

Potential EITI Questions and Answers

What is the EITI?

EITI is a voluntary, international standard for transparency in reporting revenues paid and received for natural resource extraction. The design of each EITI framework is country-specific, and is developed through a multi-year, consensus-based process by a multi-stakeholder group (MSG) composed of representatives from government, industry and civil society. The main product of the USEITI will be annual reports.

What is an EITI Report?

To comply with the EITI Standard, an EITI country must publish annual reports, produced by an Independent Administrator and approved by the MSG. The EITI Report documents the parallel reporting and reconciliation of revenues paid by the extractives industry to government and the revenues received and disbursed by the government. The EITI Report is also a compilation of publicly available contextual, legal, and current fiscal information about the extractives industries.

Where are the USEITI Reports and what did they actually disclose?

DOI published the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Annual Reports on an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>). On this portal, the Department of the Interior unilaterally discloses 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type as well as production data across all commodities. The Annual Reports provide clarity and transparency of the revenues generated by energy development on public lands and waters—a significant source of financial support for local communities, States, Tribes, and the Federal Government.

Will the Department of the Interior continue to issue USEITI reports?

The Department of the Interior will continue to disclose revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type as well as production data across all commodities on the data portal. The content on the Data Portal will reflect the Office of Natural Resources Revenue's activities for 2017 undertaken as a part of the United States' involvement in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. Unlike previous years, the content has not been approved by the full USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group, given the MSG did not meet following the February session. However, the content provided here and included in the online report has been informed by MSG feedback and the MSG had an opportunity to review all additional content.

What is a Data Portal?

The Data Portal is a web-based resource for data and information about U.S. extractive industries on Federal land and waters. It provides interactive visualizations that can be readily understood and accessed by the public for reuse through other media and applications. The Data Portal has been facilitating national and international conversation around U.S. extractive industries revenue and is designed to present this data in a format that is most accessible to the average citizen. The portal has set a global standard in revenue governance transparency.

Who is the USEITI Multistakeholder Group?

The Secretary of the Interior established the USEITI Federal Advisory Committee in August 2012. The Committee's purpose was to serve as the initial EITI Multistakeholder Group (MSG) and its duties included consideration and fulfillment of the tasks required to achieve candidate and compliant status in the EITI. The Multistakeholder Group or MSG is comprised of representatives from government,

industry and civil society. The Committee's Charter was renewed in 2014, and again in 2016. The MSG met 20 times in a public meeting between 2012 and February 2017.

Why are you terminating the USEITI Multistakeholder Group?

The Federal Advisory Committee serves at the Secretary of the Interior's discretion. The MSG each year developed and recommended to the Secretary a fully-costed work plan, containing measurable targets and a timetable for implementation, and an assessment of capacity constraints. Each year the MSG developed and recommended to the Secretary an Annual Activity Report documenting the decisions and accomplishment, and progress in meeting the EITI Standard. The MSG advised the Secretary on long-term oversight and other activities necessary to achieve EITI candidate and compliant status. The MSG oversaw publishing the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Annual Reports on an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>). Given the current challenges to fully implementing the EITI Standard and a thoughtful review of the many accomplishments of the MSG, the Secretary determined the MSG had accomplished its work.

Why are you withdrawing from the EITI Standard?

The U.S. has met 8 of the 9 elements of the standard. USEITI has been implementing within U.S. statutory mandates and in a voluntary reporting system. Given the ongoing uncertainty about corporate income tax reporting as part of USEITI, as well as the recent decision by the USEITI MSG to rely on the government's existing audit and assurance processes, USEITI would be deviating in two significant respects from the EITI Standard. Therefore the decision was made that the U.S. would no longer formally implement the Standard. However, the Department, as managed by ONRR, has robust audit and assurance practices in place to demonstrate accountability for the revenues paid and received for our country's oil, gas, and mineral resources. The Department, through ONRR will continue to mainstream (publicly disclose) DOI revenue reporting in lieu of redundant company reporting and Independent Administrator reconciliation.

Explain what the challenges were for the U.S. to implement the EITI Standard

Domestic implementation of EITI is subject to existing laws and regulations. For example, the Trade Secrets Act and the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA) of 1982, prohibit the Federal government from releasing company pricing information and Federal employees are subject to criminal penalties if they violate these laws. Another example is Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides that tax returns and tax return information are confidential and prohibited from disclosure, unless an exception identified in the IRC is applicable. The IRC imposes civil and criminal penalties for violations of the disclosure prohibitions.

What does it mean to mainstream revenue data?

The EITI governing Board in its 2016 revised Standard included allowing for two possible procedures for EITI disclosures: (1) the "conventional" agreed upon procedure for EITI Reports, which is already in use (company and government parallel disclosure to an Independent Administrator for reconciliation); and (2) the agreed upon procedure for mainstreamed disclosures. The mainstreaming transparency option enables countries to refer directly to existing public information about the extractive sector where available, comprehensive, reliable, and consistent with the requirements of the EITI Standard. We welcome the idea of mainstreamed EITI disclosures in lieu of company reporting and Independent Administrator reconciliation.

What domestic benefits of adopting the EITI Standard are you giving up?

The Department of the Interior will continue to highlight industry's financial contributions to the U.S. Government and the national and state level distribution of those resources, including the revenues generated by royalties, rents, bonuses and taxes. The Department will continue to provide enhanced and user friendly access to reliable information that can be used to hold the government and [industry] to account. Increasing the public's awareness and understanding of how extractive revenues are collected and disbursed enhances our accountability and facilitates the full and fair return to the American people for these resources.

What were the international benefits to the U.S. of adopting EITI?

The United States will continue to be one of seventeen supporting countries of the EITI. The United States remains a strong supporter of good governance and transparency, including the principles of transparency in the extractive sector represented by EITI. EITI is an important tool to promote transparency, increase competitiveness and combat corruption globally. We have taken a leading role in EITI since its founding in 2003, and we will continue to support the international EITI initiative and country level implementation. Attempting to implement the EITI Standard in the United States was a proactive step in the mainstreaming of EITI principles. It demonstrated that a strong commitment to transparency and accountability principles applies equally to developed and developing countries, providing an example for other OECD economies. Despite the infeasibility of implementing the Standard domestically, the United States remains committed to these same transparency and accountability principles.

How much does the government gain in revenue from the extractive industries?

The U.S. is a major developer of natural resources. The Department of Interior collects on average approximately \$10 to \$12 billion in annual revenues from the development of oil, gas and minerals on Federal lands and offshore in the Outer Continental Shelf. The bulk of these revenues are disbursed to the U.S. Treasury, with smaller portions distributed to five Federal agencies, more than 30 states, 41 American Indian tribes, and approximately 34,000 individual Indian mineral owners. In addition, the U.S. receives federal taxes related to resource extraction.

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

FROM: Greg Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue
Management

SUBJECT: USEITI – Challenges to Implementing the 2016 EITI Standard

DATE: January 24, 2017

I. INTRODUCTION

The U.S. government successfully completed the initial requirements to join Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) as a candidate country when the International EITI Board accepted our candidacy application in March 2014. Key successes to date include publishing the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Annual Reports on an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>). On this portal, the Department of the Interior unilaterally disclosed 2013, 2014, and 2015 revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type as well as production data across all commodities. The portal is the new global standard in revenue governance transparency.

In 2016, the Department of the Interior (the lead federal agency) entered a new phase in implementing EITI. The EITI International Board revised the EITI Standard in February 2016, to include requirements for disclosure of beneficial owners of extractive companies and to provide opportunity to “mainstream” revenue data by governments and companies in lieu of an independent reconciliation of reported revenues. The work of the USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group Advisory Committee (MSG) is to ensure that the USEITI framework is tailored to U.S. laws, regulations, and culture, and that it is implementable by government and industry. This memorandum addresses the policy considerations of this phase of USEITI implementation and provides recommendations to resolve implementing challenges in successfully achieving compliance with the EITI standard and validation in April 2018.

Prior to DOI taking the lead in 2011 to implement EITI in the U.S., the U.S. State Department strongly supported EITI. Since EITI’s inception in 2002, the State Department has played a key role in shaping the EITI into the global standard it is today. The U.S. State Department participated and continues to participate as a supporting country. Through its representation on the EITI Board and then Finance and Governance and Oversight Committees, the State Department works to clarify, interpret, and promote the rules of the EITI Standard, including by helping to draft guidance documents on how to assess country compliance. U.S. leadership has played a crucial role in the endorsement of the EITI by the G-7, the G-20, and the United Nations Security Council.

II. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

Implementing EITI will continue to improve government revenue transparency in the U.S. and continue to serve as an example internationally. The primary areas of consideration for 2016 are: corporate income tax reporting (Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations require a resource extraction

issuer to disclose taxes); project-level reporting (Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations define project as operational activities that are governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession, or similar legal agreement, which form the basis for payment liabilities with a government); mainstreaming reporting requirements; beneficial owner disclosure (of the corporate entity(ies) that bid for, operate or invest in extractive assets); and validation (April 2018). In order to recommend a government position, this paper takes into account legal constraints, resource availability, feasibility, and the international EITI requirements.

A. CORPORATE INCOME TAX REPORTING

The EITI Standard requires reporting on “profits taxes,” or taxes on income, where material. The issue of including corporate income tax revenue in the reconciliation required significant consideration by the MSG, primarily due to the challenges related to the legal constraints and the corporate tax structure in the U.S. as follows.

Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides that tax returns and tax return information are confidential and prohibited from disclosure, unless an exception identified in the IRC is applicable. The IRC imposes civil and criminal penalties for violations of the disclosure prohibitions. Nonetheless, taxpayers may consent to have their tax information disclosed to specific parties, and the MSG agreed to encourage in-scope companies to consent to disclosure. The Privacy Act of 1974 only allows the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to gather information used for tax administration purposes.

In the U.S. there are two key sources of publicly available information about federal income taxes for the extractive industries: the government and the filings of companies that are publicly listed. As mandated by the Revenue Act of 1916, the IRS publishes statistics related to “the operations of the internal revenue laws” as they affect individuals, corporations, and various other entities. The IRS Statistics of Income (SOI) program is responsible for executing this function by collecting, processing, and presenting this data, and then sharing information about how the tax system works with other government agencies and the general public.

In 2010, the U.S. enacted the Dodd-Frank Act, which requires U.S.-listed extractive companies to separately disclose information about payments to governments around the world, including their U.S. federal corporate income tax payments. At that time, USEITI was in its infancy.

Ultimately, the MSG decided to include federal corporate income tax payments, meaning those income taxes paid to the IRS by C-corporations, as a part of the USEITI. The MSG requested companies to voluntarily report the sum of all federal corporate income tax payments and encouraged reconciliation. For the 2015 USEITI Report, 12 out of 41 applicable companies reported \$190 million in corporate income taxes and in the 2016 USEITI Report, 12 out of 38 applicable companies reported -\$308 million in corporate income taxes.

Recommendation:

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B. PROJECT-LEVEL REPORTING

The EITI Standard states that the MSG is required to agree on the level of disaggregation for publishing data, that EITI data must be presented by individual company, government entity, and revenue stream, and that reporting at project level is required. The standard does not provide a specific definition of “project,” but states it should be consistent with the SEC rules and European Union laws.

In 2010, the U.S. enacted the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to improve transparency and accountability across the financial system. Section 1504 of the Act requires extractive industries companies registered with the SEC to separately disclose information about payments to governments around the world in an interactive data format. Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations, defines project level as operational activities governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession, or similar legal agreement, which form the basis for payment liabilities with a government. Additionally, agreements that are both operationally and geographically interconnected may be treated by the issuer as a single project.

Section 1504 mandates disclosure of the type and total amount of (such) payments made for each project of the resource extraction issuer relating to the commercial development of oil, natural gas, or minerals,” including “taxes, royalties, fees (including license fees), production entitlements, bonuses, and other material benefits, that the SEC, consistent with the EITI (to the extent practicable), determines are part of the commonly recognized revenue stream for the commercial development of oil, natural gas, or minerals.

Since the SEC rules implementing Dodd-Frank §1504 had not been published, in December 2014, the MSG determined that the 2015 USEITI Report should follow the first part of USEITI Standard, that states: “It is required that EITI data is presented by individual company, government entity and revenue stream.” The MSG also agreed to assign no further definition for project-level disclosure. The data in the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Reports were presented on this basis.

Recommendation:

As the MSG has agreed to rely on the definition that the SEC promulgated in its revised Dodd-Frank rule, we (b) (5)

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C. MAINSTREAMING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The EITI governing Board in its 2016 revised Standard included allowing for two possible procedures for EITI disclosures: (1) the “conventional” agreed upon procedure for EITI Reports, which is already in use (company and government parallel disclosure to an Independent Administrator for reconciliation); and (2) the agreed upon procedure for mainstreamed disclosures. The mainstreaming transparency option enables countries to refer directly to existing public information about the extractive sector where available, comprehensive, reliable, and consistent with the requirements of the EITI Standard. Where information is not disclosed in the EITI Report itself, it would be necessary for MSGs to make sure that the EITI Report provides details on how the information can be accessed.

The rationale for the refinement to the standard is that extractive industry transparency should not be confined to EITI reports and expensive reconciliation exercises, but become an integral part of how governments manage their sector. Rather than simply relying on the EITI reporting mechanism to bring about transparency, governments implementing the EITI could to a greater extent make the information required by the EITI Standard available through government and corporate reporting systems such as databases, websites, annual reports, portals etc. Where the Independent Administrator’s assessment concludes that there is (i) routine disclosure of the data required by the EITI Standard in requisite detail, and (ii) that the financial data is subject to credible, independent audit, applying international standards, the multi-stakeholder group may seek Board approval to mainstream EITI implementation in accordance with the agreed upon procedure for mainstreamed disclosures.

Recommendation:

We welcome the idea of (b) (5)

D. VALIDATION

The U.S. achieved “Candidate Country” status in March 2014. The USEITI has produced on schedule MSG approved annual workplans, annual activity reports; published the first EITI Annual Report in December 2015 followed by the second Annual Report in November 2016; and

is on track to complete the requirements to achieve “Compliant” status with the exception of comprehensive company reporting of revenues and tax revenues specifically. Validation is an essential feature of the EITI process. It serves to assess performance and promote dialogue and learning at the country level. It also safeguards the integrity of the EITI by holding all EITI implementing countries to the same global Standard.

Validation is an external, independent and impartial evaluation mechanism, undertaken by a Validator procured by the International Secretariat. It is intended to provide all stakeholders with an impartial assessment of whether EITI implementation in a country is consistent with the provisions of the EITI Standard. The Validation will, in addition, address the impact of the EITI in the country being validated (i.e. increased public awareness and reforms), implementation of activities encouraged by the EITI Standard, lessons learned in EITI implementation, as well as any concerns stakeholders have expressed and recommendations for future implementation of the EITI. The U.S. is scheduled to undergo validation April 1, 2018.

The EITI 2016 Validation Process is as follows:

The International Secretariat undertakes initial data collection and stakeholder consultation;

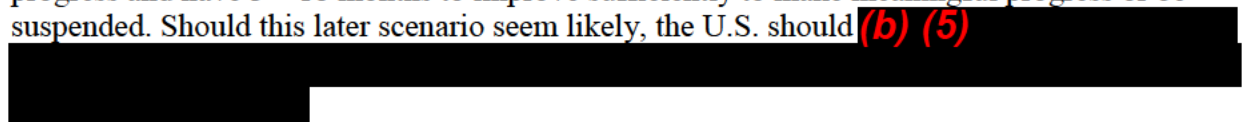
The EITI Board appointed Independent Validator assesses the Secretariat’s initial validation and reports to the Board via the Validation Committee;

The Validation Committee reviews the Validator’s assessment and makes a recommendation to the Board;

The EITI Board makes the final determination of whether the requirements are met or unmet, and on the country’s overall compliance.

Recommendation:

USEITI will not be found in compliance with the EITI standard until companies report under Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations, which can be documented in the USEITI 2019 Annual Report. It is likely the U.S. will be found to have made “meaningfully progress.” Should Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations be repealed, then USEITI would likely be found to have made inadequate progress and have 3 – 18 months to improve sufficiently to make meaningful progress or be suspended. Should this later scenario seem likely, the U.S. should (b) (5)



EITI REQUIREMENTS ASSESSMENT CARD _ PRE-ASSESSMENT USEITI 11/2016

EITI REQUIREMENTS		Level of Progress					Direction of Progress
		NO	INADEQUATE	MEANINGFUL	SATISFACTORY	BEYOND	
CATEGORY	REQUIREMENTS						
MSG OVERSIGHT	1.1 Government Engagement*				X		https://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca
	1.2 Industry Engagement*				X		https://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca
	1.3 Civil Society Engagement*				X		https://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca
	1.4 MSG Governance*				X		https://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca
	1.5 Workplan*				X		https://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca
LICENSES AND CONTRACTS	2.1 Legal Framework				X		https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/
	2.2 License Allocations				X		https://www.boem.gov/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region-Leasing-Information/ ;
	2.3 License Register				X		https://www.boem.gov/Gulf-of-Mexico-Region-Leasing-Information/ ; https://www.boem.gov/Lease-and-Grant-Information/ ; http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/ ; http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy.html
	2.4 Policy on Contract Disclosure				X		https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/federal-laws/
	2.5 Beneficial Ownership				X		Roadmap Drafted
	2.6 State Participation	N/A					
MONITORING PRODUCTION	3.1 Exploration Data				X		https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/ ; https://www.boem.gov/Status-of-Gulf-of-Mexico-Plans/ ;
	3.2 Production Data				X		https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/ and https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/#production-all
	3.3 Export Data				X		https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/ ; https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/state/data/index.html

EITI REQUIREMENTS ASSESSMENT CARD _ PRE-ASSESSMENT USEITI 11/2016

REVENUE COLLECTION	4.1 Taxes and Revenues			X		Voluntary for Companies
	4.2 In-kind revenues	N/A				
	4.3 Barter Agreements	N/A				
	4.4 Transportation Revenues	OUT OF SCOPE				
	4.5 SOE Transactions	N/A				
	4.6 Direct Subnational Payments			X		Adapted Implementation; https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/AK/ ; https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/MT/ ; https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/WY/
	4.8 Data Timeliness*				X	Within one year – 2016 Annual Report
	4.1 Data Comprehensiveness			X		Government prohibited tax disclosure; full disclosure government non-tax revenues; voluntary company disclosure.
	4.9 Data Quality				X	https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/audits-and-assurances/
	4.7 Disaggregation			X		Government disclosure of company level; 2019 Dodd-Frank 1504; https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/federal-revenue-by-company/2015/
REVENUE ALLOCATION	5.2 Subnational Transfers				X	https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/#federal-disbursements ; https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/disbursements/ https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_extractive-revenue-appendix_2015-12-22.pdf
	5.1 Distribution of Revenues				X	https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/#federal-disbursements and https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/disbursements/
	5.3 Revenue Management and Expenditures	Optional				
SOCIOECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION	6.2 SOE Quasi-fiscal expenditures	N/A				
	6.1 Mandatory Social Expenditures	N/A				
	6.1 Discretionary Social Expenditures	N/A				
	6.3 Economic Contribution				X	https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/#economic-impact ; https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/#gdp ; https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/#jobs ; https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/#jobs

EITI REQUIREMENTS ASSESSMENT CARD _ PRE-ASSESSMENT USEITI 11/2016

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OUTCOMES AND IMPACT	7.1 Public Debate					X	https://useiti.doi.gov/case-studies/
	7.2 Data Accessibility					X	https://useiti.doi.gov/ and IA TOR
	7.3 Follow up on Recommendations				X		https://www.doi.gov/eiti/FACA/msg-meeting-minutes
	7.4 Outcomes and Impact of Implementation				X		https://www.doi.gov/eiti/public-engagement and Annual Activity Reports at https://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca
OVERALL ASSESSMENT							

Legend

	The country has made no progress in addressing the requirement. The broader objective of the requirement is in no way fulfilled.
	The country has made inadequate progress in meeting the requirement. Significant elements of the requirement are outstanding and the broader objective of the requirement is far from being fulfilled.
	The country has made progress in meeting the requirement. Significant elements of the requirement are being implemented and the broader objective of the requirement is being fulfilled.
	The country is compliant with the EITI requirement.
	The country has gone beyond the requirement.
	This requirement is only encouraged or recommended and should not be taken into account in assessing compliance.
	The MSG has demonstrated that this requirement is not applicable in the country.
-	No change in performance since the last Validation.
←	The country is performing worse than in the last Validation.
→	The country is performing better than in the last Validation.
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Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt
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Dear Chair Reinfeldt:

The United States has made significant progress meeting individual requirements of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) since the fall of 2011 when the U.S. announced that it would begin the multi-year process of becoming an EITI compliant country. The Department of the Interior established a multi-stakeholder group in December 2012 and achieved Candidate Country status in March 2014. Perhaps our most significant accomplishment is the creation of an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>) on which the agency has unilaterally disclosed 2013, 2014, and 2015 revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type, as well as production data across all commodities. This portal is the new global standard in revenue governance transparency. We are happy to report that use by state, local and tribal governments is increasing as well. While the U.S. government remains committed to fighting corruption in the extractive industries sector, and the ideals of transparency enshrined in the EITI Principles and the EITI Standard, it is clear that domestic implementation of EITI does not fully account for the U.S. legal framework. Effective immediately, therefore, the United States must withdraw as an EITI Implementing Country.

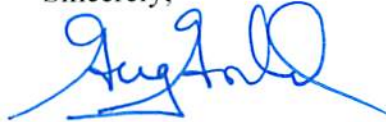
The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), which maintains the primary role in the U.S. Government for the collection and disbursement of revenue related to energy and non-energy mineral resources, remains fully committed to institutionalizing the EITI principles of transparency and accountability consistent with U.S. law. ONRR intends to mainstream government reporting of energy production and the associated revenue collection and disbursement. ONRR is also committed to continue its efforts to promote public awareness and engage stakeholders in a public conversation of the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from such development. We will continue to unilaterally disclose revenue payments received for extractive operations on federal land through our open data portal, and we will continue to improve our reporting through the inclusion of additional states and tribes.

Please know that the U.S. Department of State will continue to lead the United States' commitment to the EITI as a Supporting Country, a role that the United States has played since the beginning of the initiative. The U.S. political and financial support of the EITI over many

years has been second to none. In conjunction with the U.S. Agency for International Development, the State Department will continue to promote transparency, fight corruption and ensure good governance, as well as to support country-level EITI implementation. We continue to value the EITI as a critical tool to promote transparency, increase competitiveness, and combat corruption around the world.

Despite the fact that the U. S. laws prevent us from meeting specific provisions of the EITI Standard, we look forward to working together to promote transparency, fight corruption and ensure good governance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Gould", with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom left.

Gregory J. Gould
Director

US EITI Reporting Improvement Workshop

Facilitator Notes (edited)

Held 11 January 2017

Actions/Discussion needed at February MSG

- Present and decide on voluntary template built off of previous years' template for company reporting
 - The purpose of this reporting template is for disclosure and public information it is NOT for IA reconciliation as it has been in the past. It also would be to pilot a reporting template that ultimately allows companies to be compliant with §1504 regulations and the SEC.
 - Consider combining ONRR rents and bonuses in the pilot template.
 - Consider combining other revenues, offshore inspection fees, civil penalties
 - Additional BLM revenue?
 - Add a Beneficial Ownership "page" per the road map.
 - Add under signatory box the signatory organization (executive, financial, or accounting) per §1504 regulations.
 - Project level reporting would be included in the template in 2018, in a stepped fashion.
 - The current template would not ask for foreign payments but the §1504 regulations do require that.
 - The template will need to have a caveat that this data is unilateral, voluntary reporting by companies and may not be consistent with other data sets.
- Discuss proposed outreach to companies for voluntary reporting, through what means, and for what intent (see below for further detail).
- Further define the IA TOR.
- Decide on existing reconciliation approach for 2017.
 - *Likely recommendation:* Do not reconcile via IA as in 2015 and 2016. Expend resources to align existing audit and assurance processes with EITI Intl 4.9, including using mainstreaming feasibility report and work of Reconciliation Work Group.
 - *Risk:* audit and assurance cross-walk and alignment with 4.9 identifies gaps to address and there will be no "IA reconciled" data for the 2017 report and 2018 April validation.

Activities Needed after the February MSG

- Continue work to align audit and assurance processes with 4.9
- Detail how to explain through illustrations, explanations, and other means why mainstreaming reconciliation via audit and assurance processes is appropriate in the 2017 report.
- Engage with SEC about assisting in creating jointly the SEC reporting template for §1504 (likely Spring timeframe). The group recognized that the power of the template would ultimately be if

SEC takes it up and uses and/or requires it. Ultimately, once §1504 reporting begins, companies will only want one form and the SEC and its authority will be whom companies will most likely respond to (i.e., the DOI EITI form may merge with the SEC one by 2019).

- Reach out to targeted universe companies to encourage voluntary reporting (see below).
- Consider for the June MSG meeting a presentation of or by the Natural Resource Governance Institute with their data base seeking to compare how companies and countries are handling new reporting requirements, including project level reporting.
- *Materiality*: the US EITI materiality threshold would drop for DOI revenues to the de minimus \$100,000 (unilateral disclosure) and there would be no margins of variance, at least outside the standard DOI audit process under review now. Taxes would not have an official materiality threshold until §1504 reporting begins. Once §1504 reporting begins, the de-facto materiality standard for taxes would be all publicly traded companies who report to the SEC that meet the basic de minimus reporting threshold outlined in §1504 regulations (again, something like \$100K).

Draft Outreach Approach

- The group agreed that for targeted, measurable outreach in 2017 (and likely 2018) during the transition to §1504, the goal would be to identify the top/largest X# companies extracting each of the 6 in-scope commodities by total revenue, production, or other means, and through a combination of IA communications and industry/CSO outreach, encourage and support voluntary reporting.
- While outreach will be targeted, all companies who currently have data unilaterally disclosed would be able to voluntarily report if they wished to do so.
- If this conceptual approach is approved at the February meeting, two things will then need to occur; 1) the Implementation Subcommittee will need to develop the outreach target metrics of number of companies and the means to determine “size” or “top.”; 2) the Communications Subcommittee will then develop an outreach plan.
- It is expected outreach on this interim/transition approach toward 2019 will involve a webinar for companies, speaking at various conferences like COPAS, and IA communications to companies identified for outreach.
- The timeline for company reporting requires the MSG to approve the template in concept and draft final at the February MSG meeting; outreach to begin in the spring; and the voluntary reporting period to run from May 2017 to early September 2017.

The Rationale for Voluntary Reporting

The group discussed the rationales for why companies would voluntarily report under this new, interim, transitional approach until reporting begins under §1504. The ideas are below:

- Help be a part of shaping the ultimate reporting framework for §1504 by participating in our pilot voluntary reporting.

- Highlight your contributions to the U.S. Government and the value you provide to the U.S. economy, taxpayers, and federal revenues.
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US EITI Reporting Improvement Workshop

Facilitator Notes

Held 11 January 2017

Actions/Discussion needed at February MSG

- Present and decide on voluntary template built off of previous years' template for company reporting
 - The purpose of this reporting template is for disclosure and public information it is NOT for IA reconciliation ~~has~~ it has been in the past. It also would be to ~~also~~ pilot a reporting template that ultimately ~~that~~ allows companies to be compliant with §1504 regulations and the SEC.
 - Consider combining ONRR rents and bonuses in the pilot template.
 - Consider combining other revenues, offshore inspection fees, ~~civilian~~ penalties
 - Additional BLM revenue?
 - Add a Beneficial Ownership "page" per the road map.
 - Add under signatory box the ~~level or~~ signatory organization (executive, financial, or accounting etc.) per §1504 regulations.
 - Project level reporting would be included in the template form in 2018, in a stepped fashion.
 - The current template would not ask for foreign payments but the §1504 regulations do will require that.
 - The template ~~it~~ will need to have a caveat that this data is unilateral, voluntary reporting by companies and may not be consistent with other data sets.
- Discuss proposed outreach to companies for voluntary reporting, through what means, and for what intent (see below for further detail).
- Further define the IA TOR.
- Decide on existing reconciliation approach for 2017.
 - *Likely recommendation:* Do not reconcile via IA as in 2015 and 2016. Expend resources to align existing audit and assurance processes with EITI Intl 4.9, including using mainstreaming feasibility report and work of Reconciliation Work Group.
 - *Risk:* audit and assurance cross-walk and alignment with 4.9 identifies gaps to address ~~is not sufficient~~ and there will be no "IA reconciled" data for the 2017 ~~for the~~ report and 2018 April validation.

Activities Needed after the February MSG

- Continue work to align audit and assurance processes with 4.9
- Detail how to explain through illustrations, explanations, and other means why mainstreaming reconciliation via audit and assurance processes is appropriate in the 2017 report.

- Engage with SEC about assisting in creating jointly the SEC reporting template for §1504 (likely Spring timeframe). The group recognized that the power of the ~~template form~~ would ultimately be if SEC takes it up and uses and/or requires it. Ultimately, once §1504 ~~reporting begins~~ is fully implemented, companies will only want ~~to do~~ one form and the SEC and its authority will be whom companies will most likely respond to (i.e., the DOI EITI form may merge with the SEC one by 2019).
- Reach out to targeted universe companies to encourage voluntary reporting (see below).
- Consider for the June MSG meeting a presentation of or by the Natural Resource Governance Institute with their data base seeking to compare how companies and countries are handling new reporting requirements, including project level reporting.
- *Materiality*: the US EITI materiality threshold would drop for DOI revenues to the de minimus \$100,000 (unilateral disclosure) and there would be no margins of variance, at least outside the standard DOI audit process under review now. Taxes would not have an official materiality threshold until §1504 ~~reporting begins~~ is in place. Once §1504 ~~reporting begins~~ was in place, the ~~de-facto~~ materiality standard for taxes would be all publicly traded companies who report to the SEC that meet the basic de minimus reporting threshold outlined in §1504 regulations (again, something like \$100K).

Draft Outreach Approach

- The group agreed that for targeted, measurable outreach in 2017 (and likely 2018) during the transition to §1504, the goal would be to identify the top/largest X# companies extracting each of the 6 in-scope commodities by total revenue, production, or other means, and through a combination of IA communications and industry/CSO outreach, encourage and support voluntary reporting.
- While outreach will be targeted, all companies who currently have data unilaterally disclosed would be able to voluntarily report if they wished to do so.
- If this conceptual approach is approved at the February meeting, two things will then need to occur; 1) the Implementation Subcommittee will need to develop the outreach target metrics of number of companies and the means to determine “size” or “top.”; 2) the Communications Subcommittee will then develop an outreach plan.
- It is expected outreach on this interim/transition approach toward 2019 will involve a webinar for companies, speaking at various conferences like COPASS, and IA communications to companies identified for outreach.
- The timeline ~~would be~~ for company reporting requires the MSG to approve the template in concept and draft final at the February MSG meeting; reporting form to be completed in February, outreach to ~~begin~~ occur in the spring; and the voluntary reporting period to run from May 2017 to early September 2017.

The Rationale for Voluntary Reporting

The group discussed the rationales for why companies would voluntarily report under this new, interim, transitional approach until reporting begins under §1504 is fully enacted. The ideas are ~~include~~ below:

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The Trade Secrets Act

- How do you determine if there is a Trade Secrets Act (TSA) problem and how is it handled in the reports?

o Mr. Kronebusch: The experts in the government determine what they feel could potentially cause competitive harm. If the government discloses numbers four or five months after the end of the year, and look at yearly not monthly revenues, some might conclude that there is minimal potential for competitive harm.

o ONRR representative: When a request for information comes in, staff look into it to see if it might reach a threshold for causing competitive harm. It is easier for us to respond to these types of requests on a case-by-case basis than to report everything annually. The latter requires tremendous resources and time, although technically it is not difficult. The MSG should discuss this resource issue now and next year.

- If you determine there's a Trade Secrets Act (TSA) problem, how is that reflected in the reports?

o Mr. Kronebusch: Currently in the data portal, there is a "W "for withheld, reported by the company. For oil and gas, if you go to the state website for a lease's production and have the lease number, you could theoretically figure out the price per barrel or mcf. For solid minerals it is stricter.

o Industry representative: As long as there is a delay in the release of the information and it is broken down annually, not by month, there is less risk for companies in oil and gas. For hard rock it is different.

- USEITI should be sure to explain to and educate the public about why there may be TSA issues with coal and other minerals, to avoid suspicion. USEITI should explain how unitization and communitization agreements work, and potentially even provide visualizations. It should look into creating an animated training module for the data portal.

o Mr. Kronebusch: ONRR already has reporter training two to three times a year and has many presentations on what these agreements are, and the life of a lease from cradle to grave. There are many kinds of educational materials like this that USEITI could put on the data portal.

o ONRR representative: The MSG could add this as a special topic to next year's report. Linking the data portal to some of ONRR's training is a great idea. For example, ONRR has a new training system where it uses videos that the MSG could link into the data portal. Steps towards ONRR setting up a lease-level disclosures system:

- If ONRR decided to perform lease-level unilateral disclosure, would it just be a matter of feeding data into a spreadsheet once it is set up?

Mr. Kronebusch: ONRR has the information and could do it. ONRR had to do it for this presentation.

- Based on information on bonuses and rents by lease, should USEITI present the revenues by lease? Would this be more meaningful than doing it by agreement?

- o Mr. Kronebusch: Doing it by the lease only makes sense. Everyone can agree on what that number means, and it's simpler to track. With agreements it is difficult to keep track of all the layers.

- o ONRR representative: ONRR is committed to reporting out the leases at some point. ONRR wants to make it automated, so it does not need to create a spreadsheet each time. Otherwise, the data is out of date very quickly. ONRR has a system where you can send in a FOIA request and the staff will get back to you with the information. This works fairly well and if ONRR changes it, it wants to do it right.

- From an industry perspective, if this is just unilateral disclosure of lease level data, then this could be a wonderful approach. But if USEITI tries to reconcile projects to the leases it could get messy, and industry likely will not report everything at the lease level under SEC 1504.

- From a stakeholder perspective, it would help to see what the leases look like without having to do a FOIA request, so you can know more about who the industry players are in your community. These developments are part of a wonderful story about something emerging from USEITI that is creating searchable, usable data that is making government more efficient.

- BOEM is already providing lease-level disclosure in the Outer Continental Shelf, so there is the beginning of a precedent for this in DOI.

- What is the source of the wait for ONRR to implement this? ONRR representative: It is a matter of getting ONRR's technology to the point where it can do this in an automated fashion. It is a capacity challenge with respect to implementing a business intelligence unit.

- Does ONRR intend to unilaterally disclose lease level information where it can, except for when there is a TSA issue? ONRR representative: Yes, ONRR is committed to doing that when it can do it in an automated fashion. If the MSG feels strongly it needs to do it in the interim using a spreadsheet to meet its mandate, then ONRR could do that but it may not make a lot of sense.

- State and county level reporting seems of more interest to communities than lease level reporting, since leases cross several counties and likely will not mean a lot to people. Currently, the U.S. has reporting by state and county and should at least continue it at that level. However, both are useful and there are also reasons for the lease level data.

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It is the policy of the United States-

- (1) to increase energy security by promoting anti-corruption initiatives in oil and natural gas rich countries; and
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The report required by paragraph (1) shall include a detailed description of United States participation in the EITI, bilateral and multilateral diplomatic efforts to further participation in the EITI, and other United States initiatives to strengthen energy security, deter energy kleptocracy, and promote transparency in the extractive industries.

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There is authorized to be appropriated \$3,000,000 for the purposes of United States contributions to the Multi-Donor Trust Fund of the EITI.

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<Member Name>

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Dear <Member Name>:

Thank you for participating in the United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Advisory Committee. Your work helped to make the public more aware of the contributions of the extractive industries to the U.S. economy and jobs.

This journey began in September 2011, when as part of the U.S. Open Government Partnership, the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) began collaborating with other Government agencies, departmental bureaus and offices, and industry and civil society stakeholders to implement USEITI. Since the first public meeting in 2013, through to the 20th meeting in 2017, the USEITI Multi-stakeholder Group (MSG) worked collaboratively to successfully reach consensus on how to implement USEITI.

Highlights of our joint commitment to transparency and good governance of U.S. extractive sector revenues include:

- Becoming the first G7 country and second Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) country to achieve Candidate Country status and become an EITI implementing country. U.S. leadership has played a crucial role in the endorsement of the EITI by the G-7, the G-20, and the United Nations Security Council.
- Disclosing unilaterally in 2014, for the first time, Department of the Interior (DOI) production data and calendar-year revenue data by company, revenue type, and commodity. The DOI has unilaterally disclosed for calendar years 2013-2015, \$33.1 billion in revenues paid by companies for extraction on Federal lands and waters.
- Publishing in December 2015, the first online Report and Executive Summary on the DOI data portal <https://useiti.doi.gov/>, and in November 2016, the second online Report and Executive Summary. Building on your direction in December 2017, ONRR will complete a third online report.
- Demonstrating zero unresolved discrepancies between Federal Government disclosed revenues received from oil, gas, and mining companies, with parallel disclosure by companies of what they have paid to the Government in royalties, rents, bonuses, taxes, and other payments.

- Demonstrating DOI has robust ONRR-managed audit and assurances practices in place to assure accountability for the revenues paid and received for our Nation's oil, gas, and mineral resources.
- Building the DOI data portal with modern, open-source technologies so that techniques and tools can be shared and replicated throughout the U.S. and in other EITI countries around the world. The website's open data sets and visualizations can be reused for strategic reporting and reposted and sent through social media, thus further informing the public and open debate on the extractives industry in the U.S. The portal is the new global standard in revenue governance transparency.
- Expanding public awareness of the role of extractive industries at the state and local level. The States of Montana, Wyoming, and Alaska collaborated with USEITI to allow for expanded State reporting of extractive revenues. The MSG also furthered local accountability and transparency by including 12 county case studies that depict the impact of specific extractive industries on local communities.

The EITI Standard fits within ONRR's guiding principles of accountability, professionalism, integrity, partnerships, and innovation. We strive to be recognized as a world-class natural resources revenue management program, setting the standard for accountability and transparency. In the long term, extractive industry transparency should not be confined to EITI reporting, rather be recognized an integral part of how Government manages. Therefore, at DOI we have initiated steps to move towards institutionalizing innovation in digital services and mainstreaming Government extractives revenue data pipelines and end-user needs. Moving forward in this journey, institutionalizing EITI will continue to improve Government revenue transparency in the U.S. and continue to serve as an example internationally.

Again, thank you for your contribution in promoting revenue transparency and accountability in the extractive sector.

Sincerely,

Judy Wilson
Acting Designated Federal Officer,
USEITI Advisory Committee

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

June 6, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

The U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Advisory Committee was scheduled to meet on Wednesday and Thursday of this week to continue the work required of the U.S. to become EITI compliant. However, on May 25, 2017, the Department of the Interior (DOI) published a notice postponing the scheduled meeting, saying merely that it would be “rescheduled at a later date.”¹ When combined with reports from earlier this year, this postponement appears to reflect a lack of commitment to EITI by this Administration. The EITI is a global initiative to fight corruption and encourage transparency in the development of energy and mineral resources, and the United States’ commitment to this effort, and to these ideals, has never been called into question—until now.

In March, press reports indicated that DOI was backing away from EITI and would abandon attempts to become a compliant country under that initiative.² This news drew sharp condemnation from outside watchdog groups,³ the current Democratic Ranking Member and former Republican Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee,⁴ and others. The Department insisted shortly thereafter that it “remains committed to the principles and goals of EITI including transparency and good governance of the extractive sectors,” but also that “no decision has been made on applying for validation under the EITI standard.”⁵

These actions suggest that DOI may be deciding to prioritize the desires of fossil fuel and mining companies to keep their activities secret over the principles of transparency and good governance. Abandoning efforts to become EITI compliant now would erase years of effort for no apparent positive purpose, other than as simply another favor to industry.

In 2011, as part of the Open Government Partnership, the United States announced its intention to become an EITI compliant country. The goals of doing so were to ensure that taxpayers were

¹ 82 F.R. 24141 (May 25, 2017).

² E&E News, *U.S. opts out of transparency effort for oil, coal firms*, March 20, 2017.

³ Global Witness, *U.S. Administration Sounds Death Knell for Transparency Initiative*, March 20, 2017.

⁴ Cardin-Luger Statement on U.S. Withdrawal from Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, March 20, 2017.

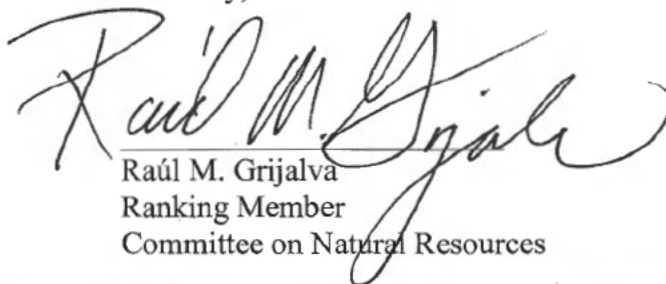
⁵ E&E News, *Department hits back at critics on mining transparency*, March 21, 2017.

receiving the money owed to them for the extraction of coal, oil, gas and minerals on federal land, to promote a transparent process for the extractive industries in the United States, and to set a positive example for the rest of the world. Since then, the U.S. has undergone a years-long process to meet the eight primary requirements necessary to become an EITI compliant country. A May 2017 report by the Interior Department's Office of Inspector General found that the U.S. has met "seven of the eight EITI requirements and partially met one requirement in its effort to achieve EITI compliant status, the highest level of implementation."⁶

As a world leader in producing coal, oil, natural gas, and minerals, the United States has a responsibility to govern these industries in a manner that is open and accountable to the American public and set an example for other countries that also have abundant resources. The Department of the Interior must reconsider any decision to reverse course from working to achieve EITI compliance.

The Secretary of the Interior serves as the Administration's senior official representative for EITI implementation. Please clarify the Trump Administration's stance on EITI in writing no later than June 30, 2017. Additionally, as a first step to reassure the public of the Interior Department's commitment to transparency, I ask that you commit by that date to holding the postponed U.S. EITI Advisory Committee meeting no later than the end of August, 2017. The activities and duties of the Advisory Committee must continue if the U.S. is to manage its natural resources in a transparent manner. If you have questions about this letter, please have your staff contact Steve Feldgus on the Democratic Staff of the Natural Resources Committee at (202) 225-6065.

Sincerely,



Raúl M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources

⁶ "United States' Implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative," Report No.:2016 EAU 041. Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Interior. May 2017.
https://www.doioig.gov/sites/doioig.gov/files/AIE_EITI_FinalInspectionReport_Public.pdf

WGEI MEETING LOGISTICS

25-28 September 2017

We look forward to hosting you during the WGEI meeting in September! Please see below important information regarding logistics.

KEY DETAILS

Location: The WGEI steering committee meeting will take place in the Staats Briefing Room at GAO headquarters, 441 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20548.

Date and Time: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 September 2017, and will conclude on the afternoon of Thursday, 28 September. A detailed agenda is forthcoming.

In addition, for those who are able to arrive by Monday, 25 September, we will convene at GAO headquarters on Monday at 10:00 am for a tour of the U.S. Capitol Building (followed by a picnic). Please see below for additional information.

Attire: Business attire is suggested, although the excursions will be casual (see below).

Special Assistance: Please contact Bridget Grimes at grimesb@gao.gov if you have any special needs (such as wheelchair access) so that any necessary accommodations may be made in advance.

GETTING TO GAO (INCLUDING BUILDING ACCESS)

GAO is on Metro's Red Line at the **Judiciary Square** stop (National Building Museum, **F Street exit**). Proceed around the museum to GAO at 441 G Street, NW. Alternately, you can take the Green or Yellow Line to the **Gallery Place/Chinatown** stop and walk to GAO's 441 G Street entrance. For a map of the Metro, please see <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/maps/upload/2017-System-Map.pdf>

Building Entrance: GAO is a secure building. Please follow these instructions to enter:

1. Enter the GAO building using the 441 G Street, NW entrance.
2. Report to the lobby table attendant and be prepared to show a photo ID. NOTE: Please ensure you have a valid official photo ID with you at all times.
3. State the purpose of your visit: WGEI steering committee meeting.
4. A security guard will inspect your belongings and direct you to pass through a metal detector.
5. A GAO representative will escort you to the meeting. Please note that GAO protocol requires all guests to have an escort in the building.

PRE-MEETING EXCURSION AND PICNIC

On Monday 25 September, we will convene at GAO headquarters before we travel via GAO vans to the U.S. Capitol for a tour. The U.S. Capitol building is about 1.2 miles (almost 2 kilometers) from GAO.

- **Security requirements:** At the Capitol, visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection. The Capitol also prohibits all liquids (including water), food, aerosol containers and non-aerosol spray, any pointed objects (pens and pencils are permitted), weapons, and any bag larger than 18" wide x 14" high x 8.5" deep. For more information and a full list of items, please see <https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/plan-visit/capitol-etiquette>

After our tour, we will travel via GAO vans to our picnic site at Fort Ward Park in Alexandria, Virginia, which is roughly 9 miles (14.5 kilometers) from GAO, for a casual picnic.

What to wear: Casual, comfortable attire is suggested for 25 September, as the picnic will be outdoors. As September weather in Washington can vary quite a bit—from hot and humid to cool—please dress accordingly. Although the picnic area features a large pavilion and is shaded by trees, we also suggest bringing sunscreen.

28 SEPTEMBER BASEBALL GAME

The baseball game scheduled for the evening of Thursday 28 September is a casual, outdoor event, and we encourage casual, comfortable attire. The game—featuring Washington's professional team, the Washington Nationals—starts at 7:00pm, and we suggest bringing a jacket should the temperature fall throughout the evening. Regarding transportation, the stadium is easy to get to via Metro (from the Gallery Place Metro stop, take the Green Line to the Navy Yard – Stadium stop). Taxis are also available. However, the stadium is not far from GAO (approximately 2 miles, or 3.2 kilometers), and you may wish to walk there, as some GAO staffers who are also attending will likely do (and they would be happy to walk with you and show off the DC sites along the way). For those who registered, we will purchase your tickets in advance.

- **Please note:** The stadium has metal detectors. Your bag will be searched at the entrance gate (note that your bag can be no larger than 16"x16"x8" inches). Prohibited items include weapons, selfie sticks, non-collapsible umbrellas, and metal, plastic, or glass containers of any kind (apart from clear factory-sealed or empty plastic water bottles no larger than one liter, juice boxes, insulin containers and baby food). For more information, please see <http://mlb.mlb.com/was/ballpark/information/index.jsp>.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Bridget Grimes at 1-202-512-4960 or by email at grimesb@gao.gov.



USEITI Mainstreaming Feasibility Study

May 2017



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Executive Summary

[THE IA WILL COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONCE THE MSG DOES/DOES NOT RECOMMEND]

Based on the evidence available the USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) [recommends/does not recommend] pursuing mainstreaming by ordering the following steps from the Independent Administrator.

Mainstreaming Overview

What is the purpose and process for mainstreaming?

The objective of mainstreaming is to recognize implementing countries that make transparency integral to their systems. Requirement six of the EITI Standard states that “where legally and technically feasible, implementing countries should consider automated online disclosure of extractive revenues and payments by governments and companies on a continuous basis.”

Mainstreaming is the formal process countries pursue to demonstrate integrated transparency. The process consists of seven phases: formal commitment, feasibility study, work plan, application, approval, implementation, and review.

What does the feasibility study entail?

The Independent Administrator (IA) is preparing this study at the request of the USEITI MSG in anticipation of a decision on whether the U.S. will submit a formal application for mainstreaming.

The feasibility study consists of four main components including a review of materials, stakeholder consultation, feasibility study, and plan of action. The study requires information on the track record of reconciliation, an explanation of how the U.S. will increase and embed disclosures, an evaluation of data quality, and options for data reconciliation. This study makes a statement of U.S. readiness on each of those components below.

In order to prepare this study, the IA gathered and reviewed relevant documents and research around processes, systems, data, and controls in the U.S. both for the Government and companies. In addition to this literature review, the IA also interviewed select stakeholders from all three sectors: Government, Industry, and Civil Society. The IA used a standard interview guide to gain perspectives and insights on data timeliness, reliability, and comprehensiveness, as well as on the U.S.’s progress towards mainstreaming to meet EITI international standards.

Lastly, the IA spoke to select stakeholders from Government and Industry in order to fill any data gaps or better understand processes and controls relevant for this study.

U.S. Track Record of Reconciliation

In order for countries to be considered for mainstreaming, they must show a track record of reconciliation without major errors. The EITI does not define the length of time required, a materiality threshold, or a maximum number of discrepancies. As a result, this section will contain a summary of the U.S. record of reconciliation, thresholds, unexplained variances, and the like.

Unilateral Disclosure of Revenues (UDR) in the U.S.

Each year ONRR unilaterally discloses calendar year energy and mineral revenues paid to the Department of the Interior (DOI). These disclosures are disaggregated at the company level and reported by commodity and revenue type. The UDR process showcases the U.S. commitment to unilaterally disclose Federal natural resources revenue data, by company and commodity, and revenue stream. These disclosures use information reported by Federal lessees on Forms ONRR-2014 and ONRR-4430. The unilateral disclosure of this data is available on both ONRR's Statistical Information Site and the USEITI Data Portal.

Specifically, the UDR includes:

Topic	Disclosure Detail
Calendar Years Disclosed	2013-2016
Unique Identified Companies	1,635
Payments Disclosed	9,974
Total \$ Amount Disclosed	\$38,699,490,038
Commodities (or Commodity Categories)	17
Government Agencies Included	3 (ONRR, BLM, OSMRE)
Revenue Streams	9 (ONRR Royalties, Inspection Fees, Civil Penalties, and Other Revenues; ONRR/BLM Rents and Bonuses; and OSMRE AML fees including audits and large charges and Civil Penalties including late charges)

These amounts will grow annually as ONRR continues to unilaterally disclose revenues. The dataset has been cleaned and organized for ease of use by the general public. It delineates each payment by calendar year, corporate name, commodity, and revenues.

Adapted Implementation for Subnational Payments in the U.S.

EITI Standard Requirement 4.2 (d) requires reporting and reconciliation of material company payments to subnational government entities and the receipt of these payments. Separately, EITI Standard Requirement 4.2 (e) requires reporting on mandatory revenue transfers from

national governments to subnational governments. The EITI Board approved USEITI's request for adapted implementation of the EITI Standard for subnational reporting as a part of the approval of the USEITI candidacy application. The EITI Standard allows for adapted implementation "where the country faces exceptional circumstances that necessitate deviation from the implementation requirements" (EITI Standard Requirement 1.5). The approved adapted implementation considered that the USEITI reporting will comply with EITI Standard 4.2 (e)'s requirements by reporting 100% of extractives-specific revenue collected by the US Federal Government and transferred to US state governments within the unilateral data disclosure. However, payments made by companies to state governments (4.2 (d)) and revenue collected by state governments, will not directly be included in the reconciliation.

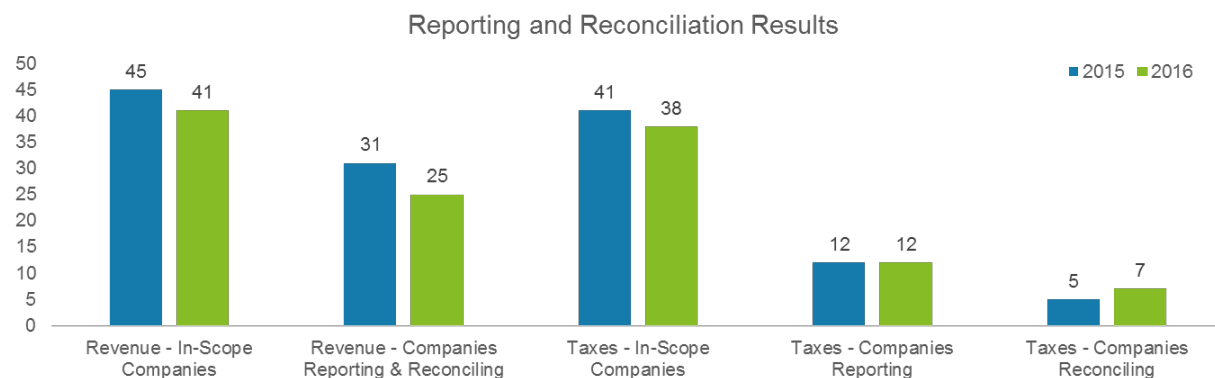
What is the U.S. record of results for reconciliation?

The U.S. conducted its first reconciliation in 2015. The MSG set the scope of reconciliation as the top paying companies who, together, accounted for 80% of revenues paid to ONRR. The first period of reconciliation was Calendar Year (CY) 2013. Across 31 companies and 10 revenue streams, overall variance for all DOI revenues came to \$93,976,582, or 1.1% of all revenues reported by companies. For five companies reconciling taxes, there was one variance, which totaled \$6,297,360, or 3.3% of reconciled taxes. Seventeen discrepancies exceeded the margins of variance determined by the MSG. The IA—working with in-scope companies and government entities—resolved or explained all discrepancies. Explanations included differences regarding when payments were recorded and how they were classified.

In the following year, the U.S. conducted its second reconciliation, covering CY 2015. Similar to the first year of reconciliation, the MSG set the scope of reconciliation to include the top paying companies who, together, accounted for 80% of revenues paid to ONRR. Of the 25 companies reporting, the overall variance for all DOI revenues came to \$156,387,357, or 3.24%. Of 7 companies reconciling taxes, the overall variance value came to \$120,122,958, or 33.8% of the total value of taxes reconciled; 21 discrepancies exceeded the margins of variance determined by the MSG. All 21 were resolved or explained for the same reasons mentioned above.

Each year, companies could choose to report and reconcile both taxes and DOI revenues. More companies chose to report and reconcile DOI revenues than taxes.

Figure 1. USEITI Reporting and Reconciliation Results (2015 and 2016)



Result	2015	2016
DOI Revenues Reported	100% of 2013 revenues	100% of 2014 and 2015 revenues (only 2015 reconciled)
Companies Participating	31 of 45 companies	25 of 41 companies
DOI Revenues Reported & Reconciled	\$8.5B (81% of in-scope DOI revenues, 67% of all DOI revenues)	\$4.83B (79% of in-scope DOI revenues, 62% of all DOI revenues)
Companies Reporting Taxes	12 of 41 reported \$190M	12 of 38 reported -\$308M
Companies Reconciling Taxes	5 of 41 reconciled \$90M	7 of 38 reconciled -\$130M
Variances	17	21
Variances Resolved or Explained	100%	100%

What are the expected results in 2017?

The USEITI MSG decided not to conduct IA reconciliation of government/company revenue reporting in 2017 due to its judgement that the reconciliation process is redundant with established and documented audit and assurances procedures and controls in place in the U.S. government and in companies¹. In place of a reconciliation process, the MSG decided to continue with the UDR and to document controls in place in the contextual narrative. The USEITI MSG believes that this process will continue to be comprehensive, timely, and accurate and will be made publically available via existing sources, except where current laws or regulations prohibit data disclosure.

USEITI plans to produce an Annual Report for 2017 and will continue to update the USEITI Data Portal with additional contextual narrative information and additional data from states.

¹ Decision of USEITI MSG, Feb 2 2017

Increasing and Embedding Disclosures

How does the government embed and increase disclosures?

The 2016 EITI Standard encourages countries to make use of existing reporting systems for EITI rather than duplicating them in an EITI report. To this end, the International Secretariat has hailed the USEITI Data Portal as one of the best examples for mainstreaming data.

The U.S. government publicly discloses all data that has been embedded in the USEITI Data Portal. This data is updated annually. Key characteristics of this system are that:

- The USEITI Data Portal includes **federal production data** for 55 products extracted from 2006 to 2015. This data can be filtered by product type, region (including state, county, and offshore region), and both calendar and fiscal years. It also discloses and publishes **federal revenue by company**. Data can be filtered by commodity category and/or region and goes from 2006 to 2015. Company data, provided by ONRR in its unilateral disclosure, can be filtered by commodity and/or revenue type and covers 2013-2015 revenue.
- The USEITI Data Portal also includes **economic impact data on the extractive industries**, including Gross Domestic Product, Exports, and Jobs. It can be filtered by region, with results shown as \$ values or % values, from 2006 to 2015. Additional filters include by commodity for exports and by job type for jobs.
- Beyond disclosing DOI data, the USEITI Data Portal **aggregates and makes accessible relevant data sets from other government organizations**, including the Energy Information Administration, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, as well as selected state and local government data.

In addition to the USEITI Data Portal, ONRR's Statistical Information Site (<http://statistics.onrr.gov/>) provides datasets on disbursement (at a fund or state level and by fiscal year) and reported revenue data (including sales volumes, sales values, and revenue by commodity), which is shared at the state, onshore, offshore, and Indian levels in the U.S.

The portal also includes reconciliation data and corporate income tax data for those companies that have opted to report their tax data. Currently, the Tax Reform Act of 1976 (26 U.S. Code § 6103) prohibits disclosure of Federal Income Tax data without the consent of the taxpayer. However, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) discloses aggregate tax liability by industry based on a stratified sample of individual company tax returns, and this aggregate information has been included in the 2015 and 2016 USEITI reports.

Furthermore, the collection of corporate income taxes are subject to financial controls similar to other government revenue collections. The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service collects corporate income taxes.

In summary, the Government discloses the majority of data required for mainstreaming on the USEITI Data Portal. Disclosures by IRS provide information on taxes at an aggregate industry level but not by company. Opportunities for the government to increase and embed disclosures include the expansion of the revenue streams disclosed, including the coal excise tax, and the commodities in-scope.

How does the extractives industry increase and embed disclosures?

Companies in the extractive industries in the United States operate within a system of controls and audits that vary based on their ownership status and internal procedures.

Public Companies

In 2016, 34 of the 41 in-scope companies were public. Public companies must annually disclose their financial statements and the result of their audits. Of the 34 companies, 29 follow the United States General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The remaining five companies follow the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). For each, independent auditors review and attest to the internal controls of the companies, in addition to auditing their financial statements. Based on a review of company 10-Ks, these public companies arrange their internal controls according to the framework established by the Committee on Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission's (COSO) *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* (2013). COSO is a joint initiative of the American Accounting Association, American Institute of CPAs, Financial Executives International, the Association of Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business, and the Institute of Internal Auditors. The appendix contains information on in-scope companies' disclosures, forms, and auditors, as well as links to available annual reports or 10-Ks for 2015, the last year for which all companies have created reports.

Private Companies

Private companies have fewer requirements to make their information and financial statements public. Seven in-scope companies in 2016 were private. These companies, while not subject to the same disclosure requirements as public companies, still operate within the system of controls and audits that public companies operate. Importantly, they are and can be subject to an audit from the IRS.

Voluntary Disclosures

In addition to these internal controls, external audits and related disclosures, a number of in-scope companies report EITI-related data voluntarily or according to European regulations. (Rio Tinto, included below, is not an in-scope company, but is a USEITI MSG member and so is included.)

Company	Commodity	Reports Under	Disclosures
BP	Oil & Gas	U.K. law	BP reports payments to governments at the project level. Payments are unaudited, but independently assured by Ernst & Young. They do not include tax information. http://www.bp.com/content/dam/bp/pdf/sustainability/group-reports/bp-report-on-payments-to-governments-2015.pdf
ENI	Oil & Gas	Voluntary	ENI reports payments to governments at the national level and their report adds additional contextual information. It is unaudited. https://www.eni.com/en_IT/sustainability/integrity-human-rights/transparency-of-payments.page
Shell	Oil & Gas	U.K. law	Shell voluntarily reported payments to governments prior to the implementation of British regulations and now reports according to those regulations. It reports all payments to governments at the project level. Their report is unaudited. http://www.shell.com/sustainability/transparency/revenues-for-governments.html
Statoil	Oil & Gas	Norwegian law	Statoil reports payments to government at the project and government levels. It also includes contextual information in their annual report. Their report is unaudited. http://www.statoil.com/no/InvestorCentre/AnnualReport/AnnualReport2015/Documents/DownloadCentreFiles/01_KeyDownloads/2015%20Payments%20to%20governments.pdf
BHP Billiton	Coal & Hardrock	Voluntary	BHP Billiton reports government payments (both tax and non-tax) as well as contextual information and data on broader economic contributions (e.g. wages). Their non-tax data includes payments to governments and on a project level. Their report is audited by an independent auditor according to Australian Auditing Standards. http://www.bhpbilliton.com/our-approach/operating-with-integrity/tax-and-transparency
Rio Tinto	Coal & Hardrock	Voluntary	Rio Tinto reports payments to governments (both tax and non-tax) and publishes an annual Taxes Paid report. Payments are reported on a government and project level. The report includes economic contribution data and contextual information, including case studies. The report is independently audited. http://www.riotinto.com/ourcommitment/spotlight-18130_18998.aspx

These reports suggest best practices for encouraging further disclosure of payments by private companies.

In addition, publicly listed companies in the U.S. are required to comply with the reporting requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The Act and the corresponding SEC rule (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/final/33-8238.htm>) require that company's Boards "include in their annual reports a report of management on the company's internal control over financial reporting."² Specifically, the SEC rule states the annual report must include:

- 1) A statement of management's responsibility for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the company
- 2) Management's assessment of the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as of the end of the company's most recent fiscal year
- 3) A statement identifying the framework used by management to evaluate the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting (As mentioned above, the most commonly used framework is the Committee on Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission's (COSO) *Internal Control – Integrated Framework*)
- 4) A statement that the registered public accounting firm that audited the company's financial statements included in the annual report has issued an attestation report on management's assessment of the company's internal control over financial reporting. This review of controls by the company's external auditors (monitored by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board) will follow a review by the company's own internal auditors (reporting to the Board's Audit Committee.)

Review of controls is a part of the annual financial statement audit that every public company receives from an independent public accounting firm. This audit provides investors and other interested parties with an assessment as to whether a company's financial results are fairly presented in all material respects in conformity with an established uniform body of accounting standards. Private companies typically are subject to financial statement audits when other parties, such as creditors and lenders, must rely on and require the same level of assurance and attestation.

² U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, *Final Rule: Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Certification of Disclosure in Exchange Act Periodic Reports*, 17 CFR PARTS 210, 228, 229, 240, 249, 270 and 274. <https://www.sec.gov/rules/final/33-8238.htm>. Accessed on May 2, 2017.

Evaluating Data Quality

The requirements for mainstreaming include determining whether data from both government and industry sources are up to date, comprehensive, and reliable outside of the EITI reporting structures. This section outlines characteristics of U.S. data in these three categories.

Up to Date Data

The EITI Standard requires that information be reported on an annual basis, and requires that the data disclosed be “no older than the second to last complete accounting period.” Where government and industry currently report, U.S. data is disclosed on an annual basis and within the second to last complete accounting period. Likewise, the ONRR UDR data is reported for the previous accounting period (e.g., the 2016 report includes 2015 data).

Comprehensive Data

The Government’s unilateral disclosure of revenues received covers all in-scope, non-tax payments received by the Government, including for companies not in scope for USEITI. Unilateral disclosure in the U.S. covers royalties, rents, bonuses, and other revenues both by revenue stream and by company.

Disclosure of Federal Income Tax is made by the Department of the Treasury on an aggregate basis by industry. Some companies voluntarily disclose Federal Income Tax data as part of EITI reporting, to fulfill regulatory requirements in other countries, or as part of their own transparency reporting.

USEITI provides contextual narrative information through the USEITI Data Portal. The data portal is a detailed overview of the extractive industry in the U.S. on Federal government lands. The site contains dozens of pages, tables and graphics that allow users to dynamically explore data related to the extractive industries in the United States. It also explains USEITI and how the extractive industries function in the U.S. Specifically it includes:

- 15+ in-depth static contextual pages, explaining who owns natural resources, the laws and regulations governing natural resource extraction, how natural resources result in Federal revenue and detail on those revenue streams, and measures effecting data accuracy and accountability for data presented.
- 55 dynamic regional data profile pages, which have contextual data integrated throughout.
- 12 county case study pages examining counties that are major producers of in-scope commodities and the socio-economic impact of extractives industries in those counties.

Additional data portal information includes a glossary related to the extractive industries, pages enabling download of datasets for further analysis, and additional data documentation and usage notes.

Reliable Data

Extractive industry companies and the U.S. government are subject to laws and regulations that set the process for receiving payments and for companies making payments to the Federal government. The processes for how payments and revenues are recorded and verified in the extractive industries in the United States are detailed in USEITI's *Audit and Assurance Practices and Controls in the U.S. Factsheet* available

here: https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_budget-audit-factsheet_2016-08-17.pdf. The appendix includes tables outlining the major laws establishing the fiscal regime, fees, and fines related to extractive industries revenue collection in the United States.

Standards for both the Federal government and companies are promulgated by regulatory and voluntary oversight bodies³. Standards exist which define:

- how companies and the government report their revenue data and financial information;
- how internal and external audit procedures provide assurance of payments and collections;
- how external audit provides assurance regarding company and government financials and disclosure of audit results and audited financial statements for public companies.

The appendix includes a table of laws, regulations, professional standards, and regulatory organizations used by companies and governments to guide the reporting of financial information in the United States, as well as by auditors during the financial statement audit process.

Reconciliation and Mainstreaming

Once a country is approved for mainstreaming, it is no longer required to complete the reconciliation process. If EITI data is comprehensive and reliable and financial data is “audited in accordance with international standards, the procedure does not require a comprehensive reconciliation of government revenues and company payments.” This section details the processes for reconciliation, assurance, and audit that are in place at ONRR and other U.S. Government agencies.

There are generally four levels of mainstreamed controls:

³ https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_budget-audit-factsheet_2016-08-17.pdf

- Upfront Reconciliation of Transaction Data Between DOI, Treasury, and Companies
- Internal Audit and other Assurance Processes within DOI
- External Audit of DOI
- Other Ad-hoc Oversight from the Office of Inspector General, Congress, and other Bodies

As part of the pre-reconciliation process integral to ONRR's function of receiving and processing company reporting and payments, ONRR conducts 100% upfront reconciliation.

This report covers CY2015 Rents, Royalties, and Bonuses, which together constitute 95% of DOI revenue streams, as well as Corporate Income Taxes. See the table below for additional detail.

Revenue Stream	% of DOI Revenues	Up Front Reconciliation	Internal Controls	External Audits	Ad-Hoc Oversight
ONRR Royalties	78.2%	✓	✓	✓	✓
ONRR & BLM Bonuses	14.6%	✓	✓	✓	✓
ONRR & BLM Rents	3.1%	✓	✓	✓	✓
OSMRE AML Fees	2.5%	✓	✓	✓	✓
BLM Permit Fees	1.3%	✓	✓	✓	✓
ONRR Offshore Inspection Fees	0.7%	✓	✓	✓	✓
ONRR Other Revenue	0.4% (Negative Amount)	✓	✓	✓	✓
ONRR Civil Penalties	0.1%	✓	✓	✓	✓
OSMRE Civil Penalties	0.03%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corporate Income Taxes	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓

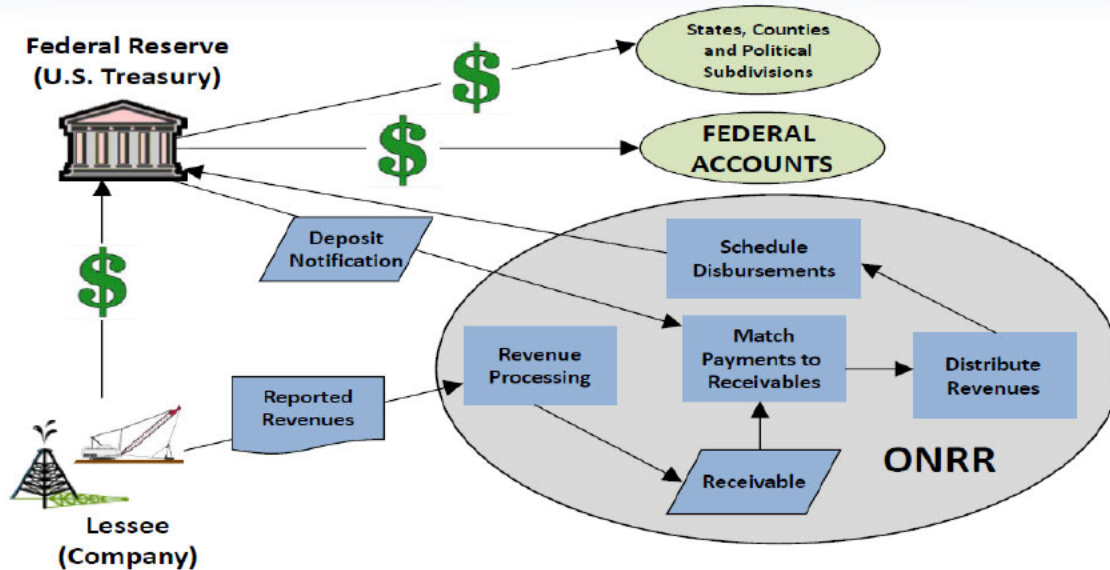
Note: % totals are higher than 100% due to rounding and the fact that ONRR Other Revenue was negative.

ONRR's Up Front Reconciliation Process

ONRR's mission is to collect, account for, and verify Federal, State, and Indian energy and natural resource revenues due to States, American Indians, and the U.S. Treasury on behalf of all Americans. Each month, ONRR receives and processes 49,000 royalty and production reports. ONRR's reconciliation process determines if Government is paid what it is owed and that companies report and pay in a timely manner; in this process companies report information the month after the month of production. Comprehensive reporting by companies and payors occurs on a "project-level" (or lease level) basis.

The below graphic illustrates the 100% up-front reconciliation and matching of company payments to ONRR revenues and distribution of the revenue recipients.

Figure 2. Up-front Reconciliation and Matching of Company Payments



In this process, companies make payments to the Treasury, companies report monthly to ONRR those revenues paid to the U.S. Treasury; for every report, ONRR begins the data mining process (Missing Reports, Volume Comparisons, LVS/GVS, High Level Analyses of Sales Values, Royalty Values, Adjustments), followed by Compliance Reviews, as outlined in additional detail in the sections below.

DOI Mainstreamed Processes and Controls

ONRR's Internal Controls & Processes

The U.S. has a set of standards, controls, and audits which are outlined in more detail below in accordance with guidance from the GAO Green Book. These internal controls aim to achieve reliability and accuracy in payment collection, accounting, and reporting.

Components of Internal Control	Principles
Control Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate Commitment to Integrity and Ethical Values 2. Exercise Oversight Responsibility 3. Establish Structure, Responsibility and Authority 4. Demonstrate Commitment to Competence 5. Enforce Accountability
Risk Assessment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Define Objectives and Risk Tolerances 7. Identify, Analyze, and Respond to Risk 8. Assess Fraud Risk 9. Analyze and Respond to Change
Control Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Design Control Activities 11. Design Activities for Information Systems

	12. Implement Control Activities
Information and Communication	13. Use Quality Information 14. Communicate Internally 15. Communicate Externally
Monitoring	16. Perform Monitoring Activities 17. Remediate Deficiency

Source: OMB Circular A-123

Internal Controls

In addition to the annual Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audits, external third-parties annually audit ONRR's financial functions in accordance with the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). Audits in the U.S. have a high standard of verification in the form of evidence for source documents and records, resulting in greater accuracy of payment and reporting. Additionally, ONRR uses U.S. Standard Government Ledger (USSGL) accounts to prepare external reports to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the U.S. Treasury to provide financial information for inclusion in its annual consolidated Interior Agency Financial Report. Finally, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Act requires annual audits of DOI's financial statements, which includes a thorough review of ONRR.

OMB Circular A-123 is a part of the Agency Financial Report. Per this regulation, the DOI Secretary is required to provide the President and Congress an assurance statement on the state of the DOI's internal controls. Congress, OMB, and GAO established the requirement for agencies to develop and maintain effective internal control by issuing Federal guidance, including *OMB Circular A-123: Management's Responsibility for Internal Control*. Under this guidance, management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls and financial management systems that meet the objectives of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act.

The A-123 process at ONRR begins with the Director of ONRR issuing guidance to employees outlining the compliance assurance activities to be completed. ONRR's Internal Review, Oversight, and Compliance (IROC) Program provides the leadership and technical support to ONRR employees as they complete the A-123 process. Program Managers of each Assessable Unit (AU) in ONRR use the DOI Integrated Risk Rating Tool (IRRT) to complete a risk assessment of their processes. With that information, IROC develops ONRR's 3-Year Component Inventory and Annual Risk-Based Internal Control Review Plan (3-Year Plan).

In order for ONRR to maintain compliance with OMB Circular A-123 it must complete the following activities:

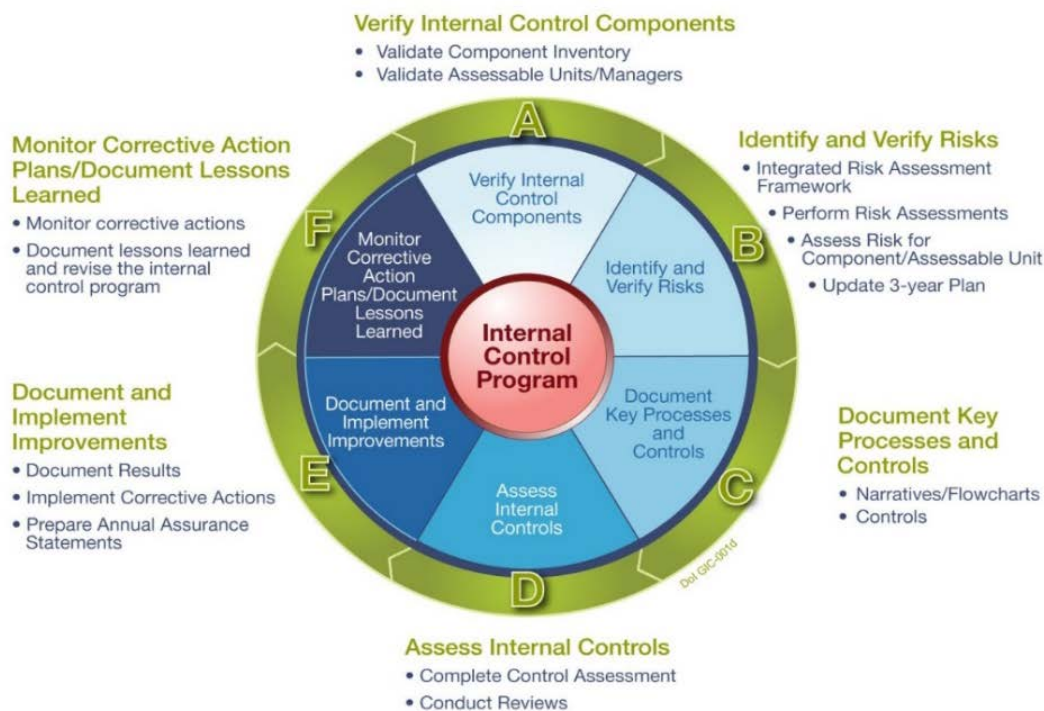
- Submit entry-level risk assessments for each of the Program Directorates: Director/Deputy Director/Directorate Support Office; Audit and Compliance

Management; Coordination, Enforcement, Valuation, and Appeals; and Financial and Program Management;

- Document or update AU key business processes, risks, and internal controls, in both narrative and flowchart form;
- Identify, document, and test key controls of all processes which are significant to a line item on the DOI's Financial Statements;
- Perform DOI-direction and ONRR-directed Internal Control Reviews (ICRs);
- Develop DOI-required Information Technology and overall annual assurance statements

Additionally, DOI has designed an **Integrated Internal Control Program** that is comprised of the plans, methods, and procedures used to support the DOI's mission, goals, and objectives. The DOI has a six-step approach for its Integrated Internal Control Program which aims to enable performance-based management and support DOI's mission while addressing multiple legislative requirements.

Figure 3. DOI's Internal Control Program



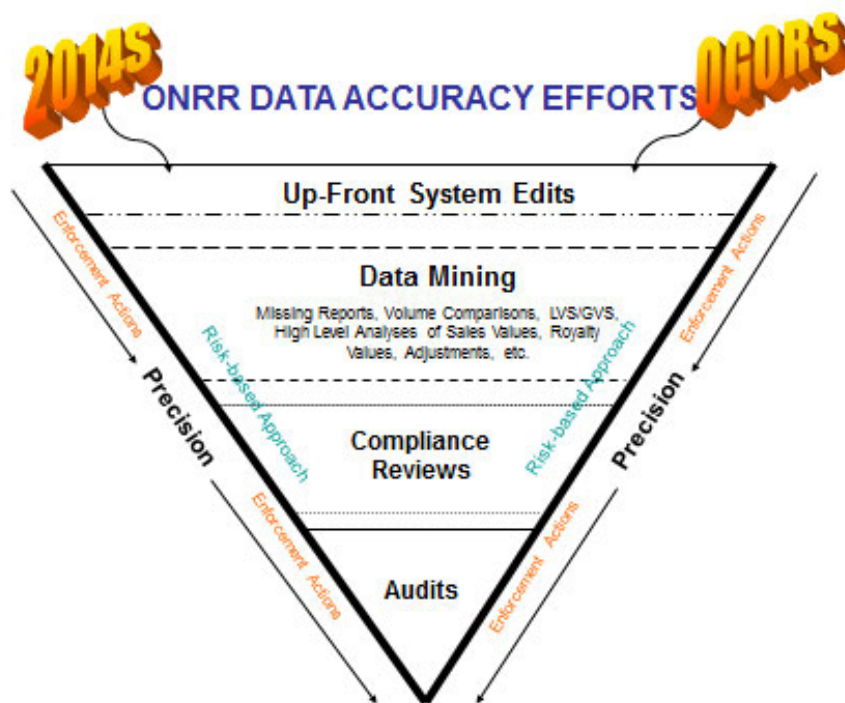
The goals of DOI's Integrated Internal Control Program are to:

- Ensure senior management oversight and coordination at the Department and Bureau level
- Follow a structured approach for assessing the risks facing the organization

- Implement a risk-based approach that weighs costs and benefits
- Improve consistency and comparability of Bureau Internal Control Programs by continuing to refine the internal controls guidance and use standardized tools, templates, and training
- Improve the maturity of DOI's risk management and internal control practices

Lastly, ONRR has controls in place to determine if data submitted by industry is reliable and accurate. These controls occur at different points in the data collection and analysis process, as depicted in the graphic below, and provide the foundation for ONRR's compliance reviews and audits (outlined in the next section).

Figure 4. ONRR's Data Accuracy Process



Data controls and verifications start at the submission stage of industry reporting. Royalty reports (Form ONRR-2014) and production reports (Oil and Gas Operations Reports/OGORs) go through hundreds of up-front system edits and checks for individual companies before they are submitted and accepted into ONRR's financial systems. These edits help prevent industry from submitting incorrect data such as erroneous lease or agreement numbers, incorrect prices, mathematical errors, or missing data elements.

Once the data is submitted by industry, ONRR's Data Mining office analyzes and works with individual companies to resolve various types of reporting errors and anomalies. The data mining phase helps identify specific issues with 2014s and OGORs submissions, as well as

identifying errors that are occurring across multiple companies. When this type of error is identified, ONRR works to provide specific guidance to industry and/or establish improved internal processes for data collection and review.

Data mining focuses on resolving issues collaboratively with companies prior to the any compliance review and/or potential audit, and uses a risk based approach to maximize the coverage based on a proprietary risk calculation tool.

Audit & Compliance Management Function

ONRR's Audit and Compliance Management (ACM) function is a part of the U.S.'s process for data accuracy and assurance. The ACM function serves to verify the accuracy of data reported to ONRR and examines statements, records, and operations of a company to verify compliance with the lease instrument and established regulations, laws, and guidelines. The subsequent information detailed in this section is based on interviews with Federal officials. This information was not independently verified by the IA.

ONRR's ACM function uses a risk-based approach for conducting compliance reviews and audits. This approach uses a risk calculation tool to develop audit and compliance work plans and is used to identify potential risks of non-compliance based on a number of proprietary indicators, including previous audits and compliance reviews and significant of royalty dollars. The risk compliance tool stratifies the compliance of companies and properties into high, medium, and low categories. ACM's work is performed by over 240 staff in six regional offices and also supported by over 125 auditors working for states and tribal nations that have significant extractive industry activity.

Through this function, ONRR conducts multiple evaluative techniques to determine if payments are the appropriate amount.

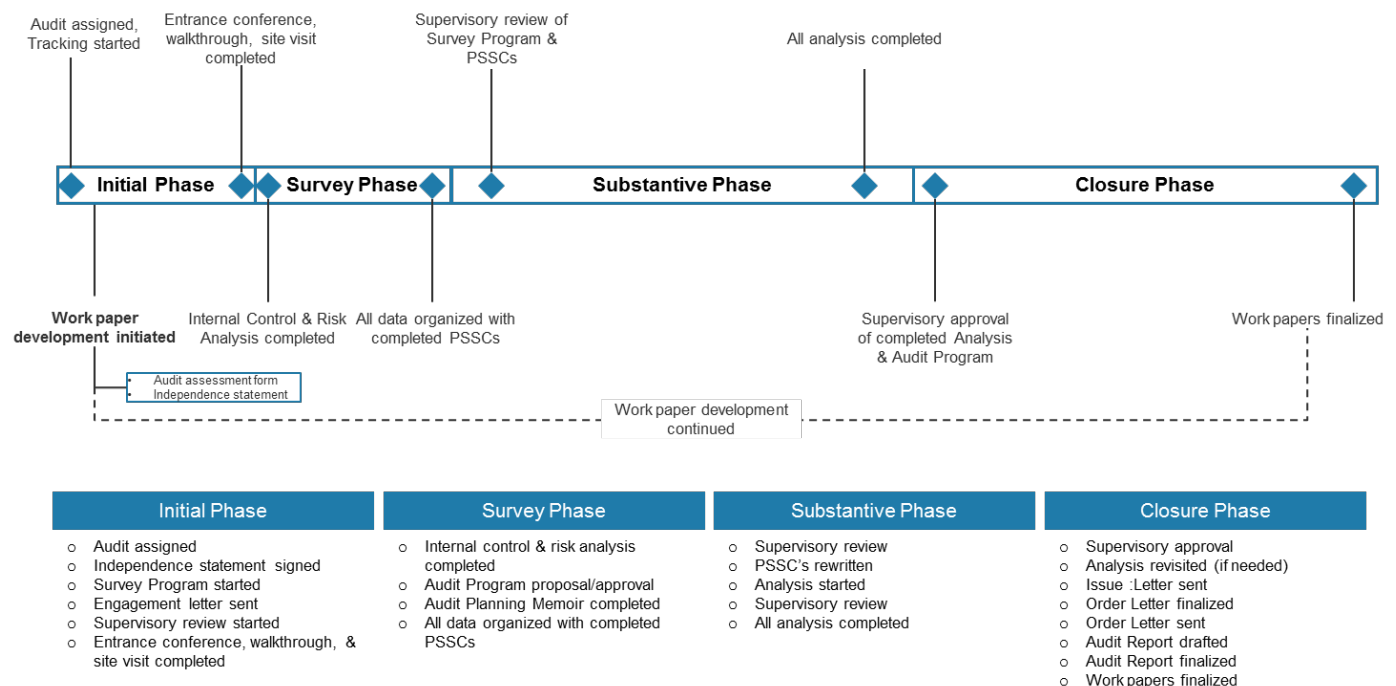
- One month after ONRR receives a payment, it uses up-front system edits to verify royalty and production reports. These include: transportation / processing limits, multiple royalty rates, pricing edits, and reviewing agreement numbers.
- One to two years after a payment, ONRR uses data mining to increase the accuracy of company-reported data before the data is subjected to compliance reviews and audits. Missing reports, adjustment monitoring, adjustments to completed cases, and production comparisons are key components of data mining efforts to determine if company payments are accurate and verifiable.
- Two to three years after a payment, following the up-front-system edits and data mining, ONRR conducts compliance reviews. These compliance reviews are used to examine issues and potential reporting errors identified through up front system checks

and data mining. The compliance reviews are conducted 2-3 years after the original data submissions, to allow for adjustments and clarification in the data. In FY2016, ONRR completed over 500 compliance reviews.

- Seven to nine years after a payment, ONRR's audits are performed and source documentation or other verifying information is obtained to analyze the completeness and accuracy of the production volumes, sales volumes, sales values, transportation and processing allowances, and royalty values in accordance with the reporting and valuation regulations. In FY2016, ONRR ACM conducted 128 audits. ONRR's audit process timeline is outlined in Figure 5.

When ONRR discovers inaccurate payments or potential fraud, it has several enforcement mechanisms at its disposal, including alternative dispute resolution, litigation, and civil penalties.

Figure 5. Audit Process Timeline for ACM



Additional Audits by State and Tribal Audit Committees

In addition to the audits that ONRR conducts of companies' production and payments, state governments also audit companies' reported production and payments. These state government agencies are in turn subject to controls and audits of their own. This multi-layered, reinforcing system of checks and balances strengthens the data's reliability. Furthermore, the State and Tribal Royalty Audit Committee (STRAC) works with the Department of the Interior to audit leases within their respective jurisdictions. This committee consists of eleven (11) states

and nine (9) Indian tribes and exists to help ensure proper payment of royalties from oil, gas and solid mineral companies. The agreements are authorized under Sections 202 and 205 of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA), as amended by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (FOGRSFA). STRAC has helped to further the accountability for the money owed to their jurisdictions and improve the reliability of the data reported.

[Bureau of Land Management \(BLM\) Controls](#)

BLM uses several methods and processes to assure data accuracy and integrity when collecting rents and bonuses.

First, BLM Collections and Billings System builds data integrity into the data collection systems design. BLM uses the Collections and Billings System (CBS) as a single point of entry for billings and collections data entry by field office personnel. CBS interfaces nightly with DOI's Financial and Business Management System to allow exchange and posting of collection information to the general ledger. The CBS uses the Bureau's intranet to transmit collection information and includes several layers of security. In addition, the system allows field personnel to enter any type of collection and organizes the receipt into the correct account by Commodity, Subject, and Action. BLM conducts continuous internal reviews and reports to assure the timeliness, accuracy, and compliance of data entered into the CBS.

Second, the Automated Fluid Minerals Support System (AFMSS) is a BLM-wide Fluid Mineral (oil and gas, geothermal, and helium) authorized use and inspection/enforcement workload support system. The AFMSS internal functionality supports oil, gas, and geothermal lease operations on Federal and Indian Trust Lands, post-lease operational approvals, well and facility data, inspection and enforcement data, assessments and penalties for noncompliance, undesirable event (spills), displays ONRR collected well production data (OGOR), and also includes data on customers (producers/operators). A number of reports supporting BLM business requirements are also included on a Field Office, State Office, and National basis.

AFMSS contains oil, gas, and geothermal facility inspection/compliance data including pre-construction, drilling, production measurement and accountability, facility abandonment, undesirable event, enforcement actions (assessments and penalties), and inspection strategy information. AFMSS also contains oil, gas, and geothermal lease, unit agreement, participating area, communitization agreement, bond coverage, and drainage assessment data.

These assurance mechanisms and processes help BLM to meet internal and external audit requirements and support accurate accounting and reporting.

[Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement \(OSMRE\) Controls](#)

OSMRE also uses several methods and/or processes to support data accuracy.

OSMRE uses an internet based system that the coal industry uses to report 99% of the U.S. coal production. The system was designed to pre-populate information about the companies and coal producing permits that they report on, thus reducing data entry error. The system contains numerous edits to assure data accuracy and automatically calculates fee amounts due based on the production data entered by the companies. OSMRE also pre-populates paper reports that the remaining one percent of the coal production is reported on.

Internally, OSMRE conducts continuous internal reviews of both automated and manual data entry reviews for timeliness, accuracy, and compliance of data entered into the Coal Fee Collection Management System.

Externally, OSMRE conducts independent reviews of data in their Coal Fee Collection Management System during audits of coal company records. During those audits, OSMRE auditors review data entered into the Coal Fee Collection Management System against coal company records of reported tonnage to determine whether there are any discrepancies in the data in OSMRE's system.

The efficiencies of the audit program and its related activities have enabled OSMRE to achieve a compliance rate of over 99% at a minimal cost to the AML Fund. OSMRE's process improvements and successful migration to electronic reporting has automated virtually all ministerial functions and eliminated 100% of data entry errors.

Office of the Inspector General Oversight (OIG)

The OIG provides independent oversight and promotes accountability within the program, operations, and management of the Department. The OIG performs the following functions:

- Oversees the contract with an independent CPA firm to perform the Annual Financial Statement/CFO audit
- Conducts energy focused reviews of DOI energy and mineral revenue programs
- Provides leadership and coordination and recommends policies for activities
- Identifies risks and vulnerabilities that directly affect DOI's mission
- Provides a means for keeping interested parties informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of programs and operations and the progress of necessary corrective actions
- Plans to review the activities related to the EITI initiative in 2016

Additional Department of Interior Controls

There are various entities within DOI that support the accuracy, reliability, and timeliness of data collection and reporting. The table below describes the responsibilities and functions of these entities.

DOI Office	Responsibilities/Functions
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Financial and Production Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect, verify, and distribute all rent, royalties and bonuses • Receive, process and verify industry-submitted royalty reports; • Perform Data Mining functions • Receive, process and verify industry-submitted production reports, error correction for all Federal and Indian production; • Oversee meter inspections for production verification.
General Ledger (GL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounts for the billions of dollars ONRR collects and disburses in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles • Processes payments, prepares reports and reconciliations for the U.S. Treasury • Processes revenue sharing disbursements through to the U.S. Treasury to States and Counties, and transfers to other Federal agencies; processes refunds of overpayments to lessees • Provides the initial trial balance used to develop the Departmental financial statements. <p>GL is subject to an annual financial audit by the Office of Inspector General.</p>
Accounting Services	<p>The Accounting Services branch defines its Accounts Payable (AP) functions as either Federal or Indian.</p> <p>In general, they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure revenues are received with correct information and proper recipients • Prepare disbursement data for the U.S. Treasury and the Office of the Special Trustee • Provide distribution and mineral revenue reports to Federal agencies, States, Tribes, Tribal Allottees, and other requestors.
Accounts Payable Federal	<p>AP Federal oversees system processing of all Payor/Reporter detailed reporting and payments. Employees in this area work closely with various recipient agencies, States and Counties, to resolve issues and ensure timely distribution of shared revenues. Federal statutes and provisions regarding mineral extraction on Federal lands dictate the AP Federal processes.</p>
Accounts Payable Indian	<p>AP Indian is responsible for daily rent and royalty collections on behalf of Indian tribes. AP Indian works extensively with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) and recipient Indian tribes.</p> <p>In general AP Indian will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a daily report of deposits for OST and a twice-monthly distribution report on leases held by individual Indian allottees (Allotees) • Work with OST and Indian Tribes to answer questions and reconcile accounts, as needed • Work with ONRR's Indian Outreach organization to resolve issues with Allotees

Reporting & Solid Minerals Services Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage other related Federal and Indian account reconciliations • Reconcile payments to receivables within customer accounts • Establish receivables for mineral royalty reports • Identify credit/refund actions, and process related paperwork
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U.S. Government Mainstreamed Processes & Controls

U.S. Treasury, Single Source Cash Flow

The U.S. Treasury and Federal Reserve System (Treasury) serves as the sole provider of financial services for all U.S. federal agencies including ONRR. Treasury maintains a centralized system of accounts for ONRR. The core tenet of this centralized system of accounts is that no single federal agency controls the receipt and payment of public funds. All federal agencies that handle government financial transactions must properly perform their function to support internal government control and the system of central accounts. Treasury performs variance analysis and various other reconciliations on transactions and balances contained within its systems. Treasury contacts ONRR with any questions they may have and can request ONRR justify or make changes. Interior's External Auditor also samples deposit and disbursement data from all Treasury systems and traces that data back to originating lease documents with ONRR's systems or other agency accounting advices. To accomplish these ends, there are several primary systems maintained by Treasury that ONRR utilizes for cash flows. The primary systems ONRR uses to manage cash flows are the Collections Information Repository (CIR) for revenue collections, Intra-governmental Payments and Collections System (IPAC) from intragovernmental transfers, Secure Payment System (SPS) for disbursements and the Central Accounting Reporting System (CARS) for Treasury fund reconciliation.

ONRR receives the majority of its oil and gas collections, as well as geothermal and solid minerals through the CIR. CIR serves as a transaction broker, data warehouse, and reporting solution that provides a single touch-point to exchange all financial transaction information for settled transactions across all collections systems. This enables the U.S. Government to normalize financial transaction reporting and standardize the availability of financial information across all settlement mechanisms and collections systems. CIR greatly improves the way ONRR collects, analyzes, and redistributes financial transaction information, which in turn eliminates redundancies and disconnects across and between the numerous point-to-point connections. The system is self-contained with various related external system interfaces. CIR provides ONRR with collections related to payments from the public sent via Fedwire, Pay.gov, ACH, and check. All payment method transaction information submitted to ONRR is summarized daily into vouchers by CIR. CIR does not allow ONRR to create or alter deposit information.

Whereas ONRR uses CIR for collections from the public, IPAC is used for oil and gas revenues collected by other federal agencies and transferred to ONRR via IPAC. ONRR also uses IPAC to disburse revenue to other federal agencies in accordance with applicable statutes. The IPAC system's primary purpose is to provide a standardized interagency fund transfer mechanism for Federal Program Agencies (FPAs). IPAC facilitates the intragovernmental transfer of funds, with descriptive data from one FPA to another. The IPAC System enables FPAs to exchange accounting and other pertinent information to assist in the reconciliation of funds transferred between FPAs for various interagency transaction types (buy/sell, fiduciary, and other miscellaneous payment and collection transactions). A Sender and Receiver Treasury Account Symbol/Business Event Type Code (TAS/BETC) are validated in the Shared Accounting Module (SAM) and transmitted to the CARS Account Statements at the time of IPAC origination. IPAC standardizes interagency payment, collection, and adjustment procedures through an internet-based application.

The SPS is an application that allows government agencies to create payment schedules in a secure fashion; with strictly enforced separation of duties. Access to SPS is rigidly controlled by both Treasury and ONRR. SPS is ONRR's only avenue to disburse revenue from Treasury to state or local governments and to refund overpayments back to companies.

Lastly, ONRR uses the CARS to report and reconcile all collections and disbursements activity. CARS is a one-stop access point to:

- provide and retrieve data and information from Treasury
- capture and record Treasury Account Symbol (TAS) information for payments
- deposit, and intra-governmental transactions
- provide an account statement of the fund balance with Treasury
- allow access to transaction detail to support research and reconciliation,
- improve the usability and currency of government-wide financial information
- minimize data redundancy and enhances data sharing between Treasury's central accounting system, financial service provider systems, and agency core financial systems

ONRR users reconcile the CARS fund balance with Treasury to ONRR's accounting system via reclassification of collection and disbursement transactions to the proper fund within Treasury. This reconciliation process is performed in the first three business days of each month. Any statements of difference between Treasury and ONRR are not permitted. All discrepancies and out of balances found must be corrected during the current accounting period, or a restatement is required for closed periods. CARS does not allow ONRR to create or delete transactions from the system.

Third Party Audit Procedures

The annual Agency Financial Report (AFR) provides important financial and performance information related to the stewardship, management, and leadership of the public funds and resources entrusted to DOI. Specifically, the report contains DOI's audited financial statements as required by the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990. The audited financial statements include the custodial revenues managed by ONRR, OSMRE, and BLM. In FY 2014, DOI obtained a clean (unmodified) opinion from the independent auditing firm - this was the 18th consecutive clean opinion for DOI.

The DOI adheres to strict audit and assurance procedures in order to fulfill its fiduciary trust responsibilities to the nation's taxpayers, states, tribal affiliates, and local municipalities. The procedures outlined below reflect the best efforts to compile, structure, and summarize processes generally employed across DOI's bureaus and offices to achieve the Department's overarching mission.

- This analysis first examines the external and independent audit requirements used to evaluate DOI's compliance with audit and assurance protocols.
- Next is a review of the Department's internal audit controls, audit and compliance activities, and peer review processes.
- Last is an examination of the Department's data and IT assurance mechanisms.

In engaging a third-party to conduct its audit, DOI entrusts this independent auditor to conduct audits of the Department's general-purpose financial statements and closing package financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the U.S. The purpose of such an audit is the expression of an opinion as to whether the general-purpose financial statements that have been prepared by management conform with the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In the U.S. such a third-party audit involves the following types of activities, at a high-level:

- Performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements and closing package financial statements
- Performing tests of the accounting records and assessing the risks of materials misstatements of the general-purpose financial statements and closing package financial statements, whether due to an error or fraud, to provide a reasonable basis for opinions
- Evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management

- Evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement and closing package financial statement presentation

In the Independent Auditor's Report, KPMG, LLP noted: "In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the U.S. Department of the Interior as of September 30, 2014 and 2013, and its net costs, changes in net position, budgetary resources, and custodial activity for the years then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles."⁴

The audit of ONRR and the Department of the Interior is conducted according to the Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. This framework is used for conducting high quality audits with competence, integrity, objectivity, and independence. These standards are promulgated by the U.S. GAO.

Additional Oversight

In addition to external audits from third-party auditors, DOI and ONRR are subject to additional oversight related to the collection, distribution, and reporting of revenues. The DOI OIG provides oversight in a number of areas. OIG's Office of Audits, Inspections, and Evaluations can examine financial statements to determine if they are presented fairly and in accordance with accounting principles. The Office of Investigations conducts, supervises, and coordinates investigations related to allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or mismanagement of financial resources or resulting in significant financial loss to DOI.

Ultimately, as members of the Executive Branch, DOI and ONRR are subject to congressional oversight. The U.S. Congress has a constitutional responsibility and right to investigate the actions of the Executive Branch and can compel reports, witnesses, and testimony.

Government Accountability Office (GAO)

The GAO supports the Congress in meeting its Constitutional responsibilities and assists in improving the performance and accountability of the Federal government. Its work is done at the request of congressional committees or subcommittees or is mandated by public laws or committee reports, and includes the following activities:

- Audits agency operations to determine whether Federal funds are being spent efficiently and effectively
- Investigates allegations of illegal and improper activities

⁴ Links to the AFRs for FY 2013 and FY 2014, respectively: <http://www.doi.gov/pfm/afr/2013/upload/DOI-FY-2013-AFR.pdf> and <http://www.doi.gov/pfm/afr/2014/upload/DOI-FY-2014-AFR.pdf>

- Reports on how well government programs and policies are meeting their objectives
- Performs policy analyses and outlining options for congressional consideration
- Issues legal decisions and opinions
- Advises Congress and the heads of executive agencies about ways to make government more efficient, effective, ethical, and responsive
- Publishes a High Risk List (<http://www.gao.gov/highrisk/overview>)
- Work leads to laws and acts that improve government operations
- Maintains and updates Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards

The GAO Comptroller General issues Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS). GAGAS, which were first published in 1972, and are commonly referred to as the “Yellow Book,” cover Federal entities and those organizations receiving Federal funds. The most recent 2011 revision of Government Auditing Standards represents a modernized version of the standards, taking into account recent changes in other auditing standards, including international standards.

GAGAS incorporates by reference the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statements on Auditing Standards (SAS) and Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE). Auditors may elect to use the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) standards and the related International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and International Standards on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) in conjunction with GAGAS.

The Auditing Standards Board (ASB) of the AICPA develops its SAS using the ISA as the base standard (ISAs are developed by the IAASB), and modify the base standard only where modifications are deemed necessary to better serve the needs of the US legal and regulatory reasons. As noted above, ASB field work and reporting standards for financial audit and attestation engagements are incorporated by reference into the Yellow Book unless specifically excluded.

GAGAS, part 3.31 (2011), encourages internal auditors who work for management of audited entities to use the Institute of Internal Auditor’s (IIA) International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing in conjunction with GAGAS.

GAO is a member of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions’ (INTOSAI) Professional Standards Committee which strives to establish an effective framework for professional standards that correspond to the needs of member SAIs. Only GAO, the IIA, and INTOSAI currently issue standards on performance and compliance audits. GAGAS incorporates compliance auditing in its performance auditing standards; INTOSAI has also issued a separate set of compliance audit standards.



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Recommendation on Mainstreaming

[THE IA WILL COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONCE THE MSG DOES/DOES NOT RECOMMEND]

Based on available evidence, the USEITI MSG [recommends/does not recommend] that USEITI pursues mainstreaming. There are X key reasons for this recommendation.

Appendix 1 – Stakeholder Interview Notes

Interviewees

The IA interviewed 9 MSG members and alternates from each of the three sectors. The IA invited 11 MSG Members/Alternates from across the three sectors. The following 9 members are those who agreed to participate.

Sector	Name	Organization
Civil Society	Danielle Brian	Project on Government Oversight
Civil Society	Keith Romig, Jr.	United Steelworkers
Industry	Veronika Kohler	National Mining Association
Industry	Phil Denning	Shell Oil Company
Industry	Aaron Padilla	American Petroleum Institute
Government	Greg Gould	Department of the Interior
Government	Curtis Carlson	Department of the Treasury
Government	Mike Matthews	State of Wyoming – Department of Audit
Government	Jim Steward	Department of the Interior

Responses

The interviews covered the individuals' goals for USEITI, the U.S. track record of reconciliation, and evaluating the data quality of USEITI as they related to mainstreaming. Key takeaways on those subjects are included below. They are organized by sector.

Topic	Sector	Takeaway
Goals for	CSO	CSO representatives spoke of a range of goals for USEITI,

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including: consolidating already available public data in an easily accessible place, creating a meaningful contextual narrative, revealing new information that had not previously been publicly available, and representing specific constituents.

CSO is split on how reconciliation fits into their goals. A view was expressed that reconciliation was inherently comparing company data to company data (i.e., government data was just company data provided to the government by the company). Another viewed reporting and reconciliation as a positive with the exception of tax reporting and reconciliation.

Neither saw mainstreaming specifically fitting into their goals for USEITI.

Goals for
USEITI

Government

Government expressed a range of goals, including: educating the public, participating and leading on an international stage, creating something useful for public and the government, improving government operations, achieving a workable solution within U.S. laws, and achieving validation.

Government did not see reconciliation as a part of their goals, a value add for the U.S. public, a valuable use of taxpayer money, an achievable reality for taxes, or valuable to USEITI as a whole.

Mainstreaming was seen as the only feasible way for the U.S. to achieve validation, it's viewed as easier, and likely to increase participation. They see audits and controls in the U.S. as already achieving the purpose of reconciliation as laid out in USEITI.

Goals for
USEITI

Industry

Industry stated goals for USEITI of increasing transparency and data accessibility to the public, increasing public understanding and confidence, articulating the current state of U.S. management as a model internationally, and building trust with the other sectors.

Industry did not see reconciliation as fitting materially into

those goals. Responses noted it as a check-the-box exercise and a waste of time.

Mainstreaming is seen as essential by industry, and merited based on the current systems in place. Mainstreaming would save taxpayer money, reduce the burden on companies, and free up time to undertake activities more useful for the American public.

Track Record of Reconciliation	CSO	CSO saw the track record of reconciliation as strong with regards to non-tax revenue but as weak and lacking reporting and reconciliation of taxes.
Track Record of Reconciliation	Government	<p>Government saw the track record of revenues as very strong given the U.S. system of audits, controls, checks, and balances. They viewed tax reporting and reconciliation as the biggest weakness given the legal prohibitions against disclosure and the lack of company involvement.</p> <p>Government viewed the decline in the number of companies as an effect of broader market forces (the decline in commodity prices and company bankruptcies) not specifically reflective of USEITI.</p>
Track Record of Reconciliation	Industry	<p>Industry saw the track record of reconciliation in the U.S. as strong given audits, controls, and systems in place. Reconciliation helped to prove in another way that the numbers match and that the U.S. has already mainstreamed.</p> <p>Industry didn't view the decline in the number of companies as important; they saw reconciliation as having achieved its purpose of showing the dollars match. They also did not view it as decreasing the amount of information available given data disclosures.</p>
Evaluating U.S. Data Quality	CSO	<p>CSO saw the strength of U.S. data in government disclosure and the promise of government project level disclosure, even if it's upon request. CSO also noted that U.S. data was up to date and reliable.</p> <p>CSO viewed the lack of tax reporting and reconciliation and</p>

		the rescinding of Dodd-Frank 1504 as the fatal weakness of U.S. data quality.
Evaluating U.S. Data Quality	Government	<p>Government saw the strength of U.S. data in it being up-to-date, reliable due to the stringent system of audits and controls in the United States, and comprehensive for nontax revenues. They noted that USEITI has achieved an unprecedented level of disclosure and that contextual narrative information helped to make data comprehensible.</p> <p>They viewed the lack of tax disclosure, given U.S. laws, as the chief weakness in U.S. data comprehensiveness and the rescinding of Dodd-Frank 1504 as fatal to U.S. hopes of achieving that kind of disclosure, and with it mainstreaming.</p>
Evaluating U.S. Data Quality	Industry	<p>Industry articulated an extensive list of U.S. data quality strengths, including: public accessibility, level of disaggregation, up-to-date nature, and reliability based on controls and audits, contextual explanations of data, and comprehensive release of appropriate data.</p> <p>Industry generally saw less cause for concern with the rescinding of Dodd-Frank 1504 and articulated cases for how the U.S. can mainstream given current controls and disclosures. They saw limited influence on U.S. companies due to EU directives related to disclosure.</p>

Appendix 2 – Relevant U.S. Laws & Regulations

Select Laws Establishing the Fiscal Regime for Extractive Industries in the U.S.

Law Name and Code	Description	Relevant Lands or Waters	Relevant Natural Resources
<u>The General Mining Law of 1872 As Amended</u> ⁵ (30 USC § 29 and 43 CFR 3860)	Provides the right to patent, meaning transfer to private ownership, federal land and natural resources for mining. Since October 1, 1994, Congress has imposed a budget moratorium on any new mineral patent applications.	Federal Onshore (public domain)	Locatable hard rock minerals (e.g., gold, silver, and copper)
<u>Leasing of Allotted Lands for Mining Purposes Act of 1909</u> ⁶ (25 USC § 396 and 25 CFR 212)	States that all lands allotted to Indians, except those made to members of the Five Civilized Tribes and Osage, may be leased for mining purposes for any term of years as may be deemed advisable by the Secretary of the Interior.	Indian (allotted)	Not specified
<u>Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 As Amended</u> ⁷ (30 USC 181 et seq.)	Creates a system of leasing mineral resources on federal lands for extraction, and grants the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) authority to administer mineral leasing.	Federal Onshore (public domain)	Coal, oil, gas, oil or gas shale, sodium, potassium, phosphate, sulfur, and gilsonite
<u>Indian Mineral Leasing Act of 1938</u> ⁸ (25 USC § 396a et seq.)	Opens un-allotted lands within any Indian reservation for leasing for mining purposes by authority of the tribal council and approval from the Secretary of the Interior.	Indian (tribal)	Not specified
<u>Mineral Leasing Act for</u>	Extends Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 and authority of the Secretary of the Interior	Federal onshore	Coal, oil, gas, oil or gas shale,

⁵ http://apps2.eere.energy.gov/wind/windexchange/wind_installed_capacity.asp

⁶ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2011-title25/pdf/USCODE-2011-title25-chap12-sec396.pdf>

⁷ http://www.blm.gov/pddata/etc/media/lib/blm/wo/Communications_Directorate/legislation/Par.23212.File.dat/mla_1920_amendments1.pdf

⁸ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2009-title25/html/USCODE-2009-title25-chap12.htm>

Law Name and Code	Description	Relevant Lands or Waters	Relevant Natural Resources
<u>Acquired Lands of 1947</u> ⁹ (30 USC § 351 et seq. and 43 CFR 3420)	to govern mineral leasing on federal acquired lands.	(acquired)	sodium, potassium, phosphate, sulfur, and gilsonite
<u>Mineral Materials Act of 1947</u> ¹⁰ (30 USC § 601 et seq.)	<u>Also known as the Common Varieties Act, regulates the sale and permitting of the most common hardrock minerals, in place of the General Mining Law of 1872.</u>	Federal onshore	Common hardrock minerals (e.g., sand, gravel, stone, pumice, cinders, etc.)
<u>Submerged Lands Act of 1953</u> ¹¹ (43 USC § 1301 et seq.)	<u>Recognizes the states' rights to the submerged navigable lands within their boundaries as well as the marine waters within their boundaries, often defined as three geographical miles from the coastline.</u>	State offshore	All natural resources
<u>Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953 As Amended</u> ¹² (43 USC § 1331)	Gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for administering mineral exploration and development and other energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, subject to environmental safeguards. Mandates receipt of fair market value for mineral leasing.	Outer Continental Shelf	Oil, gas, and other minerals
<u>Geothermal Steam Act of 1970</u> ¹³ (30 USC § 1001, et seq.)	Allows the leasing of federal land under BLM's administration for geothermal resource development, excluding prohibited lands.	Federal onshore	Geothermal
<u>Mining and Minerals Policy</u>	Amends the Mining Act of 1920. Establishes the national interest to	Federal onshore	All natural resources

⁹ http://www.blm.gov/pdata/etc/medialib/blm/wo/Communications_Directorate/legislation/Par.23212.File.dat/mla_1920_amendments1.pdf#page=56

¹⁰ [http://legcounsel.house.gov/Comps/Act%20Of%20July%2031.%201937-\(Materials%20Act%20Of%201947\).pdf](http://legcounsel.house.gov/Comps/Act%20Of%20July%2031.%201937-(Materials%20Act%20Of%201947).pdf)

¹¹ <http://www.boem.gov/uploadedFiles/submergedLA.pdf>

¹² <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title43/html/USCODE-2010-title43-chap29-subchapIII.htm>

¹³ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-84/pdf/STATUTE-84-Pg1566.pdf>

Law Name and Code	Description	Relevant Lands or Waters	Relevant Natural Resources
<u>Act of 1970</u> ¹⁴ (30 USC § 21a)	develop a domestic private enterprise mining industry while addressing adverse environmental impacts.		
<u>Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act (FCLAA) of 1976</u> ¹⁵ (90 STAT 1083)	Amends Section 2 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920. Requires all public lands available for coal leasing to be leased competitively, the government to only accept lease bids equal to or greater than fair market value, the consolidation of leasing into logical mining units, lease holders to continually operate, and other measures.	Federal onshore	Coal
<u>Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) of 1977</u> ¹⁶ (30 USC § 1201 et seq.)	Creates the Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Enforcement (OSMRE) to establish a nationwide program to protect society and the environment from the adverse effects of surface coal mining operations, under which OSMRE is charged with balancing the nation's need for continued domestic coal production with protection of the environment; requires coal mine owners to post bonds as insurance for reclaiming the land after current mining operations, and requires them to pay into the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, a fund intended to address mines abandoned prior to 1977.	Federal onshore	Coal
<u>Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA) of 1982</u> ¹⁷ (30 USC § 1701 et	Grants the Secretary of the Interior authority for managing and collecting oil and gas royalties from leases on federal and Indian lands.	Federal onshore, Indian, and Outer Continental Shelf	Oil and gas

¹⁴ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2011-title30/pdf/USCODE-2011-title30-chap2-sec21a.pdf>

¹⁵ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-90/pdf/STATUTE-90-Pg1083.pdf>

¹⁶ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-91/pdf/STATUTE-91-Pg445.pdf>

¹⁷ http://www.boem.gov/uploadedFiles/BOEM/Oil_and_Gas_Energy_Program/Leasing/Outer_Continental_Shelf/Lands_Act_History/federal%20og%20royalty%20mgmt.pdf

Law Name and Code	Description	Relevant Lands or Waters	Relevant Natural Resources
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Indian Mineral Development Act of 1982 ¹⁸ (25 USC §§2101-2108)	Provides Indian tribes with flexibility in the development and sale of mineral resources, including opportunities to enter into joint venture agreements with mineral developers.	Indian (tribal)	Oil and gas, coal, geothermal, and other mineral resources
Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act (FOOGLRA) of 1987 ¹⁹ (30 USC § 181 et seq.)	Amendment to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920. Gives the Forest Service the authority to proactively offer leases for oil and gas on National Forest System lands provided environmental and other land-use regulations are met. BLM largely administers leasing on these lands.	Federal onshore	Oil and gas
Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act (RSFA) of 1996 ²⁰ (30 USC § 1701 et seq.)	Improves royalty management from federal and Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leases.	Federal onshore and Outer Continental Shelf	Oil and gas
Energy Policy Act (EPA) of 2005 ²¹ (42 USC § 13201 et seq.)	Addresses energy production in the U.S., including the production, transportation, or transmission of energy on the Outer Continental Shelf waters from sources other than oil and gas (e.g., wind energy); incentives for oil and gas development; and provisions to access oil and gas resources on federal lands.	Federal onshore and Outer Continental Shelf	Oil, gas, coal, wind, solar, hydropower, and geothermal
Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) of 2006 ²² (120 Stat. 2922)	Opens 8.3 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas leasing, shares leasing revenues with gulf producing states and the Land & Water Conservation Fund, and bans oil and gas leasing within	Outer Continental Shelf	Oil and gas

¹⁸ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-96/pdf/STATUTE-96-Pg1938.pdf>

¹⁹ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2011-title30/pdf/USCODE-2011-title30.pdf>

²⁰ http://www.onrr.gov/laws_r_d/PubLaws/PDFDocs/rsfa.pdf

²¹ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-109hr6enr/pdf/BILLS-109hr6enr.pdf>

²² <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Energy-Economics/econ/GOMESA-pdf.aspx>

Law Name and Code	Description	Relevant Lands or Waters	Relevant Natural Resources
	125 miles off the Florida coastline in the Eastern Planning Area and a portion of the Central Planning Area until 2022.		

There are other laws governing natural resources and extractive companies' operations. Some of these laws require companies to pay fees. Violating some of these laws can also result in companies paying fines.

Select Laws Resulting in Fines or Fees for Extractive Industries Companies in the U.S.

Law Name and Code	Description	Relevant Lands	Relevant Natural Resources
Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 ²³ (43 USC §1701 et seq.)	Requires BLM to administer federal lands using a land use planning framework that includes no unnecessary or undue degradation, multiple-use, sustained yield, considerations for present and future generations, and public planning. Requires receipt of fair market value for use of federal lands and resources.	Federal onshore and Indian	All natural resources
Clean Air Act (CAA) of 1970 ²⁴ (42 USC §7401 et seq.)	Outlines steps that federal agencies, state and local governments, and industry must take to decrease air pollution. Oil and gas wells are exempt from legal aggregation, whereby the emissions from small sites that are connected, in close proximity, or under shared ownership are added together and regulated as "stationary sources" if they emit or could emit 100 tons per year of a pollutant.	All lands	All natural resources, except when oil and gas are exempted
Clean Water Act (CWA) of 1972 ²⁵ (33 USC §1251 et seq.)	Establishes regulatory framework to protect water quality and monitor discharges of pollutants into waters in the U.S. The U.S. Environmental Protection	All lands	All natural resources, except when oil and gas are

²³ <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Energy-Economics/econ/GOMESA-pdf.aspx>

²⁴ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2008-title42/pdf/USCODE-2008-title42-chap85.pdf>

²⁵ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title33/pdf/USCODE-2010-title33-chap26.pdf>

Law Name and Code	Description	Relevant Lands	Relevant Natural Resources
	Agency does not require National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for uncontaminated storm water discharges from oil and gas exploration, production, processing or treatment operations, transmission, or drill site preparation. ²⁶		exempted
<u>Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) of 1974²⁷ (42 USC 300f-300j)</u>	<u>Protects public health by regulating the nation's public drinking water supply and its sources. As of the 2005 Energy Policy Act, hydraulic fracturing fluids are exempt from underground injection control permits unless diesel fuel is used in the extraction process.</u> ²⁸	All lands	All natural resources, except when oil and gas are exempted
<u>Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980²⁹ (42 USC 9601-9675)</u>	<u>Provides a federal "superfund" to clean up uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous-waste sites as well as accidents, spills, and other emergency releases of pollutants and contaminants into the environment, and gives the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency the power to seek out those parties responsible for any release and assure their cooperation in the cleanup.</u>	All lands	All natural resources, except when oil and gas are exempted
<u>Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973³⁰ (16 USC § 1531 et seq.)</u>	<u>Protects and recovers imperiled species and the ecosystems upon which they depend.</u>	All lands	All natural resources
<u>Marine Mammal</u>	<u>Prohibits, with certain exceptions, the "take" of marine mammals in U.S. waters</u>	All lands	All natural resources,

²⁶ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "Regulation of Oil and Gas Construction Activities," 9 March 2009, <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/stormwater/Regulation-of-Oil-and-Gas-Construction-Activities.cfm>

²⁷ <http://www.epw.senate.gov/sdwa.pdf>

²⁸ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, "Regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing Under the Safe Drinking Water Act," http://water.epa.gov/type/groundwater/uic/class2/hydraulicfracturing/wells_hydroreg.cfm

²⁹ <http://www.epw.senate.gov/cercla.pdf>

³⁰ <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/laws/esa.pdf>

Law Name and Code	Description	Relevant Lands	Relevant Natural Resources
<u>Protection Act of 1972</u> ³¹ (16 USC 1361 et seq.)	<u>and by U.S. citizens on the high seas, and the importation of marine mammals and marine mammal products into the U.S.</u>		except when oil and gas are exempted

There are many other laws with which extractive industries companies must comply. DOI, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and other federal agencies' websites contain more comprehensive lists of related laws that they enforce:

- DOI BOEM: <http://www.boem.gov/Regulations/BOEM-Governing-Statutes.aspx>
- DOI BSEE: <http://www.bsee.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/BSEE-Governing-Statutes/>
- DOI BLM: <http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/regulations.html>
- EPA: <http://www2.epa.gov/laws-regulations/laws-and-executive-orders#majorlaws>
- NOAA: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/about/what_we_do/laws.html

Laws, Regulations, Professional Standards, and Regulatory Organizations

Law, Regulation, Professional Standard, or Regulatory Organization	Acronym	Description
US Generally Accepted Accounting Principles	GAAP	GAAP is the standardized accounting rule set for federal government entities, as well as publicly traded or private companies domiciled in the United States or for other international jurisdictions where GAAP is required. GAAP enables stakeholders of companies to compare accounting statements for different companies and industries by using a standard methodology. Because of various accounting and financial reporting standards, the federal government tailors GAAP to meet its unique characteristics and circumstances.
Internal Revenue	IRS	The IRS is the revenue service of the US Federal Government. The IRS is a bureau within the Department of the Treasury, and

³¹ <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/pdfs/laws/mmpa.pdf>

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Service		is under the immediate direction of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The IRS is responsible for collecting taxes and the administration of the Internal Revenue Code.
Securities and Exchange Commission Act	SEC	The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 established the SEC to govern the securities industry. By regulation of the SEC, public companies must have their financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP or International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and audited each year by an independent registered public accounting firm. During an audit, the independent auditor examines, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The auditor provides a written opinion on whether the company's financial statements are, in all material respects, fairly presented in accordance with GAAP or IFRS.
Sarbanes-Oxley Act	SOX	SOX requires all financial reports for large public companies (those with a market capitalization of \$75 million and referred to as "accelerated" filers and those subject to SEC reporting requirements) to include an Internal Control over Financial Reporting (ICFR) certification by company management and an ICFR opinion by the independent auditor as of the specified balance sheet date Congress passed SOX in 2002, in part, to further protect investors from fraudulent accounting activities by public companies.
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board	PCAOB	PCAOB exists to confirm that the registered public accounting firms are auditing the financial statements and ICFR of public companies in accordance with auditing standards established and adopted by the PCAOB. The PCAOB is a nonprofit corporation established by Congress to oversee the audits of public companies in order to protect the interests of investors and further the public interest in the preparation of informative, accurate, and independent audit reports.
American Institute of Certified Public	AICPA	AICPA requires independent auditors to comply with the audit standards issued by the AICPA for the audits of all companies that are not subject to SEC jurisdiction. The AICPA has released

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Accountants		mandatory audit and attest standards for conducting, planning, and reporting on audit and attestation engagements of private companies.
Financial Accounting Standards Board	FASB	The FASB is a private, nonprofit organization with a primary purpose of establishing and improving GAAP within the US. The SEC designated the FASB as the organization responsible for setting accounting standards for public companies in the US. The FASB created a council known as the Private Company Council (PCC). The PCC and the FASB work jointly to mutually agree on a set of criteria to decide whether and when alternatives within GAAP are warranted for private companies.
International Financial Reporting Standards	IFRS	IFRS are a set of accounting standards developed by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) that is intended to establish a consistent global standard for the preparation of public company financial statements or those entities domiciled outside the US. The IASB, based in London, is an independent accounting standard-setting body. It is funded by contributions from major accounting firms, private financial institutions, industrial companies, central and development banks, national funding regimes, and other international and professional organizations throughout the world. Approximately 120 nations and reporting jurisdictions permit or require IFRS for domestic listed companies. The SEC is currently considering whether it will incorporate IFRS into the financial reporting system for US issuers. There is currently no estimated date for when such a decision might be made.
Generally Accepted Auditing Standards	GAAS	GAAS are the minimum standards for auditing private companies and come in three categories: general standards, standards of fieldwork, and standards of reporting. PCAOB has adopted these standards for public (traded on the open market) companies. Each audit engagement may require audit work beyond what is specified in the GAAS in order to provide a written opinion on whether a set of financial statements is, in all material respects, fairly presented in accordance with

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		GAAP.
Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards	GAGAS	GAGAS provides a framework for conducting high quality audits of government resources and programs with competence, integrity, objectivity, and independence. Government auditing is an essential tool that allows legislators, oversight bodies, those charged with governance, and the public to hold government agencies accountable. GAGAS is used by auditors of government entities, entities that receive government awards, and other audit organizations performing audits. The US Government Accountability Office (GAO) is responsible for maintaining and updating GAGAS. GAO is an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for Congress. Often called the “congressional watchdog,” GAO investigates the Executive Branch of the federal government.
Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-576)	CFO Act	The CFO Act of 1990 established a leadership structure, provided for long range planning, required audited financial statements, and strengthened accountability reporting in the federal government. The aim of the CFO Act is to improve financial management systems and information. The CFO Act also requires the development and maintenance of agency financial management systems that comply with the following: applicable accounting principles, standards, and requirements; internal control standards; and requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the US Department of the Treasury, and other agencies. Reports of audits conducted under the CFO Act are done on an annual basis and must be completed by November 15 following the close of the fiscal year (September 30) for which the financial statements were prepared.
Government Management Reform Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-356)	GMRA	GMRA requires the independent, external audit of agency financial statements and the preparation and audit of a consolidated financial statement for the federal government on an annual basis.
OMB Circular A-	A-136	OMB provides annual updates to Circular No. A-136 which

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136 (Financial Reporting Requirements)		provides federal guidance for agency and government-wide financial reporting. This Circular establishes a central point of reference for all federal financial reporting guidance for the Executive Branch departments, agencies, and entities required to submit an Agency Financial Report (AFR) under the CFO Act and the GMRA. In compliance with the CFO Act, the GMRA, and Circular A-136, DOI publishes an AFR every fiscal year.
Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-208)	FFMIA	FFMIA requires federal agencies to implement and maintain financial management systems that substantially comply with federal financial management systems requirements, applicable federal accounting standards, and the US Standard General Ledger at the transactional level.
Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-347)	FISMA	FISMA requires federal agencies to provide information security controls commensurate with the risk and potential harm of not having those controls in place. FISMA also requires the heads of agencies and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to conduct annual IT security reviews and perform annual independent evaluations of effectiveness of the agency's security programs and systems and report their results to OMB and Congress.
Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board	FASAB	FASAB was established in October of 1990 by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of OMB, and the US Comptroller General. This board possesses the legal authority under various laws to establish accounting and financial reporting standards for the federal government. In October 1999, the AICPA recognized FASAB as the board that promulgates generally accepted accounting principles for federal entities.
OMB Circular No. A-123	A-123	A-123 prescribes management's responsibilities for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls and financial management systems that meet the objectives of the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act.
OMB Bulletin 14-02 (Audit Requirements)		OMB Bulletin No. 14-02, issued on October 21, 2013, establishes minimum requirements for independent audits of federal financial statements. This bulletin implements the

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for Federal Financial Statements)		audit provisions of the CFO Act of 1990, as amended, the GMRA, and FFMIA.

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Appendix 3 – In-Scope Company Audit

Company	Public / Private	Entity type	Disclosure of Beneficial Owners	Applicable Accounting Standards	Form 10-K <i>Or</i> Annual Report	Form 20-F	Form 40-F	Publicly Available Financial Statements	External Auditors
Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	KPMG
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	KPMG
Apache Corporation	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y
Arch Coal, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y
Arena Energy, LLC	Private	Limited partnership	Yes		•	•	•	No	Unavailable
BHP Billiton LTD	Public	Foreign corporation (Australia)	Yes	IFRS	✓	✓	•	Yes - Annual Report	KPMG
BOPCO, LP	Private	Limited partnership	No		•	•	•	No	Unavailable
BP America Inc.	Public	Subsidiary of foreign corporation (England)	Yes	IFRS	✓	✓	•	Parent Only*	E&Y
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes - Annual Report	PWC
Cimarex Energy Co.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	KPMG
Cloud Peak Energy Resources, LLC	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	PWC
Concho Resources, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	Grant Thornton
ConocoPhillips	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y
Continental Resources, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	Grant Thornton



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Devon Energy Corporation	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	KPMG
Encana Corporation	Public	Foreign corporation (Canada)	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	✓	Yes - Annual Report	PWC
Energy XXI	N/A	Foreign corporation (Bermuda)	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	BDO USA
ENI Petroleum	Public	Foreign corporation (Italy)	Yes	IFRS	✓	•	•	Yes	Unavailable
EOG Resources, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	Deloitte & Touche
EPL Oil & Gas, Inc.	Public	Subsidiary of foreign corporation (Italy)	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Parent Only*	BDO USA
Exxon Mobil Corporation	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	PWC
Fieldwood Energy LLC	Private	Limited liability company	Yes		•	•	•	No	Unavailable
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y
Hess Corporation	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y
Jonah Energy LLC	Private	Limited liability company	Yes		•	•	•	No	Unavailable
Linn Energy, LLC	Public	Limited liability company	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	KPMG
LLOG Exploration Company LLC	Private	Subsidiary of limited liability company	Yes		•	•	•	No	Unavailable
Marathon Oil Company	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	PWC
Murphy Oil USA Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	KPMG
Noble Energy, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	KPMG
Oxy USA, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Parent Only*	KPMG
Peabody Energy Corporation	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y
QEP Resources, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	PWC
Red Willow Offshore, LLC	Private	Limited liability company, Southern UTE Indian Tribe	No		•	•	•	No	Unavailable
Shell E&P Company	Public	Foreign corporation (UK)	Yes	IFRS	✓	✓	•	Yes - Annual Report	PWC
Statoil Gulf of Mexico	Public	Foreign corporation (Norway)	Yes	IFRS	✓	✓	•	Yes - Annual Report	Unavailable



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Stone Energy Corporation	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y
Talos Energy LLC	Private	Limited Liability Company	Yes		•	•	•	No	Unavailable
Ultra Resources Inc.	Public	Foreign corporation (Canada)	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y
W&T Offshore, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y
WPX Energy, Inc.	Public	Corporation	Yes	US GAAP	✓	•	•	Yes	E&Y

Note: Annual report and 10-Ks are accessible as of April 6, 2017 and link to 2015 reports, the most recent year for which all companies (or parent companies) have filed reports.

Acronyms of auditors are as follows: Ernst & Young (E&Y) and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC)

From the Approved March 2016 MSG meeting when the EITI document on Mainstreaming was distributed as a meeting material:

4. Subcommittee and Work Group Planning

Mr. Gould asked the Reconciliation and Reporting Work Group to explore how the EITI International Board's recently announced "mainstreaming" policy could be applied in the US context.

Mr. Gould suggested that the International Board's focus on "mainstreaming" may allow for some efficiencies in reporting that could allow for consideration of other issues, such as defining materiality.

Ms. Milin suggested that the "mainstreaming" approach suggested by the International Board could be a more effective approach to conserving resources than trying to create a new, different sampling approach that may pose validation issues.

Members of the industry and government sectors expressed support for including a visualization about the US budget, audit, and assurance processes in order to support USEITI's case for future mainstreaming of reporting.

A CSO sector member suggested that state opt-in is relevant for "mainstreaming" efforts because it involves enhancing collaboration between agencies and sharing data in cost-efficient ways. She suggested that setting up forums for peer-to-peer learning could be useful to state opt-in. Another CSO sector member posited that universities may be able to set up those sorts of forums.

From the June 2016 Approved Minutes:

The purpose of the meeting was to receive updates from the Independent Administrator on various aspects of developing the online report and executive summary for the 2016 USEITI Report and how to move forward with these; discuss communications and state and tribal opt-in efforts; and discuss the prospects for proceeding with mainstreaming of USEITI reporting into US government processes, the inclusion of beneficial ownership information, and validation of US EITI Reports.

The MSG approved the undertaking of a pre-feasibility exercise for mainstreaming of USEITI.

The Secretariat was charged with Working with the International EITI Secretariat and the IA to conduct a prefeasibility exercise for mainstreaming of USEITI. Report on results at November MSG meeting.

3. Mainstreaming

John Harrington presented information about the Reporting and Reconciliation Work Group's due diligence and discussions around the new EITI option to pursue mainstreaming of reporting. He explained that an increasing number of legal mandates coming into place in the United States, European Union, and other jurisdictions replicate some of the EITI requirements. So, the revised EITI Standard introduces the option for countries to include the reporting of EITI-related information through regular

government channels as opposed to a stand-alone EITI report. Mainstreaming could also mean that some core elements of EITI, such as reconciliation of reported revenue, would no longer be required. Mr. Harrington reviewed the principles underpinning mainstreaming, the procedures for mainstreamed disclosures, and the uncertainties for USEITI around participating in mainstreaming. Mr. Harrington noted that the EITI Board Chair indicated that the Board is intending to initiate mainstreaming with countries that can more fully meet all of the requirements in the EITI Standard, meaning that the US likely would not be considered in the first batch.

From Mr. Bartlett: The full feasibility study would be much more extensive. The pre-feasibility exercise could likely focus on scoping and likely hurdles and be prepared by the next MSG meeting in November. Another consideration for USEITI is that, with adapted implementation approved for the first two reports, a mainstreaming feasibility study could choose to focus only on Federal revenues or it could include state and tribal revenues given the need to report these beginning with the third USEITI report.

Following the presentation, MSG members asked the following questions and made the following comments:

- What are the advantages and disadvantages of mainstreaming?
 - o It would allow USEITI to avoid the cost of reconciliation and instead dedicate those resources to making the contextual narrative and overall reporting more robust. It could also provide an incentive for other countries to pursue strengthening their controls to a similar level as the US so that they can also forgo reconciliation.
 - o John Mennel, IA team member, added: Mainstreaming would also make the EITI process more sustainable in the sense that integrating reporting into normal government functioning is more likely to persist than a standalone EITI reporting process. Additionally, the US likely saw some benefits from the reconciliation process in 2015 in terms of cleaning up data, but the costs of reconciliation likely outweigh those benefits over time.
 - o Sam Bartlett, International EITI Secretariat, also suggested that mainstreaming could have a public benefit in that it makes up-to-date information more readily and easily publicly accessible. For example, an internet search for royalty payments in their state should yield accurate data.

The concept of mainstreaming has been part of the thinking for USEITI from the beginning since EITI implementation was intended to spur greater transparency across the Department of the Interior. The inclusion of mainstreaming in the 2016 EITI Standard allows the US to formalize that greater transparency.

- The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) already undertakes significant effort to verify data with payers. The EITI reconciliation process could be seen as duplicative of this ONRR verification process.

o Mainstreaming could obviate the need for reconciliation. ☐ Comment from Pat Field, facilitator: We will need to clarify whether mainstreaming applies to all aspects of reporting or only to some aspects.

From the November 2016 Meeting:

Review of DOI Audit Procedures

☐ Initially, the review of DOI audit procedures was also for purposes of determining the potential for mainstreaming. USEITI should include some linkages to that issue in the report.

K. Mainstreaming

John Cassidy, IA team member from Deloitte, presented the IA's assessment of the feasibility of mainstreaming. He commented that mainstreaming is based on an idea that drafting an annual EITI report may not be the best use of time for every country; it might be preferable to automate the process and make it part of the everyday business of the government and companies. He clarified that mainstreaming does not change what the EITI standard requires; rather, it is another way of meeting the requirement.

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the various steps for mainstreaming, noted that from now into next year the MSG is focused on studying the feasibility of mainstreaming, reviewed next steps in the IA's feasibility study, reviewed current processes and procedures related to mainstreaming in the U.S., and suggested a number of potential areas for the U.S. to improve its EITI performance and potential for success with mainstreaming.

Potential areas for improvement include doing more to showcase unilateral disclosure already occurring in the U.S., filling the gap on tax and project-level reporting through SEC 1504, and better explaining the audit requirements that currently exist. He concluded by noting that a decision on mainstreaming did not need to be made at the present MSG meeting.

MSG members made the following comments and asked the following questions on the presentation; direct responses are indicated in italics, with the speaker identified as appropriate:

☐ I thought the MSG had agreed to conduct a *prefeasibility study*, not a feasibility study.

o Mr. Gould: The MSG did discuss a pre-feasibility study. ONRR opted to have the IA start on a full feasibility study in order to keep moving forward if USEITI is to pursue mainstreaming. If there are concerns about this, the MSG can discuss this further.

o IA team member: Upon review, the IA determined that the differences between a pre-feasibility study and a full feasibility study were minimal.

☐ You mentioned the politics have changed on Dodd Frank. How so? IA team member: There is now increased uncertainty on what might happen. Dodd Frank would play an important role if mainstreaming goes forward. The IA's view is mainstreaming would be a multi-year process, and in many ways would follow a parallel path with SEC 1504.

☐ What EITI documents authorize the criteria that the data must be comprehensive, up-to-date, and reliable, and are they really an adequate scoping for whether government data is helpful? IA team member: The comprehensive, reliable and up-to-date standard is from the validation guidelines document. Two additional criteria might be data quality and transparency.

☐ Commenters expressed diverse opinions on the significance of corporate income tax reporting and reconciliation. One suggested that what matters is that the USEITI numbers are adding up in reconciliation, and the taxes would therefore add up as well. Another commented that even if the Treasury Department has excellent systems, the U.S. is still falling short on making tax information publicly available. Another noted that it would be helpful for civil society to indicate if its priority right now is EITI compliance or tax reporting, so that USEITI can prioritize its efforts. Mr. Cassidy noted that the IA will set up stakeholder interviews on the tax issue, which will likely happen between now and February. Mr. Mennel suggested there is an argument that what is required by 1504 is sufficient for mainstreaming.

☐ There were various perspectives on how much of a “deal breaker” the tax issue will be for the U.S. One suggested it would definitely be a problem with the EITI International Board. Another noted that ONRR worked closely with the SEC to use USEITI as a means for compliance with the 1504 standard and suggested that will bode very well for mainstreaming. An IA team member commented that it is impossible to know whether tax reporting is a deal breaker at this time. No other feasibility study has been conducted and the only other country going forward on mainstreaming is Norway. The language in the standard says “all transactions,” which implies all companies. However, it is reasonable to assume that the board will draw the line somewhere short of “all transactions” for the sake of practicality but USEITI will need to make a case for where the line should be.

☐ USEITI might be able to look at mainstreaming as an opportunity help maintain momentum on government efficiency

From February Draft Minutes

1. Reporting and Reconciliation of Company Revenues - Judy Wilson and Bob Kronebusch of ONRR presented information about the work of the Reporting Improvement Workgroup. Following the presentations, Dan Dudis, Public Citizen, thanked Ms. Wilson and expressed support for the workgroup’s proposed approach of conducting reconciliation via “mainstreaming of EITI reporting” rather than performing an independent reconciliation of revenues for USEITI by the Independent Administrator as this would avoid duplication of work. Mike Matthews, State of Wyoming, noted that states and tribes also conduct compliance reviews in addition to the federal and company audits and reviews surveyed by the workgroup.

b) Audit & Assurances

Mr. Hawbaker provided an overview of existing content about the US audit and assurance process and of potential new content that could be added with the intention of strengthening USEITI's case for mainstreaming and foregoing independent reconciliation by the Independent Administrator. Mr. Bugala suggested that USEITI use an alternate term for "foregoing reconciliation," such as "not reconciling twice."



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Memorandum

To: Greg Gould
Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

From: Mary L. Kendall
Deputy Inspector General

Subject: Final Inspection Report – United States’ Implementation
of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
Report No. 2016-EAU-041

This memorandum transmits the findings of our inspection of the United States’ implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Our inspection objective was to determine the status of the U.S. implementation of the EITI standard. We are not making any recommendations in this report but are providing it for information purposes only.

The legislation creating the Office of Inspector General requires that we report to Congress semiannually on all audit, inspection, and evaluation reports issued; actions taken to implement our recommendations; and recommendations that have not been implemented.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-208-5745.

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Results in Brief

The United States (U.S.) has made significant progress meeting the individual requirements necessary to achieve compliant status with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). EITI is a global initiative that promotes revenue transparency and accountability for natural resource extraction. The Department of the Interior (DOI) works in collaboration with industry and civil society partners¹ to implement EITI on behalf of the United States.

Our review found that the U.S. has met seven of the eight EITI requirements and partially met one requirement in its effort to achieve EITI compliant status, the highest level of implementation. It has only partially met the revenue collection requirement (Requirement 4) because it has been unable to obtain full disclosure of extractive resource payments from companies, thus preventing the required reconciliation to Government receipts. In addition, the U.S. has encountered challenges as part of its participation in EITI that could prevent it from reaching the goal of compliant status. Should the U.S. not achieve compliant status, its standing in EITI would be diminished.

In spite of the framework laid out in Requirement 4 and the ensuing challenges, the U.S. could still meet this requirement. Through its regular ongoing operations, the U.S. has a system in place that achieves the standard's disclosure and reconciliation requirement, through a process known as mainstreaming. This reporting method may enable the U.S. to meet the EITI reporting and reconciliation mandates without necessarily following the prescriptive language of the standard.

We are not making any recommendations in this report but are providing this document for informational purposes to the Office of Natural Resources Revenue—DOI's EITI representative—and to the members of the U.S. EITI multi-stakeholder group for use as they move forward.

At the close of our field work, senior Government officials disclosed that the U.S. was considering not pursuing the validation process because of uncertainties in achieving Requirement 4. Most likely, the U.S. would transition from an implementing country to a supporting country of EITI. Nevertheless, the U.S. intends to continue its efforts to disclose revenue and maintain its public website.

¹ Civil society is defined as community and citizenry involvement. In the U.S., it includes academia, non-governmental organizations, and labor unions.

Introduction

Objective

We conducted this inspection to determine the status of the United States' (U.S.) implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) standard.

Appendix 1 contains the scope and methodology, as well as sites visited.

Background

EITI is a global initiative that aims to promote revenue transparency and accountability for natural resource extraction (e.g. oil, natural gas, coal, gold, and renewable energy). The initiative grew out of concern about corruption and mismanagement of these resources worldwide. Many EITI participating countries are in developing parts of the world, and the initiative seeks to strengthen these government and company systems. The U.S. Government, however, has long had a management system featuring numerous controls and protections to oversee natural resource extraction, which helps reduce the risk of corruption.

As a leading extractive producer of such natural resources as oil, natural gas, and coal, the U.S. announced its intention to join EITI in September 2011. The Secretary of the Interior serves as the Administration's senior official responsible for EITI implementation. The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) within DOI serves as the Government's lead representative on the multi-stakeholder group (MSG). The U.S. has been working toward achieving compliant status, and validation is scheduled to begin in April 2018.

To date, DOI expenditures for EITI have totaled approximately \$6.5 million, of which the Government spent \$2.8 million in fiscal year 2016. The largest expenditures included Government labor and contracts for outside services. Current estimates of expenditures for reconciliation of Government receipts to company payments total \$519,000 per year.

The EITI standard has eight primary requirements and multiple subparts that countries must follow when implementing EITI. A synopsis of the eight EITI standard requirements is detailed in Figure 1 below.

EITI Standard Requirements

I: Multi-stakeholder group oversight. Government, industry, and civil society engagement.

EITI Standard Requirements	
2: Legal and institutional framework.	Disclosure of legal framework and fiscal regime governing extractive industries.
3: Exploration and production.	Disclosure of exploration and production activities, as well as export data.
4: Revenue collection.	Disclosure and reconciliation of company payments and Government revenues.
5: Revenue allocations.	Disclosure of revenue distribution, revenue management, and expenditures.
6: Social and economic spending.	Disclosure of social expenditures and the extractive sector's impact on the economy.
7: Outcomes and impact.	Disclosure of discrepancies identified in EITI reports, as well as lessons learned during implementation.
8: Compliance and deadlines for implementing countries.	Outlines timeframes established by the EITI international board and consequences of noncompliance with the deadlines and requirements for EITI implementation.

Figure 1. A full explanation of EITI requirements is available at <https://eiti.org/eiti-requirements>.

The initiative is implemented by governments, in collaboration with the MSG, which includes industry and civil society, the latter defined as community and citizenry involvement (e.g. academia and non-governmental organizations). In the U.S., MSG formation in 2012 brought together these three sectors for the first time to achieve a common goal. Initially skeptical, MSG members found that genuine cooperation could generate appreciation for differing viewpoints.

EITI has 56 participating countries. Each country that chooses to implement the EITI standard must establish an MSG that oversees implementation. In addition, most countries, including the U.S., create a national secretariat with a full-time staff to administer the program. The EITI international board, headquartered in Oslo, Norway, is the governing body. Countries implementing the standard publish an annual report in which governments publicly disclose payments received from companies obtained from extractive resources, which are subsequently reconciled.

Countries join EITI with the goal of achieving compliance with the EITI standard. To achieve compliant status, a country must go through the EITI validation process. This includes a comprehensive evaluation of the country's progress toward achieving the eight requirements, as determined by the EITI international board. A country must make satisfactory progress on each requirement in the standard in order to achieve compliant status.

Results

Progress in Complying with EITI

The U.S. has been working on EITI implementation since 2011. It has made significant progress meeting the individual requirements necessary to achieve the highest level of EITI implementation, known as compliant status. Based on our analysis, the U.S. has met seven of the eight requirements and partially met Requirement 4, which necessitates that all Government revenue receipts be reported and subjected to reconciliation. Reconciliation involves comparison of Government receipts to company payments, and explains significant discrepancies between the two. This activity is performed by a third party, known as the independent administrator. The Office of Inspector General (OIG) independently assessed the status of DOI's EITI implementation, as shown in Figure 2.²

OIG Assessment of DOI EITI Implementation		
Requirement	Status	Comments
I – MSG oversight.	Met	MSG formed, with equal representation by government, industry, and civil society. All required meetings and work products achieved.

² The EITI international board is the body that officially determines whether a country has fulfilled the standard, and sets four categories of progress for assessing a country's compliance with each requirement: satisfactory, meaningful, inadequate, and no progress. Our determination of the status does not directly align with those categories identified in the standard. Our assessment was not intended to mirror the board or duplicate any effort. For simplicity, we established our own categories: met, partially met, and not met.

OIG Assessment of DOI EITI Implementation

Requirement	Status	Comments
2 – Legal and institutional framework.	Met	<p>Collaborating with the General Services Administration, DOI produced a public website known as the portal, which houses natural resource data along with the electronic version of the annual EITI report. We found that the portal, which went online in December 2015, presents natural resource-related information in a user-friendly format. The international board has recognized the portal as a model for other countries to emulate.</p> <p>Online data portal provides details on allocation of contracts and licenses, with links to Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management websites.</p>
3 – Exploration and production.	Met	Online data portal provides details on fossil fuels, renewable energy, and non-energy minerals, as well as exports of various commodities.
4 – Revenue collection.	Partially Met	Low disclosure of nontax and tax revenues by companies prevent required comprehensive reconciliation of Government revenue receipts to company payments.
5 – Revenue allocations.	Met	Online data portal provides details on all revenue streams, distribution of revenues, and recipients.
6 – Social and economic spending.	Met	Online data portal provides details on extractive sector contributions to the economy.

OIG Assessment of DOI EITI Implementation		
Requirement	Status	Comments
7 – Outcomes and impact.	Met	<p>Online data portal contains recommendations for addressing reconciliation discrepancies and improving the EITI process.</p> <p>To illustrate extractive industry impacts on local communities, the annual report includes 12 county case studies from across the country, as well as data from 18 states, in an effort to increase public awareness.</p> <p>MSG has actively solicited input from the general public concerning U.S. involvement in EITI. Public interest in EITI is not yet strong, but MSG efforts to obtain outside input and to publish meeting minutes promote EITI's principles of openness and transparency.</p>
8 – Compliance and deadlines for implementing countries.	Met	Deadlines for annual progress reports met, and deadlines for EITI reports surpassed.

Figure 2: OIG's assessment of DOI implementation of EITI requirements.

Challenges in Complying with EITI Revenue Collection Requirement

DOI faces numerous difficulties in trying to meet Requirement 4. Some are less challenging than others, providing opportunities for solutions, while others may offer no alternative course of action.

Voluntary initiative

The voluntary nature of EITI makes full company participation in nontax and tax revenue disclosures difficult to obtain. Companies are not compelled to report revenue and tax data, and do not see the benefit of participation. Consequently, a significant number have chosen not to participate.

U.S. privacy laws

Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C.) provides for the confidentiality of tax returns and return information. It prevents the U.S. Internal

Revenue Service (IRS) from disclosing returns and return information unless the taxpayer authorizes the release or one of several exceptions are met.

Low company participation

EITI Requirement 4 calls for comprehensive disclosure and reconciliation of company payments and Government revenues from extractive industries. Companies make payments to the U.S., and the payments are considered revenues when collected.

In the U.S., revenues associated with extractive industries consist of two categories—nontax and tax. Nontax revenues are comprised of 11 revenue streams (e.g., royalties, bonuses, rents, inspection and permit fees, and civil penalties), whereas tax revenues represent corporate income tax payments reported to the IRS.

Requirement 4 presents a major challenge for the U.S. because of the numerous companies that operate on Federal lands and large sums of revenue involved. Specifically, more than 3,000 companies paid the Federal Government \$12.64 billion and \$7.80 billion in nontax extractive revenue for the 2015 and 2016 reports, respectively. Since full company participation in the initiative would have been too time consuming and costly to accomplish, the MSG decided to select a manageable sample of companies. This required establishing materiality thresholds, as the standard allows, for company reporting and subsequent reconciliation. The MSG found that a significant and achievable sample of companies could be selected by setting the threshold at \$50 million and \$37.5 million of total annual revenue reported to ONRR by a parent company, including its subsidiaries, for 2015 and 2016. The threshold amount varies yearly due to changes in commodity prices, which in turn affects the amount of payments made to ONRR. For nontax revenues, this reduced the 3,000 company universe to 45 companies for the 2015 annual report, and 41 companies for the 2016 report. For tax revenues, the sample became 41 companies for the 2015 report, and 38 companies for the 2016 report. The number of companies can change from year to year due to factors such as mergers, acquisitions, and bankruptcies.³

Unfortunately, a significant number of companies that were asked to participate declined the request, and so the amount of revenues actually reported and reconciled were far less than the 80 percent target (see Figure 3).⁴ We determined the U.S. has only partially met Requirement 4. This low level of company participation is of concern as the U.S. seeks validation.

³ Companies chosen for participation represent the largest producers of oil, gas, coal, and hard rock in the U.S., including, among others, ExxonMobil Corporation, Chevron Corporation, Shell E&P Company, Arch Coal, Inc., and Peabody Energy Corporation.

⁴ Although the target for reconciling tax revenue was all the companies asked to participate in EITI, the U.S. did not report the total amount of tax revenue because companies are not required to disclose this information.

Results From Companies Subject To Reconciliation (Dollars in Billions)				
Report Year	Nontax		Tax	
	Target	Achieved	Target	Achieved
2015				
Number of Companies Disclosed	45	31 (69%)	41	12 (29%)
Number of Companies Reconciled	45	31 (69%)	41	5 (12%)
Revenues Reconciled	\$10.44	\$8.50 (81%)		
2016				
Number of Companies Disclosed	41	25 (61%)	38	12 (32%)
Number of Companies Reconciled	41	25 (61%)	38	7 (18%)
Revenues Reconciled	\$6.11	\$4.83 (79%)		

Figure 3. Information about companies not disclosing their payments. In the tax column, the target for revenues reconciled could not be established and reconciled because most companies did not report tax data.

Subnational reporting

The EITI standard requires that MSG establish whether or not direct payments from companies to subnational government entities (states and tribes in the U.S.) are significant.⁴ If significant, then disclosure and reconciliation of payments to these entities are included in the EITI report. Given significant practical barriers to collecting data from all 50 states, the MSG focused its efforts on 18 states with the most extractive revenue.

To date, only three of these 18 states have chosen to disclose data about their extractive industries. These three still have not agreed to reconcile company payments to Government receipts. Further, since U.S. law recognizes Tribes as

⁴ Subnational is defined as below the national Government level—in the U.S. this refers primarily to state and tribal governments.

sovereign nations, they are not bound to participate in EITI, and no tribes have volunteered for this purpose.

Although the U.S. received approval from the EITI international board to deviate from full subnational reporting for past reports, it has no guarantee that this approval will continue in the future.

Beneficial ownership

As of January 2020, the standard requires disclosure of beneficial ownership information in the EITI report. Beneficial ownership refers to individuals who directly or indirectly own or control a corporate entity.

In December 2016, the U.S. published its “roadmap” or plan for meeting the future beneficial ownership disclosure requirement. Collection and disclosure of this information may prove problematic, however, since the U.S. does not have an institutional structure for public disclosure of beneficial ownership, and voluntary participation may produce limited results. For example, DOI does not have any mechanism to collect beneficial ownership information when conducting lease sales related to extractive industry operating rights on U.S. Federal lands or for regulating extractive operations, as well as collecting production related fees and royalties.

Mainstreaming

Mainstreaming is a mechanism through which countries disclose revenue collection, accounting, and disbursement as part of routine Government operations. It is advantageous for two reasons – first, it highlights countries that make transparency an integral and routine feature of their management systems. Second, countries that achieve mainstreaming do not have to undergo the reconciliation process. To achieve mainstreaming, the U.S. must submit to a rigorous application process, which is subject to approval by the international board.

We found the U.S. is actively pursuing mainstreaming to satisfy Requirement 4 by reporting that it routinely discloses 100 percent of all nontax revenue streams. In addition, the U.S. is preparing a thorough description of its robust audit processes and procedures for the 2017 annual report. Among these are the following—

- ONRR and its State and tribal partners help ensure that companies pay correctly through the use of audits, compliance reviews, data mining, and an enforcement program;
- ONRR accounts for nontax revenues using company-submitted royalty reports—more than 150 up-front automated edits of these reports help detect irregularities;
- Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement conduct physical inspections of lease operations;

- An independent accounting firm annually audits DOI's financial statements, which include extractive revenue;
- DOI and DOI's bureaus are independently audited by the Office of Inspector General, and IRS receives audit oversight from the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; and
- IRS verifies tax payments made by companies.

These processes and procedures ensure accountability for 100 percent of natural resource revenues. Accordingly, the U.S. could be in compliance with Requirement 4, even if full reporting and reconciliation from the EITI international board is considered questionable. Although mainstreaming could be a possible solution to demonstrate that the U.S. has complied with Requirement 4, the request has not yet been approved by the international board. Further, it is questionable whether or not the international board would grant such approval. Also, the U.S. still has work left to accomplish in order to develop the contextual narrative of its audit processes and procedures in a manner that fully demonstrates compliance with Requirement 4.

At the close of our field work, Government senior officials disclosed that the U.S. would no longer pursue the validation process because of uncertainties in achieving Requirement 4. Instead, the U.S. will move from being an implementing country to a supporting country of EITI. Nevertheless, the U.S. intends to continue its efforts to disclose revenue and maintain the online data portal.

Appendix I: Scope and Methodology

Scope

Our inspection examined the activities of the United States' implementation of the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) since 2011.

Methodology

We conducted this review from June through March 2017. During our inspection, we—

- reviewed relevant laws, regulations, policies and procedures concerning U.S. EITI implementation;
- reviewed and analyzed data and documents, both hardcopy and electronic;
- reviewed the EITI standard and requirements;
- attended two quarterly multi-stakeholder group meetings;
- interviewed representatives from the EITI international board's secretariat and U.S. Department of State;
- interviewed key members of Government, industry, and civil society sectors;
- interviewed the Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) and key agency staff with EITI responsibilities; and
- interviewed key representatives from the independent administrator, Deloitte Touche, LLP.

We visited—

- ONRR offices in Washington, D.C., and Lakewood, CO; and
- Deloitte Touche, LLP, in Arlington, VA.

We did not test operation and reliability of internal controls related to USEITI. We were provided with computer-generated data related to EITI expenditures, which we used but did not test for completeness and accuracy.

We conducted this inspection in accordance with the Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation as put forth by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. We believe that the work performed provides a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

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Opening Remarks

- o Good morning everyone and welcome back to the Department of the Interior for the 20th Meeting of the USEITI Multistakeholder Group. It's good to see all your familiar faces. I hope your travels have been pleasant.
 - o For record I am Judy Wilson – Program Manager for USEITI and your Designated Federal Official for this USEITI Advisory Committee / MSG.
 - o Last month began the new Administration and the inevitable transfer of power that marks each new Administration. We are still very early in the Administration. We await confirmation of the Honorable Ryan Zinke to Secretary of the Interior, who yesterday was approved by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Once the nominees clear committee, it's up to the Senate Majority Leader (Mitch McConnell to determine the schedule for floor votes). His confirmation vote has not yet been scheduled. We continue to brief the President's advisors and representatives here at Interior. They liked the 2016 USEITI Executive Summary we prepared and said they plan to take a look at the data portal as soon as things settled down.
 - o I know Dodd-Frank 1504 is on your minds. As you are aware the House Rules Committee held a hearing Monday on several Joint Resolutions including Joint Resolution 41 providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers". The Senate has yet to vote on the joint resolution and the President has not yet signed anything. At Interior, we will remain silent on the Joint Resolution to disapprove the Securities and Exchange Commission's rule.
 - o Let's begin today by having everyone introduce themselves for the record.
 - o I'd like to begin with the co-chairs.
- [Danielle, Veronika and Greg introduce themselves]
- o Thank you.
 - o Now let's go around the room, starting to my right.
- [Introductions by all in attendance in person and on the phone lines]
- o Before we jump into the agenda, I'm required to cover a few logistical items.
 - o Our facilitator, Pat Field from the Consensus Building Institute is here today and will be keeping us on track. Thank you for being here.
 - o The meeting is being recorded and minutes are being taken by Toby Berkman / Tushar Kansal of CBI.

o Just a reminder, please state your name and affiliation when you speak today, and for Alternates who wish to speak, please identify yourselves when you come to the table in place of a member.

o Let me introduce Kim Oliver, Kim will go over a few housekeeping and safety items before we begin

[Kim Oliver will review the housekeeping items]

o Thank-you Kim.

o Now I'd like to turn it over to Pat Field to review today's Agenda, which you should all have in your folders.

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MSG Oversight				
EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
Government oversight of the EITI process EITI provision 1.1.	Has the government issued a public statement of its intention to implement the EITI (1.1.a)?	Met	On September 20, 2011, President Obama announced the United States' intention to implement EITI as a signature initiative of the U.S. National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership.	
	Has the government appointed a senior individual to lead on the implementation of the EITI (1.1.b)?	Met	In October 2011, the President announced that Secretary of the Interior and his staff will work with industry and civil society to develop a sensible plan to disclose relevant information about revenues from oil, gas, and mining assets, and to enhance the accountability and transparency of our revenue collection efforts.	
	Is the government fully, actively and effectively engaged in the EITI process (1.1.c)? Evidence could include input to and attendance at MSG meetings, submission of data required for the EITI reporting process, commitment to resolving bottlenecks such as legal barriers to disclosure or procurement issues, provision of funding for the EITI process, outreach to stakeholders that are not members of the MSG, use of EITI data and other information to promote public debate, etc.	Met	1. Members from both Federal, State, and Subnational Governments are represented on the USEITI MSG Stakeholder Advisory Committee. 2. The list of members can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/list_of_members_08-11-16.pdf 3. MSG Meeting Summaries can be found at: https://www.doi.gov/eiti/FACA/msg-meeting-minutes	
	Are senior government officials represented on the MSG (1.1.d)?	Met	Gregory Gould (Dir. ONRR) representing Department of Interior and Curtis Carlson (Dir. Business Revenue Division) representing Department of Treasury are both senior officials with the Federal Government.	
Company engagement EITI provision 1.2.	Are companies fully, actively and effectively engaged in the EITI process (1.2.a)? Evidence could include input to and attendance at MSG meetings, submission of data required for the EITI reporting process, commitment to resolving bottlenecks such as legal barriers to disclosure or procurement issues, provision of funding for the EITI process, outreach to stakeholders that are not members of the MSG, use of EITI data and other information to promote public debate, etc.	Met	1. Members from Industry are represented on the USEITI MSG Stakeholder Advisory Committee. 2. The list of Members can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/list_of_members_08-11-16.pdf 3. For the 2016 USEITI Report 25 out of 41 companies voluntarily reported and reconciled revenues and 12 out of 38 companies voluntarily reported taxes of which 7 authorized the government to report to the IA and reconciled taxes. 4. At the March 2016 MSG Meeting the MSG adopted the Implementation Subcommittee's recommendation on encouraging industry peer discussions. 5. The March 2016 Meeting Summary can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_mar_2016_mtg_summary_v5_160426.pdf	
	Is there an enabling environment for company participation in the EITI by analysing how relevant laws, regulations, and administrative rules as well as actual practice in implementation of the EITI have affected company participation in the EITI process? Where laws, regulation or administrative rules have constituted an obstacle to implementation, or where there is an enabling legal environment but actual practice differs, the validator should document the circumstances of the case and any efforts to address the issue be it proactive removal of potential obstacles or reactive action to address any obstacles that have arisen. The validator should cite stakeholders' views on whether any obstacles to company participation have been removed. (1.2.b-c).	Met	1. The USEITI Independent Administrator issues to ONRR a final debrief report which captures a number of lessons learned for program implementation, including areas to improve, gaps to fill, and successes to build on. Lessons learned for the reporting and reconciliation process are based on the IA experience as well as feedback received from companies. 2. Key points from this final debrief are shared with the co-chairs and the MSG at the subsequent public meeting. 3. Key points for the debrief for the 2015 Report were shared with the MSG at the March 2016 MSG Meeting. 4. The March 2016 Meeting Summary can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_mar_2016_mtg_summary_v5_160426.pdf	

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MSG Oversight				
EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
Civil society engagement EITI provision 1.3.	In assessing civil society engagement and the environment for civil society participation, the validator is expected to apply the guidance set out in the civil society protocol.	Met	1. Members from Civil Society are represented on the USEITI MSG Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The list of Members can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/list_of_members_08-11-16.pdf 2. In the Fall of 2013, DOI held several public outreach sessions around the country to ask for stakeholder input on the US Candidacy Application. The summaries and comments received from stakeholders can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/eiti/FACA/outreach	
MSG governance and functioning EITI provision 1.4.	Information about outreach to stakeholders prior to the establishment of the MSG (1.4.a.i), including whether the invitation to participate in the group was open and transparent;	Met	Prior to the establishment of the MSG, DOI held several public outreach sessions around the country to ask for stakeholder input on the implementation for USEITI. A stakeholder assessment was conducted by the Consensus Building Institute (CBI) and represents CBI's independent findings and recommendations based on input from a public comment period, public listening sessions, and targeted multi-sector interviews.	
	Information on the membership of the multi-stakeholder group, and the process by which each stakeholder group nominated their representatives (1.4.a.ii). With regards to representation on the MSG, the validator should provide evidence that civil society and companies have appointed their own representatives. This could for example include: - evidence of civil society and company outreach efforts to engage a diverse range of stakeholders in the EITI process prior to nomination of MSG representatives, including outreach activities, stakeholder mapping etc.; - details about the civil society and company MSG representation nomination process, including information about election processes, any criteria for diverse representation agreed by civil society (regional, ethnic, indigenous, gender, issues, community groups etc.) and companies (sectors, international, domestic, industry bodies etc.) where applicable; and - where MSG members have changed, details about the reasons for the change and the process for re-nominating members.	Met	Per the MSG Terms of reference and consistent with the MSG Charter, "MSG membership will consist of representatives from government, industry and civil society. The Secretary of the Interior appoints the MSG members and alternates as individuals. Any changes or vacancies in membership require a new appointment by the Secretary under the FACA nomination process as described in the Charter. MSG membership reflects the EITI requirement to include representation from government, industry, and civil society stakeholder sectors (Sectors). The Secretary or her/his designee appoints members from a pool that has been vetted and recommended by each sector per the EITI requirement 1.4i of sectors self-selecting their representatives. " 2. The MSG Terms of Reference can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/msg_updated_useiti_terms_of_reference_06282016.pdf 3. The MSG nomination process is documented and can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/msg_eiti_membershipprocess_final.pdf	
	Where multi-stakeholder group membership has changed, documentation of whether there has been any suggestion of coercion or attempts to include members that will not challenge the status quo and whether internal rules for changing MSG representatives have been followed (1.4.a.ii; 1.4.b.vi).	Met	The USEITI Secretariat keeps an official record of all MSG resignations, they are available upon request. The Secretariat also prepares a quarterly vacancy report that is provided to the General Services Administration who oversees all Federal Advisory Committees. Vacancy Reports are also available upon request.	
	Stakeholder views on whether they are adequately represented, including any evidence that stakeholders have provided input to and agreed with the MSG's policy regarding the number of MSG representatives from each stakeholder group, alternates and rotation (1.4.a.ii) as well as stakeholder views on whether their representation sufficiently reflects the diversity of their constituency. (Note: There is no requirement that stakeholders are equally represented numerically.)	Met	At each MSG Meeting there is a public comment period where any member from the public may voice their view or opinion on any topic related to USEITI governance or implementation. The public may also provide comments on an ongoing basis by contacting the USEITI Secretariat at: useiti@ios.doi.gov	

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MSG Oversight				
EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
	<p>civil society MSG members are operationally and in policy terms independent of government and companies (1.4.a.ii). In making this assessment, the validator may wish to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidence of any civil society constituency discussions or agreed consistency policies related to ensuring policy and operational independence from members of parliament from the ruling party, other political parties aligned with the government, or extractive companies. - Evidence that any potential conflict of interests or issues affecting civil society MSG members independence have been transparently disclosed. - Details about the articles of association, objectives, work programmes and funding sources of civil society organisations represented on the MSG. 	Met	<p>Per the MSG Terms of Reference and consistent with the MSG Charter, "MSG membership will consist of representatives from government, industry and civil society. The Secretary of the Interior appoints the MSG members and alternates as individuals. Any changes or vacancies in membership require a new appointment by the Secretary under the FACA nomination process as described in the Charter. MSG membership reflects the EITI requirement to include representation from government, industry, and civil society stakeholder sectors (Sectors). The Secretary or her/his designee appoints members from a pool that has been vetted and recommended by each sector per the EITI requirement 1.4i of sectors self-selecting their representatives."</p> <p>2. The MSG Terms of Reference can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/msg_updated_u_seiti_terms_of_reference_06282016.pdf</p> <p>3. The MSG nomination process is documented and can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/msg_eiti_memberprocess_final.pdf</p> <p>4. Each open nomination period is announced in the Federal Register, which also documents the nomination process.</p> <p>5. Section 5703 of Title 5 of the U.S. Code allows travel expenses for MSG Members away from their homes and while engaged in MSG business the same as persons employed by the Federal government.</p> <p>6. Each MSG Public Meeting is preceded by sector caucus and the government makes available during the course of each MSG</p>	
	<p>the MSG includes appropriate stakeholders and whether MSG members appear to have sufficient capacity to carry out their duties (1.4.b.i).</p> <p>decision-making is conducted in an inclusive way which treats each constituency as a partner (1.4.b.vi) (for guidance on the interpretation of this provision please see Guidance Note 14). The validator is expected to assess whether the decision-making rules agreed by the MSG are being followed including by consulting documentation and stakeholder views on how MSG decisions have been taken and whether all stakeholders are involved in decision-making.</p>	Met	Same as above.	
	<p>decision-making is conducted in an inclusive way which treats each constituency as a partner (1.4.b.vi) (for guidance on the interpretation of this provision please see Guidance Note 14). The validator is expected to assess whether the decision-making rules agreed by the MSG are being followed including by consulting documentation and stakeholder views on how MSG decisions have been taken and whether all stakeholders are involved in decision-making.</p>	Met	<p>1. The MSG decision making process is documented in Section VII of the MSG terms of reference which can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/msg_updated_u_seiti_terms_of_reference_06282016.pdf</p> <p>2. All MSG Meetings are facilitated by an independent third party facilitator, CBI. CBI also facilitates Subcommittee and Workgroup meetings at the request of those committees.</p>	
	<p>The validator is expected to confirm that the MSG has agreed Terms of Reference (TORs) that give the MSG a say over implementation. The Validator is expected to document whether the TORs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outline the role and responsibilities of MSG members and whether MSG members are effectively carrying out their tasks, including evidence of outreach activities and liaison with constituency groups (1.4.b.i-iii); • give the MSG a mandate to approve workplans, the appointment of the Independent Administrator including the Terms of Reference for the Independent Administrator's work, EITI Reports and annual activity reports (1.4.b.iv-v); and • include internal governance rules and procedures (1.4.b.vi-viii), and assess whether these are followed, including whether per diem practices have been published. 	Met	<p>The MSG Terms of Reference are publicly available and can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/msg_updated_u_seiti_terms_of_reference_06282016.pdf</p>	
	<p>The validator is also expected to note any concerns with regards to adherence to the TOR.</p>	Met	<p>Any issues with adherence to the TOR have been raised either in co-chair meetings or at MSG Meetings. Summaries of each meeting can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/eiti/FACA/msg-meeting-minutes</p>	

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MSG Oversight					
EITI Provisions		Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
Work plan	EITI provision 1.5	The validator is expected to document that a publicly accessible EITI workplan has been agreed by the MSG, and assess whether it includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objectives for implementation that are linked to the EITI principles and reflect national priorities for the extractive industries (1.5.a). The Validator should document any efforts to consult key stakeholders on the objectives for implementation (1.5.b);• Measurable and time-bound activities to achieve the agreed objectives (1.5.c);• Activities aimed at addressing any capacity constraints identified (1.5.c.i);• Activities related to the scope of EITI reporting (1.5.c.ii);• Activities aimed at addressing any legal or regulatory obstacles identified (1.5.c.iii);• Plans for implementing the recommendations from Validation and EITI reporting (1.5.c.iv);• Costings and funding sources, including domestic and external sources of funding and technical assistance (1.5.d);• A timetable for implementation (1.5.g). If the timetable is not being met, the validator – based on evidence from key stakeholders and others – should give an opinion on whether the delays in meeting the timetable are reasonable. The validator is invited to comment on the overall progress in implementing the workplan.	Met	The USEITI Workplans for 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 are available online and can be found at: https://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca	
		The validator is expected to document whether the workplan has been made widely available to the public (1.5.e) and has been reviewed and updated annually. The validator is expected to note whether or not the MSG has considered extending the detail and scope of EITI reporting to address issues such as revenue management and expenditure, transportation payments, discretionary social expenditures, ad-hoc sub national transfers, beneficial ownership and contracts when reviewing the workplan (1.5.f).	Met	Same as above.	Same as above.

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Award of Contracts and Licenses				
EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
Legal framework EITI provision 2.1.	The validator is expected to document whether a summary description of the fiscal regime has been disclosed, including the level of fiscal devolution, an overview of the relevant laws and regulations, and information on the roles and responsibilities of the relevant government agencies (2.1.a).	Met	This has been documented in the 2015 Executive Summary and is also available on the USEITI Data Portal online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/#laws-governance	
	The validator is expected to document whether the EITI Report includes any information about reforms that are underway (2.1.b). Such disclosures are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.	Met	This has been documented in the 2015 Executive Summary and is also available on the USEITI Data Portal online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/#laws-governance	
License allocations EITI provision 2.2.	The validator is expected to document whether the information about the process for awarding or transferring the license(s) set out in provision 2.2.a has been comprehensively disclosed for any license awards or transfers pertaining to the companies covered by the EITI Report during the financial year covered by the EITI report. The validator should also comment on the disclosure of information regarding license awards and transfers made during the financial year covered by the EITI report that did not generate material revenues in that period, but are expected to generate material revenues in the future, including any legal and practical barriers to such disclosures (2.2.a)		The USEITI Data Portal points to BOEM and BLM websites for current lease information.	
	Where companies covered by the EITI Report hold licenses that were not awarded or transferred during the financial year covered by the EITI Report, the validator may wish to comment on the disclosure of information related the allocation of these licenses. The validator's findings will not have implications for compliance with the EITI Standard (2.2.b).		See above	
	The validator is expected to document whether the government has disclosed the list of applicants and the bid criteria related to any bidding processes that took place in the accounting period covered by the EITI Report (2.2.c).		See above	
	The validator is expected to document whether the EITI Report includes any additional information about the allocation of licenses, including whether the EITI Report includes commentary on the efficiency and effectiveness of these systems (2.2.d). Such disclosures are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.		See above	
License registers EITI provision 2.3.	The validator is expected to document whether the information set out in provision 2.3.a-b has been disclosed for all the licenses held by companies covered in the EITI reporting process.		The data portal points to BOEM and BLM websites for current lease information.	

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EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
	The validator is expected to document whether the information set out in provision 2.3.b is also available for the licenses held by entities not covered by the EITI reporting process, and if not, document the reasons for any gaps (2.3.b-c). Comprehensive disclosure is expected, but not required for compliance with the EITI Standard. Where information about licenses held by entities not covered by the EITI reporting process is missing, the validator is expected to evaluate whether the MSG has documented and explained the barriers to provision of this information and any government plans to overcome these barriers.	See above		
Contracts EITI provision 2.4.	The validator is expected to document whether the government’s policy on contract transparency has been disclosed. This should include relevant legal provisions, actual disclosure practices and any government reforms that are planned or underway (2.4.b). The validator is expected to document whether the EITI Report includes disclosures of contracts and licenses. Such disclosures are encouraged but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI provisions (2.4.a). Where contracts are disclosed, the validator is expected to document whether the EITI Report provides an overview of the contracts and information on how these can be accessed (2.4.b).	The policy on contract disclosure was explained briefly in the 2015 Executive Summary on page 43 and 44. See above		
Beneficial ownership EITI provision 2.5	The validator is expected to document whether the EITI Report documents the government’s policy and MSG’s discussion on disclosure of beneficial ownership in accordance with provision 2.5.b.i. Effective as of 1 January 2017 the validator is expected to document whether the MSG has published a roadmap for beneficial ownership disclosure in accordance with provision 2.5.b.ii, including progress with implementation of the roadmap. Effective as of 1 January 2020, the validator is expected to document whether beneficial ownership has been disclosed in accordance with provisions 2.5 c-f. The validator is also expected to document if the implementing country has a publicly available register of the beneficial owners in accordance with provision 2.5.a. Such disclosures are recommended, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.	The Beneficial Ownership Work Group prepared the draft Beneficial Ownership Roadmap for Implementation Subcommittee review who subsequently approved to recommend to the MSG to review, discuss and ultimately approve. The MSG approved the Beneficial Ownership Roadmap at the 19th MSG Meeting in November 2016. The approved Roadmap can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/draft_bo_roadmap_10-30-16_clean.pdf See above See above See above	The MSG approved Beneficial Ownership Roadmap was transmitted to the International Secretariat on 12/15/16. See above See above See above	

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EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress		Evidence and Rationale
State-ownership EITI provisions 2.6	The validator is expected to document whether there are any state-owned enterprises engaged in the extractive sector, and if so, whether the prevailing rules and practices regarding the financial relationship between the government and state-owned enterprises have been disclosed (2.6.a). This could include rules and practices governing transfers of funds between the SOE(s) and the state, retained earnings, reinvestment and third-party financing.	N/A		
	The validator is expected to document whether the government and SOE(s) have disclosed their level of ownership in mining, oil and gas companies operating within the country's oil, gas and mining sector, including those held by SOE subsidiaries and joint ventures, and any changes in the level of ownership during the reporting period in accordance with provision 2.6.c. Where changes to ownership have occurred, the validator is expected to confirm whether the terms of the transactions have been disclosed and the reasons for any gaps in disclosure. Reporting on changes to ownership is expected, but not required and should not be considered in assessing for compliance with the EITI Standard. Where information about changes to ownership is not disclosed, the validator is expected to evaluate whether the MSG has documented and explained the barriers to provision of this information and any government plans to overcome these barriers.	N/A	See above	
	The validator is expected to document whether details about any loans or loan guarantees to mining, oil and gas companies operating within the country have been disclosed (2.6.c).	N/A	See above	

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Exploration and Production				
EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
Exploration activities EITI provision 3.1.	The validator is expected to document whether an overview of the extractive industries, including any significant exploration activities, has been disclosed (3.1)	Met	This requirement was met on the USEITI Data Portal found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/ ; https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/production/ ; https://useiti.doi.gov/search-results/?q=Exploration	
Production data EITI provision 3.2.	The validator is expected to document whether total production volumes and the value of production by commodity have been disclosed, including whether this information is further disaggregated by state/region where relevant (3.2). Where the MSG has disclosed the sources of production data and information on how production data has been calculated, the validator should take note of this. Reporting on such information is encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing for compliance with the EITI Standard.	Met	This requirement was met on the USEITI Data Portal found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/ ; https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/#production ; https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/#production-all ; https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/federal-production/	
Export data EITI provision 3.3.	The validator is expected to document whether total export volumes and the value of exports by commodity have been disclosed, including whether this information is further disaggregated by state/region of origin where relevant (3.3). Where the MSG has disclosed the sources of export data and information on how export data has been calculated, the validator should take note of this. Reporting on such information is encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing for compliance with the EITI Standard.	Met	This requirement was met on the USEITI Data Portal found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/ ; https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/#exports ; https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/#economic-impact ; https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/state/data/index.html	

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Revenue Collection				
EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
Comprehensive disclosure of taxes and revenues EITI provisions 4.1.	The MSG has agreed on a materiality definition, including any reporting thresholds, as well as the options considered and the rationale for the materiality definition (4.1.a).	Met	<p>1. At the 5th MSG Meeting in July 23-24, 2013, the MSG agreed to a reconciliation materiality threshold for companies that pay \$50 million in revenues annually to ONRR, capturing 80% of revenues paid to ONRR in the first report, and a threshold of \$20 million, capturing 90% in the second report. Based on 2013 ONRR data, this would require voluntary participation by 40 companies and 63 payors in the first report, 70 companies and 117 payors in the second report. However, capturing 90% in the second report was pending achieving compliance in the First Annual Report and the MSG reviewing lessons learned and reviewing company reach-out.</p> <p>2. The December 2014 MSG Decision Matrix (http://www.doi.gov/eiti/FACA/upload/USEITI-Company-and-Project-LevelRecommendation.pdf) documents the companies to be included in the 2015 Reconciliation Report are Companies that reported over \$50 million in revenues to ONRR (80% of total revenues). Those identified Companies voluntarily participate in both non-tax revenue and tax revenue reporting and reconciliation. Further, the December Matrix also specifies Companies that voluntarily submit their taxes will be identified; those Companies that choose not to submit will also be identified; Companies can also agree to reconciliation (this recommendation pending MSG approval). At the 13th MSG Meeting in February 24-24, 2015, the MSG approved the incorporation of the content of the tax reporting cover letter into the Reporting Template Guidance. The letter (http://www.doi.gov/eiti/FACA/upload/Tax-Authorization-Memo.pdf) provided the necessary form and instructions to authorize the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to release certain specified corporate income tax payment and refund transactions data for calendar year 2013 to Deloitte & Touche LLP in order to reconcile corporate income tax payments.</p> <p>3. The March 2016 Decision Matrix subsequently documented Companies should be considered in-scope and their submitted payments will be reconciled if they are part of the top 80% of revenue reported to ONRR for CY 2015. This will include 41 companies with a revenue threshold of \$37 million or more reported to ONRR in CY 2015.</p>	At the 20th MSG Meeting in February 2017 the MSG will decide on mainstreaming which may affect reporting thresholds.
	The revenue streams considered material are listed and described in the EITI Report (4.1.a).	Met	<p>See above</p> <p>1. In-scope revenue streams and companies - https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary_2015-12-22.pdf (page 92)</p> <p>2. https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/#revenue; https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/revenues/;</p> <p>3. https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/corporate-income-tax/;</p> <p>https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_extractive-revenue-appendix_2015-12-22.pdf</p> <p>4. https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/federal-revenue-by-location/</p>	
	The validator is expected to document whether the revenue streams listed in provision 4.1.b have been considered. Where the MSG has agreed to exclude certain revenue streams from the EITI Report, the validator is expected to document and evaluate the rationale for their exclusion (4.1.b).	Met	See above	
	The MSG has identified the companies making material payments and whether these companies fully reported all payments in accordance with the materiality definition (4.1.c; and the IA TOR).	Met	See above	
	The MSG has identified the government entities receiving material revenues and whether these government entities fully reported all receipts in accordance with the materiality definition (4.1.c and the IA TOR).	Met	See above	

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EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
	The government fully reported all revenues, including any revenues below the materiality thresholds. (Note: this information can be provided in aggregate.) Where the government has not fully disclosed all revenues, the validator is expected to document the justification provided by the MSG (4.1.d).	Met	This requirement was met in the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Executive Summary Appendices for Reporting and reconciliation found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/about/report/ The 2015 USEITI Executive Summary Appendix can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary_2015-12-22.pdf The 2016 USEITI Executive Summary Appendix can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary-combined_2016-11-18.pdf	
	Where companies or government entities paying or receiving material revenues have not submitted reporting templates, or have not fully disclosed all the payments and revenues, the validator is expected to document whether the EITI Report documents these issues and includes an assessment of the impact on the comprehensiveness of the report.	Met	This requirement was met in both the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Executive Summaries and IA Reconciliation Report Appendix to the Executive Summary. The 2015 USEITI Executive Summary and Appendix can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/about/report/ https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary_2015-12-22.pdf The 2016 USEITI Executive Summary and Appendix can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary_2016-11-18.pdf https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary-combined_2016-11-18.pdf	
	In accordance with the IA TOR, the validator is expected to provide a summary of the key findings from the Independent Administrator's assessment with regards to the comprehensiveness of the EITI disclosures and coverage of the reconciliation.	Met	This requirement was met in the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Executive Summaries. The 2015 USEITI Executive Summary and Appendix can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/about/report/ and https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary_2015-12-22.pdf The 2016 USEITI Executive Summary and Appendix can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary_2016-11-18.pdf	
In-kind revenues EITI provision 4.2	The validator is expected to document and evaluate the MSG's definition of materiality with regards to in-kind revenues. Where in-kind revenues exist and are considered material, the validator is expected to document whether these have been fully disclosed in accordance with provision 4.2.	N/A		
	The validator is expected to comment on whether the EITI Report includes disclosures such as the type of product, price, market and sale volume, and whether the volumes sold and revenues received are reconciled. Such disclosures are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.		https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/federal-revenue-by-location/	
Infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements EITI provision 4.3	The validator is expected to document and evaluate the MSG's definition of materiality with regards to infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements. Where infrastructure provisions and barter arrangements exist and are considered material, the validator is expected to document whether these revenue flows or value transfers have been fully disclosed in accordance with provision 4.3	N/A		
Transportation revenues EITI provision 4.4	The validator is expected to document and evaluate the MSG's definition of materiality with regards to transportation revenues. Where transportation revenues exist and are considered material, the validator is expected to document whether these revenue flows have been fully disclosed in accordance with provision 4.4.	N/A		

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	Disclosure of material transportation revenues is expected, but not required for compliance with the EITI provisions. Where transportation revenues are material but not disclosed, the validator is expected to evaluate whether the MSG has documented and explained the barriers to provision of this information and any government plans to overcome these barriers. The validator is also expected to comment on whether the EITI Report includes additional disclosures in accordance with provision 4.4.i-v. Such disclosures are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.	N/A		
Transactions between SOEs and government entities EITI provision 4.5	The validator is expected to verify that the EITI Report describes the role of any SOEs operating in the country. Where SOEs make payments to the government, collect material revenues on behalf of the state, or both, and where financial transfers between government entities and SOEs exist and are material, the validator is expected to document whether they have been fully disclosed in accordance with provision 4.5	N/A		
Subnational direct payments EITI provision 4.6	The validator is expected to document and evaluate the MSG's definition of materiality with regards to direct subnational payments. Where direct subnational payments exist and are considered material, the validator is expected to document whether these revenue flows have been fully reconciled and disclosed in accordance with provision 4.6.	Met	<p>1. At the 19th MSG Meeting in November 2016 the MSG approved the Request for Extending Adapted Implementation. This was transmitted to the International Secretariat and International Board on 12/15/16. The Request for extending Adapted Implementation can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/request_for_extension_of_adapted_implementation_11172016.pdf</p> <p>2. The 2015 and 2016 Annual Reports disclose payments from the Federal government to States - https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/#federal-disbursements and https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/disbursements/.</p> <p>3. At the 5th Meeting of the MSG in July 23-24, 2013, the MSG decided to seek adapted implementation for subnational reporting as it relates to states.</p> <p>4. At the 10th Meeting of the MSG in June 10-11, 2014, the MSG charged the State and Tribal Opt-in Subcommittee with proceeding with its work to incorporate into the contextual narrative the 18 target opt-in states. The Subcommittee had identified the 18 states considering revenues and production and those included constitute almost 80% of extractive mineral value.</p> <p>5. For the 2016 Report 3 States have agreed to opt-in to USEITI and the data provided varies state-by-state. State narratives are available online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/state-legal-fiscal-info/; https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/AK/; https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/MT/; and https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/WY/</p>	
Level of disaggregation EITI provision 4.7	The financial data disclosed is disaggregated by individual company, government entity and revenue stream. The financial data is disaggregated by project, provided that it is consistent with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission rules and the European Union rules (4.7).	Met	https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/federal-revenue-by-company/2015/	SEC Dodd Frank Section 1504 regulations promulgated and will be effective 2019
Data timeliness EITI provision 4.8	The validator is expected to document whether the implementing country has produced timely EITI Reports in accordance with provision 4.8.	Met		
Data quality EITI provision 4.9 and the IA TOR	The validator is expected to document if and when the MSG endorsed the selection of the Independent Administrator (4.9).	Met	https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_sept_2014_mtg_summary.pdf	

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	<p>The validator is expected to review the TORs agreed by the MSG and the Independent Administrator and document whether the TORs are in accordance with the standard TORs for EITI reports. The validator is expected to highlight any major deviations. (4.9).</p>	Met	<p>Following the creation and the MSG's approval of the Terms of Reference for the Independent Administrator (IA) and a competitive bidding process, the USEITI MSG also secured the services of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, (Deloitte) as the Independent Administrator of the USEITI process. The MSG worked with the IA to make sure that the IA team reflected the capacities and qualifications outlined in the Terms of Reference and endorsed the IA at the September and December 2014 MSG meetings.</p>	
	<p>In accordance with the IA TOR, the validator is expected to document if and when the MSG and the Independent Administrator have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed on reporting templates; - Undertaken a review of the audit and assurance procedures in companies and government entities participating in EITI reporting; - Agreed on the assurances to be provided to the Independent Administrator by the participating companies and government entities to assure the credibility of the data, including the types of assurances to be provided, the options considered and the rationale for the agreed assurances; - Agreed on appropriate provisions for safeguarding confidential information. 	Met	<p>At the February 2015 MSG meeting, the MSG discussed with the IA the following topics related to reconciliation and validation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The content and design of a Reporting Template—and accompanying guidelines—that companies will use to report their payments to the IA • The timeline by which the IA will manage the reporting and reconciliation process • The margin of variance that the IA will use as part of the reconciliation process <p>The Feb 2015 MSG Meeting Summary can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_feb_2015_mtg_summary_-_msg_approved.pdf https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/audits-and-assurances/</p> <p>The IA documented in the 2016 Online Report the Government's Audit and Assurances which can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/audits-and-assurances/</p>	<p>At the February 2017 MSG Meeting the MSG will decide on mainstreaming which may affect the TOR for the IA in which case the TOR would be revised and re-submitted to the International Secretariat and Board.</p> <p>At the February 2017 Meeting the IA will propose to the MSG for approval that they will do a deeper dive in the audit and assurance processes for the government and companies which supports that US is already mainstreaming.</p>
	<p>In accordance with the IA TOR, the validator is expected to: verify that the EITI report documents whether reporting companies and government entities had their financial statements audited in the financial year(s) covered by the EITI report, and whether any gaps have been identified;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - provide a summary of the key findings from the Independent Administrator's assessment with regards to the reliability of the data; - verify that any contextual information not collated by the Independent Administrator is clearly sourced; <p>verify that relevant electronic data files have been published together with the EITI Report and that summary data from the EITI Report has been submitted electronically to the International Secretariat according to the standardised reporting format provided by the International Secretariat.</p>	Met	<p>This requirement was met in the 2015 USEITI Executive Summary The 2015 USEITI Executive Summary and Appendix can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/about/report/</p> <p>The IA documented in the 2016 Online Report the Governments Audit and Assurances which can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/audits-and-assurances/</p>	
		Met	<p>This requirement was met in the 2015 USEITI Executive Summary The 2015 USEITI Executive Summary and Appendix can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/about/report/</p> <p>The IA provided summary data for the 2015 USEITI Report to the International Secretariat on or around September 28, 2016. The IA provided summary data for the 2016 USEITI Report to the International Secretariat on January 3, 2017.</p>	<p>The IA will continue to provide documentation of their transmittal of summary data to the International Secretariat</p>

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Revenue management and distribution				
EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
Distribution of revenues EITI provision 5.1.	The validator is expected to document whether the EITI report indicates which extractive industry revenues are recorded in the national budget. Where revenues are not recorded in the budget, the validator is expected to document that the allocation of these revenues has been explained, with links provided to relevant financial reports as applicable (5.1 a).	Met	1. Federal disbursements of revenues were first documented in the 2015 EITI Report at https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/disbursements/ and the data is updated for the 2016 Report for the years 2012 – 2015 at https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/disbursements/	
	The validator is expected to comment on whether the MSG has referenced any national revenue classification systems or international data standards (3.1.b). Such references are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.	Met	See above	
Sub-national transfers EITI provision 5.2.	The validator is expected to document constitutional, statutory and other mandatory revenue sharing requirements and the MSG's definition of materiality regarding mandatory subnational transfers. Where mandatory subnational transfers exist and are material, the validator is expected to document whether these have been disclosed in accordance with provision 5.2.a together with any revenue sharing formula.	Met	1. Access to information on subnational transfers on Page 14 of 2015 Reconciliation Report. The Report can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary_2015-12-22.pdf 2. https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/federal-laws/	
	The validator is also expected to document if mandatory subnational transfers have been reconciled. Reconciliation is encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.	Met	See above	
	The validator is expected to document whether the MSG has included ad-hoc subnational transfers in the EITI reporting process. Disclosures of ad-hoc subnational transfers are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard (5.2.b).	Met	See above	
Additional information on revenue management and expenditures EITI provision 5.3	The validator is expected to comment on whether the EITI Report includes a description of any extractive revenues earmarked for specific programmes or geographic regions, including a description of the methods for ensuring efficiency and accountability in their use, in accordance with provision 5.3.a. Such disclosures are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.	Met	https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/#federal-disbursements https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/revenues/	
	The validator is expected to comment on whether the EITI Report includes a description of the country's budget and audit processes and links to publicly available information about budgeting and expenditure (5.3.b). Such disclosures are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.	Met	1. https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/revenues/ 2. https://useiti.doi.gov/how-it-works/audits-and-assurances/	

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Revenue management and distribution				
EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
	The validator is expected to comment on whether the MSG has disclosed any further information related to the budget cycle, production and commodity price assumptionis and revenue sustainability, resource dependence, and revenue forecasting (5.3.c). Such disclosures are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.	Met	Linked to in the 2015 Executive Summary: https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/USEITI_executive-summary_2015-12-22.pdf at https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/migrated/pfm/upload/FY-2014-DOI-Citizens-Report.pdf - 2016 relevant data is at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/PFM%20FY%202015%20DOI%20Citizens%20Report.pdf	

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Social and economic spending				
EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale	Action points
Social expenditures EITI provision 6.1	<p>The validator is expected to document the MSG's definition of materiality with regards to mandatory social expenditures. Where mandatory social expenditures exist and are material, the validator is expected to verify whether these have been disclosed and reconciled in accordance with provision 6.1.a, including any gaps.</p> <p>The validator is expected to document whether the MSG has disclosed discretionary social expenditures in accordance with provision 6.1.b. Such disclosures are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.</p>	N/A		
SOE quasi fiscal expenditures EITI provision 6.2	The validator is expected to document the MSG's definition of materiality with regards to quasi-fiscal expenditures by SOEs, including SOE subsidiaries and joint ventures. Where these exist and are material, the validator is expected to document the reporting process developed by the MSG for disclosure of quasifiscal expenditures and verify that these expenditures have been disclosed accordingly (6.2).	N/A		
Contribution of the extractive sector to the economy EITI provision 6.3	The validator is expected to document whether available information about the contribution of the extractive industries to the economy for the fiscal year covered by the EITI report has been disclosed in accordance with provision 6.3.	Met	<p>1. Federal disbursements of revenues were first documented in the 2015 EITI Report at https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/disbursements/ and the data is updated for the 2016 Report for the years 2012 – 2015 at https://useiti.doi.gov/downloads/disbursements/.</p> <p>2. Economic impact - https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/#economic-impact</p>	

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Outcomes and impact of EITI implementation				
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Public debate EITI provision 7.1	The validator is expected to document and evaluate whether the EITI disclosures, including the EITI Report, are comprehensible, have been actively promoted, are publicly accessible and have contributed to public debate (7.1). This should include publication of the EITI report virtually and in hard copies; availability in appropriate languages; and the accessibility of dissemination activities. The validator should also document if the MSG has agreed a policy on the access, release and reuse of EITI data.	Met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 2015 USEITI Report is publically available online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/ 2. As part of the 2016 Communications strategy, formal public outreach opportunities began on May 3, 2016, when the USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group hosted a Public Outreach Webinar on the first Annual USEITI Report and the Online Data Portal. This webinar was attended in-person at the U.S. Department of the Interior and remotely. The government issued a media advisory a week prior to the webinar and posted the webinar video on the MSG website at https://www.doi.gov/eiti/public-engagement following the webinar. Subsequent outreach sessions are scheduled for Congress on September 15; in Montana on October 5-6; and Louisiana on October 19. 3. The USEITI Secretariat printed and distributed 200 hard copies of the 2015 Executive Summary, as well purchased and distributed approximately 1300 flash drives that contained the 2015 Executive Summary. 4. The MSG has agreed that all unilateral disclosure data shall be made publically accessible and can be downloaded and resused by any member of the public. Data can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/ 	
Data accessibility EITI provision 7.2	The validator is expected to comment on any efforts by the MSG to make EITI Reports machine readable, and to code or tag EITI Reports and data files so as to enable EITI data to be compared with other publicly available data (7.2). This could for example include cases where the MSG has decided to reference national revenue classification systems, and international standards such as the IMF Government Finance Statistics Manual; produced summary reports or other types of analysis aimed at improving public understanding of the data and information from the reports; or enabled automated EITI disclosures. Such efforts are encouraged, but not required and should not be considered in assessing compliance with the EITI Standard.	Met	The MSG has agreed that all unilateral disclosure data shall be made publically accessible and can be downloaded and resused by any member of the public. Data can be found online at: https://useiti.doi.gov/explore/	
Lessons learned and follow up on recommendations EITI provision 7.3	The validator is expected to document the government and MSG's progress in taking steps to act upon lessons learned, identifying, investigating and addressing the causes of any discrepancies in EITI reporting, and progress in responding to the recommendations made by the Independent Administrator (7.3).	Met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ONRR staff work closely with both the IA and companies to identify discrepancies. 2. The USEITI Independent Administrator issues to ONRR a final debrief report which captures a number of lessons learned for program implementation, including areas to improve, gaps to fill, and successes to build on. Lessons learned for the reporting and reconciliation process are based on the IA experience as well as feedback received from companies. 3. Key points from this final debrief is shared with the co-chairs and the MSG at the subsequent public meeting. 4. Key points for the debrief for the 2015 Report were shared with the MSG at the March 2016 MSG Meeting. 5. The March 2016 Meeting Summary can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/useiti_msg_-_mar_2016_mtg_summary_v5_160426.pdf 	

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EITI Provisions	Self-Assessment Questions	Progress	Evidence and Rationale
Outcomes and impact of EITI implementation on natural resource governance EITI provision 7.4.	The validator is expected to document the MSG's efforts to review outcomes and impact of EITI implementation on natural resource governance, including whether annual activity reports have been produced and contain the information set out in provision 7.4.a. The validator is also expected to comment on any consultations undertaken by the MSG toward giving all stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback on the EITI process and the impact of the EITI, and have their view reflected in the annual activity report (7.4.b).	Met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Consensus Building Institute issues an Annual Activity Report and the Report is approved by the MSG. The Report can be found online at: https://www.doi.gov/eiti/faca 2. Stakeholders have the opportunity to provide feedback during the public comment period at all MSG Meetings. 3. Stakeholders may provide feedback on the data portal. The online form is available at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeITXdmEhGujpChFpZDKGgBk8GNt1Ubpgf15955tG0dh6NKfA/viewform 4. Stakeholders may provide feedback directly to the USEITI Secretariat by email: USEITI@ios.doi.gov 5. Stakeholders have the opportunity to provide feedback at any of the public outreach sessions that have been scheduled in May, Sept and Oct of 2016.

TWO PAGE MEMO: TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WITHDRAWAL FROM EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (EITI)

I. Background

Under Prime Minister Tony Blair, the United Kingdom founded the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) in 2003.¹ The EITI works to encourage companies in oil, gas, and mining to publicly and fully disclose payments made to governments.² When it began, EITI aimed to better track the path of extractable resource revenues in countries where the revenues can sometimes be diverted away from economic growth and poverty reduction due to mismanagement and corruption.

In 2014, under President Barack Obama, the United States became the first G8 country to join the EITI. Then-Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell was quoted as saying, “U.S. EITI implementation underscores President Obama’s continued and unwavering commitment to leading by example in promoting transparency, accountability, and good governance, both domestically and globally.”² In so doing, the U.S. committed itself to being fully transparent with its extractive revenue figures on both onshore and offshore federal lands.

A Reuters article on the issue from March 2017 notes the following: “The EITI initiative was primarily aimed at developing nations and most of its members are in Africa. But [along with the U.S.,] Britain, Germany and Norway also joined, while France and Australia have also expressed interest.”³

II. Recent Developments

Earlier in 2017, President Trump and Congress rescinded a Securities and Exchange Commission rule requiring U.S. resource extraction companies to disclose payments to international governments.⁴ The Economist was one of the first publications to report on the Trump Administration’s consideration of withdrawal from EITI, in February 2017 – their report gives substantive detail on the consequences of withdrawal and is a recommended read.⁵ The New Yorker ran two pieces on it, one in April 2017⁶ and the other in August 2017.⁴

III. Talking Points and Philosophy

- President Trump is committed to putting America first. The previous administration prioritized economic development in foreign nations over the

¹ [EITI London Conference, 17 June 2003 Statement of Principles and Agreed Actions](#) – U.K. Government website

² [United States Joins EITI to Further Transparency in the Extractive Industries](#) – World Bank website

³ [U.S. sticks to global transparency initiative after Congress repeal](#) – Reuters

⁴ [The Trump Administration rolls back anti-corruption efforts in the oil industry](#) – New Yorker

⁵ [Donald Trump signs a law repealing a disclosure rule for oil companies](#) – The Economist

⁶ [Did the U.S. just pull out of a global anti-corruption group?](#) – New Yorker

financial competitiveness of U.S. entities on the world stage. The Trump Administration seeks to achieve American energy dominance.

- The EITI was designed to hold developing nations, prone to corruption, to account. A German study from 2016 notes that just three of the 34 OECD nations (one of them being the United States) have implemented the EITI.⁷ In addition, countries like Russia, Iran, and China, among many other non-OECD nations who compete against the United States, are not party to EITI.
- Under previous administrations, the United States entered into many multinational agreements where U.S. economic interests were little represented and American business' competitiveness were undermined. Implementing a set of anticompetitive standards for your own nation's businesses, while a fair amount of foreign companies don't have to comply, is unfair to American business and bad for American national security.
- Global development media platform Devex ran a piece in May 2013 criticizing the application of the EITI, entitled "A little more transparency at EITI can go a long way." The piece uses the following line, which is a relevant talking point: **"[EITI] creates an uneven playing field in which law-abiding international investors may be put at a disadvantage to potentially unscrupulous companies that can cut special deals with host governments that will never be exposed to the light of day."**⁸
- Many of the President's criticisms of the Trans Pacific Partnership and Paris Climate Accords are applicable here. Just as the President stated he was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris, he was elected to first represent the interests of citizens of the United States, not developing nations. The U.S. will vigorously defend its sovereignty under President Trump.
- On the President's rescission of the SEC rule that relates to the EITI, then-White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer noted the following at a press briefing on February 14, 2017: **"Misguided federal regulations, such as the SEC rule addressed by HJR 41, inflict real cost on the American people and put our businesses, especially small businesses, at a significant disadvantage."**⁹
- House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy had the following to say about the SEC rule on January 25, 2017: **"The House will also take the ax to the Securities and Exchange Commission's disclosure rule for resource extraction, which adds an unreasonable compliance burden on American energy companies that isn't applied to their foreign competitors. This rule, which closely mimics a regulation already struck down by the courts, would put American businesses at a competitive disadvantage."**¹⁰

⁷ [Implementation of the EITI in G7, EU and OECD countries](#) – Deutschland - EITI

⁸ [A little more transparency at EITI can go a long way](#) – Devex

⁹ [Press Briefing by Press Secretary Sean Spicer, 2/14/2017, #12](#) – The White House

¹⁰ [Leader McCarthy's WSJ Op-Ed: How the House Will Roll Back Washington's Rule by Bureaucrat](#) – Majority Leader

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[Accountability Negotiated Rulemaking Committee - \(Charter signed 01/19/2017; Proposed Membership FR Notice published 01/18/2017 - Open for 30 days; Notice of Establishment needs to be prepared and published in the Federal Register and appointment letters prepared and signed by the Secretary.](#)

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 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) { 30 members – 0 vacancies }
National Invasive Species Council (NISC)
National Ocean Council
National Ocean Council's Deputy Committee
 National Park Foundation (NPF)
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National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council
 National Southwest Border Counter Narcotics Strategy
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Advisory Group
 New Jersey Pinelands Commission
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 OSTP Public Access Policies Working Group – National Science Foundation Group
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 Pacific Salmon Commission
 Performance Reporting System Steering Committee

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Senior Sustainability Officers
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 Steering Committee on Federal Infrastructure Permitting and Review Process Improvement
 Statement of Cooperation Executive Steering Committee (ESC)
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NPS: Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission:

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Section 8 of P.L. 87-126, August 7, 1961, as amended by Title VII, Subtitle E, Section 7402 of P.L. 111-11, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, March 30, 2009

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Division I Title X, subsection 1029(g) of P.L. 104-333, Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 460kkk(g)).

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Office of Wildland Fire

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CONGRESSIONAL

Nothing Scheduled.

Political Appointee Update

DOI politicals on board = 51

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

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Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

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Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

8/5-20 - Personal

9/13 - Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reception (DC)

9/20-21 - Gala and Ribbon Cutting for the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium at the Bass Pro HQ (Springfield, MO)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/25-26 - Steamboat Institute's 9th Annual Freedom Conference & Festival (Steamboat Springs, CO)

9/8 - San Antonio Missions 2017 World Heritage Festival Luncheon

9/6/17 - Edison Electric Institute Board of Directors Conference (Colorado Springs, CO)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

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9/23 - National Mining Hall of Fame (Denver, CO)

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9/26 - GAO for international conference on extractive industries (DC)
9/26 - S&P Annual Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (Singapore)
9/27-28 - Cohen Veterans Care Summit (DC)
9/28-30 - Council for National Policy
Open - Jeffersons Islands Club Citizen of the Year Award (DC)
open - Americans for Tax Reform (DC)
Open - Weyrich Lunch (DC)
Open - Detroit Economic Club

Declining

8/14-17 - Enercom Conference (Denver, CO)
8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)
8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)
8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)
8/22 - Lake Tahoe Summit (Lake Tahoe, CA)
8/22-24 - National Native American Law Enforcement Association (Las Vegas, NV)
8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)
9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)
9/6 - Montana Range Tour (Lewistown, MT)
9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)
9/19-21 - Montana Wood Products Association - Forest Resources Association Convention (Whitefish, MT)
9/23 - Buffalo Bill Centennial Ball (Cody, Wyoming)
9/26 - Billings Chamber Annual Mtg (Billings, MT)
10/1-3 - New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (Santa Fe)
10/1 - Grand Junction Petroleum & Mining Club (Grand Junction, CO)
10/4-5 - Montana Equipment Dealers Association (Whitefish, MT)
10/12 - Natural Areas Association Conference (Fort Collins, CO)

Emergency Management

In Idaho, the Powerline Fire has burned 57,151 (+4,075) acres and is 85 (+38)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 464 (-4) personnel, which includes 127 (+4) DOI personnel. There are 20 (no change) residential structures threatened and 150 (no change) evacuees. Native American cultural resources, utility lines, and pipelines remain threatened for the time being; however, additional perimeter growth is not expected, and risks to resources and utilities are expected to diminish greatly in the coming days. Significant resource demobilization is projected to begin today, and full containment is expected on August 12.

In Oregon, the Spruce Lake Fire in Crater Lake National Park (NPS) has burned 4,681 (no change) acres. The fire is 31 (+8)-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 384 (no change) personnel assigned, including 15 (no change) DOI personnel. There are 39 (no change) residential and 13 (no change) commercial structures threatened. Although some additional perimeter growth is expected, fire behavior has been moderated by a wetting rain that fell over the entire fire area. Several trails in Crater Lake National Park remain closed, including the Pacific Crest Trail. The Park's West Rim Road remains closed, and an evacuation notice has been issued for the Visitor Center at Rim Village, Park Headquarters, and Mazama Village. Full containment is expected on August 31.

Outside Media of Interest

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke Proposes Expansion Of Hunting And Fishing At 10 Natural Wildlife Refuges.

The Washington Examiner (8/9, Jessen) reports that the Interior Department is seeking “to open or expand hunting and fishing recreational activities in 10 natural wildlife refuges.” In a statement, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said, “These 10 refuges will provide incredible opportunities for sportsmen and anglers across the country to access the land and connect with the wildlife.” The change would “bring the number of refuges where the public may hunt up to 373, and up to 312 where fishing would be permitted,” according to the department.

Zinke Supports Opening Access To New Mexico Wilderness Site.

The AP (8/9) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “said Wednesday that federal land managers will be working to finalize a process for considering whether to accept a donation of land that will allow public access to a landlocked parcel of federally protected wilderness in northern New Mexico.” According to the article, “if approved, the donation of an adjacent parcel of ranch land will allow” for the Sabinoso Wilderness “to be accessed without trespassing.” Zinke “said expanding access to hunting, fishing and recreation on federal lands is a top priority.” He said in a statement, “I originally had concerns about adding more wilderness-designated area, however after hiking and riding the land it was clear that access would only be improved if the department accepted the land and maintained the existing roadways.”

Enviros Sue Over ‘Sham’ Monument Review.

The Daily Caller (8/9, Pearce) reports that the Center for Biological Diversity “filed a lawsuit Wednesday against President Donald Trump’s administration for withholding documents related to the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) ongoing review of national monuments designated by presidential authority under the Antiquities Act.” The Interior Department “has not answered Freedom of Information Act requests for Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke’s schedule, communication records and any other documents related to a review of national monuments mandated by an April 26 Executive Order, according to a CBD press release.” Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift confirmed that “a recap of the secretary’s schedule is available online at the end of every month after all of his agency-related interactions have been recorded.”

Climate Reports May Slow Trump’s Push To Undo Obama-Era Rules.

Bloomberg News (8/9, Sullivan) reports that “a pair of highly anticipated government studies...could complicate President Donald Trump’s effort to roll back federal climate regulations.” Bloomberg says “a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-backed report summarizing the global effects of climate change in 2016 is scheduled for release Thursday” and “its conclusion will be similar to previous years’ versions, according to people familiar with the report: Climate change is real, it’s man-made and it’s dangerous.” Meanwhile, “that report dovetails with a broader National Climate Assessment, which is due next year from the administration. Drafts of the study, compiled by scientists from across the federal government, show the effects of climate change in the U.S. are severe.” Analysts say “both reports are at odds with Trump’s contention that climate change is a ‘hoax’ and may hinder his moves to undo President Barack Obama’s efforts to address the issue.”

Where Is Guam And Why Is North Korea Threatening It?

The Guardian (UK) (8/9, Grierson) reports that Guam’s location, “within range of North Korean medium- and long-range missiles, and military significance to the US make it a logical target for Pyongyang.” The US has “a naval base and coastguard station in the south, and an air force base in the north, which was

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- August 15: Local Reclamation Release: Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the San Luis Low Point Improvement Project. The project would address water supply reliability and schedule certainty issues associated with low water levels in San Luis Reservoir and help maintain a high-quality, reliable, and cost-effective water supply for Santa Clara Valley Water District, and ensure the district receives their annual Central Valley Project contract allocations at the time and at the level of quality needed to meet their existing water supply commitments. A comment period and two public meetings are tentatively scheduled—August 30 in San Jose and August 31 in Sacramento.
- August 17: National Reclamation Release: August 17, the FAA will release new restrictions for unmanned aerial systems (UAS or drones) with regard to five national critical infrastructure-designated dams; Grand Coulee in Washington, Shasta and Folsom in California, Glen Canyon in Arizona, and Hoover in Nevada/Arizona. Reclamation will send a news release on August 17. The FAA will begin advance notifications on their website and social media beginning August 9.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- August 10: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will send a note to stakeholders regarding the draft EIS for G&G Activities in GOM.
- August 11: National BOEM Release: Alaska Press Release on Draft EIS for Liberty DPP.
- August 16: National BOEM Release: BOEM will issue release on Gulf Sale 249.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will send a note to stakeholders announcing environmental study reports posted to ESPIS from April-June.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will issue Note to Stakeholders on Draft Guidelines for the Use of Design Envelopes for Offshore Wind Energy Facilities.
- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

Office of Wildland Fire

- August TBD: OWF anticipates releasing the Preparedness Level 5 "Moses" Letter from the Secretary, with NIFC releasing the Press Release if and when we go to PL 5. We are still holding at PL 4.

CONGRESSIONAL

Nothing Scheduled.

Political Appointee Update

DOI politicals on board = 51

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.

Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

Pending Senate floor vote: Doug Domenech, Assistant Secretary Insular Areas.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor.

Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

8/5-20 - Personal

9/13 - Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reception (DC)

9/20-21 - Gala and Ribbon Cutting for the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium at the Bass Pro HQ (Springfield, MO)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/25-26 - Steamboat Institute's 9th Annual Freedom Conference & Festival (Steamboat Springs, CO)

9/8 - San Antonio Missions 2017 World Heritage Festival Luncheon

9/6/17 - Edison Electric Institute Board of Directors Conference (Colorado Springs, CO)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Annual Meeting (St. Louis, MO)

9/17 - 150th Anniversary for the Antietam National Cemetery (Antietam)

9/22-24 - NRA Women's Leadership Forum Summit (Dallas, TX)

9/23 - National Mining Hall of Fame (Denver, CO)

9/23 - Southern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days Inc. (Carterville, IL)
9/26 - GAO for international conference on extractive industries (DC)
9/26 - S&P Annual Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (Singapore)
9/27-28 - Cohen Veterans Care Summit (DC)
9/28-30 - Council for National Policy
Open - Jeffersons Islands Club Citizen of the Year Award (DC)
open - Americans for Tax Reform (DC)
Open - Weyrich Lunch (DC)
Open - Detroit Economic Club

Declining

8/14-17 - Enercom Conference (Denver, CO)
8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)
8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)
8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)
8/22 - Lake Tahoe Summit (Lake Tahoe, CA)
8/22-24 - National Native American Law Enforcement Association (Las Vegas, NV)
8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)
9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)
9/6 - Montana Range Tour (Lewistown, MT)
9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)
9/19-21 - Montana Wood Products Association - Forest Resources Association Convention (Whitefish, MT)
9/23 - Buffalo Bill Centennial Ball (Cody, Wyoming)
9/26 - Billings Chamber Annual Mtg (Billings, MT)
10/1-3 - New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (Santa Fe)
10/1 - Grand Junction Petroleum & Mining Club (Grand Junction, CO)
10/4-5 - Montana Equipment Dealers Association (Whitefish, MT)
10/12 - Natural Areas Association Conference (Fort Collins, CO)

Emergency Management

In Idaho, the Powerline Fire has burned 57,151 (+4,075) acres and is 85 (+38)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 464 (-4) personnel, which includes 127 (+4) DOI personnel. There are 20 (no change) residential structures threatened and 150 (no change) evacuees. Native American cultural resources, utility lines, and pipelines remain threatened for the time being; however, additional perimeter growth is not expected, and risks to resources and utilities are expected to diminish greatly in the coming days. Significant resource demobilization is projected to begin today, and full containment is expected on August 12.

In Oregon, the Spruce Lake Fire in Crater Lake National Park (NPS) has burned 4,681 (no change) acres. The fire is 31 (+8)-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 384 (no change) personnel assigned, including 15 (no change) DOI personnel. There are 39 (no change) residential and 13 (no change) commercial structures threatened. Although some additional perimeter growth is expected, fire behavior has been moderated by a wetting rain that fell over the entire fire area. Several trails in Crater Lake National Park remain closed, including the Pacific Crest Trail. The Park's West Rim Road remains closed, and an evacuation notice has been issued for the Visitor Center at Rim Village, Park Headquarters, and Mazama Village. Full containment is expected on August 31.

Outside Media of Interest

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke Proposes Expansion Of Hunting And Fishing At 10 Natural Wildlife Refuges.

The Washington Examiner (8/9, Jessen) reports that the Interior Department is seeking “to open or expand hunting and fishing recreational activities in 10 natural wildlife refuges.” In a statement, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said, “These 10 refuges will provide incredible opportunities for sportsmen and anglers across the country to access the land and connect with the wildlife.” The change would “bring the number of refuges where the public may hunt up to 373, and up to 312 where fishing would be permitted,” according to the department.

Zinke Supports Opening Access To New Mexico Wilderness Site.

The AP (8/9) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “said Wednesday that federal land managers will be working to finalize a process for considering whether to accept a donation of land that will allow public access to a landlocked parcel of federally protected wilderness in northern New Mexico.” According to the article, “if approved, the donation of an adjacent parcel of ranch land will allow” for the Sabinoso Wilderness “to be accessed without trespassing.” Zinke “said expanding access to hunting, fishing and recreation on federal lands is a top priority.” He said in a statement, “I originally had concerns about adding more wilderness-designated area, however after hiking and riding the land it was clear that access would only be improved if the department accepted the land and maintained the existing roadways.”

Enviros Sue Over ‘Sham’ Monument Review.

The Daily Caller (8/9, Pearce) reports that the Center for Biological Diversity “filed a lawsuit Wednesday against President Donald Trump’s administration for withholding documents related to the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) ongoing review of national monuments designated by presidential authority under the Antiquities Act.” The Interior Department “has not answered Freedom of Information Act requests for Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke’s schedule, communication records and any other documents related to a review of national monuments mandated by an April 26 Executive Order, according to a CBD press release.” Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift confirmed that “a recap of the secretary’s schedule is available online at the end of every month after all of his agency-related interactions have been recorded.”

Climate Reports May Slow Trump’s Push To Undo Obama-Era Rules.

Bloomberg News (8/9, Sullivan) reports that “a pair of highly anticipated government studies...could complicate President Donald Trump’s effort to roll back federal climate regulations.” Bloomberg says “a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration-backed report summarizing the global effects of climate change in 2016 is scheduled for release Thursday” and “its conclusion will be similar to previous years’ versions, according to people familiar with the report: Climate change is real, it’s man-made and it’s dangerous.” Meanwhile, “that report dovetails with a broader National Climate Assessment, which is due next year from the administration. Drafts of the study, compiled by scientists from across the federal government, show the effects of climate change in the U.S. are severe.” Analysts say “both reports are at odds with Trump’s contention that climate change is a ‘hoax’ and may hinder his moves to undo President Barack Obama’s efforts to address the issue.”

Where Is Guam And Why Is North Korea Threatening It?

The Guardian (UK) (8/9, Grierson) reports that Guam’s location, “within range of North Korean medium- and long-range missiles, and military significance to the US make it a logical target for Pyongyang.” The US has “a naval base and coastguard station in the south, and an air force base in the north, which was

used during the Vietnam war.” According to the article, “though there has been some resistance and displeasure from the people of Guam over the US military’s presence, it is also essential to the island’s economy, second only to tourism.”

Guam Is Overlooked Asset In Asia. In an op-ed for the Detroit News (8/9, Lennox), Dennis Lennox, who was executive director of the Republican Party of the Virgin Islands, writes that “North Korea’s threat presents a unique opportunity for the federal government to simultaneously fly the flag while empowering Guam to promote the national interest, be it economically or diplomatically.” To achieve this, Lennox urges President Trump “to reinvent the way the federal government oversees the territories.” Lennox argues that “it’s time to use broad authority of the president to transfer Guam and the territories from Interior to a new, standalone cabinet-level agency.”

Federal Register Listings

No items cleared for the FR on Wednesday.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 9/25/17

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

STATUS OF THE SECRETARY

9/25 DC – Interview with Kim Strassel, WSJ

Meeting with Federated States of Micronesia President Peter Christian

Remarks at National Petroleum Council Meeting, Hay Adams

Remarks at National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association Legislative and Policy Forum

9/26 DC – Remarks at National Clean Energy Week Symposium, Reserve Officers Association

Wild Horse Roundtable

Meeting with House Speaker Paul Ryan

Meeting with John Faracci and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Remarks and Receipt of Jefferson Island Club Citizen of the Year Award, Siemens Corporation

9/27-9/28 – Travel to Gateway National Recreation Area in New Jersey, various National Park Assets in Philadelphia (including Valley Forge), meeting with County Commissioners.

9/29 DC – Remarks at Heritage Foundation on “A Vision for Energy Dominance”

Meeting regarding Shawnee Trust

STATUS OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

TODAY: The Deputy Secretary is in Washington, DC.

9/27-9/28 Santa Fe, NM – Deliver Remarks and Sign the Minute 323 Agreement with Mexico

OF NOTE

To: All Department of the Interior Employees

From: David L. Bernhardt, Deputy Secretary

Subject: Month Two Message

A little over a month ago, I wrote to all of you on my first day as Deputy Secretary. Shortly thereafter we established an electronic “ideas” box, and the comments, ideas, and suggestions came rolling in. I want to thank you for your willingness to be thoughtful and candid with your input. Some of the ideas have already served to trigger action.

Many of your comments have educated me on particular issues that I might not have fully appreciated without them. For example, I was a couple steps behind the Secretary in recognizing that it is time for the uniforms to be updated. Your comments have reinforced the very real need of doing so. In addition, I am working to find a realistic means to raise the purchase card limits. I am undeterred, but I expect that we will need to rely on help from Congress. Consequently, that will require more steps to accomplish than I initially hoped.

In my first message to you, I reiterated the basic principle that public service is a public trust and to remind everyone of the basic premise of our Federal service and to confirm my expectation that employees abide by it.

After my first month as Deputy Secretary, and after reading certain comments I am troubled that there is not a universal sense in the Department of the Interior (Department) that those few employees who have failed to uphold these standards are appropriately being held accountable. Please be assured, that I am committed to ensuring that leaders at all levels of the Department are, themselves, ensuring that legally sound, measured, and decisive action is being taken. I want this message to be clear: it is the duty of managers to promptly and effectively take the necessary steps to resolve such issues when they arise.

I also want to convey that we can only take action when we are aware of misconduct. Such awareness often ultimately depends on an employee's willingness to come forward. Despite the official duty articulated in the principles of ethical conduct that "[e]mployees shall disclose waste, fraud, abuse, and corruption to appropriate authorities," many might find it difficult to report misconduct because of a belief that nothing will be done or perhaps due to a fear of retaliation.

Therefore, it is important for you to know that reports of misconduct are taken seriously and that action is taken in a timely manner when appropriate. To that end, I will share the results of two Inspector General investigations that began with a report of employee misconduct and which resulted in accountability. In one case, the allegations concerned former Bureau of Land Management Office of Law Enforcement Supervisory Agent Dan Love's misuse of his position for personal gain, securing privileges for both himself and family members, and misuse of Government equipment for personal purposes. The Department recently removed Mr. Love from Federal service. In the other, the allegations involved reports that former National Park Service Chief Ranger at Canaveral National Seashore, Edwin Correa, made unwanted sexual advances and inappropriate comments towards subordinates. The Department removed Mr. Correa as well.

I share these examples because you need to know that your leadership is listening. We will hold people accountable when we are informed that they have failed in their duties and obligations.

Although the law in large part prevents dissemination of the details of actions taken, I am sharing these examples because you need to know that the Department has taken concrete disciplinary action in cases of serious misconduct, including those involving senior officials. This message is part of our commitment to be vigilant and tireless in its pursuit of an environment in which employees treat each other in a manner that is consistent with the law and in which there are consequences for failing to do so.

Finally, as it is vitally important for the health of the Department that employees disclose misconduct they witness or experience, the Department is committed to protecting those who step forward from retaliation. Therefore, I will also make this clear: the Department must be free from any retaliation or reprisal for reports of misconduct and I expect every leader to ensure this.

Moreover, it goes without saying that we must remember to treat each other, as well as members of the public, with dignity and fairness. Supervisors should recognize the contributions of deserving employees and have the courage to address the failings of those that fall short of meeting expectations.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of you to further improve the Department and fulfill its important missions. Please keep sending me "ideas;" I will continue to review them.

Sincerely,
Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt

WH COMMS REPORT (new report filed Thursday)

Press Inquiries:

- Many small inquiries and logistical inquiries.
- ****All inquiries on Monument Review are being directed to the White House.**
- ****Multiple Inquiries**** (CNN, CBS, Washington Post) **—REQUEST—** Has Interior put out a statement about the Secretary's travel? Has he flown private planes, charters or government planes to get to events? **—RESPONSE— Statement** - Consistent with federal government travel rules, charter flights are used when either commercial flights are unavailable (the Interior Department has thousands of

staff and assets and the most remote areas of the country spanning 12 time zones) or when the cost analysis makes it clear that a charter is the more responsible option.

- ****Multiple Inquiries**** (Reuters, Law 360, E&E News) **—REQUEST—** I am writing a story for Westlaw about the 10th Circuit's decision today dismissing the case challenging the Interior Department's fracking regulations. Do you have a comment? **—RESPONSE—** In accordance with President Trump's Executive Order on "*Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth*" (March 18, 2017) and Secretary Zinke's Secretary's Order on "*American Energy Independence*," (March 29, 2017), we are expeditiously working on a new rule that will fulfill the President's and Secretary's vision of good jobs for hardworking American families and are continuing to take comments on the proposed rescission of the 2015 hydraulic fracturing rule.

Top Stories

- **CNN:** [Hunting is down in the US. The Trump administration wants to change that](#)
- **Reuters:** [Maryland proposes \\$9 billion plan to relieve traffic congestion](#)
- **Los Alamos Daily Post:** [Udall, Heinrich Urge President Trump To Reject Secretary Zinke's Recommended Changes To National Monuments](#)
- **Springfield News-Leader:** [Secretary Zinke rides horses, announces grant money for Missouri parks](#)
- **KTUU (AK):** [Department Interior to give \\$850,000 to Alaska for outdoor recreation](#)
- **Seattle times-Opinion:** [Congress must challenge Ryan Zinke's attack on national monuments](#)

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Interior continues to support all Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, and Hurricane Maria efforts. All bureaus are executing their emergency plans and assisting in Hurricane relief.
- Today, Secretary Zinke is in Dallas speaking at an NRA Convention for women members.
- Saturday, Secretary Zinke will be in Austin, Texas, to tour the FEMA Control Center and meet part of the USGS team assisting in Hurricane Harvey relief.
- September 25-26: the Secretary will be in Washington, D.C., meeting with the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, speaking at the National Petroleum Council meeting, as well as meeting with various advocates and outside groups about the Horse and Burro issues. We don't expect any pro-active news at these.
- September 27-29: the Secretary is traveling to Gateway National Recreation Area in New Jersey and various National Park Assets in the Philadelphia area, including Valley Forge and meeting with County Commissioners.

AGENCY MEDIA

WEEK AHEAD September 20 thru September 28, 2017 (Report from Wednesday, September 20)

U.S. Department of the Interior

Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

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- **September 27-29:** the Secretary is traveling to Gateway National Recreation Area in New Jersey and various National Park Assets in the Philadelphia area, including Valley Forge and meeting with County Commissions.
- **September 22: Department-level Release:** DOI and BLM will announce the totals from all September oil and gas lease sales.

National Park Service

- **September 25 (tent.): Local NPS Release:** The National Park Service will notify the public of the availability of Glacier National Park's Lake McDonald Properties Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA will be available for a 30-day public review period. Following the public review, the park will prepare a formal decision document. The EA analyzes alternatives to manage NPS-owned properties surrounding Lake McDonald, which includes buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed alternative includes management options for each property, including historic leasing, park or concessioner use, stabilization of properties or removal of buildings. Throughout the planning process, the park received local media and public interest with little to no controversy. Public comments were very supportive of historic leasing options.
- **September 25 (tent.): National BLM Release:** BLM will announce that it is seeking public nominations for open positions on 18 of its 36 Resource Advisory Councils (RACs). As published in a notice in the *Federal Register*, the BLM will consider nominations for 30 days.
- **September 27: Local NPS Release:** NPS will issue a news release regarding the independent review panel findings that Golden Gate National Recreation Area dog rule process was unaffected by inappropriate personal email use.
- **September 27:** The NPS National Capital Region's National Historic Landmark Program will host a stakeholder meeting as part of a joint research project underway by the NPS and the Organization of American Historians to identify potential National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) associated with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer (LGBTQ) history in the region. Invited stakeholders include state historic preservation offices, staff from selected NCR parks, local LGBTQ history representatives, and local governments' historic preservation staff.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- **September TBD: National FWS Release:** FWS will announce National Wildlife Refuge Week, which will take place October 8-14. Refuge Week is an annual celebration of the nation's wildlife conservation heritage and the national wildlife refuges that protect it. The timing provides notice for print and online media to announce the annual celebration and regional events for the public to plan ahead, as well as for the regions and refuges to begin preparing additional promotional information.

Bureau of Land Management

- **September 25:** The 60-day public comment period for the proposed rule to rescind the BLM's 2015 Hydraulic Fracturing Rule will end. The BLM's proposal rule aligns with Administration priorities to seek ways to reduce regulatory burdens and compliance costs. The BLM will review the comments received and take appropriate actions to address those that are substantive. Publication of a final rule in the Federal Register is anticipated in December 2017 or January 2018.

- **September 25 (tent.): National BLM Release:** BLM will issue a release regarding their announcement to seek nominations for 18 of their 36 Resource Advisory Councils.
- **September 26:** BLM-MT Butte Field Manager Scott Haight and Geologist David Williams will meet with Jefferson County and Montana Department of Environmental Quality in Boulder, MT, to discuss the future of the Montana Tunnels mine site. Montana Tunnels is an open pit mine in Jefferson County that has been inactive since 2008. It is behind on the state's bond request and owes Jefferson Co. \$5 million in back taxes, and the site is deteriorating. The meeting is the first to discuss the future of the mine site, including topics of bonding and scope of what's needed for eventual reclamation and site stabilization. The mine is located on a mix of private and BLM lands.

Bureau of Reclamation

- **September 26:** U.S./Mexico Cooperative Process – Colorado River (“Minute 323”): Minute 323 of the Water Treaty with Mexico will be signed by the United States and Mexico commissioners of the International Boundary and Water Commission. On June 12, the Governor’s representatives from the seven Colorado River Basin States communicated to Secretary of the Interior Zinke their goal of finishing the drafting of the necessary U.S. (domestic) agreements needed to allow the U.S. and Mexico to finalize a cooperative agreement by mid-July (completion of these draft agreements would put the U.S. and Mexico in position to finalize a successor agreement to the current plan - known as Minute 319 - later this fall). The domestic agreements will also be signed on September 26. The State Department finalized consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in early August and is prepared to proceed when the Basin States clearances are complete. The State Department/IBWC will handle press.
- **September 27:** A ceremony celebrating the signing of Minute 323 to the 1944 Water Treaty with Mexico will occur on the opening day of biennial Colorado River Symposium in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt will attend and offer brief remarks.

Office of Insular Affairs

- **September 25: National OIA Release:** OIA will issue a media read-out regarding the Federated States of Micronesia President Peter Christian Visit with the Secretary
- **September TBD:** OIA Release American Samoa Authorization to Proceed – Insular ABCs – Repairs in the Public Schools
- **September TBD:** FSM Compact Infrastructure and Technical Assistance ~ \$1.5 million
- **September TBD:** RMI Press Release Compact Infrastructure \$149,436; Ebeye Special Needs \$300,000; Health Care Program for 4 Atolls (Section 177) \$697,387
- **September TBD:** FY 2017 CIP Infrastructure funding for Guam and CNMI ~ \$10 million

CONGRESSIONAL (no change)

DOI TO TESTIFY BEFORE HOUSE HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE: Michele Singer (Interior Business Center, Director) will testify at hearing titled “DHS Financial Systems: Will Modernization Ever Be Achieved?” The IBC has been involved with the financial system overhaul at DHS; however, the recommendations have not been adopted. HS Committee is doing an oversight hearing to determine what went wrong and the path forward. DOI will be testifying on their recommendations to DHS and their role throughout the process.

Timing: 10 AM, September 26, 2017

Contact: Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs

UPCOMING SENR HEARING: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks will hold a hearing on Encouraging the Next Generation to Visit National Parks. The hearing has been officially noticed, and Lena McDowall, Deputy Director for Management and Administration, will be testifying.

Timing: September 27, 2017

Contact: Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs

UPCOMING SCIA HEARING: The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is set to hold a hearing on the GAO's reports on human trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States. BIA is invited to discuss its law enforcement agencies' involvement in human trafficking investigations and partnerships with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement. This hearing was postponed from its initial date, July 26, 2017. Jason Thompson, the Acting Director of Justice Services, is tentatively set to testify.

Timing: September 27, 2017

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Policy Adviser, Congressional Affairs

POLITICAL APPOINTEE UPDATE (no change)

DOI politicals on board = 56

3 confirmed as of 9/18.

4 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.

Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

Pending Senate floor vote: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals (Voted out of Committee 9/19)

Pending Senate floor vote: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor (Voted out of Committee 9/19)

Overall:

Schedule C: 32 of 68 onboard; 3 starting; 6 in process

NC-SES: 22 of 44 onboard; 2 starting; 4 in process

PAS: 3 Confirmed; 4 Announced; 15 of 17 Submitted to PPO

SECRETARY SPEAKING INVITATIONS

Accepted

9/25 - Remarks at National Stone Sand and Gravel Association Legislative and Policy Forum (DC)

9/25 – National Petroleum Council

9/26 – National Clean Energy Week Symposium (DC)

9/26 - Jefferson's Islands Club Citizen of the Year Award (DC)

9/27-28 - Cohen Veterans Care Summit (DC)

9/29 – Heritage Public Event (DC)

Oct (TBC date) - Weyrich Lunch (DC)

Open (date TBC)- Americans for Tax Reform (DC)

Open (date TBC)- Detroit Economic Club

Outstanding Invitations in Process

10/11 - Remarks at 2nd National Wildlife Refuge System Expo co-hosted by the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus and the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement (CARE) (DC)

10/15 - National Congress of American Indians 74 Annual Convention (Milwaukee, WI)

10/15-17 – Heritage Annual President's Club Meeting (DC)

10/16 - Carlsbad Mayor's Energy Summit (Carlsbad, NM)

10/20 - TXOGA Lone Star Energy Forum (Woodlands, TX)
10/26 - Montana Chamber Annual Meeting (Great Falls, MT)

Declining

9/26 - Billings Chamber Annual Mtg (Billing, MT)
9/26 - S&P Annual Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (Singapore)
9/26 - GAO for international conference on extractive industries (DC)
9/28-30 - Council for National Policy
10/1-3 - New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (Santa Fe)
10/2 - IOGCC Annual Meeting (Pittsburgh PA)
10/3 – ShaleTech Permian (Odessa, Texas)
10/4 - NOIA Fall Meeting (Cody, WY)
10/13 - Public Land & Resources Law Review's Public Land Law Conference (Missoula, MT)
11/14 – George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Quarter Launch (Vincennes, Indiana)
10-16-17 Americans For Tax Reform Coalition Leaders Summit (Miami Beach, FL)
10/17 - National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesalers (San Antonio, TX)
10/31 - George B. Hartzog, Jr. Awards and Speaker Program Clemson University (SC)
11/9 - America First Energy Conference hosted by Heartland Institute (Houston, TX)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (new)

NOTE: SBA Administrator has reached out directly to the Secretary requesting volunteers to help SBA meet emergency response demands (i.e. call center operators). The Secretary promised up to 200 people. SBA has expressed a need for 50 by the end of the week. Another 50-100 could go in the coming weeks.

As of 5:00 a.m. EDT, the center of Hurricane Maria was located approximately 350 miles to the south-southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and moving to the north at 7 miles per hour (mph). This general motion, with some decrease in forward speed, is expected through Tuesday. On the forecast track, the core of Maria will move well east of the southeastern coast of the United States during the next day or so. Maria is a Category 1 hurricane with maximum sustained winds near 80 mph. Additional weakening is forecast during the next 48 hours, and Maria will likely become a tropical storm by Tuesday night. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles from the storm's center, and tropical storm-force winds extend outward up to 230 miles.

A Tropical Storm Warning is in effect from Cape Lookout, North Carolina, to Duck, North Carolina. A Tropical Storm Watch is in effect from north of Duck to the Virginia and North Carolina border, and from north of Surf City, North Carolina, to south of Cape Lookout. A Storm Surge Watch is in effect from Cape Lookout to Duck. Tropical storm conditions are possible within the warning area beginning Tuesday, and the combination of a dangerous storm surge and tide will cause normally dry areas near the coast to be flooded by rising waters moving inland from the shoreline. A storm surge of 2 to 4 feet is possible from Cape Lookout to Duck. Maria is expected to produce total rainfall accumulations of 1 to 2 inches over the Outer Banks of North Carolina through Wednesday.

Swells generated by Maria are increasing along portions of the southeastern United States coast and Bermuda, as well as along the mid-Atlantic coast today. Swells also continue to affect Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the northern coast of Hispaniola, the Turks and Caicos Islands, and the Bahamas. These swells are likely to cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions.

As of 5:00 a.m. EDT this morning, FEMA reports that following critical infrastructure updates:

Airports: Two failed generators, serving the San Juan Combined Center/Radar Approach Control, continue to cause a decline in San Juan arrival and departure flights. The Transportation Command has established airfield opening capabilities at St. Croix and St. Thomas, and a Mobile Air Traffic Control Tower is operational in St. Thomas.

Roads: In Puerto Rico, eight bridges have been reported as damaged, three of which are along major routes. There are no working traffic signals, and numerous road closures are being reported throughout the island. On the U.S. Virgin Islands, numerous routes have been identified as partially closed, with single lane alternating traffic due to debris.

Communication Systems: In Puerto Rico, one telecom carrier cellular phone coverage around San Juan airport has been restored and is providing unrestricted roaming capabilities to other telecom carriers to increase service to users in the area. Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in Puerto Rico are operating on generator power. PSAPs on the U.S. Virgin Islands are non-operational, and repairs are being delayed due to the lack of repair equipment. Mobile Emergency Response Support (MERS) teams are being deployed in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Water: In St. Croix, an EPA Critical Water Assessment Team arrived yesterday to assess water potability. In St. Thomas, potable water service has been restored to the eastern side of the island. There is a two-day emergency water supply on hand.

Commodities: A total of 346,000 meals were scheduled to arrive in Puerto Rico yesterday, and 168,000 meals and 100,000 liters of water arrived in St. Croix. The SS Wright has docked in St. Thomas with 1,100,000 meals, 27 General Services Administration (GSA) vehicles, and 9,496 hygiene kits.

Power: Estimates indicate that nearly 100-percent of the customers in Puerto Rico are without power. The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) will resume normal work operations today, but only 20-percent of its workforce will be available to work. In the U.S. Virgin Islands, 99-percent of the customers in St. Thomas are without power, 100-percent of the customers in St. John are without power, and 90-percent of the customers in St. Croix are without power.

Hospitals: As of yesterday, 23 out of the 69 hospitals in Puerto Rico are in need of fuel. Power has been restored to the Centro Medico Hospital (Disaster Medical Assistance Team [DMAT] Base of Operations for critical and acute care services) in San Juan and to the San Pablo Hospital in Bayamón. In the U.S. Virgin Islands, the mobile hospital at Schneider Regional Medical Center has been re-established. St. Croix dialysis patients and their caregivers prioritized for medical evacuation departed on two flights September 24 for Atlanta supported by FEMA and the American Red Cross. A full assessment of Juan Luis is on-going and they are determining the need for a mobile hospital.

Fuel: There are no issues with amount of fuel in Puerto Rico; however, there are issues with the distribution of the fuel due to debris and road access and lack of power in gas stations. The Department of Energy, FEMA, the Defense Logistics Agency, and other Federal partners are working to facilitate fuel deliveries across the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico for generators at critical facilities and to assist with response efforts.

Guajataca Dam: Assessments of the dam have been completed by two USACE Safety Dam engineers. They have determined the dam to be at risk of failure and are coordinating to determine corrective actions. Evacuation orders remain in effect for approximately 70,000 residents.

There are 139 personnel supporting interagency efforts in response to Hurricane's Irma and Maria.

NPS reports that debris remains an issue at the Caribbean parks, preventing effective travel in those areas. Utilities remain out, and the NPS has implemented fuel rationing in order to extend generator

capacity to power facilities for critical systems. Fuel siphoning will take place as needed to support critical systems. Approximately 48 hours of resources remain on the islands, to include food, water, and fuel. Parks are rationing supplies until boats can transport resupply goods. Communications have been a challenge for the last 48 hours, and satellite phones are being utilized. The NPS Incident Management Team (IMT) in Florida has finished loading critical supplies from the NPS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to transport to the Caribbean. The team is confirming final plans for the M/V Fort Jefferson, including port availability and coordination with FEMA via the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC). The trip is estimated to take 78 hours.

NPS personnel from Virgin Islands National Park worked to prepare a marine vessel to transport personnel and supplies. The mission goal was transport of a 25-person San Juan National Historic Site maintenance crew at St. John back to San Juan in order to acquire to provide food and water to St. John. The boat did not get released from the harbor due to fuel availability, and personnel are working to reschedule the mission for today.

San Juan National Historic Site is reporting that 76 out of 96 employees are accounted for. (Virgin Islands National Park and Christiansted National Historic Site report 100-percent accountability.) An analysis was conducted of those staff who have yet to check in, and the majority of those personnel are located on the eastern side of Puerto Rico. There is a targeted effort to relay this information to local authorities. There is a large amount of debris in the area surrounding San Juan, and the park is working to secure an Incident Command Post (ICP) location at the Discovery Center for incoming IMT staff. Local park personnel are being integrated into the IMT structure. The park is reporting that two law enforcement personnel arrived in Puerto Rico yesterday, and 16 additional personnel are expected. A radio repeater in San Juan has been repaired.

NPS reporting on facilities within the contiguous United States are provided within the attached Emergency Management Daily Situation Report.

FWS has accounted for 47 of the 61 personnel in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Power outages and degraded communications continue to cause delays in contacting FWS personnel in the Caribbean. FWS Team 1, having arrived in Puerto Rico on September 22, has been working in the Aguadilla. They are working southward towards Cabo Rojo. The team has advised that communications are extremely difficult and require multiple relays between team members to maintain status checks. They continue to emphasize the need for additional food and water in areas where they have conducted operations. Yesterday, a single Type-3 IMT consisting of 11 team members continued coordination with FEMA in order to secure a flight. Coordination efforts are under way to consider other options for deployment of the team to Puerto Rico.

As of September 24, a total of 23 out of 30 USGS personnel have been accounted for, and USGS Emergency Management has elevated one employee to a search and rescue (SAR) priority through the FEMA NRCC. Employee accountability, the acquisition of fuel for generators, and water and food for staff are the USGS's current priorities. USGS employees have been able to obtain meals ready to eat (MREs) and bottled water. Additionally, USGS personnel were able to obtain fuel for a government truck. The USGS is working through local Puerto Rico contacts with the NPS and FEMA to meet the fuel, water, and food needs of the Caribbean-Florida Water Science Center (CFWSC).

USGS is providing streamgage information to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in support of a potential uncontrolled release of water from the Lago Toa Vaca and the Lago Guayabil in south-central Puerto Rico, northeast of the city of Ponce. At this time, the USACE is monitoring and coordinating with the USGS and the National Weather Service. There does not appear to be an imminent threat to the dams at this time.

Wildland Fire Reporting:

On September 23, the National Multi-Agency Coordination Group (NMAC) lowered the Fire Preparedness Level (PL) to 3. Under PL3, significant wildland fire activity is still occurring in multiple geographic areas, with Incident Management Teams (IMTs) actively engaged. Mobilization of resources through the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) is moderate to heavy, and the potential for emerging significant wildland fires is normal for the time of year.

The Winter Valley Fire (Initial Report) in Moffat, Colorado, (BLM) has burned 7,785 acres and is 75-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-3 IMT with 25 personnel assigned, including 5 DOI personnel. There are 12 residential structures threatened. The fire is threatening twelve residences, a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) radio tower, Sage Grouse habitat, and a major transportation route through northwestern Colorado. Containment is expected on September 30.

The Sprague Fire in Glacier National Park, Montana, (NPS) has burned 16,790 (no change) acres and is 75 (no change)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-3 IMT with 90 (-56) personnel assigned, including 14 (-38) DOI personnel. There are 252 (no change) residential and 48 (no change) commercial structures threatened. There are 4 (no change) personnel sheltering in place. The fire still poses a significant threat to hundreds of structures in the area, of which, 149 structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. On September 22, the evacuation order was lifted and replaced with an evacuation warning and area closures from the southern end of Lake McDonald to Logan Pass, including the North McDonald Road. Full containment is expected on November 1.

OUTSIDE MEDIA OF INTEREST (new)

Secretary Of Interior Ryan Zinke Visits Austin To Talk Harvey.

The [Austin \(TX\) American Statesman](#) (9/23, Goldenstein) reports that “about 16,000 Texans are still displaced and living in hotels and other temporary housing because of Hurricane Harvey, federal officials said Saturday.” Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Saturday came to Austin to “visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Joint Information Center and receive a department update on relief efforts at a local U.S. Geological Survey office.” Zinke said “that recovery will be a ‘marathon, not a sprint,’ that lasts for years.” He said, “This is going to take a long time for recovery. I would say we’re probably at 20 percent.”

All-out Effort To Save Forests, Reduce Fuels Urged.

The [Payson \(AZ\) Roundup](#) (9/22, Aleshire) reports that “nearly 50,000 wildfires have burned 8 million acres across the country so far this year, prompting Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to order the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to give thinning, fuel reduction and forest restoration projects top priority.” Zinke said, “This administration will take a serious turn from the past and will proactively work to prevent forest fires through aggressive and scientific fuels reduction management to save lives, homes and wildlife habitat. It is well settled that the steady accumulation and thickening of vegetation in areas that have historically burned at frequent intervals exacerbates fuel conditions and often leads to larger and higher-intensity fires. These fires are more damaging, more costly, and threaten the safety and security of both the public and firefighters.”

New BLM Pilot Approach Uses Outcome-based Grazing.

The [Ruidoso \(NM\) News](#) (9/22) reports that “officials with the Bureau of Land Management announced a new initiative this week to provide grazing permit holders an unprecedented level of flexibility in the management of livestock while also protecting the public lands.” Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said in the release announcing the program, “Farmers and ranchers know the wildlife and the land they work

better than anyone, it only makes sense that we would enlist them in conservation efforts. One of my top goals is for the government to be a better neighbor, land manager, and partner. I think it's a great step in that direction. I applaud the team at BLM for coming up with this innovative program."

Agencies Begin White House-Mandated Training For Every Fed On Consequences Of Leaks.

[Government Executive](#) (9/21, Katz) reports that federal employees are starting training on the consequences of leaks. The campaign against "the unauthorized disclosure of unauthorized information," as well as "controlled unclassified information," came at the direction of the White House. National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster "last week sent a directive—subsequently obtained by several media outlets—to all federal agencies demanding they train their employees on the 'serious consequences' of improper leaks of such information by Sept. 22."

Time Is Running Out To Save The Eisenhower Memorial.

In a piece for the [Washington Free Beacon](#) (9/24, Meadowcroft) reports, Micah Meadowcroft writes that "a final, superficial design change" to the proposed Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial was approved by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts Wednesday morning. Meadowcroft says that "if the Gehry design is to be scrapped and something more like a monument and less like a disappointing sculpture garden is to be built, it will be up to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to decline to sign off on the project, on his own judgment or by direction of President Trump."

Fracking Rule May See Jumbled Comeback As Court Tosses Case.

[E&E Publishing](#) (9/22, Gilmer) reported that the 10th US Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed a case Thursday over a Department of the Interior fracking rule, which emanated from the Obama Administration. Although the lower court struck down the regulation with a 2016 ruling, the 10th Circuit overturned the lower court's decision allowing the rule to take effect. However, the Trump Administration is working to rescind the regulation. The court dismissed the case without ruling on the main "legal question of whether the federal government has authority over the oil and gas extraction process." The regulation faced opposition after passage wherein "Wyoming and other states argued that it was beyond BLM's authority because the Safe Drinking Water Act put EPA in charge of fracking, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 subsequently assigned that power to state overseers."

BLM Sale In Wyoming Nets \$38.7 Million In Bonus Bids.

The [AP](#) (9/23) reported that the Bureau of Land Management's oil and gas lease sales in Wyoming brought \$38.7 million in bonus bids. Bids were made on 106,000 acres out of 113,000 Thursday. The bonus bid funds will be split between the federal government and Wyoming. Parcels were offered in Niobrara, Big Horn, Goshen, Sheridan, Washakie, and other counties.

The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (9/24, Richards) reports that "the news comes on the heels of a push from conservation advocates to rehash the federal leasing program, holding leasees to a higher standard so that oil and gas firms aren't gathering up parcels of land that they don't intend to drill in a timely manner." The petitioners would "also like royalty rates for production to be in-line with revenue made on state and private land, leasing to cease on lands that do not have a strong potential for oil or gas production, and the minimum leasing bid to be increased."

The Myths Used To Needlessly Delay The Cadiz Water Project, Debunked.

In a piece published by the [Los Angeles Times](#) (9/22, Hernandez, Rodriguez), Tracy Rafter Hernandez, chief executive of the Los Angeles County Business Federation, and Carlos Rodriguez, chief executive of the Baldy View chapter of the Building Industry Assn. of Southern California, writes that "for nearly a decade, the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project, which will create a new

water supply for 400,000 people and thousands of jobs, has followed the entire California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review and approval process from start to finish — public comment periods, public hearings, board approvals and litigation, all of which concluded last year, when the 4th District Court of Appeal sustained every approval of the project and concluded that it could be operated safely and sustainably.” The authors say “it’s disappointing that Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) and her allies, including state Assemblywoman Laura Friedman (D-Glendale), continue to perpetuate a series of myths about the Cadiz project as part of a campaign to derail it, including in a recent op-ed article for the Los Angeles Times.” The two provide “a few examples of the most common myths.” They “urge California’s leaders to continue to stand up for jobs, for citizens who need water, and for our state’s strong environmental review laws by rejecting sustained efforts to change the rules of the game for Cadiz or any other CEQA-approved project.”

Scientists: Desert Turtle Endangered, 100 Left In Arizona.

The [AP](#) (9/24, Windes) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced the designation of the Sonoyta mud turtle as endangered last Wednesday, “citing threats from climate change to loss of habitat for the southern Arizona animal, whose numbers are believed to have dwindled to as low as 100 turtles.” Steve Spangle, a field supervisor with Fish and Wildlife’s Arizona Ecological Services, said in a release announcing the listing, “The Sonoyta mud turtle is clearly in danger of extinction.” He added, “Protecting it under the Endangered Species Act will marshal increased attention and the resources needed by our U.S. and Mexican conservation partners to improve and expand its dwindling habitat and populations.”

More Grizzly Bears Roaming Outside National Parks In Wyoming.

The [AP](#) (9/22, Moen) reports that “a growing number of grizzly bears are moving outside their established habitat in and around Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, causing more conflicts with humans, according to wildlife managers.” The article says that “the conflicts in Wyoming resulted in 39 grizzly bears being captured by state game managers in 2016,” and “twenty-two were killed for various reasons, such as a history of problems.”

Big Cypress, Everglades, State Parks Face Long Recovery.

The [Naples \(FL\) Daily News](#) (9/24, Staats) reports that Hurricane Irma “mangled Florida’s national and state parks, turning places meant to be enjoyed into disaster zones that could take weeks or longer to reopen.” The National Park Service has “sent some 380 workers from 95 national parks in 35 states to 15 parks in Irma’s path in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and the Caribbean.” At Big Cypress National Preserve, “crews have been clearing downed trees along Turner River Road, which had water too high to access for more than a week after the storm,” according to Park Service Ranger Brett Everitt. He “couldn’t provide a timeframe for reopening Big Cypress, but the Park Service reported a big step in that direction Friday with the restoration of power in Ochopee and the water plant coming back online.” Additional coverage was provided by the [AP](#) (9/25).

FEDERAL REGISTER LISTINGS:

No Items were cleared for the FR on Friday.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 10/30/17

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison
Natalie Davis, Special Assistant to the Secretary

STATUS OF THE SECRETARY

THIS WEEK: Secretary is on Personal leave

STATUS OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

TODAY: NEC PCC: ESA Section 7 meeting at WH EOB

WH COMMS REPORT (submitted Friday, 10/27)

Press Inquiries:

- Small inquiries and logistical inquiries.
- **E&E News:** (Maxine Joselow) --**REQUEST**—As I’m the regulations reporter for E&E News. I’m in charge of helping with our Q&A section, and I was wondering if you’d be able to set up a short phone interview with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s wife Lola Zinke for a Q&A. I understand Ms. Zinke is very busy, so the conversation could be as short as 15 minutes, and it could occur anytime in the next month or so. I’m just hoping to ask her about leading Sen. John Tester’s campaign, traveling with her husband, and other matters related to her daily life and activities.--**RESPONSE**-- The Department does not facilitate Mrs. Zinke's schedule.
- **Reuters:** (Susan Heavey)—**REQUEST**-- Does the Interior Dept or the secretary have any comment on this (FEMA statement on Whitefish Energy contract)? Also, can you tell us what is on the agenda for the secretary’s meeting with the president later today?—**RESPONSE**— “I had absolutely nothing to do with Whitefish Energy receiving a contract in Puerto Rico. Any attempts by the dishonest media or political operatives to tie me to awarding or influencing any contract involving Whitefish are completely baseless. Only in elitist Washington, D.C., would being from a small town be considered a crime. “Neither myself nor anyone in my office has advocated for this company in anyway. After the initial contract was awarded, I was contacted by the company, on which I took no action. All records, which are being made available to appropriate officials, will prove no involvement. “I welcome any and all investigations into these allegations, and encourage the Interior Department’s Inspector General to investigate this matter fully.”

Top Stories

- **Washington Post:** [Trump says he will shrink Bears Ears National Monument, a sacred tribal site in Utah](#)
- **Los Angeles Times:** [Trump plans to shrink two national monuments in Utah, senator says](#)
- **THE HILL:** [White House: Zinke told Trump he had 'no role' in Puerto Rico contract](#)
- **Washington Examiner:** [Ryan Zinke tells Trump he had no involvement in \\$300 million Whitefish contract for Puerto Rico power grid](#)

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Interior continues to support all Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria, and Hurricane Nate efforts. All bureaus are executing their emergency plans and assisting in Hurricane relief.
- Today, Secretary Zinke met with POTUS.
- Next week, Secretary Zinke is out on personal leave.

AGENCY MEDIA (UPDATED)

WEEK AHEAD October 18 thru October 26, 2017 (Submitted 10/18)

U.S. Department of the Interior

Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

- Secretary Zine will be on personal leave next week (Oct. 31-Nov. 3).
- Next week we plan to announce 2 new FACA boards, one related to sportsmen and one related to public/private partnerships.

Interior Social Media Updates

- **November 1: Department-level blog post:** DOI will publish a blog post for Native American Heritage Month and highlighting the Department's work.

National Park Service

- **October 30: Local NPS Release:** Rock Creek Park will close the Old Stone House in Georgetown for approximately 1 year for fire suppression and rehabilitation work. The house and bookstore will remain open through Sunday October 29 with modified hours. Historic furniture and items have been removed from the house in preparation for the rehabilitation project.
- **October 31: Local NPS Release:** Glacier National Park will notify the public of the availability of the park's Lake McDonald Properties Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA will be available for a 30-day public review and comment period. Following the public review and comment period, the park will prepare a formal decision document. The EA analyzes alternatives to manage NPS-owned properties surrounding Lake McDonald, which includes buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **November 2: Local NPS Release:** A ceremonial groundbreaking is scheduled for the Eisenhower Memorial, which will be administered by National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA). Final approvals have been granted by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. NAMA anticipates issuing a construction permit in late October, with completion tentatively scheduled for May 2020.
- **November TBD: National NPS Release:** Major announcement regarding Arlington Memorial Bridge.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- **October TBD: National FWS Release:** FWS will announce the 2017-18 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations. Final rule will open various national wildlife refuges to hunting and/or sport fishing for the first time (new hunts) and expand hunting and fishing opportunities at others.
- **October TBD: FWS News Bulletin:** FWS will issue a news bulletin regarding a NEPA Environmental Assessment related to lethal take permits for cormorants for aquaculture facilities.

Bureau of Land Management

- **November 1–2:** BLM-MT will host a tribal consultation meeting at the Montana/Dakotas State Office in Billings to discuss tribal issues and matters of interest related to the Denbury Resources, Inc. CO2 Pipeline and Enhanced Recovery Project (in southeast Montana); the BNI Coal Ltd. expansion proposal, "BNI-2" (in western North Dakota); and various fire fuels reduction projects in eastern Montana. Tribal Council Presidents/Chairs and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from 17 tribes have been invited to the meeting.
- **November 2:** Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval will dedicate a section of Highway 140 in memory of BLM firefighters Will Hawkins and Jacob O'Malley, who were killed in a vehicle accident.

- **November 2 – 16:** Scoping meetings for the Notice of Intent to amend Greater sage-grouse land use plans will be held in the following Western cities and towns:
 - Nov. 2: Twin Falls, ID
 - Nov. 6: Cheyenne, WY; Idaho Falls, ID
 - Nov. 7: Marsing, ID; Reno, NV; Burns, OR
 - Nov. 8: Pinedale, WY; Elko, NV; Billings, MT, Craig, CO
 - Nov. 9: Ely, NV
 - Nov. 14: Vernal, UT
 - Nov. 15: Cedar City, UT
 - Nov. 16: Salt Lake City, UT
- **November TBD: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO expects to issue a decision about whether to grant a royalty rate reduction for the West Elk Mine. The BLM proposes to approve Mountain Coal Company, LLC's application for a royalty rate reduction from 8 percent to 5 percent for 10.3 million tons of coal in the West Elk Mine in southwest Colorado's North Fork Valley.
- **November TBD: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO expects to issue a decision whether to modify GCC Energy's King II Mine in Montezuma County in southwest CO by 951 acres to allow GCC to access an estimated 4.66 million tons of recoverable Federal coal reserves for an additional 6.5 years of mining.

U.S. Geological Survey

- **October 30 (tent.): Local USGS Release:** USGS will issue a release regarding a new USGS study that tracks millions of tons of rocks, gravel and silt carried by the Sauk River and its tributaries to the Skagit River.

Bureau of Reclamation

- **October 30:** Status Hearing on Columbia River System Operations EIS (OR). In Portland, Oregon, Federal District Court Judge Michael Simon will receive updates to the status report as part of ongoing litigation. The status conference hearing is scheduled for November 28. Reclamation, Bonneville Power Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have four remaining years to complete the court-ordered EIS.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:

- **October/November TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders:** BOEM issue a note to stakeholders regarding Q3 FY17 study reports posting to ESPIS.
- **Nov TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders:** BOEM will issue a note to stakeholders on the path forward for future renewable energy leasing offshore the Atlantic Coast Request for Feedback (RFF).

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- **October 30: National OSMRE Release:** OSMRE will announce the winners of its 2017 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards. The awards are presented in partnership with the National Mining Association and will be formally presented on Nov. 6, 2017 in Wash, D.C.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

UPCOMING ENR HEARING: The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is holding a hearing to receive testimony on the potential for oil and gas exploration and development in the non-wilderness

portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, known as the “1002 Area” or Coastal Plain, to raise sufficient revenue pursuant to the Senate reconciliation instructions included in H. Con. Res. 71.

Timing: November 2, 2017 at 9:30am

POLITICAL APPOINTEE UPDATE (updated)

DOI politicals on board = 62

3 PAS confirmed as of 9/18.

6 nominated awaiting confirmation:

- Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.
- Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.
- Pending Senate floor vote: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals
- Pending Senate floor vote: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor
- Pending Hearing: Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- **Pending Hearing: Steve Gardner, Director, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation**

Overall:

- Schedule C: 34 of 68 onboard; 2 starting; 6 in process
- NC-SES: 25 of 44 onboard; 4 starting; 1 in process
- PAS: 3 Confirmed; 5 Announced; 14 of 17 Submitted to PPO

SECRETARY SPEAKING INVITATIONS

Accepted:

11/6 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors Reception (DC)

11/7 - DOI Veterans Day Ceremony (DC)

11/8 – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (DC)

11/9 – National WWI Memorial at Pershing Park (DC)

11/10 – Tour of Manassas National Battlefield Park

11/11 - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (DC)

11/11 - 64th Annual Veterans Day National Ceremony (DC)

11/ 11 - Veterans Day Observance at World War II Memorial (DC)

Open (date TBC)- Americans for Tax Reform (DC)

Open (date TBC)- Detroit Economic Club

Event Postponed by organizers due to fire - 10/21 – DEPA BOD Meeting (CA)

Outstanding Invitations in Process:

11/15 Motorcycle Industry Council Symposium (Carson, CA)

12/1-2 – Western Governors Association Annual Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)

12/9 – Western Caucus Foundation Winter Policy Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)

Declining

10/30-11/3 – International Mining and Resources Conference (Melbourne, Australia)

10/30 – Interstate Mining Compact Commission Mid-Year Meeting (DC)

10/31 - George B. Hartzog, Jr. Awards and Speaker Program Clemson University (SC)

11/1 - 2017 SHIFT (Shaping How we Invest For Tomorrow) Festival (Jackson Hole, WY)

11/4 Governor Reynolds Annual Pheasant Hunt

11/8 – WY Governor Annual Business Forum (Cheyenne, WY)

11/7-9 National Ranger Council Annual Meeting (Gettysburg, PA)

11/9 - America First Energy Conference hosted by Heartland Institute (Houston, TX)

11/9 - Bass Fishing Hall of Fame Induction Dinner at the Wonders of Wildlife (Springfield, MO)
11/13 Montana Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting (Billings, MT)
11/14 – George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Quarter Launch (Vincennes, Indiana)
11/29 Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Fall Conference and Exhibition (Anaheim, CA)
12/5-7 America Outdoors Association's 29th Annual Marketing and Management Conference for Outfitters and Adventure Resorts (Reno, NV)
12/6 American Exploration and Mining Association Annual Meeting (Reno, NV)
12/8 - Valley Industry and Commerce Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (new)

Hurricane Response/Recovery:

NPS continues to coordinate with the U.S. Coast Guard and FEMA to address damaged vessels displaced due to recent hurricane activity. NPS crews are in the process of obtaining a count of the number of displaced vessels within the boundaries of the Caribbean National Parks, and are also searching for and marking underwater debris that may create a navigation hazard. At this time, approximately 180 vessels have been identified, with an unknown amount that may be submerged. Most of the displaced vessels are located at St. John.

USGS continues to support response efforts in Puerto Rico and has received a new Mission Assignment from FEMA to identify, flag, and survey high water marks for approximately 20 communities flooded by riverine or coastal flooding. Additionally, a team of five scientists from the USGS Landslides Hazards Program continue to provide detailed on-site analysis and technical assistance to FEMA in developing operational response plans. USGS crews have repaired approximately 75-percent of all gages that were damaged during Maria and Irma, and USGS continues to assist the National Weather Service with flood forecasting and warning missions.

The Department of Homeland Security reports that, in Puerto Rico, power has been restored to approximately 29 (+3)-percent of customers and the expectation is that 95-percent of Puerto Rico will be restored by December 15. Potable water has been restored to more than 80 (+5)-percent of clients served by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority. Water levels at the Guajataca Dam continue to recede and evacuations are expected to be lifted around November 1. In the U.S. Virgin Islands, grid power has been restored for 31 (+1)-percent of the population on St. Thomas, 3 (no change)-percent on St. Croix, and efforts on St. John are expected to begin in two to three weeks. The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority estimates 90-percent of the power will be restored by November 23.

OUTSIDE MEDIA OF INTEREST (new)

Puerto Rick Gov. Rosselló Announces Cancellation Of Whitefish Energy Contract.

On Sunday, Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló announced the cancellation of energy firm Whitefish Energy's contract with the Puerto Rico Electrical Power Authority. On [ABC World News Tonight](#) (10/29, story 5, 2:00, Llamas), Victor Oquendo reported on the "shock announcement from the governor." Rosselló: "I have asked the board of the power authority to invoke the cancellation clause in the contract immediately." Oquendo: "That contract with Whitefish Energy could soon be scrapped after the revelations the Montana power company had just two employees when it was awarded a massive \$300 million contract to restore power across the island," and that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke "hails from the same town the company is based in." [Politico](#) (10/29, Wilhelm) reports that Zinke said on Friday that he had "'absolutely nothing to do' with the awarding of the contract to Whitefish."

Trump Plans To Shrink Two National Monuments In Utah.

The [New York Times](#) (10/27, Friedman) reports Sen. Orrin Hatch on Friday “said...that President Trump had told him the administration would shrink” Bears Ears National Monument, created by former President Obama, and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, established by former President Clinton, based on the recommendation of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. White House press secretary Sarah Sanders “said a final report would be released ‘shortly,’” but she “did not confirm whether the president has signed off on it in part or in whole.” Sanders said, “I’m not going to get ahead of the president’s announcement on the specifics of that, but I can tell you he will be going to Utah in the first part of early December and we will release more details at that point, if not before.”

Interior Department Kickstarts Initiative To Get Veterans Back Into America’s Wild.

[Breitbart](#) (10/27, Wong) reports that the Interior Department on Thursday welcomed “a gathering of veterans, hunting, and wildlife groups” for a “meeting to discuss how to improve access for hunting and fishing for veterans, particularly wounded warriors and those with PTSD.” Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “hosted the gathering to kickstart the initiative, one of his big priorities at the department.” Addressing the group, Zinke said, “Our veterans are spending more time overseas than they are at home. And it has an effect on the VA. It has an effect on communities because normal has become over there, rather than over here, so I’m concerned about the experience when they come home that our public lands are once again returned to the people.” Zinke continued, “Hunting and fishing is part of our legacy. And a lot of veterans are part of our hunting and fishing experience, and I am concerned that we’ve seen a lack of access, roads being closed, the wilderness, even.”

FOREST BILL HITS THE FLOOR: The House is expected to this week consider legislation [H.R. 2936 \(115\)](#) from Rep. [Bruce Westerman](#) that would overhaul a host of forest management activities and that sponsors claim will address fire-borrowing, streamline environmental review processes and minimize litigation. Critics [say](#) it undermines crucial environmental protections by using “the specter of wildfire to facilitate commercial logging on national forests shielded from public scrutiny and environmental review.” The House Rules Committee [meets](#) on the measure Halloween at 5 p.m.

Deadline Near For Tribal Members To Claim Settlement Money.

The [AP](#) (10/27) reports that “American Indian tribal members and their descendants have until Nov. 27 to ask for their share of the remainder of \$3.4 billion in settlement money awarded to Native Americans after a major class-action lawsuit against the federal government.” U.S. District of Columbia District Court Judge Thomas Hogan set the deadline in a January order, “after it was apparent that efforts to find tribe members to entitled to the award money listed as ‘whereabouts unknown’ were no longer as successful.” According to the article, “unclaimed funds that remain after the deadline passes will be added to the Cobell Educational Scholarship Fund.” Additional coverage was provided by the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (10/27, Wilson).

Tribal Leaders Call Land-Use Bill Step In Right Direction.

The [AP](#) (10/29, Windes) reports that “tribal leaders backed a House bill Wednesday that would give tribes the ability to control more of their land, instead of having to get federal approval for virtually any use.” The American Indian Empowerment Act would “let tribes shift federally controlled trust land to ‘restricted fee land,’ a move that could save millions of dollars that tribes now spend on ‘burdensome regulation,’ while restoring a level of tribal sovereignty.” The article adds that “while they called the bill a step in the right direction, however, witnesses said they are concerned about ambiguities in the thin, three-page bill that ‘could allow state or local governments to implement property taxes on tribal land,’ among other issues.”

How A 672,000-Gallon Oil Spill Was Nearly Invisible.

The [New York Times](#) (10/29, Caron) reports that when an oil pipeline owned by LLOG Exploration, lying about a mile below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico, fractured in early October, about 672,000 gallons of oil escaped, in what appears “to be the largest since the Deepwater Horizon explosion in 2010.” However, “hardly any of it was visible” on the surface, as “the oil seemed to have completely disappeared.” The oil, under high pressure and seeping through a small fracture, escaped in droplets measured in microns, according to Lt. Cmdr. Steven Youde of the Coast Guard. Much of the oil was eaten by oil-degrading bacteria, with larger droplets that rose to the surface broken down by “sunlight, wind and wave action.”

Lawmakers: High User Fees Could Hurt Acadia, National Parks.

The [AP](#) (10/27) reports that “Maine’s congressional delegation is turning a critical eye on a U.S. Department of the Interior proposal to raise fees at national parks, including Acadia National Park.” Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King “sent a letter to the department after an announcement that it’s proposing increasing fees at 17 national parks. The peak season increases would help offset overdue maintenance costs.” They “say the department should consider creating a National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund or Conservation Service Corp to help address the backlog.”

Too Many Tourists: Crowding Is A Big Headache At National Parks And Theme Parks.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (10/28, Martin) reports that “across the country, people have been trekking to national parks, theme parks and other tourist attractions in record numbers during the past few years, creating an unexpected problem for the tourism industry: too many customers.” Without a solution, managers “fear that long lines and unruly crowds ultimately will turn off future visitors.”

Parks Service Denies Permit For Giant Statue Of Naked Woman On National Mall.

[CNN](#) (10/27, Tatum) reports that “the group behind an effort to bring a 45-foot-tall sculpture of a naked woman to the National Mall says it is ‘looking to formalize litigation’ after the National Park Service denied approval of the statue.” Natalie White, spokeswoman for Catharsis on the Mall, said in a statement, “We need a law firm willing to take on overly restrictive NPS rules that inappropriately seem to value the preservation of the perceived aesthetic of the National Mall over First Amendment activities. Historical use of this public space includes free-speech demonstrations that continue to shape the character of our country.”

Feds Pull Funding For Black Panther Legacy Project In Berkeley After Backlash.

The [Washington Examiner](#) (10/29, Lim) reports that “a Black Panther Party legacy project at the University of California Berkeley will no longer proceed after the National Park Service bowed to pressure applied by conservative organizations and pulled federal funding, according to a report.” The National Park Service “announced in September it would award \$98,000 to Ula Taylor, UC Berkeley’s incoming African-American studies chairwoman,” for the Black Panther Party Research, Interpretation & Memory Project. Spokesman Craig Dalby said, “After an additional review of the project, the [National Park Service] decided not to move forward with funding the project.”

Culture Of Harassment At NPS ‘Completely Unacceptable’.

The [Rafu Shimpo \(CA\)](#) (10/26) reports that Sen. Mazie Hirono, ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, “on Oct. 13 called for action to be taken following the release of a National Park Service (NPS) survey that found that 38 percent of NPS employees have been harassed or discriminated against in the past year.” The Interior Department

“announced that NPS will receive additional resources to address complaints and expand training.” Hirono said, “Today’s announcement confirms what we’ve known for some time – there is a pervasive culture of workplace harassment in the National Park Service. Continued silence and inaction are completely unacceptable. Working together, we can provide the necessary oversight and resources to ensure that all NPS employees – regardless of age, race, gender, and sexual orientation – have a safe working environment.”

FEDERAL REGISTER LISTINGS:

Notices submitted to the Federal Register for Friday, October 27:

REG0007480 NPS NIC - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Region, Anchorage, AK N2857 -- This is a Notice of Inventory Completion pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the Alaska Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The human remains and associated funerary objects were recovered from Kodiak Island Borough, Alaska. Notice 10/27/2017

REG0007481 NPS NIC - U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC N2860 -- This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC. The Human remains and associated funerary objects were removed from a site in the southern portion of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Glacier County, MT. Notice 10/27/2017

REG0007570 NPS National Register of Historic Places, October 14, 2017 -- The NPS is soliciting comments on the significance of properties nominated before October 14, 2017, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or related actions. Notice 10/27/2017

REG0007566 ONRR Cancellation Meeting Notice: U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 15-16, 2017. Notice 10/27/2017

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 11/02/17

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison
Natalie Davis, Special Assistant to the Secretary

STATUS OF THE SECRETARY

THIS WEEK: Secretary is on Personal leave

STATUS OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

TODAY: Attend Groundbreaking Ceremony for Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial

- Meet with Jim Herz, OMB

WH COMMS REPORT (submitted Wednesday, 11/1)

Press Inquiries:

- Small inquiries and logistical inquiries.
- **Reuters:** (Andrew Cullen)—**REQUEST**— I am seeking information regarding the upcoming changes to Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument as announced by President Trump last Friday. Specifically I am seeking information about the new boundaries of those monuments, how much their respective sizes will be decreased, and what will remain within the monuments after Presidential action is taken. Also; what will Tribal involvement be in the management of Bears Ears NM after the president's action? Finally, where in Utah, and when, will the President be when he takes action on this matter? Our deadline is tomorrow morning at 10 am EST.—**RESPONSE**—The Department has no new announcements on the monument review at this time. Please contact the White House concerning the President's schedule.
- **Morning Consult:** (Iulia Gheorghiu)—**REQUEST**-- A Morning Consult poll shows that 52% of voters oppose the increases - 36% support them and 11% do not have an opinion. (I'd be happy to share more details and the crosstabs for the poll if you're interested. The question we posed was: As you may know, it currently costs between \$25 to \$30 for a private vehicle to enter a U.S. national park during peak season. Would you support or oppose increasing this fee to \$70, in order to pay for improvements to national parks such as roads, bridges, campgrounds, waterlines, and bathrooms?) What is the Interior's response to a majority of Americans opposing the increase to the U.S. national park fee to \$70 (from the current \$25-\$30)? Have any members of Congress issued their support for this proposal? Will the Interior Department respond to the letter that [Senators sent last week](#) regarding their opposition to the fee increase? This is for a forthcoming story with a deadline of 10 a.m. on Thursday.—**RESPONSE**-- TBD

Top Stories

- **Salt Lake Tribune:** [Championing 'American energy dominance,' feds to scrap master plans for leasing public lands](#)
- **Colorado Public Radio:** [Hickenlooper, Wyoming's Mead, Warn Against Big Changes To Sage Grouse Plan](#)
- **Alaska Journal:** [Renewed optimism under Zinke's Interior Department for King Cove](#)
- **Denver Post (Letter to the editor):** [Should the U.S. raise entrance fees for national parks?](#)

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Interior continues to support all Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria, and Hurricane Nate efforts. All bureaus are executing their emergency plans and assisting in Hurricane relief.
- Tomorrow, Principal Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Greg Sheehan has a Senate Hearing regarding the Alaska 10-02.
- This week, DOI will announce 2 new FACA boards, one related to sportsmen and one related to public/private partnerships.
- This week, Secretary Zinke is out on personal leave at his home in Montana.
- FYI- Secretary Zinke's birthday is today.

AGENCY MEDIA (UPDATED)

WEEK AHEAD November 1 thru November 9, 2017 (submitted 11/2)

Announcements/Releases/Events

U.S. Department of the Interior

Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

- This week the Secretary is on personal leave. He will return to Washington on Monday. He will be visiting Glacier National Park this Saturday as part of his vacation.
- Soon we plan to announce 2 new FACA boards, one related to sportsmen and one related to public/private partnerships.
- **November 6:** the "Stream Protection Rule" (related to OSMRE) will hit the Federal Register. Comms materials are forthcoming.
- **November 2:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Principal Deputy Director Greg Sheehan will testify before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee about the Alaskan 1002 Area. WH will have talking points shortly to use if asked. *Wall Street Journal* is working on a preview story which we expect will be balanced.
- **November 2:** DOI/ONRR will send a letter to the EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative) to officially withdraw from the Initiative. WH has the letter and talking points.
- **November TBD: National NPS Release:** Major announcement regarding Arlington Memorial Bridge. Pending WH review.
- **November/December TBD:** Proclamation signing in Utah regarding the Antiquities Act. Pending WH review.

Interior Social Media Updates

- **November 1: Department-level blog post:** DOI published a blog post for Native American Heritage Month and highlighting the Department's work.
- **November 2 (tent.): Department-level release:** DOI and BLM will issue a release announcing that Sabinoso Wilderness is now open to the public.

National Park Service

- **November 1: Local NPS Release:** Arches National Park to announce the public comment period on a plan to help alleviate traffic and parking congestion. The park has developed a Traffic Congestion Management Plan (TCMP) to address vehicle traffic and parking congestion problems that affect

visitor access, visitor enjoyment, and resource conditions. The TCMP proposes a reservation system for entrance during peak visitation season and peak visitation hours. To be released on November 1.

- **November 1:** El Malpais National Monument plans to reduce the days and hours of operation at the El Malpais Visitor Center from seven to five days per week, and from eight hours per day to seven. Since 1999, the NPS managed the center with help from the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management through a multi-agency agreement to share operational expenses. Both agencies recently terminated the agreement due to budget constraints. As a result, NPS modified its schedule at the visitor center to cover funding shortages for personnel and operations. In July, the monument previously closed its Information Center for the remainder of the calendar year due to available staffing.
- **November 1:** Death Valley National Park anticipates the release of two Environmental Assessments for a 30-day public review. Both projects address damage that resulted from a major rainstorm and extensive flash flood in 2015 at Scotty's Castle and for Bonnie Clare Road and utilities.
- **November 2: Local NPS Release:** A ceremonial groundbreaking is scheduled for the Eisenhower Memorial, which will be administered by National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA). Final approvals have been granted by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. NAMA anticipates issuing a construction permit in late October, with completion tentatively scheduled for May 2020.
- **November 2:** The Capitol Reef National Park superintendent will meet with the offices of Sen. Lee (R-UT), Sen. Hatch (R-UT), and Rep. Stewart (R-UT) to provide an overview of the Capitol Reef National Park's Livestock Grazing and Trailing Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).
- **November 3:** George Washington Memorial Parkway will host a ribbon cutting at Jones Point Park to celebrate the completion of a volunteer construction project. The park worked with the Union Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) to rehabilitate a 60-year-old fishing pier. This project is the 100th completed by USA in parks across the country and was supported by volunteer labor and donated materials. USA will host a youth conservation and fishing event before the ceremony.
- **November 4:** NASA astronaut Jack Fischer will visit Rock Creek Park and present a public program at 4 p.m.
- **November 6 (tent.):** (EMBARGOED UNTIL PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED) Golden Gate National Recreation Area is expected to release a Request for Qualifications for a competitive business opportunity to establish a waterfront community center at the Fort Baker Historic Boat Shop and Marina as an affordable recreational and gathering place open to the public.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- **November 3 (tent.): National FWS Release:** FWS will issue a news release regarding the opening of the public comment period for the Mitigation Policy and Endangered Species Act Compensatory Mitigation Policy. The portions FWS will request comment on include the policies' reference to a mitigation planning goal of net conservation gain and the policies' references to the previous Administration's mitigation directives.
- **November 3 (tent.): National FWS Release:** FWS will issue a release on the opening of the public comment for both the Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAA) policy and the corresponding regulations. These notices will solicit public comments on the 2016 revised policy and regulations to determine if there are additional revisions, particularly to the CCAA standard, that will

make the policy and regulations easier to implement for those entities choosing to participate in a CCAA.

- **November 3 (tent.): Local FWS Release:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will announce the final administrative step in the process to repeal regulations that were published in 2016 regarding the non-subsistence take of wildlife, public participation, and closure procedures for national wildlife refuges in Alaska. This administrative step has been taken in response to a congressional resolution to nullify them under the Congressional Review Act, which was signed by the President in April 2017.
- **November TBD: National FWS Release:** FWS will announce the 2017-18 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations. Final rule will open various national wildlife refuges to hunting and/or sport fishing for the first time (new hunts) and expand hunting and fishing opportunities at others.
- **November TBD: FWS News Bulletin:** FWS will issue a news bulletin regarding a NEPA Environmental Assessment related to lethal take permits for cormorants for aquaculture facilities.

Bureau of Land Management

- **November 1–2:** BLM-MT will host a tribal consultation meeting at the Montana/Dakotas State Office in Billings to discuss tribal issues and matters of interest related to the Denbury Resources, Inc. CO2 Pipeline and Enhanced Recovery Project (in southeast Montana); the BNI Coal Ltd. expansion proposal, "BNI-2" (in western North Dakota); and various fire fuels reduction projects in eastern Montana. Tribal Council Presidents/Chairs and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from 17 tribes have been invited to the meeting.
- **November 2:** Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval will dedicate a section of Highway 140 in memory of BLM firefighters Will Hawkins and Jacob O'Malley, who were killed in a vehicle accident.
- **November 2 – 16:** Scoping meetings for the Notice of Intent to amend Greater sage-grouse land use plans will be held in the following Western cities and towns:
 - Nov. 2: Twin Falls, ID
 - Nov. 6: Cheyenne, WY; Idaho Falls, ID
 - Nov. 7: Marsing, ID; Reno, NV; Burns, OR
 - Nov. 8: Pinedale, WY; Elko, NV; Billings, MT
 - Nov. 9: Ely, NV, Craig, CO
 - Nov. 14: Vernal, UT
 - Nov. 15: Cedar City, UT
 - Nov. 16: Salt Lake City, UT
- **November 6:** BLM Acting Director Michael D. Nedd will attend the National Mining Association/BLM Sustainable Development Awards in Washington, D.C. The awards are presented by the BLM to hardrock mining companies that demonstrate high quality examples of responsible mineral resource development. The awards recognize work in the areas of sustainable development, environmental health, social responsibility, and economic security
- **November 7:** BLM will participate in the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C. The meeting provides an opportunity for the BLM to interact with NFWF's Board and staff and to learn more about the conservation programs supported with the annual \$3 million appropriation.
- **November 8:** The Department of Justice will host an evidence review of the Erskine Fire at the BLM-CA Bakersfield Office. Attorneys from DOJ, DOI, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and private parties will attend.

- **November 9:** BLM-WY Buffalo Field Office will hold an annual public meeting to discuss development and monitoring of performance standards in regard to its Fortification Creek management.
- **November TBD: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO expects to issue a decision about whether to grant a royalty rate reduction for the West Elk Mine. The BLM proposes to approve Mountain Coal Company, LLC's application for a royalty rate reduction from 8 percent to 5 percent for 10.3 million tons of coal in the West Elk Mine in southwest Colorado's North Fork Valley.
- **November TBD: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO expects to issue a decision whether to modify GCC Energy's King II Mine in Montezuma County in southwest CO by 951 acres to allow GCC to access an estimated 4.66 million tons of recoverable Federal coal reserves for an additional 6.5 years of mining.

U.S. Geological Survey

- **November 8: USGS Media Advisory:** USGS will issue a media advisory announcing that groundwater and geology will be surveyed using low-flying helicopter in Southern California to collect and record geophysical measurements for scientific research purposes as part of the California Oil, Gas, & Groundwater Program.
- **November TBD: Local USGS Release:** USGS will issue a release regarding a new USGS study that tracks millions of tons of rocks, gravel and silt carried by the Sauk River and its tributaries to the Skagit River.

Bureau of Reclamation

- **October 26 - November 1:** A six-member team from the Bureau of Reclamation will visit Taipei, Taiwan, to participate in the 30th anniversary meeting between Reclamation and Taiwan's Water Resources Agency. Reclamation serves as the designated technical representative of the American Institute in Taiwan, the official arm of the U.S. Department of State in Taiwan.
- **November 2:** Deputy Commissioner of Operations David Palumbo will be the keynote speaker at Columbia Basin Development League conference in Moses Lake, Washington.
- **November 2:** At a Newton Town Council meeting, Reclamation will discuss the public safety risk and proposed closure of unauthorized target shooting around Newton Dam in Utah. This is part of a preliminary process to consult with local stakeholders and to encourage development of a safe alternative site away from the Reclamation dam and reservoir.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:

- **November TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders:** BOEM issue a note to stakeholders regarding Q3 FY17 study reports posting to ESPIS.
- **November TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders:** BOEM will issue a note to stakeholders on the path forward for future renewable energy leasing offshore the Atlantic Coast Request for Feedback (RFF).
- **November TBD:** GOMR Sale 249 closeout NTS.

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

- **November 8 (tent.): National NSEE Release:** BSEE will issue a press release regarding an update on Gulf of Mexico Region well permits being approved.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE (Updated)

SENR HEARING RE: ALASKA 1002 AREA EXPLORATION: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Murkowski) will hold a full Committee oversight hearing on The Potential for Oil and Gas Exploration and Development in the Non-Wilderness Portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Section 1002). This will be a contentious hearing. Greg Sheehan (Principal Deputy Director, FWS) will be testifying on behalf of the Department. **Timing:** Thursday, November 2, 2017
Contact: Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs

UPCOMING HNRC HEARING: The House Natural Resources Water, Power, and Oceans Subcommittee is holding a legislative hearing on H.R. 221 (Rep. Don Young of AK), To reauthorize the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, and for other purposes. "Hydrographic Services Improvement Amendments Act"; H.R. 1176 (Rep. Chellie Pingree), To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force and a working waterfronts grant program, and for other purposes. "Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act"; and S. 140 (Sen. Jeff Flake), To amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund. The Department will be providing a statement for the record on S. 140, per the Committee's request.

Timing: Thursday, November 2, 2017

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Policy Adviser, Congressional Affairs

UPCOMING SCIA HEARING: The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is hosting a legislative hearing on S. 1400 (Sen. Heinrich), the Safeguarding Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017 and S. 465 (Sen. Rounds), the Independent Outside Audit of the Indian Health Service Act of 2017. The Department will only be providing testimony on S.1400. Witness is pending.

Timing: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Policy Adviser, Congressional Affairs

UPCOMING SCIA ROUNDTABLE: The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is holding a roundtable entitled "Confronting the Crisis: the Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country." DOI intends to send Charlie Addington, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Justice Services to participate.

Timing: Thursday, November 9, 2017

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Policy Adviser, Congressional Affairs

POLITICAL APPOINTEE UPDATE

DOI politicals on board = 62

3 PAS confirmed as of 9/18.

6 nominated awaiting confirmation:

- Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.
- Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.
- Pending Senate floor vote: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals
- Pending Senate floor vote: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor
- Pending Hearing: Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- Pending Hearing: Steve Gardner, Director, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation

Overall:

- Schedule C: 34 of 68 onboard; 2 starting; 6 in process
- NC-SES: 25 of 44 onboard; 4 starting; 1 in process
- PAS: 3 Confirmed; 5 Announced; 14 of 17 Submitted to PPO

SECRETARY SPEAKING INVITATIONS

Accepted:

11/6 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors Reception (DC)
11/7 - DOI Veterans Day Ceremony (DC)
11/8 – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (DC)
11/9 – National WWI Memorial at Pershing Park (DC)
11/10 – Tour of Manassas National Battlefield Park
11/11 - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (DC)
11/11 - 64th Annual Veterans Day National Ceremony (DC)
11/ 11 - Veterans Day Observance at World War II Memorial (DC)

Open (date TBC)- Americans for Tax Reform (DC)

Open (date TBC)- Detroit Economic Club

Event Postponed by organizers due to fire - 10/21 – DEPA BOD Meeting (CA)

Outstanding Invitations in Process:

11/15 Motorcycle Industry Council Symposium (Carson, CA)
12/1-2 – Western Governors Association Annual Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)
12/9 – Western Caucus Foundation Winter Policy Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)

Declining

10/30-11/3 – International Mining and Resources Conference (Melbourne, Australia)
11/1 - 2017 SHIFT (Shaping How we Invest For Tomorrow) Festival (Jackson Hole, WY)
11/4 Governor Reynolds Annual Pheasant Hunt
11/8 – WY Governor Annual Business Forum (Cheyenne, WY)
11/7-9 National Ranger Council Annual Meeting (Gettysburg, PA)
11/9 - America First Energy Conference hosted by Heartland Institute (Houston, TX)
11/9 - Bass Fishing Hall of Fame Induction Dinner at the Wonders of Wildlife (Springfield, MO)
11/13 Montana Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting (Billings, MT)
11/14 – George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Quarter Launch (Vincennes, Indiana)
11/29 Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Fall Conference and Exhibition (Anaheim, CA)
12/5-7 America Outdoors Association's 29th Annual Marketing and Management Conference for Outfitters and Adventure Resorts (Reno, NV)
12/6 American Exploration and Mining Association Annual Meeting (Reno, NV)
12/8 - Valley Industry and Commerce Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (new)

On October 31, the Wildland Fire National Preparedness Level (PL) was lowered to PL 1, the lowest level possible. Large wildland fire and initial attack activity has decreased significantly nationally, and there is very little mobilization of resources from the Geographic Area Coordination Centers (GACCs) and the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC). The change to PL 1 also signifies that the likelihood of significant wildland fires is expected to remain minimal. As of this morning, there are still over 1,300 personnel fighting fires in the U.S., including 197 DOI personnel.

OUTSIDE MEDIA OF INTEREST (new)

Trump administration pulls out of resource transparency initiative

The U.S. has withdrawn as an implementing member of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, a voluntary international program that set standards for public reporting of how much revenue governments receive from oil, gas and mineral extraction. In a [letter](#) today, Gregory Gould, the director of the Interior Department's Office of Natural Resources Revenue, told the EITI board chair in Norway that "U.S. laws prevent us from meeting specific provisions of the EITI standard." "While the U.S. government remains committed to fighting corruption in the extractive industries sector... it is clear that domestic implementation of EITI does not fully account for the U.S. legal framework," Gould wrote in the letter, released by the advocacy group Publish What You Pay. Jana Morgan, director of PWYP's U.S. chapter, said in a statement that the U.S.' participation in the EITI was "stymied" because most companies declined to disclose their tax payments. "To be clear, U.S. law does not prevent oil, gas or mining companies from voluntarily disclosing their taxes — common practice in the dozens of EITI implementing countries," Morgan said in a statement. The move comes on top of Republicans' use of the Congressional Review Act earlier this year to [nullify](#) a Securities and Exchange Commission regulation developed under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street reform bill that would have required public disclosure of payments made by fossil fuel extractors to foreign governments. **WHAT'S NEXT:** The U.S. will remain a "supporting country" to the initiative, Gould said. *To view online:* <https://www.politicopro.com/energy/whiteboard/2017/11/trump-administration-pulls-out-of-resource-transparency-initiative-095114>

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

[Politico](#) (11/1, Lippman) interviewed Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke for a piece on his birthday. When asked about President Trump, Zinke responded, "The President is delivering on his campaign promises and is draining the swamp every day. Unemployment is down; the stock market is up. It's not easy or even popular, at times, draining the swamp, but the work needs to be done to make America great again. I have never worked for someone with so much energy and instincts than President Trump, and I am honored to be part of his team." Zinke also highlighted "a return to multiple use of our public lands." He said, "At Interior we are working to better manage our land at the ecosystem level to ensure the long-term health of the land. We are also expanding Americans' access to public lands. It's a mission worth fighting for."

Championing 'American Energy Dominance,' Feds To Scrap Master Plans For Leasing Public Lands.

The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (11/1, Maffly) reports that Interior Department Secretary Ryan Zinke has released a new 44-page report, which is "aimed at lifting barriers to development on public lands." Commenting on President Trump's leadership, Zinke said that the "Interior is fostering domestic energy production by streamlining permitting and revising and repealing Obama-era job killing regulations" while being environmentally responsible. The programs that may be removed or altered include "the Bureau of Land Management's master leasing process; its methane flaring and venting rule; hydraulic fracturing regulations; and its coal leasing program."

As Wyoming Prepares Change To Coal Bonding Rules, Feds Announce Walk Back.

The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (11/1, Richards) reports that "proposed Wyoming rules for coal mining may fill a void in the Cowboy State created by the Trump administration's push for deregulation within the industry." The Trump Administration is "considering whether to halt proposed Obama-era rules that discourage self-bonding." Meanwhile, the state's Department of Environmental Quality is "nearly finished with a preliminary update to state regulations, including self-bonding, said Keith Guille, spokesman for the department."

Awaiting Trump's Coal Comeback, Miners Reject Retraining.

[Reuters](#) (11/1, Volcovici) reports "despite broad consensus" about the "bleak future" of coal, "a years-long effort to diversify the economy of this hard-hit region away from mining is stumbling, with Obama-era jobs retraining classes undersubscribed and future programs at risk under President Donald Trump's proposed 2018 budget." The current president "has promised to revive coal by rolling back environmental regulations and moved to repeal Obama-era curbs on carbon emissions from power plants." Reuters adds "what many experts call false hopes for a coal resurgence have mired economic development efforts here in a catch-22: Coal miners are resisting retraining without ready jobs from new industries, but new companies are unlikely to move here without a trained workforce. The stalled diversification push leaves some of the nation's poorest areas with no clear path to prosperity."

Senate Energy Gears Up For Alaska Drilling Fight.

[Roll Call](#) (11/1, Dillon) reports that at a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday, Republicans in favor of opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration are expected to argue "improvements in drilling technology over the past decade will minimize potential damage to the environment." The assertion may "rile committee Democrats" who plan to raise the specter of oil spills as a reason not to allow drilling in the reserve. Erik Milito, director with the American Petroleum Institute, said that "the natural gas and oil industry's long record of production on the Alaska North Slope demonstrates that resources at ANWR could be developed in an environmentally responsible way," concluding, "opening it would be an important step toward increasing American competitiveness and securing our nation's energy future."

Group Cries Foul Over Cell Service Expansion In National Parks.

[Courthouse News](#) (11/1, Reese) reports that cellphone towers are propagating "around the country in the last frontier of cell coverage: national parks and national forests." A recently filed complaint filed with the Interior Department's Office of Inspector General "claims national parks across the United States are allowing cell coverage to spread into wild backcountry areas without public involvement, without getting paid and sometimes without knowing who owns the towers." Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility "said in its Oct. 30 letter to Mary Kendall, deputy inspector general for the U.S. Department of Interior, that Yosemite National Park is the latest national park in America to allow cellphone towers to be built without adequate government or public oversight."

Want To Go To Arches? You May Soon Need A Reservation, Under A New Park Service Plan.

The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (11/1, Maffly) reports that Arches National Park on Wednesday "unveiled a proposal for a reservation system that it hopes will reduce the crush of visitors, but may irritate some who are unable to plan ahead." The plan would "limit park entries during certain three-hour windows between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. over the March-through-October high season." According to the article, "park officials emphasized the point of the plan is not to limit the number of visitors, but to spread visitation out during the course of the day and throughout the year."

How To Help National Parks Without Soaking American Families.

In an op-ed for the [Washington Examiner](#) (11/2, Anderson), Matthew Anderson, director of the Coalition for Self-Government in the West, writes that "if the National Park Service moves ahead with its latest proposal to drastically increase entrance fees, countless American families will be locked out of the natural beauty and grandeur of our national parks." Anderson argues that "our national parks should be within reach of every citizen." He asserts that "we cannot allow these natural wonders to become

another economic divide, where hardworking Americans are once again left on the outside looking in while only the wealthy get to experience our national treasures.”

When Horses Go Wild.

In an op-ed for the [Washington Times](#) (11/1, O'Toole), Sharon O'Toole, a rancher near Savery, Wyoming, writes that the wild horse issue, “which dominates the Western United States as more than 70,000 excess horses damage the landscape, will be front and center in Washington when the Senate Appropriations Committee debates the Interior appropriations bill.” O'Toole urges Congress to “support the sale of wild horses without restriction.” She argues that “the current situation, in which taxpayers support at least 70,000 excess horses, leaves us with no end in sight — not in numbers, not in funding, not in ecological damage.”

FEDERAL REGISTER LISTINGS:

Notices submitted to the Federal Register for Wednesday, November 01:

REG0007567 FWS 2017-2018 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations -- This final rule on 2017-2018 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing regulations will allow the Service to increase access in response to Secretary's Orders 3347 and 3356. This rulemaking will provide the annual update to the existing regulations in 50 CFR Part 32. Final Rule 11/01/2017

REG0007447 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: New York State Museum, Albany, NY N2232 -- This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate cultural items under the control of the New York State Museum, Albany, NY, that meet the definition of sacred objects under 25 U.S.C. 3001. Notice 11/01/2017

REG0007448 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: New York State Museum, Albany, NY N2235 -- This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate cultural items under the control of the New York State Museum, Albany, NY, that meet the definition of sacred objects under 25 U.S.C. 3001. Notice 11/01/2017

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REG0007450 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: New York State Museum, Albany, NY N2234 -- This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the intent to repatriate cultural items under the control of the New York State Museum, Albany, NY, that meet the definition of sacred objects under 25 U.S.C. 3001. Notice 11/01/2017

REG0007451 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: Museum of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX N2858 -- This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items under the control of the Museum of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, that meet the definition of sacred objects under 25 U.S.C. 3001. Notice 11/01/2017

REG0007573 OSM Effectuating Congressional Nullification of the Stream Protection Rule under the Congressional Review Act -- Under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), Congress passed and the President signed a resolution of disapproval of the OSMRE's Stream Protection Rule (SPR), which took effect on January 19, 2017. By operation of the CRA, the SPR must be treated as if it had never taken effect. This document instructs the Office of the Federal Register to remove the voided regulatory text and to reinstate the regulatory text that was in effect immediately prior to the effective date of the SPR. Final Rule 11/01/2017

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- **Earther Gizmodo Media Group: (Yessenia Funes)–REQUEST—** I'm doing a story on the tribal response to the President's intention to shrink Bears Ears. They are saying that the president and Interior Secretary Zinke never met with or consulted them on these decisions. I was hoping to have a comment on why that is the case. Perhaps the department did attempt? If so, how and when?—**RESPONSE—**That is patently false. The Secretary met with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition on May 7th in Salt Lake City and the Department hosted several Tribal listening sessions over the 120-day review period. Additionally, the Secretary had multiple conversations with Tribal leaders throughout the process.
- **E&E News: (Pamela King)–REQUEST--** We corresponded a couple weeks ago about the Fish and Wildlife's "Management of Non Federal Oil and Gas Rights" and the National Park Service's "General Provisions and Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights" in reference to an *Energywire* story checking in on the status of Interior's responses to President Trump's "energy independence" executive order. Now that Interior's regulatory review has been released, I saw that there were few details on what direction the department will take on these rules. With respect to the FWS rule, the report says the service is "reviewing" the rule. The NPS rule is not mentioned, except for a reference to its inclusion

in Secretary Zinke's March 29 secretarial order implementing the "energy independence" order. Does this indicate that NPS is not moving forward with a review of that rule? Are there any additional details available about the review (or lack thereof) of either of these rules? I've set a hard deadline of 4 p.m. eastern time tomorrow. Our newsroom will have a scheduled power outage tomorrow, and we are required to file early.—**RESPONSE**-- The NPS rule was under review. No action has been taken or identified for it, which is why it is not in the report. I have no additional information on the USFWS rule.

Top Stories

- **E&E News:** [Interior official compares \\$70 entry fee to cost of a movie](#)
- **Morning Consult:** [Most U.S. Voters Oppose Fee Hikes for National Parks](#)
- **Washington Examiner:** [Puerto Rico governor slams 'unacceptable' recovery effort by Army Corps of Engineers](#)
- **Colorado Public Radio:** [Why National Monuments In The West Put Presidential Powers In The Hot Seat](#)

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Interior continues to support all Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria, and Hurricane Nate efforts. All bureaus are executing their emergency plans and assisting in Hurricane relief.
- Today, Principal Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Greg Sheehan had a Senate Hearing regarding the Alaska 10-02.
- Tomorrow, DOI will announce a new FACA board related to public/private partnerships.
- This week, Secretary Zinke is out on personal leave at his home in Montana. The Secretary will return on Monday.

AGENCY MEDIA (UPDATED)

WEEK AHEAD November 1 thru November 9, 2017 (submitted 11/2)

Announcements/Releases/Events

U.S. Department of the Interior

Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

- This week the Secretary is on personal leave. He will return to Washington on Monday. He will be visiting Glacier National Park this Saturday as part of his vacation.
- Soon we plan to announce 2 new FACA boards, one related to sportsmen and one related to public/private partnerships.
- **November 6:** the "Stream Protection Rule" (related to OSMRE) will hit the Federal Register. Comms materials are forthcoming.
- **November TBD: National NPS Release:** Major announcement regarding Arlington Memorial Bridge. Pending WH review.
- **November/December TBD:** Proclamation signing in Utah regarding the Antiquities Act. Pending WH review.

National Park Service

- **November 3:** George Washington Memorial Parkway will host a ribbon cutting at Jones Point Park to celebrate the completion of a volunteer construction project. The park worked with the Union Sportsmen's Alliance (USA) to rehabilitate a 60-year-old fishing pier. This project is the 100th

completed by USA in parks across the country and was supported by volunteer labor and donated materials. USA will host a youth conservation and fishing event before the ceremony.

- **November 4:** NASA astronaut Jack Fischer will visit Rock Creek Park and present a public program at 4 p.m.
- **November 6 (tent.):** (EMBARGOED UNTIL PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED) Golden Gate National Recreation Area is expected to release a Request for Qualifications for a competitive business opportunity to establish a waterfront community center at the Fort Baker Historic Boat Shop and Marina as an affordable recreational and gathering place open to the public.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- **November 3 (tent.): National FWS Release:** FWS will issue a news release regarding the opening of the public comment period for the Mitigation Policy and Endangered Species Act Compensatory Mitigation Policy. The portions FWS will request comment on include the policies' reference to a mitigation planning goal of net conservation gain and the policies' references to the previous Administration's mitigation directives.
- **November 3 (tent.): National FWS Release:** FWS will issue a release on the opening of the public comment for both the Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances (CCAA) policy and the corresponding regulations. These notices will solicit public comments on the 2016 revised policy and regulations to determine if there are additional revisions, particularly to the CCAA standard, that will make the policy and regulations easier to implement for those entities choosing to participate in a CCAA.
- **November 3 (tent.): Local FWS Release:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will announce the final administrative step in the process to repeal regulations that were published in 2016 regarding the non-subsistence take of wildlife, public participation, and closure procedures for national wildlife refuges in Alaska. This administrative step has been taken in response to a congressional resolution to nullify them under the Congressional Review Act, which was signed by the President in April 2017.
- **November TBD: National FWS Release:** FWS will announce the 2017-18 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations. Final rule will open various national wildlife refuges to hunting and/or sport fishing for the first time (new hunts) and expand hunting and fishing opportunities at others.
- **November TBD: FWS News Bulletin:** FWS will issue a news bulletin regarding a NEPA Environmental Assessment related to lethal take permits for cormorants for aquaculture facilities.

Bureau of Land Management

- **November 2 – 16:** Scoping meetings for the Notice of Intent to amend Greater sage-grouse land use plans will be held in the following Western cities and towns:
 - Nov. 2: Twin Falls, ID
 - Nov. 6: Cheyenne, WY; Idaho Falls, ID
 - Nov. 7: Marsing, ID; Reno, NV; Burns, OR
 - Nov. 8: Pinedale, WY; Elko, NV; Billings, MT
 - Nov. 9: Ely, NV, Craig, CO
 - Nov. 14: Vernal, UT
 - Nov. 15: Cedar City, UT
 - Nov. 16: Salt Lake City, UT

- **November 6:** BLM Acting Director Michael D. Nedd will attend the National Mining Association/BLM Sustainable Development Awards in Washington, D.C. The awards are presented by the BLM to hardrock mining companies that demonstrate high quality examples of responsible mineral resource development. The awards recognize work in the areas of sustainable development, environmental health, social responsibility, and economic security
- **November 7:** BLM will participate in the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C. The meeting provides an opportunity for the BLM to interact with NFWF's Board and staff and to learn more about the conservation programs supported with the annual \$3 million appropriation.
- **November 8:** The Department of Justice will host an evidence review of the Erskine Fire at the BLM-CA Bakersfield Office. Attorneys from DOJ, DOI, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and private parties will attend.
- **November 9:** BLM-WY Buffalo Field Office will hold an annual public meeting to discuss development and monitoring of performance standards in regard to its Fortification Creek management.
- **November TBD: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO expects to issue a decision about whether to grant a royalty rate reduction for the West Elk Mine. The BLM proposes to approve Mountain Coal Company, LLC's application for a royalty rate reduction from 8 percent to 5 percent for 10.3 million tons of coal in the West Elk Mine in southwest Colorado's North Fork Valley.
- **November TBD: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO expects to issue a decision whether to modify GCC Energy's King II Mine in Montezuma County in southwest CO by 951 acres to allow GCC to access an estimated 4.66 million tons of recoverable Federal coal reserves for an additional 6.5 years of mining.

U.S. Geological Survey

- **November 8: USGS Media Advisory:** USGS will issue a media advisory announcing that groundwater and geology will be surveyed using low-flying helicopter in Southern California to collect and record geophysical measurements for scientific research purposes as part of the California Oil, Gas, & Groundwater Program.
- **November TBD: Local USGS Release:** USGS will issue a release regarding a new USGS study that tracks millions of tons of rocks, gravel and silt carried by the Sauk River and its tributaries to the Skagit River.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:

- **November TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders:** BOEM issue a note to stakeholders regarding Q3 FY17 study reports posting to ESPIS.
- **November TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders:** BOEM will issue a note to stakeholders on the path forward for future renewable energy leasing offshore the Atlantic Coast Request for Feedback (RFF).
- **November TBD:** GOMR Sale 249 closeout NTS.

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

- **November 8 (tent.): National NSEE Release:** BSEE will issue a press release regarding an update on Gulf of Mexico Region well permits being approved.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE (Updated)

UPCOMING SCIA HEARING: The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is hosting a legislative hearing on S. 1400 (Sen. Heinrich), the Safeguarding Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017 and S. 465 (Sen. Rounds), the Independent Outside Audit of the Indian Health Service Act of 2017. The Department will only be providing testimony on S.1400. Witness is pending.

Timing: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Policy Adviser, Congressional Affairs

UPCOMING SCIA ROUNDTABLE: The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is holding a roundtable entitled "Confronting the Crisis: the Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country." DOI intends to send Charlie Addington, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Justice Services to participate.

Timing: Thursday, November 9, 2017

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Policy Adviser, Congressional Affairs

POLITICAL APPOINTEE UPDATE

DOI politicals on board = 62

3 PAS confirmed as of 9/18.

6 nominated awaiting confirmation:

- Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.
- Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.
- Pending Senate floor vote: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals
- Pending Senate floor vote: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor
- Pending Hearing: Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- Pending Hearing: Steve Gardner, Director, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation

Overall:

- Schedule C: 34 of 68 onboard; 2 starting; 6 in process
- NC-SES: 25 of 44 onboard; 4 starting; 1 in process
- PAS: 3 Confirmed; 5 Announced; 14 of 17 Submitted to PPO

SECRETARY SPEAKING INVITATIONS (updates in bold)

Accepted:

11/6 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors Reception (DC)

11/7 - DOI Veterans Day Ceremony (DC)

11/8 – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (DC)

11/9 – National WWI Memorial at Pershing Park (DC)

11/10 – Tour of Manassas National Battlefield Park

11/11 - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (DC)

11/11 - 64th Annual Veterans Day National Ceremony (DC)

11/ 11 - Veterans Day Observance at World War II Memorial (DC)

11/21 – US Marine Corps Unveiling of the Iraq and Afghanistan engraving at Iwo Jima

Open (date TBC)- Americans for Tax Reform (DC)

Open (date TBC)- Detroit Economic Club

Event Postponed by organizers due to fire - 10/21 – DEPA BOD Meeting (CA)

Outstanding Invitations in Process:

1/11/18 – EEI CEO and Board Conference (Phoenix, AZ)

Declining

10/30-11/3 – International Mining and Resources Conference (Melbourne, Australia)
11/1 - 2017 SHIFT (Shaping How we Invest For Tomorrow) Festival (Jackson Hole, WY)
11/4 Governor Reynolds Annual Pheasant Hunt
11/8 – WY Governor Annual Business Forum (Cheyenne, WY)
11/7-9 National Ranger Council Annual Meeting (Gettysburg, PA)
11/9 - America First Energy Conference hosted by Heartland Institute (Houston, TX)
11/9 - Bass Fishing Hall of Fame Induction Dinner at the Wonders of Wildlife (Springfield, MO)
11/13 Montana Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting (Billings, MT)
11/14 – George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Quarter Launch (Vincennes, Indiana)
11/15 Motorcycle Industry Council Symposium (Carson, CA)
11/29 Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Fall Conference and Exhibition (Anaheim, CA)
12/1-2 – Western Governors Association Annual Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)
12/5-7 America Outdoors Association's 29th Annual Marketing and Management Conference for Outfitters and Adventure Resorts (Reno, NV)
12/6 American Exploration and Mining Association Annual Meeting (Reno, NV)
12/8 - Valley Industry and Commerce Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA)
12/11 – Veterans Day Commemoration (Prussia, PA)
12/14 – Leadership Missoula (Missoula, Montana)
12/8 – DOI Toastmasters event (Washington, DC)
12/9 – Western Caucus Foundation Winter Policy Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)
2/9-10 Associated General Contractors Western Chapter Annual Meeting (La Jolla, CA)
2/23/18 – West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association Annual Meeting (Grand Junction, CO)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (new)

Interagency Hurricane response and recovery efforts:

In support of FEMA interagency response and recovery efforts, OEPC, USFWS, and NPS continue to coordinate with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) pertaining to the removal of ships on DOI lands in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. USFWS is also assisting the USCG with environmental issues, federal land delineation, and identification of abandoned vessels in Puerto Rico. While a limited number of stranded vessels have been identified on Culebra NWR and Vieques NWR, over 80 vessels have been documented at two parks on St. John and St. Thomas.

OEPC is also assisting interagency efforts pertaining to natural and cultural resources by conducting damage assessments on historical collections and the structures that house them. In Puerto Rico, OEPC is coordinating with NPS, the National Archives and Records Administration, the Library of Congress, FEMA, and the Smithsonian. OEPC is also providing assistance to the State Historic Preservation Officer. Discussions are underway for OEPC to provide similar assistance in the U.S. Virgin Islands once needs are identified.

Field Coordinators who will lead the Natural and Cultural Resources Recovery Support Function (NCR RSF) have been identified from NPS (for the U.S. Virgin Islands) and USFWS (for Puerto Rico). These personnel are engaged in preliminary planning for the NCR RSF, with an OEPC Field Coordinator bridging the gap between the response and recovery activities.

In Texas, OEPC remains activated under the NCR RSF and are being supported by two team members from NPS. The Mission Scoping Assessment is complete and a draft is being compiled to outline recovery strategies.

DOI has 27 employees from bureaus and offices supporting the FEMA Surge Capacity Force. The group is comprised of volunteers that are located in Puerto Rico, Texas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Nevada, and Florida. FEMA has concluded that additional DOI personnel are not needed in support of this mission. DOI also has 24 employees supporting, or are scheduled to provide support to, the Small Business Administration (SBA). The group is comprised of volunteers working in New York, Texas, California, Virginia, Florida, and Washington, D.C. The Office of Emergency Management is working with the SBA to deploy an additional 60 DOI personnel for SBA.

Internal bureau and office-specific Hurricane response and recovery activities:

USFWS Stations within Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands continue to mitigate post hurricane impacts. All stations throughout the Caribbean are reporting adequate life sustaining commodities and services. The last two Fish and Wildlife Officers detailed to provide security at Vieques NWR began demobilization travel yesterday and no additional resources are ordered or needed at this time. USFWS continues debris clean-up, stabilization and preparation of damaged structures for demolition or replacement, and is working to re-establish a stable IT network.

Stations in Florida and South Carolina continue to mitigate post hurricane impacts and efforts have been placed on structural and roof damages that require construction contracting. USFWS is still acquiring replacement equipment and vehicles for damaged or destroyed units. Significant efforts are being placed on re-opening all public use areas including trails and other areas not addressed by deployed incident management team assets.

OUTSIDE MEDIA OF INTEREST (new)

Senators Spar Over Proposal To Drill In Alaska Wildlife Refuge.

[The Hill](#) (11/2, Henry) reports that “lawmakers on Thursday fought over the possibility of drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), the opening act of a legislative push to allow oil production in the Alaskan Arctic.” According to the article, “Republicans from Alaska and on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee cast drilling in the refuge as an operation that can be done safely and one that would help the economies in both the state and the nation.” However, “Democrats vowed to fight drilling there, saying the area is too ecologically important to allow industrial production.”

U.S. To Exit Global Anti-Corruption Effort Aimed At Oil Money.

[Bloomberg News](#) (11/2, Dlouhy) reports that the Trump Administration said it plans to exit a global anti-corruption initiative that requires oil, gas, and mining organizations to disclose the payments they give to international governments. Gregory Gould, the director of the Interior Department’s natural resources revenue office, wrote in a letter to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative that the US government “remains committed to fighting corruption in the extractive industries sector and the ideals of transparency enshrined in the EITI principles,” but “domestic implementation of EITI does not fully account for the US legal framework.” Bloomberg notes that “in February, amid oil industry pressure, Trump signed a congressional resolution” repealing an SEC rule “that required oil, gas and mining companies publish the payments they make to governments.” The rule, mandated under Dodd-Frank, “was seen as critical to compelling disclosure and satisfying the EITI requirements.”

Rosselló Denies Reported Ties To Whitefish Energy.

Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló was asked on [MSNBC’s Morning Joe](#) 🗣️ (11/2) about claims that his campaign manager is a lobbyist for Whitefish Energy. Rosselló said, “He has no ties to that effort. I personally have no ties. I had nothing to do with this contract. ... As soon as the allegations came about with Whitefish, I did two things. Number one, I invoked two investigations. Those investigations are

ongoing. And secondly, even if we didn't have the information, on the best interest of the people of Puerto Rico, I decided to cancel that contract."

Eisenhower Memorial Commission Gets Digging.

[Roll Call](#) (11/2, Connolly) reports that Sen. Pat Roberts delivered the "final remarks at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial's groundbreaking Thursday." The commission has "set a target date to complete and dedicate the memorial on May 8, 2020, the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day in the Second World War." According to the article, "every hurdle has been cleared after the National Park Service on Monday issued the Eisenhower Memorial Commission a permit to begin construction."

BLM Takes Step To Undo Gas Venting And Flaring Rule.

[Law360](#) (11/2, Phillis) reports that the Bureau of Land Management on Wednesday "sent to the White House for review a proposal to rescind or revise an Obama-era regulation aimed at limiting venting and flaring from gas wells on federal lands, which is the final step before it is made public." The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, "which is part of the executive branch, posted a brief notice that said it received the BLM's proposal."

Offshore Drilling: House Panel Looks For Common Ground.

The [Coastal Observer \(SC\)](#) (11/3, Topper) reports that environmentalists, business leaders and legislators hesitant about offshore energy development are seeking opportunities to work with oil advocates to limit the impact of offshore drilling. According to Frank Knapp, president and CEO of the S.C. Small Business Chamber of Commerce, "If we can get the petroleum industry to agree to force the technology to come up with a testing procedure that has very minimalistic impact on marine life, and if we can get the industry to tell BOEM to require only one exploration that everybody would have to share instead of five of them for a whole year, we'd have something to talk about." Knapp, along with other environmentalists, has been tasked with working with Bonnie Loomis, director of the S.C. Petroleum Council to come up with a potential agreement regarding offshore surveying. According to Loomis, "I believe seismic is coming. I believe that the permits will be issued early in 2018. I think that we owe it to ourselves to work to manage that change."

Yellowstone Grizzlies May Soon Commingle With Northern Cousins.

The [New York Times](#) (11/3, Robbins) reports that the bears in Yellowstone National Park, "protected from hunting, have been cut off from the rest of their kind," and "their closest kin prowl the mountains some 70 miles north, in and around Glacier National Park." In a new study, "biologists say that as grizzly populations increase in both Glacier and Yellowstone, more adventurous males from both parks are journeying farther to stake out territory, winding up in places where they have not been seen in a century or more." If the bears "keep roaming and expanding, the two populations will likely reconnect, perhaps as soon as five or 10 years from now." Frank van Manen, leader of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, said, "It's very encouraging for the long-term future of the bear."

Interior Official Compares \$70 Entry Fee To Cost Of A Movie.

[E&E Publishing](#) (11/2, Hotakainen) reports that Deputy Interior Secretary David Bernhardt on Thursday "defended a plan to charge \$70 for a peak-season entry fee at 17 of the busiest national parks next year, saying it's roughly the same cost as taking his family to a 3-D movie." Bernhardt "said park fees have not kept pace with inflation." He added "that higher fees would not keep most low-income Americans from visiting the parks, adding that a bigger problem for them is the cost of transportation and lodging associated with traveling to the parks."

FEDERAL REGISTER LISTINGS:

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- Small inquiries and logistical inquiries.
- ***Multiple Inquiries on EITI*** Questions are being directed to the State Department.
- ***Multiple Inquiries*** Six environmental groups sued Interior and the White House Council on Environmental Quality over FOIA requests the groups said Interior and the WH CEQ aren't honoring.—**RESPONSE**-- Please contact DOJ for any questions regarding litigation.
- **New York Times: (Lisa Friedman)—REQUEST—** Does Interior have any comment on the National Climate Assessment Volume 1 out today? The main finding is that humans have been the dominant cause of atmospheric and ocean warming over the past half century, and that climate change poses an urgent risk to U.S. communities and economic sectors. Does Mr. Zinke accept the finding scientists from 13 government agencies including DOI? —**RESPONSE**— Please direct questions about the report to NOAA.
- **E&E News: (Kellie Lunney)—REQUEST--** Wanted to see if Interior had any comment on Senate and House Democrats Oppose Delay of BLM Waste Prevention Rule, Urge Zinke to Save Taxpayer Money and Protect Public Health . Can take something up until about 3:45—**RESPONSE**—"As part of President Trump's America-First Energy Strategy and executive order, the Department has reviewed and flagged the Waste Prevention rule as one we will suspend, revise or rescind given its significant regulatory burden that encumbers American energy

production, economic growth and job creation. The rule is expected to have real and harmful impacts on onshore energy development and could impact state and local jobs and revenue. Small independent oil and gas producers in states like North Dakota, Colorado and New Mexico, which account for a substantial portion of our nation's energy wealth, could be hit the hardest."

Top Stories

- **THE HILL:** [Greens sue Trump for national monument documents](#)
- **E&E News:** [Groups sue for public records on Zinke review](#)
- **Helena Independent Record (MT):** [Politicians tarnish Montana's image](#)

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Interior continues to support all Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, Hurricane Maria, and Hurricane Nate efforts. All bureaus are executing their emergency plans and assisting in Hurricane relief.
- Monday, DOI will announce a new FACA board related to public/private partnerships.
- Secretary Zinke is out on personal leave at his home in Montana. The Secretary will return on Monday.

AGENCY MEDIA (UPDATED)

WEEK AHEAD November 1 thru November 9, 2017 (submitted 11/2)

Announcements/Releases/Events

U.S. Department of the Interior

Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

- Soon we plan to announce 2 new FACA boards, one related to sportsmen and one related to public/private partnerships.
- **November 6:** the "Stream Protection Rule" (related to OSMRE) will hit the Federal Register. Comms materials are forthcoming.
- **November TBD: National NPS Release:** Major announcement regarding Arlington Memorial Bridge. Pending WH review.
- **November/December TBD:** Proclamation signing in Utah regarding the Antiquities Act. Pending WH review.

National Park Service

- **November 6 (tent.):** (EMBARGOED UNTIL PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED) Golden Gate National Recreation Area is expected to release a Request for Qualifications for a competitive business opportunity to establish a waterfront community center at the Fort Baker Historic Boat Shop and Marina as an affordable recreational and gathering place open to the public.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- **November TBD: National FWS Release:** FWS will announce the 2017-18 Refuge-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations. Final rule will open various national wildlife refuges to hunting and/or sport fishing for the first time (new hunts) and expand hunting and fishing opportunities at others.
- **November TBD: FWS News Bulletin:** FWS will issue a news bulletin regarding a NEPA Environmental Assessment related to lethal take permits for cormorants for aquaculture facilities.

Bureau of Land Management

- **November 2 – 16:** Scoping meetings for the Notice of Intent to amend Greater sage-grouse land use plans will be held in the following Western cities and towns:
 - Nov. 2: Twin Falls, ID
 - Nov. 6: Cheyenne, WY; Idaho Falls, ID
 - Nov. 7: Marsing, ID; Reno, NV; Burns, OR
 - Nov. 8: Pinedale, WY; Elko, NV; Billings, MT
 - Nov. 9: Ely, NV, Craig, CO
 - Nov. 14: Vernal, UT
 - Nov. 15: Cedar City, UT
 - Nov. 16: Salt Lake City, UT
- **November 6:** BLM Acting Director Michael D. Nedd will attend the National Mining Association/BLM Sustainable Development Awards in Washington, D.C. The awards are presented by the BLM to hardrock mining companies that demonstrate high quality examples of responsible mineral resource development. The awards recognize work in the areas of sustainable development, environmental health, social responsibility, and economic security
- **November 7:** BLM will participate in the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D.C. The meeting provides an opportunity for the BLM to interact with NFWF's Board and staff and to learn more about the conservation programs supported with the annual \$3 million appropriation.
- **November 8:** The Department of Justice will host an evidence review of the Erskine Fire at the BLM-CA Bakersfield Office. Attorneys from DOJ, DOI, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and private parties will attend.
- **November 9:** BLM-WY Buffalo Field Office will hold an annual public meeting to discuss development and monitoring of performance standards in regard to its Fortification Creek management.
- **November TBD: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO expects to issue a decision about whether to grant a royalty rate reduction for the West Elk Mine. The BLM proposes to approve Mountain Coal Company, LLC's application for a royalty rate reduction from 8 percent to 5 percent for 10.3 million tons of coal in the West Elk Mine in southwest Colorado's North Fork Valley.
- **November TBD: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO expects to issue a decision whether to modify GCC Energy's King II Mine in Montezuma County in southwest CO by 951 acres to allow GCC to access an estimated 4.66 million tons of recoverable Federal coal reserves for an additional 6.5 years of mining.

U.S. Geological Survey

- **November 8: USGS Media Advisory:** USGS will issue a media advisory announcing that groundwater and geology will be surveyed using low-flying helicopter in Southern California to collect and record geophysical measurements for scientific research purposes as part of the California Oil, Gas, & Groundwater Program.
- **November TBD: Local USGS Release:** USGS will issue a release regarding a new USGS study that tracks millions of tons of rocks, gravel and silt carried by the Sauk River and its tributaries to the Skagit River.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management:

- **November TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders:** BOEM issue a note to stakeholders regarding Q3 FY17 study reports posting to ESPIS.
- **November TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders:** BOEM will issue a note to stakeholders on the path forward for future renewable energy leasing offshore the Atlantic Coast Request for Feedback (RFF).
- **November TBD: GOMR Sale 249 closeout NTS.**

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

- **November 8 (tent.): National NSEE Release:** BSEE will issue a press release regarding an update on Gulf of Mexico Region well permits being approved.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE (Updated)

UPCOMING SCIA HEARING: The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is hosting a legislative hearing on S. 1400 (Sen. Heinrich), the Safeguarding Tribal Objects of Patrimony Act of 2017 and S. 465 (Sen. Rounds), the Independent Outside Audit of the Indian Health Service Act of 2017. The Department will only be providing testimony on S.1400. Witness is pending.

Timing: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Policy Adviser, Congressional Affairs

UPCOMING SCIA ROUNDTABLE: The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is holding a roundtable entitled "Confronting the Crisis: the Opioid Epidemic in Indian Country." DOI intends to send Charlie Addington, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Justice Services to participate.

Timing: Thursday, November 9, 2017

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Policy Adviser, Congressional Affairs

POLITICAL APPOINTEE UPDATE

DOI politicals on board = 63

3 PAS confirmed as of 9/18.

6 nominated awaiting confirmation:

- Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.
- Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.
- Pending Senate floor vote: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals
- Pending Senate floor vote: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor
- Pending Hearing: Tara Sweeney, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- Pending Hearing: Steve Gardner, Director, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation

Overall:

- Schedule C: 34 of 68 onboard; 2 starting; 6 in process
- NC-SES: 26 of 44 onboard; 3 starting; 1 in process
- PAS: 3 Confirmed; 5 Announced; 14 of 17 Submitted to PPO

SECRETARY SPEAKING INVITATIONS (updates in bold)

Accepted:

11/6 - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors Reception (DC)

11/7 - DOI Veterans Day Ceremony (DC)

11/8 – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors Meeting (DC)

11/9 – National WWI Memorial at Pershing Park (DC)

11/10 – Tour of Manassas National Battlefield Park

11/11 - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (DC)
11/11 - 64th Annual Veterans Day National Ceremony (DC)
11/ 11 - Veterans Day Observance at World War II Memorial (DC)
11/21 – US Marine Corps Unveiling of the Iraq and Afghanistan engraving at Iwo Jima

Open (date TBC)- Americans for Tax Reform (DC)
Open (date TBC)- Detroit Economic Club
Event Postponed by organizers due to fire - 10/21 – DEPA BOD Meeting (CA)

Outstanding Invitations in Process:

1/11/18 – EEI CEO and Board Conference (Phoenix, AZ)

Declining

11/8 – WY Governor Annual Business Forum (Cheyenne, WY)
11/7-9 National Ranger Council Annual Meeting (Gettysburg, PA)
11/9 - America First Energy Conference hosted by Heartland Institute (Houston, TX)
11/9 - Bass Fishing Hall of Fame Induction Dinner at the Wonders of Wildlife (Springfield, MO)
11/13 Montana Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting (Billings, MT)
11/14 – George Rogers Clark National Historical Park Quarter Launch (Vincennes, Indiana)
11/15 Motorcycle Industry Council Symposium (Carson, CA)
11/29 Association of California Water Agencies 2017 Fall Conference and Exhibition (Anaheim, CA)
12/1-2 – Western Governors Association Annual Meeting (Phoenix, AZ)
12/5-7 America Outdoors Association's 29th Annual Marketing and Management Conference for Outfitters and Adventure Resorts (Reno, NV)
12/6 American Exploration and Mining Association Annual Meeting (Reno, NV)
12/8 - Valley Industry and Commerce Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA)
12/11 – Veterans Day Commemoration (Prussia, PA)
12/14 – Leadership Missoula (Missoula, Montana)
12/8 – DOI Toastmasters event (Washington, DC)
12/9 – Western Caucus Foundation Winter Policy Meeting (Las Vegas, NV)
2/9-10 Associated General Contractors Western Chapter Annual Meeting (La Jolla, CA)
2/23/18 – West Slope Colorado Oil and Gas Association Annual Meeting (Grand Junction, CO)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (new)

Port Aransas Barge Oil Spill

The U.S. Coast Guard, the Texas General Land Office, and Bouchard Transportation representatives have completed the response to the oil discharged from a barge three miles off the jetties of Port Aransas, Texas. Beach assessment and cleanup teams have finished removing the oil that impacted the shorelines of Mustang Island, North Padre Island, and Corpus Christ Bay Islands. The Natural Resource Trustees and other stakeholders have certified that the shoreline is back to pre-event conditions. Agencies will continue to regularly monitor the area even though they are returning to normal operations. DOI assets in the area have not reported any shortfalls or long-term impacts from this incident. Barring a significant change, additional reporting is not expected.

OUTSIDE MEDIA OF INTEREST (new)

Trump Move Stirs Debate Over Utah Monuments.

[Reuters](#) (11/3, Cullen) reports that President Trump's announcement last week that he intends to reduce the size of two national monuments in Utah has "stoked local divisions over land use, with all sides anticipating a protracted battle over the move." According to the article, "on one side, Native American groups and environmentalists expressed anger and are ready to sue the U.S. government." Meanwhile, "on the other, conservative-leaning residents welcomed the decision, seeing it as a reversal of government overreach and a boost for traditional industries like drilling, mining and grazing."

Interior Review Omits Oil And Gas Rule.

[E&E Publishing](#) (11/3, King) reports that last week, the Interior Department "unveiled its review of all department actions with the potential to burden domestic energy activity." The report "touched on the department's ongoing examination of rules introduced by the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service under the previous administration to guide oversight of oil and gas operations on sites the agencies manage." However, "beyond a mention of Secretary Ryan Zinke's secretarial order listing four Interior rules pinpointed in President Trump's March 28 'energy independence' directive, the NPS rule doesn't even appear in the document." Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift explained, "The NPS rule was under review. No action has been taken or identified for it, which is why it is not in the report."

Trump's Exit From Anti-Corruption Pact Helps Big Oil Hide How Much It Pays In US Taxes.

The [Huffington Post](#) (11/4, Kaufman) reported that the Interior Department announced Thursday the United States would withdraw immediately from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), "a move critics said could help oil companies keep hidden how much they pay in U.S. taxes." [NPR](#) (11/3, Chappell) reported that the EITI is designed to collect and share government and corporation data showing "how much money is being paid and received for oil, gas, mining and renewable energy operations on public lands." Since the summer, the US has cited multiple factors as obstacles to remaining in the group, including the Trade Secrets Act and tax reporting laws. However, "a State Department spokesperson says the U.S. will remain as one of 17 'supporting countries' of the initiative."

On Eve Of Asia Trip, Trump Pays Visit To Pearl Harbor.

The [AP](#) (11/4, Lemire) reports President Trump "paid a solemn visit to the memorial at Pearl Harbor," in what the AP called "a sacred journey" in preparation for his trip to Asia, "shadowed by fears of another international conflict." Before going, the President said, "We are going to visit very shortly, Pearl Harbor, which I've read about, spoken about, heard about, studied, but I haven't seen. And that is going to be very exciting for me." At the memorial, the President and Mrs. Trump gave a wreath which was placed "near a wall of names of the fallen." Afterwards, they "tossed white flower petals into the waters above the battleship's sunken hull." The President, added the AP, "appeared moved by the visit." Meanwhile, he "said not a word about North Korea or its nuclear ambitions on Friday."

Proposed Entrance Fee Hikes At National Parks Could Backfire And Push Visitors To Annual Passes.

The [Denver Post](#) (11/3, Blevins) reports that "a plan to bump entrance fees at the 17 busiest national parks to \$70 from \$30 during the peak summer months will help parks struggling to cover the tab for long-delayed upkeep as crowds continue to surge." However, "if that peak-season pricing plan is deployed next summer, the anticipated spike in demand for \$80 America the Beautiful annual passes – a mere \$10 extra for a year's access to about 2,000 federal recreation sites – could hinder the National Park Service's quest to balance cost-sharing between visitors and the federal government." Emily Douce, the director of budget and appropriations for the National Parks Conservation Association, said, "It is unknown how these proposed increases will impact the parks and the people who visit them, but it does

seem reasonable that people will see the bargain in buying the America the Beautiful annual pass for entry into all our national parks and other federal lands. Our concern is how much analysis did the administration undergo to understand the implications of these fee increases.”

Activists Behind A Rejected 45-foot Statue Of A Naked Woman In D.C.

Have A New Plan: A 26-foot Digital Artwork Of A Naked Woman. The [Washington Post](#) (11/3, Stein) reports that the activists who “wanted to place a 45-foot-tall statue of a nude woman on prime land on the Mall” now “want to erect a 26-foot-tall scaffold covered on two sides by 26-foot-tall digitized portraits of a nude woman.” The National Park Service “hasn’t finalized the permit for the structure, but Mike Litterst, a spokesman for the agency, said it is in the final stages of issuing it.” Natalie White, a spokeswoman for the “Catharsis on the Mall” festival, “said that after the Park Service rejected the group’s initial permit application, women behind Catharsis decided they still wanted to promote a message of female empowerment.” She “said activists are making the best of the situation while still fighting to bring the original 45-foot statue to the Mall.”

FEDERAL REGISTER LISTINGS:

Sent to the Federal Register on November 3rd.

REG0007482 NPS NIC - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Chugach National Forest, Anchorage, Alaska N2856 -- This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) of the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the Chugach National Forest, Anchorage, AK. The human remains were removed from Crafton Island, AK. Notice 11/03/2017

REG0007526 NPS Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC N2870 -- This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items under the control of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC, that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects under 25 U.S.C. 3001. Notice 11/03/2017

REG0007581 NPS NIC - Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Rapids, MI N2871 --This is a Notice pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003, of the completion of an inventory of human remains under the control of the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Rapids, MI. The human remains were removed from Barry County, MO, and an unknown location in the State of Arkansas. Notice 11/03/2017

REG0007584 NPS NIR - Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Rapids, MI N2872 -- This is a Notice pursuant to the American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25, U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items under the control of the Osage Nation (previously listed as the Osage Tribe) that meet the definition of objects of cultural patrimony under 25 U.S.C. 3001. Notice 11/03/2017

REG0007589 NPS National Register of Historic Places, October 21, 2017 The NPS is soliciting comments on the significance of properties nominated before October 21, 2017, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or related actions. Notice 11/03/2017

REG0007590 NPS National Register of Historic Places, October 28, 2017 The NPS is soliciting comments on the significance of properties nominated before October 28, 2017, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or related actions. Notice 11/03/2017

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 8/11/17

Doug Domenech, Senior Advisor

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

NOTE: Next Wednesday DOI's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management will hold a large offshore oil and gas sale titled Gulf Lease Sale #249 in the Gulf of Mexico.

NOTE: Both Domenech and Mashburn will be on leave August 14-18. Natalie Davis will prepare the report and participate in the call.

Status of the Secretary

TODAY: The Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country. (Greece and Turkey)

Status of the Deputy Secretary

In Washington, DC. Office meetings and briefings.

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday August 16: traveling to Bozeman, MT.

Thursday August 17: tour Simms Fishing Products manufacturing; participate in the Mineral Hill dedication event outside Gardiner, MT; meeting with Superintendent Dan Wenk and staff; touring the park en route to Billings, MT.

Friday August 18: several media hits; meeting with BLM and BIA employees; return to DC that afternoon/evening.

Media TODAY

Nothing planned.

White House Report (Yesterday - Thursday)

Press Inquiries:

- Many small inquiries, and many requests for interviews with Secretary Zinke.
- New Mexico Political Report: REQUEST-- I had a few questions about yesterday's announcement about Sabinoso and the donated land. The secretary has not actually decided to accept the lands, is that correct? The language in your press release says "intend to finalize the process to consider whether to accept the donation." On that note, what is the process that needs to be completed, besides the "realty actions" mentioned in the press release? My understanding was that sportsmen had hoped the transfer could occur before bowhunting season starts on Sept. 1. But the press release says the process is expected to take 3-4 months.—RESPONSE-- A final decision on whether to accept the land will be made after considering the results of the ongoing NEPA process. The Bureau of Land Management must complete the NEPA process to ensure that potential impacts from the donation have been considered. A formal decision as to whether to accept the donation will then be made. The BLM is working expeditiously to complete the NEPA process so that a final decision may be made as soon as possible. That process is expected to take 3-4 months.
- Denver 5280: REQUEST-- How many current Colorado Interior employees are there? Has there been a change in employment since January? And are there currently vacant spots?—RESPONSE-- Total DOI employees stationed in Colorado: as of December 24, 2016: 6,465: As of July 8, 2017: 6,950
- E&E News and Huffington Post – Request for comment on Secretary Zinke's personal legal proceedings regarding a D.C. apartment. – RESPONSE – Referred reporter to the Zinke's personal attorney.

Top Stories

- USA Today: Republicans making progress on longtime goal for more local control of federal lands
- Sun Herald: Zinke supports opening access to New Mexico wilderness site
- Washington Examiner: Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke proposes expansion of hunting and fishing at 10 natural wildlife refuges
- Los Alamos Daily Post: Udall, Heinrich, Luján Welcome Interior Department Announcement On Sabinoso Wilderness Access
- Albuquerque Journal: Zinke moves to provide public access to Sabinoso
- Santa Fe New Mexican: Zinke backs plan for Sabinoso Wilderness gateway

Top Issues and Accomplishments

Secretary is on personal leave. No public appearances scheduled.

Next week, DOI and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management will hold an offshore oil and gas sale titled Gulf Lease Sale #249 in the Gulf of Mexico.

Yesterday, DOI issued a press release announcing the addition of 3,600 acres of land to the Sabinoso Wilderness Area in New Mexico. The press release can be found [HERE](#).

WEEK AHEAD August 9 thru August 17, 2017

Status of the Secretary: The Secretary will be on personal leave August 5-19 out of the country (Greece and Turkey).

- Later this week, DOI and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management will hold an offshore oil and gas sale titled Gulf Lease Sale #249 in the Gulf of Mexico.
- TBD Releases on Monument Review (announce ones not under review anymore).
- August 15 (Tent.): Department-Level Release: DOI and FWS will announce \$48 million in funding to state wildlife agencies provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the State Wildlife Grants program.

National Park Service

- August 11: Rep. Tom McClintock will be visiting Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The purpose of the visit is to meet with the superintendent and receive a tour of the parks. Among topics likely to be discussed are annual visitation, tree mortality from drought, wildland fire, and maintenance backlog progress.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: The National Park Service will announce \$1.657 million in grants to Indian tribes and museums to assist in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of ancestors and cultural items back to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS will announce \$1.2 million in grants to fund preservation, restoration, and education projects at several Japanese American confinement sites.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.
- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS to release results of 2016 Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Survey Preliminary Report. A snapshot of the results show that Hunter numbers are down

(not statistically significant), angler numbers are up (not statistically significant), and wildlife watching numbers have increased greatly especially for people watching wildlife in their own backyards.

- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS plans to announce \$4,254,638 in Tribal Wildlife Grant awards to federally recognized tribes for 25 projects in 14 states to fund a wide range of fish and wildlife conservation efforts. Tribal Wildlife Grants are used to provide technical and financial assistance to tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.

Bureau of Land Management

- Week of August 14: Majority staff of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources have requested a NEPA overview briefing. Date and participants TBD.
- August 14: Local BLM Release: BLM-CO White River Field Office will announce its decision approving the removal of wild horses that have moved outside the boundaries of the 190,000-acre Piceance-East Douglas Herd Management Area (HMA). The Environmental Assessment (EA) is a baseline document for potential future wild horse removals outside the HMA that could include using helicopters and/or bait-and water-trapping. It specifically includes a proposed helicopter gather of up to 100 wild horses outside the HMA this fall. The Field Office estimates there are 217 wild horses outside the HMA within the analysis area.
- August 15-19: The Wyoming Wild Horse and Burro Program will host a wild horse and burro showcase and adoption at the Wyoming State Fair in Douglas. The showcase will include competitions among wild horse owners. Local media is likely to attend.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 11 and 18 to 20: Media invited: Two-part full-scale security exercise at Flaming Gorge Dam in Wyoming. The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate physical and electronic security systems, gauge the effectiveness of the Emergency Action Plan, provide an opportunity for Reclamation staff to participate in Unified Command in a controlled environment with Law Enforcement agencies and identify areas for improvement in security and emergency management. This exercise also enables local emergency responders to practice and assess their own response capabilities while assisting Reclamation in management a simulated emergency.
- August 14: Local Reclamation Release: Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the Sites Reservoir Project. The project is a proposed above-ground water storage facility off-stream of the Sacramento River near the town of Maxwell. There will be a comment period and two public meetings are tentatively scheduled—September 26 in Maxwell and September 28 in Sacramento.
- August 15: Local Reclamation Release: Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the San Luis Low Point Improvement Project. The project would address water supply reliability and schedule certainty issues associated with low water levels in San Luis Reservoir and help maintain a high-quality, reliable, and cost-effective water supply for Santa Clara Valley Water District, and ensure the district receives their annual Central Valley Project contract allocations at the time and at the level of quality needed to meet their existing water supply commitments. A comment period and two public meetings are tentatively scheduled—August 30 in San Jose and August 31 in Sacramento.
- August 17: National Reclamation Release: August 17, the FAA will release new restrictions for unmanned aerial systems (UAS or drones) with regard to five national critical infrastructure-designated dams; Grand Coulee in Washington, Shasta and Folsom in California, Glen Canyon in Arizona, and Hoover in Nevada/Arizona. Reclamation will send a news release on August 17. The FAA will begin advance notifications on their website and social media beginning August 9.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- August 11: National BOEM Release: Alaska Press Release on Draft EIS for Liberty DPP.
- August 16: National BOEM Release: BOEM will issue release on Gulf Sale 249.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will send a note to stakeholders announcing environmental study reports posted to ESPIS from April-June.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will issue Note to Stakeholders on Draft Guidelines for the Use of Design Envelopes for Offshore Wind Energy Facilities.
- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

Office of Wildland Fire

- August TBD: OWF anticipates releasing the Preparedness Level 5 "Moses" Letter from the Secretary, with NIFC releasing the Press Release if and when we go to PL 5. We are still holding at PL 4.

CONGRESSIONAL

Nothing Scheduled.

Political Appointee Update

DOI politicals on board = 51

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.

Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

Pending Senate floor vote: Doug Domenech, Assistant Secretary Insular Areas.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor.

Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

8/5-20 - Personal

9/13 - Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reception (DC)

9/20-21 - Gala and Ribbon Cutting for the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium at the Bass Pro HQ (Springfield, MO)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/25-26 - Steamboat Institute's 9th Annual Freedom Conference & Festival (Steamboat Springs, CO)

9/8 - San Antonio Missions 2017 World Heritage Festival Luncheon

9/6/17 - Edison Electric Institute Board of Directors Conference (Colorado Springs, CO)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Annual Meeting (St. Louis, MO)

9/17 - 150th Anniversary for the Antietam National Cemetery (Antietam)

9/22-24 - NRA Women's Leadership Forum Summit (Dallas, TX)

9/23 - National Mining Hall of Fame (Denver, CO)

9/23 - Southern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days Inc. (Carterville, IL)

9/26 - GAO for international conference on extractive industries (DC)

9/26 - S&P Annual Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (Singapore)
9/27-28 - Cohen Veterans Care Summit (DC)
9/28-30 - Council for National Policy
Open - Jeffersons Islands Club Citizen of the Year Award (DC)
open - Americans for Tax Reform (DC)
Open - Weyrich Lunch (DC)
Open - Detroit Economic Club

Declining

8/14-17 - Enercom Conference (Denver, CO)
8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)
8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)
8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)
8/22 - Lake Tahoe Summit (Lake Tahoe, CA)
8/22-24 - National Native American Law Enforcement Association (Las Vegas, NV)
8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)
9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)
9/6 - Montana Range Tour (Lewistown, MT)
9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)
9/19-21 - Montana Wood Products Association - Forest Resources Association Convention (Whitefish, MT)
9/23 - Buffalo Bill Centennial Ball (Cody, Wyoming)
9/26 - Billings Chamber Annual Mtg (Billings, MT)
10/1-3 - New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (Santa Fe)
10/1 - Grand Junction Petroleum & Mining Club (Grand Junction, CO)
10/4-5 - Montana Equipment Dealers Association (Whitefish, MT)
10/12 - Natural Areas Association Conference (Fort Collins, CO)

Emergency Management

The National Multi-Agency Coordination Group (NMAC) increased the National Preparedness Level (PL) from PL 4 to PL 5 yesterday evening. This is the highest PL possible and reflects a high degree of wildfire activity, a major commitment of fire resources, and the probability that severe conditions will continue for at least a few days

In Idaho, the Powerline Fire has burned 55,787 (-1,364) acres and is 98 (+13)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 360 (-104) personnel, which includes 127 (no change) DOI personnel. There is a minimal risk to resources in the fire area, and an additional perimeter growth is not expected. Full containment is expected today.

In Oregon, the Spruce Lake Fire in Crater Lake National Park (NPS) has burned 4,734 (+53) acres. The fire is 31 (no change)-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 383 (-1) personnel assigned, including 17 (+2) DOI personnel. There are 39 (no change) residential and 13 (no change) commercial structures threatened. The forecast for the next 48 hours includes thunderstorm activity that has the potential to generate gusty and erratic winds. Several trails in Crater Lake National Park remain closed, including the Pacific Crest Trail. The Park's West Rim Road remains closed, and an evacuation notice has been issued for the Visitor Center at Rim Village, Park Headquarters, and Mazama Village. Full containment is expected on August 31.

Outside Media of Interest

Republicans Making Progress On Longtime Goal For More Local Control Of Federal Lands.

[USA Today](#) (8/10, Sullivan) reports that nearly “eight months into an all-Republican-led effort, it’s clear that shift is under way” in the way “the more than 25% of the country that is owned by the federal government is managed.” USA Today describes Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s “views on the evolving Republican House public lands strategy” as “complicated,” saying he “says he wants to be a good steward and opposes turning over federal land to local or state governments or private interests.” Although “raising revenue from public lands seems in tune with the goals of House Republicans such as Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop of Utah, Zinke is not entirely on board with all their agenda.” Zinke, USA Today adds, “is steeped in the history of his department but also devoted to the mission to make the country’s natural resources pay.”

DOI Spent Thousands On Personal Travel.

The Daily Caller (8/10, Pearce) reports that Interior Department employees “spent nearly \$40,000 in 2015 and 2016 on inappropriate travel costs,” according to an independent audit. The report “faulted the agency’s controls, saying they ‘weren’t effective in ensuring that all non-payroll costs were appropriate and complied with the Act’s administrative requirements.’” The audit focused on the Interior Department’s implementation of the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act.

Complaint Filed In Federal Court In Washington D.C. Against U.S. Dept. Of Interior Over Proposed Elk Grove Casino.

Elk Grove News (CA) (8/10) reports that an amended complaint has been filed “in U.S. District Court in Washington D.C. by Stand Up For California (SUFC) against the U.S. Department of the Interior challenging recent decisions that have helped the Wilton Rancheria’s pursuit of a \$400 million casino to be located in Elk Grove City limits.” The complaint, “which was filed on behalf of casino watchdog group SUFC and three Elk Grove residents, continues to challenge the validity of the decision to place the 36-acre parcel located at the site of the unfinished Outlets Collection at Elk Grove shopping center into federal trust. Placement of the parcel into federal trust is required for any Indian casino on non-tribal land.” At the center of the argument is “that the decision was made in violation of 1998 Federal Vacancies Reform Act. SUFC contends the decision made by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Lawrence Roberts, lacked the authority under the Vacancies Reform Act (VRA).”

Feds Put Off Decision On Texas Hornshell’s Status.

The Santa Fe New Mexican (8/11, Chacón) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service “delayed a decision Thursday on whether to add the last remaining native mussel in New Mexico to the endangered species list, raising concerns about its future amid efforts in Congress to reform the Endangered Species Act.” The FWS “announced it was delaying a listing decision on the Texas hornshell for six months and would reopen the comment period for an additional 30 days.”

Yellowstone Park Vehicle Traffic Nearing Capacity.

The AP (8/10, Moen) reports that “sometime within the next four to six years, Yellowstone National Park is expected to reach its capacity for being able to handle all the vehicles that tourists drive through the park.” The National Park Service on Thursday “released a pair of studies looking at traffic and parking in the nation’s first national park and visitor demographics and expectations.” According to the agency, “potential solutions include instituting a reservation system or passenger shuttles to control the number of visitors during peak times for the busiest attractions in the park, but no decisions will be made for at least a couple of years.” Yellowstone Superintendent Dan Wenk said in a statement, “Historic and recent

trends demonstrate that visitation will increase over the long-term, therefore, it is imperative for us to plan now. Good visitor use management will allow the park to protect resources, encourage access, and improve experiences.”

Federal Register Listings

Items cleared for the FR on Thursday.

REG0007204 BLM Closure on Public Lands of Yellowstone Bridge in Linn County, OR. The BLM announces that a temporary closure of the Yellowstone Bridge to motorized vehicles is in effect on public lands administered by the Cascades Field Office in Linn County, Oregon. The closure is necessary to ensure public safety. Notice 08/10/2017.

REG0007248 BOR Notice of Availability of a Draft EIS/EIR for the San Luis Low Point Improvement Project This Notice announces the availability for public review and comment of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) for the San Luis Low Point Improvement Project (SLLPIP) jointly prepared by Reclamation, as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Federal lead agency, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State lead agency. Reclamation has scheduled public hearings on August 30 and 31. Notice 08/10/2017.

REG0007240 OSM Agency Information Collection Activities: Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund - Fee Collection and Coal Production Reporting and Form OSM-1, Coal Reclamation Fee Report. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that OSMRE will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information for the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund - Fee Collection and Coal Production Reporting (30 CFR part 870) and the implementing form. OSMRE is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 08/10/2017.

REG0007242 OSM Agency Information Collection Activities: Certification of Blasters in Federal Program States and on Indian Lands. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that OSMRE will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information for the certification of blasters in Federal program states and on Indian lands (30 CFR part 955) and for the related form. OSMRE is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 08/10/2017.

REG0007243 OSM Agency Information Collection Activities: Permanent Program Performance Standards - Surface and Underground Mining Activities. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that OSMRE will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information for the Permanent Program Performance Standards - Surface Mining Activities and Underground Mining Activities (30 CFR parts 816 and 817). OSMRE is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 08/10/2017.

REG0007251 OSM Agency Information Collection Activities: Underground Mining Permit Applications - Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that OSMRE will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information for the Underground Mining Permit Applications - Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans (30 CFR part 784). OSMRE is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 08/10/2017.

REG0007252 OSM Agency Information Collection Activities: Abandoned Mine Reclamation Funds. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that OSMRE will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Funds (30 CFR part 872). OSMRE is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 08/10/2017.

REG0007253 OSM Agency Information Collection Activities: Subsidence Insurance Program Grants. This Notice, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, announces that OSMRE will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew its approval of the collection of information relating to Subsidence Insurance Program Grants (30 CFR part 887). OSMRE is requesting public comments on the renewal for 60 days. Notice 08/10/2017.

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~~Thursday August 17: tour Simms Fishing Products manufacturing; participate in the Mineral Hill dedication event outside Gardiner, MT; meeting with Superintendent Dan Wenk and staff; touring the park en route to Billings, MT.~~ **CANCELLED**

Thursday August 17: meetings

Friday August 18: several media hits; meeting with BLM and BIA employees and most likely meeting with BOR- they are in the same building; return to DC that afternoon/evening.

Media TODAY

Nothing planned.

Press Inquiries:

(Friday, 8/11)

Many small inquiries.

- **E&E News: REQUEST--** Does the department plan to offer employee buyouts or early outs any time soon, or wait until fiscal 2019? Does the department plan to issue another round of reassignment notices to senior executives soon? If so, when and which agency(ies)? I am hearing NPS and possibly another round at BLM.—**RESPONSE--** We don't have anything to announce on the reorganization right now. The Secretary plans to release his plan once everything has been finalized.
- **Reuters: REQUEST--** I'm working on a story about North Korea's threat to come up with a plan by mid-August that would include missile strike plans against Guam. I'm curious whether there are any plans to issue an advisory to visitors, businesses, airlines regarding Guam tourism and airspace based on North Korea's warning?—**RESPONSE—** Referred to NSC

Top Stories

- **New York Times:** 27 National Monuments Are Under
- **KWRG New Mexico:** Zinke Supports Acceptance of 3,595 Acres of Wilderness for Sportsmen's Access to Sabinoso Wilderness

Top Issues and Accomplishments

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WEEK AHEAD August 9 thru August 17, 2017

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- TBD Releases on Monument Review (announce ones not under review anymore).
- August 15 (Tent.): Department-Level Release: DOI and FWS will announce \$48 million in funding to state wildlife agencies provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the State Wildlife Grants program.

National Park Service

- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS announcement of annual Rutgers report on NPS Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program economic impact. Tax credits 2016 contributed \$12.3 billion in output to the U.S. economy, added \$6.2 billion in GDP. Historic preservation tax incentives encourage investments in historic preservation and revitalization of communities small and large across the country.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: The National Park Service will announce \$1.657 million in grants to Indian tribes and museums to assist in consultation, documentation, and repatriation of ancestors and cultural items back to Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.
- August TBD: National NPS Release: NPS will announce \$1.2 million in grants to fund preservation, restoration, and education projects at several Japanese American confinement sites.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- TBD: FWS/USGS If-Asked Only: USGS to release a report on the Species Status Assessment for the Lesser Prairie Chicken. The study was commissioned by FWS.
- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS to release results of 2016 Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Survey Preliminary Report. A snapshot of the results show that Hunter numbers are down (not statistically significant), angler numbers are up (not statistically significant), and wildlife watching numbers have increased greatly especially for people watching wildlife in their own backyards.
- August TBD: National FWS Release: FWS plans to announce \$4,254,638 in Tribal Wildlife Grant awards to federally recognized tribes for 25 projects in 14 states to fund a wide range of fish and wildlife conservation efforts. Tribal Wildlife Grants are used to provide technical and financial assistance to tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitat.

Bureau of Land Management

- Week of August 14: Majority staff of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources have requested a NEPA overview briefing. Date and participants TBD.

- August 14: Local BLM Release: BLM-CO White River Field Office will announce its decision approving the removal of wild horses that have moved outside the boundaries of the 190,000-acre Piceance-East Douglas Herd Management Area (HMA). The Environmental Assessment (EA) is a baseline document for potential future wild horse removals outside the HMA that could include using helicopters and/or bait-and water-trapping. It specifically includes a proposed helicopter gather of up to 100 wild horses outside the HMA this fall. The Field Office estimates there are 217 wild horses outside the HMA within the analysis area.
- August 15-19: The Wyoming Wild Horse and Burro Program will host a wild horse and burro showcase and adoption at the Wyoming State Fair in Douglas. The showcase will include competitions among wild horse owners. Local media is likely to attend.

Bureau of Reclamation

- August 11 and 18 to 20: Media invited: Two-part full-scale security exercise at Flaming Gorge Dam in Wyoming. The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate physical and electronic security systems, gauge the effectiveness of the Emergency Action Plan, provide an opportunity for Reclamation staff to participate in Unified Command in a controlled environment with Law Enforcement agencies and identify areas for improvement in security and emergency management. This exercise also enables local emergency responders to practice and assess their own response capabilities while assisting Reclamation in management a simulated emergency.
- August 14: Local Reclamation Release: Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the Sites Reservoir Project. The project is a proposed aboveground water storage facility off stream of the Sacramento River near the town of Maxwell. There will be a comment period and two public meetings are tentatively scheduled—September 26 in Maxwell and September 28 in Sacramento.
- August 15: Local Reclamation Release: Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the San Luis Low Point Improvement Project. The project would address water supply reliability and schedule certainty issues associated with low water levels in San Luis Reservoir and help maintain a high-quality, reliable, and cost-effective water supply for Santa Clara Valley Water District, and ensure the district receives their annual Central Valley Project contract allocations at the time and at the level of quality needed to meet their existing water supply commitments. A comment period and two public meetings are tentatively scheduled—August 30 in San Jose and August 31 in Sacramento.
- August 17: National Reclamation Release: August 17, the FAA will release new restrictions for unmanned aerial systems (UAS or drones) with regard to five national critical infrastructure-designated dams; Grand Coulee in Washington, Shasta and Folsom in California, Glen Canyon in Arizona, and Hoover in Nevada/Arizona. Reclamation will send a news release on August 17. The FAA will begin advance notifications on their website and social media beginning August 9.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- August 16: National BOEM Release: BOEM will issue release on Gulf Sale 249.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will send a note to stakeholders announcing environmental study reports posted to ESPIS from April-June.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: Note to Stakeholders on Information Transfer Meeting to be held in New Orleans August 22-24.
- TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders: BOEM will issue Note to Stakeholders on Draft Guidelines for the Use of Design Envelopes for Offshore Wind Energy Facilities.
- TBD: National BOEM Release: BOEM release on Marine Minerals Rule. The rule is finalized and in surnaming.

Office of Wildland Fire

- August TBD: OWF anticipates releasing the Preparedness Level 5 "Moses" Letter from the Secretary, with NIFC releasing the Press Release if and when we go to PL 5. We are still holding at PL 4.

CONGRESSIONAL

Nothing Scheduled.

Political Appointee Update

DOI politicals on board = 53

- New political started today: William Dove, Special Assistant in ASLM

5 nominated awaiting confirmation:

Pending Senate floor vote: Susan Combs, Assistant Secretary Policy Management and Budget.

Pending Senate floor vote: Brenda Berman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

Pending Senate floor vote: Doug Domenech, Assistant Secretary Insular Areas.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.

Pending Senate Committee Hearing 9/7: Ryan Douglas Nelson, Solicitor.

Secretary Speaking Invitations

Accepted

8/5-20 - Personal

9/13 - Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reception (DC)

9/20-21 - Gala and Ribbon Cutting for the Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium at the Bass Pro HQ (Springfield, MO)

Outstanding Invitations in Process

8/25-26 - Steamboat Institute's 9th Annual Freedom Conference & Festival (Steamboat Springs, CO)

9/8 - San Antonio Missions 2017 World Heritage Festival Luncheon

9/6/17 - Edison Electric Institute Board of Directors Conference (Colorado Springs, CO)

9/10-13 - Annual Mtg of the Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (Snowbird, UT)

9/12 - Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Annual Meeting (St. Louis, MO)

9/17 - 150th Anniversary for the Antietam National Cemetery (Antietam)

9/22-24 - NRA Women's Leadership Forum Summit (Dallas, TX)

9/23 - National Mining Hall of Fame (Denver, CO)

9/23 - Southern Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days Inc. (Carterville, IL)

9/26 - GAO for international conference on extractive industries (DC)

9/26 - S&P Annual Asia Pacific Petroleum Conference (Singapore)

9/27-28 - Cohen Veterans Care Summit (DC)

9/28-30 - Council for National Policy

Open - Jefferson's Islands Club Citizen of the Year Award (DC)

open - Americans for Tax Reform (DC)

Open - Weyrich Lunch (DC)

Open - Detroit Economic Club

Declining

8/14-17 - Enercom Conference (Denver, CO)

8/17 - Mineral Hill Conservation Project (Gardiner, MT)

8/18 - Council of State Governments-West State and Federal Relations Committee (Tacoma, WA)
8/21 - Gage County Tourism and Beatrice Chamber of Commerce (Beatrice, NE)
8/22 - Lake Tahoe Summit (Lake Tahoe, CA)
8/22-24 - National Native American Law Enforcement Association (Las Vegas, NV)
8/30 - West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting (White Sulphur Springs, WV)
9/5 - National Association of State Park Directors and Annual Meeting (Missoula, Montana)
9/6 - Montana Range Tour (Lewistown, MT)
9/12 - Conference on Transportation Needs of National Parks and Public Lands (DC)
9/19-21 - Montana Wood Products Association - Forest Resources Association Convention (Whitefish, MT)
9/23 - Buffalo Bill Centennial Ball (Cody, Wyoming)
9/26 - Billings Chamber Annual Mtg (Billings, MT)
10/1-3 - New Mexico Oil and Gas Association (Santa Fe)
10/1 - Grand Junction Petroleum & Mining Club (Grand Junction, CO)
10/4-5 - Montana Equipment Dealers Association (Whitefish, MT)
10/12 - Natural Areas Association Conference (Fort Collins, CO)

Emergency Management

In Oregon, the **Nena Fire** located on the Warm Springs Reservation (BIA) has burned 40,000 (+16,000) acres. The fire is 60 (+56)-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 444 (+204) personnel assigned, including 92 (-5) DOI personnel. There are 141 (no change) residential and 2 (no change) commercial structures threatened. There are 75 (no change) evacuees and 120 (no change) residents subject to shelter in place. There have been 3 (+2) responder injuries to date. Additional perimeter growth is not expected. Full containment is expected on August 16.

Also in Oregon, the **Spruce Lake Fire** in Crater Lake National Park (NPS) has burned 4,885 (+151) acres. The fire is 45 (+14)-percent contained and managed by a Type-1 IMT with 401 (+18) personnel assigned, including 37 (+20) DOI personnel. There are 39 (no change) residential and 13 (no change) commercial structures threatened. The West Rim Drive and Rim Trail from Rim Village to North Junction have reopened. The evacuation notice for Rim Village and park headquarters has been lifted. Full containment is expected on August 31.

In Washington, the **Bridge Creek Fire** began on August 9 on the Colville Reservation (BIA) and has burned 1,118 acres. The fire is 13-percent contained and managed by a Type-2 IMT with 313 personnel assigned, including 82 DOI personnel. The fire threatens cultural and natural resources, a critical transportation corridor, and recreation areas. The fire also has the potential to impact the Colville Tribe local government. Full containment is expected on August 31.

Outside Media of Interest

8/11-8/14

Wall Street Journal: Washington's Wild Grouse Chase-Interior moves to ease land-use limits that are needlessly punitive.

(8/11, Opinion) The biggest economic-policy achievement of the Trump Administration so far is regulatory relief, and the latest example concerns a flamboyant fowl known as the greater sage grouse. The Interior Department this week announced it would consider changes to 15 federal land-use plans across more than 60 million acres that are designed to protect the sage grouse, which roams some 180 million acres across 11 Western states. The sage grouse population ebbs and flows, usually with weather

patterns, and a 2015 report from the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies found that mating males had increased 63% in the preceding two years.

27 National Monuments Are Under Review. Here Are Five To Watch.

The *New York Times* (8/11, Friedman, Popovich, McCann) reports Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is “reviewing 27 national monuments to determine if previous administrations exceeded their authority in setting aside craggy vistas, ancient cliff dwellings and other large tracts of land for protection.” However, “not all of the monuments are truly in the administration’s crosshairs, and Mr. Zinke has already declared some of them safe from changes.” The article highlights five monuments to watch: Grand Staircase-Escalante, Bears Ears, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks, Katahdin Woods and Waters, and Papahānaumokuākea.

Free Map Denotes Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument.

The AP (8/13) reports that Maine Gov. Paul LePage “isn’t allowing signs on highways to direct motorists to the Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument,” but now there’s a map. The Friends of Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument has “created a new topographical map that identifies key features, like the loop road.” The maps are “available for free at the monument visitor stations in Millinocket and Patten and at the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce.”

Whose National Monument Claims Are Disingenuous? Not Ours. In an op-ed for the *Arizona Republic* (8/11, Gosar), Rep. Paul A. Gosar attacks Rep. Raúl Grijalva for penning an op-ed criticizing a letter signed by 17 members of Congress providing comments on the review of national monuments. Gosar takes issue with Grijalva’s “eccentric far-left environmentalism” and his apparent conflicts of interest. Gosar urges Grijalva “to drop the partisan nonsense, debate these issues’ merits and let’s work together to solve problems facing hard-working Arizonans.”

Scientists Urge No Changes To Cascade-Siskiyou Monument (Guest Opinion). In an op-ed for the *Oregonian* (8/13, Parker, Trail, Williams), Michael Parker, Ph.D., professor and chair of the biology program at Southern Oregon University; Pepper Trail, Ph.D., a fellow of the American Ornithological Society and conservation co-chair of the Rogue Valley Audubon Society; and Jack Williams, Ph.D., the senior scientist for Trout Unlimited and a former Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor, urge Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to propose no changes to the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. They urge Zinke “to respect the science, the grassroots collaboration and the sustained support of Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden and Gov. Kate Brown.”

National Monuments Support Jobs, Innovation. In an op-ed for the *Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle* (8/12, Hayes), Marne Hayes, the executive director of Business for Montana’s Outdoors, writes that “Montana may have dodged a bullet” when Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “declared the Missouri River Breaks safe from changes, but our western neighbors are still experiencing the fear and uncertainty of the ongoing review process.” According to Hayes, “that’s why business leaders from across the West converged in Montana last week to protest changes to western national monuments still in the crosshairs of Sec. Zinke’s review.” Hayes argues that “rolling back existing protections in any of these states is just not good for business. It also sets a dangerous precedent that undermines every other existing monument, including the Upper Missouri River Breaks.”

Fleeing To The Mountains. In his column for the *New York Times* (8/12, Kristof), Nicholas Kristof writes that “public lands are at risk today.” According to Kristof, “more aggressively than past administrations,” the Trump Administration is “systematically handing over America’s public lands for private exploitation

in ways that will scar the land forever.” Kristof encourages readers to visit public lands to get a sense of “what is being lost.”

Additional Coverage: Trump Appointee Wants More Hunting And Fishing On Federal Lands.

Additional coverage that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke “wants to allow more hunting and fishing on federal wildlife refuges, relaxing regulations in some places, opening up moose and turkey hunting in other places,” was provided by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution (8/11), U.S. News & World Report (8/11), and the Roseburg (OR) News-Review (8/11, Urness).

US Cattle Grazing Plan For Idaho National Monument Approved.

The U.S. News & World Report (8/11, Ridler) reports that “cattle grazing will continue” at Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve “following a challenge by an environmental group, federal officials announced this week.” The U.S. Bureau of Land Management said in a statement Wednesday said grazing on BLM-administered portions of the monument “not covered by lava flows will stay at about 99 percent of current levels.” The bureau said in a written statement, “The decision demonstrates the Trump Administration’s effort to support traditional uses such as grazing on public lands while providing opportunities for recreation and promoting conservation.”

BLM To Remove Horses Southeast Of Rangely.

The Grand Junction (CO) Daily Sentinel (8/12, Webb) reports that the Bureau of Land Management has “approved a plan to remove up to 100 wild horses from private and other land southeast of Rangely this fall, a decision made more controversial due to activists’ concerns that animals could end up being euthanized.” The bureau “said Friday it plans to use a helicopter operation to round up horses that have strayed outside the designated Piceance-East Douglas Herd Management Area.” The decision, “which is subject to a 30-day appeal period, also will allow future gathers to remove other horses outside the management area.”

U.S. And Mexico Finalizing Colorado River Water-sharing Deal.

USA Today (8/12, James) reports that U.S. and Mexican officials are “finalizing a water-sharing deal for the Colorado River, and a newly released summary of the accord’s key points shows negotiators have agreed on a cooperative approach geared toward boosting reservoir levels and trying to stave off a severe shortage.” The document, “which federal officials have circulated among water agencies, outlines a series of joint measures that build on the current 5-year agreement, which expires at the end of this year.” The article says that “the new accord – titled Minute No. 323 to the 1944 Mexican Water Treaty – is expected to be signed sometime this fall, perhaps as early as September, and would remain in effect through 2026.”

Forbes: Survey Says...Offshore Seismic is Safe

(8/11, Bradley, Jr.) Late last month, Delaware Senators Tom Carper and Chris Coons released a joint statement opposing seismic surveying in the Atlantic Ocean. Their worry is that such preparatory drilling work for oil and natural gas below the ocean floor would negatively impact marine life along the Atlantic coast.

Their fears are unfounded. Atlantic drilling would create economic benefits at virtually no environmental cost. As environmental economists understand, wealth is health; that is, economic prosperity redounds to individuals and families in ways that result in longer and better living.

Federal Register Listings

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REG0007245 BLM. Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for BNI Coal Ltd.'s Coal Lease-by-Application NDM-102083, Oliver County, ND. The BLM announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for BNI Coal, Ltd.'s Federal Coal Lease-by-Application (LBA) for public review and comment. The BLM will hold a public hearing on the EA, Fair Market Value, and Maximum Economic Recovery of the coal resources contained in the proposed lease tract near Center, North Dakota. Notice 08/11/2017

REG0007197 BOE. Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Liberty Development and Production Plan (DPP) in the Beaufort Sea Planning Area. BOEM is announcing the availability for public review of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Liberty DPP in the Beaufort Sea Planning Area in the Alaska Region. This Notice announces a 90-day public comment period and five public hearings on the Draft EIS scheduled in October 2017. Notice 08/11/2017

REG0007249 BOR. Notice of Availability for the Sites Reservoir Project Draft EIR/EIS and Feasibility Report. Reclamation, as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Federal lead agency, and the Sites Project Authority, as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State lead agency, announce that the Sites Reservoir Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and Draft Feasibility Report are available for public review and comment for 60 days. Public meetings on the Project are scheduled for September 26 and 28, 2017. Notice 08/11/2017

REG0006832 FWS. Amenity Fees at Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge, KY. Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge proposes to implement annual hunting and fishing fees and special permit fees for commercial recreational activities. Notice 08/11/2017

REG0007232 FWS Incidental Take Permit Applications Received to Participate in American Burying Beetle Amended Oil and Gas Industry Conservation Plan in Oklahoma. This notice provides public review for incidental take permit applications under the American Burying Beetle amended Industry Conservation Plan (ICP) from NGPL PipeCo, LLC and Subsidiaries; Wildhorse Terminal, LLC; and Antioch Operating, LLC. Notice 08/11/2017

REG0007236 FWS. Proposed HCP for Sierra Pacific Industries Forest Practices in the Klamath, Cascade, and Sierra Nevada Mountains, CA: Environmental Impact Statement. Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) is proposing to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Northern spotted owl and the California spotted owl. The Service intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed HCP that would cover activities including timber harvest and forest management activities on SPI's 1.6 million acres of private forest lands in California. Notice 08/11/2017

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Outside Media of Interest

8/14-8/15

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ConocoPhillips Alaska has launched drilling at a new site of viscous oil, the latest sign that the oil industry is recovering from its long slump. Low oil prices led the company to delay the \$460 million project last year, but now the company expects oil to be flowing by year's end. The field on the North Slope is expected to produce about 8,000 barrels a day, adding to the 530,000-barrel daily production the slope has posted so far this year. The project, called 1H NEWS, taps into some of the slope's biggest opportunities: viscous oil and its stickier cousin, heavy oil. Companies have so far focused on Alaska's easier-flowing, cheaper-to-produce light oil (Alex DeMarban, original story published by: Alaska Daily News, Aug. 13). — AAA

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The AP (8/14, Ritter) reports that "restrictions placed by a federal judge on what defendants can say about being at Cliven Bundy's ranch in April 2014 are leading to tense moments in the Las Vegas retrial of four men accused of wielding assault-style weapons to stop federal agents from rounding up cattle belonging to the anti-government figure." Chief U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro "refused Monday to order a mistrial sought by the defense attorney for Eric Parker, a defendant who Navarro ordered off the witness stand last week before telling the jury to disregard his testimony." According to Las Vegas lawyer Robert Draskovich, "such a dramatic step involving a defendant in the presence of a jury is unusual and might draw scrutiny from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco."

Greens, Industry Upset About Gulf Exploration Rules.

E&E Publishing (8/14, Gronewold) reports on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's programmatic environmental impact statement on "geophysical exploration for oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico." The agency "generally concluded that allowing more seismic testing in the Gulf poses minimal risk to marine habitats." It is recommending "some restrictions" and critics say the proposed rules "don't go far

enough in protecting marine life.” Meanwhile, the International Association of Geophysical Contractors said that the rules “are unscientific” and put “energy exploration at risk.”

Baltimore Mayor Pugh Pledges To Remove Confederate Monuments.

The Baltimore Sun (8/14, Broadwater) reports that Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh “pledged to Monday take down Confederate-era monuments in Baltimore — and said she has asked contractors for estimates on how much it will cost.” Former Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake “appointed a commission of academics and officials to review Baltimore’s four Confederate monuments in 2015 after the shooting deaths of nine African-Americans in a historically black South Carolina church by a white man who had posted photographs of himself with the Confederate battle flag.” The memorials include the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the Confederate Women’s Monument, the Roger B. Taney Monument, and the Robert E. Lee and Thomas. J. “Stonewall” Jackson Monument. The commission appointed by Rawlings-Blake “suggested the Lee and Jackson statue be offered to the National Park Service to place in Chancellorsville, Va., where the two Confederate generals last met in 1863.”

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The Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News (8/14, Robinson) reports that “in the wake of white supremacist rally and ensuing violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, Gettysburg National Military Park has not received any new complaints about its Confederate monuments at the park, said spokeswoman Katie Lawhon.” According to the article, “more than 1,300 monuments, markers and plaques are housed at the park to memorialize the historic battle, including a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and a Confederate flag on display in the museum.” The park “maintains that the memorials are important to the cultural landscape and has no plans to remove any monuments or statues.”

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REG0007220 FWS: Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the San Lorenzo Valley Water District's Probation Tank Replacement Project in Felton, Santa Cruz County, California. The San Lorenzo Valley Water District has applied for an incidental take permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act. The application addresses the anticipated take of the endangered Mount Hermon June beetle and Zayante band-winged grasshopper incidental to the replacement of a degraded water storage tank. Notice 08/14/2017

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10/4-5 - Montana Equipment Dealers Association (Whitefish, MT)
10/12 - Natural Areas Association Conference (Fort Collins, CO)

Emergency Management

In Oregon, the **Nena Fire** located on the Warm Springs Reservation (BIA) has burned 40,000 (no change) acres and is 80 (+20)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 Incident Management Team (IMT) with 422 (-22) personnel assigned, including 84 (-8) DOI personnel. Though the threat is minimal, 141 (no change) residential and 2 (no change) commercial structures remain threatened. Additional perimeter growth is not expected. Full containment is expected on August 16.

In Washington, the **Bridge Creek Fire** on the Colville Reservation (BIA) has burned 1,150 (+32) acres and is 18 (+5)-percent contained. The fire is managed by a Type-2 IMT with 336 (+23) personnel assigned, including 93 (+11) DOI personnel. The fire continues to threaten cultural and natural resources. Full containment is expected on August 31.

Outside Media of Interest

8/14-8/15

Lawmakers Urge Feds To Bar Atlantic, Eastern Gulf Drilling.

Law360 (8/14, Lidgett) reports that "a bipartisan coalition of more than 60 U.S. House of Representatives members told the federal government on Friday to make the Atlantic Ocean and the eastern Gulf of Mexico off-limits for oil and gas leasing." Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. and Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo "led a group of lawmakers in sending a letter to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke saying that the two areas should not be included in the National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program."

NJ Spotlight (8/15, Johnson) reports that in a letter, New Jersey's congressional delegation wrote, "The reopening of this process not only endangers New Jersey's coastal economy, but also ignores the will of the local communities that would be most impacted by oil drilling – including over 120 municipalities, 1,200 elected officials, 41,000 businesses, and 500,000 fishing families from up and down the Atlantic coast who have all voiced their opposition to oil and gas activities." The Trump Administration will "close comments on Thursday on the first step to develop a new program for oil and gas exploration on the outer continental shelf along virtually the entire nation's coasts."

E&E News: ConocoPhillips drills new Alaska site (8/15, DeMarban)

ConocoPhillips Alaska has launched drilling at a new site of viscous oil, the latest sign that the oil industry is recovering from its long slump. Low oil prices led the company to delay the \$460 million project last year, but now the company expects oil to be flowing by year's end. The field on the North Slope is expected to produce about 8,000 barrels a day, adding to the 530,000-barrel daily production the slope has posted so far this year. The project, called 1H NEWS, taps into some of the slope's biggest opportunities: viscous oil and its stickier cousin, heavy oil. Companies have so far focused on Alaska's easier-flowing, cheaper-to-produce light oil (Alex DeMarban, original story published by: Alaska Daily News, Aug. 13). — AAA

E&E News: Chevron to recommit to North Sea (8/15, Thomas)

Chevron Corp. is preparing to double down on its commitment to North Sea oil fields. The company is reconsidering plans to develop the Rosebank oil and gas field, in which it has a majority stake. Chevron will also make a final investment decision soon on whether to extend the life of its Captain Field, which has been producing for 20 years. Greta Lydecker, president and managing director of Chevron Upstream Europe, said the company has been working to reduce the Rosebank project's costs since the oil price crash of mid-2014.

Federal Government Halts Drilling At North Dakota Well Site.

The AP (8/14) reports that "the federal government has halted the drilling of oil wells near a North Dakota resort boat ramp at the request of the Three Affiliated Tribes." Tribal Chairman Mark Fox "says the tribe appealed the federal permit of the drilling site because it violates tribal setback requirements from the lake." The Interior Board of Land Appeals has "delayed the project in response to the tribe's appeal last week."

Judge's Rulings Lead To Tense Moments In Bundy Case In Vegas.

The AP (8/14, Ritter) reports that "restrictions placed by a federal judge on what defendants can say about being at Cliven Bundy's ranch in April 2014 are leading to tense moments in the Las Vegas retrial of four men accused of wielding assault-style weapons to stop federal agents from rounding up cattle belonging to the anti-government figure." Chief U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro "refused Monday to order a mistrial sought by the defense attorney for Eric Parker, a defendant who Navarro ordered off the witness stand last week before telling the jury to disregard his testimony." According to Las Vegas lawyer Robert Draskovich, "such a dramatic step involving a defendant in the presence of a jury is unusual and might draw scrutiny from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco."

Greens, Industry Upset About Gulf Exploration Rules.

E&E Publishing (8/14, Gronewold) reports on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's programmatic environmental impact statement on "geophysical exploration for oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico." The agency "generally concluded that allowing more seismic testing in the Gulf poses minimal risk to marine habitats." It is recommending "some restrictions" and critics say the proposed rules "don't go far

enough in protecting marine life.” Meanwhile, the International Association of Geophysical Contractors said that the rules “are unscientific” and put “energy exploration at risk.”

Baltimore Mayor Pugh Pledges To Remove Confederate Monuments.

The Baltimore Sun (8/14, Broadwater) reports that Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh “pledged to Monday take down Confederate-era monuments in Baltimore — and said she has asked contractors for estimates on how much it will cost.” Former Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake “appointed a commission of academics and officials to review Baltimore’s four Confederate monuments in 2015 after the shooting deaths of nine African-Americans in a historically black South Carolina church by a white man who had posted photographs of himself with the Confederate battle flag.” The memorials include the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument, the Confederate Women’s Monument, the Roger B. Taney Monument, and the Robert E. Lee and Thomas. J. “Stonewall” Jackson Monument. The commission appointed by Rawlings-Blake “suggested the Lee and Jackson statue be offered to the National Park Service to place in Chancellorsville, Va., where the two Confederate generals last met in 1863.”

Gettysburg Park Hasn’t Received Complaints About Confederate Monuments, Won’t Remove Any Statues.

The Harrisburg (PA) Patriot-News (8/14, Robinson) reports that “in the wake of white supremacist rally and ensuing violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, Gettysburg National Military Park has not received any new complaints about its Confederate monuments at the park, said spokeswoman Katie Lawhon.” According to the article, “more than 1,300 monuments, markers and plaques are housed at the park to memorialize the historic battle, including a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and a Confederate flag on display in the museum.” The park “maintains that the memorials are important to the cultural landscape and has no plans to remove any monuments or statues.”

Caltech And Others Get \$4.9 Million For Earthquake Warning System.

The Los Angeles Daily Breeze (8/14) reports that “Caltech and six other institutions were awarded a total of \$4.9 million in funds by the U.S. Geological Survey” yesterday “for the development of an earthquake-warning system on the West Coast.” Caltech was “awarded funds along with Central Washington University, UC Berkeley, the universities of Oregon, Washington and Nevada-Reno, and UNAVCO, a geological-science research nonprofit.” The USGS “also announced the purchase of about \$1 million in sensor equipment to be used in the ShakeAlert system, which is designed to give residents several seconds of advance warning of an earthquake, allowing them to quickly seek shelter or take precautionary actions to limit damage.”

Federal Register Listings

Cleared for the FR on Monday, 8/14

REG0007250 BIA: Pueblo of Santa Clara Liquor Ordinance; Amendments. This Notice publishes amendments to the Santa Clara Pueblo Liquor Code which regulates the control, possession, and sale of liquor on the Santa Clara Pueblo trust lands in conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico, where applicable and necessary. Notice 08/14/2017

REG0007226 BLM: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Greater Phoenix Project, Lander County, Nevada. The BLM announces the availability of a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for Newmont USA Limited's proposed expansion of its existing Phoenix Mine, a gold and copper mining and beneficiation operation, southwest of Battle Mountain,

Nevada. The BLM requests public comments on the Draft EIS for the Greater Phoenix Project for 45 days. Notice. 08/14/2017

REG0007220 FWS: Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the San Lorenzo Valley Water District's Probation Tank Replacement Project in Felton, Santa Cruz County, California. The San Lorenzo Valley Water District has applied for an incidental take permit under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act. The application addresses the anticipated take of the endangered Mount Hermon June beetle and Zayante band-winged grasshopper incidental to the replacement of a degraded water storage tank. Notice 08/14/2017

REG0007261 USGS: Federal Advisory Committee: National Geospatial Advisory Committee Notice of Public Meeting on September 6-7, 2017. Meeting Waiver Request approved 07/21/2017. Notice 08/14/2017

DOI Federal Advisory Committees

Office of the Secretary

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee
Invasive Species Advisory Committee
U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Indian Affairs Board for Exceptional Children
Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

Bureau of Land Management

Alaska Resource Advisory Council
Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council
Arizona Resource Advisory Council
Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee
Boise District Resource Advisory Council
California Desert District Advisory Council
Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee
Central California Resource Advisory Council
Central Montana Resource Advisory Council
Coastal Oregon Resource Advisory Council
Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council
Dakotas Resource Advisory Council
Dominguez - Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council
Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council
Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council
Farmington District Resource Advisory Council
Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Advisory Committee (Inactive)
Gold Butte National Monument Advisory Committee
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee
Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council
John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council
Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council
McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council (Inactive)
Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel
Northern California Resource Advisory Council
Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
Northwest Resource Advisory Council

Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council
Pecos District Resource Advisory Council
Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council
San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee
Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee (Inactive)
Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council
Southwest Resource Advisory Council
Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council
Steens Mountain Advisory Council
Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council
Utah Resource Advisory Council
Western Montana Resource Advisory Council
Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board
Wyoming Resource Advisory Council

Bureau of Reclamation

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council
Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group
Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council
Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group
Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council
Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

National Park Service

Acadia National Park Advisory Commission
Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council
Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission
Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council
Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission
Cold War Advisory Committee
Committee for the Preservation of the White House
Flight 93 Advisory Commission (Inactive)
Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee
Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission
Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Advisory Commission (Inactive)
Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission
National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board (Inactive)
Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission
Cape Krusenstern National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission
Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
Kobuk Valley National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
National Park System Advisory Board
Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Preservation Technology and Training Board
Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Advisory Council
Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee (Inactive)
Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Advisory Council
Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee

U.S. Geological Survey

Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science
Advisory Committee on Water Information
National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program
National Geospatial Advisory Committee
National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council
Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

DOI Operating Commissions (Non-FACA) – Committees established to perform primarily operational as opposed to advisory functions.

Boston Harbor Islands Partnership
Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission
Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission
Keeweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission

DOI Secretarial Boards and Commissions

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)
Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans
Community Development Advisory Board
Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture
Presidential Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities
South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
The Federal City Council
The National Capital Planning Commission
Trustees of the National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Preparedness & Response Science Board
National Environmental Education Foundation's Board of Trustees
Task Force on Childhood Obesity
White House Council on Women and Girls
White House Council on Automotive Communities & Workers
Economic Adjustment Committee
Emerging Technologies Interagency Policy Coordination Committee
National Ocean Council
Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons (PITF)
National Building Museum
Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness & Individuals w/ Disabilities
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Steering Committee
Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Fish and Wildlife Resources
The Coral Reef Task Force
Federal Geographic Data Committee
Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA)
Migratory Bird Conservation Commission
National Invasive Species Council
National Park Foundation
Water Resources Council

Taskforce on Wildlife Trafficking
White House Council on Native American Affairs
Federal Subsistence Board
Indian Arts and Crafts Board
Acquisition Committee for e-Government
Arctic Policy Group (APG)
Biomass Research & Development Board
Chief Acquisition Officers Council
Civil Application Committee (CAC)
Committee on Environment & Natural Resources
Committee on Homeland & National Security
Committee on Science
Committee on Technology
DOT-RSPANASFM Partnership for Excellence in Pipeline Safety
Technical Mapping Advisory Council
State of Cooperation Executive Steering Committee
Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board
Polar Bear Commission
National Building Museum Board of Trustees
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)
Financial Literacy and Education Committee
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Advisory Group
North American Wetlands Conservation Council
National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission
International Porcupine Board
Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy
Pacific Salmon Commission
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Federal Council on the Arts & Humanities
Good Neighbor Environmental Board
Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee
Interagency Dispute Resolution Working Group
Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC)
Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation & Restoration Task Force
The Great Lakes Fisheries Commission
The Presidio Trust Board of Directors
Udall Foundation's Board of Trustees
U.S. Access Board
U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
U.S. Board on Geographic Names
Interagency Task Force on Carbon Capture and Storage
Chief Financial Officers Council
Chief Human Capital Officers Council

Deputy Chief Human Capital Officers Council
 Chief Information Officers Council
 Community Development Advisory Board
 Scenario Planning Steering Group (Western Electricity Coordinating Council)
 Tourism Policy Council
 Drug Endangered Children Interagency Task Force
 National Southwest Border Counter Narcotics Strategy
 Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice
 Administrative Conference of the United States
 Controlled Unclassified Information Office
 Federal Collaboration of Health Disparities Research
 New Jersey Pinelands Commission
 Interagency Reentry Council
 America's Great Outdoors Council
 Defense Production Act Committee
 Broadband Deployment on Federal Property Working Group
 AmeriCorps NCCC Advisory Board
 OSTP Public Access Policies Working Group - NSF Group
 OSTP Public Access Policies Working Group -Data Management Group
 U.S. Holocaust Museum Board of Trustees
 Hispanic Council on Federal Employment
 World War I Centennial Commission
 Advisory Council to the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico
 Broadband Opportunity Council
 Senior Sustainability Officers
 Administrative Conference of the United States
 U.S. Surgeon General's National Prevention Council
 Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee
 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force
 Roosevelt Campobella International Park Commission
 President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities
 President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities
 Performance Reporting System Steering Committee
 Biofuels Interagency Working Group
 National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council
 National Ocean Council
 National Ocean Council's Deputy Committee
 White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges & Universities
 Federal Leadership Committee for the Chesapeake Bay
 Arctic Executive Steering Committee
 John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission
 Semiquincentennial Commission

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Profile

Dr. John Craynon is the Senior Mining Engineer in the Division of Engineering and Environment at the Export-Import Bank of the United States, where he assists with project financing involving mining and other related industries. Additionally, he is responsible for monitoring mining projects with Bank financing and providing support to the other professionals in the Bank. Previously he served as Director of Environmental Programs at the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research at Virginia Tech. In this role he served as the Project Director of the Appalachia Research Initiative for Environmental Science (ARIES) for five years. Additionally, Dr. Craynon is co-owner and Principal Consultant of CWP Consulting LLC. His previous government career, which spanned nearly 28 years in the US Department of the Interior, focused on mining technology and the environment, and the technical, legal, and public policy issues related to mining. Dr. Craynon's government work was related to diverse topics such as the regulation of coal mining, mine waste management, cleanup of contaminated sites, coal combustion byproducts, underground mine mapping, acid mine drainage, subsidence, hydrology, stream restoration, reforestation, sustainable reclamation and invasive species issues. His academic research program and consulting interests also include sustainable development, stakeholder involvement, resource and market characterization, and the analysis of regulatory and legal frameworks for energy and minerals development.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Mining and Minerals Engineering

Dissertation: Incorporating Sustainable Development into Coal Mine Design
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (December 2011)

Master of Science, Mining and Minerals Engineering

Thesis: The Collectorless Flotation of Sphalerite
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (July 1985)

Bachelor of Science in Mining and Minerals Engineering

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (June 1982)

Professional Certificate, International Sustainability Consulting

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (July 2015)

John R. Craynon, PhD, PE

Graduate Certificate, Natural Resources Management

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (May 2011)

Professional Career

Export-Import Bank of the United States, Washington, DC

Senior Mining Engineer, Division of Engineering & Environment (2016-Present)

As the Senior Mining Engineer for the Export Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), I am responsible for the evaluating the technical feasibility and assessing the technical risks of assigned foreign projects in the mining, mineral processing, and heavy construction sectors and prepare written reviews of my evaluations. My global project portfolio covers small to large projects with the largest being nearly \$1 billion dollars of direct finance exposure and over \$12 billion overall project cost. I also assess the project environmental effects and prepare environmental reviews which are presented for policy compliance. My analyses relate to mining, metallurgical, civil, and other engineering disciplines for projects such as road construction, thermal power generation, smelters and metal refineries, manufacturing/processing plant construction, and heavy equipment evaluation. I conduct project monitoring and field inspections to assess the technical and environmental performance associated with the operations of projects financed by EXIM, and prepare reports of results. I also assess the presence, intensity, and quality of foreign technical competition for the goods and services supplied from the U.S. I provide general technical information, explanations and interpretations to non-technical personnel of the Bank and maintain an information base sufficient to stay current with the advanced principles of engineering and environmental disciplines. I review contracts and compliance with technical conditions of credit/guarantee agreement for disbursement of funds. I provide technical assistance to other Federal agencies and represent EXIM and make presentations at national and international technical conferences and meetings.

Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Director of Environmental Programs and ARIES Project Director (2011-2016)

Managed and directed a comprehensive, multidisciplinary, multi-university research program, the Appalachian Research Initiative for Environmental Sciences (ARIES). ARIES is a cooperative effort of a number of prominent research universities in Appalachia working collaboratively under the sponsorship of industrial affiliates to engage in detailed studies of the environmental, social, and public health impacts of the mining, gas and energy sectors in the region. The project initially had a budget of \$15 million over the planned five-year life of the program, which was reduced to \$10 million due to changes in the energy industry.

Developed and implemented processes for the management of budgetary, administrative, technical, peer-review, and outreach activities associated with the research across the program, and coordinate the efforts of over 70 faculty and professional researchers in a variety of academic departments and disciplines at nine partner academic institutions. The research resulted in over 100 peer-reviewed publications and engaged over 75 student researchers, resulting in both masters and PhD degrees at Virginia Tech and partner institutions. Worked with industrial sponsors, academic researchers, and administrators to ensure that research was directed at significant issues related to the energy resources and production in Appalachia, which are integral to domestic energy security and provide an economic base and jobs in areas of the country where there are few alternatives.

Led and conducted research into the impacts and benefits of energy development, particularly in the Appalachian region, with a focus on regulatory approaches, sustainable development, and evaluating technical and economic feasibility. In 2014, served as principal investigator on development of an analytical report on the impact of USEPA Clean Air Act regulations on the electrical generating sector in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for a similar report on the health co-benefits in the USEPA Clean Power Plan in 2015; and provided oversight to contractors, researchers and support staff on these projects. Served as a technical representative to the Virginia Governor's Climate Change and Resilience Commission and the Commission's funding workgroup.

Provided leadership for Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME) sponsored "Environmental Considerations in Energy Production" symposia held in Charleston, WV, April 2013 and Pittsburgh, PA in September 2015, and edited the proceedings volumes. Have actively participated in the Sustainable Development Committee of SME, serving as an officer, and in the activities of a number of other professional societies and organizations.

Taught both introductory and advanced courses related to leadership, ethics, mining, energy and the environment for the Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering and the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech. Made presentations at professional engineering continuing education courses in Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky, and over 30 presentations at regional, national, and international conferences.

CWP Consulting LLC, Shawsville, VA

Co-owner and Principal Consultant (2004-Present)

Lead and direct consulting work focused on energy, mining, environmental issues, and sustainable development. Develop teams of associates, drawing from former government and academic colleagues, to complete projects for clients located around the world. Serve as subject matter expert and team member for larger projects managed by larger international consulting firms. CWP work has included a report on Indonesian coal and opportunities in the

U.S. market; evaluating technology proposals for government grants related to mining; examining the legal, economic and technical issues related to development of unconventional hydrocarbon resources in Mongolia; evaluating proposed regulations for coal mining in the United States; evaluating the viability of various mining projects in Mozambique; and evaluating water treatment systems and coal preparation technologies in the United States. *CWP Consulting LLC* has been an active team member in pending proposals involving energy and mineral resources in China, Cameroon, India, and Colombia.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Washington, DC

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support (2004-2011)

Chief, Division of Technical Support (2001-2004)

Chief, Technology Development Staff (1997-2001)

Mining Engineer (1996-1997)

Initially, served as the headquarters senior staff mining engineer supporting the development of technical policy and regulations necessary to implement OSM's regulatory responsibilities. Served as headquarters expert on the environmental impacts of mining and reclamation and the interaction with the regulatory programs of other Federal and State agencies.

As head of OSM's headquarters professional technical staff (later Division), provided scientific, policy, and regulatory interpretation and advice to OSM management, field units, States, Federal agencies, the mining industry and the public to ensure mining and reclamation was conducted in an environmentally and publicly responsible manner. Supervised a staff that numbered from 10 to 30 professionals of various technical and nontechnical disciplines, and managed an annual budget of over \$2 million. Served as senior mining engineer in headquarters and provided technical leadership in the development of OSM's substantive technical regulations, policy and program guidance for implementation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). Had a lead role in technology transfer for OSM and responsibility for coordination with other Federal and State agencies on technical issues related to mining and reclamation. Led OSM's activities related to coal slurry impoundments, underground mine mapping, acid mine drainage, energy development, and OSM's implementation plan for the National Energy Policy under the George W. Bush Administration. Provided expertise on the statutory and regulatory requirements related to the environmental aspects of coal mining and reclamation operations. Served as national technical program lead for ensuring OSM compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act.

As a result of a 2004 reorganization, became the Chief, Division of Regulatory Support. In addition to the previous technical role, assumed the lead responsibility for the Title V regulatory program under SMCRA, the environmental compliance responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and other environmental laws, and OSM's international program. In addition to supervision and management of a division of fourteen

professional staff, managed a budget of over \$3 million, including the OSM mine mapping initiative. Also had major administrative responsibility for planning and business development for both the Program Support Directorate and the Office of Surface Mining.

As a manager, served as one of the leads for OSM's program related to Minority Higher Education Institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and as a member of a number of OSM and Department of the Interior (DOI) teams and committees, including the OSM National Technology Transfer Team, the OSM Technical Committee, the OSM Technical Innovation and Professional Services Steering Committee, the DOI Adaptive Management Working Group and the DOI Research and Development Council and the DOI Science Advisory Committee.

Was responsible for interagency coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, the Mine Safety and Health Administration, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Academies, the National Science Foundation, and others. Also responsible for coordination with State regulatory and abandoned mine land agencies on technical and programmatic issues related to the implantation of SMCRA. Represented OSM and DOI by speaking at professional and technical conferences, other public meetings, and Congressional meetings and hearings related to the technical and regulatory program.

Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering, Virginia Tech, Alexandria, VA
Adjunct Faculty (1999-2000)

Developed and instructed two graduate mining engineering classes at Virginia Tech's Alexandria Research Institute and via remote learning technology to students on the Blacksburg campus on issues related to mining, the environment and the law, including a course on mine permitting. Provided assistance to students and faculty on interaction with Federal agencies and others involved in mining and environmental issues.

U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Washington, DC
Environmental Protection Specialist (1991-1996)

Served as staff expert on the control, regulation and cleanup of wastes associated with all extractive industries, emphasizing metals mining and oil and gas production. Provided technical expertise to the management of the DOI and its bureaus on the cleanup and restoration of lands, including those sites being addressed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund). Responsible for the development, adaptation and adoption of automated systems for monitoring DOI's waste management and cleanup activities on agency-managed lands and in agency facilities. Supervised the activities of Federal and private sector contractors in developing these information technology tools. As liaison with other Federal agencies, such as the EPA and the Department of Energy, provided

knowledge, recommendations and assistance with abandoned mine site cleanup, mine waste management and other related issues.

Served as the DOI's primary representative to the White House Working Group on Federal Facilities Cleanup and the Federal Facilities Cleanup Federal Advisory Committee. Presented to and assisted in planning national and international meetings related to a variety of mining and environmental issues, including cleanup technology, cost estimation, and automation, and served as conference chair for the DOI HazMat conference held in Phoenix, AZ, in 1995.

Bureau of Land Management, Washington, DC
Mining Engineer (1988-1991)

Served as a staff expert on mining and mineral processing and beneficiation operations, particularly the environmental issues related to those operations. Served as technical lead for development of standards and guidelines for non-coal mining reclamation on Federal and Indian lands. Had lead role in developing BLM mine waste management requirements, and provided input to the EPA and other agencies on mine waste, Clean Coal Technology Program, Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act issues. Began representing BLM on numerous interagency committees and working groups on mining and environmental issues, spoke at national and international meetings, and helped design, prepare, and teach training courses related to areas of responsibility.

U.S. Bureau of Mines, Washington, DC
Foreign Minerals Specialist (1985-1988)
Minerals Engineer (1983-1985)

Joined the bureau as a laboratory research engineer on planning and conducting electrometallurgy studies. Supervised daily operation of a laboratory, including two chemists and technicians, prepared and presented results of research at national and international conferences and events. Based on this work and interests in international mining and economics, was promoted to a country specialist for ten western European countries and two eastern European countries with responsibility for studying and monitoring developments in the minerals, metals and energy sectors, and authoring correlated annual chapters for the Bureau of Mines Minerals Yearbook, Volume III.

Selected Research Publications

- 1) Craynon, J.R., editor, Environmental Considerations in Energy Production 2 Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Englewood, Colorado, 2015.
- 2) Craynon, J.R., E.A. Sarver, N.S. Ripepi and M.E. Karmis, 2015 "A GIS-based methodology for identifying sustainability conflict areas in mine design – a case study from a surface

- coal mine in the USA" International Journal of Mining, Reclamation and Environment doi: 10.180/17480930.2015.1035872.
- 3) Craynon, J.R., editor, Environmental Considerations in Energy Production Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Englewood, Colorado, 2013.
 - 4) Craynon, J.R., E.A. Sarver and M.E. Karmis, 2013 "Incorporating Sustainable Development Principles into Coal Mine Design" International Journal of Sustainability Policy and Practice 8(3):57-64.
 - 5) Craynon, J.R., E.A. Sarver and M.E. Karmis, 2013 "The role of science in public ecology and sustainable development in mining" in: 6th International Conference on Sustainable Development in the Minerals Industry, 30 June – 3 July 2013, Milos Island, Greece.
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Professional Licenses, Committees, and Organizations

Professional Engineer, Commonwealth of Virginia

Member, Committee on Geologic and Geotechnical Engineering, National Research Council, National Academies (2014-15)

Member, Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME)

Coal and Energy Division Representative, Sustainable Development Committee (2013-14)

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K.M. Achievements:

03/17: Secretary Zinke Issues Lease for 56 Million Tons of Coal in Central Utah

- U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced the approval of a \$22 million coal lease on the Greens Hollow tract in central Utah to Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, a subsidiary of Bowie Resource Partners, LLC. Coal mining in the area currently supports nearly 1,700 mining and related jobs.

03/17: Successful Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale Yields \$275 Million in High Bids on 913,542 Acres in Central Planning Area

- U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that Lease Sale 247 for oil and gas parcels in the Gulf of Mexico garnered \$274,797,434 in high bids for 163 tracts covering 913,542 acres in the Central Planning Area of the Outer Continental Shelf offshore Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. A total of 28 offshore energy companies submitted 189 bids. The sum of all bids received totaled \$315,303,884.
- BOEM estimates the lease sale could result in the production of 460 to 890 million barrels of oil, and 1.9 trillion cubic feet to 3.9 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

03/17: Secretary Zinke Takes Immediate Action to Advance American Energy Independence

- U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke signed two secretarial orders (S.O. 3348 and S.O. 3349) to advance American energy independence. The Secretary's orders foster responsible development of coal, oil, gas, and renewable energy on federal and Tribal lands and initiate review of agency actions directed by President Trump's executive order entitled "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth." Secretary Zinke also signed a charter establishing a Royalty Policy Committee to ensure the public receives the full value of natural resources produced from federal lands.
- Secretarial Order 3348: overturns the 2016 moratorium on all new coal leases on federal land and ends the programmatic environmental impacts statement that was set to be completed no sooner than 2019. Based upon the Department's review of Secretarial Order 3338, the order notes that, "the public interest is not served by halting the federal coal program for an extended time, nor is a PEIS required to consider potential improvements to the program." The order notes that the federal coal leasing program supplies approximately 40 percent of the coal produced in the United States and is critically important to the U.S. economy.
- Secretarial Order 3349: implements review of agency actions directed by the President's Executive Order signed yesterday on energy independence. It also directs a reexamination of the mitigation and climate change policies and guidance across the Department of the Interior in order to better balance conservation strategies and policies with the equally legitimate need of creating jobs for hardworking American families. In particular, the order sets a timetable for review of agency actions that may hamper responsible energy development and reconsideration of regulations related to U.S. oil and natural gas development.

- RPC: In an effort to ensure the public continues to receive the full value of natural resources produced on federal lands, Secretary Zinke also signed a charter establishing a Royalty Policy Committee to provide regular advice to the Secretary on the fair market value of and collection of revenues from Federal and Indian mineral and energy leases, include renewable energy sources. The Committee may also advise on the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from such development, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform. The group will consist of up to 28 local, Tribal, state, and other stakeholders and will serve in an advisory role.

04/17: Interior Department Announces Proposal to Repeal Recent Amendments to Federal Energy Valuation Rules

- As part of the Administration's effort to reduce regulation and control regulatory costs, the U.S. Department of the Interior today announced a proposal to repeal the Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform Rule (2017 Valuation Rule) in its entirety. Concurrently with this proposal, Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), is publishing an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comments on whether revisions are appropriate or needed to the pre-existing regulations governing royalty values, including comments on whether the 2017 Valuation Rule should ultimately be retained or re-promulgated, in whole or in part.

04/17: Secretary Zinke Announces Expanded Recreation Access and BLM's New Trail System in Recapture Canyon

- U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced expanded recreation opportunities for motorized and non-motorized trails in the Recapture Canyon area located in San Juan County, Utah. The travel management plan includes nearly 7 miles of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and/or traditional vehicle access to this area while protecting important archaeological sites and natural resources.

05/17: Interior to take aim at methane rule after failed CRA

- The Interior Department is aiming to gut the Obama administration's methane waste rule that the Senate failed to kill off today.
- "As part of President Trump's America-First Energy Strategy and executive order, the Department has reviewed and flagged the Waste Prevention rule as one we will suspend, revise or rescind given its significant regulatory burden that encumbers American energy production, economic growth and job creation," said Kate MacGregor, acting assistant secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals, in a statement.

05/17: Interior Department Advances America-First Offshore Energy Strategy

- In accordance with Secretarial Order 3350, which implements President Trump's America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, the Department of the Interior today announced it will move forward to resume its evaluation of applications from six companies seeking permits to conduct geological and geophysical (G&G) activities in the Atlantic Ocean in order to resume their evaluation, upon the grant of the remand by the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA).

- “The rule is expected to have real and harmful impacts on onshore energy development and could impact state and local jobs and revenue,” MacGregor said. “Small independent oil and gas producers in states like North Dakota, Colorado and New Mexico, which account for a substantial portion of our nation’s energy wealth, could be hit the hardest.”
- The rule, announced by the Interior’s Bureau of Land Management in the final weeks of Barack Obama’s presidency, updated 30-year-old regulations, limiting the amount of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, that can be released from oil and gas operations on federal and Native American lands.

05/17: Secretary Zinke Signs Order to Jump-Start Alaskan Energy

- Flanked by members of Alaska’s energy sector and elected officials at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association annual conference, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today signed a secretarial order to jump-start Alaskan energy production in the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) and update resource assessments for areas of the North Slope, including the “1002 area” of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).
- The order calls for the lawful review and development of a revised Integrated Activity Plan for the NPR-A that strikes an appropriate statutory balance of promoting development while protecting surface resources; and, an evaluation, under the existing Integrated Activity Plan, on efficiently and effectively maximizing the tracts offered for sale during the next NPR-A lease sale. The order also directs the Assistant Secretaries of Land and Minerals Management and Water and Science to submit a joint plan to the Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy for updating assessments of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and natural gas resources of Alaska’s North Slope, focusing on Federal lands including the NPR-A and the Section 1002 Area of the ANWR. The joint plan shall include consideration of new geological and geophysical data, as well as potential for reprocessing existing geological and geophysical data. The Secretarial Order does not reduce, eliminate, or modify any environmental or regulatory requirements for energy development.

06/17: Interior Announces Regulatory Reform Initiative to Make Government Work for America

The Department of the Interior today announced an initiative to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people. This initiative implements the vision set out by President Trump in Executive Order (E.O.) 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda.” A notice will be published in the Federal Register providing instructions for commenting through www.regulations.gov. Interior is seeking input from the public, and specifically from entities significantly affected by Federal regulations, on what Interior regulations may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification because they:

- Eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation;
- Are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;
- Impose costs that exceed benefits;
- Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;
- Rely, in part or in whole, on data or methods that are not publicly available or insufficiently transparent to meet the standard for reproducibility; or

- Derive from or implement E.O.s or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.

Interior encourages all sectors of the public, including state, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, consumers, non-governmental organizations, and trade associations to provide input to improve Interior's regulations.

This initiative is part of a government-wide initiative to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens on the American public. Interior's regulations include those of the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education, National Park Service, Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Geological Survey, and other agencies.

06/17: Interior Officials to Hold Media Teleconference on Offshore Energy Initiative

- On Thursday, June 29, 2017, Counselor to the Secretary for Energy Policy Vincent DeVito and Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Katharine MacGregor will hold a 2:30 PM media teleconference to discuss the launch of an offshore energy initiative as part of President Trump's American First energy strategy. The information in this call will be embargoed until 3:40 PM.

President Trump's America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, detailed in Executive Order 13795 on April 28, 2017, and Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's DOI Order 3350 on May 1, 2017 call for enhancing opportunities for energy exploration, leasing, and development of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), establishing regulatory certainty for OCS activities, and enhancing conservation stewardship.

07/17: ZINKE SIGNS SECRETARIAL ORDER TO STREAMLINE PROCESS FOR FEDERAL ONSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING PERMITS

- U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today signed a secretarial order to tackle permitting backlogs and delays, identify solutions to improve the permitting process on federal lands, and to identify solutions to improve access to additional parcels of federal land that are appropriate for mineral development. As of January 31, 2017, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) had 2,802 Applications for Permit to Drill (APD) pending.

- Despite the fact that statute requires that the Department and the BLM process APD review within 30 days, the average time to process an APD in FY16 was 257 days. The directive will improve the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program and the Federal Solid Mineral Leasing Program, which is a major source of income for the federal government and a critical component of American Energy Dominance.

07/17: Secretary Zinke Announces 76 Million Acres Offered in Gulf of Mexico Region-Wide Oil and Gas Lease Sale

- U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that the Department will offer 75.9 million acres offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida for oil and gas

exploration and development. The region-wide lease sale scheduled for August 16, 2017 will include all available unleased areas in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico and provide a reduced royalty rate for shallow water leases to encourage exploration and production under current market conditions.

- Lease Sale 249, scheduled to be livestreamed from New Orleans, will be the first offshore sale under the National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022. Under this program, ten region-wide lease sales are scheduled for the Gulf, where resource potential and industry interest are high, and oil and gas infrastructure is well established. Two Gulf lease sales will be held each year and include all available blocks in the combined Western, Central, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas.

07/17: Interior Announces Revised Strategy, Policies to More Effectively Reduce Fractionation of Tribal Lands

- Following extensive analysis and feedback received from tribal leaders and American Indian landowners, the Department of the Interior today announced a revised strategy for the consolidation of fractional land interests through the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Program). The strategy, which will more effectively allocate the remaining Program funds to reduce the maximum amount of fractional interests, includes a revised schedule for implementation, as well as new opportunities for tribal governments to use the Program's tools and systems to facilitate their own land consolidation initiatives.

- The Program implements the land consolidation component of the *Cobell* Settlement, which provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value. Interests consolidated through the Program are restored to tribal trust ownership. Since the Program began making offers in December 2013, about \$1.2 billion has been paid to landowners at 45 locations, more than 700,000 fractional interests have been consolidated, and the equivalent of over 2.1 million acres of land has been transferred to tribal governments. As a result, tribal ownership now exceeds 50 percent in almost 14,000 tracts of land, which strengthens tribal sovereignty and self-determination, and allows for investments in tribal infrastructure and community projects.

07/17: Interior Secretary Zinke Applauds Mine Proposal to Create Jobs in Virginia and West Virginia

- Today U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke applauded the initial construction of the Berwind Mine located on the border of West Virginia and Virginia. The developers, Ramaco Resources, expect the mine to initially create 50 good-paying jobs and employ roughly 200 coal miners when the mine reaches its projected production level. The Berwind Coal Reserve is estimated to contain about 72 million tons of clean recoverable metallurgical coal, which is critical for infrastructure and is used for steel, roads, bridges, and building construction. The Berwind Mine will produce about 800,000 tons per year and will create jobs in some of the hardest-hit areas of Appalachian region including McDowell County, West Virginia as well as Buchanan and Tazewell Counties in Virginia.

- Although the mine is on private land, the Department of the Interior, through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, had a role in approving wildlife conservation plans for two species of crayfish in conjunction with the State of West Virginia's Department of Environmental Protection.

08/17: Interior Repeals Defective Federal Mineral Valuation Rule

- To create more workable oil, gas and mineral valuation regulations and avoid costly litigation, the Department of the Interior today announced the repeal of the Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform Rule (Valuation Rule) which had created confusion and uncertainty regarding how companies report and pay royalties on energy and other mineral resources from federal onshore and offshore areas and American Indian lands.
- The repeal of the Valuation Rule, published today in the Federal Register and effective on September 6, 2017, will provide certainty and clarity to the regulated community by continuing to require compliance with lawful and well-known oil, gas, and coal regulations in force for more than a decade. These regulations are easy to understand and provide certainty to industry and the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) that correct payment has been made.

08/17: Secretary Zinke Supports Acceptance of 3,595 Acres of Wilderness for Sportsmen's Access to Sabinoso Wilderness Area in New Mexico

- Following a trip to New Mexico, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced he and the Department - through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - intend to finalize the process to consider whether to accept the donation of 3,595 acres (formerly known as the Rimrock Rose Ranch) that are adjacent to Sabinoso Wilderness to be included as part of the wilderness.
- If approved, the donated land will provide public access to the 16,000-acre Sabinoso Wilderness, which is wholly surrounded by non-federal land. By adding the donated land, the Sabinoso will connect with neighboring BLM land and make the Sabinoso accessible to the public for the first time ever.

08/17: Gulf of Mexico Region-Wide Oil and Gas Lease Sale Yields \$121 Million in High Bids on 508,096 Acres

- U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke today announced that the region-wide Gulf of Mexico lease sale generated \$121,143,055 in high bids for 90 tracts covering 508,096 acres in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. A total of 27 companies participated in the sale, submitting 99 bids totaling \$137,006,181. The sale offered the largest amount of acreage in the history of the federal offshore program in the Gulf, including parcels offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

WEEK AHEAD August 30 thru September 7, 2017
Announcements/Releases/Events

U.S. Department of the Interior

Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

- *This week the Secretary is ...*
- **September TBD: Department-level Release:** DOI and NPS will announce \$94.3 million to be distributed from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to all 50 States, the Territories, and the District of Columbia for State-identified outdoor recreation and conservation projects.
- **August 31:** Participating in Smoky Mountains National Park Chimney Tops 2 Fire Report press conference.

National Park Service

- **August 31:** The Great Smoky Mountains National Park Chimney Tops 2 Fire Review Report is scheduled for public release. The release will be announced at a press conference hosted at the park.
- **August 31:** Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) will visit Manassas National Battlefield Park for a park tour and visit to an adjacent property that was recently acquired in part through an American Battlefield Protection Program grant to the Civil War Trust. Sen. Kaine may invite a limited number of media to join him on his visit. He will be guided by park superintendent Brandon Bies and other park staff.
- **August TBD: Local NPS Release:** NPS announces new superintendents at St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and Arkansas Post National Memorial.
- **August TBD: Local NPS Release:** NPS announces new superintendents at Little Bighorn National Battlefield National Monument.
- **August/September TBD: CLOSE HOLD:** In late August or early September, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore will begin a 30-day public comment period on a Draft Environmental Assessment that reevaluates personal watercraft (PWC) use at the national lakeshore. The preferred alternative in this Draft EA calls for the continued implementation of the 2005 special regulation amended to include a requirement that all PWCs operating in the national lakeshore meet the 2010 EPA air quality emissions standards within two years.
- **September 1: Local NPS Release:** Lake Mead National Recreation Area will enter into the National Park Service's first Wi-Fi contract. Once installed, the fee-based service will be available at the park's nine developed areas.

- **September 1:** Sen. Stabenow (D-MI) will visit Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and will meet with Acting Superintendent Nancy Finley. The itinerary may include a boat tour to view Miner's Castle or other areas.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- **August TBD:** FWS will announce that after reviewing updated information, it will again authorize imports of wild and wild-managed lions from South Africa taken during 2017-2019. In 2016, FWS listed the lion in eastern and southern Africa as threatened under the ESA. FWS contacted each of the countries within this region that have conducted trophy lion hunts in the past few years to obtain information on the country's lion population, management of lions, and how sport hunting has contributed to survival of the species. FWS then authorized the import of wild and wild managed lion sport-hunted trophies in 2016. Outreach in the form of a blog is planned.
- **August 29:** FWS will host the inaugural Cooperating Agencies meeting for the National Bison Range Comprehensive Conservation Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (CCP/EIS). The meeting will include representatives from the Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Lake County and Sanders County. On **August 30**, FWS will host a third public scoping meeting in Missoula. Outreach in the form of a news release has gone out to alert people to the public scoping meeting.
- **September 5 (tent.): National FWS Release:** FWS to release results of 2016 Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Survey Preliminary Report. A snapshot of the results show that Hunter numbers are down (not statistically significant), angler numbers are up (not statistically significant), and wildlife watching numbers have increased greatly especially for people watching wildlife in their own backyards.
- **September 6:** National FWS Release: FWS will announce that the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, chaired by Secretary Zinke, is approving funding for the first round of FY 2018 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grants, as well as land acquisitions and lease agreements for national wildlife refuges using Migratory Bird Conservation Fund money. The MBCC will also hear a report on NAWCA small grants, which were approved by the North American Wetlands Conservation Council earlier this year. The announcement will coincide with the MBCC meeting taking place at Main Interior Building.
- **September TBD: Local FWS Release:** FWS plans to send to the *Federal Register* a make a final listing determination and designate critical habitat for Guadalupe fescue in Texas. The designation includes approximately 7,815 acres entirely within the Big Bend National Park; accordingly, the economic and other impacts of critical habitat designation were determined to be very low. Few economic activities in Big Bend National Park affected listed plant habitats, and the listing and critical habitat designation for this species is not likely to have any effect on border security activities. This action is not expected to be controversial. Outreach will include an email to stakeholders. FWS is

required by settlement agreement to publish the finding in the *Federal Register* by September 9, so needs to submit the action to the *Federal Register* by September 2.

Bureau of Land Management

- **August 31: Local BLM Release:** BLM-UT will post a Notice of Competitive Lease Sale, environmental assessment, and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact, for parcels to be offered in the December 2017 Quarterly Lease Sale. Seventy-five parcels totaling 94,040 acres in the Vernal and Price Field Offices will be proposed for sale. Several parcels have been controversial due to their proximity to Dinosaur National Monument, two have been deferred.
- **September 7: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 10 parcels totaling 1,227 acres in Cheyenne, Baca, Kiowa, Yuma, Morgan, and Weld Counties, CO. The sale is not expected to be controversial. Bidding is not expected to be robust.
- **September 7: Local BLM Release:** BLM-AZ anticipates announcing the acquisition of the 600-acre ET Ranch in Southeastern Arizona, through a shared conservation partnership with the Trust for Public Land and Arizona Game and Fish Department. The acquisition will open access for hunters, hikers, and backpackers to 32,600 acres of Federal wilderness area for the first time and is supported by 20 Arizona hunting and sporting groups.
- **September 7-8:** BLM-MT Acting State Director Jon Raby, Deputy State Director Don Judice, District Manager Diane Friez, and Field Manager Loren Wickstrom will join OMB examiners Mike Hagen and Ben Burnett on a tour of the Bakken Region in ND. While in ND they will meet with tribal representatives at the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.
- **September 7: Local BLM Release:** BLM-NM will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 62 parcels totaling 15,731 acres in Eddy, Chaves, Quay, Curry, Roosevelt, and Lea Counties, NM. The sale is not expected to be controversial. Bidding is not expected to be robust.
- **September 7: Local BLM Release:** BLM-CO will hold an online oil and gas lease sale for 10 parcels totaling 1,227 acres in Cheyenne, Baca, Kiowa, Yuma, Morgan, and Weld Counties, CO. The sale is not expected to be controversial. Bidding is not expected to be robust.

Bureau of Reclamation

- **August 30: National BOR Release:** The Bureau of Reclamation will announce two projects selected to commence Basin Studies; the Rio Grande Basin Study in New

Mexico and the Eloy and Maricopa-Stanfield Basin Study in Arizona. Reclamation will provide \$1,178,000 in funding and the non-Federal partners will provide \$1,197,000. Basin Studies are collaborative studies, cost-shared with non-Federal partners, which help ensure sustainable water supplies by identifying strategies to address imbalances in water supply and demand.

- **August 31: National BOR Release:** BOR will announce that the Huntley Project Office in Montana and the Salt River Project in Arizona were recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- **September TBD: National BOEM Release:** BOEM will announce new mid-and south Atlantic canyons, corals, seeps study, in partnership with USGS and NOAA under the National Oceanographic Partnership Program. First mission begins Sept. 10, and runs for 3 weeks. Similar arrangement as the previous NOPP Mid-Atlantic canyons study.
- **September TBD: National BOEM Release:** Gulf G&G PEIS Record of Decision.
- **September TBD: National BOEM Release:** BOEM will announce Marine Minerals Rule.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- **August 30-September 6: Local OSMRE Releases:** OSMRE will put out state releases on outstanding reclamation awards with quotes from state congressional delegations and the Deputy Secretary.

Office of Natural Resources Revenue

- **September 1:** ONRR will send letter to EITI International officially withdrawing US from the EITI Initiative.
- **September TBD: National ONRR Release:** ONRR will announce Secretary's appointment of 20 non-federal members of Royalty Policy Committee and announcing first Meeting of Committee on Oct. 4.

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

- **August 30 (Ongoing):** BSEE is posting Hurricane Harvey Activity Statistics daily at 2 pm EDT reporting activity of oil and gas operators in the Gulf of Mexico reinstating production and re-manning evacuated platforms and drilling rigs. Damage reports will be added to the updates as BSEE receives reports.

July 20, 2017

Hon. Ryan Zinke, Secretary
Department of the Interior
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Re: Notice of request for comments on regulatory reform in the Department of the Interior pursuant to Executive Order 13777

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We are writing on behalf of our millions of members and supporters in response to the solicitation for comments on regulatory reform in the Department of the Interior pursuant to Executive Order 13777. 82 Fed.Reg. 28429 (June 22, 2017). Supplemental comments will follow on specific issues. We are submitting this letter to highlight our concerns with the consistent themes we are seeing across a host of executive orders and secretarial orders that will interfere with the principles that guide management of our public lands, and are already shutting out the public from decision-making on how our public lands are stewarded for future generations.

Despite the request from several of our groups for greater transparency,¹ the public has not been afforded an opportunity to comment on a number of important matters – especially the several Executive Orders (EO) and Secretarial Orders (SOs) addressing expanding energy development on public lands, as well as agency structure and policies more broadly (collectively referred to as the “Orders”).² These Orders, most notably Secretarial Order 3349 (SO 3349), outline processes that give the public no opportunity to provide input. As a result, significant decisions shaping development and management strategies for our public lands have been or are being made behind closed doors with little to no public involvement. These decisions will effectively upend decades of work by public servants acting in the public interest to balance the many uses of our public lands and waters as required under law.

We are united in our grave concern that any decision taken under these orders to rescind or revise regulations, policies and other actions not result in the potential degradation of our lands, waters and air, or the enjoyment of our irreplaceable natural heritage. It has been made clear in recent weeks that management of energy development on America’s public lands is this administration’s primary concern. Taken together, these Orders set the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on a course to create a regulatory framework that establishes energy development as the “dominant” use of public lands. We are gravely concerned that these Orders – and consequent reviews and actions – are fundamentally inconsistent with the

¹ See letter from The Wilderness Society et al to Secretary Zinke, April 12, 2017.

² This includes EO 13771 (Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs), EO 13766 (Expediting Environmental Reviews and Approvals for High Priority Infrastructure Projects), EO 13781 (Comprehensive Plan for Reorganizing the Executive Branch), EO 13783 (Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth), EO 13795 (Off-shore Energy Strategy), EO 13792 (Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act), EO 13790 (Promoting Agriculture and Rural Prosperity), SO 3349 (American Energy Independence), SO 3352 (National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska), SO 3353 (Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Cooperation with Western States), and SO 3354 (Supporting and Improving the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Program and Federal Solid Mineral leasing Program).

mission and purpose of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and U.S Forest Service (USFS).

In addition, we object to the demonstrably false premise that there is a need to “alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens place on the American people” by the Department of Interior and other federal agencies. In reality, this guidance and direction benefits the American people - saving lives, protecting clean air and water, providing places to enjoy and conserving resources, all while allowing for economic growth for local communities. It is critical that the Department of the Interior continue to safeguard its regulatory process, including providing the public with opportunities to comment as these various reviews proceed and ensuring the public can provide meaningful input regarding management of public lands.

While this letter is submitted as part of the formal comment opportunity provided by DOI, we are including the USFS in this discussion and copying Secretary Perdue, because many of these Orders are also directed to USDA and because the BLM will be engaged in management and decision-making for energy development on USFS lands. We encourage the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to discuss these vital issues.

None of the overarching legal mandates under which the principal land management agencies operate – be it multiple-use or non-impairment – authorize DOI or USDA to establish energy development as the dominant use of public lands. On our public lands, energy development is either an allowable use that must be carefully balanced with other uses or, in the case of the national park and national wildlife refuge systems, subservient to the protection of natural and cultural resources. Thus, any action that attempts to enshrine energy development as the dominant use of public lands is invalid on its face and inconsistent with the foundational statutes that govern the management of public lands.

Land Management Agencies with Multiple-Use Mandates – BLM & USFS

BLM and USFS are both subject to multiple-use mandates, which prohibit DOI and USDA from managing public lands primarily for energy development or in a manner that unduly or unnecessarily degrades other uses. See 43 U.S.C. § 1732(a) (BLM); 16 U.S.C. § 1604(e)(1) (USFS). Instead, the multiple-use mandate directs DOI to achieve “a combination of balanced and diverse resource uses that takes into account the long-term needs of future generations” and provides that the national forests “shall be administered for outdoor recreation, range, timber, watershed, and wildlife and fish purposes.” 43 U.S.C. § 1702(c); 16 U.S.C. § 528. Further, as co-equal, principal uses of public lands, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife, grazing, logging and rights-of-way must receive the same consideration as energy development. 43 U.S.C. § 1702(l); 16 U.S.C. § 528.

Federal courts have consistently rejected efforts to affirmatively elevate energy development over other uses of public lands. In the seminal case, *N.M. ex rel. Richardson v. BLM*, the Tenth Circuit put to rest the notion that BLM or USFS can manage chiefly for energy development, declaring that “[i]t is past doubt that the principle of multiple use does not require BLM to prioritize development over other uses.” 565 F.3d 683, 710 (10th Cir. 2009); *see also S. Utah Wilderness Alliance v. Norton*, 542 U.S. 52, 58 (2004) (defining “multiple use management” as “striking a balance among the many competing uses to which land can be put”). Other federal courts have agreed. *See, e.g., Colo. Envtl. Coalition v. Salazar*, 875 F. Supp. 2d 1233, 1249 (D. Colo. 2012) (rejecting oil and gas leasing plan that failed to adequately consider other uses of public lands). Thus, any action by DOI and/or USDA that seeks to establish energy development as the dominant use of public lands would violate FLPMA and NFMA.

Land Management Agencies with Conservation/Preservation Mandates – NPS & FWS

NPS and FWS operate under much narrower, preservation-oriented mandates. Encouraging energy development – in spite of recent statements from the Administration³ – is simply not part of their mission. NPS exists in order “to conserve the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wild life in the System units and to provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wild life in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” 54 U.S.C. § 100101(a). Similarly, FWS manages the National Wildlife Refuge System “for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.” 16 U.S.C. § 668dd(a)(2).

As federal courts have repeatedly ruled in cases involving the National Park System, “decisions that fail to promote conservation . . . run contrary to the express directives of Congress and cannot be upheld.” *Nat’l Parks Conservation Ass’n v. DOI*, 835 F.3d 1377, 1386 (11th Cir. 2016); *see also Greater Yellowstone Coalition v. Kempthorne*, 577 F. Supp. 2d 183, 201-02 (D.D.C. 2008) (rejecting snowmobile use plan that would adversely impact national park resources). Similar rulings reject activities that are not compatible with the conservation purposes of the National Wildlife Refuge System. *See, e.g., Audubon Soc’y of Portland v. Jewell*, 104 F. Supp. 3d 1099 (D. Or. 2015) (requiring preparation of Comprehensive Conservation Plan to ensure compliance with mandates of National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act). Thus, to the extent that DOI attempts to further the goals of the Orders by expanding or encouraging energy development within the national park or national wildlife refuge systems, it would violate the underlying organic statutes.

The NEPA and NHPA Overlays – All Land Management Agencies

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) establishes a uniform decision-making framework that each of the principal land management agencies must follow. NEPA is based on the recognition that “industrial expansion” and “resource exploitation” are “profoundly” harming the natural environment. 42 U.S.C. § 4331(a). Accordingly, NEPA requires that agencies “use all practicable means” to “assure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings,” “attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation” and “preserve important historic, cultural, and natural aspects of our national heritage. . . .” *Id.* § 4331(b).

The Orders flout these requirements by directing DOI and USDA to establish energy development as the dominant use of public lands. Equally noxious to NEPA’s mandate is the mechanism prescribed by the Orders to achieve “energy dominance.” Under the Orders, DOI and USDA must eliminate any perceived barrier to energy development, no matter how reasonable or protective of public health, safety or the environment. In no way does such an approach to managing America’s public lands comport with the policy set forth in NEPA.

Similarly, the principal land management agencies have special stewardship responsibilities with respect to cultural resources on land that is under the agency’s “jurisdiction or control” under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). 16 U.S.C. § 470 *et seq.* A federal “undertaking” triggers the Section 106 process under NHPA, which requires the lead federal agency to identify historic

³ Secretarial Order No. 3351 (“Nine of the Department’s 10 bureaus have significant energy programs and responsibilities.”).

properties affected by the action and to develop measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. 16 U.S.C. § 470f; 36 C.F.R. §§ 800.4, 800.6. Compliance with Section 106 is applicable “at *any stage* where the Federal agency has authority . . . to provide meaningful review of . . . historic preservation goals.” *Morris County Trust for Historic Pres. v. Pierce*, 714 F.2d 271, 280 (3d Cir. 1983) (emphasis added); *Vieux Carre Prop. Owners v. Brown*, 948 F.2d 1436, 1444–45 (5th Cir. 1991).

To satisfy the Section 106 compliance requirement, the responsible agency official must consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer and appropriate tribes. In addition, Section 106 requires federal agencies to “make a reasonable and good faith effort to carry out appropriate identification efforts, which may include background research, consultation, oral history interviews, sample field investigation, and field survey.” 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(b)(1). The Orders also risk endangering invaluable cultural resources and undermining obligations under the NHPA, which must be addressed prior to approving energy development.

Conclusion

Congress has directed the Department to implement management actions in furtherance of the public interest, not just the economic interest of extractive industries. As plainly illuminated above the purposes set forth in the organic statutes for the BLM, NPS, FWS and USFS must govern the management of public lands and none of them direct or permit DOI or USDA to manage exclusively or primarily for energy development. Taking action in contravention of these statutes will not only violate applicable law and policy, but also contravene your collective responsibilities to the American people as stewards of their shared heritage.

The public has not been afforded a meaningful opportunity to engage on many of the reviews underway, risking public trust and ensuring additional conflict and controversy. In the course of your regulatory reviews, we believe it is inappropriate to tailor regulations, policies, guidance and decisions to the exclusive benefit of energy development. No single use is appropriate on every acre of land and water under your stewardship – we urge you to take heed of your legal mandates to balance the many uses and, in many cases, prioritize conservation, recreation, and other pursuits for which there is strong public support and which are the economic engines for rural communities across the nation.

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Administrative Conference of the United States					
Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans					
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)					
Advisory Council to the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico					
America's Great Outdoors Interagency Council					
AmeriCorps NCCC Advisory Board					
Arctic Executive Steering Committee					
Arctic Policy Group (APG)					
Biofuels Interagency Working Group					
Biomass Research & Development Board					
Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Fish and Wildlife Resources					
Broadband Deployment on Federal Property Working Group					
Broadband Opportunity Council					
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Chief Financial Officers Council					
Chief Human Capital Officers Council					
Chief Information Officers Council					
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NSTC Committee on Technology (CoT)					
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Federal Collaboration of Health Disparities Research Executive Committee					
Federal Council on the Arts & Humanities					
Federal Geographic Data Committee					
Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice					
Federal Leadership Committee for the Chesapeake Bay					
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Good Neighbor Environmental Board					
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council					
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force					
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Steering Committee					
Hispanic Council on Federal Employment					
Indian Arts and Crafts Board					
Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee					
Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness & Individuals with Disabilities					
Interagency Dispute Resolution Working Group					
Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA)					
Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force					
Interagency Reentry Council					
Interagency Task Force on Carbon Capture and Storage					
Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons (PITF)					
International Porcupine Caribou Board					
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John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission					
Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture					
Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation & Restoration Task Force					
Mariana Monument Advisory Council					
Migratory Bird Conservation Commission					

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National Building Museum Board of Trustees					
National Capital Planning Commission					
National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission					
National Environmental Education Foundation's Board of Trustees					
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation					
National Invasive Species Council (NISC)					
National Ocean Council					
National Ocean Council's Deputy Committee					
National Park Foundation					
National Preparedness & Response Science Board					
National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council					
National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy					
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Advisory Group					
New Jersey Pinelands Commission					
North American Wetlands Conservation Council					
Office of Science and Technology Policy: Public Access Policies Working Group - National Science Foundation Group					
Office of Science and Technology Policy: Public Access Policies Working Group - Data Management Group					
Pacific Salmon Commission					
Performance Reporting System Steering Committee					
U.S. - Russia Polar Bear Commission					
President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities					
President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities					
Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board					
Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission					
Scenario Planning Steering Group (Western Electricity Coordinating Council)					
Semiquincentennial Commission					

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Statement of Cooperation Executive Steering Committee (ESC)					
Steering Committee on Federal Infrastructure Permitting and Review Process Improvement					
Task Force on Childhood Obesity					
Taskforce on Wildlife Trafficking					
Technical Mapping Advisory Council					
The Coral Reef Task Force					
The Federal City Council					
The Great Lakes Fisheries Commission					
The National Capital Planning Commission					
The Presidio Trust Board of Directors					
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Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee					
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U.S. Access Board					
U.S. Board on Geographic Names					
U.S. Holocaust Museum Board of Trustees					
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)					
U.S. Surgeon General's National Prevention Council					
Udall Foundation's Board of Trustees					
Virgin Islands of the United States Centennial Commission					
Water Resources Council					
White House Council on Automotive Communities & Workers					
White House Council on Native American Affairs					
White House Council on Strong Cities, Strong Communities					
White House Council on Women and Girls					
White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges & Universities					
White House Rural Council					
World War I Centennial Commission					
FACA Boards					
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee					

Invasive Species Advisory Committee					
U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee					
U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee-Alternates					
Royalty Policy Committee					
Bureau of Indian Affairs Board for Exceptional Children					
Bureau of Indian Education Accountability Negotiated Rulemaking Committee					
Alaska Resource Advisory Council					
Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council					
Arizona Resource Advisory Council					
Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee					
Boise District Resource Advisory Council					
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Farmington District Resource Advisory Council					
Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Advisory Committee (Inactive)					
Gold Butte National Monument Advisory Council					
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee					
Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council					
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McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council (Inactive)					

Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council					
North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Council					
Northern California Resource Advisory Council					
Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council					
Northwest (CO) Resource Advisory Council					
Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council					
Pecos District Resource Advisory Council					
Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council					
San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee					
Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee (Inactive)					
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Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council					
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Steens Mountain Advisory Council					
Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council					
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Western Montana Resource Advisory Council					
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Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council					
Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council					
Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council					
Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group					
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Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council					
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Committee for the Preservation of the White House					
Flight 93 Advisory Commission (Inactive)					
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Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission					
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National Park System Advisory Board					
Native American graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee					
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Advisory Commission					
Preservation technology and Training Board					
Star-Spangled Banner National Preserve Advisory Council					
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Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science					
Advisory Committee on Water Information					
National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program					
National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council					
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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)	Member Ex-Officio	DAS-FWP, Michael Bean/Stephanie Toothman, NPS - AD-Cultural Resources
Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans	Member or designates DOI Senior Official	Senior Advisor
Community Development Advisory Board	Member Ex-Officio	AS-IA/Larry Roberts
Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture	Member of the Executive Committee	No Designee
Presidential Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities	Member, Ex-Officio	Darren Cruzan (Primary); Sue Settles (Alternate)
South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force	Member	DAS- FWP, Michael Bean
The Federal City Council	Ex-Officio, Federal Trustee	NPS Director, Jon Jarvis
The National Capital Planning Commission	Member, Ex-Officio	NPS Director, Jon Jarvis
Trustees of the National Trust for Historic Preservation	Ex-Officio Trustee	Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director for Cultural Resources (NPS)
National Preparedness & Response Science Board	Ex-Officio Member	Lori Carmanian
National Environmental Education Foundation's Board of Trustees	Ex-Officio Member	Dr. Robert Ridky (USGS)
Task Force on Childhood Obesity	Member or designates DOI Senior Official	Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs/Larry Roberts
White House Council on Women and Girls	Member	Betsy Hildebrandt
White House Council on Automotive Communities & Workers	Member	No Designee
Economic Adjustment Committee	Member	No Designee
Emerging Technologies Interagency Policy Coordination Committee	Member	Suzette Kimball, Director, USGS
National Ocean Council	Member	DAS-WS, Jennifer Gimbel
Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons (PITF)	Member	AS, Office of Insular Affairs, Esther Kia'aina
National Building Museum	Ex-Officio Trustee	Diana Ziegler
Interagency Coord. Council on Emerg. Preparedness & Individuals w/ Disabilities	Member	Harry Humbert, DAS, Public Safety, Resource Protection & Emergency Svcs.
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force	Member or designates DOI Senior Official	Michael Connor, Deputy Secretary

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Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Fish and Wildlife Resources	Ex Officio Member	Michael Bean (Primary); Dan Ashe (Alternate)
Committees that the Secretary Chairs:		
The Coral Reef Task Force	Secretary is Chair with Secretary of Commerce	DAS-FWP, Michael Bean
Federal Geographic Data Committee	Chair	DAS-WS/Ivan Deloatch
Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA)	Chair or designates DOI representative to be Chair. Also appoints other members	AS-Office of Insular Affairs, Esther Kia'aina
Migratory Bird Conservation Commission	Chair	Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Dan Ashe
National Invasive Species Council	Co-Chaired by the Secretary	AS-PMB/Liz Klein (Acting)
National Park Foundation	Secretary is Chair. NPS Director is Secretary. Appoints no more than 24 members	DAS-FWP, Michael Bean
Water Resources Council	Chair	AS-WS/Brent Rhees
Taskforce on Wildlife Trafficking	Co-Chair with Secretary of State and Attorney General or their designees.	Bryon Arroya/Cade London
White House Council on Native American Affairs	Chair	AS-IA/Larry Roberts
Committees on which DOI has a seat & the Secretary Designates a Representative		
Acquisition Committee for e-Government	Secretary designates DOI rep to the Committee	DAS-PMB/Debra Sonderman
Arctic Policy Group (APG)	DOI member	Deputy Secretary, Michael Connor
Biomass Research & Development Board	Secretary designates Sr Official from DOI as member	No Designee
Chief Acquisition Officers Council	Secretary designates the DOI representative & alternate	DAS-PMB/Debra Sonderman
Civil Application Committee (CAC)	Designates one representative & one alternate	Director, USGS, Suzette Kimball
Committee on Environment & Natural Resources	Designates representative at AS or DAS level	DAS-FWP, Michael Bean
Committee on Homeland & National Security	Designates representative at AS or DAS level	Harry Humbert, DAS, Law Enforcement, Security & Emergency Management

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Committee on Technology	Designates representative at AS or DAS level	Elena Gonzalez, DAS, Technology, Information & Business Services
DOT-RSPANASFM Partnership for Excellence in Pipeline Safety	Member or Designee	Senior Advisor on Alaska Affairs, Michael Johnson
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council	Member or Designee	Senior Advisor on Alaska Affairs, Michael Johnson/Greg Siekaniec(FWS)
Federal Council on the Arts & Humanities	Designates Representative	Terry Childs
Good Neighbor Environmental Board	Appoints Representative	Luis Florez
Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee	Designates representative	Deputy Secretary, Michael Connor
Interagency Dispute Resolution Working Group	Designates DOI's Dispute Resolution Specialist	Elena Gonzalez/Matt Costello
Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC)	Designates Representative	Stephen Allred (Primary)/Julie Jacobson (Alternate)
Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation & Restoration Task Force	Designates Representative	Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Dan Ashe
The Great Lakes Fisheries Trust	Designates Representative	DAS-FWP, Michael Bean
The Presidio Trust	Designates Representative	John Reynolds
Udall Foundation's Board of Trustees	Designates Representative	Deputy Secretary, Michael Connor
U.S. Access Board	Designates an Assistant Secretary as Representative	AS-PMB
U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board	Designates Representative	AS-PMB
U.S. Board on Geographic Names	Designates Representative	Lou Yost (USGS)
Interagency Task Force on Carbon Capture and Storage	Designates Representative	No Designee
Chief Financial Officers Council	Designates Representative	Olivia Ferriter/Doug Glenn
Chief Human Capital Officers Council	Designates Representative	Mary Pletcher
Deputy Chief Human Capital Officers Council	Designates Representative	Ray Limon
Chief Information Officers Council	Designates Representative	Sylvia Burns/Sanjeev Bhagowai
Community Development Advisory Board	Designates Representative	AS-IA/Larry Roberts
Scenario Planning Steering Group (Western Electricity Coordinating	Designates Representative	No Designee

Committee Name	Secretary's Role	Designee Name & Contact Info
Council)		
Tourism Policy Council	Designates Representative	No Designee
Drug Endangered Children Interagency Task Force	Designates Representative	Darren Cruzan, Director, Office of Justice Services
National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy	Designates Representative	John Rolla, Chief, Drug Enforcement
Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice	Designates Representative	Mary Josie Blanchard
Administrative Conference of the United States	Designates Representative	Ed Keable, Deputy Solicitor
Controlled Unclassified Information Office	Designates Senior Agency Official	Sylvia Burns (Primary), Harry Humbert (Alternate)
Federal Collaboration of Health Disparities Research	Designates Representative	Shauna McCarty
New Jersey Pinelands Commission	Designates Representative	Dennis Reidenbach/Rick Harris
Interagency Reentry Council	Designates Representative	AS-IA/Larry Roberts
America's Great Outdoors Council	Designates Representative	DAS-FWP, Michael Bean
Defense Production Act Committee	Designates Representative	Estelle Lewis (Law Enforcement)
Broadband Deployment on Federal Property Working Group	Designates Representative	DAS-PMB/Olivia Ferriter/Debra Sonderman
AmeriCorps NCCC Advisory Board	Designates Representative	Michael Gale, Director, Office of Youth, Partnerships and Service
OSTP Public Access Policies Working Group - NSF Group	Designates Representative (USGS)	Alan Thornhill, Chief, Office of Science Quality and Integrity
OSTP Public Access Policies Working Group -Data Management Group	Designates Representative (USGS)	Kevin Gallagher, Associate Director for Core Science Systems
U.S. Holocaust Museum Board of Trustees	Designates Ex Officio	Ben Milakofsky, Deputy Chief of Staff
Hispanic Council on Federal Employment	Designates Representative	Mary Pletcher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Capital and Diversity
World War I Centennial Commission	Designates 2 Representatives	Tommy Beaudreau (Chief of Staff) & Bob Vogel (NPS Regional Director, NCR)
Advisory Council to the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico	Designates Representative	DAS-FWP, Michael Bean
Broadband Opportunity Council	Designates 2 Representatives	Eleana Gonzalez & Stu Ott
Senior Sustainability Officers	Designates Representative	Liz Klein, AS-PMB/Olivia Ferriter
Administrative Conference of the United States	Member or designates representative	Ed Keable, Deputy Solicitor
U.S. Surgeon General's National Prevention Council	Designates Representative	NPS Director, Jon Jarvis

Committee Name	Secretary's Role	Designee Name & Contact Info
Presidential Commissions on which the Secretary is a member or has a designee		
Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee	DOI has a member on the committee	No Designee
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	Secretary appoints 23 members	FWS Director, Dan Ashe
Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force	DOI has a member on the Task Force	Deputy Secretary, Michael Connor
Roosevelt Campobella International Park Commission	3 members are appointed by the President	
President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities	Member Ex-Officio	DAS-PMB & Terry Childs
President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities	Member Ex-Officio	Mary Pletcher, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Capital and Diversity
Performance Reporting System Steering Committee	Member of the Committee	John Rolla, Drug Enforcement Branch Chief
Biofuels Interagency Working Group	Member (BLM)	Director, BLM, Neal Kornze
National Prevention, Health Promotion and Public Health Council	Member	AS-IA/Larry Roberts
National Ocean Council	Member	Deputy Secretary, Michael Connor
White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges & Universities	Designates Representative	Senior Advisor (Bob Stanton /Stephanie Toothman (NPS)
Federal Leadership Committee for the Chesapeake Bay	Designates Representative	DAS-FWP, Michael Bean
Arctic Executive Steering Committee	Designates Representative (Deputy Secretary or equivalent)	Deputy Secretary, Michael Connor
John F. Kennedy Centennial Commission	Designates Representative (NPS Northeast Region)	Myra Harrison (Primary)/Lee Cook (Alternate)
Semiquincentennial Commission	Designates Representative (NPS Northeast Region)	Joy Beasley

DOI Federal Advisory Committees

Office of the Secretary

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee
Invasive Species Advisory Committee
U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Indian Affairs Board for Exceptional Children
Standards, Assessments, and Accountability System Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

Bureau of Land Management

Alaska Resource Advisory Council
Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council
Arizona Resource Advisory Council
Bears Ears National Monument Advisory Committee
Boise District Resource Advisory Council
California Desert District Advisory Council
Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee
Central California Resource Advisory Council
Central Montana Resource Advisory Council
Coastal Oregon Resource Advisory Council
Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council
Dakotas Resource Advisory Council
Dominguez - Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council
Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council
Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council
Farmington District Resource Advisory Council
Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Advisory Committee (Inactive)
Gold Butte National Monument Advisory Committee
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee
Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council
John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council
Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council
McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council (Inactive)
Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel
Northern California Resource Advisory Council
Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
Northwest Resource Advisory Council

Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council
Pecos District Resource Advisory Council
Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council
San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee
Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee (Inactive)
Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council
Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council
Southwest Resource Advisory Council
Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council
Steens Mountain Advisory Council
Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council
Utah Resource Advisory Council
Western Montana Resource Advisory Council
Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board
Wyoming Resource Advisory Council

Bureau of Reclamation

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council
Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group
Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking
Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council
Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group
Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council
Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

National Park Service

Acadia National Park Advisory Commission
Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council
Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission
Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council
Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission
Cold War Advisory Committee
Committee for the Preservation of the White House
Flight 93 Advisory Commission (Inactive)
Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee
Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission
Jimmy Carter National Historic Site Advisory Commission (Inactive)
Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site Advisory Commission
National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board (Inactive)
Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission
Cape Krusenstern National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission
Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
Kobuk Valley National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission
National Park System Advisory Board
Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee
Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Advisory Commission
Preservation Technology and Training Board
Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Advisory Council
Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee (Inactive)
Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Advisory Council
Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee

U.S. Geological Survey

Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science
Advisory Committee on Water Information
National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program
National Geospatial Advisory Committee
National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council
Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

DOI Operating Commissions (Non-FACA) – Committees established to perform primarily operational as opposed to advisory functions.

Boston Harbor Islands Partnership
Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Commission
Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission
Keeweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission

DOI Secretarial Boards and Commissions

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)
Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans
Community Development Advisory Board
Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture
Presidential Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities
South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
The Federal City Council
The National Capital Planning Commission
Trustees of the National Trust for Historic Preservation
National Preparedness & Response Science Board
National Environmental Education Foundation's Board of Trustees
Task Force on Childhood Obesity
White House Council on Women and Girls
White House Council on Automotive Communities & Workers
Economic Adjustment Committee
Emerging Technologies Interagency Policy Coordination Committee
National Ocean Council
Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons (PITF)
National Building Museum
Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness & Individuals w/ Disabilities
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council
Gulf Coast Ecosystem Steering Committee
Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Fish and Wildlife Resources
The Coral Reef Task Force
Federal Geographic Data Committee
Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA)
Migratory Bird Conservation Commission
National Invasive Species Council
National Park Foundation
Water Resources Council

Taskforce on Wildlife Trafficking
White House Council on Native American Affairs
Federal Subsistence Board
Indian Arts and Crafts Board
Acquisition Committee for e-Government
Arctic Policy Group (APG)
Biomass Research & Development Board
Chief Acquisition Officers Council
Civil Application Committee (CAC)
Committee on Environment & Natural Resources
Committee on Homeland & National Security
Committee on Science
Committee on Technology
DOT-RSPANASFM Partnership for Excellence in Pipeline Safety
Technical Mapping Advisory Council
State of Cooperation Executive Steering Committee
Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board
Polar Bear Commission
National Building Museum Board of Trustees
U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)
Financial Literacy and Education Committee
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Advisory Group
North American Wetlands Conservation Council
National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission
International Porcupine Board
Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy
Pacific Salmon Commission
Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council
Federal Council on the Arts & Humanities
Good Neighbor Environmental Board
Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee
Interagency Dispute Resolution Working Group
Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC)
Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation & Restoration Task Force
The Great Lakes Fisheries Commission
The Presidio Trust Board of Directors
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records: all correspondences and/or records of correspondences – including email and any associated attachments, calendar appointments in any format, voicemails and/or voicemail transcriptions, and/or call logs – between any of the people or institutions noted below in the bulleted list and Thomas Baptiste, Christine Bauserman, Kathleen Benedetto, Megan Bloomgren, Caroline Boulton, Scott Cameron, James Cason, Micah Chambers, Marshal Critchfield, Natalie Davis, Tucker Davis, Thomas (Tom) Dickens, Douglas Domenech, Alex Flint, Nancy Guiden, Casey Hammond, Scott Hommel, Virginia Johnson, Daniel Jorjani, Amanda Kaster Averill, Benjamin Keel, Katherine (Kate) MacGregor, Downy Magallanes, Lori Mashburn, Michael (Mike) Nedd, Ryan Nichols, Ricky Puckett, Russell (Rusty) Roddy, James Schindler, Melissa Simpson, Heather Swift, Timothy Williams, Wadi Yakhour, or Ryan Zinke sent, received, or recorded between January 20, 2017 and March 28, 2017 regarding the Executive Order, “Presidential Executive Order on Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth,” signed on March 28, 2017 and/or the federal coal program.

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Bureau	Committee Name	Committee Description	Date Charter Expires	Establishment Authority	Discretionary Committee
May 2017 Renewals					
NPS	Star Spangled Banner National Historical Trail Advisory Council	The purpose of the Council is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail, including but not limited to, the selection of rights-of-way, standards for the erection and maintenance of markers along the Trail, and interpretation and administration of the Trail	5/5/2017	National Trails System Act, 16 U S C §1241 to 1251	
June 2017 Renewals					
BLM	Northern California District Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within Northern California	6/1/2017	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
USGS	Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science	The Committee advises the Secretary on the establishment and operations of the U S Geological Survey National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and the DOI Climate Science Centers	6/17/2017	Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan No 3 of 1950, 64 Stat 1262, as amended, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1008, Public Law 110-161, Division F, Title I	X
July 2017 Renewals					
NPS	Preservation Technology and Training Board	The Board will advise on the operations of the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training	7/9/2017	Conservation, 16 U S C §470x-3	
BLM	Coastal Oregon Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Coos Bay District	7/29/2017	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Salem, and Eugene Districts	7/29/2017	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Medford and Roseburg Districts and Klamath Falls Resource Area	7/29/2017	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
August 2017 Renewals					
BOR	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group	The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary relative to the operation of Glen Canyon Dam	8/24/2017	The Grand Canyon Protection Act, Public Law 102-575	
September 2017 Renewals					
FWS	Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force	The Task Force shall develop and implement a program for waters of the United States to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic nuisance species: to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information	9/10/2017	Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, 16 U S C §4721-28, as amended	

Bureau	Committee Name	Committee Description	Date Charter Expires	Establishment Authority	Discretionary Committee
October 2017 Renewals					
None					
November 2017 Renewals					
BLM	Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within southern Nevada	11/5/2017	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Elko, Ely, and Battle Mountain District Office boundaries	11/5/2017	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Carson City and Winnemucca District Office boundaries	11/5/2017	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
NPS	Committee for the Preservation of the White House	The Committee reports to the President and advises the Director of the National Park Service with respect to the discharge of responsibilities for the preservation and the interpretation of the museum character of the principal corridor on the ground floor and the principal public rooms on the first floor of the White House. Among other things the Committee shall make recommendations as to the articles of furniture, fixtures, and decorative objects which shall be used or displayed in the aforesaid areas of the White House and as to the décor and arrangements therein best suited to enhance the historic and artistic values of the White House and of such articles, fixtures, and objects.	11/22/2017	Executive Order 11145, as amended	
USGS	National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program	The Committee provides advise on planning and implementation of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program and the National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program	11/23/2017	National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, 43 U S C §31d, as amended, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U S C §15908	
BLM	Arizona Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the State of Arizona	11/25/2017	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
December 2017 Renewals					
FWS	Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C §3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C §4100hh-2	

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FWS	Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C § 3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C §4100hh-2	
FWS	Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C § 3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C §4100hh-2	
FWS	North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C §3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C §4100hh-2	
FWS	Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C §3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C §4100hh-2	
FWS	Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C §3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C §4100hh-2	
FWS	Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C § 3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C §4100hh-2	

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FWS	Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C 3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C § 4100hh-2	
FWS	Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C § 3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C § 4100hh-2	
FWS	Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	The Council provides a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region	12/3/2017	Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, 16 U S C § 3115, and under the authority of the Secretary, in furtherance of 16 U S C § 4100hh-2	
BLM	Steens Mountain Advisory Council	The Council provides advice in managing the Cooperative Management and Protection Area and in promoting cooperative management under the Steens Act	12/17/2017	Title I of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000, 16 U S C § 460nnn-51-53, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C § 1739	
NPS	National Park System Advisory Board	The Board provides advice on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service, including programs administered pursuant to 54 U S C 320101; the designation of national historic landmarks and national natural landmarks; and the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails pursuant to the National Trails System Act (16 U S C 1244(b)(3)). The Board may also advise on matters submitted to the Board by the NPS Director	12/30/2017	Pursuant to 54 U S C § 102303, the legislative authorization for the Board expired on January 1, 2010. However, due to the importance of the issues on which the Board advises, the Secretary of the Interior by authority under 54 U S C 100906 re-established and continued the Board, under this charter, as a discretionary committee from January 1, 2010, until such time as it may be legislatively reauthorized	X

Bureau	Committee Name	Committee Description	Date Charter Expires	Establishment Authority	Discretionary Committee
January 2018 Renewals					
BLM	Alaska Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the issues relating to land use planning or the management of the public land resources located within the State of Alaska	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Central California Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the geographic area of the Central California District	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Central Montana Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Central Montana and HiLine District Office boundaries	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Dakotas Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's North Dakota and South Dakota Field Office boundaries	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Miles City and Billings Field Office boundaries	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council	Members of the Council will serve in a solely advisory capacity to BLM and FS officials concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or part within the BLM's Spokane District Office boundaries and the Colville and Okanogan National Forests	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739, and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 18 U S C §6803 (d)(1)(D)	
BLM	John Day Snake Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or part within the BLM's Prineville and Vale District Office boundaries and the Deschutes, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, Malheur, and Ochoco National Forests	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739, and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 18 U S C §6803 (d)(1)(D)	
BLM	Northwest Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Northwest District	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Rocky Mountain District	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity to BLM and FS officials concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or part within the BLM's Vale, Burns, and Lakeview Districts Office boundaries and the Fremont and Malheur National Forests	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739, and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 18 U S C §6803 (d)(1)(D)	

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BLM	Southwest Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Medford and Roseburg Districts and Klamath Falls Resource Area	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Utah Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the state of Utah	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Western Montana Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Western Montana District Office boundaries	1/4/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
USGS	National Geospatial Advisory Committee	The Committee will provide advice and recommendations related to management of Federal and national geospatial programs, development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and implementation of OMB Circular A-16 Revised and Executive Order 12906 The Committee will review and comment upon geospatial policy and management issues and will provide a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal stakeholders in the geospatial community	1/22/2018	Secretary of the Interior, and the requirements of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16 Revised and Executive Order 12906	X
BLM	Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee	The Committee will advise the Secretary on science and other management issues and the achievement of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan objectives	1/23/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
February 2018 Renewals					
FWS	Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking	The Council advises and makes recommendations to the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking on issues relating to combating wildlife trafficking It will function solely as an advisory body	2/12/2018	Executive Order 13648	
OS	Invasive Species Advisory Committee	The Invasive Species Advisory Committee is to advise the National Invasive Species Council (Council), on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control, as well as minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause The ISAC maintains an intensive and regular dialogue with stakeholders to explore these issues	2/12/2018	Executive Order 13112	
BLM	Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council	The Council provides advice with respect to the preparation and implementation of the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan	2/19/2018	Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area, Title II, Subtitle E, of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 and Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	

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FWS	Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council	The Council provides advice about wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that (a) benefit wildlife resources; (b) encourage partnership among the public, the sporting conservation organizations, the states, Native American tribes, and the Federal Government; and (c) benefit recreational hunting and recreational shooting sports	2/22/2018	Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 16 U S C § 742a, Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U S C § 1701, National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, 16 U S C §668dd, and Executive Order 13443, "Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation "	X

March 2018 Renewals

BOR	Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group	The Advisory Group provides recommendations to the Secretary and the State of Washington on the structure and implementation of the Yakima River Basin Water Conservation Program	3/15/2018	Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Act, October 31, 1994, Public Law 103-434	
NPS	Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee	The Committee assists in the development of the comprehensive management plan for the Wekiva River System and provides advice in carrying out the management responsibilities of the Secretary under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Act) (16 U S C § 1274) The Committee shall have an advisory role only, it will not have regulatory or land acquisition authority	3/30/2018	Wekiva River Wild and Scenic River Act of 2000, 16 U S C § 1274	

April 2018 Renewals

NPS	Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century Advisory Committee	The Committee provides advice on the development of a reuse plan and on matters relating to future uses of the Fort Hancock Historic District of Gateway National Recreation Area	4/26/2018	Established by authority of the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to 54 U S C § 100906	X
USGS	National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council	The duties and responsibilities of the Council are solely advisory in support of the USGS Director's delegated responsibility to issue timely warnings of potential geologic disasters	4/30/2018	Earthquake Hazards Reduction Authorization Act of 1977, 42 U S C § 7701, as amended	
USGS	Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee	The Committee advises the Director of the U S Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, including its roles, goals, and objectives within that program, its capabilities and research needs, guidance on achieving major objectives, and establishing and measuring performance goals The Committee issues an annual report to the Director of the USGS for submission to Congress on or before September 30 of each year The report describes SESAC activities and address policy issues or matters that affect the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program	4/30/2018	Earthquake Hazards Reduction Authorization Act of 1977, 42 U S C § 7709	

May 2018 Renewals

Bureau	Committee Name	Committee Description	Date Charter Expires	Establishment Authority	Discretionary Committee
NPS	Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council	The Council is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on matters relating to the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (Trail), including, but not limited to, standards for erection of markers, interpretation and administration of the Trail	5/23/2018	National Trails System Act, 16 U S C 1241 to 1251	
June 2018 Renewals					
FWS	Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council	The Council advises on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, and government	6/9/2018	Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 16 U S C §§ 742a-742j, Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, 16 U S C §§ 777-777k, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U S C §§ 661-667e	
NPS	Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee	The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the implementation of the comprehensive plan for the Carrizo Plain long-range management plan	6/15/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Albuquerque District	6/17/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Farmington District Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Farmington District	6/17/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Las Cruces District	6/17/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Pecos District Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Pecos District	6/17/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel	The Panel will advise the North Slope Science Oversight Group on proposed inventory, monitoring, and research functions	6/20/2018	Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U S C §15906; Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739; Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974, 16 U S C §1600; National Forest Management Act of 1976, 16 U S C § 472a; and the Wilderness Act, 16 U S C §1131	

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BLM	San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee	The Committee advises the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the preparation and implementation of the San Juan Islands National Monument Resource Management Plan	6/29/2018	Presidential Proclamation, "Establishment of the San Juan Islands National Monument," (March 25, 2013)	
July 2018 Renewals					
BLM	California Desert District Advisory Council	The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's California Desert District and implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan for the management, use, development, and protection of the public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area	7/5/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
USGS	Advisory Committee on Water Information	The ACWI advises the Federal Government, through the Department of the Interior, U S Geological Survey, on coordination of Federal water information programs. The purpose of the ACWI is to represent the interests of water information users and professionals in advising the Federal Government on activities and plans related to Federal water information programs and the effectiveness of those programs in meeting the Nation's water information needs. The ACWI members foster better communication between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on water information acquisition, information sharing, and related technology transfer.	7/6/2018	Operates in conformance with the Office of Management and Budget Memorandum No. M 92 01, dated December 10, 1991, and the Organic Act of March 3, 1879, 43 U S C § 31 et seq., that established the Geological Survey, as amended (1962), and restated in annual appropriation acts.	X
BLM	Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board	The Board will assist and advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of BLM, and the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service, on wild horse and burro policy formulation and oversight of the Wild Horse and Burro Program administered under the provisions of the Act.	7/25/2018	Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, 16 U S C §1331-1340 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
August 2018 Renewals					

Bureau	Committee Name	Committee Description	Date Charter Expires	Establishment Authority	Discretionary Committee
OS	U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee	The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global initiative that seeks to promote transparency and accountability of natural resources revenues by reconciling industry payments and government revenues and publicly disclosing that information in accessible and comprehensible EITI reports. The EITI standard requires implementing countries to ensure an effective, functional and inclusive Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) comprised of representatives from government, industry, and civil society to oversee the implementation of USEITI. The standard also requires the MSG to develop and maintain a fully-costed work plan aligned with the reporting and validation deadlines established by the EITI Board. The Committee will fulfill the EITI Standard requirements by serving as the MSG, including providing collaborative and consensus-based oversight of USEITI implementation, and by acting as a forum for consultation among the stakeholders. The Committee's advice to the Secretary will be made available to all other interested parties and the public.	8/15/2018	U S National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership; Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended, 43 U S C § 1331-56a, including provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U S C § 15801; Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996, 30 U S C § 1701-02; Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, 30 U S C § 1001-28; Mineral Leasing Act, 30 U S C § 181-96; Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands, 30 U S C § 351-60; Mineral Leasing Laws for Indian Land, 30 U S C § 1791-2; and other related authorities	X

September 2018 Renewals

BOR	Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council	The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretaries of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding implementation of the Basin States Program to carry out salinity control activities	9/7/2018	Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act, 43 USC § 1594, Public Law 93-320, Title II, as amended by Public Laws 98-569, 104-20, 104-27, 106-459, and 110-246	
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October 2018 Renewals

Bureau	Committee Name	Committee Description	Date Charter Expires	Establishment Authority	Discretionary Committee
OS	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee	By order of the District Court for the District of Alaska, the Committee is to advise the Trustees (State of Alaska Department of Law, State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, U S Department of Agriculture, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U S Department of Commerce, and the U S Department of the Interior) appointed to administer the fund established in settlement of United States v Exxon Corporation, Civil Action No A91-082, and State of Alaska v Exxon Corporation, Civil Action No A91-083, both in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska, in all matters described in Paragraph V A 1 of the Memorandum of Agreement	10/3/2018	The Committee is established as mandated by Paragraph V A 4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America, through the Department of Justice, and the State of Alaska, through the Attorney General, on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of <u>United States of America v State of Alaska</u> , Civil Action No A91-081 CV (hereinafter referred to as the MOA) and shall be located in Alaska Additional authority for its creation is found in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U S C	
November 2018 Renewals					
BLM	Wyoming Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the State of Wyoming	11/3/2018	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
NPS	Native American Graves Repatriation Review Committee	The purpose of the Committee is to monitor and review the implementation of the inventory and identification processes and repatriation activities required under Sections 5, 6, and 7 of the Act	11/26/2018	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, 25 U S C §3006a-i	
December 2018 Renewals					
NPS	Cold War Advisory Committee	The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Secretary of the Interior in the preparation of a national historic landmark theme study to identify sites and resources significant to the Cold War	12/12/2018	Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, 16 U S C §1a-5 note	
January 2019 Renewals					
BLM	Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Idaho Falls District	1/6/2019	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	
BLM	Boise District Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Boise District	1/6/2019	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U S C §1739	

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BLM	Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Coeur d'Alene District	1/6/2019	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. §1739	
BLM	Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council	The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Twin Falls District	1/6/2019	Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. §1739	
FWS	Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group	The purpose of the Trinity River Restoration Program is to restore the Trinity River basin's fish and wildlife populations to those that existed prior to construction of the Trinity River Division of the Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project, and to implement measures to restore fish and wildlife habitat in the basin. The Implementation Plan for the Preferred Alternative of the Trinity River Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report established an Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management organization to design and direct monitoring and restoration activities in the Trinity River basin and to provide recommendations for flow modifications, if necessary. As part of the AEAM organization, the Working Group provides an opportunity for stakeholders to recommend policy and provide management input, in an advisory capacity, about restoration efforts to the TRRP through the Trinity Management Council.	1/17/2019	Secretary of the Interior's authority to manage the fish and wildlife resources of the Trinity River basin. These authorities include Public Law 84-386 (Trinity River Division Act of 1955, original authorization for construction of Trinity River Division, Central Valley Project); Public Law 96-335 (Trinity River Stream Rectification Act); Public Law 98-541 (Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984); and Public Law 102-575 (Central Valley Project Improvement Act).	X

February 2019 Renewals

BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs Advisory Board for Exceptional Children	The Board shall assist the Secretary of the Interior in performing his/her duties under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act by advising him/her on the needs of Indian children with disabilities.	2/9/2017	The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, Public Law 108-446	
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REG0006685	BOR	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group	Notice of Public Meeting for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG)	The primary purpose of the meeting will be to receive updates on: (1) the Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Record of Decision and implementation, (2) current basin hydrology, operations, and the 2018 hydrograph, (3) the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program "wiki" website, (4) the Science Advisors Program, (5) the Administrative History Project, (6) science results from Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center staff, and (7) progress on the Fiscal Year 2018-20 Budget and Work Plan. The AMWG will also discuss other administrative and resource issues pertaining to the GCDAMP.	February 15-16, 2017	01/25/2017	01/26/2017	No
REG0006687	BLM	Wyoming Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Wyoming Resource Advisory Council	Agenda topics for the March meeting include discussions on invasive species and follow-up to issues raised at previous RAC meetings.	March 1-2, 2017	01/26/2017	1/31/2017	No
REG0006694	BLM	Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council	Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the BLM announces a Mar. 16, 2017 meeting of the Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) in Salem, Oregon.	March 16, 2017	01/27/2017	01/31/2017	No
REG0006695	BLM	Utah Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Utah Resource Advisory Council Meeting	Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the BLM announces a meeting of the Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) in St. George, Utah, on Feb. 23 and 24, 2017. The meeting will include an optional field tour of the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area and is open to the public.	February 23-24, 2017	01/27/2017	01/30/2017	No
REG0006696	USGS	Advisory Committee on Water Information	Notice of Meeting for the Advisory Committee on Water Information	The meeting will take place between 8:30am and 5:00pm on February 22 and 23, 2017, via teleconference and webinar.	February 22-23, 2017	01/27/2017	02/02/2017	yes
REG0006697	BLM	Dakotas Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Dakotas Resource Advisory Council Meeting	This Notice announces a Feb. 16, 2017 meeting of the BLM Dakotas Resource Advisory Council (RAC) pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The meeting will be held at the BLM South Dakota Field Office in Belle Fourche, South Dakota.	February 16, 2017	01/27/2017	01/30/2017	No
REG0006709	FWS	Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council	Cancellation of Meeting for the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council			02/01/2017	02/02/2017	yes
REG0006691	BLM	Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meetings for the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council	The BLM is announcing four quarterly meetings of the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to be held in 2017 in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The first meeting is scheduled for March 2 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for June 1 in Meeker, August 24 in Walden, and December 7, 2017, in Craig.	March 2, 2017; June 1, 2017; August 24, 2017; and December 7, 2017	02/14/2017	02/14/2017	No
REG0006716	FWS	Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group	Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group; Public Meeting, Teleconference, and Web-Based Meeting	The primary purpose of this meeting (March 20-21) is to make flow recommendations to the TMC and update the TAMWG on status of current issues concerning the restoration of the Trinity River. At times flow management recommendations have been somewhat contentious due to competing perspectives of TAMWG members representing agricultural and power generation entities and recreational fishing and environmental interests.	March 20-21, 2017	02/16/2017	02/17/2017	yes

DCN	Bureau	Committee Name	Title	Synopsis	Meeting Dates	OES Transmittal Date	Approved to go to FR	Discretionary Committee
REG0006726	BLM	Coastal Oregon Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Coastal Oregon Resource Advisory Council	The BLM announces Mar. 14 and 15, 2017, public meetings of the Coastal Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The meetings will be held at the BLM Coos Bay District Office in North Bend, Oregon.	March 14-15, 2017	02/16/2017	02/16/2017	No
REG0006727	BLM	Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council	The BLM announces a Mar. 2, 2017, meeting of the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The meeting will be held at the North Las Vegas City Hall in North Las Vegas, Nevada, and will be open to the public.	March 2, 2017	02/16/2017	02/16/2017	No
REG0006729	BLM	Wyoming Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Wyoming Resource Advisory Council	This Notice announces that the BLM Wyoming Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet on March 1 and 2 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The agenda includes the election of a chairperson, discussion of invasive species, determination of 2017 goals, and an opportunity for public comment.	March 1-2, 2017	02/16/2017	02/16/2017	No
REG0006766	BLM	Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council	The BLM announces that the Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet in Canon City, Colorado, on Mar. 9, 2017. The agenda features a review and discussion of the preliminary alternatives report for the Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan (RMP), an ongoing planning effort.	March 9, 2017	02/22/2017	02/22/2017	No
REG0006772	BLM	North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel	Notice of Public Meeting for the North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel	The BLM announces a meeting of the North Slope Science Initiative - Science Technical Advisory Panel to be held in Fairbanks, Alaska, on March 20 and 21, 2017.	March 20-21, 2017	02/27/2017	02/28/2017	No
REG0006775	BLM	Southwest Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Southwest Resource Advisory Council	Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the BLM announces a Mar. 31, 2017, meeting of the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (RAC) in Montrose, Colorado. The meeting will be open to the public.	March 31, 2017	02/27/2017	02/28/2017	No
REG0006778	USGS	National Geospatial Advisory Committee	Notice of Public Meeting for the National Geospatial Advisory Committee	Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), this Notice announces a meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) on March 21 and 22, 2017, at the Main Interior Building in Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.	March 21-22, 2017	02/27/2017	02/28/2017	yes
REG0006699	BLM	Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council	This Notice announces that the BLM Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet on March 15, 2017, in Shoshone, Idaho. The meeting will be open to the public.	March 15, 2017	02/27/2017	02/27/2017	No
REG0006788	BLM	Steens Mountain Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council	In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the BLM announces a meeting of the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) on Mar. 16 and 17, 2017. The SMAC will meet at the BLM's Burns District Office in Hines, Oregon.	March 16-17, 2017	03/02/2017	03/03/2017	No
REG0006793	BLM	Western Montana Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting; Western Montana Resource Advisory Council	Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the BLM announces a Mar. 16, 2017, meeting of the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) in Butte, Montana. The meeting will be open to the public and will include time for public comments.	March 16, 2017	03/02/2017	03/03/2017	No

DCN	Bureau	Committee Name	Title	Synopsis	Meeting Dates	OES Transmittal Date	Approved to go to FR	Discretionary Committee
REG0006799	BLM	Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council	Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the BLM announces a March 15, 2017, public meeting of the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC), Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC) Subcommittee that will be held by teleconference. Members of the public also may listen in at the BLM's Lakeview District Office in Lakeview, Oregon.	March 15, 2017	03/02/2017	03/03/2017	No
REG0006809	BLM	Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; and Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Bureau of Land Management Nevada Resource Advisory Councils	Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, BLM Nevada announces a joint meeting of its three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) from April 4-6, 2017. The Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC, the Northeastern Great Basin RAC, and the Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC will meet in Elko, Nevada, and the meeting will be open to the public.	April 4-6, 2017	03/02/2017	03/06/2017	No
REG0006826	NPS	Cape Krusenstern National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC); Kobuk Valley National Park SRC, and Gates of the Arctic National Park SRC	Notice of Open Meetings for the National Park Service Alaska Region Subsistence Resource Commissions	NPS is giving notice that the Cape Krusenstern National Monument subsistence resource commission (SRC), Kobuk Valley National Park SRC, and Gates of the Arctic National Park SRC will hold public meetings to develop and continue work on NPS subsistence program recommendations, and other related regulatory proposals and resource management issues.	March 28-29, 2017 and March 30-31, 2017	03/08/2017	03/10/2017	No
REG0006835	OS	Invasive Species Advisory Committee	Notice of Public Meeting for the Invasive Species Advisory Committee Meeting via Teleconference	Federal Register Notice of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) via teleconference call. The sole purpose of the call scheduled for March 29, 2017 is to discuss and consider white papers generated by the ISAC task teams on Fed/State and Fed/Tribal coordination.	March 29, 2017	03/09/2017	03/14/2017	No
REG0006837	BLM	Central Montana Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Central Montana Resource Advisory Council	The meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2017 in Glasgow, Montana.	March 29, 2017	03/10/2017	03/13/2017	No
REG0006834	BIA	Advisory Board for Exceptional Children	Notice of Public Meeting for the Advisory Board of Exceptional Children	The Bureau of Indian Education (B E) is announcing that the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children (Advisory Board) will hold its next meeting in Albuquerque, NM, May 31 - June 2, 2017. The purpose of the meeting is to meet the mandates of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (DEA) for Indian children with disabilities.	May 31-June 2, 2017	03/10/2017		No
REG0006854	BLM	Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council	The Southeast Oregon RAC meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017, and Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in Ontario, OR.	April 10-11, 2017	03/20/2017	03/20/2017	No
REG0006855	BLM	Boise District Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Boise District Resource Advisory Council	The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Idaho. The Boise District RAC meeting will be held on April 5, 2017, at the BLM Boise District Office.	April 5, 2017	03/20/2017	03/20/2017	No
REG0006901	BLM	Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council, New Mexico	Notice of Public Meeting for the Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council, New Mexico	Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the BLM announces a May 1, 2017, public meeting of the Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) in Socorro, New Mexico.	May 1, 2017	04/04/2017	04/04/2017	No
REG0006902	BLM	Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council	Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the BLM announces a May 3, 2017, public meeting of the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area (NCA) Advisory Council in Delta, Colorado.	May 3, 2017	04/04/2017	04/06/2017	No

DCN	Bureau	Committee Name	Title	Synopsis	Meeting Dates	OES Transmittal Date	Approved to go to FR	Discretionary Committee
REG0006903	BLM	John Day - Snake Resource Advisory Council, Oregon	Notice of Public Meeting for the John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council, Oregon	Under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the BLM announces a meeting of the John Day - Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC) on May 18 and 19, 2017. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in Baker City Oregon.	May 18-19, 2017	04/04/2017	04/04/2017	No
REG0006916	USGS	Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science	Notice of Public Meeting for the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science	The Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science is scheduled to meet on April 27-28, 2017, in Washington, DC.	April 27-28, 2017	04/05/2017	Canceled	yes
REG0006925	BOR	Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council	The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on Thursday, June 8 2017 and Friday June 9 2017.	June 8-9, 2017	04/06/2017		No
REG0006928	BOR	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group	Notice of Public Meeting for the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group	The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group is scheduled to meet via WebEx on May 24, 2017.	May 24, 2017	04/10/2017		No
REG0006926	BLM	Black Rock National Conservation Area Subgroup of the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Black Rock National Conservation Area Subgroup of the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council	The Black Rock National Conservation Area Subgroup of the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on Friday, May 12, 2017.	May 12, 2017	04/12/2017		No
REG0006917	BLM	Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council	The Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 17 2017.	May 17, 2017	04/12/2017		No
REG0006921	FWS	Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force	Notice of Public Meeting for the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force	The Aquatic Nuisance Task Force is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, Wednesday, May 3 2017 and Thursday May 4 2017.	May 2-4, 2017	04/12/2017		No
REG0006923	BLM	Northern California District Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Northern California District Resource Advisory Council	The Northern California District Resource Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.	April 26, 2017	04/12/2017	04/12/2017	No
REG0006924	BLM	Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee	Notice of Public Meeting: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee	The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 and Wednesday, May 3, 2017.	May 2, 2017	04/12/2017		No
REG0006938	BLM	Utah Resource Advisory Council Meeting	Notice of Public Meeting for the Utah Resource Advisory Council Meeting	Meeting date May 22-23, 2017 Notice must publish by April 21, 2017	May 22-23, 2017	04/14/2017		No
REG0006939	BLM	Pecos District Resource Advisory Council	Notice of Public Meeting for the Pecos District Resource Advisory Council	MEETING DATE: MAY 4, 2017	May 4, 2017	04/14/2017		No
REG0006942	BLM	San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee	Notice of Public Meeting for the San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee	Meeting is Friday, June 2, 2017	June 2, 2017	04/14/2017		No

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Indian Affairs Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

(15 Members) - The board is composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with the education and provisions of services to Indian children with disabilities.

The board composition reflects a broad range of viewpoints and includes at least one member representing each of the following interests:

Indian persons with disabilities; teachers of children with disabilities; Indian parents or guardians of children with disabilities; service providers; State Education Officials; Local education officials; State inter-agency coordinating councils (for states having Indian reservations); tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives and BIA employees concerned with the education of children with disabilities.

3 Terms expired on July 9, 2017

4 Terms expire on September 10, 2017

1 Vacancy

Juan Portley	Service Providers and State Interagency Coordinating Councils of children with disabilities	12/21/2010	7/9/2017
Susan Faircloth	Parents of children with disabilities	5/31/2016	5/31/2019
Delores Childs-Fullen	Parents of children with disabilities	9/10/2015	9/10/2018
Norman Shawanokasic	Parents of children with disabilities	5/31/2016	5/31/2019
Jonathan Stout	Indian persons with disabilities & Teacher of children with disabilities	3/16/2012	9/10/2018
Rosemarie Dugi	Indian parent of child with disabilities	11/4/2011	7/9/2017
Luvette Russell	Teacher of children with disabilities	11/4/2011	7/9/2017
Ronald Worst	Parents of Children with disabilities	12/2/2016	12/2/2019
Adrienne Benally	Indian persons with disabilities & Indian parents/guardians of children with disabilities	12/2/2016	12/2/2019
Harvey Rude	Parents of children with disabilities	7/9/2014	12/2/2019
Carlita Lewis	Tribal representative	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
Paula Seanez	Tribal representative	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
Craig Eaneau	Teachers of children with disabilities	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
Christopher Bordeaux	Local Education Official	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
VACANCY			

Bureau of Land Management

CATEGORY 1 - PERSONS WHO:

- (1) hold Federal grazing permits or leases within the area for which the Council is organized;
- (2) represent interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way;

- (3) represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities;
- (4) represent the commercial timber industry; or
- (5) represent energy and mineral development.

CATEGORY 2 - PERSONS REPRESENTING:

- (1) nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations;
- (2) dispersed recreational activities;
- (3) archaeological and historical interests; or
- (4) nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups.

CATEGORY 3 - PERSONS WHO:

- (1) hold State, county, or local elected office;
- (2) are employed by a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water;
- (3) represent Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the Council is organized;
- (4) are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or
- (5) represent the affected public-at-large.

Alaska Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the issues relating to land use planning or the management of the public land resources located within the State of Alaska.

1 Term expired on April 10, 2017

One in Category 3

Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) – The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM’s Albuquerque District.

3 Terms expire on September 29, 2017

One in Category 1

Two in Category 3

1 Term expires on September 27, 2017

One in Category 2

1 Vacancy

One in Category 2

Arizona Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the State of Arizona.

5 Terms expire on September 22, 2017

One in Category 1

Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Boise District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Boise District.

No Vacancies until March 17, 2018

One in Category 1

Three in Category 2

Two in Category 3

California Desert District Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's California Desert District and implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan for the management, use, development, and protection of the public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area.

Committee members appointed by the Secretary will be representative of the following groups:

- environmental protection groups or organizations;
- recreation groups or organizations;
- renewable resources groups or organizations;
- non-renewable resources groups or organizations;
- transportation/rights-of-way (or occupancy issues) groups or organizations;
- wildlife groups or organizations;
- the renewable energy industry;
- the public-at-large; and

elected officials of general purpose government serving the people of the District

4 Terms expired on May 3, 2017

One elected official

Two – Public-at-Large

One – Renewable Resources

Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee (10 Members) - The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the implementation of the comprehensive plan for the Carrizo Plain long-range management plan.

Committee members appointed by the Secretary will be representative of the following interest groups:

GROUP 1 – PERSONS REPRESENTING:

- (1) the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors;
- (2) the Kern County Board of Supervisors;
- (3) the Carrizo Native American Advisory Council;
- (4) the Central California Resource Advisory Council; and
- (5) individuals or companies authorized to graze livestock within the Monument.

GROUP 2 – FIVE MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT:

- (1) the purposes for which the Monument was established; and
- (2) the interests of other stakeholders, including community members, who are affected by or interested in the planning and management of the Monument.

5 Vacancies

One – Livestock (Group 1)

One – Carrizo Native American Advisory Council (Group 1)

Three – Group 2

Central California Resource Advisory Council (12 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the geographic area of the Central California District.

4 Vacancies

Three in Category 1

One in Category 3 – Elected Official

Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Central Montana and HiLine District Office boundaries.

1 Vacancy – Category 1

5 Terms expire on January 30, 2018

Two in Category 1

One in Category 2
Two in Category 3

Coastal Oregon Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Coos Bay, Salem, and Eugene Districts.

5 Terms expire on July 31, 2017

One in Category 1
Two in Category 2
Two in Category 3

Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Coeur d'Alene District.

1 Vacancy – Category 2

Dakotas Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's North Dakota and South Dakota Field Office boundaries.

6 Terms expire on October 20, 2017

Two in Category 1
Two in Category 2
Two in Category 3

1 Vacancy – Category 2

Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council

(10 Members) - The Council shall advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with respect to the preparation and implementation of the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan (RMP).

No Vacancies until July 10, 2018

Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Miles City and Billings Field Office boundaries.

5 Terms expired on April 3, 2017

One in Category 1
Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

5 Terms expire on October 1, 2017

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

Three in Category 3

1 Vacancy – Category 1

Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) –

Members of the Council will serve in a solely advisory capacity to BLM and Forest Service officials concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or part within the BLM's Spokane District Office boundaries and the Colville and Okanogan National Forests.

1 Term expired on April 16, 2017

One in Category 2

Farmington District Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) - The

Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Farmington District.

1 Vacancy – Category 2

3 Terms expire on January 30, 2018

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

One in Category 3

Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council

will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Rocky Mountain District.

5 Vacancies

One in Category 1

Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (15 Members) - The Committee will advise the Secretary of the Interior on science and other

management issues and the achievement of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan objectives.

Eight members will be appointed as follows, one from each of the categories listed below:

- (1) an elected official from Garfield County, to represent the interests of county residents;

- (2) an elected official from Kane County, to represent the interests of county residents;
- (3) a representative of state government;
- (4) a representative of tribal government with ancestral interest in the Monument;
- (5) an educator, to represent the educational community;
- (6) a representative of the environmental community;
- (7) an outfitter and guide operating within the Monument, to represent commercial recreational users; and
- (8) a livestock grazing permittee operating within the Monument to represent grazing permittees.

Seven members will be appointed as special Government employees, one for each of the following areas of expertise:

- (1) archaeology;
- (2) paleontology;
- (3) geology;
- (4) botany;
- (5) wildlife biology;
- (6) social science; and
- (7) systems ecology.

4 Terms expired on June 12, 2017

One - Outfitter and Guide
One – Environmental Community
One – Wildlife Biologist Expert
One - Educator

2 Vacancies

Botany Expert
Social Science Expert

Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Idaho Falls District.

No Vacancies until March 16, 2018

One in Category 1
Two in Category 2
Two in Category 3

John Day Snake Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or part within the BLM's Prineville and Vale District Office boundaries and the Deschutes, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, Malheur, and Ochoco National Forests.

1 Term expires on October 24, 2017

One in Category 2

6 Terms expire on November 12, 2017

Two in Category 1

Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

2 Vacancies – Category 2

Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Las Cruces District.

1 Term expires on January 29, 2018

One in Category Two

4 Terms expire on March 9, 2018

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

One in Category 3

One Elected Official

Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within southern Nevada.

6 Terms expires on May 6, 2017

One in Category 1

Three in Category 2

Two in Category 3

1 Vacancy – Elected Official

North Slope Science Technical Panel (15 Members) - The Panel will advise the North Slope Science Oversight Group through the Designated Federal Officer on proposed inventory, monitoring, and research functions.

The Panel shall consist of a representative group of not more than 15 scientists and technical experts from diverse professions and interests, including:

- the oil and gas industry;
- subsistence users;
- Native Alaskan entities;
- conservation organizations;
- wildlife management organizations; and
- academia

6 Terms expires on April 16, 2017

Northern California District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within northern California.

5 Terms expire on June 1, 2017

- Two in Category 1
- One in Category 2
- Two in Category 3

Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Elko, Ely, and Battle Mountain District Office boundaries.

4 Terms expired on May 6, 2017

- One in Category 1
- One in Category 2
- Two in Category 3

2 Vacancies

- One in Category 2
- One in Category 3

Northwest Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Northwest District.

4 Terms expire on November 5, 2017

- One in Category 1
- One in Category 2
- One in Category 3

1 Vacancy – Category 3

Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Salem and Eugene Districts.

5 Terms expire on August 3, 2017

Two in Category 1

One in Category 2

Two in Category 2

Pecos District Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Pecos District.

4 Terms expire on September 11, 2017

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

Two in Category 3

San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee (12 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Pecos District.

4 Terms expire on July 24, 2017

Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (15 Members)

- The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Carson City and Winnemucca District Office boundaries.

3 Terms expires on May 23, 2017

One in Category 1

Two in Category 2

1 Vacancy in Category 3

Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - Members of the Council will serve in a solely advisory capacity to BLM and FS officials concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or part within the BLM's Vale, Burns, and Lakeview Districts Office boundaries and the Fremont and Malheur National Forests.

No vacancies until April 2, 2018

Three in Category 1

Three in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Southwest Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Southwest District.

4 Terms expire on October 6, 2017

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Medford and Roseburg Districts and Klamath Falls Resource Area.

5 Terms expire on July 31, 2017

One in Category One

Three in Category Two

One in Category Three

Steens Mountain Advisory Council (13 Members) - The Council shall advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) in managing the Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) and in promoting cooperative management under the Steens Act.

The Advisory Council shall consist of 12 voting members to be appointed by the Secretary, as follows:

- A private landowner in the CMPA, appointed from nominees submitted by the county court for Harney County, Oregon;
- Two persons who are grazing permittees on Federal lands in the CMPA, appointed from nominees submitted by the county court for Harney County, Oregon;
- A person interested in fish and recreational fishing in the CMPA, appointed from nominees submitted by the Governor of Oregon;
- A member of the Burns Paiute Tribe, appointed from nominees submitted by the Burns Paiute Tribe;
- Two persons who are recognized environmental representatives, one of whom shall represent the State as a whole, and one of whom is from the local area, appointed from nominees submitted by the Governor of Oregon;
- A person who participates in what is commonly called dispersed recreation, such as hiking, camping, nature viewing, nature photography, bird watching, horseback riding, or trail walking, appointed from nominees submitted by the Oregon State Director of the BLM;
- A person who is a recreational permit holder or is a representative of a commercial

recreation operation in the CMPA, appointed from nominees submitted jointly by the Oregon State Director of BLM and the county court for Harney County, Oregon;

- A person who participates in what is commonly called mechanized or consumptive recreation, such as hunting, fishing, off-road driving, hang gliding, or parasailing, appointed from nominees submitted by the Oregon State Director of the BLM;
- A person with expertise and interest in wild horse management on Steens Mountain, appointed from nominees submitted by the Oregon State Director of the BLM; and
- A person who has no financial interest in the CMPA to represent statewide interests, appointed from nominees submitted by the Governor of Oregon.

4 Terms expired on April 14, 2017 – Highlighted in Yellow.

Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Twin Falls District.

1 Vacancy in Category 2

Utah Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the state of Utah.

4 Terms expired on May 30, 2017

Two in Category 1

One in Category 2

One in Category 3

1 Vacancy in Category 2

1 Vacancy in Category 3

Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Western Montana District Office boundaries.

5 Terms expired on April 3, 2017

One in Category 1

Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board (9 Members) - The Board will assist and advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of BLM, and the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service (FS), on wild horse and burro policy formulation and oversight of the Wild

Horse and Burro (WH&B) Program administered under the provisions of the Act.

Members will be appointed as representatives or special Government employees from the following organizations or categories:

- a. Wild horse and burro advocacy groups;
- b. Wild horse and burro research institutions (especially genetics, population biology, and equine behavior);
- c. Veterinary medicine (equine science);
- d. Natural resources management organizations (especially rangeland science);
- e. Humane advocacy groups;
- f. Wildlife management organizations;
- g. Livestock management organizations;
- h. General public (with special knowledge about equine behavior); or
- i. General public (with special knowledge about protection of wild horses and burros, management of wildlife, animal husbandry, or natural resource management).

3 Terms expired on April 3, 2017 – Highlighted in Yellow

Wyoming Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) – The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the State of Wyoming.

3 Terms expired on August 8, 2017

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

One in Category 3

Bureau of Reclamation

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council (21 Members-

The Council shall be advisory only and shall: (a) Act as liaison between both the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture and the Administrator of the EPA and the States in accomplishing the purposes of Title II; (b) Receive reports from the Secretary of the Interior on the progress of the salinity control program and review and comment on said reports; (c) Recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Administrator of the EPA appropriate studies of further projects, techniques, or methods for accomplishing the purposes of Title II; and (d) Provide to the Secretary of the Interior advice and consultation regarding implementation of the Basin States Program to carry out salinity control activities.

Members serve at the discretion of the Governors of the Basin States (*Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming*)

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Working Group (25

Members) - The purpose of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) is to establish and implement long-term monitoring programs and activities that will ensure that Glen Canyon Dam is operated in a manner consistent with that of section 1802 of the Grand Canyon Protection Act.

1 Vacancy – San Juan Southern Paiute

1 Vacancy – State of Arizona

One Term expired on March 25, 2017 – Western Area Power Administration

One Term expires on August 8, 2017 – Bureau of Indian Affairs

Two Terms expire on August 30, 2017 –

Colorado River Energy Distributors Association

Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems

One Term expires on December 13, 2017 – National Parks Conservation Association

One Term expires on December 19, 2017 – State of Colorado

Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group (6 Members) - The CAG provides recommendations to the Secretary and the State of Washington (State) on the structure and implementation of the Yakima River Basin Water Conservation Program.

No vacancies until July 23, 2018

1 Vacancy – Environmental Groups

1 Vacancy – Yakama Nation

Office of the Secretary

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee (10 Members) - The Committee functions are advisory only, and its officers shall have no administrative authority by virtue of their membership. The Committee shall advise the Trustees through the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council with respect to the following matters:

All decisions relating to injury assessment, restoration activities, or other use of natural resource damage recoveries obtained by the Governments, including all decisions regarding:

- a. Planning, evaluation, and allocation of available funds;
- b. Planning, evaluation, and conduct of injury assessments and restoration activities;
- c. Planning, evaluation, and conduct of long-term monitoring and research activities; and
- d. Coordination of a, b, and c.

All terms expire on December 2, 2018

1. Springer, Emilie	Commercial Fishing	12/02/2016	12/02/2018
2. Bauer, Amanda	Commercial Tourism	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
3. Skladal, George	Public-at-Large	12/02/2016	12/02/2018
4. Eilo, Kurt	Sport Hunting/Fishing	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
5. Fandrei, Gary	Aquaculture/Mariculture	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
6. Faulkner, Patience	Subsistence	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
7. French, John	Regional Monitoring	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
8. McLaughlin, Kate	Conservation/Environmental	11/30/2012	12/02/2018
9. David Totemoff, Sr.	Tribal Government	10/1/2009	12/02/2018
10. Studebaker, Stacy	Recreation Users	10/1/2008	12/02/2018

Each member will serve a 2-year term and members are eligible for re-nomination and reappointment. One member will be appointed representing each of the interests identified below:

- a. aquaculturist/mariculturist (e.g., fish hatcheries and oyster/shellfish farming);
- b. commercial fisher (e.g., commercial fishing for salmon, halibut, herring, shellfish, and bottom fish; including boat captains and crews, cannery owners/operators, and fish buyers);
- c. commercial tourism business person (e.g., promoting or providing commercial travel or recreational opportunities, including charter boating, guiding services, visitor associations, boat/kayak rental);
- d. recreation user (e.g., recreation activities that occur within the area, including kayaking, power boating, sailing, sightseeing);
- e. conservationist/environmentalist (e.g., organizations interested in the wise use and protection of natural resources);
- f. Native landowner (e.g., regional or village corporations in the affected area established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act);
- g. sport hunter/fisher (e.g., hunting and/or fishing for pleasure);
- h. subsistence user (e.g., customary and traditional use of wild renewable resources for direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools, or transportation; for the making and selling of handicraft articles; and for customary trade);

- i. scientist/technologist (e.g., organizations, institutions, and individuals involved in, or with expertise in, scientific and research aspects of the affected area/resources and/or the effects of the oil spill and/or the technical application of scientific information); and
- J. public-at-large (e.g., representing the affected area of the oil spill and its people, resources, and/or economics).

Invasive Species Advisory Committee (32 Members) - The ISAC will consist of no more than 32 voting members. Members will be knowledgeable in and represent one or more among, but not limited to, the following groups and organizations:

Biologists; Ranchers; Foresters; Non-Governmental Environmental Representatives; Farmers; Lawyers specializing in Invasive Species Policy; Economists; Risk Assessment Analysts; Public Health Specialists; Persons Involved in Global Commerce; Industry Representatives; Educators; State/Tribal Government Representatives; Information/Database Managers; Academics/Researchers; Invasive Species Management Specialists

12 appointments expire on October 7, 2017

John Thompson	Industry	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Bonnie Harper-Lore	Biologists	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Robert Van Steenwyk	Entomologists	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Nathan Stone	Academia	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Charles Bargeron	Information/Database Mgrs.	01/07/2013	05/12/2019
Otto Doering	Economists	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Susan Ellis	State Government	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Robert Wiltshire	Recreational Fishing	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Marshall Meyers	Industry	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Damon Waitt	Academia	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Edward Mills	Academia	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Patrick Burch	Industry	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Laura Meyerson	Academia	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Edward Clark	Non-governmental Organizations	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Blaine Parker	Tribal Government	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Carol Okada	State Government	01/07/2013	05/12/2019

William Hyatt	State Government	01/07/2013	05/12/2019
Slade Franklin	State Government	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Sean Southey	Industry	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Brent Stewart	State Government	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Janis McFarland	Non-governmental Organizations	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Gary Tabor	Industry	01/07/2013	05/12/2019
Jeffrey White	State Government	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Scott Cameron	Non-governmental Organizations	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
David Starling	Public Health Specialists	09/16/2008	10/07/2017

U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee (27

Members) - The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global initiative that seeks to promote transparency and accountability of natural resources revenues by reconciling industry payments and government revenues and publicly disclosing that information in accessible and comprehensible EITI reports. The EITI standard requires implementing countries to ensure an effective, functional and inclusive Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) comprised of representatives from government, industry, and civil society to oversee the implementation of USEITI. The standard also requires the MSG to develop and maintain a fully-costed work plan aligned with the reporting and validation deadlines established by the EITI Board. The Committee will fulfill the EITI Standard requirements by serving as the MSG, including providing collaborative and consensus-based oversight of USEITI implementation, and by acting as a forum for consultation among the stakeholders. The Committee's advice to the Secretary will be made available to all other interested parties and the public.

No vacancies until December 22, 2018

8 vacancies – Civil Society

6 vacancies – Industry

6 vacancies – Government

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (8 Members) - The Council advises and makes recommendations to the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking established by E.O. 13648.

The Advisory Council shall have eight members, one of whom shall be designated by the Secretary as the Chair.

Members shall not be employees of the Federal Government and shall include knowledgeable individuals from the private sector, former governmental officials, representatives of nongovernmental organizations, and others who are in a position to provide expertise and support to the Task Force.

1 vacancy – Former governmental official

1 vacancy – Non-governmental organizations

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (30 Members) - The Task Force shall develop and implement a program for waters of the United States to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic nuisance species: to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information.

*Secretary does **not** appoint members.*

Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Four terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

One Commercial/Sport Users

Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) -

The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Three terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

One Vacancy – Subsistence Users

Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Three terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Two terms expire on December 2, 2017

Two Subsistence Users

One Vacancy – Subsistence Users

One Vacancy – Commercial/Sports Users

Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Three terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) - The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Three terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10

Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Four terms expire on December 2, 2017

Four Subsistence Users

Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10

Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Four terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users
One Commercial/Sports Users

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (18 Members) -

All terms expire on August 29, 2018

Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group (20 Members) -

Members are selected from, but not limited to, the following interest groups:

(1) Trinity County residents; (2) Recreational and commercial fishermen; (3) Recreational and commercial boaters; (4) Power/utility companies; (5) Agricultural water users; (6) Private and commercial timber producers; (7) Ranchers and people with grazing rights/permits; (8) Tribes; (9) Environmental organizations; (10) Federal, state, or local agencies/organizations with responsibilities in the Trinity River basin.

13 Terms expire on March 17, 2018

2 Terms expire on May 17, 2018

Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) -

The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Four terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users
One Commercial/Sports Users

Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (18 Members) -

Members must be senior-level representatives selected from: State fish and wildlife agencies; wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations; game bird hunting organizations; waterfowl hunting organizations, big game hunting organizations, sportsmen and women; archery, hunting or shooting sports industry; outreach and education; tourism, outfitter or guides, tribal resource management organizations.

One term expires on December 12, 2017

Seventeen terms expire on August 26, 2018

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (13 Members) -

The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 13 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Five terms expire on December 2, 2017

One Commercial/Sports Users
Four Subsistence Users

U.S. Geological Survey

Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (25 Members)

– The Committee advises the Secretary on the establishment and operations of the U.S. Geological Survey National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and the DOI Climate Science Centers.

Members of the Committee shall be composed of approximately 25 members from the Federal Government, and the following interests: State and local governments, including state membership entities; Non-governmental organizations; American Indian tribes and other Native American entities; Academia; Landowners, businesses, and organizations representing landowners or businesses.

One term expires on April 22, 2018

Twenty-four terms expire on April 22, 2019

Advisory Committee on Water Information (35 Members)

- The ACWI advises the Federal Government, through the Department of the Interior (Department), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), on coordination of Federal water information programs. The purpose of the ACWI is to represent the interests of water information users and professionals in advising the Federal Government on activities and plans related to Federal water information programs and the effectiveness of those programs in meeting the Nation's water information needs. The ACWI members foster better communication between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on water information acquisition, information sharing, and related technology transfer.

ACWI's charter allows for a maximum of 35 members. Members represent the interests of water oriented organizations, including Federal, State, and other government agencies, professional and technical societies, the academic community, and the private sector. These members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the following groups: Federal agencies; Professional and water related associations; Academia; Private industry; Water utility associations; Civil engineering societies; Watershed and land conservation associations; Ecological societies; Lake, coastal, and ocean associations; Environmental and educational groups.

All appointments expire on April 17, 2018

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program Advisory Committee (11 Members)

- The Committee will advise the Secretary through the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (Director) on planning and implementation of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) and the National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP).

Members represent Federal agencies, State geological surveys, academia, and the private sector.

One term expires on September 19, 2017

State Geological Survey

National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (12 Members) – The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey on

earthquake predictions and related scientific research, in support of the Director's delegated responsibility to issue timely warnings of potential geologic disasters.

Two terms expired on June 30, 2017

Federal Member

Academia

National Geospatial Advisory Committee (30 Members) – The Committee will provide advice and recommendations related to management of Federal and national geospatial programs, development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and implementation of OMB Circular A-16 Revised and Executive Order 12906. The Committee will review and comment upon geospatial policy and management issues and will provide a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal stakeholders in the geospatial community.

NGAC members are selected to provide a balanced representation of the various organizations involved in geospatial issues, including the private sector, non-profit organizations, academia, and various levels of government.

No vacancies until December 31, 2018

Fourteen terms expire on December 31, 2018

Fourteen terms expire on December 31, 2019

Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (10 Members) - The Committee advises the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, including its roles, goals, and objectives within that program, its capabilities and research needs, guidance on achieving major objectives, and establishing and measuring performance goals. The Committee shall issue an annual report to the Director of the USGS for submission to Congress on or before September 30 of each year. The report shall describe Committee activities and address policy issues or matters that affect the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

One term expired May 31, 2017

Academia

Two terms expire on March 31, 2018

One term expires on April 30, 2018

National Park Service – Members can continue to serve beyond the expiration of their term in connection with any national park system unit pursuant to Public Law 102-525 (October 26, 1992)

Acadia National Park Advisory Commission (16 Members) - The Secretary has three discretionary appointments on the Commission.

Matthew R. Horton	State of Maine	2/28/2012	2/19/2019
Howie Montenko	State of Maine	2/19/2016	2/19/2019
Stephen C. Shea	State of Maine	2/28/2012	2/19/2019
Jacqueline Johnston	Town of Gouldsboro	1/18/2002	2/19/2019
Paul Richardson	Town of Mount Desert	4/2/1990	2/19/2019
Ben C. Worcester III	Town of Southwest Harbor	4/2/1988	2/19/2019
Dexter Lee	Town of Swan Island	4/2/1987	2/19/2019
R. F. Ehrlenbach	Town of Trenton	6/26/2004	2/19/2019
Katherine Heidinger	Town of Winter Harbor	6/26/2004	2/19/2019
Kenneth Smith	Town of Bar Harbor	2/19/2016	2/19/2019
Carolyn K. Gothard	Town of Tremont	9/28/2011	2/19/2019
Richard F. Beal	Town of Cranberry Isles	9/28/2011	9/28/2014
VACANT	Town of Frenchboro		
Benjamin Emory	Secretary of the Interior	2/19/2016	2/19/2019
Kenneth Cline	Secretary of the Interior	3/31/2016	3/31/2019
G. Bruce Wiersma	Secretary of the Interior	3/17/2005	2/19/2019

Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council - (18 Members)

The Advisory Council shall consist of not fewer than 18 individuals, to be appointed by the Secretary, acting through the Director of the National Park Service. The Secretary shall appoint no fewer than three individuals to represent each of the following categories of entities: municipalities; educational and cultural institutions; environmental organizations; business and commercial entities, including those related to transportation, tourism and the maritime industry; and Boston Harbor-related advocacy organizations; and organizations representing Native American interests.

Walter Hope	Boston Harbor Advocacy	1/27/2012	1/27/2015
James Martel	Boston Harbor Advocacy	8/13/2012	8/13/2015
Susan M.H. Woods	Boston Harbor Advocacy	11/5/2015	11/5/2018
Maureen Cavanaugh	Business & Commercial	11/29/2010	11/29/2013
Lou Gainor	Business & Commercial	8/13/2012	8/13/2015
Neal Caten	Business & Commercial	10/21/2014	10/21/2017
Jane P. Ellis	Business & Commercial	11/5/2015	11/5/2018
Gregory I. Abel	Community Groups	1/6/2017	1/27/2020
Edward P. McCabe	Community Groups	1/17/2017	1/17/2020
Heather Deschenes	Education & Cultural	10/21/2014	10/21/2017
Peter Rosen	Education & Cultural	1/19/2011	1/19/2013
Carl Johnson	Education & Cultural	8/13/2012	8/13/2015
Jennifer Bender	Environmental	11/29/2010	11/29/2013
Lauri Webster	Environmental	1/27/2012	1/27/2015
Dave Linder	Environmental	9/7/2010	9/7/2013
Rob Moir	Environmental	9/7/2010	10/21/2017
Kelly A. Hurstak	Municipalities	2/4/2014	2/4/2017
Christopher R. Daly	Municipalities	1/6/2017	1/6/2020
John Peters	Native American	1/19/2011	1/19/2014
Elizabeth Solomon	Native American	1/27/2012	1/27/2015

Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission (10 Members) -

The Commission shall be composed of 10 members: Six members appointed from recommendations made by each of the boards of selectmen of the towns of Chatham, Eastham, Orleans, Provincetown, Truro, and Wellfleet, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; one member from the recommendations made from each such board; One member appointed from recommendations of the county commissioners of Barnstable County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Two members appointed from recommendations of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and **One member appointed at the discretion of the Secretary.**

Mary Jo Avellar	Provincetown	1/8/2007	5/8/2014
VACANT	Provincetown (Alternate)		
Joseph F. Craig	Town Chatham	2/11/2014	2/11/2016
Donald T. Nuendel	Eastham	1/8/2007	9/10/2017
Nathaniel Goddard	Eastham (Alternate)	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
Lawrence O. Spaulding, Jr.	Orleans	3/23/1999	6/27/2016
Robert Summersgill	Orleans (Alternate)	11/5/2015	11/5/2017
Lilli-Ann Green	Wellfleet	7/6/2016	7/6/2018
Kathleen Bacon	Wellfleet (Alternate)	7/6/2016	7/6/2018
VACANT	Barnstable Co. (Alternate)		
Sheila R. Lyons	Barnstable Co.	5/8/2012	5/8/2014
Maureen Burgess	Truro	8/9/2012	9/10/2017
Jay Coburn	Truro (Alternate)	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
VACANT	Commonwealth of MA		
VACANT	Commonwealth of MA (Alternate)		
VACANT	Commonwealth of MA		
Richard Delaney	Secretary of the Interior	2/12/1990	9/10/2017

Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council (35 Members) -

The Council shall not exceed 35 members and will be appointed by the Secretary as follows: The head of each Federal department or independent agency administering lands through which the trail route passes, or a designee; A member to represent each State through which the trail passes, and such appointments will be made from recommendations of the Governors of such States; and One or more members to represent private organizations, including corporate and individual landowners and land users, which, in the opinion of the Secretary, have an established and recognized interest in the trail. Such appointments will be made from recommendations of the heads of such organizations.

Wayne Adkins	Chickahominy Tribe of VA	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
J. Daryl Anthony	State of Maryland	3/22/2016	3/22/2019
Shelly Baird	Nanticoke Watershed Alliance	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Hedrick H. Belin	Potomac Conservancy	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Wade Blackwood	American Canoe	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Virginia Busby	State of Maryland	3/8/2011	3/22/2019
Kurt W. Carr	State Museum of PA	3/22/2016	3/22/2019
Patricia Carothers	Susquehanna Greenway	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Dennis Coker	Lenape Indian Tribe DE	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Cindy Dunn	Commonwealth of PA	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Joel Dunn	Chesapeake Conservancy	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Elizabeth Hughes	State of MD	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Andrew Hofmann	Eastern VA Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex	3/22/2016	3/22/2019
Katherine Faull	State of Pennsylvania	3/22/2016	3/22/2019

Mary Ann Lisanti	Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc.	3/8/2011	9/23/2019
Susan Moerschel	State of DE	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Dan D. McMullen, Jr.	Sultana Projects, Inc.	3/8/2011	3/22/2019
William J. Pencek, Jr.	Maryland War of 1812	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Mark Platts	Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
John J. Reynolds	Student Conservation Assoc.	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Mervin Savoy	Piscataway Conoy Tribe of MD	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Charles A. Stek	Chesapeake Conservancy	3/8/2011	3/22/2019
William H. Street	James River Association	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Ann Swanson	Chesapeake Bay Commission	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Clyde E. Cristman	Commonwealth of VA	9/23/2015	9/23/2017
Julie L.V. Langan	Commonwealth of VA	9/23/2015	9/23/2017
Rita D. McClenny	VA Tourism	9/23/2015	9/23/2017
Patrick Noonan	Conservation Fund	9/23/2015	9/23/2017

Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historical Park Federal Advisory Committee (15 Members) -

The Commission shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary so as to include the following: 1 representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia; 1 representative each from the local governments of Strasburg, Middletown, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, and Warren County; 2 representatives of private landowners within the Park; **1 representative from a citizen interest group**; 1 representative from the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation; 1 representative from Belle Grove, Incorporated; 1 representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; 1 representative from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation; 1 ex-officio representative from the National Park Service; 1 ex-officio representative from the United States Forest Service.

Stanley Hirschberg	Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
John Adamson	Belle Grove Plantation, Inc.	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Nicholas Picerno	Shenandoah Valley	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Robert Nieweg	National Trust for Historic Preservation	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Karen Beck-Herzog	NPS (Ex-Officio)	4/14/2016	4/14/2019
Kathleen Donahue	USFS (Ex-Officio)	3/1/2013	3/1/2016
Paul B. Coussan	Citizen Interest Group	11/9/2015	11/9/2018
James Campi	Citizen Interest Group (Alternate)	11/9/2015	11/9/2018
Richard A. Redmon	Town of Strasburg	6/5/2012	10/5/2016
Carl Bernhards	Town of Middletown	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Jered D. Hoover	Shenandoah Co.	10/5/2016	10/5/2019
Teresa S. Funkhouser (Alternate)	Shenandoah Co.	10/5/2016	10/5/2019
Eric Lawrence	Frederick Co.	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Elizabeth R. Meyer	Warren Co.	7/9/2014	7/9/2017
Jeanne Frink	Commonwealth of VA	3/11/2011	3/8/2014
David L. Blount	Private landowner within park	7/9/2014	7/9/2017
VACANT	Private landowner within park		

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission (19 Members) -

The Commission is composed of 19 members appointed by the Secretary, as follows:
a) Eight members from recommendations submitted by the Boards of Commissioners of Frederick,

Washington, and Allegany Counties, Maryland, and the County Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, of which two members will be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such board or council; b) Eight members from recommendations submitted by the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Governor of the State of West Virginia, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, of which two members will be from recommendations submitted by each such Governor or Mayor; and; c) **Three members at the discretion of the Secretary, one of whom will be designated Chairman, and two of whom will be members of regularly constituted conservation organizations.**

Joseph A. Adkins	Frederick Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Roger A. Berliner	Montgomery Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Paul N. Chod	Montgomery Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
David G. Brickley	Commonwealth of VA	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Thomas L. Birch	District of Columbia	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Mark T. Cucuzella	West Virginia	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Ray E. Dinterman	Member of a regularly constituted conservation organization	7/28/2016	7/28/2021
George F. Franks, III	Washington Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
VACANT	Washington Co., MD		
Angela O. Hummer	State of MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Stella M. Koch	Commonwealth of VA	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
George E. Lewis	Catoctin Station Farm	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Roderick C. Mackler	State of Maryland	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Stephen D. Nelson	Allegany Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Clifford W. Smith	West Virginia	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Walter S. Stull, III	Frederick Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Scott A. Walzak	District of Columbia	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Evelyn C. Williams	Member representing the interests of the C&O Canal Association	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Francis O. Zumbrun	Allegany Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021

Cold War Advisory Committee (9 Members) - The Committee is composed of nine individuals appointed by the Secretary, as follows: 3 shall have expertise in Cold War history; 2 shall have expertise in historic preservation; 1 shall have expertise in the history of the United States; and 3 shall represent the general public.

1 Vacancy – Cold War History Expert

Mark P. Bradley	History of the United States	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Richard Fried	Cold War History Expert	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Paul Green	General Public	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Ronald James	Historic Preservation	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Cynthia Kelly	Historic Preservation	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Christian F. Osternann	Cold War History Expert	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Francis G. Powers, Jr.	General Public	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Tom Vanderbilt	General Public	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
VACANT	Cold War History Expert		

Committee for the Preservation of the White House - The Committee's

membership, as set forth in Executive Order No. 11145, as amended, will be Presidential appointments and ex officio members as follows: the Director of the National Park Service; the Curator of the White House; the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts; the Director of the National Gallery of Art; the Chief Usher of the White House; and so many other members as the President of the United States may from time to time appoint.

Members serve at the pleasure of the President

Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century

Advisory Committee (30 Members) - Thirteen but not more than 30 individuals to represent each of the following categories of interest: Local municipalities; including one individual from the Borough of Highlands, the Borough of Sea Bright, Middletown Township, the Borough of Rumson, and Monmouth County Freeholders, New Jersey; the natural resource community; the business community; the cultural resource community (a National Preservation organization; the State of New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office; the Monmouth County Historical Commission); the real estate community; the recreational users of Sandy Hook; the education community; the hospitality community; and the scientific community.

VACANT	Borough of Highland		
Anthony Mercantante	Township of Middletown	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Stephanie Murray	Township of Middletown	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
VACANT	Borough of Sea Bright		
John Ekdahl	Borough of Rumson	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Lillian Burry	Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders	8/28/2012	9/22/2019
James Krauss	Natural Resource Community	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Howard Parish	Natural Resource Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
VACANT	Business Community		
Michael Walsh	Business Community	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Katherine Stevenson	Cultural Resource Community	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Shawn Welch	Cultural Resource Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Mary Fouratt	Cultural Resource Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Gerard Scharfenberger	Cultural Resource Community	9/16/2016	9/16/2019
Daniel Saunders	Cultural Resource Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Gerard Glaser	Scientific Resources Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Linda Cohen	Education Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Patrick Collum	Education Community	9/16/2019	9/16/2019
Guy Hembling	Real Estate Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Michael Holenstein	Real Estate Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Jeffrey Tyler	Real Estate Community	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Karolyn Wray	Real Estate Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Timothy Hill	Recreation Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Lynda Rose	Recreation Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Margot Walsh	Hospitality Organizations	8/28/2012	7/24/2018

1 Vacancy – Business Community

Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission (11 Members)

- Committee is comprised of 11 members. Membership consists of the following: 1 member each from the four surrounding townships, 1 member from Adams County, PA, government, 1 member from the State Historic Preservation Office, 2 members who are residents of Adams County and knowledgeable about the park, 1 member local historic preservation and 1 designee of the National Park Service.

Gerald Hoffman Adams Co.	Adams County Resident	10/14/2011	1/7/2019
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Gerard Lawrence, Jr.	Mt. Pleasant Township	2/22/2000	1/7/2019
Elsie D. Moray	Mount Joy Township	11/30/2016	11/30/2019
Andrew Merkel	Adams County	10/14/2011	1/7/2019
Barbara J. Finfrock	Adams Co. Resident	10/14/2011	1/7/2019
Alan Ferranto	Cumberland Township	10/14/2011	1/7/2019
Robert Prosperi	Straban Township	8/26/2009	11/30/2019
Graham Weaver	Borough of Gettysburg	4/16/1997	1/7/2019
Harold Nelson	Local Historic Preservation Expert	4/13/1998	1/7/2019
Andrea L. MacDonald	PA State Historic Preservation Office	11/30/2016	11/30/2019

No vacancies until January 7, 2019

Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission

(11 Members) - The Commission consists of 11 members, each appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as follows: Seven members who are to be present or former patients elected by the patient community; and Four members appointed from recommendations submitted by the Governor of Hawaii, at least one of whom is to be a Native Hawaiian.

3 Terms have expired – Governor of Hawaii

3 Vacancies – Patient Community

Benjamin B.C. Young	Gov. of Hawaii	4/5/2010	4/5/2015
Rev. David K. Kaupu	Gov. of Hawaii	8/14/1990	4/5/2015
Henry K. Tancayo	Gov. of Hawaii	4/5/2010	4/5/2015
Pualani Akaka	Gov. of Hawaii	12/06/2016	12/06/2021
Clarence Kahilihiwa	Patient Community	4/5/2010	7/27/2021
Meli Watanauki	Patient Community	4/5/2010	7/27/2021
Ivy Kahilihiwa	Patient Community	4/5/2010	7/27/2021
Gloria Marks	Patient Community	8/14/1990	7/27/2021
VACANT	Patient Community		
VACANT	Patient Community		
VACANT	Patient Community		

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historical Site

Advisory Commission (15 Members) - The Commission shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary as follows: Three members appointed from recommendations submitted by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Two members appointed from recommendations submitted by other national organizations in which Mary McLeod Bethune played a leadership role. Two members who have professional expertise in the history of African American women; Three members who have professional expertise in archival management; Three members who represent the general public; and Two members who has professional expertise in historic preservation.

Terms expire on September 14, 2020

Ida Jones	Archival Management	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Kenvi Phillips	Archival Management	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Ashley Robertson	Archival Management	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Bettye Collier Thomas	History of African American Women	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Sharon Harley	History of African American Women	9/14/2016	9/14/2020

Evelyn B. Higginbotham	Other Nat. Org. in which MMB played a leadership role	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Sharon Bridgeforth	Other Nat. Org. in which MMB played a leadership role	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Heather Huyck	Historic Preservation	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Sandra Jowers-Barber	Historic Preservation	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Janice Ferebee	General Public	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Jamiah A. Adams	General Public	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Susan D. Carle	General Public	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Vacant	National Council of Negro Women, Inc.		
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Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park Advisory Commission

(9 Members) - The Commission is composed of nine members appointed by the Secretary, and four ex officio non-voting members. The four ex officio members include the Park Superintendent, the National Park Service Hawaii State Director (currently, the Pacific Islands Support Office General Superintendent), one person appointed by the Governor of Hawaii, and one person appointed by the Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

All nine Secretarial appointees will be residents of the State of Hawaii, and at least six of those appointees will be native Hawaiians. At least five members must be appointed from nominations provided by native Hawaiian organizations.

Tammy Duchesne	Park Superintendent, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	6/25/2015	6/25/2020
M. Melia Lane-Kamahele	NPS State Director of Hawaii (Pacific Island Office), <i>Ex-Officio</i>	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
Richard A. Kuehner	Governor of Hawaii, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
Nicole K. Lui	Mayor of County of Hawaii, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	8/28/2012	8/28/2017
Phillip Hernandez	Native Hawaiian Interest	1/4/2017	01/04/2022
B.K. Lindsey	Office of Hawaiian Affairs	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
F.K. Cachola	Makani Hou O Kaloko- Honokohau	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
Moana P.K. Ching	Na Kokua O Kaloko-Honokohau	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
K.B. Chun	Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
Deona Naboa	Native Hawaiian Interest	1/4/2017	1/4/2022
Sandra Decker	Native Hawaiian Interest	1/12/2017	1/12/2022
VACANT	Native Hawaiian Interest		
Ski Kiwatowski	Native Hawaiian organization	1/12/2017	1/12/2022

National Park System Advisory Board (12 Members) - Composed of no more than 12 individuals selected from among citizens of the United States having a demonstrated commitment to the mission of the National Park Service, and representing various geographic regions, including each of the administrative regions of the National Park Service. Members are appointed as follows:

a. At least six of the members are to have outstanding expertise in one or more of the following fields: history, archaeology, anthropology, historical or landscape architecture, biology, ecology, geology, marine science, or social science.

b. At least four of the members are to have outstanding expertise and prior experience in the management of national or State parks or protected areas, or natural or cultural resources management.

c. The remaining members are to have outstanding expertise in one or more of the areas described above or in another professional or scientific discipline, such as financial management, recreation use management, land use planning or business management, as it relates to the National Park Service; and

d. At least one of the 12 members is to be a locally elected official from an area adjacent to a park.

1 term expired on July 23, 2017 - Environmental

1 term will expire on November 6, 2017 – History

1 Locally elected officially from an area adjacent to a park – Ms. Burke is no longer an elected official.

Nine terms expire on May 5, 2018

Paul Bardacke	Environmental Law	4/8/2010	7/23/2017
Linda Bilmes	Financial Management	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Carolyn Radelet	Financial Management	1/4/2017	1/4/2021
Judy Burke	Mgmt. of State Parks & Protected Areas/Locally Elected Official	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Milton Chen	Social Science	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Rita Colwell	Marine Science	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Belinda Faustinos	Management of Public Lands & Protected Areas	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Carolyn Finney	Demographics, National Parks, Visitation & Public Engagement	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Tony Knowles	Management of State Parks & Protected Areas	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Gretchen Long	Natural Resource Conservation	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Margaret Wheatly	Social Science	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Stephen J. Pitti	History	11/6/2013	11/6/2017

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (7 Members) - The Review Committee has 7 members –

3 are appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders, with at least 2 such persons being traditional Indian religious leaders; (1 term expired on April 7, 2017 and 1 term expires on September 23, 2017)

3 are appointed from nominations submitted by national museum organizations and scientific organizations; and (1 term expires on November 9, 2017)

1 is appointed from a list of persons developed and consented to by all of the other members. (1 term expires on September 23, 2017).

Armand A. Minthorn	Nominated by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders (with at least 2 traditional Indian religious leaders)	11/13/2014	11/13/2018
Heather Edgar	Nominated by a national museum organization or scientific organization	11/9/2015	11/9/2019

LindaLee Farm	Nominated by a national museum organization or scientific organization	11/9/2015	11/9/2017
Steve Titla	Nominated by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders (with at least 2 traditional Indian religious leaders)	4/17/2013	4/17/2017
Patrick Lyons	Nominated by a national museum organization or scientific organization	11/9/2015	11/9/2019
Dennis O'Rourke	Appointed from a list of persons developed and consented to by all of the other members	9/23/2013	9/23/2017
Lauren Peters	Nominated by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders (with at least 2 traditional Indian religious leaders)	5/6/2016	9/23/2017

Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission

(9 Members) - The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Nefuti Orloff	Secretary of the Interior	2/1/1998	12/6/2019
John I. Christenson	Secretary of the Interior	12/6/2016	12/6/2019
Colleen Jones	Secretary of the Interior	2/2/2006	12/6/2019
Harry Kalmakoff	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2009	11/4/2017
Scott Anderson	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2012	11/4/2018
Ronald Lind	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2010	11/4/2018
Mark Kosbruk	Bristol Bay RAC	11/4/2010	11/4/2016
Don Lind	Bristol Bay RAC	11/4/2012	11/4/2018
Greda Kosbruk	Bristol Bay RAC	11/4/2014	11/4/2017

Cape Krusenstern National Monument Subsistence Resource

Commission (9 Members) - The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Enoch L. Mitchell	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Thurston M. Booth	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Cyrus R. Harris	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Larry Westlake	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2014	11/4/2017
Victor Karmun	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2000	11/4/2018
Hannah Loon	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2015	11/4/2018
Enoch Shiedt, Sr.	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2001	11/4/2018
Alex Whiting	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2002	11/4/2017
Virgil Adams	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2008	11/4/2016

Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (9 Members)

- The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

James E. Roberts	Secretary of the Interior	2/17/2012	11/1/2019
Ray Collins	Secretary of the Interior	2/1/2001	11/1/2019
Victor W. Lord	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Miki Collins	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2008	11/4/2017
VACANT	Gov. of Alaska		
Pamela Green	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2008	11/4/2018
Lester Erhart	Eastern Interior RAC	11/4/2015	11/4/2018
Jeff Burney	Southcentral RAC	10/4/2008	10/4/2018
Eleanor Dementi	Southcentral RAC	11/4/2015	11/4/2018

Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (9 Members)

- The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

VACANT	Secretary of the Interior		
Jack Reakoff	Secretary of the Interior	11/4/1992	11/1/2019
Raymond Woods	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Vacant (A)	Secretary of the Interior		
Raynita Hepa	Gov. of Alaska 1	1/4/2000	11/4/2018
Tim Fickus	Gov. of Alaska	6/21/2001	11/4/2018
Hugh Bifelt	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2014	11/4/2017
Pollack Simon, Sr.	Western Interior RAC	11/4/2008	11/4/2018
Louie Commack, Jr.	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2008	11/4/2017
James Nageak	North Slope RAC	11/4/2016	11/4/2019

Kobuk Valley National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (9 Members)

The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Shield Downey	Secretary of the Interior	2/2/2006	11/1/2019
Nellie M. Griest	Secretary of the Interior	11/01/2016	11/1/2019
Gordon Newlin	Secretary of the Interior	4/14/1986	11/1/2019
Wilbur Howarth	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2010	11/4/2016
Raymond Stoney	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2000	11/4/2018
Enoch Mitchell	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2016	11/4/2017
Louie Commack	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2002	11/4/2018
VACANT	Northwest Arctic RAC		
Rosa Homer	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2016	11/4/2019

Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (9 Members)

The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Glen Alsworth	Secretary of the Interior	11/4/1983	12/13/2019
Agnes Rychnovsky	Secretary of the Interior	12/13/2016	12/13/2019
Steve Kahn	Secretary of the Interior	2/2/2006	12/13/2019
Larry Hill	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2008	11/4/2018

Lyle Wilder	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2009	11/4/2017
Seth Kroenke	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2010	11/4/2016
VACANT	Bristol Bay RAC		
Thomas Hedlund	Bristol Bay RAC	3/24/2010	11/4/2016
George Alexie	Bristol Bay RAC	11/4/2011	11/4/2017

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission

(9 Members) - The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Karen L. Linnell	Secretary of the Interior	12/14/2011	12/15/2017
Jamie Marunde	Secretary of the Interior	11/01/2016	11/01/2019
Daniel Stevens	Secretary of the Interior	8/8/2008	12/15/2017
Donald Horrell	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2000	11/4/2018
Suzanne McCarthy	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2000	11/4/2018
Robert Fithian	Gov. of Alaska	6/21/2005	11/4/2017
Raymond Sensmeier	Southeast RAC	3/11/2016	3/11/2019
Gloria Stickwan	Southcentral RAC	11/4/2005	11/4/20018
Susan Entsminger	Eastern Interior RAC	11/4/2006	11/4/2017

Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Advisory Commission (9

Members) - Membership composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Secretary of whom: Four members appointed after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Governor of the State of New Jersey; Two members appointed after consideration of recommendations submitted by the City Council of Paterson, New Jersey; One member appointed after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Passaic County, New Jersey; and Two members with experience with national parks and historic preservation.

Leslie Agard Jones	Gov. of New Jersey	7/13/2010	8/26/2017
Susan Cole	Gov. of New Jersey	7/13/2010	8/14/2018
Robert F. Guarasci	Gov. of New Jersey	7/13/2010	8/26/2017
Lawrence Kramer	Gov. of New Jersey	1/31/2012	8/26/2017
Theodore O'Neill Best, Jr.	Passaic County	5/29/2013	1/5/2020
John Lawrence	National Park experience	1/18/2017	1/18/2020
Hilary Ballon	Historic Preservation experience	1/18/2017	1/18/2020
Thomas C. Rooney	City of Paterson	7/13/2010	2/11/2017
Jose Torres	City of Paterson	8/12/2015	8/12/2018

Preservation Technology and Training Board (13 Members) - The Board will be comprised of 13 members as follows: The Secretary, or the Secretary's designee; Six members appointed by the Secretary who will represent appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, State and local historic preservation commissions, and other public and international organizations; and Six members appointed by the Secretary on the basis of outstanding professional qualifications who represent major organizations in the fields of archeology, architecture, conservation, curation, engineering, history, historic preservation, landscape architecture, planning, or preservation education.

Jonathan Spodek	Architecture and Preservation Education	2/17/2012	8/1/2020
Norman R. Weiss	Conservation, Curation, and Preservation Edu.	10/11/2002	9/23/2019
Robert Silman	Engineering and Preservation Education	10/11/2002	9/23/2019
Robert G. H. Pahl	Local Historic Preservation Commissions	5/19/2010	9/23/2019
Roy E. Graham	Preservation Education and Architecture	1/1/2001	12/4/2019
James W. Garrison	Federal, State, and local agencies	3/13/2005	9/23/2019

Horace H. Foxall, Jr.	Federal, State, and local agencies	3/14/2005	9/23/2019
Victor Knox	Department of the Interior	5/29/2013	5/29/2017
Lucy Lawliss	Landscape Architecture, and Preservation Edu.	1/29/2013	1/29/2017
W. Fredrick Limp	Archeology and Preservation Education	1/29/2013	1/29/2017
Jack Pyburn	Architecture & Preservation Education	9/23/2015	9/23/2019
Nancy Odegaard	Preservation Education, Archeology, Material Conservation	9/23/2015	9/23/2019
Ekaterina Vlahos	Preservation Education & Architecture	9/23/2015	9/23/2019

Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Advisory Council (35

Members) - The Council shall not exceed 35 members and will be appointed by the Secretary as follows: The head of each Federal department or independent agency administering lands through which the trail route passes, or a designee; A member to represent each State through which the trail passes, and such appointments will be made from recommendations of the Governors of such States; and One or more members to represent private organizations, including corporate and individual landowners and land users, which, in the opinion of the Secretary, have an established and recognized interest in the trail. Such appointments will be made from recommendations of the heads of such organizations.

Joyce A. S. Baki	State of Maryland	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Carol A. Benson	Four Rivers Heritage Area	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Jeffrey P. Buchheit	Baltimore City National Heritage Area	4/11/2011	5/26/2018
Joseph A. Doyle	Baltimore County gov. 8/21/2013	5/26/2018	
Elizabeth Hughes	Maryland Historical Trust	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Lisa M.K. Hull	Northern Neck Planning District Commission	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Julie V. Langan	Commonwealth of VA	8/12/2015	8/12/2017
J. Lance Mallamo	City of Alexandria, VA	4/11/2011	5/26/2018
Aaron Marcavich	Anacostia Trails Heritage, Inc.	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Kim Nielsen	DOD, United States Navy	4/11/2011	8/5/2018
Robert Anthony Nolan	The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
William J. Pencek, Jr.	State of Maryland	4/11/2011	5/26/2018
Brigitte Peters	City of Havre de Grace, MD	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Roslyn Racanello	Southern MD Heritage Area Consortium	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Sonal Sanghavi	Maryland State Highway Administration	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Christopher Shaheen	District of Columbia	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Francis Taylor	Baltimore Co. War of 1812 Bicentennial Advisory Committee	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Cathy Thompson	Charles Co. MD	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Kirsti Uunila	Calvert Co. MD	8/21/2013	5/26/2018

Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Advisory Council (10

Members) - The Council shall consist of 10 members, to be appointed by the Secretary, of whom:

One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the County Commission; One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the city council of Las Vegas, Nevada; One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the city council of North Las Vegas, Nevada; One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe; One member shall be a representative of the conservation community in southern Nevada; One member shall be a representative of Nellis Air Force Base; One member shall be nominated by the State; One member shall reside in the County and have a background that reflects the purpose for which the Monument was established; and Two members shall reside in the County or adjacent counties, both of whom shall have experience in the field of paleontology, obtained through higher education, experience, or both.

Joshua Bonde	State of Nevada representative	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Marci Henson	Clark County Commission rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Steven Ross	City council of Las Vegas rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Jill DeStefano	City council of North Las Vegas rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Benny Tso T	tribal council of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Victor Rodriguez	Nellis Air Force Base rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Mauricia Baca	Conservation community in South Nevada rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Robert Brown	Clark County resident rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Art Wolf	Clark Co. paleontology rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Eric Scott	San Bernadino Co. paleontology rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019

Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee (18 Members)

- The Committee is composed of 18 primary members and alternates representing each of the following agencies or organizations:

The Department of the Interior, represented by the Director of the National Park Service or the Director's designee; The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council; The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks; The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve; The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service, Division of Forestry, Seminole State Forest; The Florida Audubon Society; The nonprofit organization known as the Friends of the Wekiva; The Lake County Water Authority; The Lake County Planning Department; The Orange County Parks and Recreation Department, Kelly Park; The Seminole County Planning Department; The St. Johns River Water Management District; The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; The City of Altamonte Springs; The City of Longwood; The City of Apopka; The Florida Farm Bureau Federation; and The Florida Forestry Association.

Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing source

Robert Mattson	St. Johns River Water Management District	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Nancy M. Christman (Alternate)	St. Johns River Water Management District	5/17/2012	12/14/2020
Joe Bishop	Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, Seminole State Forest	2/11/2005	12/14/2020
Michael J. Martin (Alternate)	Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, Seminole State Forest	2/11/2005	12/14/2020
Danielle Marshall	City of Altamonte Springs	2/10/2012	12/14/2020
April Verpoorten (Alternate)	City of Altamonte Springs	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Thomas Shupe	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Comm.	2/11/2005	12/14/2020
Deborah Shelley	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve	2/10/2012	12/14/2020
Barbara Howell (Alternate)	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve	9/20/2007	12/14/2020
Elizabeth Johnson	Orange County Parks & Rec. Dept.- Kelly Park	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Beth Jackson (Alternate)	Orange County Parks & Rec. Dept.- Kelly Park	2/11/2005	12/14/2020

Charles Lee	Florida Audubon Society	2/10/2005	12/14/2020
John Maingot	City of Longwood	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Rebecca I.H. Perry	The Nature Conservancy	2/10/2012	12/14/2020
VACANT	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks		
Lee Wood (Alternate)	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Nancy Prine	Friends of Wekiva	2/10/2005	12/14/2020
Jay Exum (Alternate)	Friends of Wekiva	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Leslie S. Campione	Lake County Planning Dept.	5/17/2012	12/14/2020
Brian T. Sheahan (Alternate)	Lake County Planning Dept.	7/12/2007	12/14/2020
David Constantine	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Bryan F. Nelson (Alternate)	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
VACANT	City of Apopka		
James Duby	Seminole Co. Planning Dept.	3/14/2008	12/14/2020
Shannon C. Wetzel (Alternate)	Seminole Co. Planning Dept.	5/17/2012	12/14/2020
Jaime Doubek-Racine	National Park Service	10/15/2012	12/14/2020
Jeffrey Duncun (Alternate)	National Park Service	10/15/2012	12/14/2020
Patricia Burgos	Lake County Water Authority	10/15/2012	10/15/2015

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BOR	Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council DFO: Kib Jacobson (801) 524-3753	<p>Membership on the Council is specified in Title II of the Salinity Control Act, Pub. L. 93-320, as being comprised of no more than three representatives from each of the seven Basin States (Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California). The representatives serve at the discretion of the Governors of the Basin States.</p> <p><i>These appointments serve at the discretion of the Governors</i></p>	At the discretion of the Governors	1. Clint Chandler	Arizona	10/12/2016	Members serve at the discretion of the Governors
				2. Suzanne Ticknor	Arizona	10/12/2016	
				3. Krista Osterberg	Arizona	10/12/2016	
				4. Tanya Trujillo	California	05/08/2013	
				5. Thomas Howard	California	05/08/2013	
				6. William Hasencamp	California	04/29/2014	
				7. James Eklund	Colorado	07/23/2013	
				8. David W. Robbins	Colorado	03/11/2008	
				9. Patrick Jon Pfaltzgraff	Colorado	02/04/2015	
				10. John Entsminger	Nevada	04/18/2011	
				11. Leo Drozdoff	Nevada	10/18/2006	
				12. Jayne Harkins	Nevada	02/12/2014	
				13. Tom Blaine	New Mexico	05/15/2015	
				14. Trais Kliphuis	New Mexico	05/15/2015	
				15. VACANT	New Mexico	N/A	
				16. Eric Millis	Utah	12/01/2013	
				17. Leah Ann Lamb	Utah	12/15/2014	
				18. Gawain Snow	Utah	03/30/2012	
				19. Chad Espenscheid	Wyoming	12/11/2015	
				20. Pat Tyrrell	Wyoming	02/12/2001	
				21. David Waterstreet	Wyoming	02/19/2014	

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BOR	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Mgmt. Working Group (AMWG) DFO: Brent Rhees 801-524-3600	One of five Fed. Agencies One of five Fed. Agencies One of five Fed. Agencies One of five Fed. Agencies Cooperating Agencies One of five Indian Tribes One of five Indian Tribes One of five Indian Tribes One of five Indian Tribes One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors One of two environmental Interests One of two environmental Interests One of two recreational Interests One of two recreational interests NOTE: Discretionary Appointments	4 years	1. Daniel Picard 2. Chip Lewis 3. Christine Lehnertz 4. Steve Spangle 5. Lynn Jeka 6. James deVos 7. Charley Bullets 8. Dawn Hubbs 9. Eric Bobelu 10. Leigh Kuwanwisiwma 11. VACANT 12. Jayne Harkins 13. John McClow 14. Deborah Dixon 15. Steve Wolff 16. Eric Millis 17. VACANT 18. Tanya Trujillo	Bureau of Reclamation Bureau of Indian Affairs National Park Service U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Western Area Power Admin. Arizona Game & Fish Dept. Southern Paiute Consortium Hualapai Tribe Pueblo of Zuni Hopi Tribe Navajo Nation State of Nevada State of Colorado State of New Mexico State of Wyoming State of Utah State of Arizona State of California	07/10/2015 08/06/2013 11/08/2016 01/04/2013 03/25/2013 04/15/2014 12/04/2006 02/16/2016 02/16/2016 04/05/2001 02/16/2016 02/16/2016 12/19/2013 11/10/2015 02/03/2015 02/03/2015 11/19/2012 07/25/2014	07/10/2019 08/06/2017 11/08/2020 01/05/2021 03/25/2017 04/15/2018 06/08/2019 02/16/2020 02/16/2020 08/20/2018 02/16/2020 02/16/2020 12/19/2017 11/10/2019 02/03/2019 02/03/2019 11/19/2016 07/25/2018

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BOR	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Mgmt. Program (GCDAMP)	One of five Fed. Agencies	4 years	19. Leslie James	Colorado River Energy Distributors Association	07/30/1998	08/30/2017
		One of five Fed. Agencies		20. Ted Rampton	Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems	06/27/1997	08/30/2017
		One of five Fed. Agencies		21. Larry Stevens	Grand Canyon Wildlands	12/04/2006	06/08/2019
		One of five Fed. Agencies		22. David Nimkin	National Parks Conservation Association	12/13/2013	12/13/2017
		Cooperating Agencies		23. David J. Brown	Grand Canyon River Guides	07/14/2016	07/14/2020
		One of five Indian Tribes		24. John Jordan	Federation of Fly Fishers	06/23/2010	08/20/2018
		One of five Indian Tribes		25. VACANT	San Juan Southern Paiute	N/A	N/A
		One of five Indian Tribes					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors					
		One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors					
		One of two environmental Interests					
		One of two environmental Interests					
		One of two recreational Interests					
		One of two recreational interests					

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BOR	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Mgmt. Program (GCDAMP) <i>Alternate Members</i>	One of five Fed. Agencies		1. Kathleen Callister	Bureau of Reclamation	02/16/2016	07/10/2019
		One of five Fed. Agencies		2. Garry Cantley	Bureau of Indian Affairs	12/04/2006	08/06/2017
		One of five Fed. Agencies		3. Jan Balsom	National Park Service	12/04/2006	02/16/2020
		One of five Fed. Agencies		4. Kirk Young	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	01/04/2013	01/05/2021
		One of five Fed. Agencies		5. Brian Sadler	Western Area Power Admin.	07/20/2015	03/25/2017
		Cooperating Agencies		6. Chris Cantrell	Arizona Game & Fish Dept.	07/17/2015	04/15/2018
		One of five Indian Tribes		7. Meghann Olson	Southern Paiute Consortium	07/10/2015	06/08/2019
		One of five Indian Tribes		8. Kerry Christensen	Hualapai Tribe	08/31/2009	08/30/2017
		One of five Indian Tribes		9. Carlton Bowekaty	Pueblo of Zuni	02/16/2016	02/16/2020
		One of five Indian Tribes		10. Michael Yeatts	Hopi Tribe	04/05/2007	08/20/2018
		One of seven basin states		11. Melissa Arviso-Ciocco	Navajo Nation	02/16/2016	02/16/2020
		One of seven basin states		Timothy Begay		02/16/2016	02/16/2020
		One of seven basin states		12. Warren Turkett	State of Nevada	02/16/2016	02/16/2020
		One of seven basin states		13. VACANT	State of Colorado		
		One of seven basin states		14. Don Ostler	State of New Mexico	12/04/2006	10/21/2018
		One of seven basin states		15. Don Ostler	State of Wyoming	12/04/2006	02/03/2019
		One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors		16. Robert King	State of Utah	12/04/2006	02/03/2019
		One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors		17. Vineetha Kartha	State of Arizona	12/13/2013	11/19/2016
		One of two environmental Interests		18. Christopher Harris	State of California	12/04/2006	07/25/2018
		One of two environmental Interests					
		One of two recreational Interests					
		One of two recreational interests					

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				19. Edward Gerak	Colorado River Energy Distributors Assoc.	07/25/2014	08/30/2017
				20. Clifford Barrett	Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems	07/21/2010	08/30/2017
				21. VACANT	Grand Canyon Wildlands		
				22. Kevin Dahl	National Parks Conservation Association	08/20/2014	12/13/2017
				23. Ben Reeder	Grand Canyon River Guides	02/16/2016	02/16/2020
				24. John Hamill	Federation of Fly Fishers	11/10/2015	08/20/2018
				25. VACANT	San Juan Southern Paiute		

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BOR	Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group DFO: Tim McCoy 509-575-5848	Represents Yakima River basin nonproratable irrigators, Yakima River basin proratable irrigators, Yakama Nation, environmental interests, Washington State University Agricultural Extension Service and Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife with expertise in wildlife resources.	3 years	1. Brent Renfrow 2. Dr. R. Troy Peters 3. Scott Revell 4. Richard Dieker 5. Elizabeth Pelly 6. Philip Rigdon	Wash Dept Fisheries & Wildlife WSU Agricultural Extension Proratable Irrigators Nonproratable Irrigators Environmental Groups Yakama Nation	10/30/1995 08/06/2010 08/01/2016 08/01/2016 05/19/2012 08/22/2006	08/01/2019 08/01/2019 08/01/2019 08/01/2019 07/23/2018 07/23/2018

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Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science DFO: Robin O'Malley 703-648-4086	Members of the Committee shall be composed of approximately 25 members from the Federal Government, and the following interests: State and local governments, including state membership entities; Non-governmental organizations; American Indian tribes and other Native American entities; Academia; Landowners, businesses, and organizations representing landowners or businesses.	3 years	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rachael Novak (BIA) 2. Randy Johnson (USFS) 3. Stephen Zylstra (USFWS) 4. Jeffrey Peterson (EPA) 5. Robert Pietrowski (ACOE) 6. Caitlin Simpson (NOAA) 7. Kristin Bail (BLM) 8. Olivia LeDee (MN DNR) 9. Taryn Finnessey 10. David Behar 11. William Reeves 12. Rebecca Quinones Perez 13. Lara Hansen (EcoAdapt) 14. Paul Beier (SCB) 15. Peter Frumhoff (UCS) 16. Lynn Scarlett (TNC) 17. Aimee Delach (DoW) 18. John Robinson 19. Bruce Stein 20. Neil Hannahs (Native Hawaiian) 21. Kyle Whyte 22. Scott Rupp (UAF) 23. Berrien Moore 24. Brian Kernohan (NAFO) 25. Thomas Driscoll (NFU) <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: Discretionary Appointments</p>	Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government State and Local Government State and Local Government State and Local Government State and Local Government State and Local Government Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Tribal Partners Tribal Partners Academia Academia Landowners/Businesses Landowners/Businesses	04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 11/03/2016 04/22/2015 05/02/2013 05/02/2013 05/02/2013 05/02/2013 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 05/02/2013 05/02/2013 04/14/2016 05/02/2013 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 05/02/2013 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2019	04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/22/2018 04/14/2019

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Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	Advisory Committee on Water Information DFO: Wendy Norton 703-648-6810	ACWI's charter allows for a maximum of 35 members. Members represent the interests of water oriented organizations, including Federal, State, and other government agencies, professional and technical societies, the academic community, and the private sector. These members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the following groups: Federal agencies Professional and water related associations Academia Private industry Water utility associations Civil engineering societies Watershed and land conservation associations Ecological societies Lake, coastal, and ocean associations Environmental and educational groups	4 years	1. Elin Betanzo	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	2. Gary Carter	Federal (NOAA/NWS)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	3. David Curtis	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	4. Paul Freedman	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	5. Brent Rhees (acting chair)	Federal (DOI)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	6. Robert Goldstein	Private industry	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	7. Steven Heiskary	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	8. Travis Henry	Federal (TVA)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	9. Richard Hooper	Academia	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	10. Charles Hunsicker	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	11. Martha Juch	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	12. Brandon Kernen	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	13. David Langseth	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	14. Sue Lowry	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	15. Robert Mace	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	16. Douglas McLaughlin	Private industry	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	17. Michel Paque	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	18. James Pletl	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	19. Gregory Prelewicz	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	20. Jesse Richardson, Jr.	Academia	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	21. Michael Shapiro	Federal (EPA)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	22. Mary Skopec	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	23. Alan Vicory, Jr.	Private industry	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	24. William Werkheiser (alt chair)	Federal (USGS)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	25. David Wunsch	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	26. Xiao (Harry) Zhang	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years		Private industry	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
				NOTE: Discretionary Appointments			

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National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program DFO: John Brock 703-648-6053	The Committee is composed of 11 member and advises the Secretary through the USGS Director on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program. Members represent Federal agencies, State geological surveys, academia, and the private sector. NOTE: Discretionary Appointments	5 years	1. Schmitt, James 2. Holm, Melody, Ex Officio 3. Vacant, Ex Officio 4. <i>Stock, Greg, Ex Officio</i> 5. Vacant, Ex Officio 6. Rogers, Mark 7. Johnson, Aaron 8. Thorleifson, Leonard 9. Wunsch, David 10. Gallagher, Kevin 11. Brock, John	Academia Department of Agriculture Department of Energy Department of the Interior EPA Private sector (Geoscience) Private sector (Geoscience) State geological survey State geological survey U.S. Geological Survey U.S. Geological Survey	01/18/2017 N/A N/A N/A N/A 05/27/2016 01/18/2017 01/18/2017 09/19/2012 10/01/2010 10/04/2009	01/18/2022 05/27/2021 01/18/2022 01/18/2022 09/19/2017 10/04/2018 10/04/2018

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National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council DFO: Michael Blaupied 703-648-6696	The Council is established pursuant to Item 2, page 25 of the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program transmitted to the Congress on June 22, 1978, by the President under Sec. 202 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974.	3 years	Dr. Allan Rubin	Princeton University	7/16/2015	4/30/2018
			3 years	Dr. Andrew Michael	U.S. Geological Survey	7/16/2015	4/30/2018
			3 years	Dr. Roland Burgmann (Chair)	Univ. of CA Berkeley	7/16/2015	4/30/2018
		The Council shall comprise not fewer than 8 or more than 12 members.	3 years	Dr. Susan Hough	U.S. Geological Survey	7/28/2016	9/30/2019
			Ex off	Dr. William Leith	U.S. Geological Survey	3/1/2012	<i>ex officio</i> *
		The members may be Federal employees, but this number must comprise less than one-half of the total.	2 years	Dr. Evelyn Roeloffs	U.S. Geological Survey	7/16/2015	6/30/2017
			2 years	Dr. Ramon Arrowsmith	Arizona State University	7/16/2015	6/30/2017
		The Chair shall not be a USGS employee and shall also serve ex officio as a member of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee.	3 years	Dr. Peter Shearer	Univ. of CA San Diego	7/16/2015	9/30/2018
			3 years	Dr. Cliff Frohlich	University of Texas Austin	7/16/2015	9/30/2018
		Members serve as Special Government Employees and are non-representative.	3 years	Dr. Gail Atkinson	University of Western Ontario	8/24/2015	9/30/2018
		Members serve at the discretion of the USGS Director.	3 years	Dr. John Vidale	University of Washington	7/25/2016	9/30/2019
				VACANT			

Notes: * Per the committee charter, Dr. Leith serves as co-chair in his capacity as Coordinator of the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program.

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National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	National Geospatial Advisory Committee DFO: Ivan DeLoatch 703-648-5752	<p>NGAC members are selected to provide a balanced representation of the various organizations involved in geospatial issues, including the private sector, non-profit organizations, academia, and various levels of government. An interagency panel reviews, nominates and recommends committee appointments. The committee includes a balanced representation from governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.</p> <p>The NGAC is composed of up to 30 members.</p> <p>NOTE: Discretionary Appointments</p>	3 years	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stuart Davis 2. George Clarke 3. William Reddell 4. Cyril Smith 5. Jennie Stapp 6. Harvey Thorleifson 7. Xavier Irias 8. Jason Warzinik 9. David Alexander 10. Frank Avila 11. Amber Reynolds 12. Frank Harjo 13. Garet Couch 14. Talbot Brooks 15. Sarah Battersby 16. Pat Cummings 17. Matt Gentile 18. Roberta Lenczowski 19. Rebecca Somers 20. Roger Mitchell 21. Rebecca Moore 22. Kevin Pomfret 23. Carl Reed 24. Laxmi Ramasubramanian 25. Julie Sweetkind-Singer 26. May Yuan 27. Keith Masback 28. Doug Richardson 	<p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>Regional Government</p> <p>County Government</p> <p>Federal Government</p> <p>Federal Government</p> <p>City Government</p> <p>Tribal Government</p> <p>Tribal Government</p> <p>Emergency Services</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Academia</p> <p>Academia</p> <p>Academia</p> <p>Non-Profit</p> <p>Non-Profit</p>	<p>01/03/2017</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/3/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p>	<p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p>

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Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee DFO: Stanley Leith 703-648-6786	P.L. 106-503 directed the USGS to establish this committee for the purpose of providing advice on USGS's participation in matters related to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.	3 years	Archuleta, Ralph (Chair)	University of California Santa Barbara	03/23/2015	03/31/2018
			3 years	Burgmann, Roland <i>ex officio</i> *	University of California Berkeley	08/10/2016	04/30/2018
			3 years	Maffei, Janiele	California Earthquake Authority	03/23/2015	03/31/2018
			2 years	Anderson, John	University of Nevada, Reno	03/23/2015	05/31/2017
		The Director of the USGS may select up to 10 individuals, one of whom shall be designated Chairman, to serve on the SESAC.	3 years	Melbourne, Timothy	Central Washington University	12/16/2015	12/31/2018
			3 years	Long, Maureen	Yale University	10/21/2016	10/31/2019
			3 years	Beroza, Gregory	Stanford University	12/20/2016	12/31/2019
			3 years	Furr, Julie	CSA Engineering	12/20/2016	12/31/2019
		Members serve at the discretion of the USGS Director.	3 years	Pekelnicky, Robert	Degenkolb Engineers	12/20/2016	12/31/2019
			3 years	Ekstrom, Goran	Columbia University	01/20/2017	01/20/2020

Notes: * Per the committee charter, Dr. Burgmann serves as an *ex officio* member in his capacity as Chair of the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Indian Affairs Advisory Board for Exceptional Children

(15 Members) - The board is composed of individuals involved in, or concerned with the education and provisions of services to Indian children with disabilities.

The board composition reflects a broad range of viewpoints and includes at least one member representing each of the following interests:

Indian persons with disabilities; teachers of children with disabilities; Indian parents or guardians of children with disabilities; service providers; State Education Officials; Local education officials; State inter-agency coordinating councils (for states having Indian reservations); tribal representatives or tribal organization representatives and BIA employees concerned with the education of children with disabilities.

3 Terms expired on July 9, 2017

4 Terms expire on September 10, 2017

1 Vacancy

Juan Portley	Service Providers and State Interagency Coordinating Councils of children with disabilities	12/21/2010	7/9/2017
Susan Faircloth	Parents of children with disabilities	5/31/2016	5/31/2019
Delores Childs-Fullen	Parents of children with disabilities	9/10/2015	9/10/2018
Norman Shawanokasic	Parents of children with disabilities	5/31/2016	5/31/2019
Jonathan Stout	Indian persons with disabilities & Teacher of children with disabilities	3/16/2012	9/10/2018
Rosemarie Dugi	Indian parent of child with disabilities	11/4/2011	7/9/2017
Luvette Russell	Teacher of children with disabilities	11/4/2011	7/9/2017
Ronald Worst	Parents of Children with disabilities	12/2/2016	12/2/2019
Adrienne Benally	Indian persons with disabilities & Indian parents/guardians of children with disabilities	12/2/2016	12/2/2019
Harvey Rude	Parents of children with disabilities	7/9/2014	12/2/2019
Carlita Lewis	Tribal representative	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
Paula Seanez	Tribal representative	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
Craig Eaneau	Teachers of children with disabilities	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
Christopher Bordeaux	Local Education Official	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
VACANCY			

Bureau of Land Management

CATEGORY 1 - PERSONS WHO:

- (1) hold Federal grazing permits or leases within the area for which the Council is organized;
- (2) represent interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way;

- (3) represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities;
- (4) represent the commercial timber industry; or
- (5) represent energy and mineral development.

CATEGORY 2 - PERSONS REPRESENTING:

- (1) nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations;
- (2) dispersed recreational activities;
- (3) archaeological and historical interests; or
- (4) nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups.

CATEGORY 3 - PERSONS WHO:

- (1) hold State, county, or local elected office;
- (2) are employed by a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water;
- (3) represent Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the Council is organized;
- (4) are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or
- (5) represent the affected public-at-large.

Alaska Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the issues relating to land use planning or the management of the public land resources located within the State of Alaska.

1 Term expired on April 10, 2017

One in Category 3

Albuquerque District Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) – The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM’s Albuquerque District.

3 Terms expire on September 29, 2017

One in Category 1

Two in Category 3

1 Term expires on September 27, 2017

One in Category 2

1 Vacancy

One in Category 2

Arizona Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the State of Arizona.

5 Terms expire on September 22, 2017

One in Category 1

Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Boise District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Boise District.

No Vacancies until March 17, 2018

One in Category 1

Three in Category 2

Two in Category 3

California Desert District Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's California Desert District and implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan for the management, use, development, and protection of the public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area.

Committee members appointed by the Secretary will be representative of the following groups:

- environmental protection groups or organizations;
- recreation groups or organizations;
- renewable resources groups or organizations;
- non-renewable resources groups or organizations;
- transportation/rights-of-way (or occupancy issues) groups or organizations;
- wildlife groups or organizations;
- the renewable energy industry;
- the public-at-large; and

elected officials of general purpose government serving the people of the District

4 Terms expired on May 3, 2017

One elected official

Two – Public-at-Large

One – Renewable Resources

Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee (10 Members) - The Committee will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the implementation of the comprehensive plan for the Carrizo Plain long-range management plan.

Committee members appointed by the Secretary will be representative of the following interest groups:

GROUP 1 – PERSONS REPRESENTING:

- (1) the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors;
- (2) the Kern County Board of Supervisors;
- (3) the Carrizo Native American Advisory Council;
- (4) the Central California Resource Advisory Council; and
- (5) individuals or companies authorized to graze livestock within the Monument.

GROUP 2 – FIVE MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT:

- (1) the purposes for which the Monument was established; and
- (2) the interests of other stakeholders, including community members, who are affected by or interested in the planning and management of the Monument.

5 Vacancies

One – Livestock (Group 1)

One – Carrizo Native American Advisory Council (Group 1)

Three – Group 2

Central California Resource Advisory Council (12 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the geographic area of the Central California District.

4 Vacancies

Three in Category 1

One in Category 3 – Elected Official

Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Central Montana and HiLine District Office boundaries.

1 Vacancy – Category 1

5 Terms expire on January 30, 2018

Two in Category 1

One in Category 2
Two in Category 3

Coastal Oregon Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Coos Bay, Salem, and Eugene Districts.

5 Terms expire on July 31, 2017

One in Category 1
Two in Category 2
Two in Category 3

Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Coeur d'Alene District.

1 Vacancy – Category 2

Dakotas Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's North Dakota and South Dakota Field Office boundaries.

6 Terms expire on October 20, 2017

Two in Category 1
Two in Category 2
Two in Category 3

1 Vacancy – Category 2

Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council

(10 Members) - The Council shall advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with respect to the preparation and implementation of the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan (RMP).

No Vacancies until July 10, 2018

Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Miles City and Billings Field Office boundaries.

5 Terms expired on April 3, 2017

One in Category 1
Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

5 Terms expire on October 1, 2017

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

Three in Category 3

1 Vacancy – Category 1

Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) –

Members of the Council will serve in a solely advisory capacity to BLM and Forest Service officials concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or part within the BLM’s Spokane District Office boundaries and the Colville and Okanogan National Forests.

1 Term expired on April 16, 2017

One in Category 2

Farmington District Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) - The

Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM’s Farmington District.

1 Vacancy – Category 2

3 Terms expire on January 30, 2018

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

One in Category 3

Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council

will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM’s Rocky Mountain District.

5 Vacancies

One in Category 1

Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (15 Members) - The Committee will advise the Secretary of the Interior on science and other

management issues and the achievement of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan objectives.

Eight members will be appointed as follows, one from each of the categories listed below:

- (1) an elected official from Garfield County, to represent the interests of county residents;

- (2) an elected official from Kane County, to represent the interests of county residents;
- (3) a representative of state government;
- (4) a representative of tribal government with ancestral interest in the Monument;
- (5) an educator, to represent the educational community;
- (6) a representative of the environmental community;
- (7) an outfitter and guide operating within the Monument, to represent commercial recreational users; and
- (8) a livestock grazing permittee operating within the Monument to represent grazing permittees.

Seven members will be appointed as special Government employees, one for each of the following areas of expertise:

- (1) archaeology;
- (2) paleontology;
- (3) geology;
- (4) botany;
- (5) wildlife biology;
- (6) social science; and
- (7) systems ecology.

4 Terms expired on June 12, 2017

One - Outfitter and Guide
One – Environmental Community
One – Wildlife Biologist Expert
One - Educator

2 Vacancies

Botany Expert
Social Science Expert

Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Idaho Falls District.

No Vacancies until March 16, 2018

One in Category 1
Two in Category 2
Two in Category 3

John Day Snake Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or part within the BLM's Prineville and Vale District Office boundaries and the Deschutes, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, Malheur, and Ochoco National Forests.

1 Term expires on October 24, 2017

One in Category 2

6 Terms expire on November 12, 2017

Two in Category 1

Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

2 Vacancies – Category 2

Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Las Cruces District.

1 Term expires on January 29, 2018

One in Category Two

4 Terms expire on March 9, 2018

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

One in Category 3

One Elected Official

Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within southern Nevada.

6 Terms expires on May 6, 2017

One in Category 1

Three in Category 2

Two in Category 3

1 Vacancy – Elected Official

North Slope Science Technical Panel (15 Members) - The Panel will advise the North Slope Science Oversight Group through the Designated Federal Officer on proposed inventory, monitoring, and research functions.

The Panel shall consist of a representative group of not more than 15 scientists and technical experts from diverse professions and interests, including:

- the oil and gas industry;
- subsistence users;
- Native Alaskan entities;
- conservation organizations;
- wildlife management organizations; and
- academia

6 Terms expires on April 16, 2017

Northern California District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within northern California.

5 Terms expire on June 1, 2017

- Two in Category 1
- One in Category 2
- Two in Category 3

Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Elko, Ely, and Battle Mountain District Office boundaries.

4 Terms expired on May 6, 2017

- One in Category 1
- One in Category 2
- Two in Category 3

2 Vacancies

- One in Category 2
- One in Category 3

Northwest Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Northwest District.

4 Terms expire on November 5, 2017

- One in Category 1
- One in Category 2
- One in Category 3

1 Vacancy – Category 3

Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Salem and Eugene Districts.

5 Terms expire on August 3, 2017

Two in Category 1

One in Category 2

Two in Category 2

Pecos District Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Pecos District.

4 Terms expire on September 11, 2017

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

Two in Category 3

San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee (12 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Pecos District.

4 Terms expire on July 24, 2017

Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (15 Members)

- The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Carson City and Winnemucca District Office boundaries.

3 Terms expires on May 23, 2017

One in Category 1

Two in Category 2

1 Vacancy in Category 3

Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - Members of the Council will serve in a solely advisory capacity to BLM and FS officials concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or part within the BLM's Vale, Burns, and Lakeview Districts Office boundaries and the Fremont and Malheur National Forests.

No vacancies until April 2, 2018

Three in Category 1

Three in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Southwest Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Southwest District.

4 Terms expire on October 6, 2017

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located in whole or in part within the BLM's Medford and Roseburg Districts and Klamath Falls Resource Area.

5 Terms expire on July 31, 2017

One in Category One

Three in Category Two

One in Category Three

Steens Mountain Advisory Council (13 Members) - The Council shall advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) in managing the Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) and in promoting cooperative management under the Steens Act.

The Advisory Council shall consist of 12 voting members to be appointed by the Secretary, as follows:

- A private landowner in the CMPA, appointed from nominees submitted by the county court for Harney County, Oregon;
- Two persons who are grazing permittees on Federal lands in the CMPA, appointed from nominees submitted by the county court for Harney County, Oregon;
- A person interested in fish and recreational fishing in the CMPA, appointed from nominees submitted by the Governor of Oregon;
- A member of the Burns Paiute Tribe, appointed from nominees submitted by the Burns Paiute Tribe;
- Two persons who are recognized environmental representatives, one of whom shall represent the State as a whole, and one of whom is from the local area, appointed from nominees submitted by the Governor of Oregon;
- A person who participates in what is commonly called dispersed recreation, such as hiking, camping, nature viewing, nature photography, bird watching, horseback riding, or trail walking, appointed from nominees submitted by the Oregon State Director of the BLM;
- A person who is a recreational permit holder or is a representative of a commercial

recreation operation in the CMPA, appointed from nominees submitted jointly by the Oregon State Director of BLM and the county court for Harney County, Oregon;

- A person who participates in what is commonly called mechanized or consumptive recreation, such as hunting, fishing, off-road driving, hang gliding, or parasailing, appointed from nominees submitted by the Oregon State Director of the BLM;
- A person with expertise and interest in wild horse management on Steens Mountain, appointed from nominees submitted by the Oregon State Director of the BLM; and
- A person who has no financial interest in the CMPA to represent statewide interests, appointed from nominees submitted by the Governor of Oregon.

4 Terms expired on April 14, 2017 – Highlighted in Yellow.

Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's Twin Falls District.

1 Vacancy in Category 2

Utah Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the state of Utah.

4 Terms expired on May 30, 2017

Two in Category 1

One in Category 2

One in Category 3

1 Vacancy in Category 2

1 Vacancy in Category 3

Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (15 Members) - The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Western Montana District Office boundaries.

5 Terms expired on April 3, 2017

One in Category 1

Two in Category 2

Two in Category 3

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board (9 Members) - The Board will assist and advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of BLM, and the Secretary of Agriculture, through the Chief of the Forest Service (FS), on wild horse and burro policy formulation and oversight of the Wild

Horse and Burro (WH&B) Program administered under the provisions of the Act.

Members will be appointed as representatives or special Government employees from the following organizations or categories:

- a. Wild horse and burro advocacy groups;
- b. Wild horse and burro research institutions (especially genetics, population biology, and equine behavior);
- c. Veterinary medicine (equine science);
- d. Natural resources management organizations (especially rangeland science);
- e. Humane advocacy groups;
- f. Wildlife management organizations;
- g. Livestock management organizations;
- h. General public (with special knowledge about equine behavior); or
- i. General public (with special knowledge about protection of wild horses and burros, management of wildlife, animal husbandry, or natural resource management).

3 Terms expired on April 3, 2017 – Highlighted in Yellow

Wyoming Resource Advisory Council (10 Members) – The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the State of Wyoming.

3 Terms expired on August 8, 2017

One in Category 1

One in Category 2

One in Category 3

Bureau of Reclamation

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council (21 Members-

The Council shall be advisory only and shall: (a) Act as liaison between both the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture and the Administrator of the EPA and the States in accomplishing the purposes of Title II; (b) Receive reports from the Secretary of the Interior on the progress of the salinity control program and review and comment on said reports; (c) Recommend to the Secretary of the Interior and the Administrator of the EPA appropriate studies of further projects, techniques, or methods for accomplishing the purposes of Title II; and (d) Provide to the Secretary of the Interior advice and consultation regarding implementation of the Basin States Program to carry out salinity control activities.

Members serve at the discretion of the Governors of the Basin States (*Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming*)

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Working Group (25

Members) - The purpose of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) is to establish and implement long-term monitoring programs and activities that will ensure that Glen Canyon Dam is operated in a manner consistent with that of section 1802 of the Grand Canyon Protection Act.

1 Vacancy – San Juan Southern Paiute

1 Vacancy – State of Arizona

One Term expired on March 25, 2017 – Western Area Power Administration

One Term expires on August 8, 2017 – Bureau of Indian Affairs

Two Terms expire on August 30, 2017 –

Colorado River Energy Distributors Association

Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems

One Term expires on December 13, 2017 – National Parks Conservation Association

One Term expires on December 19, 2017 – State of Colorado

Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group (6 Members) - The CAG provides recommendations to the Secretary and the State of Washington (State) on the structure and implementation of the Yakima River Basin Water Conservation Program.

No vacancies until July 23, 2018

1 Vacancy – Environmental Groups

1 Vacancy – Yakama Nation

Office of the Secretary

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee (10 Members) - The Committee functions are advisory only, and its officers shall have no administrative authority by virtue of their membership. The Committee shall advise the Trustees through the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council with respect to the following matters:

All decisions relating to injury assessment, restoration activities, or other use of natural resource damage recoveries obtained by the Governments, including all decisions regarding:

- a. Planning, evaluation, and allocation of available funds;
- b. Planning, evaluation, and conduct of injury assessments and restoration activities;
- c. Planning, evaluation, and conduct of long-term monitoring and research activities; and
- d. Coordination of a, b, and c.

All terms expire on December 2, 2018

1. Springer, Emilie	Commercial Fishing	12/02/2016	12/02/2018
2. Bauer, Amanda	Commercial Tourism	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
3. Skladal, George	Public-at-Large	12/02/2016	12/02/2018
4. Eilo, Kurt	Sport Hunting/Fishing	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
5. Fandrei, Gary	Aquaculture/Mariculture	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
6. Faulkner, Patience	Subsistence	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
7. French, John	Regional Monitoring	10/1/2008	12/02/2018
8. McLaughlin, Kate	Conservation/Environmental	11/30/2012	12/02/2018
9. David Totemoff, Sr.	Tribal Government	10/1/2009	12/02/2018
10. Studebaker, Stacy	Recreation Users	10/1/2008	12/02/2018

Each member will serve a 2-year term and members are eligible for re-nomination and reappointment. One member will be appointed representing each of the interests identified below:

- a. aquaculturist/mariculturist (e.g., fish hatcheries and oyster/shellfish farming);
- b. commercial fisher (e.g., commercial fishing for salmon, halibut, herring, shellfish, and bottom fish; including boat captains and crews, cannery owners/operators, and fish buyers);
- c. commercial tourism business person (e.g., promoting or providing commercial travel or recreational opportunities, including charter boating, guiding services, visitor associations, boat/kayak rental);
- d. recreation user (e.g., recreation activities that occur within the area, including kayaking, power boating, sailing, sightseeing);
- e. conservationist/environmentalist (e.g., organizations interested in the wise use and protection of natural resources);
- f. Native landowner (e.g., regional or village corporations in the affected area established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act);
- g. sport hunter/fisher (e.g., hunting and/or fishing for pleasure);
- h. subsistence user (e.g., customary and traditional use of wild renewable resources for direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools, or transportation; for the making and selling of handicraft articles; and for customary trade);

- i. scientist/technologist (e.g., organizations, institutions, and individuals involved in, or with expertise in, scientific and research aspects of the affected area/resources and/or the effects of the oil spill and/or the technical application of scientific information); and
- J. public-at-large (e.g., representing the affected area of the oil spill and its people, resources, and/or economics).

Invasive Species Advisory Committee (32 Members) - The ISAC will consist of no more than 32 voting members. Members will be knowledgeable in and represent one or more among, but not limited to, the following groups and organizations:

Biologists; Ranchers; Foresters; Non-Governmental Environmental Representatives; Farmers; Lawyers specializing in Invasive Species Policy; Economists; Risk Assessment Analysts; Public Health Specialists; Persons Involved in Global Commerce; Industry Representatives; Educators; State/Tribal Government Representatives; Information/Database Managers; Academics/Researchers; Invasive Species Management Specialists

12 appointments expire on October 7, 2017

John Thompson	Industry	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Bonnie Harper-Lore	Biologists	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Robert Van Steenwyk	Entomologists	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Nathan Stone	Academia	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Charles Barger	Information/Database Mgrs.	01/07/2013	05/12/2019
Otto Doering	Economists	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Susan Ellis	State Government	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Robert Wiltshire	Recreational Fishing	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Marshall Meyers	Industry	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Damon Waitt	Academia	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Edward Mills	Academia	09/16/2008	10/07/2017
Patrick Burch	Industry	09/16/2011	10/07/2017
Laura Meyerson	Academia	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Edward Clark	Non-governmental Organizations	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Blaine Parker	Tribal Government	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Carol Okada	State Government	01/07/2013	05/12/2019

William Hyatt	State Government	01/07/2013	05/12/2019
Slade Franklin	State Government	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Sean Southey	Industry	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Brent Stewart	State Government	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Janis McFarland	Non-governmental Organizations	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Gary Tabor	Industry	01/07/2013	05/12/2019
Jeffrey White	State Government	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
Scott Cameron	Non-governmental Organizations	05/12/2016	05/12/2019
David Starling	Public Health Specialists	09/16/2008	10/07/2017

U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee (27

Members) - The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global initiative that seeks to promote transparency and accountability of natural resources revenues by reconciling industry payments and government revenues and publicly disclosing that information in accessible and comprehensible EITI reports. The EITI standard requires implementing countries to ensure an effective, functional and inclusive Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) comprised of representatives from government, industry, and civil society to oversee the implementation of USEITI. The standard also requires the MSG to develop and maintain a fully-costed work plan aligned with the reporting and validation deadlines established by the EITI Board. The Committee will fulfill the EITI Standard requirements by serving as the MSG, including providing collaborative and consensus-based oversight of USEITI implementation, and by acting as a forum for consultation among the stakeholders. The Committee's advice to the Secretary will be made available to all other interested parties and the public.

No vacancies until December 22, 2018

8 vacancies – Civil Society

6 vacancies – Industry

6 vacancies – Government

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (8 Members) - The Council advises and makes recommendations to the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking established by E.O. 13648.

The Advisory Council shall have eight members, one of whom shall be designated by the Secretary as the Chair.

Members shall not be employees of the Federal Government and shall include knowledgeable individuals from the private sector, former governmental officials, representatives of nongovernmental organizations, and others who are in a position to provide expertise and support to the Task Force.

1 vacancy – Former governmental official

1 vacancy – Non-governmental organizations

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (30 Members) - The Task Force shall develop and implement a program for waters of the United States to prevent introduction and dispersal of aquatic nuisance species: to monitor, control, and study such species; and to disseminate related information.

*Secretary does **not** appoint members.*

Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Four terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

One Commercial/Sport Users

Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) -

The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Three terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

One Vacancy – Subsistence Users

Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Three terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Two terms expire on December 2, 2017

Two Subsistence Users

One Vacancy – Subsistence Users

One Vacancy – Commercial/Sports Users

Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Three terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) - The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Three terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users

Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10

Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Four terms expire on December 2, 2017

Four Subsistence Users

Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10

Members) – The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Four terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users
One Commercial/Sports Users

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (18 Members) -

All terms expire on August 29, 2018

Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group (20 Members) -

Members are selected from, but not limited to, the following interest groups:

(1) Trinity County residents; (2) Recreational and commercial fishermen; (3) Recreational and commercial boaters; (4) Power/utility companies; (5) Agricultural water users; (6) Private and commercial timber producers; (7) Ranchers and people with grazing rights/permits; (8) Tribes; (9) Environmental organizations; (10) Federal, state, or local agencies/organizations with responsibilities in the Trinity River basin.

13 Terms expire on March 17, 2018

2 Terms expire on May 17, 2018

Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (10 Members) -

The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 10 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Four terms expire on December 2, 2017

Three Subsistence Users
One Commercial/Sports Users

Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council (18 Members) -

Members must be senior-level representatives selected from: State fish and wildlife agencies; wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations; game bird hunting organizations; waterfowl hunting organizations, big game hunting organizations, sportsmen and women; archery, hunting or shooting sports industry; outreach and education; tourism, outfitter or guides, tribal resource management organizations.

One term expires on December 12, 2017

Seventeen terms expire on August 26, 2018

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (13 Members) -

The objective of the Council is to provide a forum for the residents of the Region with personal knowledge of local conditions and resource requirements to have a meaningful role in the subsistence management of fish and wildlife on Federal lands and waters in the Region.

Maximum of 13 members, who must be residents of the region represented by the Council and have knowledge of the region's fish and wildlife resources; subsistence uses, customs, and traditions; and sport, commercial, and other uses. Also must have demonstrated leadership ability and communication skills.

Five terms expire on December 2, 2017

One Commercial/Sports Users
Four Subsistence Users

U.S. Geological Survey

Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (25 Members)

– The Committee advises the Secretary on the establishment and operations of the U.S. Geological Survey National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and the DOI Climate Science Centers.

Members of the Committee shall be composed of approximately 25 members from the Federal Government, and the following interests: State and local governments, including state membership entities; Non-governmental organizations; American Indian tribes and other Native American entities; Academia; Landowners, businesses, and organizations representing landowners or businesses.

One term expires on April 22, 2018

Twenty-four terms expire on April 22, 2019

Advisory Committee on Water Information (35 Members)

- The ACWI advises the Federal Government, through the Department of the Interior (Department), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), on coordination of Federal water information programs. The purpose of the ACWI is to represent the interests of water information users and professionals in advising the Federal Government on activities and plans related to Federal water information programs and the effectiveness of those programs in meeting the Nation's water information needs. The ACWI members foster better communication between the Federal and non-Federal sectors on water information acquisition, information sharing, and related technology transfer.

ACWI's charter allows for a maximum of 35 members. Members represent the interests of water oriented organizations, including Federal, State, and other government agencies, professional and technical societies, the academic community, and the private sector. These members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the following groups: Federal agencies; Professional and water related associations; Academia; Private industry; Water utility associations; Civil engineering societies; Watershed and land conservation associations; Ecological societies; Lake, coastal, and ocean associations; Environmental and educational groups.

All appointments expire on April 17, 2018

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program Advisory Committee (11 Members)

- The Committee will advise the Secretary through the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (Director) on planning and implementation of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) and the National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program (NGGDPP).

Members represent Federal agencies, State geological surveys, academia, and the private sector.

One term expires on September 19, 2017

State Geological Survey

National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (12 Members) – The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey on

earthquake predictions and related scientific research, in support of the Director's delegated responsibility to issue timely warnings of potential geologic disasters.

Two terms expired on June 30, 2017

Federal Member

Academia

National Geospatial Advisory Committee (30 Members) – The Committee will provide advice and recommendations related to management of Federal and national geospatial programs, development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and implementation of OMB Circular A-16 Revised and Executive Order 12906. The Committee will review and comment upon geospatial policy and management issues and will provide a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal stakeholders in the geospatial community.

NGAC members are selected to provide a balanced representation of the various organizations involved in geospatial issues, including the private sector, non-profit organizations, academia, and various levels of government.

No vacancies until December 31, 2018

Fourteen terms expire on December 31, 2018

Fourteen terms expire on December 31, 2019

Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (10 Members) - The Committee advises the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, including its roles, goals, and objectives within that program, its capabilities and research needs, guidance on achieving major objectives, and establishing and measuring performance goals. The Committee shall issue an annual report to the Director of the USGS for submission to Congress on or before September 30 of each year. The report shall describe Committee activities and address policy issues or matters that affect the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

One term expired May 31, 2017

Academia

Two terms expire on March 31, 2018

One term expires on April 30, 2018

National Park Service – Members can continue to serve beyond the expiration of their term in connection with any national park system unit pursuant to Public Law 102-525 (October 26, 1992)

Acadia National Park Advisory Commission (16 Members) - The Secretary has three discretionary appointments on the Commission.

Matthew R. Horton	State of Maine	2/28/2012	2/19/2019
Howie Montenko	State of Maine	2/19/2016	2/19/2019
Stephen C. Shea	State of Maine	2/28/2012	2/19/2019
Jacqueline Johnston	Town of Gouldsboro	1/18/2002	2/19/2019
Paul Richardson	Town of Mount Desert	4/2/1990	2/19/2019
Ben C. Worcester III	Town of Southwest Harbor	4/2/1988	2/19/2019
Dexter Lee	Town of Swan Island	4/2/1987	2/19/2019
R. F. Ehrlenbach	Town of Trenton	6/26/2004	2/19/2019
Katherine Heidinger	Town of Winter Harbor	6/26/2004	2/19/2019
Kenneth Smith	Town of Bar Harbor	2/19/2016	2/19/2019
Carolyn K. Gothard	Town of Tremont	9/28/2011	2/19/2019
Richard F. Beal	Town of Cranberry Isles	9/28/2011	9/28/2014
VACANT	Town of Frenchboro		
Benjamin Emory	Secretary of the Interior	2/19/2016	2/19/2019
Kenneth Cline	Secretary of the Interior	3/31/2016	3/31/2019
G. Bruce Wiersma	Secretary of the Interior	3/17/2005	2/19/2019

Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area Advisory Council - (18 Members)

The Advisory Council shall consist of not fewer than 18 individuals, to be appointed by the Secretary, acting through the Director of the National Park Service. The Secretary shall appoint no fewer than three individuals to represent each of the following categories of entities: municipalities; educational and cultural institutions; environmental organizations; business and commercial entities, including those related to transportation, tourism and the maritime industry; and Boston Harbor-related advocacy organizations; and organizations representing Native American interests.

Walter Hope	Boston Harbor Advocacy	1/27/2012	1/27/2015
James Martel	Boston Harbor Advocacy	8/13/2012	8/13/2015
Susan M.H. Woods	Boston Harbor Advocacy	11/5/2015	11/5/2018
Maureen Cavanaugh	Business & Commercial	11/29/2010	11/29/2013
Lou Gainor	Business & Commercial	8/13/2012	8/13/2015
Neal Caten	Business & Commercial	10/21/2014	10/21/2017
Jane P. Ellis	Business & Commercial	11/5/2015	11/5/2018
Gregory I. Abel	Community Groups	1/6/2017	1/27/2020
Edward P. McCabe	Community Groups	1/17/2017	1/17/2020
Heather Deschenes	Education & Cultural	10/21/2014	10/21/2017
Peter Rosen	Education & Cultural	1/19/2011	1/19/2013
Carl Johnson	Education & Cultural	8/13/2012	8/13/2015
Jennifer Bender	Environmental	11/29/2010	11/29/2013
Lauri Webster	Environmental	1/27/2012	1/27/2015
Dave Linder	Environmental	9/7/2010	9/7/2013
Rob Moir	Environmental	9/7/2010	10/21/2017
Kelly A. Hurstak	Municipalities	2/4/2014	2/4/2017
Christopher R. Daly	Municipalities	1/6/2017	1/6/2020
John Peters	Native American	1/19/2011	1/19/2014
Elizabeth Solomon	Native American	1/27/2012	1/27/2015

Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission (10 Members) -

The Commission shall be composed of 10 members: Six members appointed from recommendations made by each of the boards of selectmen of the towns of Chatham, Eastham, Orleans, Provincetown, Truro, and Wellfleet, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; one member from the recommendations made from each such board; One member appointed from recommendations of the county commissioners of Barnstable County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Two members appointed from recommendations of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and **One member appointed at the discretion of the Secretary.**

Mary Jo Avellar	Provincetown	1/8/2007	5/8/2014
VACANT	Provincetown (Alternate)		
Joseph F. Craig	Town Chatham	2/11/2014	2/11/2016
Donald T. Nuendel	Eastham	1/8/2007	9/10/2017
Nathaniel Goddard	Eastham (Alternate)	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
Lawrence O. Spaulding, Jr.	Orleans	3/23/1999	6/27/2016
Robert Summersgill	Orleans (Alternate)	11/5/2015	11/5/2017
Lilli-Ann Green	Wellfleet	7/6/2016	7/6/2018
Kathleen Bacon	Wellfleet (Alternate)	7/6/2016	7/6/2018
VACANT	Barnstable Co. (Alternate)		
Sheila R. Lyons	Barnstable Co.	5/8/2012	5/8/2014
Maureen Burgess	Truro	8/9/2012	9/10/2017
Jay Coburn	Truro (Alternate)	9/10/2015	9/10/2017
VACANT	Commonwealth of MA		
VACANT	Commonwealth of MA (Alternate)		
VACANT	Commonwealth of MA		
Richard Delaney	Secretary of the Interior	2/12/1990	9/10/2017

Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council (35 Members) -

The Council shall not exceed 35 members and will be appointed by the Secretary as follows: The head of each Federal department or independent agency administering lands through which the trail route passes, or a designee; A member to represent each State through which the trail passes, and such appointments will be made from recommendations of the Governors of such States; and One or more members to represent private organizations, including corporate and individual landowners and land users, which, in the opinion of the Secretary, have an established and recognized interest in the trail. Such appointments will be made from recommendations of the heads of such organizations.

Wayne Adkins	Chickahominy Tribe of VA	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
J. Daryl Anthony	State of Maryland	3/22/2016	3/22/2019
Shelly Baird	Nanticoke Watershed Alliance	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Hedrick H. Belin	Potomac Conservancy	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Wade Blackwood	American Canoe	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Virginia Busby	State of Maryland	3/8/2011	3/22/2019
Kurt W. Carr	State Museum of PA	3/22/2016	3/22/2019
Patricia Carothers	Susquehanna Greenway	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Dennis Coker	Lenape Indian Tribe DE	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Cindy Dunn	Commonwealth of PA	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Joel Dunn	Chesapeake Conservancy	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Elizabeth Hughes	State of MD	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Andrew Hofmann	Eastern VA Rivers National Wildlife Refuge Complex	3/22/2016	3/22/2019
Katherine Faull	State of Pennsylvania	3/22/2016	3/22/2019

Mary Ann Lisanti	Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc.	3/8/2011	9/23/2019
Susan Moerschel	State of DE	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Dan D. McMullen, Jr.	Sultana Projects, Inc.	3/8/2011	3/22/2019
William J. Pencek, Jr.	Maryland War of 1812	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Mark Platts	Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
John J. Reynolds	Student Conservation Assoc.	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Mervin Savoy	Piscataway Conoy Tribe of MD	7/9/2013	3/22/2019
Charles A. Stek	Chesapeake Conservancy	3/8/2011	3/22/2019
William H. Street	James River Association	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Ann Swanson	Chesapeake Bay Commission	5/21/2008	3/22/2019
Clyde E. Cristman	Commonwealth of VA	9/23/2015	9/23/2017
Julie L.V. Langan	Commonwealth of VA	9/23/2015	9/23/2017
Rita D. McClenny	VA Tourism	9/23/2015	9/23/2017
Patrick Noonan	Conservation Fund	9/23/2015	9/23/2017

Cedar Creek & Belle Grove National Historical Park Federal Advisory Committee (15 Members) -

The Commission shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary so as to include the following: 1 representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia; 1 representative each from the local governments of Strasburg, Middletown, Frederick County, Shenandoah County, and Warren County; 2 representatives of private landowners within the Park; **1 representative from a citizen interest group**; 1 representative from the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation; 1 representative from Belle Grove, Incorporated; 1 representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; 1 representative from the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation; 1 ex-officio representative from the National Park Service; 1 ex-officio representative from the United States Forest Service.

Stanley Hirschberg	Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
John Adamson	Belle Grove Plantation, Inc.	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Nicholas Picerno	Shenandoah Valley	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Robert Nieweg	National Trust for Historic Preservation	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Karen Beck-Herzog	NPS (Ex-Officio)	4/14/2016	4/14/2019
Kathleen Donahue	USFS (Ex-Officio)	3/1/2013	3/1/2016
Paul B. Coussan	Citizen Interest Group	11/9/2015	11/9/2018
James Campi	Citizen Interest Group (Alternate)	11/9/2015	11/9/2018
Richard A. Redmon	Town of Strasburg	6/5/2012	10/5/2016
Carl Bernhards	Town of Middletown	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Jered D. Hoover	Shenandoah Co.	10/5/2016	10/5/2019
Teresa S. Funkhouser (Alternate)	Shenandoah Co.	10/5/2016	10/5/2019
Eric Lawrence	Frederick Co.	9/14/2010	7/9/2017
Elizabeth R. Meyer	Warren Co.	7/9/2014	7/9/2017
Jeanne Frink	Commonwealth of VA	3/11/2011	3/8/2014
David L. Blount	Private landowner within park	7/9/2014	7/9/2017
VACANT	Private landowner within park		

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission (19 Members) -

The Commission is composed of 19 members appointed by the Secretary, as follows:
a) Eight members from recommendations submitted by the Boards of Commissioners of Frederick,

Washington, and Allegany Counties, Maryland, and the County Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, of which two members will be appointed from recommendations submitted by each such board or council; b) Eight members from recommendations submitted by the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Governor of the State of West Virginia, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia, of which two members will be from recommendations submitted by each such Governor or Mayor; and; c) **Three members at the discretion of the Secretary, one of whom will be designated Chairman, and two of whom will be members of regularly constituted conservation organizations.**

Joseph A. Adkins	Frederick Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Roger A. Berliner	Montgomery Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Paul N. Chod	Montgomery Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
David G. Brickley	Commonwealth of VA	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Thomas L. Birch	District of Columbia	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Mark T. Cucuzella	West Virginia	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Ray E. Dinterman	Member of a regularly constituted conservation organization	7/28/2016	7/28/2021
George F. Franks, III	Washington Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
VACANT	Washington Co., MD		
Angela O. Hummer	State of MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Stella M. Koch	Commonwealth of VA	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
George E. Lewis	Catoctin Station Farm	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Roderick C. Mackler	State of Maryland	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Stephen D. Nelson	Allegany Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Clifford W. Smith	West Virginia	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Walter S. Stull, III	Frederick Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Scott A. Walzak	District of Columbia	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Evelyn C. Williams	Member representing the interests of the C&O Canal Association	7/26/2016	7/26/2021
Francis O. Zumbrun	Allegany Co., MD	7/26/2016	7/26/2021

Cold War Advisory Committee (9 Members) - The Committee is composed of nine individuals appointed by the Secretary, as follows: 3 shall have expertise in Cold War history; 2 shall have expertise in historic preservation; 1 shall have expertise in the history of the United States; and 3 shall represent the general public.

1 Vacancy – Cold War History Expert

Mark P. Bradley	History of the United States	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Richard Fried	Cold War History Expert	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Paul Green	General Public	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Ronald James	Historic Preservation	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Cynthia Kelly	Historic Preservation	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Christian F. Osternann	Cold War History Expert	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Francis G. Powers, Jr.	General Public	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
Tom Vanderbilt	General Public	11/30/2010	8/12/2018
VACANT	Cold War History Expert		

Committee for the Preservation of the White House - The Committee's

membership, as set forth in Executive Order No. 11145, as amended, will be Presidential appointments and ex officio members as follows: the Director of the National Park Service; the Curator of the White House; the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts; the Director of the National Gallery of Art; the Chief Usher of the White House; and so many other members as the President of the United States may from time to time appoint.

Members serve at the pleasure of the President

Gateway National Recreation Area Fort Hancock 21st Century

Advisory Committee (30 Members) - Thirteen but not more than 30 individuals to represent each of the following categories of interest: Local municipalities; including one individual from the Borough of Highlands, the Borough of Sea Bright, Middletown Township, the Borough of Rumson, and Monmouth County Freeholders, New Jersey; the natural resource community; the business community; the cultural resource community (a National Preservation organization; the State of New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office; the Monmouth County Historical Commission); the real estate community; the recreational users of Sandy Hook; the education community; the hospitality community; and the scientific community.

VACANT	Borough of Highland		
Anthony Mercantante	Township of Middletown	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Stephanie Murray	Township of Middletown	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
VACANT	Borough of Sea Bright		
John Ekdahl	Borough of Rumson	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Lillian Burry	Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders	8/28/2012	9/22/2019
James Krauss	Natural Resource Community	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Howard Parish	Natural Resource Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
VACANT	Business Community		
Michael Walsh	Business Community	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Katherine Stevenson	Cultural Resource Community	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Shawn Welch	Cultural Resource Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Mary Fouratt	Cultural Resource Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Gerard Scharfenberger	Cultural Resource Community	9/16/2016	9/16/2019
Daniel Saunders	Cultural Resource Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Gerard Glaser	Scientific Resources Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Linda Cohen	Education Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Patrick Collum	Education Community	9/16/2019	9/16/2019
Guy Hembling	Real Estate Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Michael Holenstein	Real Estate Community	8/28/2012	9/16/2019
Jeffrey Tyler	Real Estate Community	7/24/2015	7/24/2018
Karolyn Wray	Real Estate Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Timothy Hill	Recreation Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Lynda Rose	Recreation Community	8/28/2012	7/24/2018
Margot Walsh	Hospitality Organizations	8/28/2012	7/24/2018

1 Vacancy – Business Community

Gettysburg National Military Park Advisory Commission (11 Members)

- Committee is comprised of 11 members. Membership consists of the following: 1 member each from the four surrounding townships, 1 member from Adams County, PA, government, 1 member from the State Historic Preservation Office, 2 members who are residents of Adams County and knowledgeable about the park, 1 member local historic preservation and 1 designee of the National Park Service.

Gerald Hoffman Adams Co.	Adams County Resident	10/14/2011	1/7/2019
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Gerard Lawrence, Jr.	Mt. Pleasant Township	2/22/2000	1/7/2019
Elsie D. Moray	Mount Joy Township	11/30/2016	11/30/2019
Andrew Merkel	Adams County	10/14/2011	1/7/2019
Barbara J. Finfrock	Adams Co. Resident	10/14/2011	1/7/2019
Alan Ferranto	Cumberland Township	10/14/2011	1/7/2019
Robert Prosperi	Straban Township	8/26/2009	11/30/2019
Graham Weaver	Borough of Gettysburg	4/16/1997	1/7/2019
Harold Nelson	Local Historic Preservation Expert	4/13/1998	1/7/2019
Andrea L. MacDonald	PA State Historic Preservation Office	11/30/2016	11/30/2019

No vacancies until January 7, 2019

Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission

(11 Members) - The Commission consists of 11 members, each appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as follows: Seven members who are to be present or former patients elected by the patient community; and Four members appointed from recommendations submitted by the Governor of Hawaii, at least one of whom is to be a Native Hawaiian.

3 Terms have expired – Governor of Hawaii

3 Vacancies – Patient Community

Benjamin B.C. Young	Gov. of Hawaii	4/5/2010	4/5/2015
Rev. David K. Kaupu	Gov. of Hawaii	8/14/1990	4/5/2015
Henry K. Tancayo	Gov. of Hawaii	4/5/2010	4/5/2015
Pualani Akaka	Gov. of Hawaii	12/06/2016	12/06/2021
Clarence Kahilihiwa	Patient Community	4/5/2010	7/27/2021
Meli Watanauki	Patient Community	4/5/2010	7/27/2021
Ivy Kahilihiwa	Patient Community	4/5/2010	7/27/2021
Gloria Marks	Patient Community	8/14/1990	7/27/2021
VACANT	Patient Community		
VACANT	Patient Community		
VACANT	Patient Community		

Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historical Site

Advisory Commission (15 Members) - The Commission shall be composed of 15 members appointed by the Secretary as follows: Three members appointed from recommendations submitted by the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Two members appointed from recommendations submitted by other national organizations in which Mary McLeod Bethune played a leadership role. Two members who have professional expertise in the history of African American women; Three members who have professional expertise in archival management; Three members who represent the general public; and Two members who has professional expertise in historic preservation.

Terms expire on September 14, 2020

Ida Jones	Archival Management	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Kenvi Phillips	Archival Management	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Ashley Robertson	Archival Management	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Bettye Collier Thomas	History of African American Women	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Sharon Harley	History of African American Women	9/14/2016	9/14/2020

Evelyn B. Higginbotham	Other Nat. Org. in which MMB played a leadership role	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Sharon Bridgeforth	Other Nat. Org. in which MMB played a leadership role	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Heather Huyck	Historic Preservation	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Sandra Jowers-Barber	Historic Preservation	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Janice Ferebee	General Public	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Jamiah A. Adams	General Public	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Susan D. Carle	General Public	9/14/2016	9/14/2020
Vacant	National Council of Negro Women, Inc.		
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Kaloko Honokohau National Historical Park Advisory Commission

(9 Members) - The Commission is composed of nine members appointed by the Secretary, and four ex officio non-voting members. The four ex officio members include the Park Superintendent, the National Park Service Hawaii State Director (currently, the Pacific Islands Support Office General Superintendent), one person appointed by the Governor of Hawaii, and one person appointed by the Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

All nine Secretarial appointees will be residents of the State of Hawaii, and at least six of those appointees will be native Hawaiians. At least five members must be appointed from nominations provided by native Hawaiian organizations.

Tammy Duchesne	Park Superintendent, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	6/25/2015	6/25/2020
M. Melia Lane-Kamahele	NPS State Director of Hawaii (Pacific Island Office), <i>Ex-Officio</i>	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
Richard A. Kuehner	Governor of Hawaii, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
Nicole K. Lui	Mayor of County of Hawaii, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	8/28/2012	8/28/2017
Phillip Hernandez	Native Hawaiian Interest	1/4/2017	01/04/2022
B.K. Lindsey	Office of Hawaiian Affairs	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
F.K. Cachola	Makani Hou O Kaloko- Honokohau	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
Moana P.K. Ching	Na Kokua O Kaloko-Honokohau	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
K.B. Chun	Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona	6/5/2012	6/5/2017
Deona Naboa	Native Hawaiian Interest	1/4/2017	1/4/2022
Sandra Decker	Native Hawaiian Interest	1/12/2017	1/12/2022
VACANT	Native Hawaiian Interest		
Ski Kiwatowski	Native Hawaiian organization	1/12/2017	1/12/2022

National Park System Advisory Board (12 Members) - Composed of no more than 12 individuals selected from among citizens of the United States having a demonstrated commitment to the mission of the National Park Service, and representing various geographic regions, including each of the administrative regions of the National Park Service. Members are appointed as follows:

a. At least six of the members are to have outstanding expertise in one or more of the following fields: history, archaeology, anthropology, historical or landscape architecture, biology, ecology, geology, marine science, or social science.

b. At least four of the members are to have outstanding expertise and prior experience in the management of national or State parks or protected areas, or natural or cultural resources management.

c. The remaining members are to have outstanding expertise in one or more of the areas described above or in another professional or scientific discipline, such as financial management, recreation use management, land use planning or business management, as it relates to the National Park Service; and

d. At least one of the 12 members is to be a locally elected official from an area adjacent to a park.

1 term expired on July 23, 2017 - Environmental

1 term will expire on November 6, 2017 – History

1 Locally elected officially from an area adjacent to a park – Ms. Burke is no longer an elected official.

Nine terms expire on May 5, 2018

Paul Bardacke	Environmental Law	4/8/2010	7/23/2017
Linda Bilmes	Financial Management	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Carolyn Radelet	Financial Management	1/4/2017	1/4/2021
Judy Burke	Mgmt. of State Parks & Protected Areas/Locally Elected Official	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Milton Chen	Social Science	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Rita Colwell	Marine Science	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Belinda Faustinos	Management of Public Lands & Protected Areas	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Carolyn Finney	Demographics, National Parks, Visitation & Public Engagement	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Tony Knowles	Management of State Parks & Protected Areas	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Gretchen Long	Natural Resource Conservation	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Margaret Wheatly	Social Science	4/8/2010	5/5/2018
Stephen J. Pitti	History	11/6/2013	11/6/2017

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee (7 Members) - The Review Committee has 7 members –

3 are appointed by the Secretary from nominations submitted by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders, with at least 2 such persons being traditional Indian religious leaders; (1 term expired on April 7, 2017 and 1 term expires on September 23, 2017)

3 are appointed from nominations submitted by national museum organizations and scientific organizations; and (1 term expires on November 9, 2017)

1 is appointed from a list of persons developed and consented to by all of the other members. (1 term expires on September 23, 2017).

Armand A. Minthorn	Nominated by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders (with at least 2 traditional Indian religious leaders)	11/13/2014	11/13/2018
Heather Edgar	Nominated by a national museum organization or scientific organization	11/9/2015	11/9/2019

LindaLee Farm	Nominated by a national museum organization or scientific organization	11/9/2015	11/9/2017
Steve Titla	Nominated by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders (with at least 2 traditional Indian religious leaders)	4/17/2013	4/17/2017
Patrick Lyons	Nominated by a national museum organization or scientific organization	11/9/2015	11/9/2019
Dennis O'Rourke	Appointed from a list of persons developed and consented to by all of the other members	9/23/2013	9/23/2017
Lauren Peters	Nominated by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders (with at least 2 traditional Indian religious leaders)	5/6/2016	9/23/2017

Aniakchak National Monument Subsistence Resource Commission

(9 Members) - The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Nefuti Orloff	Secretary of the Interior	2/1/1998	12/6/2019
John I. Christenson	Secretary of the Interior	12/6/2016	12/6/2019
Colleen Jones	Secretary of the Interior	2/2/2006	12/6/2019
Harry Kalmakoff	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2009	11/4/2017
Scott Anderson	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2012	11/4/2018
Ronald Lind	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2010	11/4/2018
Mark Kosbruk	Bristol Bay RAC	11/4/2010	11/4/2016
Don Lind	Bristol Bay RAC	11/4/2012	11/4/2018
Greda Kosbruk	Bristol Bay RAC	11/4/2014	11/4/2017

Cape Krusenstern National Monument Subsistence Resource

Commission (9 Members) - The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Enoch L. Mitchell	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Thurston M. Booth	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Cyrus R. Harris	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Larry Westlake	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2014	11/4/2017
Victor Karmun	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2000	11/4/2018
Hannah Loon	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2015	11/4/2018
Enoch Shiedt, Sr.	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2001	11/4/2018
Alex Whiting	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2002	11/4/2017
Virgil Adams	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2008	11/4/2016

Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (9 Members)

- The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

James E. Roberts	Secretary of the Interior	2/17/2012	11/1/2019
Ray Collins	Secretary of the Interior	2/1/2001	11/1/2019
Victor W. Lord	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Miki Collins	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2008	11/4/2017
VACANT	Gov. of Alaska		
Pamela Green	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2008	11/4/2018
Lester Erhart	Eastern Interior RAC	11/4/2015	11/4/2018
Jeff Burney	Southcentral RAC	10/4/2008	10/4/2018
Eleanor Dementi	Southcentral RAC	11/4/2015	11/4/2018

Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (9 Members)

- The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

VACANT	Secretary of the Interior		
Jack Reakoff	Secretary of the Interior	11/4/1992	11/1/2019
Raymond Woods	Secretary of the Interior	11/1/2016	11/1/2019
Vacant (A)	Secretary of the Interior		
Raynita Hepa	Gov. of Alaska 1	1/4/2000	11/4/2018
Tim Fickus	Gov. of Alaska	6/21/2001	11/4/2018
Hugh Bifelt	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2014	11/4/2017
Pollack Simon, Sr.	Western Interior RAC	11/4/2008	11/4/2018
Louie Commack, Jr.	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2008	11/4/2017
James Nageak	North Slope RAC	11/4/2016	11/4/2019

Kobuk Valley National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (9 Members)

The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Shield Downey	Secretary of the Interior	2/2/2006	11/1/2019
Nellie M. Griest	Secretary of the Interior	11/01/2016	11/1/2019
Gordon Newlin	Secretary of the Interior	4/14/1986	11/1/2019
Wilbur Howarth	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2010	11/4/2016
Raymond Stoney	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2000	11/4/2018
Enoch Mitchell	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2016	11/14/2017
Louie Commack	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2002	11/4/2018
VACANT	Northwest Arctic RAC		
Rosa Homer	Northwest Arctic RAC	11/4/2016	11/4/2019

Lake Clark National Park Subsistence Resource Commission (9 Members)

The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Glen Alsworth	Secretary of the Interior	11/4/1983	12/13/2019
Agnes Rychnovsky	Secretary of the Interior	12/13/2016	12/13/2019
Steve Kahn	Secretary of the Interior	2/2/2006	12/13/2019
Larry Hill	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2008	11/4/2018

Lyle Wilder	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2009	11/4/2017
Seth Kroenke	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2010	11/4/2016
VACANT	Bristol Bay RAC		
Thomas Hedlund	Bristol Bay RAC	3/24/2010	11/4/2016
George Alexie	Bristol Bay RAC	11/4/2011	11/4/2017

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission

(9 Members) - The charter allows the Secretary of the Interior, the Governor of Alaska, and appropriate Federal subsistence regional advisory councils (RAC) to each appoint three members.

Karen L. Linnell	Secretary of the Interior	12/14/2011	12/15/2017
Jamie Marunde	Secretary of the Interior	11/01/2016	11/01/2019
Daniel Stevens	Secretary of the Interior	8/8/2008	12/15/2017
Donald Horrell	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2000	11/4/2018
Suzanne McCarthy	Gov. of Alaska	11/4/2000	11/4/2018
Robert Fithian	Gov. of Alaska	6/21/2005	11/4/2017
Raymond Sensmeier	Southeast RAC	3/11/2016	3/11/2019
Gloria Stickwan	Southcentral RAC	11/4/2005	11/4/20018
Susan Entsminger	Eastern Interior RAC	11/4/2006	11/4/2017

Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park Advisory Commission (9

Members) - Membership composed of nine (9) members appointed by the Secretary of whom: Four members appointed after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Governor of the State of New Jersey; Two members appointed after consideration of recommendations submitted by the City Council of Paterson, New Jersey; One member appointed after consideration of recommendations submitted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Passaic County, New Jersey; and Two members with experience with national parks and historic preservation.

Leslie Agard Jones	Gov. of New Jersey	7/13/2010	8/26/2017
Susan Cole	Gov. of New Jersey	7/13/2010	8/14/2018
Robert F. Guarasci	Gov. of New Jersey	7/13/2010	8/26/2017
Lawrence Kramer	Gov. of New Jersey	1/31/2012	8/26/2017
Theodore O'Neill Best, Jr.	Passaic County	5/29/2013	1/5/2020
John Lawrence	National Park experience	1/18/2017	1/18/2020
Hilary Ballon	Historic Preservation experience	1/18/2017	1/18/2020
Thomas C. Rooney	City of Paterson	7/13/2010	2/11/2017
Jose Torres	City of Paterson	8/12/2015	8/12/2018

Preservation Technology and Training Board (13 Members) - The Board will be comprised of 13 members as follows: The Secretary, or the Secretary's designee; Six members appointed by the Secretary who will represent appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, State and local historic preservation commissions, and other public and international organizations; and Six members appointed by the Secretary on the basis of outstanding professional qualifications who represent major organizations in the fields of archeology, architecture, conservation, curation, engineering, history, historic preservation, landscape architecture, planning, or preservation education.

Jonathan Spodek	Architecture and Preservation Education	2/17/2012	8/1/2020
Norman R. Weiss	Conservation, Curation, and Preservation Edu.	10/11/2002	9/23/2019
Robert Silman	Engineering and Preservation Education	10/11/2002	9/23/2019
Robert G. H. Pahl	Local Historic Preservation Commissions	5/19/2010	9/23/2019
Roy E. Graham	Preservation Education and Architecture	1/1/2001	12/4/2019
James W. Garrison	Federal, State, and local agencies	3/13/2005	9/23/2019

Horace H. Foxall, Jr.	Federal, State, and local agencies	3/14/2005	9/23/2019
Victor Knox	Department of the Interior	5/29/2013	5/29/2017
Lucy Lawliss	Landscape Architecture, and Preservation Edu.	1/29/2013	1/29/2017
W. Fredrick Limp	Archeology and Preservation Education	1/29/2012	1/29/2017
Jack Pyburn	Architecture & Preservation Education	9/23/2015	9/23/2019
Nancy Odegaard	Preservation Education, Archeology, Material Conservation	9/23/2015	9/23/2019
Ekaterina Vlahos	Preservation Education & Architecture	9/23/2015	9/23/2019

Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Advisory Council (35

Members) - The Council shall not exceed 35 members and will be appointed by the Secretary as follows: The head of each Federal department or independent agency administering lands through which the trail route passes, or a designee; A member to represent each State through which the trail passes, and such appointments will be made from recommendations of the Governors of such States; and One or more members to represent private organizations, including corporate and individual landowners and land users, which, in the opinion of the Secretary, have an established and recognized interest in the trail. Such appointments will be made from recommendations of the heads of such organizations.

Joyce A. S. Baki	State of Maryland	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Carol A. Benson	Four Rivers Heritage Area	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Jeffrey P. Buchheit	Baltimore City National Heritage Area	4/11/2011	5/26/2018
Joseph A. Doyle	Baltimore County gov. 8/21/2013	5/26/2018	
Elizabeth Hughes	Maryland Historical Trust	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Lisa M.K. Hull	Northern Neck Planning District Commission	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Julie V. Langan	Commonwealth of VA	8/12/2015	8/12/2017
J. Lance Mallamo	City of Alexandria, VA	4/11/2011	5/26/2018
Aaron Marcavich	Anacostia Trails Heritage, Inc.	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Kim Nielsen	DOD, United States Navy	4/11/2011	8/5/2018
Robert Anthony Nolan	The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
William J. Pencek, Jr.	State of Maryland	4/11/2011	5/26/2018
Brigitte Peters	City of Havre de Grace, MD	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Roslyn Racanello	Southern MD Heritage Area Consortium	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Sonal Sanghavi	Maryland State Highway Administration	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Christopher Shaheen	District of Columbia	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Francis Taylor	Baltimore Co. War of 1812 Bicentennial Advisory Committee	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Cathy Thompson	Charles Co. MD	8/21/2013	5/26/2018
Kirsti Uunila	Calvert Co. MD	8/21/2013	5/26/2018

Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument Advisory Council (10

Members) - The Council shall consist of 10 members, to be appointed by the Secretary, of whom:

One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the County Commission; One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the city council of Las Vegas, Nevada; One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the city council of North Las Vegas, Nevada; One member shall be a member of, or be nominated by, the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe; One member shall be a representative of the conservation community in southern Nevada; One member shall be a representative of Nellis Air Force Base; One member shall be nominated by the State; One member shall reside in the County and have a background that reflects the purpose for which the Monument was established; and Two members shall reside in the County or adjacent counties, both of whom shall have experience in the field of paleontology, obtained through higher education, experience, or both.

Joshua Bonde	State of Nevada representative	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Marci Henson	Clark County Commission rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Steven Ross	City council of Las Vegas rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Jill DeStefano	City council of North Las Vegas rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Benny Tso T	tribal council of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Victor Rodriguez	Nellis Air Force Base rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Mauricia Baca	Conservation community in South Nevada rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Robert Brown	Clark County resident rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Art Wolf	Clark Co. paleontology rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019
Eric Scott	San Bernadino Co. paleontology rep.	2/9/2016	2/9/2019

Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee (18 Members)

- The Committee is composed of 18 primary members and alternates representing each of the following agencies or organizations:

The Department of the Interior, represented by the Director of the National Park Service or the Director's designee; The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council; The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks; The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve; The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service, Division of Forestry, Seminole State Forest; The Florida Audubon Society; The nonprofit organization known as the Friends of the Wekiva; The Lake County Water Authority; The Lake County Planning Department; The Orange County Parks and Recreation Department, Kelly Park; The Seminole County Planning Department; The St. Johns River Water Management District; The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; The City of Altamonte Springs; The City of Longwood; The City of Apopka; The Florida Farm Bureau Federation; and The Florida Forestry Association.

Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing source

Robert Mattson	St. Johns River Water Management District	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Nancy M. Christman (Alternate)	St. Johns River Water Management District	5/17/2012	12/14/2020
Joe Bishop	Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, Seminole State Forest	2/11/2005	12/14/2020
Michael J. Martin (Alternate)	Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry, Seminole State Forest	2/11/2005	12/14/2020
Danielle Marshall	City of Altamonte Springs	2/10/2012	12/14/2020
April Verpoorten (Alternate)	City of Altamonte Springs	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Thomas Shupe	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Comm.	2/11/2005	12/14/2020
Deborah Shelley	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve	2/10/2012	12/14/2020
Barbara Howell (Alternate)	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve	9/20/2007	12/14/2020
Elizabeth Johnson	Orange County Parks & Rec. Dept.- Kelly Park	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Beth Jackson (Alternate)	Orange County Parks & Rec. Dept.- Kelly Park	2/11/2005	12/14/2020

Charles Lee	Florida Audubon Society	2/10/2005	12/14/2020
John Maingot	City of Longwood	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Rebecca I.H. Perry	The Nature Conservancy	2/10/2012	12/14/2020
VACANT	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks		
Lee Wood (Alternate)	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Nancy Prine	Friends of Wekiva	2/10/2005	12/14/2020
Jay Exum (Alternate)	Friends of Wekiva	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Leslie S. Campione	Lake County Planning Dept.	5/17/2012	12/14/2020
Brian T. Sheahan (Alternate)	Lake County Planning Dept.	7/12/2007	12/14/2020
David Constantine	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
Bryan F. Nelson (Alternate)	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council	12/14/2016	12/14/2020
VACANT	City of Apopka		
James Duby	Seminole Co. Planning Dept.	3/14/2008	12/14/2020
Shannon C. Wetzel (Alternate)	Seminole Co. Planning Dept.	5/17/2012	12/14/2020
Jaime Doubek-Racine	National Park Service	10/15/2012	12/14/2020
Jeffrey Duncun (Alternate)	National Park Service	10/15/2012	12/14/2020
Patricia Burgos	Lake County Water Authority	10/15/2012	10/15/2015

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
FACA COMMITTEE VACANCY REPORT SEPTEMBER THROUGH MARCH 2017

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
BOR	Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council DFO: Kib Jacobson (801) 524-3753	<p>Membership on the Council is specified in Title II of the Salinity Control Act, Pub. L. 93-320, as being comprised of no more than three representatives from each of the seven Basin States (Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California). The representatives serve at the discretion of the Governors of the Basin States.</p> <p><i>These appointments serve at the discretion of the Governors</i></p>	At the discretion of the Governors	1. Clint Chandler 2. Suzanne Ticknor 3. Krista Osterberg 4. Tanya Trujillo 5. Thomas Howard 6. William Hasencamp 7. James Eklund 8. David W. Robbins 9. Patrick Jon Pfaltzgraff 10. John Entsminger 11. Leo Drozdoff 12. Jayne Harkins 13. Tom Blaine 14. Trais Kliphuis 15. VACANT 16. Eric Millis 17. Leah Ann Lamb 18. Gawain Snow 19. Chad Espenscheid 20. Pat Tyrrell 21. David Waterstreet	Arizona Arizona Arizona California California California Colorado Colorado Nevada Nevada Nevada New Mexico New Mexico New Mexico Utah Utah Utah Wyoming Wyoming Wyoming	10/12/2016 10/12/2016 10/12/2016 05/08/2013 05/08/2013 04/29/2014 07/23/2013 03/11/2008 02/04/2015 04/18/2011 10/18/2006 02/12/2014 05/15/2015 05/15/2015 N/A 12/01/2013 12/15/2014 03/30/2012 12/11/2015 02/12/2001 02/19/2014	Members serve at the discretion of the Governors

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Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
BOR	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Mgmt. Working Group (AMWG) DFO: Brent Rhees 801-524-3600	One of five Fed. Agencies One of five Fed. Agencies One of five Fed. Agencies One of five Fed. Agencies Cooperating Agencies One of five Indian Tribes One of five Indian Tribes One of five Indian Tribes One of five Indian Tribes One of five Indian Tribes One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of seven basin states One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors One of two environmental Interests One of two environmental Interests One of two recreational Interests One of two recreational interests NOTE: Discretionary Appointments	4 years	1. Daniel Picard 2. Chip Lewis 3. Christine Lehnertz 4. Steve Spangle 5. Lynn Jeka 6. James deVos 7. Charley Bullets 8. Dawn Hubbs 9. Eric Bobelu 10. Leigh Kuwanwisiwma 11. VACANT 12. Jayne Harkins 13. John McClow 14. Deborah Dixon 15. Steve Wolff 16. Eric Millis 17. VACANT 18. Tanya Trujillo	Bureau of Reclamation Bureau of Indian Affairs National Park Service U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Western Area Power Admin. Arizona Game & Fish Dept. Southern Paiute Consortium Hualapai Tribe Pueblo of Zuni Hopi Tribe Navajo Nation State of Nevada State of Colorado State of New Mexico State of Wyoming State of Utah State of Arizona State of California	07/10/2015 08/06/2013 11/08/2016 01/04/2013 03/25/2013 04/15/2014 12/04/2006 02/16/2016 02/16/2016 04/05/2001 02/16/2016 02/16/2016 12/19/2013 11/10/2015 02/03/2015 02/03/2015 11/19/2012 07/25/2014	07/10/2019 08/06/2017 11/08/2020 01/05/2021 03/25/2017 04/15/2018 06/08/2019 02/16/2020 02/16/2020 08/20/2018 02/16/2020 02/16/2020 12/19/2017 11/10/2019 02/03/2019 02/03/2019 11/19/2016 07/25/2018

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Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
BOR	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Mgmt. Program (GCDAMP)	One of five Fed. Agencies	4 years	19. Leslie James	Colorado River Energy Distributors Association	07/30/1998	08/30/2017
		One of five Fed. Agencies		20. Ted Rampton	Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems	06/27/1997	08/30/2017
		One of five Fed. Agencies		21. Larry Stevens	Grand Canyon Wildlands	12/04/2006	06/08/2019
		One of five Fed. Agencies		22. David Nimkin	National Parks Conservation Association	12/13/2013	12/13/2017
		Cooperating Agencies		23. David J. Brown	Grand Canyon River Guides	07/14/2016	07/14/2020
		One of five Indian Tribes		24. John Jordan	Federation of Fly Fishers	06/23/2010	08/20/2018
		One of five Indian Tribes		25. VACANT	San Juan Southern Paiute	N/A	N/A
		One of five Indian Tribes					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of seven basin states					
		One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors					
		One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors					
		One of two environmental Interests					
		One of two environmental Interests					
		One of two recreational Interests					
		One of two recreational interests					

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BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
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Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
BOR	Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Mgmt. Program (GCDAMP) <i>Alternate Members</i>	One of five Fed. Agencies		1. Kathleen Callister	Bureau of Reclamation	02/16/2016	07/10/2019
		One of five Fed. Agencies		2. Garry Cantley	Bureau of Indian Affairs	12/04/2006	08/06/2017
		One of five Fed. Agencies		3. Jan Balsom	National Park Service	12/04/2006	02/16/2020
		One of five Fed. Agencies		4. Kirk Young	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	01/04/2013	01/05/2021
		Cooperating Agencies		5. Brian Sadler	Western Area Power Admin.	07/20/2015	03/25/2017
		One of five Indian Tribes		6. Chris Cantrell	Arizona Game & Fish Dept.	07/17/2015	04/15/2018
		One of five Indian Tribes		7. Meghann Olson	Southern Paiute Consortium	07/10/2015	06/08/2019
		One of five Indian Tribes		8. Kerry Christensen	Hualapai Tribe	08/31/2009	08/30/2017
		One of five Indian Tribes		9. Carlton Bowekaty	Pueblo of Zuni	02/16/2016	02/16/2020
		One of seven basin states		10. Michael Yeatts	Hopi Tribe	04/05/2007	08/20/2018
		One of seven basin states		11. Melissa Arviso-Ciocco	Navajo Nation	02/16/2016	02/16/2020
		One of seven basin states		Timothy Begay		02/16/2016	02/16/2020
		One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors		12. Warren Turkett	State of Nevada	02/16/2016	02/16/2020
		One of two Federal Power Purchase Contractors		13. VACANT	State of Colorado		
		One of two environmental Interests		14. Don Ostler	State of New Mexico	12/04/2006	10/21/2018
		One of two environmental Interests		15. Don Ostler	State of Wyoming	12/04/2006	02/03/2019
		One of two recreational Interests		16. Robert King	State of Utah	12/04/2006	02/03/2019
		One of two recreational Interests		17. Vineetha Kartha	State of Arizona	12/13/2013	11/19/2016
		One of two recreational interests		18. Christopher Harris	State of California	12/04/2006	07/25/2018

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Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
				19. Edward Gerak	Colorado River Energy Distributors Assoc.	07/25/2014	08/30/2017
				20. Clifford Barrett	Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems	07/21/2010	08/30/2017
				21. VACANT	Grand Canyon Wildlands		
				22. Kevin Dahl	National Parks Conservation Association	08/20/2014	12/13/2017
				23. Ben Reeder	Grand Canyon River Guides	02/16/2016	02/16/2020
				24. John Hamill	Federation of Fly Fishers	11/10/2015	08/20/2018
				25. VACANT	San Juan Southern Paiute		

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BOR	Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group DFO: Tim McCoy 509-575-5848	Represents Yakima River basin nonproratable irrigators, Yakima River basin proratable irrigators, Yakama Nation, environmental interests, Washington State University Agricultural Extension Service and Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife with expertise in wildlife resources.	3 years	1. Brent Renfrow 2. Dr. R. Troy Peters 3. Scott Revell 4. Richard Dieker 5. Elizabeth Pelly 6. Philip Rigdon	Wash Dept Fisheries & Wildlife WSU Agricultural Extension Proratable Irrigators Nonproratable Irrigators Environmental Groups Yakama Nation	10/30/1995 08/06/2010 08/01/2016 08/01/2016 05/19/2012 08/22/2006	08/01/2019 08/01/2019 08/01/2019 08/01/2019 07/23/2018 07/23/2018

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Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science DFO: Robin O'Malley 703-648-4086	Members of the Committee shall be composed of approximately 25 members from the Federal Government, and the following interests: State and local governments, including state membership entities; Non-governmental organizations; American Indian tribes and other Native American entities; Academia; Landowners, businesses, and organizations representing landowners or businesses.	3 years	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rachael Novak (BIA) 2. Randy Johnson (USFS) 3. Stephen Zylstra (USFWS) 4. Jeffrey Peterson (EPA) 5. Robert Pietrowski (ACOE) 6. Caitlin Simpson (NOAA) 7. Kristin Bail (BLM) 8. Olivia LeDee (MN DNR) 9. Taryn Finnessey 10. David Behar 11. William Reeves 12. Rebecca Quinones Perez 13. Lara Hansen (EcoAdapt) 14. Paul Beier (SCB) 15. Peter Frumhoff (UCS) 16. Lynn Scarlett (TNC) 17. Aimee Delach (DoW) 18. John Robinson 19. Bruce Stein 20. Neil Hannahs (Native Hawaiian) 21. Kyle Whyte 22. Scott Rupp (UAF) 23. Berrien Moore 24. Brian Kernohan (NAFO) 25. Thomas Driscoll (NFU) NOTE: Discretionary Appointments	Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government Federal Government State and Local Government State and Local Government State and Local Government State and Local Government State and Local Government Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Non-governmental Organization Tribal Partners Tribal Partners Academia Academia Landowners/Businesses Landowners/Businesses	04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 11/03/2016 04/22/2015 05/02/2013 05/02/2013 05/02/2013 05/02/2013 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 05/02/2013 05/02/2013 04/14/2016 05/02/2013 04/14/2016 05/02/2013 04/14/2016 04/14/2016 05/02/2013 04/14/2016 04/14/2016	04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/14/2019 04/22/2018 04/14/2019

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Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	Advisory Committee on Water Information DFO: Wendy Norton 703-648-6810	ACWI's charter allows for a maximum of 35 members. Members represent the interests of water oriented organizations, including Federal, State, and other government agencies, professional and technical societies, the academic community, and the private sector. These members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the following groups: Federal agencies Professional and water related associations Academia Private industry Water utility associations Civil engineering societies Watershed and land conservation associations Ecological societies Lake, coastal, and ocean associations Environmental and educational groups	4 years	1. Elin Betanzo	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	2. Gary Carter	Federal (NOAA/NWS)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	3. David Curtis	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	4. Paul Freedman	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	5. Brent Rhees (acting chair)	Federal (DOI)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	6. Robert Goldstein	Private industry	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	7. Steven Heiskary	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	8. Travis Henry	Federal (TVA)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	9. Richard Hooper	Academia	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	10. Charles Hunsicker	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	11. Martha Juch	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	12. Brandon Kernen	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	13. David Langseth	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	14. Sue Lowry	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	15. Robert Mace	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	16. Douglas McLaughlin	Private industry	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	17. Michel Paque	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	18. James Pletl	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	19. Gregory Prelewicz	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	20. Jesse Richardson, Jr.	Academia	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	21. Michael Shapiro	Federal (EPA)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	22. Mary Skopec	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	23. Alan Vicory, Jr.	Private industry	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			N/A	24. William Werkheiser (alt chair)	Federal (USGS)	N/A	N/A
			4 years	25. David Wunsch	State/county	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years	26. Xiao (Harry) Zhang	Other	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
			4 years		Private industry	4/17/2014	4/17/2018
				NOTE: Discretionary Appointments			

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National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program DFO: John Brock 703-648-6053	The Committee is composed of 11 member and advises the Secretary through the USGS Director on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program. Members represent Federal agencies, State geological surveys, academia, and the private sector. NOTE: Discretionary Appointments	5 years	1. Schmitt, James 2. Holm, Melody, Ex Officio 3. Vacant, Ex Officio 4. Stock, Greg, Ex Officio 5. Vacant, Ex Officio 6. Rogers, Mark 7. Johnson, Aaron 8. Thorleifson, Leonard 9. Wunsch, David 10. Gallagher, Kevin 11. Brock, John	Academia Department of Agriculture Department of Energy Department of the Interior EPA Private sector (Geoscience) Private sector (Geoscience) State geological survey State geological survey U.S. Geological Survey U.S. Geological Survey	01/18/2017 N/A N/A N/A N/A 05/27/2016 01/18/2017 01/18/2017 09/19/2012 10/01/2010 10/04/2009	01/18/2022 05/27/2021 01/18/2022 01/18/2022 09/19/2017 10/04/2018 10/04/2018

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National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council DFO: Michael Blaupied 703-648-6696	The Council is established pursuant to Item 2, page 25 of the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program transmitted to the Congress on June 22, 1978, by the President under Sec. 202 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974.	3 years	Dr. Allan Rubin	Princeton University	7/16/2015	4/30/2018
			3 years	Dr. Andrew Michael	U.S. Geological Survey	7/16/2015	4/30/2018
			3 years	Dr. Roland Burgmann (Chair)	Univ. of CA Berkeley	7/16/2015	4/30/2018
		The Council shall comprise not fewer than 8 or more than 12 members.	3 years	Dr. Susan Hough	U.S. Geological Survey	7/28/2016	9/30/2019
			Ex off	Dr. William Leith	U.S. Geological Survey	3/1/2012	<i>ex officio</i> *
		The members may be Federal employees, but this number must comprise less than one-half of the total.	2 years	Dr. Evelyn Roeloffs	U.S. Geological Survey	7/16/2015	6/30/2017
			2 years	Dr. Ramon Arrowsmith	Arizona State University	7/16/2015	6/30/2017
		The Chair shall not be a USGS employee and shall also serve ex officio as a member of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee.	3 years	Dr. Peter Shearer	Univ. of CA San Diego	7/16/2015	9/30/2018
			3 years	Dr. Cliff Frohlich	University of Texas Austin	7/16/2015	9/30/2018
		Members serve as Special Government Employees and are non-representative.	3 years	Dr. Gail Atkinson	University of Western Ontario	8/24/2015	9/30/2018
		Members serve at the discretion of the USGS Director.	3 years	Dr. John Vidale	University of Washington	7/25/2016	9/30/2019
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Notes: * Per the committee charter, Dr. Leith serves as co-chair in his capacity as Coordinator of the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program.

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National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	National Geospatial Advisory Committee DFO: Ivan DeLoatch 703-648-5752	<p>NGAC members are selected to provide a balanced representation of the various organizations involved in geospatial issues, including the private sector, non-profit organizations, academia, and various levels of government. An interagency panel reviews, nominates and recommends committee appointments. The committee includes a balanced representation from governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations.</p> <p>The NGAC is composed of up to 30 members.</p> <p>NOTE: Discretionary Appointments</p>	3 years	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stuart Davis 2. George Clarke 3. William Reddell 4. Cyril Smith 5. Jennie Stapp 6. Harvey Thorleifson 7. Xavier Irias 8. Jason Warzinik 9. David Alexander 10. Frank Avila 11. Amber Reynolds 12. Frank Harjo 13. Garet Couch 14. Talbot Brooks 15. Sarah Battersby 16. Pat Cummings 17. Matt Gentile 18. Roberta Lenczowski 19. Rebecca Somers 20. Roger Mitchell 21. Rebecca Moore 22. Kevin Pomfret 23. Carl Reed 24. Laxmi Ramasubramanian 25. Julie Sweetkind-Singer 26. May Yuan 27. Keith Masback 28. Doug Richardson 	<p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>Regional Government</p> <p>County Government</p> <p>Federal Government</p> <p>Federal Government</p> <p>City Government</p> <p>Tribal Government</p> <p>Tribal Government</p> <p>Emergency Services</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Private Sector</p> <p>Academia</p> <p>Academia</p> <p>Academia</p> <p>Non-Profit</p> <p>Non-Profit</p>	<p>01/03/2017</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>01/03/2017</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/3/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p> <p>02/03/2014</p> <p>02/18/2016</p>	<p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2019</p> <p>12/31/2018</p> <p>12/31/2018</p>

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Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC)

Bureau	Committee Name	Membership Criteria	Term Length	Member	Interest Represented	Term Begin	Term End
USGS	Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee DFO: Stanley Leith 703-648-6786	P.L. 106-503 directed the USGS to establish this committee for the purpose of providing advice on USGS's participation in matters related to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.	3 years	Archuleta, Ralph (Chair)	University of California Santa Barbara	03/23/2015	03/31/2018
			3 years	Burgmann, Roland <i>ex officio</i> *	University of California Berkeley	08/10/2016	04/30/2018
			3 years	Maffei, Janiele	California Earthquake Authority	03/23/2015	03/31/2018
			2 years	Anderson, John	University of Nevada, Reno	03/23/2015	05/31/2017
		The Director of the USGS may select up to 10 individuals, one of whom shall be designated Chairman, to serve on the SESAC.	3 years	Melbourne, Timothy	Central Washington University	12/16/2015	12/31/2018
			3 years	Long, Maureen	Yale University	10/21/2016	10/31/2019
			3 years	Beroza, Gregory	Stanford University	12/20/2016	12/31/2019
			3 years	Furr, Julie	CSA Engineering	12/20/2016	12/31/2019
		Members serve at the discretion of the USGS Director.	3 years	Pekelnicky, Robert	Degenkolb Engineers	12/20/2016	12/31/2019
			3 years	Ekstrom, Goran	Columbia University	01/20/2017	01/20/2020

Notes: * Per the committee charter, Dr. Burgmann serves as an *ex officio* member in his capacity as Chair of the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council.

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Profile

Dr. John Craynon is the Senior Mining Engineer in the Division of Engineering and Environment at the Export-Import Bank of the United States, where he assists with project financing involving mining and other related industries. Additionally, he is responsible for monitoring mining projects with Bank financing and providing support to the other professionals in the Bank. Previously he served as Director of Environmental Programs at the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research at Virginia Tech. In this role he served as the Project Director of the Appalachia Research Initiative for Environmental Science (ARIES) for five years. Additionally, Dr. Craynon is co-owner and Principal Consultant of CWP Consulting LLC. His previous government career, which spanned nearly 28 years in the US Department of the Interior, focused on mining technology and the environment, and the technical, legal, and public policy issues related to mining. Dr. Craynon's government work was related to diverse topics such as the regulation of coal mining, mine waste management, cleanup of contaminated sites, coal combustion byproducts, underground mine mapping, acid mine drainage, subsidence, hydrology, stream restoration, reforestation, sustainable reclamation and invasive species issues. His academic research program and consulting interests also include sustainable development, stakeholder involvement, resource and market characterization, and the analysis of regulatory and legal frameworks for energy and minerals development.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Mining and Minerals Engineering

Dissertation: Incorporating Sustainable Development into Coal Mine Design
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (December 2011)

Master of Science, Mining and Minerals Engineering

Thesis: The Collectorless Flotation of Sphalerite
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (July 1985)

Bachelor of Science in Mining and Minerals Engineering

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (June 1982)

Professional Certificate, International Sustainability Consulting

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (July 2015)

John R. Craynon, PhD, PE

Graduate Certificate, Natural Resources Management

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (May 2011)

Professional Career

Export-Import Bank of the United States, Washington, DC

Senior Mining Engineer, Division of Engineering & Environment (2016-Present)

As the Senior Mining Engineer for the Export Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), I am responsible for the evaluating the technical feasibility and assessing the technical risks of assigned foreign projects in the mining, mineral processing, and heavy construction sectors and prepare written reviews of my evaluations. My global project portfolio covers small to large projects with the largest being nearly \$1 billion dollars of direct finance exposure and over \$12 billion overall project cost. I also assess the project environmental effects and prepare environmental reviews which are presented for policy compliance. My analyses relate to mining, metallurgical, civil, and other engineering disciplines for projects such as road construction, thermal power generation, smelters and metal refineries, manufacturing/processing plant construction, and heavy equipment evaluation. I conduct project monitoring and field inspections to assess the technical and environmental performance associated with the operations of projects financed by EXIM, and prepare reports of results. I also assess the presence, intensity, and quality of foreign technical competition for the goods and services supplied from the U.S. I provide general technical information, explanations and interpretations to non-technical personnel of the Bank and maintain an information base sufficient to stay current with the advanced principles of engineering and environmental disciplines. I review contracts and compliance with technical conditions of credit/guarantee agreement for disbursement of funds. I provide technical assistance to other Federal agencies and represent EXIM and make presentations at national and international technical conferences and meetings.

Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Director of Environmental Programs and ARIES Project Director (2011-2016)

Managed and directed a comprehensive, multidisciplinary, multi-university research program, the Appalachian Research Initiative for Environmental Sciences (ARIES). ARIES is a cooperative effort of a number of prominent research universities in Appalachia working collaboratively under the sponsorship of industrial affiliates to engage in detailed studies of the environmental, social, and public health impacts of the mining, gas and energy sectors in the region. The project initially had a budget of \$15 million over the planned five-year life of the program, which was reduced to \$10 million due to changes in the energy industry.

Developed and implemented processes for the management of budgetary, administrative, technical, peer-review, and outreach activities associated with the research across the program, and coordinate the efforts of over 70 faculty and professional researchers in a variety of academic departments and disciplines at nine partner academic institutions. The research resulted in over 100 peer-reviewed publications and engaged over 75 student researchers, resulting in both masters and PhD degrees at Virginia Tech and partner institutions. Worked with industrial sponsors, academic researchers, and administrators to ensure that research was directed at significant issues related to the energy resources and production in Appalachia, which are integral to domestic energy security and provide an economic base and jobs in areas of the country where there are few alternatives.

Led and conducted research into the impacts and benefits of energy development, particularly in the Appalachian region, with a focus on regulatory approaches, sustainable development, and evaluating technical and economic feasibility. In 2014, served as principal investigator on development of an analytical report on the impact of USEPA Clean Air Act regulations on the electrical generating sector in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for a similar report on the health co-benefits in the USEPA Clean Power Plan in 2015; and provided oversight to contractors, researchers and support staff on these projects. Served as a technical representative to the Virginia Governor's Climate Change and Resilience Commission and the Commission's funding workgroup.

Provided leadership for Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME) sponsored "Environmental Considerations in Energy Production" symposia held in Charleston, WV, April 2013 and Pittsburgh, PA in September 2015, and edited the proceedings volumes. Have actively participated in the Sustainable Development Committee of SME, serving as an officer, and in the activities of a number of other professional societies and organizations.

Taught both introductory and advanced courses related to leadership, ethics, mining, energy and the environment for the Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering and the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech. Made presentations at professional engineering continuing education courses in Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky, and over 30 presentations at regional, national, and international conferences.

CWP Consulting LLC, Shawsville, VA

Co-owner and Principal Consultant (2004-Present)

Lead and direct consulting work focused on energy, mining, environmental issues, and sustainable development. Develop teams of associates, drawing from former government and academic colleagues, to complete projects for clients located around the world. Serve as subject matter expert and team member for larger projects managed by larger international consulting firms. CWP work has included a report on Indonesian coal and opportunities in the

U.S. market; evaluating technology proposals for government grants related to mining; examining the legal, economic and technical issues related to development of unconventional hydrocarbon resources in Mongolia; evaluating proposed regulations for coal mining in the United States; evaluating the viability of various mining projects in Mozambique; and evaluating water treatment systems and coal preparation technologies in the United States. *CWP Consulting LLC* has been an active team member in pending proposals involving energy and mineral resources in China, Cameroon, India, and Colombia.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Washington, DC

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support (2004-2011)

Chief, Division of Technical Support (2001-2004)

Chief, Technology Development Staff (1997-2001)

Mining Engineer (1996-1997)

Initially, served as the headquarters senior staff mining engineer supporting the development of technical policy and regulations necessary to implement OSM's regulatory responsibilities. Served as headquarters expert on the environmental impacts of mining and reclamation and the interaction with the regulatory programs of other Federal and State agencies.

As head of OSM's headquarters professional technical staff (later Division), provided scientific, policy, and regulatory interpretation and advice to OSM management, field units, States, Federal agencies, the mining industry and the public to ensure mining and reclamation was conducted in an environmentally and publicly responsible manner. Supervised a staff that numbered from 10 to 30 professionals of various technical and nontechnical disciplines, and managed an annual budget of over \$2 million. Served as senior mining engineer in headquarters and provided technical leadership in the development of OSM's substantive technical regulations, policy and program guidance for implementation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). Had a lead role in technology transfer for OSM and responsibility for coordination with other Federal and State agencies on technical issues related to mining and reclamation. Led OSM's activities related to coal slurry impoundments, underground mine mapping, acid mine drainage, energy development, and OSM's implementation plan for the National Energy Policy under the George W. Bush Administration. Provided expertise on the statutory and regulatory requirements related to the environmental aspects of coal mining and reclamation operations. Served as national technical program lead for ensuring OSM compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act.

As a result of a 2004 reorganization, became the Chief, Division of Regulatory Support. In addition to the previous technical role, assumed the lead responsibility for the Title V regulatory program under SMCRA, the environmental compliance responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and other environmental laws, and OSM's international program. In addition to supervision and management of a division of fourteen

professional staff, managed a budget of over \$3 million, including the OSM mine mapping initiative. Also had major administrative responsibility for planning and business development for both the Program Support Directorate and the Office of Surface Mining.

As a manager, served as one of the leads for OSM's program related to Minority Higher Education Institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and as a member of a number of OSM and Department of the Interior (DOI) teams and committees, including the OSM National Technology Transfer Team, the OSM Technical Committee, the OSM Technical Innovation and Professional Services Steering Committee, the DOI Adaptive Management Working Group and the DOI Research and Development Council and the DOI Science Advisory Committee.

Was responsible for interagency coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, the Mine Safety and Health Administration, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Academies, the National Science Foundation, and others. Also responsible for coordination with State regulatory and abandoned mine land agencies on technical and programmatic issues related to the implantation of SMCRA. Represented OSM and DOI by speaking at professional and technical conferences, other public meetings, and Congressional meetings and hearings related to the technical and regulatory program.

Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering, Virginia Tech, Alexandria, VA
Adjunct Faculty (1999-2000)

Developed and instructed two graduate mining engineering classes at Virginia Tech's Alexandria Research Institute and via remote learning technology to students on the Blacksburg campus on issues related to mining, the environment and the law, including a course on mine permitting. Provided assistance to students and faculty on interaction with Federal agencies and others involved in mining and environmental issues.

U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Washington, DC
Environmental Protection Specialist (1991-1996)

Served as staff expert on the control, regulation and cleanup of wastes associated with all extractive industries, emphasizing metals mining and oil and gas production. Provided technical expertise to the management of the DOI and its bureaus on the cleanup and restoration of lands, including those sites being addressed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund). Responsible for the development, adaptation and adoption of automated systems for monitoring DOI's waste management and cleanup activities on agency-managed lands and in agency facilities. Supervised the activities of Federal and private sector contractors in developing these information technology tools. As liaison with other Federal agencies, such as the EPA and the Department of Energy, provided

knowledge, recommendations and assistance with abandoned mine site cleanup, mine waste management and other related issues.

Served as the DOI's primary representative to the White House Working Group on Federal Facilities Cleanup and the Federal Facilities Cleanup Federal Advisory Committee. Presented to and assisted in planning national and international meetings related to a variety of mining and environmental issues, including cleanup technology, cost estimation, and automation, and served as conference chair for the DOI HazMat conference held in Phoenix, AZ, in 1995.

Bureau of Land Management, Washington, DC
Mining Engineer (1988-1991)

Served as a staff expert on mining and mineral processing and beneficiation operations, particularly the environmental issues related to those operations. Served as technical lead for development of standards and guidelines for non-coal mining reclamation on Federal and Indian lands. Had lead role in developing BLM mine waste management requirements, and provided input to the EPA and other agencies on mine waste, Clean Coal Technology Program, Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act issues. Began representing BLM on numerous interagency committees and working groups on mining and environmental issues, spoke at national and international meetings, and helped design, prepare, and teach training courses related to areas of responsibility.

U.S. Bureau of Mines, Washington, DC
Foreign Minerals Specialist (1985-1988)
Minerals Engineer (1983-1985)

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Profile

Dr. John Craynon is the Senior Mining Engineer in the Division of Engineering and Environment at the Export-Import Bank of the United States, where he assists with project financing involving mining and other related industries. Additionally, he is responsible for monitoring mining projects with Bank financing and providing support to the other professionals in the Bank. Previously he served as Director of Environmental Programs at the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research at Virginia Tech. In this role he served as the Project Director of the Appalachia Research Initiative for Environmental Science (ARIES) for five years. Additionally, Dr. Craynon is co-owner and Principal Consultant of CWP Consulting LLC. His previous government career, which spanned nearly 28 years in the US Department of the Interior, focused on mining technology and the environment, and the technical, legal, and public policy issues related to mining. Dr. Craynon's government work was related to diverse topics such as the regulation of coal mining, mine waste management, cleanup of contaminated sites, coal combustion byproducts, underground mine mapping, acid mine drainage, subsidence, hydrology, stream restoration, reforestation, sustainable reclamation and invasive species issues. His academic research program and consulting interests also include sustainable development, stakeholder involvement, resource and market characterization, and the analysis of regulatory and legal frameworks for energy and minerals development.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Mining and Minerals Engineering

Dissertation: Incorporating Sustainable Development into Coal Mine Design
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (December 2011)

Master of Science, Mining and Minerals Engineering

Thesis: The Collectorless Flotation of Sphalerite
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (July 1985)

Bachelor of Science in Mining and Minerals Engineering

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (June 1982)

Professional Certificate, International Sustainability Consulting

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (July 2015)

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Graduate Certificate, Natural Resources Management

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (May 2011)

Professional Career

Export-Import Bank of the United States, Washington, DC

Senior Mining Engineer, Division of Engineering & Environment (2016-Present)

As the Senior Mining Engineer for the Export Import Bank of the United States (EXIM), I am responsible for the evaluating the technical feasibility and assessing the technical risks of assigned foreign projects in the mining, mineral processing, and heavy construction sectors and prepare written reviews of my evaluations. My global project portfolio covers small to large projects with the largest being nearly \$1 billion dollars of direct finance exposure and over \$12 billion overall project cost. I also assess the project environmental effects and prepare environmental reviews which are presented for policy compliance. My analyses relate to mining, metallurgical, civil, and other engineering disciplines for projects such as road construction, thermal power generation, smelters and metal refineries, manufacturing/processing plant construction, and heavy equipment evaluation. I conduct project monitoring and field inspections to assess the technical and environmental performance associated with the operations of projects financed by EXIM, and prepare reports of results. I also assess the presence, intensity, and quality of foreign technical competition for the goods and services supplied from the U.S. I provide general technical information, explanations and interpretations to non-technical personnel of the Bank and maintain an information base sufficient to stay current with the advanced principles of engineering and environmental disciplines. I review contracts and compliance with technical conditions of credit/guarantee agreement for disbursement of funds. I provide technical assistance to other Federal agencies and represent EXIM and make presentations at national and international technical conferences and meetings.

Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

Director of Environmental Programs and ARIES Project Director (2011-2016)

Managed and directed a comprehensive, multidisciplinary, multi-university research program, the Appalachian Research Initiative for Environmental Sciences (ARIES). ARIES is a cooperative effort of a number of prominent research universities in Appalachia working collaboratively under the sponsorship of industrial affiliates to engage in detailed studies of the environmental, social, and public health impacts of the mining, gas and energy sectors in the region. The project initially had a budget of \$15 million over the planned five-year life of the program, which was reduced to \$10 million due to changes in the energy industry.

Developed and implemented processes for the management of budgetary, administrative, technical, peer-review, and outreach activities associated with the research across the program, and coordinate the efforts of over 70 faculty and professional researchers in a variety of academic departments and disciplines at nine partner academic institutions. The research resulted in over 100 peer-reviewed publications and engaged over 75 student researchers, resulting in both masters and PhD degrees at Virginia Tech and partner institutions. Worked with industrial sponsors, academic researchers, and administrators to ensure that research was directed at significant issues related to the energy resources and production in Appalachia, which are integral to domestic energy security and provide an economic base and jobs in areas of the country where there are few alternatives.

Led and conducted research into the impacts and benefits of energy development, particularly in the Appalachian region, with a focus on regulatory approaches, sustainable development, and evaluating technical and economic feasibility. In 2014, served as principal investigator on development of an analytical report on the impact of USEPA Clean Air Act regulations on the electrical generating sector in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for a similar report on the health co-benefits in the USEPA Clean Power Plan in 2015; and provided oversight to contractors, researchers and support staff on these projects. Served as a technical representative to the Virginia Governor's Climate Change and Resilience Commission and the Commission's funding workgroup.

Provided leadership for Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (SME) sponsored "Environmental Considerations in Energy Production" symposia held in Charleston, WV, April 2013 and Pittsburgh, PA in September 2015, and edited the proceedings volumes. Have actively participated in the Sustainable Development Committee of SME, serving as an officer, and in the activities of a number of other professional societies and organizations.

Taught both introductory and advanced courses related to leadership, ethics, mining, energy and the environment for the Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering and the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech. Made presentations at professional engineering continuing education courses in Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky, and over 30 presentations at regional, national, and international conferences.

CWP Consulting LLC, Shawsville, VA

Co-owner and Principal Consultant (2004-Present)

Lead and direct consulting work focused on energy, mining, environmental issues, and sustainable development. Develop teams of associates, drawing from former government and academic colleagues, to complete projects for clients located around the world. Serve as subject matter expert and team member for larger projects managed by larger international consulting firms. CWP work has included a report on Indonesian coal and opportunities in the

U.S. market; evaluating technology proposals for government grants related to mining; examining the legal, economic and technical issues related to development of unconventional hydrocarbon resources in Mongolia; evaluating proposed regulations for coal mining in the United States; evaluating the viability of various mining projects in Mozambique; and evaluating water treatment systems and coal preparation technologies in the United States. *CWP Consulting LLC* has been an active team member in pending proposals involving energy and mineral resources in China, Cameroon, India, and Colombia.

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Washington, DC

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support (2004-2011)

Chief, Division of Technical Support (2001-2004)

Chief, Technology Development Staff (1997-2001)

Mining Engineer (1996-1997)

Initially, served as the headquarters senior staff mining engineer supporting the development of technical policy and regulations necessary to implement OSM's regulatory responsibilities. Served as headquarters expert on the environmental impacts of mining and reclamation and the interaction with the regulatory programs of other Federal and State agencies.

As head of OSM's headquarters professional technical staff (later Division), provided scientific, policy, and regulatory interpretation and advice to OSM management, field units, States, Federal agencies, the mining industry and the public to ensure mining and reclamation was conducted in an environmentally and publicly responsible manner. Supervised a staff that numbered from 10 to 30 professionals of various technical and nontechnical disciplines, and managed an annual budget of over \$2 million. Served as senior mining engineer in headquarters and provided technical leadership in the development of OSM's substantive technical regulations, policy and program guidance for implementation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). Had a lead role in technology transfer for OSM and responsibility for coordination with other Federal and State agencies on technical issues related to mining and reclamation. Led OSM's activities related to coal slurry impoundments, underground mine mapping, acid mine drainage, energy development, and OSM's implementation plan for the National Energy Policy under the George W. Bush Administration. Provided expertise on the statutory and regulatory requirements related to the environmental aspects of coal mining and reclamation operations. Served as national technical program lead for ensuring OSM compliance with the Government Performance and Results Act.

As a result of a 2004 reorganization, became the Chief, Division of Regulatory Support. In addition to the previous technical role, assumed the lead responsibility for the Title V regulatory program under SMCRA, the environmental compliance responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and other environmental laws, and OSM's international program. In addition to supervision and management of a division of fourteen

professional staff, managed a budget of over \$3 million, including the OSM mine mapping initiative. Also had major administrative responsibility for planning and business development for both the Program Support Directorate and the Office of Surface Mining.

As a manager, served as one of the leads for OSM's program related to Minority Higher Education Institutions, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and as a member of a number of OSM and Department of the Interior (DOI) teams and committees, including the OSM National Technology Transfer Team, the OSM Technical Committee, the OSM Technical Innovation and Professional Services Steering Committee, the DOI Adaptive Management Working Group and the DOI Research and Development Council and the DOI Science Advisory Committee.

Was responsible for interagency coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, the Mine Safety and Health Administration, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Academies, the National Science Foundation, and others. Also responsible for coordination with State regulatory and abandoned mine land agencies on technical and programmatic issues related to the implantation of SMCRA. Represented OSM and DOI by speaking at professional and technical conferences, other public meetings, and Congressional meetings and hearings related to the technical and regulatory program.

Department of Mining and Minerals Engineering, Virginia Tech, Alexandria, VA
Adjunct Faculty (1999-2000)

Developed and instructed two graduate mining engineering classes at Virginia Tech's Alexandria Research Institute and via remote learning technology to students on the Blacksburg campus on issues related to mining, the environment and the law, including a course on mine permitting. Provided assistance to students and faculty on interaction with Federal agencies and others involved in mining and environmental issues.

U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Washington, DC
Environmental Protection Specialist (1991-1996)

Served as staff expert on the control, regulation and cleanup of wastes associated with all extractive industries, emphasizing metals mining and oil and gas production. Provided technical expertise to the management of the DOI and its bureaus on the cleanup and restoration of lands, including those sites being addressed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund). Responsible for the development, adaptation and adoption of automated systems for monitoring DOI's waste management and cleanup activities on agency-managed lands and in agency facilities. Supervised the activities of Federal and private sector contractors in developing these information technology tools. As liaison with other Federal agencies, such as the EPA and the Department of Energy, provided

knowledge, recommendations and assistance with abandoned mine site cleanup, mine waste management and other related issues.

Served as the DOI's primary representative to the White House Working Group on Federal Facilities Cleanup and the Federal Facilities Cleanup Federal Advisory Committee. Presented to and assisted in planning national and international meetings related to a variety of mining and environmental issues, including cleanup technology, cost estimation, and automation, and served as conference chair for the DOI HazMat conference held in Phoenix, AZ, in 1995.

Bureau of Land Management, Washington, DC
Mining Engineer (1988-1991)

Served as a staff expert on mining and mineral processing and beneficiation operations, particularly the environmental issues related to those operations. Served as technical lead for development of standards and guidelines for non-coal mining reclamation on Federal and Indian lands. Had lead role in developing BLM mine waste management requirements, and provided input to the EPA and other agencies on mine waste, Clean Coal Technology Program, Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act issues. Began representing BLM on numerous interagency committees and working groups on mining and environmental issues, spoke at national and international meetings, and helped design, prepare, and teach training courses related to areas of responsibility.

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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 23, 2017
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SUBJECT: Evolution of the Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative and the Federal Advisory Committee

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Administration of the status of U.S. compliance with global Extractives Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI); the accomplishments, challenges and potential future opportunities utilizing the Federal Advisory Committee model. USEITI has demonstrated global leadership and through the data portal, an effective means of providing transparency around the governance of extractive industries revenue management and ensuring improved public awareness. We recommend ONRR now institutionalize EITI by mainstreaming government data via the data portal; and the Secretary reconstitute the Royalty Policy Federal Advisory Committee to engage multistakeholders in an ongoing effort to implement improvements in the governance of natural resources revenue management and to continue to ensure EITI principles of transparency and public awareness.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, or EITI, is a voluntary, global effort designed to strengthen accountability and public trust for the revenues paid and received for a country's oil, gas, and mineral resources. Beyond identifying opportunities for reform, a major outcome of implementing the standard is to engage the public and increase public dialogue on the issues surrounding governance of extractive industry revenues and activities. EITI brings together a coalition of government, companies, and civil society, the Multistakeholder Group (MSG), to strengthen government and company systems, inform public debate, and promote understanding.

Since EITI's inception in 2002, the State Department has played a key role in shaping the EITI into the global standard it is today. The U.S. State Department participated and continues to participate as a supporting country. Through its representation on the EITI Board and then Finance and Governance and Oversight Committees, the State Department works to clarify, interpret, and promote the rules of the EITI Standard, including by helping to draft guidance documents on how to assess country compliance. U.S. leadership has played a crucial role in the endorsement of the EITI by the G-7, the G-20, and the United Nations Security Council.

II. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The U.S. government committed to implementing EITI in the U.S. (USEITI) in 2011 and in the spring of 2012 designated the Department of the Interior the lead Agency for implementing USEITI. Implementing USEITI provides additional oversight of the collection and disbursement of the Nation's mineral resources revenues. USEITI successfully completed the initial requirements to join EITI as a candidate country when the International EITI Board accepted our

candidacy application in March 2014. Key successes to date include publishing the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Annual Reports on an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>). On this portal, the Department of the Interior unilaterally discloses 2013, 2014, and 2015 revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type as well as production data across all commodities. The portal is the new global standard in revenue governance transparency.

III. CHALLENGES

The EITI International Board revised the EITI Standard in February 2016, to include requirements for disclosure of beneficial owners of extractive companies and to provide opportunity to “mainstream” revenue data by governments and companies in lieu of an independent reconciliation of reported revenues. Implementing this phase of EITI presents some additional challenges in successfully achieving full compliance with the EITI standard and validation in April 2018.

The USEITI primary challenges for 2017 are: corporate income tax reporting (Congressionally disapproved Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations required a resource extraction issuer to disclose taxes); project-level reporting (Congressionally disapproved Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations defined project as operational activities that are governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession, or similar legal agreement, which form the basis for payment liabilities with a government); mainstreaming reporting requirements; and beneficial owner disclosure (of the corporate entity(ies) that bid for, operate or invest in extractive assets). Unlike other implementing countries, company reporting in the U.S. is entirely voluntary.

The EITI Standard requires reporting on “profits taxes,” or taxes on income, where material. Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides that tax returns and tax return information are confidential and prohibited from disclosure, unless an exception identified in the IRC is applicable. The MSG requested companies to voluntarily report the sum of all federal corporate income tax payments and encouraged reconciliation. For the 2015 USEITI Report, 12 out of 41 applicable companies reported \$190 million in corporate income taxes and in the 2016 USEITI Report, 12 out of 38 applicable companies reported -\$308 million in corporate income taxes.

The EITI Standard states that the MSG is required to agree on the level of disaggregation for publishing data, that EITI data must be presented by individual company, government entity, and revenue stream, and requires that reporting at project level. The standard does not provide a specific definition of “project,” but states it should be consistent with the SEC rules and European Union laws. Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act requires extractive industries companies registered with the SEC to separately disclose information about payments to governments around the world in an interactive data format.

The EITI governing Board in its 2016 revised Standard allows two possible procedures for EITI disclosures: (1) the “conventional” agreed upon procedure for EITI Reports, which is already in use (company and government parallel disclosure to an Independent Administrator for reconciliation); and (2) the agreed upon procedure for mainstreamed disclosures. The

mainstreaming transparency option enables countries to refer directly to existing public information about the extractive sector where available, comprehensive, reliable, and consistent with the requirements of the EITI Standard, thus eliminating expensive reconciliation exercises, and becoming an integral part of how governments manage their sector.

The 2016 EITI Standard requires that implementing country MSGs publish a roadmap for disclosing beneficial ownership information by January 2017 and as of January 2020, that implementing countries request, and companies disclose, beneficial ownership information for inclusion in the EITI report. The U.S. has focused on beneficial ownership disclosure efforts both domestically and internationally however, there is no institutional framework for public disclosure of beneficial ownership disclosure information in the U.S.

IV. ASSESSMENT OF CHALLENGES AND VALIDATION

Validation is an essential feature of the EITI process. It serves to assess performance and promote dialogue and learning at the country level. It also safeguards the integrity of the EITI by holding all EITI implementing countries to the same global Standard. Validation is an external, independent and impartial evaluation mechanism, undertaken by a Validator procured by the International Secretariat and ultimately decided by the International EITI Board. The Validation will, in addition, address the impact of the EITI in the country being validated (i.e. increased public awareness and reforms), implementation of activities encouraged by the EITI Standard, lessons learned in EITI implementation, as well as any concerns stakeholders have expressed and recommendations for future implementation of the EITI.

The U.S. is scheduled to undergo validation April 1, 2018. USEITI has met 8 of the 9 elements of the standard but will not be found in compliance with the EITI standard until companies timely and comprehensively report tax revenues, project-level non-tax revenues, and beneficial owners. The EITI Board is likely to find USEITI to have made inadequate progress and have 3 – 18 months to improve sufficiently to make meaningful progress or be suspended.

V. RECOMMENDATION

We recommend the U.S. should pursue institutionalizing EITI requirements as they benefit the U.S. domestically prior to April 2018 and not seek international independent validation. This would require close coordination with the Department of State in their Supporting Country role on the International Board. We welcome the idea of mainstreamed EITI disclosures in lieu of company reporting and Independent Administrator reconciliation. The Department, as managed by ONRR, has robust audit and assurances practices in place to demonstrate accountability for the revenues paid and received for our country's oil, gas, and mineral resources. USEITI has demonstrated global leadership and through the data portal, an effective means of providing transparency around the governance of extractive industries revenue management and ensuring improved public awareness.

Institutionalizing EITI continues to promote the foundational principles of EITI to engage multistakeholders in an ongoing effort to implement improvements in the governance of natural resources revenue management and to continue to ensure transparency and public awareness.

We recommend reconstituting the Royalty Policy Federal Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Secretary through the ONRR Director, related to the performance of functions under the laws governing the Department of the Interior's management of Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues. The committee will provide a forum to convey views representative of mineral lessees, operators, revenue payors, revenue recipients, governmental agencies, and public interest groups. The Director of ONRR will be the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the Committee. The USEITI MSG has the same member types as the former RPC. The USEITI MSG responsibilities for promoting public awareness through the data portal would continue as a subcommittee of the RPC.

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DATE: February 23, 2017

FROM: Gregory J. Gould
Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue

SUBJECT: ANPR and RPC as Next Steps Following Stay of ONRR's Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Rule

As a next step following its stay of the Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Rule (Rule), the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) proposes to prepare within a week, then publish, an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) to invite the public to submit suggestions for possible changes to ONRR valuation regulations as amended by the Rule. The 90-day period for comment announced in the ANPR could be extended at a later date to allow suggestions from the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC), if reconstituted.

BACKGROUND

The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) published the Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform Final Rule (2017 Valuation Rule) on July 1, 2016, effective January 1, 2017. On December 29, 2016, industry members and trade organizations filed three lawsuits challenging the Rule. In the near future, we anticipate organizations favoring the Rule may sue to challenge the stay of the Rule. Further, members of the House of Representatives recently introduced a bill to disapprove the Rule under the Congressional Review Act (CRA).

DISCUSSION

If ONRR does not quickly act toward a constructive resolution of outstanding valuation issues, both controversial provisions and those well-received by industry could be invalidated under the Congressional Review Act. Alternatively, ONRR, the Solicitor's Office, and the Department of Justice may be forced to commit significant resources to complex litigation unlikely to result in sound, improved valuation regulations. Stakeholders include industry, States, Tribes, and public interest groups. ONRR's rapid publication of an ANPR will provide all stakeholders a forum to suggest improvements to the valuation regulations and constructively address concerns expressed by industry litigants. Some of the issues expressed by the industry litigants include:

- Valuation of and allowable deductions for coal sold into foreign markets
- Valuation of coal based on electricity sales
- Valuation of coal transferred to an affiliate based on the first arm's-length sale
- Treatment of coal cooperatives as affiliates for valuation based on first arm's-length sale
- Failure to allow valuation of coal transferred to an affiliate based on index prices
- Requirements that contracts be in writing and signed

- The "default provision," which defines when and how Secretarial discretion will be used to value production
- Limits on oil and gas transportation allowances and gas processing allowances
- Required valuation of Federal gas based on index prices
- Disallowance of deepwater gathering deductions

Further, the RPC, if reconstituted, could suggest solutions in areas of stakeholder disagreement. And ONRR, in the ensuing rulemaking, could consider or resolve other issues, such as:

- Allowing valuation of arm's-length sales based on index price
- Reintroducing and improving benchmarks for royalty valuation
- Addressing marketable condition and unbundling
- Separating the rules for oil, gas, and coal
- Updating the rule's economic impact analysis
- Other ONRR rulemakings in process, including takes vs. entitlements, service of official correspondence, and Form 4444 filing requirements

Finally, in the seven months since the Rule's publication, industry has raised and ONRR has discovered certain issues that could be clarified or fixed through a new rulemaking process. ONRR could:

- Clarify the differences between guidance and determinations, including who has the authority to issue a determination and who is bound by a determination
- Simplify the valuation process for no-sale situations, such as production used for pipeline fuel, and gas vented or flared
- Clarify index-based gas valuation option election rules
- Add language limiting combined transportation and processing allowances to <100% of value
- Revisit whether S&P bond rates should be used in allowance calculations
- Remove language requiring ONRR to pay industry interest on overpayments, as interest is now prohibited by the FAST Act
- Revisit calculation of non-arm's-length transportation allowances based on FERC or State agency tariffs
- Fix typos, reference citations, and other technical glitches

NEXT STEPS

Subject to Departmental approval, ONRR plans to publish an ANPR within the next one to two months. After a 90-day comment period, which may be extended to allow input from a reconstituted RPC, ONRR will collect and consider all submissions.

INFORMATION/ BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 1, 2017
FROM: Gregory J. Gould, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary/Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, 202-513-0600
SUBJECT: Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) Committee Representation Comparison

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform about the representation similarities and differences between the former Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) and the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Advisory Committees.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) was enacted in 1972 to ensure that advice by the various advisory committees formed over the years is objective and accessible to the public. The Act formalized a process for establishing, operating, overseeing, and terminating these advisory bodies. Since 1972, several laws and actions were implemented that affect the operation of FACA committees. ONRR has served on and chaired various advisory committees on behalf of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior (Secretary).

DISCUSSION

Between 2004 and 2014, the RPC provided advice to the Secretary through the ONRR Director, related to the performance of functions under the laws governing the Department of the Interior's management of Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues. The committee also provided a forum to convey views representative of mineral lessees, operators, revenue payors, revenue recipients, governmental agencies, and public interest groups. The Director of ONRR was the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the Committee. The non-federal members of the Committee represented states receiving significant royalty revenues, Native Americans, energy and or mineral interests, and public interest groups. In December 2011, a new entity, the Indian Oil Negotiated Rulemaking Committee, assumed a number of the functions of the RPC. Since the RPC successfully accomplished its stated objectives, the charter was not renewed and the Committee terminated on its expiration date, April 2, 2014.

The U.S. Extractive Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee (USEITI) was established by the DOI Secretary in July 2012 to provide collaborative oversight and a forum for consultation with EITI stakeholders. This Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) is a consensus-based decision making body comprised of government, industry and civil society that is responsible for overseeing U.S. implementation of EITI. The EITI is a global initiative that seeks to promote transparency and accountability of natural resources revenues and their governance. Annual Reports disclose industry payments and government revenues, which are reconciled by an independent third party. The MSG reports to the Secretary through the ASPMB, who is the DFO of the Committee.

It is easiest to compare the representation in the committees in a table as follows:

RPC Representative Type	MSG Member Sector Type	RPC – Max. # of Members	MSG – Max. # of Members	RPC Past Representatives – not on MSG	MSG – Primary or Alternate Representatives – not on RPC	Representatives on RPC and MSG
Federal Government	Federal, State, and/or local government interests, Tribal government and individual Indian mineral owners		9	Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, MMS Director (non-voting, ex-officio members)	Department of the Treasury, Department of Energy, Interstate Mining Compact Commission, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, California State Lands Commission, Blackfeet Nation, Eastern Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes, Choctaw Nation	ONRR
States that receive significant royalty revenues from Federal Leases		5		State of California, State of New Mexico, State of TX, Western Governors Association, Western States Land Commissioners Association		State of Wyoming
Native Americans		5		Jicarilla Apache Nation, Navajo Nation, Oklahoma Indian Land/ Mineral Owners of Associated Nations, Shoshone-Arapahoe Joint Business Council, Ute Mtn Ute Tribe		
Mineral and/or energy interests	Extractive Industry including oil, gas, and mining companies; industry-related trade associations	7	9	Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, Council of Petroleum Accountant Societies, US Oil & Gas Association, Natural Gas Supply Association	BP America, Exxon Mobil, Conoco Phillips, Chevron, Freeport- McMoran Copper and Gold, Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas, Newmont Mining, Walter Energy, Noble Energy, Ultra Petroleum, Shell Oil Company, Peabody Energy	National Mining Association, Independent Petroleum Association of America, American Petroleum Institute
Public Interest	Civil society organizations including government	3	9	Individual representatives	Project on Government Oversight, First Peoples Worldwide,	

	oversight and private investors				American University, United Steelworkers, Pipeline Safety Coalition, Oceana, Natural Resources Governance Institute, North Star Group, Lugar Center, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Center for Science in Public Participation, Public Citizen, Earthworks, Global Witness, Publish What You Pay, Oxfam America, United Mine Workers of America	
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A number of representatives served on both the former RPC and the current MSG, including:



- Government and Tribal Sector: ONRR (and the former MMS), the State of Wyoming
- Industry Sector: National Mining Association, Independent Petroleum Association of America, American Petroleum Institute











The USEITI MSG has the same member types as the former RPC however, the USEITI has equal representation among the member types; broader representation within those member types; and more members than the former Royalty Policy Committee.



If the USEITI MSG were converted to the RPC under the previous RPC charter and membership guidelines, the Committee would lose the following representatives:

- The Industry Sector representatives would be reduced from nine to seven
- The Civil Sector representatives would be reduced from nine to three
- The Government Sector representatives would be increased from nine to ten

Committees	MOU/ Charter	Approx. Annual Cost	Membership	Summary of Participants in the last year	Laws and Authorities	Benefits	Frequency of meetings	Next Scheduled Meeting
Indian Energy Minerals Steering Committee (IEMSC)		\$70,000	Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Office of Mineral Evaluation (OME), Office of Surface Mining (OSM), and Office of the Special Trustee (OST)  	<u>3/2017</u> - 58 Total: 22 BIA, 8 BLM, 9 DEMD, 3 OIG, 9 ONRR, 5 OST, 2 SOL. <u>9/2016</u> - 47 Total: 20 BIA, 13 BLM, 9 ONRR, 3 OST, 2 SOL	The trust responsibility to Native American tribes and allottees	The primary purpose of the Indian Energy Minerals Steering Committee (IEMSC) is for Federal partner agencies within DOI to coordinate to enhance energy development and mineral extraction in Indian Country. In addition, the IEMSC addresses concerns, challenges, and opportunities in Indian Country and the inter-agency cooperation necessary to address these items at all levels. It is an inter bureau/office forum for Indian energy and mineral resource development, royalty management coordination, and information exchange at the local office level. The IEMSC operates under the Federal trust responsibility to Federally-reconized Indian tribes and the Indian allottees.	Bi-annually	August 9-10 Billings, MT (seeking waiver from postponement)
Federal Partners - Fort Berthold		\$20,000	Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Office of the Special Trustee (OST)	Unknown 1/2017, 10/2016, 6/2016	Sponsored by the Indian Energy Minerals Steering Committee	Coordination with the Three Affiliated Tribes regarding energy development. Inter bureau/office forum for Indian energy and mineral resource development, royalty management coordination, and information exchange at the local office level. Operate under the Federal trust responsibility to Federally-reconized Indian tribes and the Indian allottees.	Quarterly	TBD - postponed from 5/17-5/18
Federal Partners - Uintah and Ouray		\$32,000	Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Office of the Special Trustee (OST)   	<u>3/2017</u> - 10 total: 2 OST, 2 BIA, 1 FWS, 1 EPA, 2 BLM, 2 ONRR <u>11/2016</u> - 7 total: 3 BLM, 2 ONR, 1 FWS, 1 OST <u>7/2016</u> - 7 total: 1 BIA, 3 BLM, 2 ONRR, 1 FWS	Sponsored by the Indian Energy Minerals Steering Committee	Coordination regarding the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. Inter bureau/office forum for Indian energy and mineral resource development, royalty management coordination, and information exchange at the local office level. Operate under the Federal trust responsibility to Federally-reconized Indian tribes and the Indian allottees.	Quarterly	June 14, 2017 Salt Lake City (postponed)
Federal Partners - Oklahoma/ Texas/ Kansas		\$26,000	Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Office of the Special Trustee (OST), Office of the Field Solicitor (SOL) 	<u>5/2016</u> - 22 total: 4 BLM, 4 ONRR, 2 OST, 11 BIA, 1 FSO	Sponsored by the Indian Energy Minerals Steering Committee	Coordination regarding the tribal and individually owned trust/ restricted lands in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. Inter bureau/office forum for Indian energy and mineral resource development, royalty management coordination, and information exchange at the local office level. Operate under the Federal trust responsibility to Federally-reconized Indian tribes and the Indian allottees.	Bi-annually	TBD
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BOEM BSEE ONRR Joint Committee	 H:\BOEM-BSEE- ONRR Charter (2) (1).pdf	\$20,000	Bureau of Ocean Enrgy Management (BOEM), Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR)  H:\ONNR - Directorate Support\ Boards &	Scheduling conflicts for 2016; no meeting was scheduled.	Not mandated by statue/law. Established pursuant to Agency authority.	The Committee is part of the solution to concerns noted in the 2011 GAO High Risk report and in the June 2, 2011, report, GAO-11-734T that states, “GAO is concerned with Interior’s ability to undertake this reorganization while meeting its revenue collection and oil and gas oversight responsibilities.” This committee responsibilities include: facilitating and improving communication, coordination and information exchange among BOEM, BSEE, and ONRR on the processes and procedures related to energy production, revenue accountability, leasing programs and administration, and the associated support systems; a forum to resolve problems through discussion or study in order to enhance the effectiveness of the three agencies; and coordinate recommended changes to the MOU.	Coordination once per year; subcommitte e twice per year	None
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The United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Advisory Committee (USEITI)

1. Most recent charter: ATTACHED
2. The Cost and resources required annually: To date, DOI expenditures for EITI have totaled approximately \$6.5 million, of which the Government spent \$2.8 million in fiscal year 2016. The largest expenditures included Government labor and contracts for outside services. Current estimates of expenditures for reconciliation of Government receipts to company payments total \$519,000 per year.
3. List of members (all appointed to a 3 year term): ATTACHED
4. Established: Pursuant to Agency authority
5. Committee Justification: In September 2011, the U.S. announced that it would begin the multi-year process of becoming an EITI compliant country. The U.S. intends to implement EITI to provide accessible and useful information about public resources and their associated revenues. Doing so better informs public policy and strengthens public trust. With this effort in participatory government and collaborative decision making, public financial management will be enhanced and citizens will have easier and more understandable access to information about public resources which the government manages on their behalf. In December 2012, following a comprehensive stakeholder assessment and call for nominations, the Secretary of the Interior formed the USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group Federal Advisory Committee, also known as the MSG. The MSG is comprised of 21 members and 20 alternates who represent a variety of stakeholders (government, states, tribes, civil society). The USEITI MSG has been meeting regularly since February 2013 to oversee USEITI implementation, define the scope and materiality for initial reporting, prepare an application for EITI candidacy, and meet the requirements contained in the EITI Standard. In December 2013, the Secretary of the Interior submitted the application for candidacy and in March 19, 2014, the U.S. became an EITI candidate country. The U.S. published its first USEITI Report in December 2015 and its second Report in November 2016. The 2017 Report will be submitted to the EITI International Board for validation in April of 2018. If approved, the U.S. will be fully EITI Compliant.
6. Other relevant information:
Report titles and dates all of which can be found online at www.doi.gov/eiti

2015 USEITI Executive Summary	12/15/2015
2015 USEITI Appendix	12/15/2015
2016 USEITI Annual Workplan Narrative	12/15/2015
2016 USEITI Annual Workplan Spreadsheet	12/15/2015
USEITI 2015 Annual Activity Report	6/27/2016
USEITI MSG Terms of Reference	6/27/2016
2016 USEITI Executive Summary	11/16/2016
7. Scheduled Meetings: June 7-8, 2017 and November 15-16, 2017. Both meetings are scheduled to be held in Washington DC at the MIB and were published in the federal register. A notice to postpone the June meeting will be issued this month.

The Royalty Policy Committee (RPC)

1. Most recent charter: ATTACHED
2. The Cost and resources required annually: The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's functions are estimated to be \$350,000, including all direct and indirect expenses and 3 full-time employees.
3. List of members (all appointed to a 3 year term): N/A
4. Established: Pursuant to Agency authority
5. Committee Justification: The Committee is established by the Secretary of the Department of Interior (DOI) to provide oversight for all proposed rules and policies related to Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues. The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on current and emerging issues related to the determination of fair market value, and the collection of revenue from energy and mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands. The Committee will review and comment on revenue management and other mineral and energy-related policies, and provide a forum to convey views representative of mineral lessees, operators, revenue payors, revenue recipients, governmental agencies, and public interest groups.

Members of the Committee will include representatives from DOI, Governors of States, Tribes, members representing the various mineral and/or energy stakeholders in Federal and Indian Lands and members representing academia and public interest groups.

6. Other relevant information: This Committee was established on April 3, 2017 and the nomination period is currently open through June 2, 2017. The selection process will begin on June 20, 2017.
7. Scheduled Meetings: N/A

**United States Department of the Interior
Office of the Secretary**

**United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative
Advisory Committee**

Charter

1. **Committee's Official Designation.** United States Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI) Advisory Committee (Committee).
2. **Authority.** The Committee is in the public interest in connection with the responsibilities of the Department of the Interior and other agencies of the Federal Government. The Department of the Interior (Department) is renewing this Committee and ensuring that the Federal Government's interests are considered and represented in the work of this Committee. Authority for this Committee is under the:
 - Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2;
 - U.S. National Action Plan for the Open Government Partnership;
 - Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. § 1331-56a), including provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. § 15801);
 - Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (30 U.S.C. § 1701-02);
 - Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. § 1001-28);
 - Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. § 181-96);
 - Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. § 351-60);
 - Mineral Leasing Laws for Indian Land (30 U.S.C. § 1791-2); and other related authorities.
3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities.** The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global initiative that seeks to promote transparency and accountability of natural resources revenues by reconciling industry payments and government revenues and publicly disclosing that information in accessible and comprehensible EITI reports. The EITI standard requires implementing countries to ensure an effective, functional and inclusive Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) comprised of representatives from government, industry, and civil society to oversee the implementation of USEITI. The standard also requires the MSG to develop and maintain a fully-costed work plan aligned with the reporting and validation deadlines established by the EITI Board. The Committee will fulfill the EITI Standard requirements by serving as the MSG, including providing collaborative and consensus-based oversight of USEITI implementation, and by acting as a forum for consultation among the stakeholders. The Committee's advice to the Secretary will be made available to all other interested parties and the public.
4. **Description of Duties.** The Committee will serve as the MSG and its duties will include consideration and fulfillment of the tasks required to achieve and maintain EITI compliant status. In that capacity, the Committee will:

- Oversee the USEITI implementation process and communicate the findings of the USEITI Report, and make recommendations to promote the integration of EITI into broader natural resources revenue transparency efforts.
 - Develop and recommend to the Secretary a fully-costed annual work plan, containing measurable targets and a timetable for implementation, and incorporating an assessment of capacity constraints. This plan shall be developed in consultation with key EITI stakeholders and published upon completion.
 - Advise the Secretary and post for consideration by other stakeholders, proposals for conducting long-term oversight and other activities necessary to achieve and maintain EITI compliant status based on the EITI Standard issued on February 23, 2016.
 - Provide opportunities for collaboration and consultation among stakeholders.
5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports.** The Committee will report to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget.
 6. **Support.** Support for activities of the Committee will be provided by the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Natural Resources Revenue Management and the USEITI Secretariat, with funding and administrative support provided by the Office of Natural Resources Revenue.
 7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's functions, including all direct and indirect expenses, are estimated to be \$1,510,000 plus the support of approximately 4.5 equivalent full-time employees.
 8. **Designated Federal Officer.** The Designated Federal Officer (DFO) is the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget who is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO, or designee, will approve or call all of the Committee and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary.
 9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Committee will meet approximately four times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.
 10. **Duration.** Continuing.
 11. **Termination.** The Committee will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless prior to that date, the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of the FACA. The Committee will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.

- 12. Membership and Designation.** The Committee will consist of approximately 24 members, but will not exceed 27 members. The Secretary may appoint members selected from, but not limited to:

- Up to 9 members representing the extractive industry, including oil, gas, and mining companies, and industry-related trade associations.
- Up to 9 members representing civil society organizations, including organizations with interest in the extractive industry, transparency, and government oversight and members of the public, as well as public and/or private investors.
- Up to 9 members representing the Federal, State, and/or local government interests, Tribal governments and individual Indian mineral owners.

Members are appointed to serve 3-year terms.

Alternate members may be appointed to the Committee. Alternate members must be approved and appointed by the Secretary before attending meetings as representatives. Alternate members shall have experience and/or expertise similar to that of the primary member.

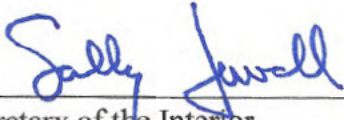
Non-Federal members of the Committee serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Committee or subcommittee members engaged in Committee or subcommittee business approved by the DFO may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service under Section 5703 of Title 5 of the United States Code.

Any vacancy on the Committee will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. All members serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

The Secretary will appoint the Committee Chair. Co-chairs will be appointed pursuant to USEITI MSG Terms of Reference.

- 13. Ethics Responsibility.** No Committee or subcommittee member will participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest.
- 14. Subcommittees.** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full Committee for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.

15. **Recordkeeping.** The records of the Committee, and formally and informally established subcommittees, shall be handled in accordance with the General Records Schedule 6.2, and other Agency approved records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.



Secretary of the Interior

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Case Filing Date: 07/18/2012

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Case Filing Date: 07/18/2012

Court Case Number: 125000237

Court Offense: SPEEDING

Court Statute: 41-6A-601

Court Disposition: BAIL FORFEITURE

Court Disposition Date: 10/09/2012

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH
(Central)

State Of Utah School And Institutional Trust Lands Administration V. Jewell Et A

PLAINTIFF: State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands
Administration

DEFENDANT: Utah Bureau of Land Management;
United States Department of the Interior;

Royalty Policy Committee (States)

United States Bureau of Land Management;
Sally Jewell;
NEIL KORNZE;
Juan Palma

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 2:15cv76

FILING DATE: 2/3/2015

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

JUDGE: Magistrate Judge Brooke C. Wells

NATURE OF SUIT: 899 Other Statutes: Administrative

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Fed. Question [28 USC 1331](#)

JURY DEMAND: None

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH
(Central)

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance V. Kenczka Et Al

PLAINTIFF: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

DEFENDANT: United States Department of the Interior;
United States Bureau of Land Management;
Jerry Kenczka

Intervenor Defendant Uintah Transportation Special Services District;
Uintah County;
State of Utah;
School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 2:12cv913

FILING DATE: 9/27/2012

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

JUDGE: David Nuffer

NATURE OF SUIT: 893 Environmental

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Environmental Policy - Coop of Agency Repo [42 USC 4332](#)

JURY DEMAND: None

STATUS: Case Closed

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF UTAH

(Central)

So Ut Wilderness, Et Al V. Norton, Et Al

PLAINTIFF: The Wilderness Society;
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance;
Sierra Club;
Natural Resources Defense Council

DEFENDANT: Stephen Williams;
Sally Wisely;
Kathleen Clarke;
Interior, Dept of;
Gale A. Norton;
David Howell

Intervenor Defendant Veritas DGC Land;
Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands
Administration;
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining;
State of Utah

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 2:02cv1118

OTHER DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 03-04244
USCA 10th Circuit, 03-04244

FILING DATE: 10/10/2002

JURISDICTION: U.S. Government Defendant

Royalty Policy Committee (States)

JUDGE: Paul G. Cassell

NATURE OF SUIT: 893 Environmental

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Review of Agency Action-Environment [42 USC 4321](#)

JURY DEMAND: None

STATUS: Case Closed

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH
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Royalty Policy Committee (States)

So Ut Wilderness, Et Al V. Norton, Et Al

PLAINTIFF: Wildlands CPR;

Utah Council of Trout Unlimited;
The Wilderness Society;
Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance;
Sierra Club;
Redrock Forests;
Great Old Broads for Wilderness;
Friends of the Abajos (Terminated 7/23/2003);
American Lands Alliance

DEFENDANT: Kathleen Clarke;

Gayle Norton;
Bureau of Land Management

All Plaintiffs: All Plaintiffs

Intervenor Defendant Wayne County;

Utah Shared Access Alliance;
State of Utah;
School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration,
The;
San Juan County;
Kane County;
Emery Cnty;
Elite Motorcycle Tours;
Blue Ribbon Coalition;
Anthony Chatterley

DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 2:99cv852

OTHER DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 01-04009

US Supreme Court, 03-00101
US Supreme Court, 02-01703

FILING DATE: 10/27/1999

JURISDICTION: Federal Question

JUDGE: Paul G. Cassell

NATURE OF SUIT: 893 Environmental

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Review of Agency Action-Environment [42 USC 4321](#)

JURY DEMAND: None

Royalty Policy Committee (States)

STATUS: Case Closed

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH
(Northern)

Kern River Gas Trans V. 24.51 Acres Of Land, Et Al

PLAINTIFF: Kern River Gas Transmission Company

DEFENDANT: 6.01 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Salt Lake County, Utah,
Known as Kern River Tracts 137.09W and 137.11W;
3.84 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Davis County, Utah, Known
as Kern River Tract 117.01W, Davis County, A Political
Subdivision of the State of Utah, et al (Terminated 9/15/1992);
24.51 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Morgan County Utah
(Terminated 4/20/1992);
20.61 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Davis County, Utah
(Terminated 6/11/1992);

Royalty Policy Committee (States)

2.62 Acres of Land, more or less, in Salt Lake County, Utah,
known as Kern River Tract 171W, J. Frank and Esther E. Brasher
Family Limited Partnership, a Utah partnership, and Jay L.
Brasher, dba J. F (Terminated 10/14/1992);

2.19 Acres of Land, more ore less in Salt Lake County, Utah,
known as Kern River Tract 169W, Keith H. Meikle, Mell C.
Meikle and Susanne Clift, all dba the Keith H. Meikle Family
Limited Partnership, (Terminated 8/25/1993);

1.14 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Salt Lake County, Utah,
Known as Kern River Tract 262.01W, Israel J. Martin and Alice
Martin (Terminated 8/20/1993);

1.08 Acres of Land, More or Less, in Salt Lake County, Utah,
Known as Kern River Tract 268.01W, Daro E. Hamilton, Vea Jean
Hamilton and Kevin Daro Hamilton (Terminated 3/8/1993);

0.43 Acres of Land, more or less, in Davis County, Utah, known
as Kern River Tract 127W, HRM, Inc., a Utah corporation
(Terminated 11/10/1992);

0.04 Acres of Land, more or less, in Davis County, Utah, known
as Kern River Tract 86.23W, Gerald R. Nichols, the Federal
Deposit Insurance Corporation, Receiver for Heritage Bank &
Trust, a Utah corp;

Valley Bank and Trust Company (Terminated 12/21/1992);
Rosalie Bown (Terminated 7/30/1991);
Owners Tract 273W (Terminated 9/17/1992);
North Lily Mining Company;
Mortgage Brokers, Inc. (Terminated 12/21/1992);
Lowell Jacobson (Terminated 2/1/1993);
J. Ralph Bown (Terminated 7/30/1991);
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Dale Kalmar (Terminated 12/30/1992);
Charles Frank Gillmor, Jr.;
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Associated Title Company;
Any Unknown Owners;
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known as Kern River Tract 161W, A. Wayne Meikle (Terminated
6/8/1993)

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Royalty Policy Committee (States)

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DOCKET CASE NUMBER: 1:90cv91

FILING DATE: 9/25/1990

JURISDICTION: Federal Question

JUDGE: J. Thomas Greene

NATURE OF SUIT: 210 Land Condemnation

FILING TYPE: Civil

CAUSE: Land Condemnation [28 USC 1358](#)

JURY DEMAND: Defendant

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SANTA FE — In the battle over diversions on the Gila River, Norm Gaume, former director of the Interstate Stream Commission, asked for a copy of a spreadsheet so he could fully understand the current commission's support of diversions. Gaume opposes diversion and believes the state's argument is flawed. He was told he had to sign an agreement that would prohibit him from using the data for "political purposes."

Databases are considered public information, but wording in the law allows state agencies to deny public access to information if it might be used for advocacy. The New Mexico Foundation for Open Government has said the restriction hampers access to public information and **violates** civil rights.

Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, D-Santa Fe, introduced House Bill 227 to remedy that. Gov. Susana Martinez vetoed the bill Friday.

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In her executive message, the governor wrote: "I cannot support a bill that would allow political organizations to take personal information — such as addresses and phone numbers — from private citizens in an attempt to push their political agendas. Implementation of HB 227 may result in several unintended consequences and would likely prove to be extremely costly."

The governor signed House Bill 218, which abolishes the cumbersome 32-member Litter Control Council and replaces it with a streamlined, seven-member New Mexico Clean and Beautiful Advisory Committee. The committee is no longer required to distribute Dusty Roadrunner litter bags, which will save the Tourism Department \$30,000 a year.

She also signed House Bill 257 to update licensing requirements for crane operators by correcting flaws in the current law and providing a license path for operators to seek an upgrade. The bill brings state law into compliance with the new federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations.

Martinez vetoed a second bill, House Bill 307, which would have required the Public Education Department to develop guidelines for professional development for career and technical education teachers and educational assistants.

The governor wrote that state law already provides professional development for all teachers, so the bill is unnecessary.

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Legislative Roundup

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Solitary confinement:

State senators on Friday voted 29-3 for a bill to prohibit jails and prisons from placing in solitary confinement inmates who are pregnant, mentally ill or younger than 18.

The bill does not apply to federal prisoners, and it has exceptions for inmates who pose an ongoing threat of physically harming someone.

House Bill 175 next goes to Gov. Susana Martinez for her consideration. It previously cleared the House of Representatives 38-22 on a largely party-line vote. Republicans cast all the votes against it.

Democratic Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas, an Albuquerque attorney, sponsored the bill. Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces, presented it on the Senate floor. She said the measure would lessen the chance of lawsuits over solitary confinement, which have led to court judgments for New Mexico inmates exceeding \$26 million.

Only the trophy: The penalty for wasteful hunting of big game would escalate from a misdemeanor to a fourth-degree felony under a bill heading to the governor.

State senators on Friday voted 37-2 for House Bill 92. It targets those who hunt without a license or outside the designated season and then wastefully kill certain animals. The bill defines wasteful hunting as taking only an animal's head, horns or antlers. It applies to bighorn sheep, ibex, oryx, Barbary sheep, elk, deer and pronghorn antelope.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Alonzo Baldonado, R-Los Lunas, previously cleared the House of Representatives.

Minimum Wage: The Senate on Friday sent another minimum wage bill to the governor. It approved House Bill 442, which would increase the state's minimum wage to \$9.25 an hour, up from \$7.50 per hour.

"Hardworking New Mexicans deserve a fair wage that will give their families an opportunity to succeed," said Rep. Debbie Rodella, D-Española, a co-sponsor of the bill. "No one working 40 hours a week should be struggling to put food on the table."

A day earlier the House approved Senate Bill 386, sponsored by Sen. Clemente Sanchez, D-Grants. That bill would raise the hourly minimum wage to \$8.25 in October, then to \$9 in April 2018. Beginning in October, it also would allow employers to pay an \$8 training wage for 60 days.

The last time the Legislature approved a minimum wage law was in 2013, when Martinez vetoed a proposed wage of \$8.50 an hour.

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A spokesman for Martinez said recently, "The governor supports raising the minimum wage so long that it's in line with neighboring states and doesn't hurt small businesses."

Arizona has a \$10-an-hour minimum wage — which will increase to \$10.50 in January, while Colorado's is \$9.30 and is scheduled to increase to \$10.20 next year. New Mexico's other neighbors — Texas, Oklahoma and Utah — each have a minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, which is the federal minimum wage. Birth certificate: After a rancorous debate, the House of Representatives sent the governor a bill that would make it easier for transgendered people to change the gender listed on their birth certificate. The vote was 36-26.

State law already allows New Mexicans to change the gender shown on their birth certificates if they undergo a sex-change operation. Under Senate Bill 120, sponsored by Sen. Jacob Candelaria, D-Albuquerque, transgendered people could seek the certificate change with a sworn recommendation of a licensed medical or mental health professional, regardless of whether they have undergone surgery.

Some House Republicans derided the bill during floor debate Thursday night.

Rep. Dennis Roch, R-Logan, offered a parody with an amendment that would also allow New Mexicans to change the date of birth on their certificates. The chamber shot down the idea with even Roch voting against it.

And other GOP lawmakers said the House should have been addressing what they viewed as more pressing matters, such as passing a budget.

As debate dragged on, some Democrats **accused** Republicans of crossing a line from critiquing policy to ridiculing people.

"This evening I watched as Republicans mocked transgender people on the House floor," Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, D-Galisteo, wrote on Twitter, "and I'm still saddened by the spectacle."

The bill carried with support from a handful of Republicans, including Reps. Zach Cook, Jim Dines and Jim Smith.

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Panel rejects expanded background checks

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A legislative committee on Monday effectively killed a bill to expand background checks for gun purchases – an issue that drew large crowds to the Capitol as well as big campaign contributions and intense lobbying and advertising.

The House Judiciary Committee voted 7-6 to table House Bill 548 after a lengthy hearing. It marked the defeat of the most recent gun-control bill sponsored by Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard, D-Los Alamos.

Democrat Eliseo Alcon of Milan joined the six Republicans on the panel to stop the measure, which would have required background checks on all sales of firearms at gun shows and from advertisements on the internet or print publications.

Garcia Richard said other states that have approved similar bills have seen fewer violent crimes and suicides involving guns.

Earlier in the session, Garcia Richard carried a similar measure, HB 50, which cleared two committees, including the Judiciary Committee. But last month she voluntarily pulled her own bill before it reached the full House of Representatives, asking it go back to the Judiciary Committee.

The main difference between the two bills, Garcia Richard said, is that the new proposal didn't cover temporary transfers of guns. "The intent is to get to stranger-to-stranger sales," she told the committee Monday. "I said from the beginning I wanted to strike a balance between public safety and convenience."

Only licensed firearms dealers are required to conduct background checks.

But the changes she made did little to quell opposition.

John Sugg, **district attorney** of Lincoln and Otero counties, told the Judiciary Committee that Garcia Richard's intent is legitimate but the bill would be unenforceable.

Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, D-Galisteo, challenged that claim. "The first thing you do when you **arrest** someone for a violent **crime** is ask them where they got the gun," he said.

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House Minority Leader Nate Gentry, R-Albuquerque, voted for a bill in 2013 that would have expanded background checks, saying that he and other Republicans who supported it took much heat. But of HB 548, he said, "If I thought this was something that would work, I'd support it."

The 2013 bill, which passed the House with bipartisan support, died in the Senate. That bill was inspired by the mass killings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. It was the last serious attempt New Mexico legislators made to expand background checks for firearm sales.

Like Sugg, Gentry said he prefers another bill going through the Legislature that would increase penalties on felons possessing firearms. This is HB 17, sponsored by Rep. Bill Rehm, R-Albuquerque. It cleared the House and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Opponents of Garcia Richard's latest bill complained that it lacked transparency. It started as a "dummy bill" – a blank sheet so content could be added belatedly. The title of the legislation is generic, saying it's for the "public peace, health, safety and welfare" without any mention of guns or background checks. In addition, neither the bill nor a report about its financial impact was available on the Legislature's website.

Still another bill on background checks is alive in the Senate. That is Senate Bill 48, sponsored by Sen. Richard Martinez, D-Española. It has been awaiting a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee – which is chaired by Martinez – since Jan. 31. Even if it somehow passed the Senate in this last week of the legislative session, it probably wouldn't make it through the House Judiciary Committee after Monday's defeat of a similar bill.

The committee's action was a blow to gun-control groups such as New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence and the New York-based Everytown for Gun Safety. They argued that Garcia Richard's measure would close a loophole that allows untold numbers of people to acquire guns without background checks.

The lobbyist for Everytown, which is chaired by media mogul and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, was the biggest single campaign contributor in New Mexico last year, giving more than \$219,000 to politicians and political action committees.

In contrast, the National Rifle Association spent only about \$10,000 on New Mexico candidates last year. But the organization last month poured \$44,377 into an internet ad blitz opposing the background check bills. That's the largest lobbyist expenditure reported so far during the session.

The House Judiciary committee also acted on another gun-control measure Monday, voting 9-4 to recommend Senate Bill 259, sponsored by Sen. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces. His proposal would require someone who is the subject of a restraining order to relinquish any guns. It also prohibits that person from buying or obtaining any other guns as long as the order is in effect.

People under such an order would have to deliver their firearms to someone who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm by state or federal law. All Democrats present voted for the measure, as did two Republicans, Gentry and Rep. Jim Dines of Albuquerque. Contact Steve Terrell at 505-986-3037 or sterrell@sfnewmexican.com

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GRAPHIC: At a meeting Monday of the House Judiciary Committee, Sierra County Sheriff Glenn Hamilton speaks against a bill that would require a person subject to a restraining order to surrender firearms. Luis Sánchez Saturno/The New Mexican

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New Mexico seeks safeguards against faithless electors

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SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) - New Mexico may take new precautions to guard against any possible revolt by presidential electors.

The state House of Representatives approved a bill Tuesday that would replace any presidential elector who does not vote for the candidate of the party that nominated them. The bill now moves to the Senate.

The initiative from Democrat Rep. **Matthew McQueen** also would do away with the New Mexico's **felony penalty** for "faithless" electors. McQueen says there should not be an option to thwart the will of the electorate.

Despite rumblings of a revolt, only two Republican electors - both from Texas - cast protest votes for someone other than [Donald Trump](#). [Hillary Clinton](#) lost four Democratic electors in Washington state and one in Hawaii.

[Hillary Clinton](#) won New Mexico's five electoral votes.

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Feb. 20--It's the same sad story at the state Capitol. New Mexico still can't pay its bills, but many legislators still introduce unnecessary bills that waste time and staff resources.

One such proposal would make it a crime for a prison inmate to possess a cellphone. The Corrections Department already prohibits prisoners from having cellphones, as well as

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weapons, cigarettes, alcohol and drugs. Even chewing gum is prison contraband because an inmate might mold a pack of Wrigley's Doublemint into a key.

No matter. Sen. Sander Rue, R-Albuquerque, introduced a bill to make it a felony for an inmate to have a cellphone. Other senators have since amended Rue's proposal to reduce the violation to a misdemeanor.

Prison guards don't need another law. They already inspect prison cells for every type of contraband as a matter of safety and security. And wardens can use administrative hearings to punish prisoners manipulative enough to get their mitts on a cellphone.

The real danger in New Mexico's prisons is chronic staffing shortages that force many guards to work 16-hour shifts, leaving them vulnerable because of fatigue. That's all the more reason legislators should focus on finances.

Democrats also are offering their share of bills that **kill** time and rob attention from the state's fiscal crisis.

Rep. **Matthew McQueen** of Galisteo is sponsoring a proposal to make the green chile cheeseburger the official hamburger of New Mexico. Hold the onions because it gets a committee hearing Tuesday.

At least McQueen's bill is innocuous. A proposal by Rep. Rod Montoya of Farmington and three of his fellow Republicans is cynical and ill-conceived.

Montoya introduced the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act based on the supposition that sadistic physicians kill fully formed babies after an abortion fails, then get away with the violence.

Montoya's bill would require caseworkers from the Children, Youth and Families Department to perform monthly inspections and interview employees at every hospital or clinic that performs elective abortions. A legislative staff analysis of the bill notes that these caseworkers are trained to detect child abuse or neglect, yet Montoya's anti-abortion measure would require them to make judgments about medical malpractice.

The state already has professional boards to police the conduct of medical professionals. Montoya's bill would create an enormous expense and more duties for a child welfare system that's already overworked. The only consolation is that his bill will end up where it belongs -- the trash bin.

Another unneeded bill, this one by Democrats, should be called the Sore Loser Initiative. It would require candidates for president to provide copies of their last five federal income tax returns to qualify for the ballot in New Mexico.

This measure is directed at Republican President [Donald Trump](#), ▼ who last year broke a tradition dating to the Nixon years by not disclosing his income tax filings.

One bill to bar presidential candidates from the New Mexico ballot if they don't release their tax forms has failed in the state House of Representatives, but a companion measure is alive in the Senate.

It should die, too. The U.S. Constitution establishes the age, citizenship and residency requirements to run for president. Democratic legislators in several states have drafted copycat proposals to restrict ballot access because of Trump's upset win last November.

One of the bill sponsors in New Mexico, Democratic Sen. Jacob Candelaria of Albuquerque, said trying to keep presidential candidates off the ballot if they withhold their tax returns is

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an uncharted area of law. But, he said, he believes states can establish reasonable requirements for access to the ballot.

"Trump's conduct [in not releasing his tax returns] has posed a threat to the integrity of our political system," Candelaria said.

That's as far-fetched as Trump's claim that millions of people voted illegally in the last election, his excuse for losing the popular vote.

Candelaria said his bill hasn't impeded the Legislature's focus on the state fiscal crisis. "That is our number one priority," he said.

It better be. The budget for the fiscal year that begins in July is unsettled and the state's credit rating is at risk. Legislators need not waste another minute on bills that demonize doctors, herald hamburgers or offer solutions to nonexistent problems.

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Bill would end 'political purpose' barrier to public data

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Norm Gaume believes the state is wrong and does not want you to know it.

The former director of the Interstate Stream Commission says data reveals errors undermining the state's case for spending billions of dollars to divert water from the Gila River, which for now runs freely through southwestern New Mexico.

But when Gaume asked last December for a copy of a spreadsheet to better understand the state's position, the commission required him to sign an agreement that would prohibit him from using the data for "political purposes."

Gaume's research has become an example of how just a few words buried in New Mexico law give state agencies broad discretion to deny members of the public access to information by prohibiting any use that could be construed as advocacy. Advocates for open government say the restriction is not just a barrier to public information but a **violation** of civil rights that muffles criticism of the government.

Now a legislator from Galisteo is proposing to change the law. "We shouldn't make people go to court to exercise their First Amendment rights," says Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, a Democrat, who has introduced House Bill 227 to **strike** the restrictions on using public data for political purposes.

State databases are considered public records under New Mexico law but with a range of exceptions and restrictions.

Agencies can require, for example, that anyone asking for a copy of a database guarantee they will not make copies without authorization or use the data for commercial or political purposes.

The law does not define "political purposes," giving agencies plenty of leeway to decide how public data can be used.

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Gaume ran up against that part of the law when he began to question data in a spreadsheet from the Interstate Stream Commission. A leading critic of the proposal to divert water from the Gila River, Gaume said he asked the agency to give him an “unlocked” copy of the spreadsheet, which would allow him to see the formulas that generated the data.

The Interstate Stream Commission replied that it considered the spreadsheet to be a database and asked Gaume agree to restrictions on its use.

At first, Gaume thought the ban on political use might have something to do with election campaigns — stopping candidates or parties from scraping up data for mailers and automated calls.

But, Gaume says, the commission considered his advocacy to be political, too, and he declined to sign the agreement.

Open government groups argue Gaume’s case demonstrates that state officials can easily use the law to exempt themselves from scrutiny.

“Removing the political purpose language is critically important. Requiring someone to sign a release saying a database won’t be used for ‘political purposes’ is a violation of that person’s civil rights under the First Amendment,” says Peter St. Cyr, executive director of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government.

But some officials have raised concerns that Mc-Queen’s bill might conflict with agreements between the state and the private companies that have created proprietary software to maintain some government databases, such as for court records.

Adam Marshall, a lawyer for the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, said governments often exempt proprietary information such as trade secrets from open records laws rather than seek to restrict how the information is used once it is released. But, Marshall said, New Mexico’s restrictions seem to contradict the purpose of open records law.

“I don’t know of any other state public records law that does that,” he said. “You want people to have access to public records so they can participate in the political process.”

It took a powerful politician to get the spreadsheet Gaume had requested.

The Interstate Stream Commission turned the file over to U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., after he requested it from the agency last month.

“While it’s hard to imagine a dam or diversion on the Gila River that is not irresponsibly expensive as well as destructive to the economy and our environment,” Heinrich said in a statement Monday, “it’s critical that all stakeholders and the public have access to the best available data and science to make informed decisions about the best path forward.”

Gaume says the data undermines arguments that water must be diverted from the Gila to meet the needs of farmers. Unused water could be made available at a small fraction of the cost of the diversion, he argues.

A committee of the state House of Representatives is scheduled to take up Mc-Queen’s bill on Thursday. A spokeswoman said officials from the Interstate Stream Commission had not reviewed the bill.

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McQueen, who says he filed the bill after reading about Gaume's battle with the commission in a story by New Mexico Political Report, maintains it is a simple fix to a clause in state law he sees as plainly unconstitutional.

"The statute just doesn't make any sense," he said.

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GOP to revive death penalty proposal during session

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Jan. 10--The death penalty will again be an issue in the state Legislature when it reconvenes next week.

A capital punishment bill, sponsored by Rep. Monica Youngblood, R-Albuquerque, is identical to what was perhaps the most divisive piece of legislation in last fall's special session of the Legislature.

But unlike last year, Republicans -- who lost control of the House in the November election - will have a much harder time getting a capital punishment bill to the House floor.

"It's my hope that people don't see it as a full reinstatement of the death penalty," Youngblood said Monday.

The state abolished the death penalty in 2009.

Youngblood said her bill, House Bill 72, targets "only the most heinous criminals, the ones that prey upon our children and our police officers."

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Like last year's bill, which she co-sponsored, Youngblood's new bill would make **murdering** a law enforcement officer, corrections personnel or a child the only **crimes** that would be eligible for a death sentence.

Youngblood said polls show most New Mexicans favor capital punishment for certain **crimes**. But Rep. **Matthew McQueen**, D-Galisteo, said Monday the death **penalty** is riddled with problems.

"There have been numerous examples around the country as well as in New Mexico of people who were **sentenced** to death later being exonerated," McQueen said. "And it's tremendously expensive. I believe it's a waste of resources. I'm hopeful this year we'll make short work of it."

Bringing back capital punishment would bring additional costs to a judicial system already strapped by the state's budget crunch.

Sen. Pete Campos, D-Las Vegas, in an opinion piece submitted to various news organizations, wrote, "New Mexico's courts face a funding crisis that threatens to undermine the judiciary's ability to protect our rights by delivering timely justice. ... The prosecution of criminal cases is being impaired. Some courts confront the possibility of dismissing cases because the state's public defender office lacks the staff and budget it needs to handle more cases."

A fiscal analysis by the Legislative Finance Committee of last year's death penalty bill said reinstating executions could cost the state up to \$7.2 million a year over a three-year period.

"The cost to the judicial system to process one individual through the death penalty process, which historically has taken an average of 11 years, is about \$105,000 per year," the report says. "The cost to incarcerate one individual on death row is \$51,100 a year."

In the analysis, the Administrative Office of the Courts estimated that a death penalty jury trial would cost \$12,000 to \$17,000 more than a nondeath penalty case. More jury costs would be incurred because after finding someone guilty in a death penalty case, a jury would have to determine whether to impose capital punishment.

The report also said that in cases stemming from the 2007 Santa Rosa prison riot -- in which prosecutors initially sought the death penalty for three inmates in the killing of a corrections officer -- the state Public Defender's Office spent \$474,600 on contract defense attorneys, \$1 million on expert witnesses and \$76,800 on other costs before trial. The total expense to the department was \$1.6 million.

In that case, the state Supreme Court ruled that unless the Legislature appropriated funds in addition to the \$1.1 million previously allocated for the case, the death penalty could not be imposed. The Legislature didn't approve those funds, so prosecutors dropped the death penalty from the case.

HB 72 includes a number of mitigating circumstances -- such as the defendant's age, mental capacity and prior criminal record -- that could be weighed by a jury in considering imposing the death penalty. Executions would not be allowed if the defendant suffers "intellectual disabilities." And if a condemned inmate is pregnant, the execution would be held until the baby is born.

At the end of October's special session, the House voted 36-30 along party lines to reinstate the death penalty, with Republicans in the majority. This followed a debate that started after midnight and ended just before 6 a.m. Many critics, including state religious leaders,

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blasted House leaders for holding the debate during the wee hours without any public notice. Hours later, the Senate voted to adjourn without considering the bill.

Last year was the first time that capital-punishment supporters made a serious effort to bring back the death penalty. The push came following several cases of police killings and child murders, including the rape and dismemberment of 10-year-old Victoria Martens.

Democrats criticized the idea of considering the capital punishment bill during the special session, which originally was meant to deal with the state's budget crisis. Some said it was nothing but a political ploy for Republicans to use during the general election.

If so, that plan backfired. Republicans lost control of the House after two years of being the majority. Though Republican Gov. Susana Martinez's political team was successful in bringing down Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez, D-Belen -- who opposed the death penalty bill -- the GOP suffered a net loss in the Senate.

Between 1979 and 2007, when the death penalty was an option to prosecutors, there were more than 200 death penalty cases filed, but only 15 men sentenced to death and only one execution.

Though the death penalty was repealed in 2009, two inmates who previously were convicted for murders remain on death row. They are Timothy Allen, convicted in 1995, and Robert Fry, convicted for a murder in 2000.

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Sharp comments reflect ill will as Legislature starts 2nd special session

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House minority Republicans say they were blindsided by the majority's late push to pass a combined operating and capital budget ahead of the end of the first special session last week.

And it led some lawmakers to denounce the majority, including Eagle River Rep. Dan Saddler.

He said the fast introduction of the 89-page budget amendment and the 2-minute limit on each House member's comments were a travesty comparable with the attack by Imperial Japan on Pearl Harbor, which brought the United States into World War II.

"FDR once said that December 7th, 1941, (is) a day which will live in infamy," Saddler said, adding that the Pearl Harbor attack "will be nowhere near June 15th, 2017, in the annals of infamy."

Anchorage Democratic Rep. Chris Tuck said Friday that Saddler's comments were misplaced.

"There's 2,400 Americans that died ... on that one day," Tuck said. "To compare something as traumatic as that in Americans' history is really, really over-the-top."

Anchorage Republican Rep. Lance Pruitt also condemned Dillingham Democratic House Speaker Bryce Edgmon.

Pruitt said the minority didn't have time to read the proposed budget.

"When you think about tyrants, you think about (Vietnamese Communist leader) Ho Chi Minh, (Zimbabwe President) Robert Mugabe and (Russian President Vladimir) Putin," Pruitt said to Edgmon. "Welcome to their club."

Edgmon said the majority had a sense of urgency to pass a budget to give the Senate enough time to decide whether to pass it ahead of the end of the first special session.

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The Senate majority adjourned without discussing the bill.

"When I was a staffer here in the '90s, I heard a lot worse," Edgmon said. "Back before social media, and Gavel to Gavel, and this, that and the other. ... I think it's all in a day's good work, and, you know, it is what it is."

Criticism of the mostly Democratic House majority spilled over into the Senate. Wasilla Republican Sen. David Wilson compared the House majority's handling of the legislation with the laws that enforced racial segregation in the South until 1965.

"It only reminds me of issues that I can only describe, for I feel for the other side, as separate yet not quite equal," Wilson said. "And given that, it just reminds me of those people in power that's supposed to be a party of inclusion and a party of bringing people together is only seen as (or) best described as, a party that just wants to support Jim Crow laws in the state of Alaska."

Anchorage Democratic Sen. Berta Gardner condemned Wilson's likening procedural decisions to racism.

"There was an allusion to supporting the Jim Crow laws, and I think that's completely out of line. And I want to refute that," Gardner said.

Whether hard feelings over the House majority's handling of the end of the first special session make a difference in the second special session remains to be seen.

The House minority could still exert influence if any budget agreement between the House and Senate relies on drawing money from the Constitutional Budget Reserve.

Tapping this reserve account requires support from three-quarters of the House, or at least eight of the 18 House minority members.

The other option is to draw money from Permanent Fund earnings to pay for the operating budget, which has never been done in the fund's history.

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Energy stocks brace for many quarters of earnings pressure

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Wall Street is bracing for a 20% decline in energy companies' earnings in the fourth quarter — and that's the good news.

"This quarter is not going to be the trough of profitability," said Pavel Molchanov, an analyst with Raymond James. Rather, deeper losses are likely to surface down the road, when companies report first-quarter or second-quarter earnings.

Perhaps more than the sheer numbers, investors will want to hear about belt-tightening measures at companies exposed to the rout in oil prices over the last few months. The giant oil companies will report at the tail end of this earnings season, in the last days of January and the first days of February (Metals manufacturer [Alcoa Inc.](#)

▼ AA, +1.32% kicks off earnings season on Monday).

Meanwhile, Schlumberger Ltd. SLB, -1.79% on Thursday will be the first among oil-field services companies to report, while other companies, such as machinery maker [Caterpillar Inc.](#) ▼ CAT, -1.19% which reports on Jan. 27, are also expected to report pain from falling oil prices.

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Of course, all the fourth-quarter numbers will reflect the days when New York-traded WTI and London's Brent, the global crude benchmarks, averaged \$73 a barrel and \$76 a barrel, respectively. The picture has only worsened. On Friday, Brent crude fell under \$50 a barrel, while New York-traded oil struggled to keep above \$48 a barrel.

With the world awash in oil at least through the first half of the year and no indication that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is even contemplating a production cut in the face of weak global demand, Wall Street has braced for more declines in the price of crude, and therefore gloomy outlooks from energy-related plays.

Falling oil prices, of course, are bound to help some companies — be it airlines, through lower fuel costs, or retailers, as consumers have more in their wallets for other items. Burt White, chief investment office for LPL Financial, said in a note Friday he expects "another good earnings season overall" despite the drag from the energy sector.

Consensus estimates call for a 4% year-over-year increase in S&P 500 earnings per share for the quarter, even while absorbing the expected 20% decline in energy-sector earnings, he said.

Indeed, many on Wall Street may start using the term "ex-energy" to look at overall earnings outside energy companies and the impact of oil's collapse, the same way "ex-financials" was handy a few years back, when financial stocks stumbled in the aftermath of the Great Recession, White said.

As investors digest earnings reports, they will look closely at companies' capital-spending plans for the current year, said Molchanov, the Raymond James analyst.

More than 40 energy companies have announced their 2015 capital expenditure plans, with the average budget calling for a reduction in spending of more than 30%, analysts at Tudor Pickering Holt said in a note Thursday.

Investors also want to hear executives talk about their company's "break-even" point, or the price needed to get oil out the ground and still turn a profit. So far, that is a problem afflicting a tiny portion of the world's oil supply.

Just 0.2% of global supply is unprofitable with Brent oil at \$50 a barrel, consultants at Wood Mackenzie said in a note Friday. A slide to \$40 a barrel would make 1.6% of global supply unprofitable.

If Brent hits \$40 a barrel or below, producers will be shutting in production at levels that would result in "significant reduction of global supply," they said. U.S. onshore "stripper wells," or those nearing the end of their life, would be first to be cut.

But in North Dakota's shale-oil boom, the break-even cost for drilling for new wells ranges from \$39 to \$77, **Lynn D. Helms**, the director of the state's department of natural resources, told a state appropriations committee on Thursday.

Among individual companies to watch, ConocoPhillips COP, -0.02% is expected to open the earnings season for Big Oil on Jan. 29. Analysts polled by FactSet expect the company to have earned 89 cents a share in the quarter, compared with earnings of \$1.40 a year earlier.

Chevron Corp. CVX, -1.99% reporting Jan. 30, is likely to be similarly pinched. The consensus is for earnings of \$1.78 a share for the quarter, compared with \$2.57 a share in the fourth quarter of 2013.

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Rival Exxon Mobil Corp. XOM, -0.14% on Feb. 2, is seen reporting earnings of \$1.41 a share, down from \$1.91 a share a year ago.

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States, oil producers see regulatory issues looming

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Excessive and poorly conceived federal regulations threaten to stifle an onshore US oil and gas renaissance that is being made possible by hydraulic fracturing and other new technologies, state officials and producers told the US House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. States are better qualified and have worked with producers and other stakeholders to develop rules that are effective and economic, they said at field hearings July 13 in Edmond, Okla., and July 14 in Fargo, ND.

State regulators repeatedly have shown that they can move faster than a federal bureaucracy, noted Patrice Douglas, an Oklahoma Corporate Commission member, during the July 13 hearing.

Douglas noted that in the 2 years that the US Environmental Protection Agency spent studying hydraulic fracturing, the State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations Inc.--comprised of state regulators, environmental groups, and oil and gas producers--completed reviews of five states' fracking regulations and made recommendations that states, including Oklahoma, have implemented.

"This is not meant to suggest that Oklahoma and other states are perfect. We are not," Douglas added. "We have worked, and will continue to work, in a positive way with EPA and other federal agencies on matters of mutual interest in which we can share our collective expertise. We seek ways to improve."

While the federal permitting process may make sense where large blocks of land are managed for federal ownership or trust responsibilities, federal mineral tracts in North Dakota outside Fort Berthold and the Dakota Prairie Grasslands are small parcels that resulted from right of way acquisitions and **bankruptcies**, according to **Lynn D. Helms**, director of the state's Department of Mineral Resources.

Burdens and delays

In nearly every case, the surface estate has been sold, resulting in a split estate situation where the processes required to obtain a federal permit impose regulatory burdens and development delays on private property owners, he indicated during the committee's July 14 hearing in Fargo.

"North Dakota has worked hard to create a stable tax and regulatory environment that promotes venture capital investment," Helms said in his written statement. "Our oil and gas rules are reviewed at least every 2 years through a public comment process where every comment must be considered in writing. This ensures that North Dakota regulations keep up with new technologies and economic conditions."

He said North Dakota's Industrial Commission believes states that have adopted fracking rules that include chemical disclosure, well construction, and wellbore pressure testing should be exempt from proposed US Bureau of Land Management rules and EPA guidance. "The EPA guidance is written for enhanced oil recovery wells or disposal wells completed with tubing and packer," Helms told the committee. "Most of the requirements will not work mechanically on wells completed with swell packers and fractured down the production casing as is common in North Dakota."

Henry A. True, vice-president of Bridger Pipeline LLC and Belle Fourche Pipeline Co., said Bakken shale production growth has increased North Dakota's crude oil production in 10 years to more than 640,000 b/d from 84,000 b/d. "North Dakota is now second to Texas in daily oil production," he said in his written testimony. "However, when you compare

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infrastructure, Texas has over 50,000 miles of liquids pipelines, while North Dakota has less than 4,000 miles. Our estimates show that North Dakota production could reach 1.2 million b/d in the next decade, but there is a clear and significant infrastructure gap that needs to be solved."

Jack R. Ekstrom, vice-president of corporate and government relations at Whiting Petroleum Corp. in Denver, said at the July 14 hearing that it was fortunate that much of the Bakken formation is in North Dakota, where individuals hold most of the surface and mineral rights and the state and federal governments have minor ownership. "Many in government are not aware that a federal drilling permit is required even when the federal government owns none of the surface and a minute fractional interest in the subsurface minerals," he said in his written testimony.

Avoiding federal lands

Ekstrom added that the specter of more federal regulations, coupled with the US Department of the Interior's "disingenuous and deceptive statements over many months related to so-called 'unused' leases" have led Whiting and many other producers to make federal acreage their last development choice. "Our strategy is to lease private lands and state lands, while avoiding federal lands and related costs and delays if at all possible," he said.

"This industry, along with the associated jobs and energy from the fossil fuel it produces, is critical not just to Oklahoma but to the nation," said Brian Woodard, vice-president of regulatory affairs at the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association, at the July 13 hearing.

"However, as I sit before you today and tout America's current oil and gas renaissance, and as the blueprint has been laid for a true era of US energy independence, the current administration has countered with an equivalent flood of regulatory policies which threaten to undermine this bright energy future," he continued in his written testimony.

He said instead of generating estimates from reports that producers submit already, EPA has imposed greenhouse gas reporting requirements on larger upstream independents that cost millions of dollars and make many companies integrate production software and new monitoring equipment into their daily operating systems.

EPA's proposed new source performance standard for producers inappropriately uses methane as a surrogate for volatile organic compounds, Woodard continued. "In order to be cost effective, the rule should only apply to production streams which contain a meaningful VOC concentration," he said. "For sources with significantly low to zero VOC content, such as dry gas shales like the Barnett, Haynesville, and others, the cost per ton of emission reductions drastically exceeds historically acceptable levels."

Inappropriate data

EPA also developed an emission factor for well completions by improperly using Natural Gas STAR data, added Joe Leonard, Devon Energy Corp.'s environmental, health, and safety engineer. "In short, EPA assumes that gas recovered would have otherwise been flared or vented," he told the committee at the July 13 hearing. "However, industry data shows that reduced emission completions account for significantly more gas produced and sold than would be flared or vented during older and less common completion processes."

He noted that a recent study of more than 90,000 wells demonstrated that EPA's estimates were too high across upstream processes (OGJ, July 2, 2012, p. 52). The study was jointly commissioned by the American Petroleum Institute and America's Natural Gas Alliance.

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"This is outrageous because EPA, using incorrect assumptions, applying inappropriate data, and then analyzing it improperly, has not only changed its emission estimates for completion operations on a forward-looking basis, but revised all oil and gas completion estimates back to 1990--a period before the combined use of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing," Leonard said in his written testimony.

Fossil fuel opponents also have tactically used the Endangered Species Act to slow energy resource development, noted Mike McDonald, president of Triad Energy Inc. in Oklahoma City.

McDonald said that typically, they overwhelm the US Fish and Wildlife Service with hundreds of proposed candidate listings so the DOI agency can't respond before mandated deadlines, then sue FWS which settles actions without examining the scientific evidence.

"Of the 1,391 animal and plant species listed, only 20 have ever been removed from the list," McDonald said in his written testimony. "Several listed and candidate species, in particular the listed American Burying Beetle and the Lesser Prairie Chicken, affect drilling operations in Oklahoma. To protect the beetle, producers must hire consultants, who must put out survey traps containing carrion, file additional paperwork with FWS, and slow drilling operations during the beetles' active period."

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SSN: (b) (6)

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Original Address: 2635 VALLEYVIEW BLVD
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Filing Information

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Jurisdiction: IL

Business Telephone: (b) (6)

Type: DBA

Number: 33173

Date: 06/24/2016

Contact Information

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Contact Type: OWNER

Contact 2

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Contact Type: OWNER

Contact 3

Name: CHARLES COLEMAN

Contact Type: OWNER

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Name: HOLLY MORELOCK

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Contact Type: OWNER

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Business Information

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TOM GREEN COUNTY

Jurisdiction: TX

Type: DBA

Number: 32043927386

Date: 03/29/2011

Contact Information

Name: BARBY DREW

Address: (b) (6)
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TOM GREEN COUNTY

Contact Type: OWNER

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Business Information

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Jurisdiction: TX

Business Telephone: 325-653-8830

Type: ASSUMED NAME; CORPORATION

Number: 33173

Date: 05/12/2009

Expiration Date: 05/12/2019

Business Status: CURRENT

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Contact Type: OWNER

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Type: DBA
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Date: 03/11/2005

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Contact Type: OWNER

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TOM GREEN COUNTY
Jurisdiction: TX
Business Telephone: 949-5925
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SSN: (b) (6)

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Debtor 2

Name: W DREW DARBY AND ASSOCIATES

Creditor Information

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Filing Information

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Texas lawmaker Drew Darby arrested for concealed gun at ABIA **METRO-STATE**

By [Mike Ward](#) - American-Statesman Staff

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State Rep. Drew Darby faces a third-degree felony charge of illegally carrying a handgun at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, police said Friday.

An arrest affidavit shows Darby, 66, who is chairman of the House Redistricting Committee and holds seats on the powerful appropriations and higher education committees, was arrested Nov. 14 after airport security screeners found a loaded .380 Ruger pistol in his carry-on bag for a morning flight.

Police said the gun showed up during a routine X-ray and subsequent search of his bag.

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Darby told police he “is a concealed (handgun) license holder and stated he forgot the handgun was in his bag. The state’s concealed handgun law does not allow licensees to carry guns through airport security and onto a plane.

Bail was set at \$5,000, a court filing shows.

Darby could not be reached for comment Friday. But in a statement, he said he regretted the mistake.

“I accept responsibility for my failure to fully examine my luggage when packing,” he said. “I did not seek or receive special treatment, and that is how it should be.”

Darby, who is seeking reelection to his District 72 House seat, has been a strong gun rights supporter. He is among many lawmakers who carry concealed handguns with a state license, though the exact number is unknown because registration records are kept secret.

According to the Associated Press, the Transportation Safety Administration has set a record for gun seizures at airports this year, more than 1,500 nationwide by October, more than in all of 2012. TSA statistics show 20 were seized during that time at the Austin airport, including 16 that were loaded and four that were unloaded.

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At tail end of Texas redistricting trial, judges skeptical of state's defense

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SAN ANTONIO — The state of Texas faced a healthy dose of judicial skepticism on Saturday as its lawyers laid out final arguments in a trial over whether lawmakers intentionally

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discriminated against minority voters in enacting current Texas House and Congressional district maps.

A three-judge panel peppered lawyers from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office with questions that suggested they were having trouble swallowing the state's defense of its maps, premised on the argument that lawmakers were merely following court orders in creating them.

The state Legislature adopted the maps in 2013 in an effort to half further legal challenges that began in 2011.

In the final hours of six days of hearings, U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez said he saw "nothing in the record," to suggest the 2013 Legislature, before approving the boundaries, considered fixing voting rights violations flagged by another federal court identified ahead of time.

He and another district judge, Orlando Garcia, also criticized the state's unwillingness to offer documents and testimony that might shine a light on lawmakers' intentions. State lawyers kept such evidence out of court throughout the trial by claiming "legislative privilege," which allows lawmakers to keep secret their communications on policy along with their "thoughts and mental impressions."

The plaintiffs "get no documents, because you invoke legislative privilege. They get no testimony because of legislative privilege," said Rodriguez, a George W. Bush-appointee. "How else are they going to get it?"

Rodriguez emerged as the jurist most critical of the state's position during Saturday's hearing, although the only judge on the panel who has sided with Texas in previous redistricting rulings also voiced skepticism.

Over the course of the week, minority rights groups and the state tussled over whether — and how — the state's political maps should change to fix possible voting rights act violations ahead of the 2018 elections. But the trial also probed a question that's more consequential in the long term: Whether the 2013 Legislature intentionally minimized the political clout of Latino and black Texans in enacting the maps.

Federal courts have already scolded Texas for intentional discrimination in three rulings this year. Another such finding would boost the odds that judges put Texas back onto a list states that need the federal government's permission to enact any new voting legislation.

Earlier this year, the three-judge panel overseeing this week's trial found knowing discrimination in Texas' House and Senate maps Texas lawmakers drew in 2011. But those maps never took effect, as the court temporarily tweaked them during a 2012 election scramble.

In hopes of halting the litigation, the 2013 Texas Legislature made permanent the court-drawn maps that are now in dispute.

Minority rights groups that sued over the maps point out that judges made clear the maps they drew — and lawmakers adopted — applied only to the subsequent elections that were delayed by legal wrangling, and that they did not fully violations in the boundaries lawmakers drew in 2011.

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Rodriguez said as much Saturday in a question to the state: "If this was an interim plan, giving the Legislature an opportunity to fix it, why didn't you take that opportunity?"

The state's litany of challengers, including the NAACP and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, argue the discriminatory nature of the maps adopted in 2011 still "infects" the current maps, and that Texas' Republican leadership ignored efforts by Democratic state lawmakers to improve Latino and black representation.

Matthew Frederick, the state's deputy solicitor general, argued Friday that challengers had not found clear evidence of such intent by the 2013 Legislature.

"It's their burden to prove," he said. "There is no evidence that the Legislature as a whole, or any individual had that intent when they adopted the plans."

Rodriguez cited the plaintiffs' larger body of evidence for their **allegations**, and highlighted the state's repeated claims of "legislative privilege," which kept one of its few witnesses, state Rep. **Drew Darby**, from saying much of substance on the witness stand Friday. The San Angelo Republican chaired the committee that oversaw the creation of the maps in 2013.

"We have no other legislator expressing anything" on intent, Rodriguez said, adding that he could find nothing on the record to support the state's claim that it analyzed court rulings and studied alternative maps before enacting the current one four years ago.

Frederick said "legislative privilege" claims would also keep the state from offering proof.

"Had it been favorable, I'm sure you would have raised it," Judge Garcia, a Bill Clinton nominee, responded.

Frederick disagreed, saying "privilege doesn't imply the nature of the content."

In a separate line of arguments, Texas also drew criticism from the panel's only judge to side with the state in previous rulings: Jerry Smith of the conservative-leaning U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The line of arguments regarded the consequences of a separate court's redistricting ruling that came after the 2012 elections, but before the Legislature formally adopted the San Antonio court's temporary maps.

A federal court in Washington D.C. had rejected the state's 2011 maps, citing a litany of Voting Rights Act violations.

Minority groups argue that decision should have prompted the Legislature to make wholesale boundary changes in 2013, giving more representation to surging minority populations. They say the state's failure to do so suggests knowing discrimination.

On Saturday, Frederick suggested the Washington ruling was irrelevant to the current proceedings, because a 2013 Supreme Court ruling — *Shelby v. Holder*, which gutted part of the Voting Rights Act — invalidated the redistricting ruling.

Judge Smith, appointed by Ronald Reagan, said he disagreed.

The *Shelby* ruling makes the question of intentional discrimination consequential. It sprung Texas and other states from a process called "preclearance," which required them to get the federal government's signoff — either through the Department of Justice, or a court — before enacting new voting laws.

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The high court's decision, however, left open the possibility that federal oversight would resume in if there's enough fresh evidence of intentional racial discrimination.

Along with the previous redistricting rulings this year, a federal judge in Corpus Christi found such evidence in Texas' 2011 voter identification law.

Jose Garza, an attorney for the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, said Saturday he wasn't surprised judges on the panel were skeptical of the state's defense of its redistricting.

"I think the evidence [of intentional discrimination], contrary to what the state describes, is powerful," he told reporters. "It's like the state repeated the mistakes they made in 2011, digging their heels in."

Garza also suggested the state's use of "legislative privilege" may have backfired.

Asked for comment following the trial, Patrick Sweeten, the state's lead attorney said: "Extremely happy with it."

It's not clear when the judges might rule, but they said they wanted to avoid affecting the 2018 elections which could be pushed back if new maps are not approved in time.

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On day 5 of redistricting trial, Texas rebuts claim that current political maps discriminate

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HIGHLIGHT: State Rep. **Drew Darby** (R-San Angelo) testified before a three-judge panel about **allegations** that lawmakers intentionally **discriminated** against millions of Hispanic and black voters in adopting its current political maps. Darby chaired the House Committee on Redistricting in 2013, when lawmakers approved state House and Congressional maps that are the subject of trial this week, the latest in six years of legal wrangling. Photo by Spencer Selvidge, The Texas Tribune

SAN ANTONIO - The State of Texas pushed back Friday against allegations that lawmakers intentionally **discriminated** against millions of Hispanic and black voters in adopting its current political maps, with the state's lawyers trying to convince federal judges not to order changes ahead of the 2018 elections to better accommodate the state's surging population of minority voters. "They were legal and complied with the law," state Rep. **Drew Darby** said of the maps, testifying before a three-judge panel. Darby, a Republican from San Angelo, chaired the House Committee on Redistricting in 2013, when lawmakers approved state House and Congressional maps that are the subject of trial this week, the latest in six years of legal wrangling.

Earlier this year, the judges had found intentional discrimination in maps lawmakers' drew in 2011. But those maps never took effect, because the court temporarily tweaked them during a 2012 election scramble. In hopes of halting the litigation, the 2013 Texas Legislature made those court-drawn maps permanent. Minority groups challenging the state argue the 2013 maps still fall far short in addressing voting rights violations that the judges flagged in their previous rulings, and they call lawmakers' decision to adopt the court-drawn maps another effort to minimize the political clout of voters of color. The trial's outcome could shakeup political races across Texas. Questioning Darby on Friday, the state challenged the picture painted by Democratic lawmakers on the witness stand earlier in the week - that information was scarce during the 2013 special session devoted to redistricting, and that Republicans seemed to prioritize speed, rather than addressing voting rights concerns. The state's lawyers focused almost exclusively on Darby's past statements and other public records to suggest he and other leaders did listen to concerns from Hispanic and black lawmakers. The lawyers also highlighted minor amendments to the House map that Darby allowed during a floor debate in 2013. Yet more noticeable on Friday were details Darby refused to share by invoking "legislative privilege," a legal protection allowing Darby to decline to answer questions about communications with other lawmakers and state lawyers and his "thoughts and mental impressions" about policy decisions. Plaintiffs' lawyers repeatedly reminded the judges of the questions - many seemingly crucial for divining intent - that Darby would not answer about his colleagues' actions. When the state earlier in

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the week cited "legislative privilege" to prevent disclosure of some of Darby's 2013 emails, Judge Xavier Rodriguez spoke of the difficulties it presented in such cases. "How is a plaintiff in a Voting Rights Act case going to understand the intent of the legislature, if it can't look at documents?" he asked. The state on Friday also tried rebutting arguments that its maps need rejigging to accommodate the state's large growing share of minority voters. Texas' population is soaring, enough to give it four new congressional seats in the most recent round of redistricting, which relied on the 2010 census. No other state added more than two seats. Texas is also becoming less white each day, creating headaches for Republicans, who currently control state government, as minorities - particularly Hispanic and black voters - overwhelmingly support Democrats in elections. Hispanic and black voters accounted for nearly 79 percent of the state's growth from 2000 to 2010. And those groups comprised nearly 40 percent of Texas' voting age population during the latest census, a proportion that has only since grown. Minority groups see their voters as grossly underrepresented on the state's political maps. In redrawing the Congressional map in 2011, for instance, the Legislature offered only 10 districts out of 36 total in which minorities could elect candidates of their choice, according to experts offered by the plaintiffs. The current fought-over map added just one such "opportunity district." Throughout the week, lawyers representing plaintiffs have offered several alternative House and congressional maps, which they say demonstrate ways to add more opportunity districts and fix violations judges have flagged in past rulings. (The maps were not aimed at maximizing minority representation in Texas, but rather to meet legal standards.) John Alford, a political science professor at Rice University who the state offered as an expert witness, dismissed those maps as not addressing the problem that the plaintiffs claim exist. "It's not possible to create an additional majority-minority district in Texas," Alford said. In wrangling over the Congressional map, minority groups have largely homed in on several Dallas-Fort Worth area districts, parts of Harris County, U.S. Rep. Will Hurd's Congressional District 23, which stretches from San Antonio to El Paso and takes in most of the Texas-Mexico border; Congressional District 27, represented by Blake Farenthold, R-Corpus Christi; and U.S. Rep Lloyd Doggett's Congressional District 35, which stretches from Austin into San Antonio narrowly along Interstate 35. In their ruling on the 2011 maps, judges found discrimination - some of it intentional - in CD-23, CD-27 and CD-35. Judges also found lawmakers illegally "packed" and "cracked" predominantly Hispanic and black communities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, a method of diluting their political strength. The 2013 map did not alter boundaries in several of those flagged areas. "I don't think there's ever been a more exhaustive attempt to redraw a map, than the one here in Texas," Alford testified. The state on Friday sought to poke holes in the maps offered by plaintiffs, which rely partly on "coalition" districts where Hispanic and black voters, only in the majority when combined, could elect candidates of their choice - at least in general elections when they overwhelmingly favor Democrats. Alford, the state's expert, criticized the plaintiffs' demonstrated coalition districts, arguing - largely relying on past Democratic primary election results - that Hispanic and black voters in various districts vote differently, preferring candidates of their own race. He underplayed general election data and testimony from voters, which the plaintiffs point to, suggesting the minority voting groups clearly coalesce around Democrats following primaries. In that sense, Alford testified, the maps plaintiffs offered would not address Hispanic voters' statewide underrepresentation.

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The Texas House of Representatives issued the following news release:

On Wednesday, the Texas House of Representatives took up and passed HB 21 by Rep. Huberty, a bill to reform the public school finance system. Public education is one of the top priorities of the Texas House and this bill is crucial to ensuring proper funding for Texas school systems. While there were several parts to the bill that Rep. Springer supported including fixing the Transportation formula that hasn't been touched in three decades, he did propose and support additional amendments that will benefit schools in rural Texas.

Rep. Springer offered an amendment to address the need for supplemental funding as the state phases out the Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR) program which is set to end in 2017. The amendment read that if a school district is the only one operating in a county, then the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Commissioner shall provide the district with 100 percent of the state aid that they would have received under the previous funding formula. There are a handful of school districts in the state that this applies to where consolidation is simply not an option due to the distance from alternate districts. This would be a tremendous help for those schools that are small fixed cost schools which require a base amount of funding to operate and educate the children that they serve. Unfortunately, the votes were not there to pass this amendment.

Rep. Springer also strongly supported and voted for an amendment authored by Representative **Drew Darby**. Rep. Darby's Amendment will remove the 300 square mile **penalty** that currently hurts rural schools. This policy was implemented over 30 years ago to promote consolidation of small school districts, however, it proved to be ineffective

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and damaging. In addition to supporting this amendment, Rep. Springer also authored a bill that would strike this provision, HB 2091.

When asked about these amendments, Rep Springer stated, "Our rural public schools, because of lower student populations and larger land mass, can be penalized under the current funding formula. These amendments will ensure that our rural schools are protected and that our students will receive the same quality education of those in urban areas."

If you have questions or concerns about the representative's amendments, you may contact Rep. Springer at District68.Springer@house.texas.gov

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