>31</sup> the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978,<sup>32</sup> and the

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<sup>24</sup> INDIAN EDUCATION: A NATIONAL TRAGEDY A NATIONAL CHALLENGE, S. REP. NO. 91-501, at 13 (1969) [hereinafter KENNEDY REPORT].

<sup>25</sup> H.R. REP. NO. 78-2091, at 9 (1944).

<sup>26</sup> As late as 1974, more than 17 percent or 34,000 of all Native youth attended federal boarding schools. Ryan SeeLau, *Regaining Control Over the Children: Reversing the Legacy of Assimilative Policies in Education, Child Welfare, and Juvenile Justice that Targeted Native American Youth*, 1 Am. Indian L. Rev. 37, 86 (2012-2013).

<sup>27</sup> H.R. REP. NO. 78-2091, at 9.

<sup>28</sup> KENNEDY REPORT, *supra* note 24, at 21.

<sup>29</sup> KENNEDY REPORT, *supra* note 24, at xiii.

<sup>30</sup> Pub. L. No. 92-318, 86 Stat. 334 (1972) *repealed by* Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988, 102 Stat. 414.

<sup>31</sup> Pub. L. No. 93-638, 88 Stat. 2206 (1975) (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. § 450 et. seq. (2006)) (authorizing tribes to contract directly with the federal government to operate Bureau of Indian Education schools).

<sup>32</sup> Pub. L. No. 95-471, 92 Stat. 1325 (1978) (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. § 1802 et. seq. (1988) (supporting the development of tribal colleges and universities)).

Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988.<sup>33</sup> These laws provided tribal governments, communities, and families with unprecedented opportunities to influence the direction of their future.

The inconsistent and often detrimental history of education policy up to that point left lasting scars, which continue to affect Native youth and the underlying nation-to-nation relationship. Today, tribes operate more than two-thirds of Bureau of Indian Education schools<sup>34</sup> and 37 tribal colleges and universities.<sup>35</sup> More than 200 tribal nations have created their own education departments or agencies and vested them with the authority and responsibility to implement tribal education goals and priorities.<sup>36</sup> Despite these significant strides, Native youth continue to confront formidable barriers to success.

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<sup>33</sup> Pub. L. No. 100-297, 102 Stat. 385 (1988) (codified as amended at 25 U.S.C. §§ 2501 et seq. (2002)).

<sup>34</sup> Bureau of Indian Education Study Group, Findings and Recommendations, Submitted to the Secretaries of the (June 27, 2014) [hereinafter BIE Blueprint], *available at* <http://www.doi.gov/news/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&pageid=537280>.

<sup>35</sup> American Indian Higher Education Consortium, *at* <http://www.aihec.org/index.cfm> (last visited Nov. 30, 2014).

<sup>36</sup> AMY BOWERS, TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS REPORT 1 (2011), *at* <http://www.narf.org/nill/resources/education/reports/tefnareport2011.pdf>.

## The Current Crisis of Native Youth

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*"Whoever controls the education of our children controls our future." Wilma Mankiller,  
former Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation<sup>37</sup>*

While the many interconnected, they cannot be divorced from the enduring legacies of historic U.S. policies. In 2000, then-Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Gover (Pawnee) incisively described this relationship when he reflected on the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bureau of Indian Affairs:

This agency forbade the speaking of Indian languages, prohibited the conduct of traditional religious activities, outlawed traditional government, and made Indian people ashamed of who they were. Worst of all, the Bureau of Indian Affairs committed these acts against the children entrusted to its boarding schools, brutalizing them emotionally, psychologically, physically, and spiritually. Even in this era of self-determination, when the Bureau of Indian Affairs is at long last serving as an advocate for Indian people in an atmosphere of mutual respect, the legacy of these misdeeds haunts us. The trauma of shame, fear and anger has passed from one generation to the next, and manifests itself in the rampant alcoholism, drug abuse, and domestic violence that plague Indian country. . . . So many of the maladies suffered today in Indian country result from the failures of this agency.<sup>38</sup>

### ***Educational Disparities***

The negative effects of entrenched poverty and the troubled history of Indian education have combined with systemic challenges to result in sharply lower academic and educational outcomes for Native youth, who also have dramatically fewer educational opportunities than their peers. This disparity has dire consequences for both individual Native youth and tribal

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<sup>37</sup> WORDS OF POWER: VOICES FROM INDIAN AMERICA 19 (Norbert S. Hill ed. 1994).

<sup>38</sup> Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, Remarks at the Ceremony Acknowledging the 175th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Sept. 8, 2000), at <http://www.nativeweb.org/pages/legal/gover.html>.



nations. For Native youth, this means fewer opportunities to complete college or career training and move into meaningful jobs; for tribal nations, it means fewer opportunities to develop leaders who can build stronger tribal economies and contribute to the overall rebuilding of Native nations.

While progress has been made in recent decades,<sup>39</sup> American Indians and Alaska Natives continue to have worse educational outcomes than the general population by nearly all measures. Twenty-two percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives ages 25 and older have not finished high school, and only 13 percent have completed a degree or higher, compared to 29 percent of the U.S. population who have a

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The vast majority of Native students—92 percent—attend local public schools operated by state and local educational authorities. States have a responsibility to educate all students who live within the s<sup>41</sup> The other

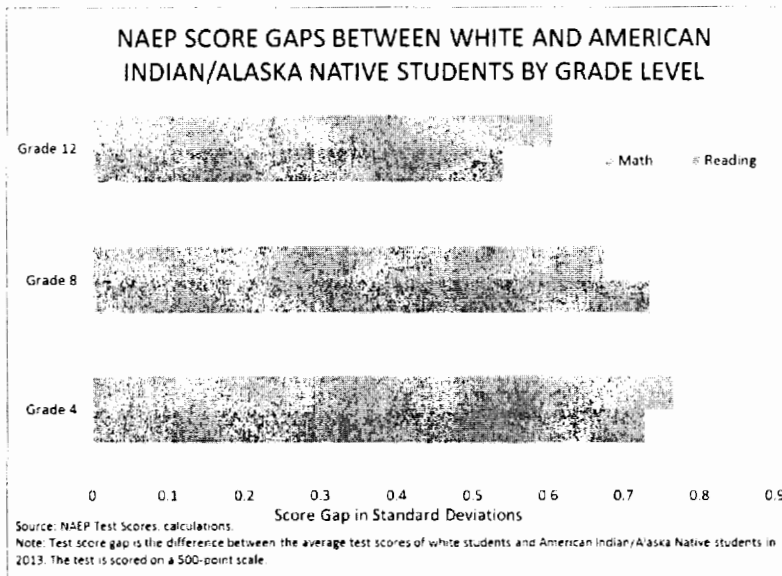
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<sup>39</sup> Native college enrollment more than doubled between 1976 and 2006. JILL FLEURY DEVOE & KRISTEN DARLING-CHURCHILL, STATUS AND TRENDS IN THE EDUCATION OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES: 2008 U.S. DEPT OF EDUC., NAT'L CTR. FOR EDUC. STATISTICS 126 (Sept. 2008), *at* <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2008084>.

<sup>40</sup> 2010-2012 Amer. Community Survey 3-

8 percent of Native students approximately 41,600 are enrolled in 183 federally-funded Bureau of Indian Education schools.<sup>42</sup> These schools are located on 63 reservations in 23 states.<sup>43</sup>

Native youth experience major disparities in many aspects of their education. Overall, Native students score far lower than other students on national tests; the gap in reading and math



test scores between Native and white students is more than half of a standard deviation throughout their educational careers. Twenty-two percent of Native fourth graders and 17 percent of Native eighth graders scored at the

levels in math in 2011.<sup>44</sup> Nationally, 40 percent of fourth graders and 35 percent of eighth graders scored in this range. This reflects a profound gap in primary and secondary academic achievement.

In addition to disparate educational outcomes, American Indians and Alaska Natives are over represented in the school discipline system. They are disproportionately suspended and expelled, representing less than one percent of the student population but two percent of out-of-school suspensions and three percent of

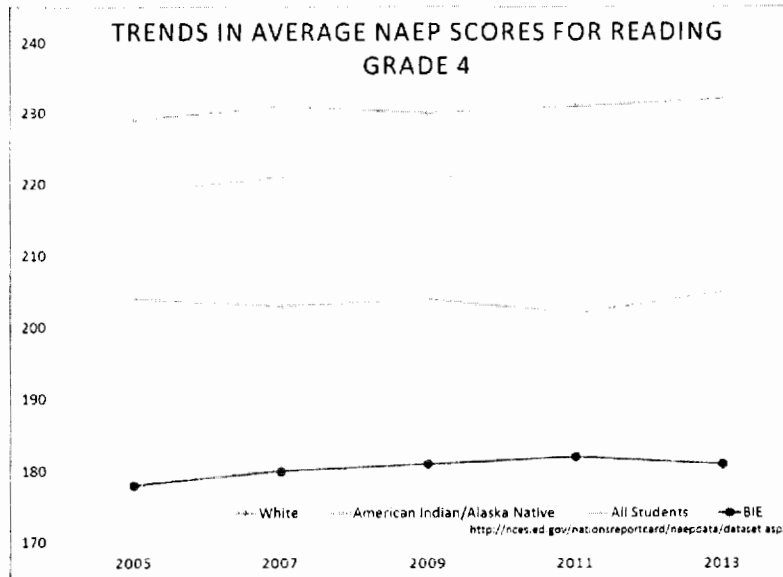
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<sup>43</sup> DEVOE, *supra* n. 39, at 46.

<sup>44</sup> NAT'L CTR. FOR EDUC. STATISTICS, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION STUDY 2011: THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE STUDENTS AT GRADES FOUR AND EIGHT 2 (2011), at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/studies/2012466.pdf>.

expulsions.<sup>45</sup> Research has suggested that these racial disparities (reflected in Civil Rights Data Collection data) are not explained by more frequent or more serious misbehavior by students of color.<sup>46</sup> Native kindergarten students are also held back at



nearly twice the rate of white kindergarten students.<sup>47</sup> With these systemic challenges, it is not surprising that American Indian and Alaska Native students had the lowest four-year high school graduation rate, 67 percent, of any racial or ethnic group in the 2011-2012 school year.<sup>48</sup>

These national statistics, although discouraging, may mask an even more acute problem on tribal lands within BIE funded schools. Of the 183 BIE schools, 34 percent (63 schools) are

<sup>45</sup> OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., ISSUE BRIEF NO. 1, DATA SNAPSHOT: SCHOOL DISCIPLINE I (March 2014), at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/crdc-discipline-snapshot.pdf>.

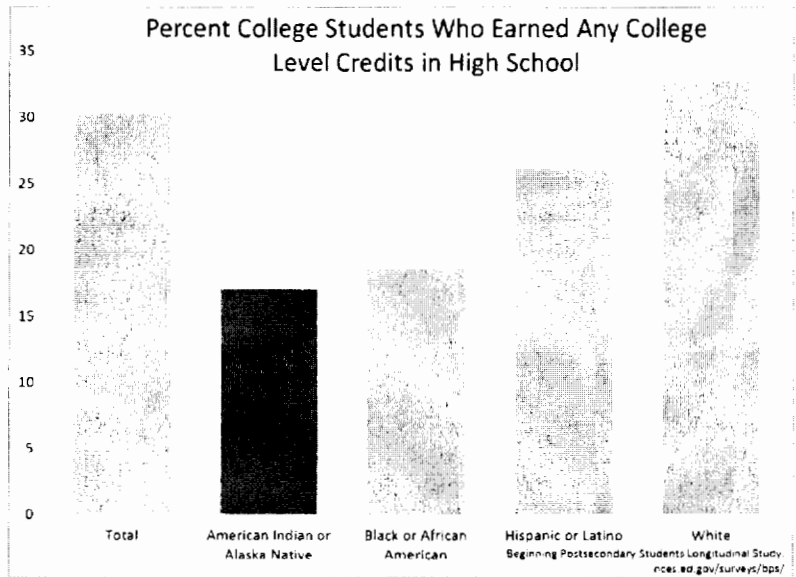
<sup>46</sup> See generally Michael Rocque & Raymond Paternoster, *Understanding the Antecedents of the "School-to-Jail" Link: The Relationship Between Race and School Discipline*, 101 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 633 (2011); Russell J. Skiba et al., *Race Is Not Neutral: A National Investigation of African American and Latino Disproportionality in School Discipline*, 40 SCH. PSYCHOL. REV. 85 (2011); T. FABELO, PH.D. ET AL., COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CTR., *BREAKING SCHOOLS' RULES: A STATEWIDE STUDY OF HOW SCHOOL DISCIPLINE RELATES TO STUDENTS' SUCCESS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT* (July 2011); A. Gregory & A.R. Thompson, *African American High School Students and Variability in Behavior Across Classrooms*, 38 J. COMMUNITY PSYCHOL. 386 (2010); R.J. Skiba, et al., *The Color of Discipline: Sources of Racial and Gender Disproportionality in School Punishment*, 34 URBAN REV. 317 (2002); Michael Rocque, *Office Discipline and Student Behavior: Does Race Matter?*, 116 AM. J. EDUC. 557 (2010).

<sup>47</sup> OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., ISSUE BRIEF NO. 2, DATA SNAPSHOT: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION I (March 2014), at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/crdc-early-learning-snapshot.pdf>.

<sup>48</sup> MARIE C. STETSER & ROBERT STILLWELL, NAT'L CTR. FOR EDUC. STATISTICS, U.S. DEP'T EDUC., *PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOUR-YEAR ON-TIME GRADUATION RATES AND EVENT DROPOUT RATES: SCHOOL YEARS 2010-11 & 2011-12* at 7-10 (April 2014), at <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2014/2014391.pdf>.

in poor condition,<sup>49</sup> and 27 percent are over 40 years old. The needed repairs are estimated to cost \$967 million across all BIE funded schools.<sup>50</sup> In these schools, fourth graders scored, on average, 22 points lower in reading and 14 points lower in math than Native students attending public schools.<sup>51</sup> Sixty percent of BIE-funded schools do not have adequate digital bandwidth or computers to meet the requirements of new assessments aligned to college and career ready standards.<sup>52</sup>

Those Native students who do graduate and go on to college are too often ill equipped. They attend high schools that simply do not have the right courses, strong mentorship, or opportunities that lead to a successful college experience. Few Native youth are enrolled in high-level math courses in high school, such as calculus, or in other rigorous high school classes, which are a gateway to higher education.



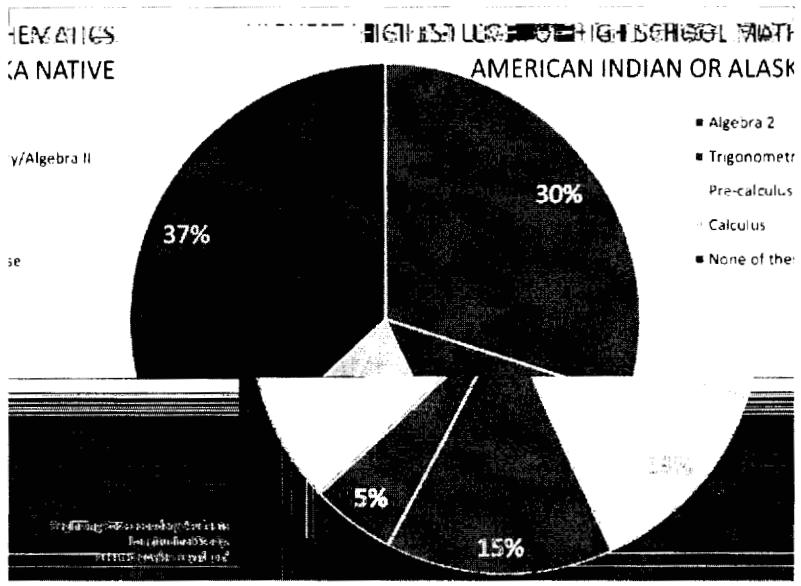
<sup>49</sup> Poor condition is determined by the formula. If the Cost of Deficiencies/Current Replacement Value is greater than .10 than the school is determined to be in poor condition. One way to think about this is that the cost of repairs are greater than 10 percent of the value of the school itself.

<sup>50</sup> BIE Blueprint, *supra* n. 34, at 20.

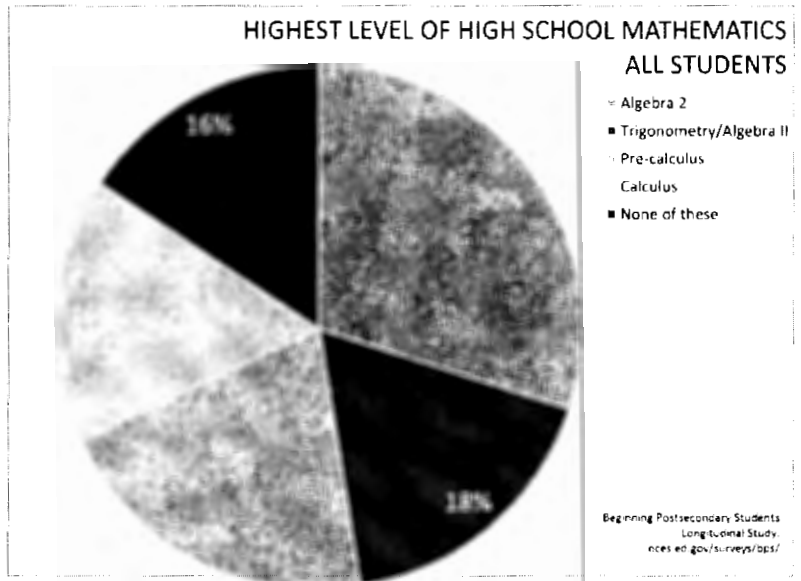
<sup>51</sup> DEVOE, *supra* n. 39, at 72-79.

<sup>52</sup> DEVOE, *supra* n. 39, at 102-103.

American Indian and Alaska Native youth are the least likely of all student populations to attend a high school that offers Advanced Placement courses,<sup>53</sup> and fewer than half of



Native high school students have the full range of math and science courses available at their schools.<sup>54</sup> Only one in four Native high school students who take the American College Test (ACT) score at the college-ready level in math, and only about one-third score at the college-ready level in reading.<sup>55</sup> Due in part to these disparities in



<sup>53</sup> CHRISTINA THEOKAS & REID SAARIS, THE EDUCATION TRUST, FINDING AMERICA'S MISSING AP AND IB STUDENTS 3 (June 2013), [http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/Missing\\_Students.pdf](http://www.edtrust.org/sites/edtrust.org/files/Missing_Students.pdf).

<sup>54</sup> OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., ISSUE BRIEF NO. 3, DATA SNAPSHOT: COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS 1 (March 2014), at <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/crdc-college-and-career-readiness-snapshot.pdf>.

<sup>55</sup> AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT), THE CONDITION OF COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS, 2012 NATIONAL 5, at <http://www.act.org/research-policy/college-career-readiness-report-2012>.

secondary education, only 39 percent of Native students who enrolled in a four-year

percent of white students.<sup>56</sup>

These statistics point to a stark reality: Native youth and Native education are in a state of emergency. Low rates of educational attainment perpetuate a cycle of limited opportunity for higher education or economic success for American Indians and Alaska Natives. This crisis has grave consequences for Native nations, who need an educated citizenry to lead their governments, develop reservation economies, contribute to the social well-being of Native communities, and sustain Indian cultures.

### ***Root Causes of Disparities in Native Educational Attainment***

While the reasons for such low Native student academic achievement and educational attainment are multi-faceted and complex, some of the key factors responsible for this crisis are clear:

- **Continued Lack of Genuine Tribal Control:** Historically, states that have Indian lands within their geographic boundaries have not been required, or even encouraged, to collaborate with tribes in operating schools. Public education, which serves the vast majority of Native students in schools both on and off reservation and tribal lands, continues to exclude tribes and maintains non-tribal control over academic goals, funding, staffing, and curriculum. The lack of culturally-relevant curriculum and culturally competent staff that understand how to reach Native youth may lead to the high drop-out rates and low high-school graduation rates for AI/AN students. Although there are over 200 Tribal Education Departments, they are not adequately funded to develop tribal expertise. In addition, the BIE, which has transferred operation of two-thirds of schools to tribes, has not been adequately restructured to recognize its new primary role of supporting tribal programs, rather than being the primary provider of Indian education.<sup>57</sup> Tribes and Indian educators identify

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<sup>56</sup> LAURA G. KNAPP ET AL., NAT'L CTR. FOR EDUC. STATISTICS, U.S. DEP'T OF EDUC., ENROLLMENT IN POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS, FALL 2010; FINANCIAL STATISTICS, FISCAL YEAR 2010; AND GRADUATION RATES, SELECTED COHORTS, 2002-07, at 17, Table 7 (2012), at <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2012/2012280.pdf> (providing rates of graduation for first-time postsecondary students, enrolling in four-degree).

<sup>57</sup> BIE Blueprint, *supra* at 34, at 3.

infrastructure investments and administrative grant support costs as necessary resources to execute genuine tribal control.

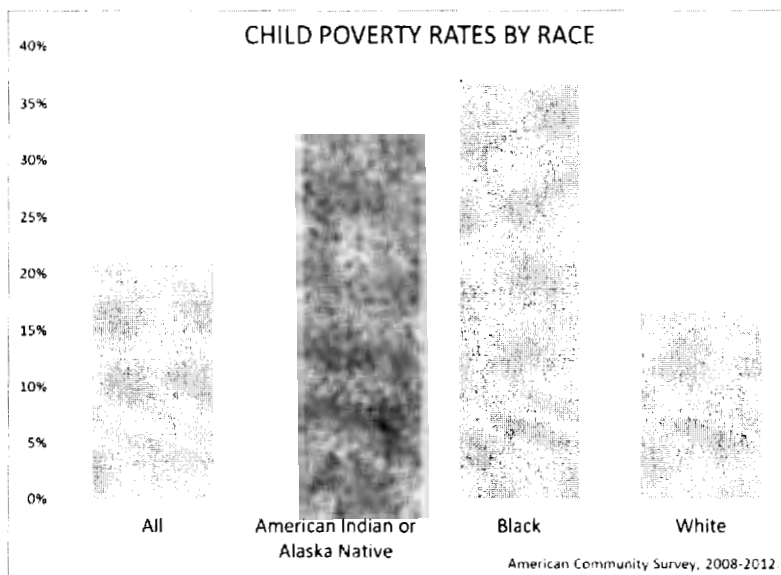
- Lack of Comprehensive Student Support: As indicated above, Native children and youth grapple with a number of extraordinary challenges that stem from severe poverty. Schools that serve them are often not equipped to address these complex needs—mental health, nutrition, wellness, substance abuse, family life issues, exposure to bullying and violence, housing shortages, and other critical needs.
- Challenges in Recruiting and Retaining Highly Effective Teachers and School Leaders: No in- the quality of his or her teacher.<sup>58</sup> Reservation-based and other schools with large Native populations face tremendous obstacles in recruiting and retaining teaching and leadership talent, including, uncompetitive salaries, isolated rural settings, tough working conditions, few amenities, lack of job opportunities for spouses, and marginal housing.<sup>59</sup>
- Lack of Native Languages and Cultures in School: Experience suggests that incorporating Native languages and culture into academic settings can improve educational engagement and outcomes. Such practices bolster their identity and self-worth of Native youth by respecting the norms and culture of their families and communities. Moreover, the local community, including elders, engages more in the learning process when it reflects and includes key elements of Native language and culture. However, few schools adequately incorporate Native cultures into the curriculum. In 2011, 27 percent of AI/ANs ages 5 years and older spoke a language other than English at home, compared to 21 percent for the entire nation.<sup>60</sup> Of the 187 languages still spoken in the United States and Canada, 149 are no longer being taught to children.<sup>61</sup> Approximately 100 Native languages were located in California alone in the 1800s, yet today only 50 still have speakers, and none are being learned as the primary language of the household.<sup>62</sup>

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- **Insufficient Funding:** There persists a large backlog of unmet Native American needs to overcome a long history of neglect and discrimination.<sup>63</sup> Nearly \$1 billion is needed for repairs and construction for BIE funded schools alone. The lack of sufficient funding by the federal government is also an issue for health care. A 2003 report by the Civil Rights Commission indicated that the federal government spends less per capita on Native American health care than any other group for which it has this responsibility, including Medicaid recipients, prisoners, veterans, and military personnel.<sup>64</sup>

### ***Socioeconomic Disparities in Childhood***

Still reeling from centuries of policies designed to dismantle tribal governments and identities, American Indians and Alaska Natives living on reservations and other tribal lands represent one of the most economically disadvantaged groups in the United States.<sup>65</sup> Improving the outcomes for Native youth requires addressing larger socioeconomic disparities. Although tribes have experienced significant economic gains in recent decades—with average per capita



incomes nearly doubling since 1970<sup>66</sup> many of these gains occurred from 1970 to 1980.

was rising through the 1980s and early 1990s, American Indians on reservations saw their incomes stagnate.<sup>67</sup>

<sup>63</sup> See U.S. COMM N ON CIVIL RIGHTS, A QUIET CRISIS: FEDERAL FUNDING AND UNMET NEEDS IN INDIAN COUNTRY 43 (2003), at <http://www.usccr.gov/pubs/na0703/na0731.pdf>; see generally COHEN S HANDBOOK, *supra* 41, at §22.03.

<sup>64</sup> *Id.*

<sup>65</sup> Data from 2008-2012 ACS, *supra* n. 2.

<sup>66</sup> A faster rate than the rest of the United States and faster than any other racial and ethnic group. Randall K.Q. AKEE & JONATHAN B. TAYLOR, SOCIAL & ECONOMIC CHANGE ON AMERICAN INDIAN RESERVATIONS: A DATABOOK OF THE US CENSUSES & THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 1990-2010, at 6-7 (2010), available at <http://taylorpolicy.com/us-databook/>.

<sup>67</sup> *Id.*



In 2012, median household income for the American Indian and Alaska Native population stood at \$39,715 compared to \$56,746 for the U.S. overall. The poverty rate among American Indians and Alaska Natives was 27 percent compared to 15 percent for the nation, and at 34 percent, child poverty was 13 percentage points higher than the national average of 21 percent. However, even these data may mask more severe disparities for some Native communities. For example, some Native communities faced almost no poverty between 2008 and 2012, while others experienced poverty rates greater than 60 percent.<sup>68</sup>

### ***Socioeconomic Disparities in Adulthood***

A portion of these disparities in socioeconomic status likely stem from differences in labor market opportunities and outcomes. The unemployment rate for American Indian/Alaska Native workers in the twelve months ending in September 2014 was 12.4 percent—4.4 percentage points higher than the equivalent unemployment rate for Hispanic workers and 0.5 percentage points higher than the rate for black workers. For young workers, the gaps are even more pronounced: 23.9 percent of American Indian/Alaska Native workers ages 16-24 were unemployed compared to 14.6 percent for Hispanic youth and 23 percent for black youth.<sup>69</sup>

Once employed, American Indian/Alaska Native workers earn less than other workers. Among those with wage income, median earnings were just \$21,775 relative to the median earnings for all workers of \$30,000. This is true even when education levels are taken into

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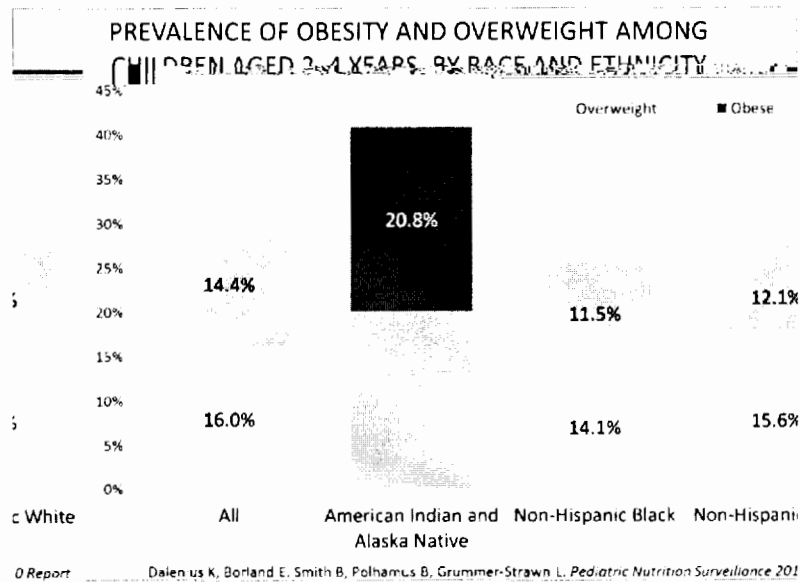
<sup>69</sup> Unemployment data from the monthly Oct. 2013-Sept. 2014.

or higher was only \$41,263.<sup>70</sup>

**Health Disparities Faced by American Indians and Alaska Natives**

Many Native youth face severe health barriers throughout their lives. Early disparities in the two to four year-olds population are particularly troublesome, because of the lifelong impact of those crucial years in a

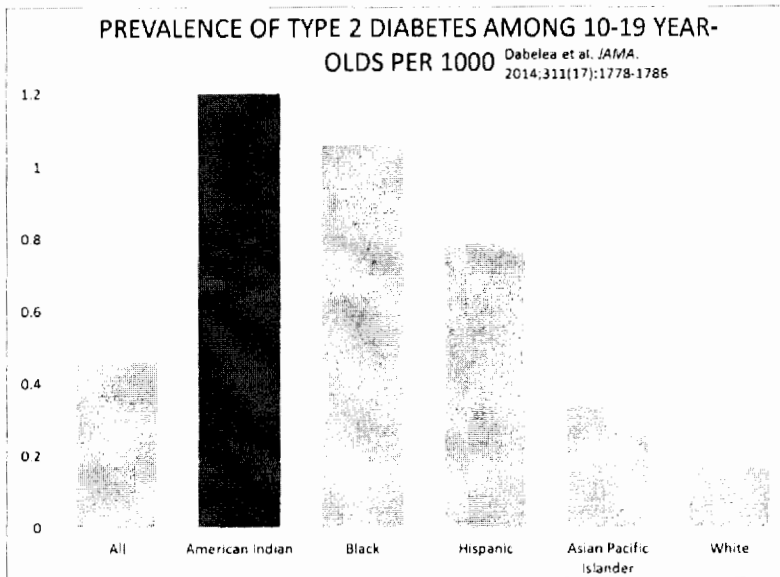
In 2010, over 40 percent of American Indian/Alaska Native children between the ages of two and four were overweight or obese; representing the highest prevalence among all major racial/ethnic groups.<sup>71</sup>



Among 10 to 19 year olds, the prevalence of type-2 diabetes is nearly three times the national average and five times higher than the average among white youth. This pattern continues into adulthood where American Indian/Alaska Natives have the highest rate of age-

<sup>70</sup> Income data from ACS 2008-2012, *supra* n. 2

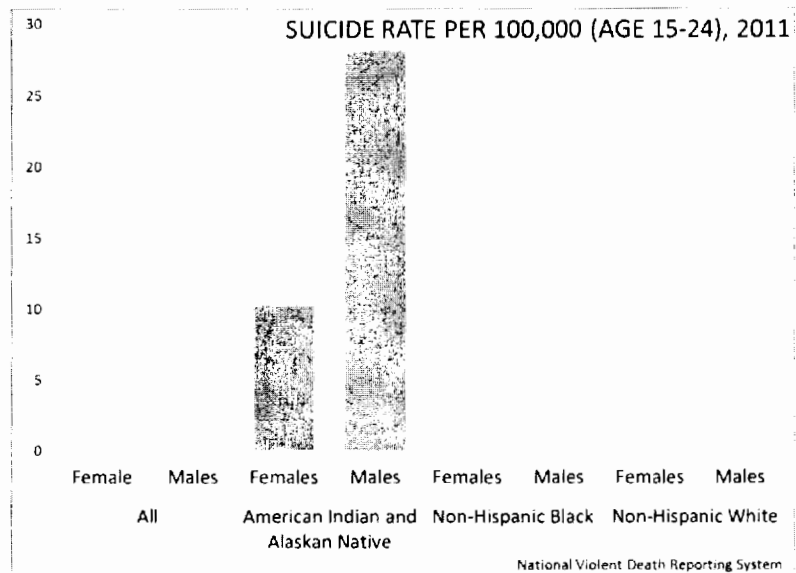
<sup>71</sup> DALENIUS K ET AL., NATIONAL CENTER FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION, U.S. DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE, PEDIATRIC NUTRITION SURVEILLANCE 2010 REPORT 8, at [http://www.cdc.gov/pednss/pdfs/PedNSS\\_2010\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/pednss/pdfs/PedNSS_2010_Summary.pdf).



adjusted diabetes. In some Native populations, the rates are even more serious, reaching, for example, more than 24 percent of American Indians in southern Arizona.<sup>72</sup>

Mental and substance use disorders are also major concerns within the Native

youth population. Among U.S. adolescents ages 12 to 17, Native youth have the highest lifetime prevalence of major depressive episodes.<sup>73</sup> Native children are also 70 percent more likely to be identified in school as students with an emotional disturbance.<sup>74</sup> And suicide is the second leading cause of death for 2.5 times the national rate for



<sup>72</sup> NAT L CENTER FOR CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION & HEALTH PROMOTION, U.S. DEP T OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, NATIONAL DIABETES STATISTICS REPORT (2014), at <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/statsreport14/national-diabetes-report-web.pdf>.

<sup>73</sup> SPERO M. MANSON, PH. D, SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMIN, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION-BASED WORK IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES (Aug. 2013), at [http://www.nasmhpd.org/docs/Webinars%20ppts/Culturally%20Appropriate\\_Tribal%20webinar%2008.21.2013.pdf](http://www.nasmhpd.org/docs/Webinars%20ppts/Culturally%20Appropriate_Tribal%20webinar%2008.21.2013.pdf).

<sup>74</sup> OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUC. PROGRAMS, U.S. DEP T OF EDUC., MY BROTHER S KEEPER TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT REPORT 29 (2014), at [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/053014\\_mbk\\_report.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/053014_mbk_report.pdf).

Native male youth in the 15 to 24 year old age group.<sup>75</sup> The education system is particularly impacted by mental health disorders, as more Native youth ages 12 to 17 used mental health services in education versus other settings, requiring resource-intensive coordination between schools and service providers.<sup>76</sup>

Native youth also face substance abuse problems and some have co-occurring mental and substance use disorders. In 2013, among persons aged 12 or older, the rate of substance dependence or abuse was higher among American Indians/Alaska Natives than any other population group.<sup>77</sup> That same year, an estimated 38.7 percent of Native adolescents aged 12 to 17 years had a lifetime prevalence of illicit drug use. Compared with the national average for adolescents aged 12 to 17, Native adolescents had the highest rates of lifetime tobacco product use, marijuana use, nonmedical use of pain relievers, and nonmedical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutics.

From 2003-2011, American Indian/Alaska Native were more likely to need alcohol or illicit drug use treatment than persons of other groups by age, gender, poverty level, and rural/urban residence.<sup>78</sup> In 2012, almost 69 percent of Native youth ages 15 to 24 who were admitted to a substance abuse treatment facility reported alcohol as a substance of abuse compared to 45 percent for non-AI/AN admissions.<sup>79</sup> Among other issues, underage drinking

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<sup>75</sup> HYDE, *supra* n. 5, at 5.

<sup>76</sup> CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STATISTICS AND QUALITY, U.S. DEP T OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, ICPSR 34933, NATIONAL SURVEY ON DRUG USE & HEALTH (2012).

<sup>77</sup> CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STATISTICS & QUALITY, U.S. DEP T OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, RESULTS FROM THE NATIONAL SURVEY ON DRUG USE & HEALTH: SUMMARY OF NATIONAL FINDINGS 26, 38, 88 (2013), at <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/NSDUHresultsPDFHTML2013/Web/NSDUHresults2013.pdf>.

<sup>78</sup> CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STATISTICS & QUALITY, U.S. DEP T OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, THE NSDUH REPORT: NEED FOR AND RECEIPT OF SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS OR ALASKA NATIVES (2012), at <http://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/NSDUH120/NSDUH120/SR120-treatment-need-AIAN.htm>.

<sup>79</sup> CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STATISTICS & QUALITY, U.S. DEP T OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, BHSIS SERIES S-71, HHS PUBL N NO. (SMA) 14-4850, TREATMENT EPISODE DATA SET (TEDS): 2002-2012 NATIONAL

increases the risk of suicide and homicide, physical and sexual assault, using and misusing other

## Recommendations for Change

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*We have a profound obligation to ensure that all children, including American Indian and Alaska Native students, have the opportunity to receive a 21st century education. . . Tribal leaders, teachers, and parents are best suited to identify and address the needs of their children, and tribal communities deserve to play a greater role in providing American Indian and Alaska Native students with the tools and support they need to be successful in school and beyond.*  
*Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan<sup>80</sup>*

ative youth may seem insurmountable, tribal nations and their communities are proving that it is possible to overcome these obstacles with focused, strategic efforts. Those who serve Native students are developing innovative programs grounded in both high academic expectations and tribal values and traditions, and beginning to reverse more than two centuries of oppressive and stifling policies. In addition, over the last six years, the Administration has created new programs (in ED and BIE) to support building tribal sovereignty over education. BIE and ED entered a Memorandum of Agreement to improve two-way communications between the two agencies and address common issues affecting AI/AN students. In addition, ED increased the emphasis in its Title VII formula grants, on the need for school districts to provide culturally-relevant education for Indian students.

However, despite the bright spots, the data recounted herein reflects the staggering challenges that Native youth face, and justify a call to action. Native youth are the future of Indian country. They are essential to reaching the vision of strong, resilient, prosperous tribal nations. This is the critical time to partner with tribal nations and invest in the success of all our youth.

Given the complexity and magnitude of the challenges, there is a need for a broad array of partners to support tribes in identifying solutions to help Native youth reach their potential.

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<sup>80</sup> Video Press Release, Secretary Arne Duncan, U.S. Dep t of Educ., Secretary Duncan Announces the Launch of the STEP Pilot Program (May 7, 2012), at <http://youtu.be/ROIJgmPIQf0>.

Federal commitments will be critical to this collaboration. Substantial opportunities exist for tribal nations to engage the private sector and public sector to create and maintain transformative programs. Organizations committed to working on issues of poverty, health, juvenile justice, educational inequality, and student opportunities can play an important role in improving the lives of Native youth.

As such, we offer the following overarching recommendations to reverse historical failures and strengthen ladders of opportunity for all students in Native American communities.

- 1. Strengthen tribal control of education:** Education is a key component in improving the life trajectories of Native youth and ultimately rebuilding strong tribal nations. Tribal nations are in the best position to address the unique needs of their students because they best know their own children and communities. Research identifies tribal self-determination as a strategy that has improved the well-being of American Indians and Alaska Natives across many areas of government service.<sup>81</sup> Increasing tribal control also is likely to lead to greater development of curricula that include Native languages, cultures, and values. Tribal/state and tribal/school district partnerships in education are important opportunities for improving outcomes for Native youth.<sup>82</sup> Elevating the role of tribes in education allows them to design schools and programs rooted in high expectations for all students, while embracing tribal values and traditions that meet the specific needs of their citizens.

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to be, after a century or more of failed efforts to improve the lives of the U.S. indigenous people, the only strategy  
hen Cornell & Joseph P. Kalt, *American Indian Self-Determination: The Political Economy of  
a Policy that Works*, Working Paper No. RWP10-043, at 15 (Harvard Kennedy School of Gov., 2010), at  
<http://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:HUL.InstRepos:4553307>.

<sup>82</sup> See generally BOWERS, *supra* n. 36.

- Work Underway:
  - In June 2014, the Department of the Interior (DOI) released the BIE Blueprint for schools from DOI to tribes. BIE is working to change from a direct operator of schools into a resource provider that serves tribally controlled schools, similar to a state department of education.<sup>83</sup> technical assistance capacity so that it is better positioned to support tribes as the leaders of their own highly effective schools, as well as providing assistance to schools so they are better positioned to support student academic success in a setting that embraces tribal values and traditions.
  - The State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) grant program is designed to strengthen tribal education agencies (TEAs), and improve partnerships between tribes, states, and school districts so they can work together more effectively to meet the academic, cultural, and social needs of Native students. The lessons learned during the three-year pilot and, in consultation with tribes have contributed to proposed revisions to the STEP program, which will be finalized in time for new grants awards in 2015.
  
- Additional Opportunities:
  - Advance support for infrastructure and grant support costs to provide adequate resources to execute genuine tribal control.
  - Significantly streamline and simplify the administration of BIE-funded schools to increase tribal control and meet the unique cultural and educational needs of Native students. Significantly streamline and simplify expectations for BIE schools to increase local control and create an outcome-oriented focus on academic success for Native students.
  - Support states in authorizing tribal charter schools as part of public school systems to develop models and meet the unique cultural and educational needs of Native youth.
  - Provide funding and support for tribal preschool programs, such as the Preschool for All proposal, to ensure that every child can start school ready to learn.
  - Support and disseminate best practices around tribal partnerships with states and districts.

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<sup>83</sup> BIE Blueprint, *supra* n. 34, at 3.



**2. Provide comprehensive, community-based student supports:** The formidable challenges that Native youth face as a result of systemic poverty demand a holistic approach to social needs in a culturally-sensitive manner is critical for each child to truly succeed as a student and, more importantly, as a human being. Schools need access to resources that allow them to build school-based programs providing comprehensive student supports, which would enable students to excel in college and their careers.

- Work Underway:

- The Department of Education is working to increase support for comprehensive, locally determined education reforms in tribal communities through a new priority in the Indian Education Demonstration Grants program. Local Native Youth Community Projects would provide support to tribes to identify key in-and-out-of school barriers and opportunities to college-and-career-readiness and to develop strategies to address the identified needs of Native Youth.

- Additional Opportunities:

- Expand the NYCP to address comprehensive, cradle-to-career interventions.
- Expand partnerships between schools, communities, and organizations to make schools the center of communities.
- Continue to support investments in Tribal Colleges and Universities and higher education institutions to improve and expand educational opportunities.

**3. Strengthen the integration of Native cultures and languages into school climate and classrooms:** Strengthening tribal language and culture is a responsibility at the core of our trust relationship with tribal nations. It bolsters a healthy sense of individual identity and

belonging, while simultaneously improving self-esteem.<sup>84</sup> Working with tribes and experts, schools should have the ability and support to fully integrate Native cultures and languages into the classroom.<sup>85</sup> In addition, it is critical that students are able to attend schools that support their identity and are free from bullying, disproportionate discipline, and offensive imagery and symbolism. Moreover, tribes and tribal colleges should be supported to better facilitate language revitalization efforts.

- Work Underway:

- The Department of Education conducted its first ever School Environment Listening Tour in nine cities with over 1,000 students and community members. The tour provided a space for schools and communities to discuss challenges and identify proactive ways to support Native students and create positive school climate.
- The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on Native Languages between DOI, HHS, and ED provides a framework for collaboration and coordination across federal agencies to help preserve and revitalize Native languages. The MOA sets forth the methods for cooperation in these areas through the Native Language Workgroup. The Native Language Workgroup hosted a Native American Languages Summit; *Working Together for Native American Language Success* in June, 2014.
- After the 2014 Native American Languages Summit, several federal agencies demonstrated interest in protecting and promoting Native American languages by

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<sup>84</sup> TERESA L. MCCARTY, PH. D., ALICE WILEY SNELL PROF. OF EDUC. POLICY STUDIES & PROF. OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS, ARIZ. STATE UNIV., STATE OF THE FIELD: THE ROLE OF NATIVE LANGUAGES AND CULTURES IN AMERICAN INDIAN, ALASKA NATIVE, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (2011), at [http://center-for-indian-education.asu.edu/sites/center-for-indian-education.asu.edu/files/McCarty,%20Role%20of%20Native%20Lgs%20&%20Cults%20in%20AI-AN-NH%20Student%20Achievement%20\[2\]%20\(071511\).pdf](http://center-for-indian-education.asu.edu/sites/center-for-indian-education.asu.edu/files/McCarty,%20Role%20of%20Native%20Lgs%20&%20Cults%20in%20AI-AN-NH%20Student%20Achievement%20[2]%20(071511).pdf). Students who enter school with a primary language other than the school language (e.g., English) perform significantly better on academic tasks when they receive constant and cumulative academic support in the primary language for a minimum of four to seven years. TERESA L. MCCARTY, PH. D., LANGUAGE PLANNING AND POLICY IN NATIVE AMERICA: HISTORY, THEORY, PRAXIS (2013).

<sup>85</sup> n reading scoring, going from 0 percent reading proficiency over quite a few years to 60% reading proficiency in grades K-6. This was due to instituting a research-  
Oversight Hearing: Indian Education Series: Indian Students in Public Schools - Cultivating the Next Generation Before the Senate Comm. on Indian Affairs, 113th Cong. 1 (April 9, 2014) (statement of Dan Hudson, Assistant Superintendent, Fremont County School District #14 (WY)), at <http://www.indian.senate.gov/hearing/oversight-hearing-receive-testimony-indian-education-series-indian-students-public-schools>).

providing important resources and input towards the implementation of the goals of the MOA and the Native American Native Language Act.

- Every state has its own requirements for teacher qualifications; some states have taken action to facilitate the hiring of Native language teachers and the Department of Education is supporting those efforts. For example, in 2013 the South Central Comprehensive Center (SC3), under a grant from the Department that includes supporting states in the education of AI/AN students, helped the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) develop a Native Language Certification process and is continuing to provide technical assistance during statewide implementation of an alternate pathway in Native language certification. The SC3 Native Language Revitalization initiative is working to improve the pathway for Native Language Certification to address the critical need for fluent Native language instructors in order to enhance Native language revitalization among 39 Oklahoma tribes.  
World Language Certification to provide access to classroom instruction by fluent tribal language speakers in districts and schools. This model is shared with other comprehensive centers that serve AI/AN populations.

- *Additional Opportunities:*

- Continued commitment from federal agencies to support Native language preservation and revitalization. ED, HHS, and DOI conduct, annually, an interagency Native American Languages Summit to: provide updates from federal offices on current efforts; provide support to Native American communities seeking to revitalize Native American languages; share successes from the field in two areas identified as challenges (integrating Native language immersion in schools and developing assessments); and discover through small group discussions ways to further support Native American communities teaching their Native languages in an effort to improve accountability for educational progress and measurable success.
- Work with Congress to enact changes to Indian Education formula grants to school districts and BIE-funded schools that would clarify the list of authorized activities to specifically include Native language immersion and Native language restoration programs, which may be taught by Native language speakers.

**4. Support highly effective teachers and school leaders:** There is an acute shortage of teachers in Indian country, but opportunities exist for tribal nations to

teachers and provide culturally relevant professional development for teachers and leaders in their communities. Schools must be able to recruit, hire, support, and develop effective teachers and school leaders who are committed to long-term improvements. These efforts should focus both on creating new, high quality teacher pipelines, and on strengthening the skills of current instructional staff, for example, by infusing cultural competence training into professional development.

- Work Underway:

- Continue to support existing BIE teachers through the partnership with National Board Certification.
- Continue to support the Professional Development Grants at ED to prepare and train Native Americans to serve as teachers and school administrators.
- Establish, for the first-time, a School Operations Division that will strengthen

- Additional Opportunities:

- Support leadership development programs to supply BIE school leaders to schools that serve Native students. Successful programs would produce principals, heads of schools or faculty instructional leaders (such as coaches) for BIE schools.
- Expand existing teacher and principal training programs in Indian country. Support partnerships between existing teacher and leader training programs and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). In addition, BIE should establish relationships with high-performing teacher preparation programs to focus on BIE schools.
- Build or expand partnerships with teacher and leader recruitment and support organizations and TCUs to recruit, train, support, and retain teachers.
- Expand virtual networks of teachers and leaders in Indian Country to achieve mentorship and share best practices.

- Learn from and work with existing non-profits and programs that have had success in other communities facing persistent opportunity gaps. Create incentives for them to come to or expand their work in Indian country.

**5. Promote 21<sup>st</sup> century technology for tribal education:** Access to high-speed broadband and adequate learning facilities are key to student learning and success. A 21<sup>st</sup> century education system is not possible without the tools available educational systems, and American Indians and Alaska Natives should be included in any efforts to connect America and improve infrastructure. In addition to educational tools, online assessments are critical to evidence-based improvement and evaluation.

- Work Underway:

- *ConnectED*  
students have access to high-speed broadband and high-speed wireless in their schools.
- DOI is providing technical assistance to BIE-funded schools to increase the competitiveness of E-Rate applications.
- DOI has also worked with the private sector to expand broadband connectivity for the more than 1,000 Native children who live in federally-funded dormitories while attending public schools outside of their reservations. As part of a greater effort to upgrade the network bandwidth to all Bureau of Indian Education Schools, interim bandwidth upgrades occurred in 45 schools.
- Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs officials continue to tap the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) E-rate program to obtain funding for faster bandwidth speeds. The system received an E-rate funding commitment of over \$4.3 million for the school year 2014 - 2015, which will fund upgrades for 35 additional schools.

- Additional Opportunities:

- Encourage district and school leaders serving tribal populations to attend Future Ready Regional Summits. These summits, which will be hosted by the U.S. Department of Education and the Alliance for Excellent Education, are

designed to help districts create and implement district-wide action plans to use technology to personalize learning. These summits will be open to all districts leaders that take the Future Ready District Pledge.

**6. Strengthen and expand efforts that target suicide prevention.** Federal agencies have developed myriad workforce and training activities, tele-health resources, and programs to promote and support suicide prevention in tribal communities. Despite important investments, key challenges remain, including ensuring a well-prepared behavioral health workforce and access to behavioral health services in Native communities.

- Work Underway:
  - (SAMHSA) Tribal Behavioral Health Grant (TBHG/Native Connections) is a new program for tribes and tribal organizations to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance abuse and promote mental health among American Indian and Alaska Native young people up to and including 24 years of age.
  - Under the Garrett Lee Smith State/Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention program SAMHSA is supporting implementation of statewide or tribal youth suicide prevention and early intervention strategies. Grants support public/private collaboration among youth-serving institutions, schools, juvenile justice systems, foster care systems, substance abuse and mental health programs, and other child and youth supporting organizations.
  - -specific cohort to address underage drinking and prevention infrastructure. Likewise, -time set-aside for tribal wellness courts, and addresses early development fundamental to improving Native youth outcomes.
  - Initiative (MSPI) provides funding to increase access to methamphetamine and suicide prevention services, improve the quality of behavioral health services associated with methamphetamine use and suicide prevention, promote the development of new and promising services that are culturally and community relevant, and demonstrate efficacy and impact.

- The IHS TeleBehavioral Health Center of Excellence offers workforce development and training opportunities on current and pressing behavioral health topics, including series on childhood trauma, parenting, child mental health, historical trauma, child and adolescent psychiatry, and suicide assessment, evaluation, and prevention.
- Tribes and tribal organizations have access to culturally relevant and evidence-based support to address mental and substance use disorders, suicide prevention, and promotion of mental health Training and Technical Assistance Center.
- *Additional Opportunities:*
  - Expand the number of school-based behavioral health services in Native American communities.
  - Strengthen collaborations among federal departments/agencies and Native communities that target suicide risks in order to more comprehensively support suicide prevention efforts.
  - Engage tribes on implementation of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention respecting cultural and traditional practices.
  - Consider behavioral health providers focused on child, adolescent, and family services.
  - Support and strengthen evidence-based training for school personnel, law enforcement officers, community representatives, and staff of youth-serving organizations to recognize youth at risk for suicide and mental and substance use issues to improve early referrals for Native youth.
  - Strengthen collaboration that targets suicide risk and response.

7. **Improve community systems of care to better address the behavioral health needs of Native youth.** Many of the challenges impacting tribal communities are rooted in substance abuse and mental health issues. Additional supports are needed to improve coordination of available resources and strengthen local systems to more effectively address behavioral health issues faced by Native youth.

- Work Underway:
  - A system of care helps children, youth, and families function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life. Through the SAMHSA Circles of Care program tribes receive support to increase the capacity and effectiveness of mental health systems serving their communities. Circles of Care grantees focus on reducing the gap between the need for mental health services; the availability and coordination of mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorders; and the impact of historical trauma.
  - The SAMHSA Systems of Care program improves behavioral health outcomes for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances and their families. The program supports the availability and provision of mental health and related recovery support services along with systemic changes in policy, financing, services and supports, training and workforce development, and other areas that are necessary for expanding and sustaining the system of care approach.
  - SAMHSA supports the National American Indian and Alaska Native Addiction Technology Transfer Center to: provide workforce development resources, manuals, webinars, and curricula to increase the skills of substance use disorder workforce in providing culturally and linguistically sensitive services; and increase the number of American Indians and Alaskan Natives in the substance use disorders workforce.
  
- Additional Opportunities:
  - Increase the number of tribes accessing SAMHSA and other federal grant programs that support integration of physical and behavioral health services, improve systems of care, and build community coalitions to reduce substance abuse in tribal communities.
  - Continue to support behavioral health professionals in Native communities through innovative workforce *Now Is the Time* workforce development programs.
  - Improve coordination of federal technical assistance resources to more efficiently build the skills of behavioral health professionals, law enforcement personnel (school safety officers), school personnel, and staff of youth-serving organizations in Native American communities.
  - Improve flexibility in federal funding opportunities to support tribal applications that focus on place-based approaches to improving community well-being.



## Conclusion

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*“The future of Indian Country rests on ensuring American Indian children receive a world-class education that honors their cultures, languages and identities as Indian people.”*

*Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell<sup>86</sup>*

This report makes clear that Native youth continue to face education, socioeconomic, health, and other barriers. This is nothing short of a national crisis. All of us, including the federal government, have an important role in helping to improve the lives of Native youth. Strengthening partnerships and sustained engagement serve as linchpins to bring together the necessary resources to improve life outcomes for future generations.



(Tami Heilemann, Photographer, Department of the Interior, Youth of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw)

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Secretary Jewell Announces Plan to Improve Achievement, Promote Tribal Control in Bureau of Indian Education-Funded Schools (June 13, 2014), at <http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/secretary-jewell-announces-plan-to-improve-achievement-promote-tribal-control-in-bureau-of-indian-education-funded-schools.cfm>.



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## Announcement of Cam Sholly as NPS MWR Director

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Jeremy,

My apologies for the late notice, but I wanted to let you know that the NPS reached out to the Congressionals and released a press release yesterday announcing Cam Sholly as the new Midwest region director for the NPS. We doubt that it will garner much attention, individual park superintendents tend to get more press, but I intended to give you all a heads up beforehand. My mistake, and my apologies.

Press release is attached. I'll let you all know if we hear anything from the hill.

Best,  
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## National Park Service News Release

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### Midwest Region Director Named

WASHINGTON – National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis has named Cameron (Cam) Sholly as the Midwest Region director. As regional director, Sholly will oversee approximately 60 national park units in 13 states of the Midwest and a workforce of over 2,000 employees. The region headquarters is in Omaha.

“Cam has the right blend of experience to take the helm of the Midwest Region,” Jarvis said. “He is a proven leader and collaborator, with a demonstrated performance record in managing large operations and partnering at all levels.”

Sholly has served as the associate director for the National Park Service’s (NPS) Visitor and Resource Protection Directorate since 2012, overseeing a national portfolio that includes 30 program areas, 850 employees, and a budget exceeding \$200 million. During his tenure, he has focused largely on improving the NPS safety program, interagency wilderness partnerships, and the quality and consistency of NPS law enforcement training. His team also completed a wide range of national policies, reduced the NPS regulations backlog, and began a major realignment of the NPS wildland fire workforce to ensure better fiscal and operational effectiveness.

From 2009 to 2012, Sholly was the superintendent of the Natchez Trace Parkway, where he managed the eighth most-visited NPS unit in the country. As superintendent, he oversaw multiple partnership projects including a major rehabilitation of the Meriwether Lewis Death and Burial Site. He worked closely with Choctaw and Chickasaw nations on a variety of partnerships including completion of one of the largest Native American repatriations in the country. He also helped energize new economic, tourism, and conservation partnerships with the city of Nashville, and many other state and local partners along the three-state, 444-mile corridor. Sholly was named superintendent of the year for the Southeast Region in 2011.

From 2005 to 2009, Sholly was the deputy associate director for visitor and resource protection in Washington D.C. From 2002 to 2005, he was the chief of ranger operations in Yosemite National Park. In 2008, he served on detail as special assistant to the NPS director responsible for a major projects portfolio that included assisting with a new national monument designation and multiple other project areas.

“It’s a privilege to be appointed to this position,” Sholly said. “The Midwest Region has incredible people, parks, and partners. I look forward to working closely with the Midwest team as we move forward, together, toward the NPS centennial and beyond.”

Sholly is a U.S. Army veteran and was deployed to Operation Desert Storm. He is also a six-year veteran of the California Highway Patrol.

Sholly received his master’s degree from Duke University in environmental management with concentrations in economics and law and policy. He received his bachelor’s degree from St. Mary’s College of California in management. He is a graduate of the Harvard University Senior Executive Fellows Program and the FBI National Academy.

Sholly has been married for the past 19 years to Jill Sholly. They will relocate to Omaha in the spring of 2015.

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