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May 12, 2025

In Reply Refer To:
1278-FOIA (640)
FOIA# 2020-000415
Via email

This letter is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated December 27, 2019. The tracking number is 2020-000415. In your letter, you asked for the following:

"email (TO or FROM or CC) that includes the phrase "Burning Man" in each of the following email accounts: William Perry Pendley, Acting Director, BLM Michael D. Nedd, Deputy Director for Operations Kathleen Benedetto, Senior Advisor Barbara Etgers, Tara M. Rigler, Jeff Kauss, Christopher J. McAlear, Kristin M. Bail."

For this final response, BLM is providing 117 pages which are determined to be responsive to your request. Additionally, (4) pages are withheld in full under Exemption 5 of the FOIA.

Exemption 5 allows an agency to withhold "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party ... in litigation with the agency." 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process, attorney work-product, attorney-client, and commercial information privileges. We are withholding the requested records in part under Exemption 5 because they qualify to be withheld both because it meets the Exemption 5 threshold of being inter-agency or intra-agency and under the following privileges.

Deliberative Process Privilege

The deliberative process privilege protects the decision-making process of government agencies and encourages the frank exchange of ideas on legal or policy matters by ensuring agencies are not forced to operate in a fishbowl. A number of policy purposes have been attributed to the deliberative process privilege, such as: (1) assuring that subordinates will feel free to provide the decisionmaker with their uninhibited opinions and recommendations; (2) protecting against

premature disclosure of proposed policies; and (3) protecting against confusing the issues and misleading the public.

The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative. The privilege covers records that reflect the give-and-take of the consultative process and may include recommendations, draft documents, proposals, suggestions, and other subjective documents which reflect the personal opinions of the writer rather than the policy of the agency.

The materials that have been withheld under the deliberative process privilege of Exemption 5 are both predecisional and deliberative. They do not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. They are the result of frank and open discussions among employees of the Department of the Interior. Their contents have been held confidential by all parties and public dissemination of this information would expose the agency's decision-making process in such a way as to discourage candid discussion within the agency, and thereby undermine its ability to perform its mandated functions.

The deliberative process privilege does not apply to records created 25 years or more before the date on which the records were requested.

Attorney Work-Product Privilege

As incorporated into Exemption 5, the attorney work-product privilege protects from disclosure any materials prepared by or for a party or its representative (including their attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer, or agent) in anticipation of litigation or for trial. The privilege applies once specific claims have been identified that make litigation probable; the actual beginning of litigation is not required. Its purpose is to protect the adversarial trial process by insulating litigation preparation from scrutiny, as it is believed that the integrity of our system would suffer if adversaries were entitled to probe each other's thoughts and plans concerning the case. The privilege extends to administrative, as well as judicial proceedings. Once the determination is made that records are protected from disclosure by the attorney work-product privilege, the entire contents of those records are exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

The materials that have been withheld under Exemption 5 under the attorney work-product privilege were prepared by or for a Departmental attorney in reasonable anticipation of litigation. Thus, we conclude that the withheld materials are protected in full from disclosure by the attorney work-product privilege of Exemption 5.

Attorney-Client Privilege

The attorney-client privilege protects confidential communications between an attorney and his client relating to a legal matter for which the client has sought professional advice and is not limited to the context of litigation. Moreover, although it fundamentally applies to confidential facts divulged by a client to his/her attorney, this privilege also encompasses any opinions given by an attorney to his/her client based upon, and thus reflecting, those facts, as well as communications between attorneys that reflect confidential client-supplied information.

The information that has been withheld under the attorney-client privilege of Exemption 5 constitutes confidential communications between agency attorneys and agency clients,” “Federal attorneys and agency clients related to legal matters for which the client sought professional legal assistance and services. Additionally, the employees who communicated with the attorneys regarding this information were clients of the attorneys at the time the information was generated and the attorneys were acting in their capacities as lawyers at the time they communicated legal advice. Finally, the BLM has held this information confidential and has not waived the attorney-client privilege.

Ryan Witt, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) FOIA Officer, is responsible for this partial denial. Alexi L. Qvarnstrom, Attorney-Advisor in the Office of the Solicitor, was consulted.

We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. *See 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g)*. Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

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Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." Send your appeal and accompanying materials to:

Department of Interior
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Fax:(202)208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

You must include an explanation of why you believe the BLM’s response is in error. Please include your name, daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address, and fax number (if available). Your contact information is required in case the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification. You must include copies of all correspondence between you and the BLM concerning your FOIA request, including the original FOIA request and the BLM’s response.

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Federal Agencies as non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

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8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://www.archives.gov/ogis>
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Contact information for the Department's FOIA Public Liaison, who you may also seek dispute resolution services from, is available at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/foiacenters>.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Kenneth Perry, BLM Government Information Specialist, at (720) 281-1649 or via email at BLM_WO_FOIA@blm.gov.

Sincerely,
Ryan Witt
FOIA Officer
Bureau of Land Management

From: "Press, BLM" <blm_press@blm.gov>

To: "Goodwin, Nicholas" <nicholas_goodwin@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>, Jeff Krause <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Carol Danko <carol_danko@ios.doi.gov>, Melissa Brown <melissa_brown@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: Draft BLM Press Statement on Burning Man lawsuit

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2019 22:52:47 +0000

Importance: Normal

Inline-Images: image001.png; iconfinder_youtube-square-shadow-social-media_765073.png

Thanks. Will send to them.

On Wed, Dec 18, 2019 at 5:45 PM Goodwin, Nicholas <nicholas_goodwin@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
SOL approve given it's a lawsuit? If so, I'm good.

Nick Goodwin
Communications Director
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#: (202) 412-2249



On Wed, Dec 18, 2019 at 12:55 PM Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:
Hi Nick,

See proposed statement below, which Amanda has cleared. Please advise if good to share or if any changes are needed:

DRAFT BLM Press Statement on Burning Man lawsuit:

"Burning Man is the largest annual event on America's public lands, with more than 70,000 people now converging on the Black Rock Desert in late summer each year. To ensure public safety and environmental compliance around this huge undertaking, the BLM issues a Special Recreation Permit that includes a commercial use fee. As set by regulation, this fee equals three percent of the adjusted gross income derived from the authorized use, plus any applicable assigned site fee and/or exclusive use fee, as well as cost recovery including application fees."

- BLM Spokesperson

Kind regards,

Greg

On Wed, Dec 18, 2019 at 9:21 AM Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:
Good morning Nick. We have a draft statement in review, currently with Amanda. Will send it up your way when ready.

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Best,

Greg Fuhs
Acting BLM Spokesperson

On Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 10:06 PM Goodwin, Nicholas <nicholas_goodwin@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
BLM—

See the request below. Do you have a response prepared?

Thanks,

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From: **Kane, Jennifer** <jkane2@reno.gannett.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 5:41 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] BRC lawsuit (Burning Man)

To: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov <Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov>

Hi,

I am a reporter with the Reno Gazette Journal. I am inquiring about the recently filed BRC lawsuit. Please call me at my mobile (listed below) at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Jenny Kane

Reporter

reno gazette journal

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Nick Goodwin
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(202) 412-2249

From: "Press, BLM" <blm_press@blm.gov>

To: "Krauss, Jeff" <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: URGENT -- Fwd: FOR REVIEW: Draft BLM Press Statement on Burning Man lawsuit

Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2019 22:14:37 +0000

Importance: Normal

Inline-Images: image001.png

Thanks, Jeff. Will do.

Derrick.

On Thu, Dec 26, 2019 at 3:05 PM Krauss, Jeff <jkrauss@blm.gov> wrote:

Yes, let's use the approved statement..Please send. Thanks.

Jeff

On Thu, Dec 26, 2019 at 4:58 PM Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Jeff: Re Burning Man. Here is an email string from last week with the lease attorney on the case about the statement. Looks like Cally was on it. Think we can use it?

Derrick.

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From: Wenger, Lance <lance.wenger@sol.doi.gov>

Date: Fri, Dec 20, 2019 at 2:25 PM

Subject: Fwd: URGENT -- Fwd: FOR REVIEW: Draft BLM Press Statement on Burning Man lawsuit

To: Cally Younger <cally.younger@sol.doi.gov>, Aaron Moody <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>, BLM Press <blm_press@blm.gov>, Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>

Please see this revised draft from the lead attorney on the Burning Man case.

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From: Bogue, Janell <janell.bogue@sol.doi.gov>

Date: Fri, Dec 20, 2019 at 1:08 PM

Subject: Re: URGENT -- Fwd: FOR REVIEW: Draft BLM Press Statement on Burning Man lawsuit

To: Wenger, Lance <lance.wenger@sol.doi.gov>, Zahedi, Nancy <Nancy.Zahedi@sol.doi.gov>

My edited version is below. Safer to say that Burning Man is one of the largest events...Glamis might be bigger but there's no SRP. Also, total population is now 80k.

"Burning Man is one of the largest annual events on America's public lands, with approximately 80,000 people now converging on the Black Rock Desert in late summer each year. To ensure public safety and environmental compliance around this huge undertaking, the BLM issues a Special Recreation Permit that includes a commercial use fee. As set by regulation, this fee equals three percent of the adjusted gross income derived from the authorized use, plus any applicable assigned site fee and/or exclusive use fee, as well as cost recovery including application fees."

Janell Bogue

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On Fri, Dec 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM Wenger, Lance <lance.wenger@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Janell,

Could you please quickly review this draft press statement and let me know whether it is accurate (as well as include any necessary revisions)?

Thanks.

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From: **Moody, Aaron** <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>

Date: Fri, Dec 20, 2019 at 10:18 AM

Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: Draft BLM Press Statement on Burning Man lawsuit

To: Hill, Jason <jason.hill@sol.doi.gov>, Lance Wenger <lance.wenger@sol.doi.gov>

Cc: Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov>, Younger, Cally <cally.younger@sol.doi.gov>, Karen Hawbecker <karen.hawbecker@sol.doi.gov>, Beverly S Winston <BWinston@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>

Looping Lance Wenger in Sacramento.

-Aaron

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On Fri, Dec 20, 2019 at 1:13 PM Hill, Jason <jason.hill@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

This is a DLR issue. DMR will let Aaron and Cally respond.

On Fri, Dec 20, 2019 at 12:41 PM Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi, just checking back in on this statement. At this point most if not all of the stories related to these inquiries have already run, so it may be an OBE situation. But we may still want to have an approved statement in our back pocket in case further related inquiries come in.

Thanks,

Greg

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On Wed, Dec 18, 2019 at 6:06 PM Hill, Jason <jason.hill@sol.doi.gov> wrote:
looping in Cally and Aaron.

On Wed, Dec 18, 2019 at 5:59 PM Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:
Hi Karen and Jason,

See proposed draft statement for use in response to inquiries the Burning Man lawsuit. DOI Comms is good with it but asked that we run past SOL since it's regarding a lawsuit. Please advise.

-G

DRAFT BLM Press Statement on Burning Man lawsuit:

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- BLM Spokesperson

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From: Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov>

Date: Wed, Dec 18, 2019 at 12:54 PM

Subject: FOR REVIEW: Draft BLM Press Statement on Burning Man lawsuit

To: Goodwin, Nicholas <nicholas_goodwin@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>, Jeff Krause <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Carol Danko <carol_danko@ios.doi.gov>, Melissa Brown <melissa_brown@ios.doi.gov>

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Date: Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 5:41 PM

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To: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov <Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov>

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Thank you,

Jenny Kane

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From: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>

To: "Press, BLM" <blm_press@blm.gov>

Cc: Beverly S Winston <BWinston@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: Draft statement on Burning Man lawsuit

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2019 17:20:02 +0000

Importance: Normal

Not sure if the last sentence makes sense so I've removed it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2019, at 4:39 PM, Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Amanda,

See draft statement below, which would be attributable to BLM Spokesperson, regarding the Burning Man lawsuit. We have a few media inquiries pending on this, basically wanting our comment on the allegation that we are consistently overcharging the event organizers. Appreciate if you can review it sooner than later. Bev has ok'd it for you to look at. After you it would go up to DOI Comms.

Thanks,

Greg

DRAFT BLM Press Statement on Burning Man lawsuit:

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BLM Spokesperson

From: "Jason_O'Neal, BLM_WO" <blm_wo_jason_o'neal@blm.gov>

To: Michael Nedd <mnedd@blm.gov>, Jeff Brune <jbrune@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: Priorities, Dashboard and Performance Metrics

Date: Tue, 05 Nov 2019 17:16:55 +0000

Importance: Normal

Attachments: FY_2019_OLES_Accomplishment_Memo.doc; FY_2020_OLES_Performance_Metrics.doc

Mike/Jeff,

Attached please find the OLES FY19 Accomplishments as well as the FY20 Priorities. Without a previous example we utilized the priorities outlined in the OLES Director's FY19 performance plan. Please let me know if this will meet your needs or if you would like to see something different. I can get you a signed copy upon my return to DC next week however wanted to provide them immediately to you electronically as they are overdue.

Thanks,

Jason O'Neal

Acting Director

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On Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 8:17 AM Michael Nedd <mnedd@blm.gov> wrote:

Hello Team,

To follow-up on my August 29 e-mail:

- For those of you that developed and maintained a FY19 Dashboard (I've attached WO-300 as an example in the even you're not familiar with the it) please submit your completed copy along with your FY19 Performance Plan accomplishments that is due October 11.

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- Please submit to me (cc Jeff B) a copy of your Directorate's FY20 priorities by October 25.

As you finalize your priorities, please remember that it is not necessary for each Directorate/Center to list an item within each Secretarial priority. Instead, I'm suggesting that you focus on where your Directorate/Center will have the most meaningful impact on "big ticket" items you plan to accomplish in FY2020 and maybe ask yourself the following:

- 1) What do you want your Directorate/Center to be recognized for at the end of the fiscal year?
- 2) How will you accomplish what you truly care about this year?
- 3) How do your Directorate's (or Center) goals fit into the Secretary's priorities? Be specific.

Lastly, I realize that some of you are new and we have not had an opportunity to discuss performance metrics. That said, in the near future I would like to continue our discussions about performance metrics. Attached is a copy of some work WO-300 did a couple of years ago and a number of the items (APDs, EOIs, Bonding Reviews) are now incorporated into our business processes. However, I'm aware that we have gotten a number of SOs with more defined timeframes, so this is an evolving effort.

Thanks for your leadership and as always, I truly appreciate the work you and your team are doing.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions...

Take care and have a wonderful day! :)

Michael D. Nedd

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mnedd@blm.gov

A thought to consider "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, for all the people you can, while you can!"

We're "BLM Strong" and our Core Values are "To serve with honesty, integrity, accountability, respect, courage, and commitment to make a difference."

From: "Ronald (Rudy) Evenson" <revenson@blm.gov>

To: Christopher I Bush <cbush@blm.gov>, Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>, Christopher Rose <crose@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Subject: Please add Jenny Kane at Reno Gazette Journal to distribution list for any BLM-WO or DOI statement re Burning Man litigation

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2019 22:47:03 +0000

Importance: Normal

Hey Bev and Jeff,

This is to let you know that Jenny Kane of the Reno Gazette-Journal called today regarding the Burning Man lawsuit. I told her that BLM Nevada would likely have no comment on the lawsuit but that BLM national and DOI were considering making a statement. If you all do send out a statement to the other outlets who inquired, could you please also send it to her? Her deadline is 5 pm Pacific time today. I also referred her to press@ios.doi.gov. Thanks. (Her email is jkane@rgj.com.)

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From: William Pendley <wpendley@blm.gov>

To: Todd Willens <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: NV permits

Date: Wed, 04 Dec 2019 14:43:38 +0000

Importance: Normal

On my way. Best, Perry

William Perry Pendley, Esq.
Deputy Director, Policy and Programs
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> On Dec 3, 2019, at 9:59 PM, Todd Willens <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> Tmrw, can you stop by to talk about the Burning Man permit. Thanks.

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> Todd D. Willens

> Chief of Staff

> U.S. Department of the Interior

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From: "Kaster, Amanda" <akaster@blm.gov>
To: "Pendley, William" <wpendley@blm.gov>
Subject: Re: NV permits
Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2019 23:38:31 +0000
Importance: Normal
Attachments: BM_Memo_12-17-19_-_Final.docx

Revised attached.

On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 9:26 AM Pendley, William <wpendley@blm.gov> wrote:

Thank you. Best, Perry
William Perry Pendley, Esq.
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On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 9:18 AM Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov> wrote:

Yes, got it.

On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 9:09 AM Pendley, William <wpendley@blm.gov> wrote:

Eager to get NV's rewrite of the one pager to provide to Todd on Monday. Thank you. Best, Perry
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From: Willens, Todd <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thu, Dec 5, 2019 at 8:43 AM
Subject: Re: NV permits
To: Pendley, William <wpendley@blm.gov>
Cc: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>

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On Thu, Dec 5, 2019 at 8:42 AM Pendley, William <wpendley@blm.gov> wrote:

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On Tue, Dec 3, 2019 at 9:59 PM Todd Willens <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 2019

FROM: Jon Raby, Nevada State Director

SUBJECT: Status Report on the 2020 Burning Man Event

On July 16, 2019, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Burning Man Event Special Recreation Permit (SRP) Renewal. The ROD adopted an adaptive management approach where the BLM monitors the event each year, and in the following year works with the permittee to address issues and impacts through stipulations and mitigation. The ROD states that “additional stipulations will be added to the SRP and be edited annually dependent on monitoring and necessary adaptive management measures.” This approach has been used in the past for the Burning Man SRP, but was formalized in the EIS. Taking this approach requires the issuance of an annual SRP for each year’s event. While the stipulations are somewhat the same from year-to-year, it does allow the BLM, with the permittee, to address specific situations as they arise and reduce impacts in future years.

In the past decade of BLM’s administration of the SRP, this was needed in several situations including: 1) earlier gate opening times to address traffic back-up into the event; 2) flight restrictions due to wildfire in the surrounding area; and 3) implementation of a spill response plan in response to leaking fuel tanks. Without the ability to implement adaptive management and change stipulations on a yearly basis, the BLM cannot ensure public health and safety during the Burning Man event. Further, the issuance of a yearly permit is necessary to implement a cost recovery agreement for the BLM’s administration of each year’s event, as required by law, regulation, and policy.

The BLM 2019 Burning Man Event planning team, the Nevada State Director, and representatives from the Burning Man Project (BMP) met in Reno on October 14, 2019, to discuss the 2020 Burning Man Event. At the close of the meeting, the action items were as follows:

- The BLM would consider BMP’s request to return the event population to a peak population of 80,000. Further information on anticipated population and the number of tickets to be sold were requested from BMP.
- The BLM would send a letter affirming that dumpsters, concrete barriers, and private security would not be required for the 2020 event.
- BLM and BMP would start discussing what items would be covered under the contracting memorandum of understanding (MOU).
- BMP would submit their Special Recreation Permit (SRP) application.

To date, the following has been accomplished:

- The BLM sent their letter affirming that dumpsters, concrete barriers, and private security would not be required for the 2020 event.
- BMP’s SRP application was submitted on November 22, 2019.

- An initial conference call was held concerning the contracting MOU before the end of October, but BMP has not agreed to schedule any other further conference calls or meetings.
- BMP has not provided the requested information to the BLM needed to return the event to a peak population of 80,000. This information is needed since a Determination of NEPA Adequacy must be written and released to the public.
- The BLM sent the Cost Recovery Agreement (CRA) for the first planning phase to BMP December 10, 2019.
- The BLM planning team has submitted the scope-of-work for the Joint Operations Center government contract for the 2020 event for review by the National Operations Center. All other contracting is pending the establishment of the 2020 Cost Recovery Account.

From: "Pendley, William" <wpendley@blm.gov>

To: "Kaster, Amanda" <akaster@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: NV permits

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2019 12:31:59 +0000

Importance: Normal

Thank you. See me. Best, Perry
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On Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 6:38 PM Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov> wrote:
Revised attached.

On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 9:26 AM Pendley, William <wpendley@blm.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 9:18 AM Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov> wrote:
Yes, got it.

On Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 9:09 AM Pendley, William <wpendley@blm.gov> wrote:

Eager to get NV's rewrite of the one pager to provide to Todd on Monday. Thank you. Best, Perry
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Date: Thu, Dec 5, 2019 at 8:43 AM

Subject: Re: NV permits

To: Pendley, William <wpendley@blm.gov>

Cc: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>

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From: "Ralston, Jill" <jralston@blm.gov>

To: "jkrauss@blm.gov" <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Subject: Out of Office Re: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Burning Man Letter

Date: Thu, 21 Nov 2019 08:55:11 +0000

Importance: Normal

I am out of the office until November 21st. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Patrick Wilkinson at p2wilkin@blm.gov or 202-912-7429

Thank you,
Jill Ralston

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Jill Ralston

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From: Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>
To: Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Correspondence Management Analyst, GS-0301-13 | Certificate Issued | NOC IA-2019-0082
Date: Mon, 04 Nov 2019 12:57:34 +0000

Importance: Normal

Attachments: ATT00001.htm; GS-0301-13_Correspondence_Management_Analyst_WO-BC01654.pdf; Amended_NOC-IA-2019-0082_Correspondence_Mgmt_Analyst.pdf; ATT00002.htm; Interest_Certificate_NOC_IA_2019.0082_Correspondence_Management_Analyst_GS-0301-13_10.31.19.docx; ATT00003.htm; LCB_Resume-2019-09-22.doc; ATT00004.htm; Adam_Merrill_Resume_9.25.2019_CMA.pdf; ATT00005.htm; Morgan_-_2019.doc; ATT00006.htm; Kim_Oliver_Resume_05-09-19.pdf; ATT00007.htm; mjreiland_(resume)_2019.docx; ATT00008.htm; Schnee_resume_Oct_2019.docx; ATT00009.htm

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Date: November 1, 2019 at 3:36:08 PM MDT
To: Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>
Cc: Brenda Tejera <btejera@blm.gov>
Subject: Correspondence Management Analyst, GS-0301-13 | Certificate Issued | NOC IA-2019-0082

Good Afternoon Sir,

The Correspondence Management Analyst certificate is attached for your review.

Certificate Information:

Title: Correspondence Management Analyst

Grade/Band: 13

Location(s): Washington, D.C.

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- Selecting Official(s) are encouraged to interview all referred applicants.
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Attachments:

1. Announcement
2. Position Description
3. Interest Certificate (see attached)

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4. Resumes (organized IAW the Certificate)

Thank you kindly,

Angel D. Queen, MA

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From: "Pendley, William" <wpendley@blm.gov>

To: Todd Willens <todd_willens@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: BLM Media Wrap-up | Monday, December 16, 2019

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2019 13:15:54 +0000

Importance: Normal

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On Dec 16, 2019, at 11:47 PM, William Pendley <wpendley@blm.gov> wrote:

See last story. Best, Perry

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From: "Fuhs, Gregory" <gfuhs@blm.gov>

Date: December 16, 2019 at 6:51:27 PM EST

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Cc: Derrick Henry <djhenry@blm.gov>
Subject: BLM Media Wrap-up | Monday, December 16, 2019

BLM Media Wrap-up for December 16, 2019

Politico - BLM relocation (National): Reporter Kelsey Tamborrino requested BLM's response regarding House Natural Resources Committee Chairman's letter, sent today, calling for Secretary Bernhardt to provide information on the D.C.-based BLM employees asked to relocate that have declined the reassignment; positions that will be vacant because a staffer declined the reassignment or obtained another position outside the BLM; and documentation of BLM's plans to fill those vacant positions. Headquarters is clearing a response. **PENDING.**

Colorado Public Radio - BLM relocation (National): Reporter Caitlyn Kim inquired about the number of BLM-WO staff moving out west, and to Grand Junction and Denver in particular. She also mentioned Chairman Grijalva's letter requesting that same information. Headquarters is clearing a response. **PENDING.**

Bloomberg and Law360 - Mineral trespass report (National): Reporters Stephen Lee from Bloomberg and Michael Phillis from Law360 requested any BLM response regarding an Inspector General report released last week on [mineral trespass](#) on public lands. They were sent the following approved response: "The BLM is reviewing the report and evaluating the measures recommended." **FINAL.**

Bloomberg and Law360 - Burning Man lawsuit (NV): Reporters Peter Hayes from Bloomberg and Michael Phillis from Law360 requested any BLM response regarding a lawsuit filed Friday by the organizers of Burning Man challenging what they claim are excessive fees charged by the BLM to conduct the event. A draft response is being developed with BLM-NV for review. **PENDING.**

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From: "Winston, Beverly" <bwinston@blm.gov>

To: "Evenson, Ronald (Rudy)" <revenson@blm.gov>

Cc: "Bush, Christopher" <cbush@blm.gov>, Christopher Rose <crose@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>, "Press, BLM" <blm_press@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: MEDIA INQUIRY: Request for comment from Billboard - Black Rock City lawsuit

Date: Tue, 17 Dec 2019 17:53:07 +0000

Importance: Normal

Very helpful and right on time. Thanks.

On Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 12:06 PM Evenson, Ronald (Rudy) <revenson@blm.gov> wrote:

Hey Bev, there is a typo in the paragraph starting, "The BLM collects..." The sentence after that should say "3% of the adjusted gross income derived from the use authorized under the SRP" not "the sue authorized under the SRP." The typo is likely in the original text from the 2019 stipulations but considering this is about a lawsuit it would be infelicitous to include it here.

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On Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 9:00 AM Bush, Christopher <cbush@blm.gov> wrote:

Bev,

As discussed during our call, we are providing you some messaging for a potential DOI statement on this issue:

Burning Man is the largest annual event on America's public lands. During the annual celebration, Black Rock City becomes the largest city in northern Nevada and the event's airport is the busiest in the state.

The BLM collects a commercial use fee from the Burning Man Project for the use of public lands for the event. The fee, as set by regulation 43 C.F.R. statute 2930 and BLM Handbook H-2930-1 Special Recreation Permits, will be equal to 3% of the adjusted gross income derived from the sue authorized under the SRP, plus any applicable assigned site fee and/or exclusive use fee, plus cost recovery, including application fees.

Determination of gross income is based on all payments received by BMP and its employees or agents for goods or services provided in connection with commercial activities authorized by the Special Recreation Permit. Burning Man provides the BLM with an itemized detailed gross revenue report, prepared by a CPA, including, but not limited to, ticket sales, authorized contractors operating under the Burning Man SRP, coffee and ice sales, revenue from filming and photography, fees associated with outside services and private donations received by Burning Man for management of the event on public lands.

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Burning Man Project is responsible for the cost recovery payment, consisting of the actual costs of administering the SRP, including all direct and indirect costs, in addition to the commercial use fees. BMP signs a Cost Recovery Agreement within 10 days of the issuance of the permit. 100% of the cost recovery fee estimate shall be received prior to the start of the event.

For additional information about the Interior Board of Land Appeals, please go to <https://www.doi.gov/oha/organization/ibla>

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On Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 7:55 AM Winston, Beverly <bwinston@blm.gov> wrote:

Everyone,

Here is all we have to do: Send us a statement from the comm plan about why BLM believes cost-recovery on this scale is justifiable. If this fee was part of what the public got to comment on, I would include that too.

This is a change in our former press practice, but it is one that DOI is insisting on, so Jeff and I are obliged to ask you to take another run at this.

Please feel free to call me with your questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Bev

On Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 10:35 AM Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:

See below from BLM-NV. Appreciate your assistance with a response ASAP, as we have three related pending media inquiries to close out.

Thanks,

Greg

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From: **Christopher Bush** <cbush@blm.gov>

Date: Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 9:58 AM

Subject: Re: MEDIA INQUIRY: Request for comment from Billboard - Black Rock City lawsuit

To: Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov>

Cc: Ronald (Rudy) Evenson <revenson@blm.gov>, <crose@blm.gov>

Greg,

Thanks for the note. After speaking with Jon Raby and our solicitor, we've determined the most prudent course of action is to decline comment on pending litigation.

I would be interested in getting some additional feedback or rationale from 600 on why they believe commenting on this is the preferred action.

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At most, we could provide a very generic command message and explain that we will delay comment until this case works its way through or refer reporters to IBLA for more information on process and procedures.

For now, we will be sticking with our normal SOP on active litigation queries.

Very Respectfully,
Chris

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On Dec 17, 2019, at 6:34 AM, Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:

Gentlemen,

Here's another inquiry on the Burning Man lawsuit. Still waiting on a draft statement from you... can you please send it to me this morning so we can get it cleared and back to the reporters awaiting response?

Many thanks,

Greg Fuhs
Acting BLM Spokesperson

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From: **Goodwin, Nicholas** <nicholas_goodwin@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 8:00 PM
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Request for comment from Billboard - Black Rock City lawsuit
To: Chris Eggertsen <chris.eggertsen@gmail.com>
Cc: <Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov>, Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov>

Chris,

Looping in BLM to get back to you on this.

Thanks!

On Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 7:53 PM Chris Eggertsen <chris.eggertsen@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello - I'm writing an article for Billboard regarding the lawsuit filed on Friday by Black Rock City against the U.S. Department of the Interior and various other parties. The complaint accuses the Interior Board of Land Appeals of failing to resolve Black Rock City's appeals over the Bureau of Land Management's cost recovery charges for the Burning Man festival.

I would be happy to include a statement from the Department of the Interior in the article if you'd like to provide one.

Thank you,

Chris Eggertsen

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From: "Krauss, Jeff" <jkrauss@blm.gov>

To: Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Paleontology Op-ed requested

Date: Tue, 01 Oct 2019 16:51:48 +0000

Importance: Normal

Attachments: Scientific_Research_and_Public_Lands_rewrite.docx

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Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 10:01 AM

Subject: Re: Paleontology Op-ed requested

To: Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Cc: Scott Foss <sfoss@blm.gov>, Byron Loosle <bloosle@blm.gov>, Gregory A Liggett <gliggett@blm.gov>

Jeff,

Here's Mr. Pendley's paleo article, rewritten by a group of us. Scott is out of the country for the month of October, so I reached out to Greg Liggett in Montana for a lot of the paleo info. Byron also provided some of the language and I merged, morphed, wrote and edited stuff too. I hope Mr. Pendley finds it useful.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

Ranel

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Subject: Fwd: Paleontology Op-ed requested

To: Loosle, Byron <bloosle@blm.gov>

Cc: Brian St George <bstgeorg@blm.gov>, Nikki Haskett <nhaskett@blm.gov>

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Please see attached.

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From: **Krauss, Jeff** <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Date: Mon, Sep 30, 2019 at 6:33 AM

Subject: Paleontology Op-ed requested

To: Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>, Foss, Scott <sfoss@blm.gov>

Cc: Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>, Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>, Leah Baker <lbaker@blm.gov>, Brian St George <bstgeorg@blm.gov>, Nikki Moore <nhaskett@blm.gov>

Chris and Scott,

Please see below from Perry for a draft op-ed. Perry would like an op-ed focusing on the importance of BLM lands to increasing scientific knowledge of these matters timed to coincide with the rule making. Can you please work together and see if we can have a draft by this Thursday? Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

Jeff

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From: **Pendley, William** <wpendley@blm.gov>

Date: Fri, Sep 27, 2019 at 3:22 PM

Subject: Re: Paleontology

To: Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov>

Cc: Nikki Haskett <nhaskett@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Baker, Leah <lbaker@blm.gov>

Folks

Attached is my very rough draft of an op-ed on this subject. I wrote up the hook to the recent new discovery in Idaho to permit the duty expert to flesh this out. Perhaps in time for an October 15 release on national paleontology day. I am hoping for a national publication. Thank you. Best, Perry

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Scientific ResearchPaleontology and Public Lands

William Perry Pendley

The nation's public lands represent an immense natural laboratory for many scientific disciplines, including both archaeology and paleontology. - Archaeology is the study of past human cultures, whereas paleontology is the study of ancient life. In August, national news broke that scientists may have discovered evidence that the “first Americans” entered their “new home” via the Pacific coast around 16,000 years ago. That ~~suggests~~means, reported Fox, CNN, and *National Geographic*, to name but a few, they ~~did arrive~~not arrive via a now underwater land bridge called Beringia that connected Siberia to Alaska. Instead, said Loren Davis, Ph.D. of Oregon State University, long before an ice-free corridor opened up across the Bering Sea, these early settlers “came down the [Pacific] coast and took a left-hand turn south of the ice, and went up the Columbia River ~~Basis~~Basin” to what is now Cooper’s Ferry canyon in western Idaho, some 220 miles north of Boise.

Dr. Davis ~~reported his~~ and his colleagues’ reported their findings in the journal *Science* along with the fact that the dig took place on federal land operated by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), which has for decades cooperated fully with scientists studying the Cooper’s Ferry site. That revelation, which was ~~often~~sadly ~~lacking from news reports~~, would surprise most Americans who might not understand the nexus between a federal agency most usually associated with cattle grazing, energy development—both fossil fuel and renewal—and the Burning Man festival, and ~~scientific~~archeological research.

It should not come as a surprise, however. With 254 million acres of federal land – ten percent of the nation’s land mass almost exclusively in the American West – the BLM offers outstanding opportunities for scientific research of all kinds. Millions of years before humans came into North America, dinosaurs and other fantastical beasts thrived, and their remains are evidence of those long-gone times. Once home to a vast inland sea, it is little wonder that BLM lands are some of America’s great treasures.

Commented [CP(R1): Changed since we actually start out talking about archaeology first.

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To: Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Cc: Scott Foss <sfoss@blm.gov>, Byron Loosle <bloosle@blm.gov>, Gregory A Liggett <gliggett@blm.gov>

Jeff,

Here's Mr. Pendley's paleo article, rewritten by a group of us. Scott is out of the country for the month of October, so I reached out to Greg Liggett in Montana for a lot of the paleo info. Byron also provided some of the language and I merged, morphed, wrote and edited stuff too. I hope Mr. Pendley finds it useful.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

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Chris and Scott,

Please see below from Perry for a draft op-ed. Perry would like an op-ed focusing on the importance of BLM lands to increasing scientific knowledge of these matters timed to coincide with the rule making. Can you please work together and see if we can have a draft by this Thursday? Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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From: **Pendley, William** <wpendley@blm.gov>

Date: Fri, Sep 27, 2019 at 3:22 PM

Subject: Re: Paleontology

To: Kaster, Amanda <akaster@blm.gov>

Cc: Nikki Haskett <nhaskett@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Baker, Leah <lbaker@blm.gov>

Folks

Attached is my very rough draft of an op-ed on this subject. I wrote up the hook to the recent new discovery in Idaho to permit the duty expert to flesh this out. Perhaps in time for an October 15 release on national paleontology day. I am hoping for a national publication. Thank you. Best, Perry

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Scientific ResearchPaleontology and Public Lands

William Perry Pendley

The nation's public lands represent an immense natural laboratory for many scientific disciplines, including both archaeology and paleontology. - Archaeology is the study of past human cultures, whereas paleontology is the study of ancient life. In August, national news broke that scientists may have discovered evidence that the “first Americans” entered their “new home” via the Pacific coast around 16,000 years ago. That ~~suggests~~means, reported Fox, CNN, and *National Geographic*, to name but a few, they ~~did arrive~~, not arrive via a now underwater land bridge called Beringia that connected Siberia to Alaska. Instead, said Loren Davis, Ph.D. of Oregon State University, long before an ice-free corridor opened up across the Bering Sea, these early settlers “came down the [Pacific] coast and took a left-hand turn south of the ice, and went up the Columbia River ~~Basis~~Basin” to what is now Cooper’s Ferry canyon in western Idaho, some 220 miles north of Boise.

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Subject: Re: Please Review Response - Media Inquiry - Burning Man Lawsuit

Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2019 21:08:25 +0000

Importance: Normal

Jeff/Cally,

Any word on this statement? NBC is also asking about this lawsuit.

On Thu, Dec 26, 2019 at 10:26 AM Krauss, Jeff <jkrauss@blm.gov> wrote:

Cally,

We have received a media inquiry on the Burning man lawsuit from the Hill: Reporter Rachel Frazin asked for BLM comment on a lawsuit by the company running the festival. The plaintiff claims the BLM is overcharging for fees. Below is the draft response approved by the regional SOL. Do you have any concerns? Please let me know. Thanks.

Jeff

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Memorandum

To: Executive Resources Board

From: Michael D. Nedd, Deputy Director, —Operations

~~Bureau of Land Management~~

Subject: Developmental Assignment Assessment for Jason O'Neal, SESCDP Class 20

Dates: June 24, 2019 – November 08, 2019

Jason O'Neal, Assistant Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services (BIA/OJS), was selected for the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program (SESCDP) through a competitive process that began in September of 2018. Mr. O'Neal started his senior executive development journey with SESCDP Class 20 in December of 2018 at the Main Interior Building located in Washington, DC.

Mr. O'Neal performed his Developmental Assignment as the Director for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Office of Law Enforcement and Security (OLES) at the Main Interior Building in Washington, DC. The position is classified as a Senior Executive Service (SES) position and provides broad program direction and oversight for the Bureau's law enforcement program. Additionally, this position is responsible for interfacing significantly with executive level officials within the ~~BLM Bureau of Land Management~~, the Department of Interior, and the Office of the Secretary.

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Jason might structure the order of the subsequent paragraphs based on the priority ECQs targeted in his EDP.

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Again, the order of these examples should correlate to the priority ECQs targeted in the developmental detail.

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During his time with the ~~Bureau of Land Management~~ BLM, Mr. O'Neal was a valued member of the Executive Leadership Team. He achieved results that will benefit ~~the BLM as well as~~ his executive development. Mr. O'Neal successfully demonstrated his proficiency with the Executive Core Qualifications (ECQ's) of: ~~Building Coalitions, Leading People, Business Acumen, and Results Driven.~~ Mr. O'Neal's time in his developmental assignment has shown his ability to serve exceptionally ~~well~~ in a Senior Executive Service position.

Commented [BJ8]: Is Leading Change omitted deliberately from this list?

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Subject: Resending: BLM Media Wrap-up | Monday, December 26, 2019

Date: Fri, 27 Dec 2019 03:20:52 +0000

Importance: Normal

Re-sending as it didn't make it to some inboxes.

On Thu, Dec 26, 2019 at 4:04 PM Henry, Derrick <djhenry@blm.gov> wrote:

BLM Media Wrap-up for December 26, 2019

E&E News - Hammond grazing permit decision (National): Reporter Jennifer Yachnin requested BLM comment on last week's legal decision to revoke the Hammond's grazing permits. She was provided this approved statement: *"On December 20, 2019, the United States District Court for the District of Oregon ruled that Secretary Zinke's decision to direct the BLM to renew the Hammond grazing permit in light of events including the Hammonds' Presidential pardons violated the Administrative Procedure Act and that the decision should therefore be vacated and remanded to the Department. Interior is working with the Department of Justice to comply with the Court's direction to develop a remand order and judgment."* **FINAL.**

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has been approved. That project has yet not been approved. In Fiscal Year 2019, the BLM approved one solar project on public lands - the 500-megawatt Palen Solar Photovoltaic Project, in Riverside County, California. We remain committed to U.S. energy independence, including renewable energy."

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Date: Thu, 24 Oct 2019 16:25:32 +0000

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Attachments: DRAFT_BLM_Events_List_2020_V2.docx

Revised calendar attached. Let me know if anything's missing...

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DRAFT BLM Events List 2020

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- 9-12 - Western Fish and Wildlife Agencies Winter Meeting (Monterey, CA)
- 13-15 - Western States Land Commissioners Winter Meeting (Austin, TX)
- 16- 18- Wild Sheep Foundation Convention and Sporting Expo (Reno, NV)
- 17-19 - Great Rockies Sportshow (Billings, MT)
- 21-24 - Shot Show (Las Vegas, NV)
- 29-31 - Outdoor Retailer Show (Denver, CO)
- Week of TBA - DOI Accomplishments Week at Interior
- TBA - DOI Partners in Conservation Awards
- TBA - National Congress of American Indians State of Indian Nations Address, delivered on week of State of the Union speech
- TBA - State of the Union speech
- TBA - 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale Results
- TBA/End of Month – 2018 Grazing Fee Announcement – FS/BLM

February

- 1-9 - Great American Outdoor Show (Harrisburg, PA)
- 5-7- Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting (Eugene, Oregon)
- 5-7 National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Annual Convention, with Public Lands Council (San Antonio, TX)
- 5-9 - Annual Pacific NW Sportsman Show (Portland, OR)
- 8-12 - National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting, (Las Vegas, NV)
- 10-14 - Alaska Forum on the Environment (Anchorage, AK)
- 12-16 - National Wild Turkey Federation Convention (Nashville, TN)
- 13-16 - Western Hunting and Conservation Expo (Salt Lake City, UT)
- 16-20 - Society for Range Management Annual Meeting (Denver, CO)
- 19-20 - Solar Power Northeast (Boston, MA)
- 21 - National Governors Association Winter Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 24-26 – National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Policy

Conference (Washington, DC)

- 29-March 4- National Association of Counties Legislative Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- TBA - Hike the Hill/ Partnership for the National Trails System (Washington, DC)
- TBA - Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting (Moscow, ID)
- TBA – DOI Budget Rollout
- TBA – BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoption schedule released

March

- 1-5- Public Lands Alliance Convention and Trade Show (Washington, DC)
- 2-5 - Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting (HI)
- 2-6 - Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Conference (Bend, OR)
- TBD - American Wind Energy Association Wind Power on Capitol Hill (Washington, DC)
- 7 – Iditarod Start (Anchorage, AK)
- 8-13 - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Omaha, NE)
- 10-13 – National League of Cities Congressional City Conference (Washington, DC)
- 21-24 - American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Conference (Albuquerque, NM)
- 28-29 - Arizona Outdoor Expo (Phoenix, AZ)
- 31- Apr 2- National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Legislative Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- TBA - Western States Sheriffs Association Annual Meeting
- TBA – Industry Government Conference (WY)
- TBA CRS report on oil and gas production on federal lands (happens every year around this time after ONRR puts out production data)

April

- 2-5 - Great Alaska Sportsman Show (Anchorage, Alaska)
- 19-25 - National Volunteer Week
- 20-21 - Energy, Utility and Environment Conference (San Diego, CA)

- 22 - Earth Day
- 22 - Administrative Professionals Day
- 27-30- National Outdoor Recreation Conference (Knoxville, TN)
- TBA – BLM Pathways

May

- 4-6- Utility Solar Conference (Charlotte, NC)
- 9 - International Migratory Bird Day
- 13- 15- Western Interstate Region 2020 Conference (Mariposa County, CA)
- TBA - BLM Field Committee face to face meeting (Washington, DC)
- TBA - The BLM Presents National Awards to Volunteers Who Are "Making a Difference" on Public Lands
- TBA - DOI Secretarial Convocation/Valor Awards (Washington, DC)
- TBA - BLM Emerging Leaders Graduation (Washington, DC)

June

- 1-4- American Wind Energy Association Cleanpower 2020 conference (Denver, CO)
- 6-14 - National Fishing and Boating Week
- 13 – National Get Outdoors Day
- 23-26- American Solar Energy Society Solar 2020 Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- 27-29 - Outdoor Writers Association of America Annual Conference (Jay Peak Resort, VT)
- 29-July 2 - Western Governors Association Annual Meeting (Medora, ND)
- TBA - EIA Annual Energy Conference (Washington, DC)
- TBA - PILT Payment in lieu of Taxes (DOI) Press Release
- TBA - American Recreation Coalition Honors BLM Employee Legends and Beacon Awards (Washington, DC)

July

- DOI Employee Length of Service Awards (4th of July Celebration)
- TBD - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Elk Camp and Mountain Festival
- 9-14 - Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Summer Meeting (Park City, UT)
- 12-16 - Western States Land Commissioners Association Summer Conference

(Portland, OR)

- 17-20 - National Association of Counties Annual Meeting (Orlando, FL)
- 23-25 - Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Institute (Salt Lake City, UT)

August

- 10-13 National Conference of State Legislators – Legislative Summit (Indianapolis, IN)
- 12-13 - Summer NAPE (Houston, TX)
- 30- Sept 7 - Burning Man (Black Rock, NV)
- TBA - Western Energy Alliance Annual Meeting
- TBA - Annual Mining Claim Maintenance Fees press release

September

- 13-16 - Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Convention (Sacramento, CA)
- TBD - National Clean Energy Week 2020
- 26 - National Public Lands Day
- TBA - Intertribal Agriculture Council Annual Meeting
- TBA - Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting (NV)
- TBA - Public Lands Council Annual Meeting
- TBA - BLM Director Announces Winners Rangeland Stewardship Awards Press Release
- TBA - BLM Director Presents Secretarial Awards - Partners in Conservation Awards Press Release
- TBA - Annual Adjustment to Drilling Fee Permit

October

- TBA – National Wilderness Conference
- TBA - Partnership for the National Trails System Meeting
- TBA - Society of Environmental Journalists Annual Meeting
- TBA - Society of American Foresters National Convention
- TBA - Geothermal Resources Council Annual Meeting & Expo
- TBA- BLM Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Award Winners Press Release

November

- TBD - Annual Association of Oregon Counties Conference
- 8-13- National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention (Portland, OR)
- TBA - National Association for Interpretation Annual Conference
- TBA - IPAA Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
- TBA - Idaho Cattle Association Annual Convention

December

- TBA – Call for Nominations to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board
- TBA - Western Governors Association Winter Meeting

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Fwd [EXTERNAL] Burning Man DEIS

Cc: Holly Prohaska <holly.prohaska@empsi.com>; Peter Gower <peter.gower@empsi.com>
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For the admin record

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To: Mark Hall <mehall@blm.gov>, Chelsea Mckinney <cmmckinney@blm.gov>
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Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 8:33 AM

Hey Mark and Chelsea:

We need to do a draft response to this letter for Jon's signature. It needs to be brief, saying we can possibly extend a bit, but extending the full 30 days could put the 2019 event at risk. (or something like that)

If we could get that drafted and back up to NVSO (Tim Shannon, Cheri, Jon) today that would be great.

Thanks...
Ester

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From: Raby, Jon <jraby@blm.gov>
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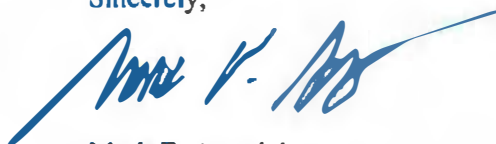
Dear Director Raby,

On March 15, 2019, the BLM released the Draft EIS evaluating Black Rock City LLC's (BRC) request for a 10-year Special Recreation Permit (SRP) for the Burning Man Event in Pershing County, Nevada. I have since received inquiries from Washoe County and the applicant, in which it has been represented to me that the EIS contains significant changes to Burning Man operations, after 2 years of status quo permit renewals.

As it stands, the Draft EIS comment period runs from March 15 through April 29. Unless you are willing to say not much has changed to the status quo, which I doubt you are, I believe the content justifies a 30-day extension to the Draft EIS comment period. Burning Man is arguably the premier public event under BLM jurisdiction, and it therefore deserves ample opportunity for its stakeholders to provide comments.

Please advise in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Amodei
Member of Congress

CC:

Brian Steed, Deputy Director for Policy & Programs, Exercising the Authority of the Director of BLM
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Raby, Jon <jraby@blm.gov>

Tue, Apr 16, 2019 at 3:31 PM

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All - Please find attached a letter from Sen. Cortez Masto re: extending the comment period.

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Hall, Mark <mehall@blm.gov>

Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 8:13 AM

To: Sean Cottle <sean.cottle@empai.com>

Cc: Holly Prohaska <holly.prohaska@empai.com>

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Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 10:06 AM

To: Janell Bogue <janell.bogue@sol.doi.gov>

Keeping you in the loop.

Best, MEH

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Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 11:00 AM

Hi Mark- Got it! Holly

Holly Prohaska

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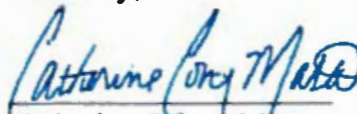
Dear Director Raby,

I write to you today regarding the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the annual Burning Man event that takes place in Pershing County, Nevada. In response to the Black Rock City LLC's (BRC) request for a ten-year Special Recreation Permit (SRP), the BLM released their DEIS on March 15, 2019. As required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the DEIS comment period is open for forty-five days and is currently scheduled to end on April 29, 2019. However, due to the complexity of this DEIS, as well as the various concerns brought forward by the BRC, its proponents, and residents of the impacted communities, I believe that this comment period does not afford enough time to thoroughly review and respond by the BLM's deadline.

Through your role as the BLM State Director, overseeing this DEIS and the upcoming 2019 Burning Man event, I respectfully request that you extend the DEIS public comment period for as long as possible – in order to accommodate all interested parties in their review of the BLM's draft document. Furthermore, given the scope and seriousness of the DEIS recommendations, I also request that your agency continues to work with all stakeholders to reach an agreement on the proposed mitigating factors in a way that does not negatively affect the 2019 event. Burning Man is arguably the largest and most visible event held on BLM land, as the event organizers have enjoyed working collaboratively with the BLM for Black Rock Desert permitting since 1991. This unique event is often attendees' first experience with the value and beauty that our nation's public lands system offers.

I hope that you will consider my requests in a timely manner, and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator

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From: "Pendley, William" <wpendley@blm.gov>

To: "Fuhs, Gregory" <gfuhs@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: BLM Media Wrap-up | Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2019 12:32:43 +0000

Importance: Normal

Thank you. Best, Perry

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On Tue, Dec 17, 2019 at 6:16 PM Fuhs, Gregory <gfuhs@blm.gov> wrote:

BLM Media Wrap-up for December 17, 2019

Government Executive - BLM relocation (National): Reporter Eric Katz requested BLM's response regarding the FY20 funding agreement and what it means for the move. He was send the following approved response: *"At this point in time, we are still reviewing the pending legislation."* **FINAL.**

Politico and Colorado Public Radio - BLM relocation (National): Reporters Kelsey Tamborrino from Politico and Caitlyn Kim from CPR requested BLM's response regarding number of staff moving west as well as House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Grijalva's letter, sent yesterday, calling for Secretary Bernhardt to provide information on the D.C.-based BLM employees asked to relocate that have declined the reassignment; positions that will be vacant because a staffer declined the reassignment or obtained another position outside the BLM; and documentation of BLM's plans to fill those vacant positions. The following approved statement was sent to both reporters:

Response: *"We have received Chairman Grijalva's letter and will respond in a timely manner. We are working diligently with our Washington, DC employees to ensure they are aware of all options and benefits available to them related to the BLM HQ Move West. It will take time to have an accurate count of how many employees will accept and how many will decline but we hope to have preliminary numbers later this week. While we sincerely hope all affected employees will be able to follow their positions to the new locations, we understand that the decision for most people has many factors and we will continue to work with our colleagues through this transition."* **FINAL.**

Bloomberg, Law360, and Billboard - Burning Man lawsuit (National / NV): Reporters Peter Hayes from Bloomberg, Michael Phillis from Law360, and Chris Eggertsen from Billboard have requested any BLM response regarding a lawsuit filed Friday by the organizers of Burning Man challenging what they claim are excessive fees charged by the BLM to conduct the event. A draft statement is under review in WO-100. **PENDING.**

Associated Press - Twin Metals Mine (ES): Reporter Steve Karnowski asked about BLM's plans for when Twin Metals Minnesota formally submits its plan for a copper-nickel mine in northeastern Minnesota to BLM/DOI and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. A draft if-asked statement is under review in DOI Comms / SOL. **PENDING.**

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To: Amanda Kaster <akaster@blm.gov>, Carol Danko <carol_danko@ios.doi.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Subject: Fwd: BLM Media Wrap-up | Thursday, December 19, 2019

Date: Thu, 19 Dec 2019 22:52:37 +0000

Importance: Normal

Just read a report on this lawsuit. This is on fees charged back in the 2013 to 2015 time period + or -. The Trump administration is not part of the purported wrongdoing, right? Best, Perry

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Subject: BLM Media Wrap-up | Thursday, December 19, 2019

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BLM Media Wrap-up for December 19, 2019

E&E News - BLM HQ relocation (National): Reporter Scott Streater asked for comment for a story on BLM leadership conducting two-week stints at the new headquarters in Grand Junction, Colo., until the office is up and fully functional. In particular he wanted to know what senior leadership will be doing on these stints, how many staff are already there to help them, how much it will cost, and if there is any concern about the amount of time it will take to travel back and forth every couple of weeks between Washington and Grand Junction. He was sent the following approved response: *"We have the resources we need - which will cover the costs associated with the move to get the new HQ up and running."* **FINAL.**

Politico and Colorado Public Radio - BLM relocation (National): Reporters Kelsey Tamborrino from Politico and Caitlyn Kim from CPR requested any update regarding number of staff moving west, following up from their inquiries earlier this week. A draft response is under review. **PENDING.**

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From: "Kaster, Amanda" <akaster@blm.gov>

To: Perry Pendley <wpendley@blm.gov>

Subject: [Deliberative/Confidential] For Review: Memo

Date: Fri, 06 Dec 2019 21:29:45 +0000

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BM memo attached for your review.

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INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 6, 2019

FROM: Jon Raby, Nevada State Director

SUBJECT: Status Report on the 2020 Burning Man Event

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Subject: Fwd: [Deliberative/Confidential] For Review: Memo

Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2019 18:18:12 +0000

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As discussed, may we amend with mention of our ten-year EIS? Best, Perry
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Subject: [Deliberative/Confidential] For Review: Memo

To: Perry Pendley <wpendley@blm.gov>

BM memo attached for your review.

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To: Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>

Subject: Fwd: DRAFT OpEd for OLES

Date: Wed, 02 Oct 2019 13:56:50 +0000

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Date: Wed, Oct 2, 2019 at 9:53 AM

Subject: Re: DRAFT OpEd for OLES

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Folks

Here are my edits to Jeff's excellent piece. After speaking with Kate and in recognition of Casey's outreach to local sheriffs, I have toughened it up a tad. Let us hold close and discuss among ourselves, if necessary. Thank you. Best, Perry

William Perry Pendley, Esq.

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From: "Kaster, Amanda" <akaster@blm.gov>

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Cc: "Krauss, Jeff" <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Michael Nedd <mnedd@blm.gov>, Matthew Dermody <matthew_dermody@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Re: DRAFT OpEd for OLES

Date: Thu, 03 Oct 2019 15:04:01 +0000

Importance: Normal

Attachments: BLM_OLES_Op_Ed_10-1-19_V4.docx

I've tried to trim this down a bit, but let me know what you think.

On Wed, Oct 2, 2019 at 9:53 AM Pendley, William <wpendley@blm.gov> wrote:

Folks

Here are my edits to Jeff's excellent piece. After speaking with Kate and in recognition of Casey's outreach to local sheriffs, I have toughened it up a tad. Let us hold close and discuss among ourselves, if necessary.

Thank you. Best, Perry

William Perry Pendley, Esq.

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Cc: Derrick Henry <djhenry@blm.gov>

Subject: BLM Media Wrap-up | Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2019 23:22:57 +0000

Importance: Normal

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Background

The Bureau of Land Management (Bureau) is entrusted with managing onshore federal resources under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, which includes recognizing the Nation's need for sources of domestic minerals. Consistent with Executive Order 13817, A Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals, signed by President Trump on March 26, 2017, and Secretary's Order 3359, Critical Mineral Independence and Security, mining on public lands in an environmentally responsible way balances conservation policies with strategies to create jobs. Developing these valuable deposits of copper, nickel, cobalt, and precious metals on the Superior National Forest supports economic activity in the region, and provides important commodities essential to maintaining a high quality of life for all American families.

Twin Metals Minnesota LLC (TMM) submitted its proposed mine plan of operations on December 18, 2019, for a mine to produce copper, nickel, cobalt, and precious metals on the Superior National Forest in northeastern Minnesota. The next step in this process for the Bureau is the Bureau's preparation of a detailed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act that will thoroughly analyze the potential environmental impacts from the

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proposed mine. Public involvement at the scoping and draft EIS phase will be conducted in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 1506.6. **FINAL.**

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Associated Press (Mexico City) - Wild horse and burro gathers (National): Abril Mulato, an AP fact check editor based in Mexico City, inquired about information circulating on social media alleging that the U.S. government approved wild horse hunting to control overpopulation, and that helicopter gathers are used in some cases to kill horses. A background interview is being proposed to address these inaccuracies. **PENDING.**

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From: "Press, BLM" <blm_press@blm.gov>

To: Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry: Burning man lawsuit

Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2019 17:12:55 +0000

Importance: Normal

Hi Jeff: Can we use this statement for *The Hill* and any other inquiries about the lawsuit? This statement was cleared through SOL.

***The Hill* - Burning Man lawsuit (National):** Reporter Rachel Frazin asked for BLM comment on a lawsuit by the company running the festival. The plaintiff claims the BLM is overcharging for fees.

Proposed response: "Burning Man is one of the largest annual events on America's public lands, with approximately 80,000 people now converging on the Black Rock Desert in late summer each year. To ensure public safety and environmental compliance around this huge undertaking, the BLM issues a Special Recreation Permit that includes a commercial use fee. As set by regulation, this fee equals three percent of the adjusted gross income derived from the authorized use, plus any applicable assigned site fee and/or exclusive use fee, as well as cost recovery including application fees."

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Rachel Frazin** <rfrazin@thehill.com>

Date: Thu, Dec 26, 2019 at 7:47 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry: Burning man lawsuit

To: Press, BLM <BLM_Press@blm.gov>

Good morning,

My name is Rachel and I'm a reporter for The Hill.

I'm writing about a lawsuit by the company running the Burning Man music festival that's accusing the agency of overcharging.

Are Burning Man's claims warranted? If not, what do you think they get wrong?

Best,

Rachel Frazin

Breaking News Reporter, The Hill

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Subject: Please Review - 2020 Events List - highlighting upcoming major events/announcements/conference

Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2019 20:48:45 +0000

Importance: Normal

Attachments: DRAFT_BLM_Events_List_2020_V5.docx

All,

Please see attached the 2020 Events List that highlights upcoming major events/announcements/conferences. Can you please review and see if we are missing anything? Please send any edits back to me by Wednesday, COB, January 8, 2020. Thanks.

jeff

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DRAFT BLM Events List 2020

January

- 2 – Bears Ears NM ROD (Salt Lake City, UT)
- 9-12 - Western Fish and Wildlife Agencies Winter Meeting (Monterey, CA)
- By Jan. 10 - BLM-NM plans to publish a Notice of Availability for the Final Carlsbad Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement.
- 13-15 - Western States Land Commissioners Winter Meeting (Austin, TX)
- 14 – DOJ to defend the BLM’s Waste Prevention Replacement Rule in California v. Bernhardt and Sierra Club, et al. v. Bernhardt. A hearing on the merits is scheduled Jan. 14.
- 16 - DOJ to defend the BLM’s Hydraulic Fracturing Rescission Rule in California v. Bernhardt and Sierra Club, et al. v. Bernhardt. A hearing on the merits is scheduled for Jan.16.
- 16- 18- Wild Sheep Foundation Convention and Sporting Expo (Reno, NV)
- 17-19 - Great Rockies Sportshow (Billings, MT)
- 21-24 - Shot Show (Las Vegas, NV)
- 29-31 - Outdoor Retailer Show (Denver, CO)
- Week of TBA - DOI Accomplishments Week at Interior
- By Jan 30 - BLM-AK plans to sign the Record of Decision (ROD) for the
- By Jan 31 - ROD signatures planned (1 ROD for GSENM, 1 ROD for KEPA).
- TBA - DOI Partners in Conservation Awards
- TBA - 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale Results
- TBA/End of Month – 2018 Grazing Fee Announcement – FS/BLM

February

- 1-9 - Great American Outdoor Show (Harrisburg, PA)
- 4 – State of the Union Speech - POTUS
- 4-7 – BLM Pathways (new employee orientation) – (Phoenix, AZ)
- 5-7- Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting (Eugene, Oregon)
- 5-7 National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Annual Convention, with Public Lands Council (San Antonio, TX)
- 5-9 - Annual Pacific NW Sportsman Show (Portland, OR)
- 6 – New Mexico oil and gas lease sale – 72 parcels covering 17,668 acres
- 8-12 - National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting, (Las Vegas, NV)
- 10-14 - Alaska Forum on the Environment (Anchorage, AK)
- 12-16 - National Wild Turkey Federation Convention (Nashville, TN)
- 13-16 - Western Hunting and Conservation Expo (Salt Lake City, UT)
- 16-20 - Society for Range Management Annual Meeting (Denver, CO)
- 19-20 - Solar Power Northeast (Boston, MA)
- 21 - National Governors Association Winter Meeting (Washington, DC)

- 23-27 – Western States Sheriff’s Association (Reno, NV)
- 24-26 – National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Policy Conference (Washington, DC)
- 25-26 – Bears Ears National Monument MAC meeting
- 29-March 4- National Association of Counties Legislative Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- TBA - National Congress of American Indians State of Indian Nations Address, delivered on week of State of the Union speech
- TBA - Hike the Hill/ Partnership for the National Trails System (Washington, DC)
- TBA - Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting (Moscow, ID)
- TBA – DOI Budget Rollout
- TBA – BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoption schedule released

March

- 1-5- Public Lands Alliance Convention and Trade Show (Washington, DC)
- 2-5 - Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting (HI)
- 2-6 - Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Conference (Bend, OR)
- TBD - American Wind Energy Association Wind Power on Capitol Hill (Washington, DC)
- 7 – Iditarod Start (Anchorage, AK)
- 8-13 - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Omaha, NE)
- Week of 9 – UT oil and gas lease sale – 25 parcels covering 32,715 acres
- 10-12 – BLM Executive Leadership Team Meeting (location TBD)
- 10-13 – National League of Cities Congressional City Conference (Washington, DC)
- 16-26 - The BLM Emerging Leader program will kick off (Phoenix, AZ)
- 21-24 - American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Conference (Albuquerque, NM)
- 24 – MT Oil and gas lease sale – 8 parcels covering 5,181 acres & NV oil and lease sale -
- 26 – CO oil and gas lease sale - 39 parcels covering 39,256 acres
- 28-29 - Arizona Outdoor Expo (Phoenix, AZ)
- 31- Apr 2- National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Legislative Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- TBD- WY oil and gas lease sale - 105 oil and gas lease parcels totaling about 118,219
- TBA CRS report on oil and gas production on federal lands (happens every year around this time after ONRR puts out production data)

April

- 2-5 - Great Alaska Sportsman Show (Anchorage, Alaska)
- 16 – WY oil and gas lease sale – 125 parcels covering 143,574 acres
- 19-25 - National Volunteer Week
- 20-21 - Energy, Utility and Environment Conference (San Diego, CA)
- 22 - Earth Day

- 22 - Administrative Professionals Day
- 27-30- National Outdoor Recreation Conference (Knoxville, TN)
- TBA – BLM Pathways

May

- 4-6- Utility Solar Conference (Charlotte, NC)
- 9 - International Migratory Bird Day
- 13- 15- Western Interstate Region 2020 (NACo) Conference (Mariposa County, CA)
- 20-21 – NM oil and gas lease sale – 112 parcels covering 53,326 acres
- TBA - BLM Field Committee face to face meeting (Washington, DC)
- TBA - The BLM Presents National Awards to Volunteers Who Are "Making a Difference" on Public Lands
- TBA - DOI Secretarial Convocation/Valor Awards (Washington, DC)
- TBA - BLM Emerging Leaders Graduation (Washington, DC)

June

- 1-4- American Wind Energy Association Cleanpower 2020 conference (Denver, CO)
- 6-14 - National Fishing and Boating Week
- Week of 8-12 – UT oil and gas lease sale
- 9 – NV oil and gas lease sale
- 13 – National Get Outdoors Day
- 23-26- American Solar Energy Society Solar 2020 Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- 25 – CO oil and gas lease sale
- 27-29 - Outdoor Writers Association of America Annual Conference (Jay Peak Resort, VT)
- 29-July 2 - Western Governors Association Annual Meeting (Medora, ND)
- TBA - EIA Annual Energy Conference (Washington, DC)
- TBA - PILT Payment in lieu of Taxes (DOI) Press Release
- TBA - American Recreation Coalition Honors BLM Employee Legends and Beacon Awards (Washington, DC)

July

- DOI Employee Length of Service Awards (4th of July Celebration)
- TBD - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Elk Camp and Mountain Festival
- 9-14 - Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Summer Meeting (Park City , UT)
- 12-16 - Western States Land Commissioners Association Summer Conference (Portland, OR)
- 17-20 - National Association of Counties Annual Meeting (Orlando, FL)
- 21-23 - BLM Executive Leadership Team Meeting (Location TBD)
- 23-25 - Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Institute (Salt Lake City, UT)

August

- Week of 3 – NM oil and gas lease sale

- 10-13 National Conference of State Legislators – Legislative Summit (Indianapolis, IN)
- 12-13 - Summer NAPE (Houston, TX)
- 30- Sept 7 - Burning Man (Black Rock, NV)
- TBA - Western Energy Alliance Annual Meeting
- TBA - Annual Mining Claim Maintenance Fees press release

September

- Week of 7-11 – UT oil and gas lease sale
- 8 – NV oil and gas lease sale
- 13-16 - Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Convention (Sacramento, CA)
- 24 – CO oil and gas lease sale
- TBD - National Clean Energy Week 2020
- 26 - National Public Lands Day
- TBA - Intertribal Agriculture Council Annual Meeting
- TBA - Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting (NV)
- TBA - Public Lands Council Annual Meeting
- TBA - BLM Director Announces Winners Rangeland Stewardship Awards Press Release
- TBA - BLM Director Presents Secretarial Awards - Partners in Conservation Awards Press Release
- TBA - Annual Adjustment to Drilling Fee Permit

October

- Week of 5 – NM oil and gas lease sale
- 20-22 – BLM Field Committee/Leadership Academy Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)
- 20-22 – BLM Executive Leadership Team Meeting (Location TBD)
- TBA – National Wilderness Conference
- TBA - Partnership for the National Trails System Meeting
- TBA - Society of Environmental Journalists Annual Meeting
- TBA - Society of American Foresters National Convention
- TBA - Geothermal Resources Council Annual Meeting & Expo
- TBA- BLM Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Award Winners Press Release

November

- TBD - Annual Association of Oregon Counties Conference
- 8-13- National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention (Portland, OR)
- TBA - National Association for Interpretation Annual Conference
- TBA - IPAA Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
- TBA - Idaho Cattle Association Annual Convention

December

- Week of 7-11 – UT oil and gas lease sale
- 8- NV oil and gas lease sale
- 17 – CO oil and gas lease sale
- TBA – Call for Nominations to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board
- TBA - Western Governors Association Winter Meeting

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Cc: Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>

Subject: BLM Weekly Recap

Date: Fri, 20 Dec 2019 15:09:51 +0000

Importance: Normal

Attachments: BLM_Weekly_Recap_Comms_Report_12.20.19.docx

Weekly recap is attached. Thanks, and have a great weekend!

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WEEKLY RECAP

For week of Dec. 15-21

Due by 11 a.m. Eastern on Fridays

Submit to weekly_recap@ios.doi.gov

Section 1: Noteworthy Press Coverage: *Provide a short summary or links (when available) to notable national/regional media coverage or interviews. Include positive, neutral and negative. If not applicable for this week, respond "N/A."*

External Speaking Engagements (include date, principal, topic, forum, location and press engagement; provide clips generated from this event)

- None this week.

Noteworthy Media Queries/Interviews (please include any significant media interest; note if query is closed or pending; link to coverage)

- **BLM Christmas Tree Permits (E&E News):** Reporter Jennifer Yachnin inquired about the BLM's Christmas tree harvest program, through which individuals can purchase permits to cut down holiday trees — species like pinyon pine, juniper and alpine fir — on public lands across 10 states. BLM provided her with information and connected her with Jim Bowmer, who serves as deputy division chief of BLM's Forest, Rangeland, Riparian and Plant Conservation program. **Coverage:**
Link: <https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1061853675/search?keyword=BLM>
- **BLM Headquarters relocation (multiple outlets):** E&E News Reporter Scott Streater asked for comment for a story on BLM leadership conducting two-week stints at the new headquarters in Grand Junction, Colo., until the office is up and fully functional. In particular he wanted to know what senior leadership will be doing on these stints, how many staff are already there to help them, how much it will cost, and if there is any concern about the amount of time it will take to travel back and forth every couple of weeks between Washington and Grand Junction. He was sent the following approved response: "We have the resources we need - which will cover the costs associated with the move to get the new HQ up and running." Reporters Kelsey Tamborrino from Politico and Caitlyn Kim from Colorado Public Radio requested any update regarding number of staff moving west, following up from their inquiries earlier this week. A draft response is under review. **Coverage:**

E&E News:

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1061854241/search?keyword=BLM>

Denver Post: <https://www.denverpost.com/2019/12/17/bureau-land-management-jobs-grand-junction/>

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E&E News:

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1061853785/search?keyword=BLM>

Reason: <https://reason.com/2019/12/18/burning-man-sues-the-federal-government-over-permitting-fees-and-a-sketchy-appeals-process/>

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Coverage:

Headline: Twin Metals Minnesota Files Formal Mine Plan With Regulators

URL: <https://www.usnews.com/news/business/articles/2019-12-18/twin-metals-minnesota-files-formal-mine-plan-with-regulators>

Note: AP article appeared in multiple outlets

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BLM-Eastern States website under the "Spotlight" section at <https://www.blm.gov/eastern-states>." **Coverage:**

Headline: Twin Metals submits formal plans for mine near the Boundary Waters

URL: <https://www.mpmnews.org/story/2019/12/18/twin-metals-submits-formal-plans-for-mine-near-the-boundary-waters>

- **Bloomberg - Mineral trespass report (National):** Reporter Stephen Lee requested any BLM response regarding an Inspector General report released last week on mineral trespass on public lands. He was sent the following approved response (after the story ran): "The BLM is reviewing the report and evaluating the measures recommended."

FINAL. Coverage:

Headline: Interior Must Better Manage Mineral Trespass: Watchdog

URL: <https://news.bloombergenvironment.com/environment-and-energy/interior-must-better-manage-mineral-trespass-watchdog>

- **E&E News - BLM Oregon/Washington Acting State Director (OR/WA):** Scott Streater of E&E News inquired to confirm whether Theresa Handley would be returning to her former position with the appointment of Jose Linares as the new Acting State Director for BLM Oregon/Washington. BLM Press confirmed that Handley is taking the position of Associate State Director for BLM-Montana/Dakotas. **FINAL. Coverage:**

Headline: BLM names Ore.-Wash. acting director

URL: <https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2019/12/18/stories/1061845315>

Other Coverage:

December 17

Interior Department, states appeal sage grouse ruling

<https://durangoherald.com/articles/307075-interior-department-states-appeal-sage-grouse-ruling>

Columns and Op-Eds Published

- **Grand Junction Sentinel:** An op-ed from BLM Deputy Director William Perry Pendley will run on Sunday, December 22. Entitled "Howdy, Colorado," the piece discusses the BLM's headquarters relocation to Grand Junction. **Excerpt:** We fundamentally believe that by delegating more responsibility to the field and putting more of our most valuable and experienced staff closer to the resources they manage, we will better serve the

American people. We have been transparent with the committee in fulfilling their requests for document productions, totaling thousands of pages, and Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt and I have both separately participated in committee hearings speaking to the specifics of the relocation. We also have the support of a bipartisan coalition of Federal, State and local officials for the move, including Colorado Governor Jared Polis and Colorado Democrats on the Committee.

- **Casper Star-Tribune:** An op-ed from BLM Deputy Director William Perry Pendley will run on Sunday, December 22. Entitled “Howdy, Wyoming,” the piece also discusses the BLM’s headquarters relocation to Grand Junction. **Excerpt:** While BLM’s employees work in the West, its top officials work in a high-rise office building just steps from the Washington Nationals baseball stadium. BLM Headquarters’ staff is located thousands of miles and at least two time zones away from the lands they manage; the representatives of State, local, and tribal governments with which they are required—by law—to interact with; and the people whose lives are affected mightily by their decisions.

Press Releases ([link to coverage](#))

- **BLM Bakersfield Field Office Issues Decision on Supplemental Environmental Analysis:** BLM released its decision for the Bakersfield Field Office Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzing the potential effects of hydraulic fracturing of oil and gas resources on public lands and Federal minerals within the planning area. The BLM’s analysis shows that there are no adverse environmental impacts due to hydraulic fracturing that cannot be alleviated. This Supplemental EIS supports the decisions made within the 2014 Bakersfield Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) and does not make any new public lands or Federal minerals available to oil and gas development. The Bakersfield Field Office planning area includes eastern Fresno, western Kern, Kings, Madera, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare and Ventura counties. **Coverage:**

Kern Valley Sun: <https://kernvalleysun.com/blm-bakersfield-field-office-issues-decision-on-supplemental-environmental-analysis/>

San Luis Obispo New Times: <https://www.newtimeslo.com/sanluisobispo/one-million-acres-opened-to-oil-and-gas-leases-in-central-california/Content?oid=9101125>

San Francisco Chronicle: <https://www.sfchronicle.com/environment/article/Trump-administration-OKs-leasing-for-new-oil-14903306.php>

Porterville Recorder: https://www.recorderonline.com/news/million-acres-opened-up-to-fracking-drilling-areas-around-snf/article_e3bd36ca-20e7-11ea-9585-ebdda714920a.html

Foothills Sun-Gazette: <https://thesungazette.com/article/news/2019/11/05/feds-crack-moratorium-on-fracking/>

Sierra Sun-Times: <https://goldrushcam.com/sierrasuntimes/index.php/news/local-news/21286-blm-bakersfield-field-office-issues-decision-on-supplemental-environmental-analysis-concerns-hydraulic-fracturing-of-oil-and-gas-resources-on-public-lands-and-federal-minerals-within-the-planning-area-including-madera-and-fresno-counties>

Sacramento Bee: <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article238321848.html>

- **BLM Nevada Oil and Gas Lease Sale Nets \$171,921:** BLM Nevada announced this week its November oil and gas lease sale in Nevada resulted in competitive bids for 13,217.126 acres. A total of 268,051.676 acres were offered during this sale, which was in keeping with the Administration's goals of promoting American's Energy independence. The combined bids from the sale brought in \$171,921.50, which will be distributed between the Federal government and Nevada. The BLM offered 156 parcels in Lincoln, Nye and White Pine counties. Kirkwood Oil & Gas LLC had the high bid with \$41 an acre for 1 parcel containing 1,000 acres. For more details about the sale results, please visit <https://go.usa.gov/xV7Ms> **Coverage:**

<https://news3lv.com/news/local/blm-gets-just-over-170k-for-leasing-over-13000-acres-of-land-for-oil-and-gas-extraction>

- **All Parcels Offered Receive Bids at BLM-Eastern States Oil and Gas Lease Sale:** Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States (BLM-ES) held a quarterly oil and gas lease sale December 12, 2019, that resulted in competitive bids on all of the twenty parcels offered for over 6,450 acres located in the Mississippi counties of Perry, Wilkinson, Amite, and Franklin; and Monroe County in Ohio. The combined bids plus fees from the sale brought in \$184,779.00, which will be distributed between the Federal Government and the states of Mississippi and Ohio. The highest total bid of \$62,600 was made by R & R Royalty, Corpus Christi, Texas, for a 50-acre parcel on the Wayne National Forest, Monroe County, Ohio, at \$1,252.00 per acre. All sale results information is linked to the BLM-ES website here: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/oil-and-gas/leasing/regional-lease-sales/eastern-states> **Coverage:**

<https://www.kallanishenergy.com/2019/12/19/blm-raises-184779-in-mississippi-ohio-lease-sales/>

- **BLM Seeks Public Input for the Comstock Geothermal Exploration Plan:** BLM Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office, is seeking public input as it initiates an Environmental Assessment for the Comstock Geothermal Exploration operation plan on geothermal leases submitted by Ormat Nevada Inc. The BLM is also requesting public input under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the project. This includes seeking information and identifying historic properties in or near the project area. The BLM will be analyzing the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects for the proposed exploration operation plan. Public comments will be accepted through January 18, 2020. The project is located in Churchill County, Nevada, approximately 47 miles northeast of Fallon, Nevada. The proposed Comstock Geothermal Exploration Project would include drilling and testing of up to 10 geothermal wells and access road construction. The project would include approximately 49.2 acres of new disturbance on BLM-administered lands. **Coverage:**

<http://www.thinkgeoenergy.com/public-input-sought-for-comstock-geothermal-development-in-nevada/>

- **BLM Seeks Public Comment On Big Ledge Mine Environmental Assessment:** The BLM Wells Field Office (WFO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) DOI-BLM-NV-E030-2019-0010-EA titled "Big Ledge Mine Plan Amendment" to analyze the impacts of multiple Plan of Operations amendments submitted to the BLM WFO for the Big Ledge Barite Mine. The Big Ledge Mine, which has been in operation since 2007, is located in the northern Snake Mountain Range in Township 42 North, Range 61 East, and is approximately 60 miles north of Wells, Nevada in Elko County. The Proposed Action includes: an evaporation system; storm water controls and surface water diversions; regrading and placing a cover on the west Waste Rock Facility (WRF); utilizing a reverse osmosis water treatment facility to treat pit lake water; disposal of treated pit lake water that meets water quality standards, either through direct discharge into the unnamed tributary of Tabor Creek or through land application in designated areas; construction of a permanent pump house; snow fence installation; new access roads; and lime additions to the west WRF and catchment basin. **Coverage:**

https://elkodaily.com/news/local/blm-seeks-public-comment-on-big-ledge-mine-environmental-assessment/article_ff63ba75-2325-51b4-80f3-8456aa6d1d55.html

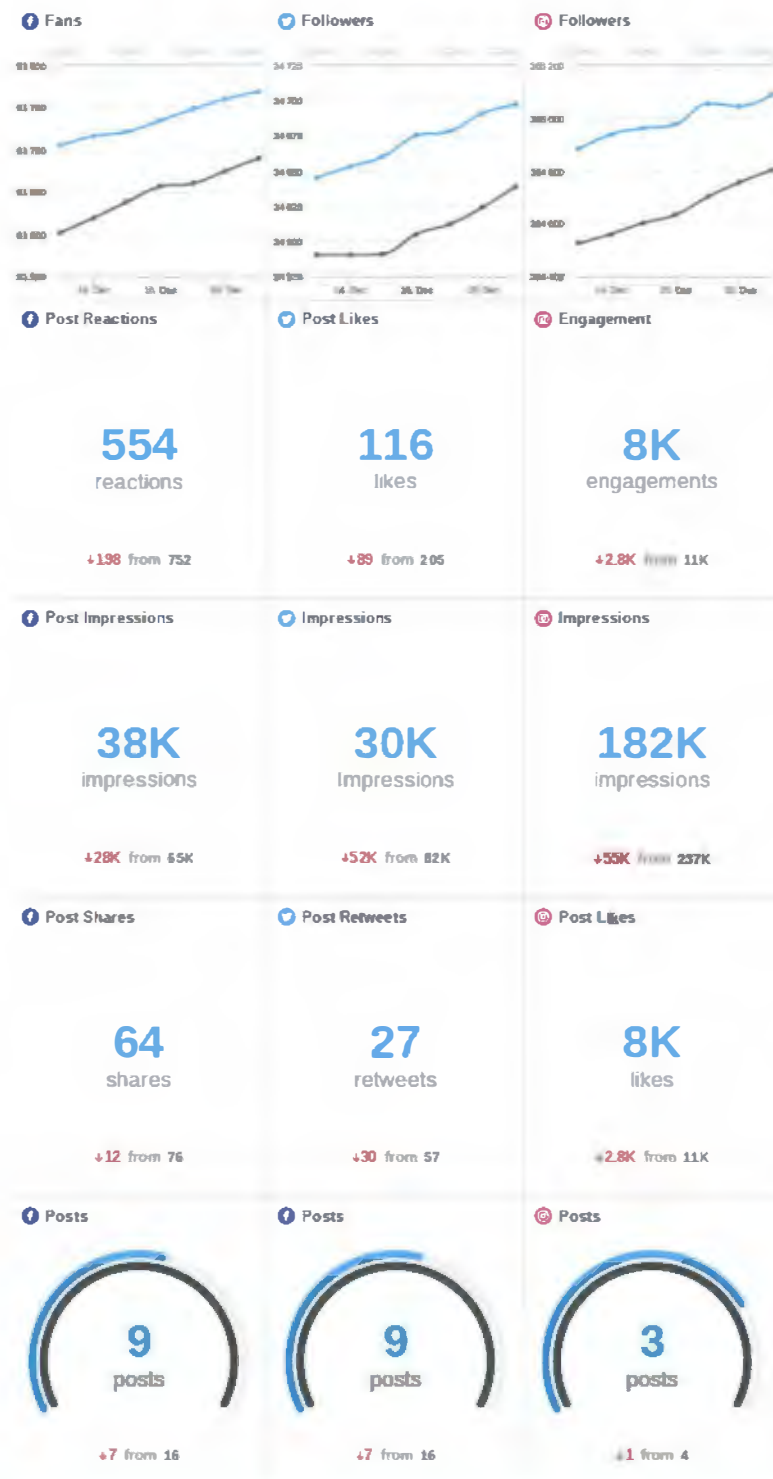
Optional: Social Media (List posts you'd like to highlight as part of a comms strategy or priority, activities/issues that generated meaningful engagement.)

BLM Social Media Highlights:

This week the BLM focused on holiday themed messages, christmas tree permits and also gears up for the winter solstice happening on Saturday.

Due to the end of our highly trafficked "#ThankfulFor campaign", the quantity of posts on all platforms have decreased this week, and thus received less overall engagement. To encourage

more engagement, we are incorporating more general posts on all platforms to appeal to a larger audience and will continue to monitor engagement rates. We focused on the winter solstice (12/21/19), while creating informative content for our viewers to learn about our night skies, as well as how to obtain christmas tree permits for the holiday season.



Section 2: Freedom of Information Act Requests:

Include media FOIA requests that closed this week or are still pending, particularly those that could generate a story. Provide requester, topic and any noteworthy guidance.

- **MuckRock News – Tobias Jimmy** "A copy of William Perry Pendley's official resume, a copy of his financial disclosure form, and a copy of any statements or forms concerning his recusals." Partial Release; B6 1 page .pdf copy of resume

Section 3: Requests to the Secretary's Comms Office:

List outstanding items you'd like us to be aware of. This can include pending administrative items, press releases submitted for clearance, press inquiries pending response, statements pending approval.

- *Nothing at this time.*

Section 4: Bureau Executive Team:

- Assistant Secretary:
- Deputy Assistant Secretary: Casey Hammond (Principal Deputy Asst. Secretary)
- Bureau Director: William Perry Pendley, Exercising the authority of the Director of the BLM
- Bureau Deputy Director: Mike Nedd, Deputy Director, Operations
- Chief of Staff: Amanda Kaster (Acting)

Section 5: Bureau Communications Team & Contact Information:

- Jeff Krauss, Acting Assistant Director, Communications (202) 208-6913
- Beverly Winston, Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Communications, (202) 440-2565
- Chris Tollefson, Division Chief, Public Affairs & Digital Media, (202) 912-7410

Section 6: Bureau Communication Priorities

Include bureau priorities or goals. These can be long term or month/week specific.

Moving forward in Fiscal Year 2020, the BLM will continue to focus on the Secretary's priorities that include:

- Completing the BLM move west and establishing the new BLM Headquarters in Grand Junction, CO
- Delegating decisions to the front lines
- Building a meaningful conservation legacy through increased public access
- Taking a hard look at regulations and modifying or eliminating those that are unnecessary
- Increasing energy development and timely processing of APDs and other permitting activities

- Implementing the Dingell Act as directed in Secretarial Order 3374
- Addressing overpopulation of wild horses and burros
- Completing rule making related to the realty, livestock grazing, and fuels programs
- Developing policy on the concession authority and the BLM's authority to collect donations

Section 7: Social Media Platforms: <https://www.blm.gov/media/social-media>

Provide links to these platforms

- *Facebook:*

[*BLM National Facebook*](#)

[*BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program Facebook*](#)

- *Twitter:*

[*BLM National Twitter*](#)

[*BLM Careers Twitter*](#)

[*BLM Director Twitter*](#)

[*BLM Wild Horse and Burro Twitter*](#)

- *YouTube:*

[*BLM National YouTube*](#)

- *Agency Website Address:* www.blm.gov

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To: "Mathis, Pamela" <pmathis@blm.gov>

Cc: Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>, Kimberly Dow <kddow@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: Next ELT

Date: Wed, 13 Nov 2019 23:26:55 +0000

Importance: Normal

Attachments: DRAFT_BLM_Events_List_2020_V2.docx

Pam,

Here you go...

On Wed, Nov 13, 2019 at 5:57 PM Mathis, Pamela <pmathis@blm.gov> wrote:

Jeff and Bev:

Mike would like to schedule the next ELT face to face meeting the last week in February or first part of March 2020. Can you please send/review your Events List and let us know the best dates around other scheduled events?

And, if possible, we'd like to schedule the July session at the same time, either the end of July or first week of August.

Pamela A. Mathis

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DRAFT BLM Events List 2020

January

- 9-12 - Western Fish and Wildlife Agencies Winter Meeting (Monterey, CA)
- 13-15 - Western States Land Commissioners Winter Meeting (Austin, TX)
- 16- 18- Wild Sheep Foundation Convention and Sporting Expo (Reno, NV)
- 17-19 - Great Rockies Sportshow (Billings, MT)
- 21-24 - Shot Show (Las Vegas, NV)
- 29-31 - Outdoor Retailer Show (Denver, CO)
- Week of TBA - DOI Accomplishments Week at Interior
- TBA - DOI Partners in Conservation Awards
- TBA - National Congress of American Indians State of Indian Nations Address, delivered on week of State of the Union speech
- TBA - State of the Union speech
- TBA - 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale Results
- TBA/End of Month – 2018 Grazing Fee Announcement – FS/BLM

February

- 1-9 - Great American Outdoor Show (Harrisburg, PA)
- 5-7- Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society Annual Meeting (Eugene, Oregon)
- 5-7 National Cattlemen's Beef Association Annual Convention, with Public Lands Council (San Antonio, TX)
- 5-9 - Annual Pacific NW Sportsman Show (Portland, OR)
- 6 – New Mexico oil and gas lease sale – 72 parcels covering 17,668 acres
- 8-12 - National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting, (Las Vegas, NV)
- 10-14 - Alaska Forum on the Environment (Anchorage, AK)
- 12-16 - National Wild Turkey Federation Convention (Nashville, TN)
- 13-16 - Western Hunting and Conservation Expo (Salt Lake City, UT)
- 16-20 - Society for Range Management Annual Meeting (Denver, CO)
- 19-20 - Solar Power Northeast (Boston, MA)
- 21 - National Governors Association Winter Meeting (Washington, DC)

- 23-27 – Western States Sheriff’s Association (Reno, NV)
- 24-26 – National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Policy Conference (Washington, DC)
- 29-March 4- National Association of Counties Legislative Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- TBA - Hike the Hill/ Partnership for the National Trails System (Washington, DC)
- TBA - Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting (Moscow, ID)
- TBA – DOI Budget Rollout
- TBA – BLM Wild Horse and Burro adoption schedule released

March

- 1-5- Public Lands Alliance Convention and Trade Show (Washington, DC)
- 2-5 - Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting (HI)
- 2-6 - Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Annual Conference (Bend, OR)
- TBD - American Wind Energy Association Wind Power on Capitol Hill (Washington, DC)
- 7 – Iditarod Start (Anchorage, AK)
- 8-13 - North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference (Omaha, NE)
- 10-13 – National League of Cities Congressional City Conference (Washington, DC)
- 21-24 - American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Conference (Albuquerque, NM)
- 24 – MT Oil and gas lease sale – 8 parcels covering 5,181 acres
- 26 – CO oil and gas lease sale - 39 parcels covering 39,256
- 28-29 - Arizona Outdoor Expo (Phoenix, AZ)
- 31- Apr 2- National Cattlemen’s Beef Association Legislative Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- TBA – Industry Government Conference (WY)
- TBA CRS report on oil and gas production on federal lands (happens every year around this time after ONRR puts out production data)

April

- 2-5 - Great Alaska Sportsman Show (Anchorage, Alaska)
- 19-25 - National Volunteer Week
- 20-21 - Energy, Utility and Environment Conference (San Diego, CA)
- 22 - Earth Day
- 22 - Administrative Professionals Day
- 27-30- National Outdoor Recreation Conference (Knoxville, TN)
- TBA – BLM Pathways

May

- 4-6- Utility Solar Conference (Charlotte, NC)
- 9 - International Migratory Bird Day
- 13- 15- Western Interstate Region 2020 (NACo) Conference (Mariposa County, CA)
- TBA - BLM Field Committee face to face meeting (Washington, DC)
- TBA - The BLM Presents National Awards to Volunteers Who Are "Making a Difference" on Public Lands
- TBA - DOI Secretarial Convocation/Valor Awards (Washington, DC)
- TBA - BLM Emerging Leaders Graduation (Washington, DC)

June

- 1-4- American Wind Energy Association Cleanpower 2020 conference (Denver, CO)
- 6-14 - National Fishing and Boating Week
- 13 – National Get Outdoors Day
- 23-26- American Solar Energy Society Solar 2020 Conference (Washington, D.C.)
- 27-29 - Outdoor Writers Association of America Annual Conference (Jay Peak Resort, VT)
- 29-July 2 - Western Governors Association Annual Meeting (Medora, ND)
- TBA - EIA Annual Energy Conference (Washington, DC)
- TBA - PILT Payment in lieu of Taxes (DOI) Press Release
- TBA - American Recreation Coalition Honors BLM Employee Legends and Beacon Awards (Washington, DC)

July

- DOI Employee Length of Service Awards (4th of July Celebration)
- TBD - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Elk Camp and Mountain Festival
- 9-14 - Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Summer Meeting (Park City , UT)
- 12-16 - Western States Land Commissioners Association Summer Conference (Portland, OR)
- 17-20 - National Association of Counties Annual Meeting (Orlando, FL)
- 23-25 - Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Institute (Salt Lake City, UT)

August

- 10-13 National Conference of State Legislators – Legislative Summit (Indianapolis, IN)
- 12-13 - Summer NAPE (Houston, TX)
- 30- Sept 7 - Burning Man (Black Rock, NV)
- TBA - Western Energy Alliance Annual Meeting
- TBA - Annual Mining Claim Maintenance Fees press release

September

- 13-16 - Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Convention (Sacramento, CA)
- TBD - National Clean Energy Week 2020
- 26 - National Public Lands Day
- TBA - Intertribal Agriculture Council Annual Meeting
- TBA - Public Lands Foundation Annual Meeting (NV)
- TBA - Public Lands Council Annual Meeting
- TBA - BLM Director Announces Winners Rangeland Stewardship Awards Press Release
- TBA - BLM Director Presents Secretarial Awards - Partners in Conservation Awards Press Release
- TBA - Annual Adjustment to Drilling Fee Permit

October

- TBA – National Wilderness Conference
- TBA - Partnership for the National Trails System Meeting
- TBA - Society of Environmental Journalists Annual Meeting

- TBA - Society of American Foresters National Convention
- TBA - Geothermal Resources Council Annual Meeting & Expo
- TBA- BLM Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Award Winners Press Release

November

- TBD - Annual Association of Oregon Counties Conference
- 8-13- National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention (Portland, OR)
- TBA - National Association for Interpretation Annual Conference
- TBA - IPAA Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
- TBA - Idaho Cattle Association Annual Convention

December

- TBA – Call for Nominations to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board
- TBA - Western Governors Association Winter Meeting

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To: "Rose, Christopher" <crose@blm.gov>

Cc: BLM_WO_610 <blm_wo_610@blm.gov>, Christopher Bush <cbush@blm.gov>, "Ronald (Rudy) Evenson" <revenson@blm.gov>, Beverly S Winston <BWinston@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: Media Report: AP seeking comment on Burning Man lawsuit

Date: Wed, 18 Dec 2019 20:31:27 +0000

Importance: Normal

Thanks Chris. Still working on getting a statement cleared for this topic. It's currently with DOI Comms. Will keep you posted.

Regards,

Greg

On Wed, Dec 18, 2019 at 3:25 PM Rose, Christopher <crose@blm.gov> wrote:

Associated Press, Seeking comment on Burning Man lawsuit: Reporter Scott Sonner contacted BLM Nevada asking for a comment or response declining comment on the Burning Man lawsuit reported in the Reno Gazette Journal. He also asked for any background information that could be provided. He plans to run the story 12/19 or 12/20.

Link to RGJ story: <https://www.rgj.com/story/life/arts/burning-man/2019/12/18/burning-man-2020-lawsuit-bureau-of-land-management/2678285001/>

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To: Christopher Bush <cbush@blm.gov>, <emccullo@blm.gov>, <mehall@blm.gov>, <jkrauss@blm.gov>, Timothy Shannon <tshannon@blm.gov>

Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Burning Man Letter

Date: Wed, 20 Nov 2019 22:21:03 +0000

Importance: Normal

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Date: November 20, 2019 at 11:49:32 AM PST

To: "Raby, Jon" <jraby@blm.gov>

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Jennifer

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November 20, 2019

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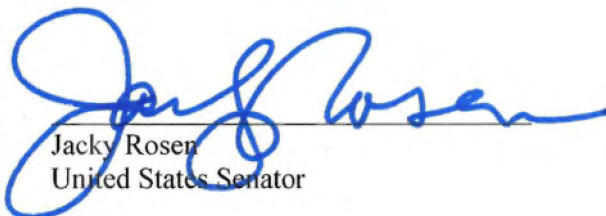
- (1) Written confirmation that BLM intends to substantively consider the outcomes from the adaptive management approach developed together between BMP and BLM prior to imposing any mitigation measures listed in the ROD; and
- (2) Your commitment to developing with BMP criteria upon which to evaluate outcomes and tailor mitigation measures that will ultimately be adopted. It goes without saying that time is of the essence as preparations for 2020 are already underway.

The Burning Man event is an iconic cultural event and significant economic driver for the state of Nevada, and we appreciate BLM’s partnership in ensuring the event continues to take place for years to come without being encumbered by unnecessary requirements. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator



Jacky Rosen
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Date: Wed, 20 Nov 2019 22:29:37 +0000

Importance: Normal

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From: Jon Raby <jraby@blm.gov>

Date: November 20, 2019 at 2:27:39 PM PST

To: "Crowe, Jennifer (Cortez Masto)" <Jennifer_Crowe@cortezmasto.senate.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Burning Man Letter

Jennifer,

Thank you. As you can imagine there are many ways to interpret the words in the EIS depending on your view of the world. My intent is to implement adaptive management in a common sense way and based on a collaborative approach. That has and will continue to be my focus and you'll receive a response from me in the next couple weeks to that effect.

All the Best,

Jon

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Burning Man Letter

Date: Wed, 20 Nov 2019 23:51:09 +0000

Importance: Normal

Jon,

Will do and we will have something for your review within the next week.

Very Respectfully,
Chris

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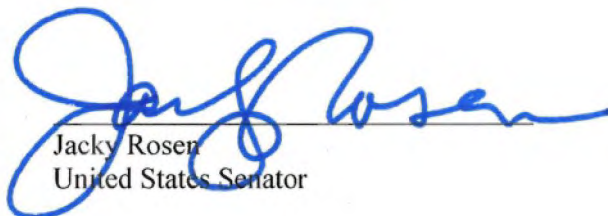
- (1) Written confirmation that BLM intends to substantively consider the outcomes from the adaptive management approach developed together between BMP and BLM prior to imposing any mitigation measures listed in the ROD; and
- (2) Your commitment to developing with BMP criteria upon which to evaluate outcomes and tailor mitigation measures that will ultimately be adopted. It goes without saying that time is of the essence as preparations for 2020 are already underway.

The Burning Man event is an iconic cultural event and significant economic driver for the state of Nevada, and we appreciate BLM’s partnership in ensuring the event continues to take place for years to come without being encumbered by unnecessary requirements. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator



Jacky Rosen
United States Senator

Cc: Casey Hammond
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From: Derrick Henry <djhenry@blm.gov>

To: "Winston, Beverly" <bwinston@blm.gov>

Cc: "Fuhs, Gregory" <gfuhs@blm.gov>, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>, Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: SPOX Handoff

Date: Mon, 23 Dec 2019 20:37:55 +0000

Importance: Normal

They want to know how many employees have agreed to move to the new Grand Junction headquarters and Colorado in general. He also wants to know why there are 300 jobs moving to the west, but there were not 300 MDR letters distributed.

It sounds like William Perry Pendley is saying nearly two-thirds of those receiving MRD letters have agreed to move west. I'm wondering if BLM is now able to say how many have indicated they plan to move to Grand Junction. I also have the same question as it applies to Colorado more broadly.

Also, I'm seeking clarity on something. About 300 jobs are being moved out west, but about only half that number of people got MDR letters. What is the explanation for that much-lower number? I'm assuming maybe the remaining jobs were vacant or people in them already had indicated they didn't plan to move or had gotten other jobs??

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 23, 2019, at 1:12 PM, Winston, Beverly <bwinston@blm.gov> wrote:

what does the sentinel want?

On Mon, Dec 23, 2019 at 3:06 PM Henry, Derrick <djhenry@blm.gov> wrote:

No one has asked about any of the items. The only one is the new, Grand Junction Sentinel one.

Derrick

On Mon, Dec 23, 2019 at 12:54 PM Winston, Beverly <bwinston@blm.gov> wrote:

OK. Is anyone asking?

On Mon, Dec 23, 2019 at 1:33 PM Henry, Derrick <djhenry@blm.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Bev.

It looks like the relocation item is the one we can focus on. The other have already printed, or are still with SOL. Is there anything on the relocation for the AP?

Derrick

On Mon, Dec 23, 2019 at 7:06 AM Winston, Beverly <bwinston@blm.gov> wrote:

Derrick,

Let's discuss before doing anything about any of these.

CPR has already filed and the Burning Man lawsuit is old news.

On Sun, Dec 22, 2019 at 11:47 PM Fuhs, Gregory <gfuhs@blm.gov> wrote:

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Hi Derrick,

Welcome back, I hope you had a nice break! This will be a short and hopefully quiet week ahead but in any case here are the lingering pending SPOX items from last week, as well as any notes for follow-up:

Associated Press - BLM relocation (National): Reporter Matthew Brown asked for confirmation on whether the "153 people who received MDR letters" figure in Perry Pendley's all-staff email regarding the latest move update includes everyone who will receive such letters, or whether are there more to come. He was sent the following placeholder response (approved by WO-600): *"Unfortunately we can't get a hold of the right folks to confirm due to holiday schedules. Will get back to you when we're able."* **PENDING.**

Politico and Colorado Public Radio - BLM relocation (National): Reporters Kelsey Tamborrino from Politico and Caitlyn Kim from CPR requested any update regarding number of staff moving west, following up from their inquiries earlier this week. A draft response is under review. **PENDING.**

ACTION: Not sure there's much we can do on the above items this week, but would suggest keeping an eye on it with 600 in case we get any further move-related inquiries. Note that Connie is on leave but her auto-reply says she'll be periodically checking messages.

Bloomberg, Law360, Billboard, and Reno Gazette Journal - Burning Man lawsuit (National / NV): Reporters Peter Hayes from Bloomberg, Michael Phillis from Law360, Chris Eggertsen from Billboard, and Jenny Kane from the Reno Gazette Journal have requested any BLM response regarding a lawsuit filed Friday by the organizers of Burning Man challenging what they claim are excessive fees charged by the BLM to conduct the event. A draft statement is under review with SOL. **PENDING.**

ACTION: We never did quite get a fully cleared draft statement. You'll see some back-and-forth on it in the BLM Press box. Again, not sure how much we can do on this given the holiday week, but keep an eye on it. Note that all of these stories have pretty much already run, so any statement we may send is likely to be far too late to be immediately useful. However it may be good to have a cleared statement on hand for any future inquiries that may come up as this case progresses.

That's pretty much it. FYI I will actually be taking some leave on Monday and Thursday but will have my cell and occasionally checking email if you need to reach me.

Thanks,

Greg

Greg Fuhs

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Subject: SPOX handoff

Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2019 22:48:07 +0000

Importance: Normal

Hi Chris,

Not sure who is handling SPOX, but believe it or not, there is nothing on the plate, except for these standing items/activities. I'll be back in the office on Jan. 6. My cell is 202-590-0516 if you have any questions. Happy New Year!

BLM relocation: Coordinate with Bev Winston and Connie Gillette on responses.

Authority of the BLM Director: Any inquiries related to: Perry's authorization as acting BLM director; the secretarial order's January 3 expiration date; or a nomination for a permanent director go immediately to DOI Press, with a CC to Jeff Krauss and Bev Winston.

Burning Man: Latest, cleared response on December 26, regarding the lawsuit over fees: *"Burning Man is one of the largest annual events on America's public lands, with approximately 80,000 people now converging on the Black Rock Desert in late summer each year. To ensure public safety and environmental compliance around this huge undertaking, the BLM issues a Special Recreation Permit that includes a commercial use fee. As set by regulation, this fee equals three percent of the adjusted gross income derived from the authorized use, plus any applicable assigned site fee and/or exclusive use fee, as well as cost recovery including application fees."*

Mineral trespass report: An IG report on [mineral trespass](#) was issued recently, and WO-300 (Nick D./Mitch L) has been reviewing the report. If there are any inquiries, please coordinate with them to draft responses for clearance.

KXL: Any questions about the Keystone XL pipeline go to this State Department public affairs email address: OES-PA-DG@state.gov.

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From: "Press, BLM" <blm_press@blm.gov>

To: Jeff Krauss <jkrauss@blm.gov>

Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry: Burning man lawsuit

Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2019 18:58:17 +0000

Importance: Normal

Does Carol Danko need to see the Burning Man statement? Look like she got the same question from *The Hill*.

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From: **Carol Danko** <carol_danko@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Thu, Dec 26, 2019 at 11:51 AM

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry: Burning man lawsuit

To: Rachel Frazin <rfrazin@thehill.com>

Cc: <Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov>, <blm_press@blm.gov>

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Carol

Sent from my iPhone

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> Rachel Frazin

> Breaking News Reporter, The Hill

> 561-212-2815

From: "Krauss, Jeff" <jkrauss@blm.gov>

To: "Goodwin, Nicholas" <nicholas_goodwin@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: Beverly Winston <bwinston@blm.gov>, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Media Inquiry: Burning man lawsuit

Date: Thu, 26 Dec 2019 19:03:59 +0000

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Thanks Nick,

We have a draft statement waiting on SOL review.

Jeff

On Thu, Dec 26, 2019 at 2:02 PM Goodwin, Nicholas <nicholas_goodwin@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Nick Goodwin
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Cc: Beverly S Winston <BWinston@blm.gov>, Christopher Tollefson <ctollefson@blm.gov>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Burning Man Problems - Lawsuit

Date: Mon, 16 Dec 2019 17:09:31 +0000

Importance: Normal

Will do.

On Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 11:39 AM Krauss, Jeff <jkrauss@blm.gov> wrote:

Greg,

We cannot use "No comment" anymore. Please work with BLM NV on a response.

On Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 11:37 AM Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov> wrote:

Jeff/Bev/Chris, just want to double check: I assume the response to this is that the BLM does not comment on pending litigation. Please advise.

Thanks,

Greg

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Date: Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 11:16 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Burning Man Problems - Lawsuit

To: Press, BLM <blm_press@blm.gov>

Hello,

I hope you are well. We are writing about the lawsuit that Burning Man organizers filed accusing BLM of charging an excessively high amount for the event's annual permit and consistently delaying decisions so organizers have no time or means to object.

In addition, they say that IBLA has taken years to decide appeals of the event's permit fees.

I'm reaching out to ask for any comment BLM has on the allegations that it has consistently overcharged organizers, threatening the viability of the event.

Thank you in advance for your time. It is case number 1:19-cv-03729 in D.C. federal court.

Sincerely,

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