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Fwd: State legislators in NC and SC

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Subject: Fwd: State legislators in NC and SC

For working on flights.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: State legislators in NC and SC

Folks,

NC:

I had a phone call with Rep. John Bell (Majority leader in the House and member of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee) from North Carolina. He would like to have a meeting with the Secretary and a few other state legislators to talk about OCS DPP. I let him know that a meeting could work around 1215pm to 1230 on Saturday. I have connected him with Aaron to work out logistics. Rep. Bell will fill me in on the other state legislators as soon as he can.

POC: Rep. John Bell 919 344 6324

SC:

I had a phone call with Sen. Stephen Goldfinch (Ag and Natural Resources Committee and represents the coast) in SC. He would like to have a meeting with the secretary and a few other state legislators to talk OCS DPP as well. I let him know a meeting could work after 2pm. He said he is likely able to pull some folks together at about 3 or 330 on Friday. I have connected his office with Aaron to figure out logistics. Sen. Goldfinch will fill me in on the other state legislators as soon as he can.

POC, Sen Goldfinch's secretary Margaret 803 212 6116

Let me know if anyone has questions!

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3006

March 26, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke:

I write to request that you meet with the New Jersey's Congressional Democrats to outline the Administration's plans for implementing the 2019-2024 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program.

According to multiple media reports, you met with Republican members of the New Jersey Congressional delegation on February 27th to discuss the Administration's offshore leasing plans. The New Jersey Congressional Delegation is unified in its opposition to the Administration's proposed OCS leasing program and all members would benefit from greater insight into your thinking. A frank and direct conversation on this important matter will promote transparency and help ensure the voices of those we represent are heard by the Administration, and I urge you to work expeditiously to schedule a meeting to discuss this issue with the Democratic members of the delegation.

On a related note, I would like to follow up with you regarding a January 11, 2018 invitation to personally visit New Jersey to meet with the Governor, lawmakers, and constituents who would be impacted by the 2019-2024 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Draft Proposed Program. I have not received a response from your office on this matter. As you know, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management held a public meeting in New Jersey on February 14, 2018. While constituents from across the state came to voice their opposition to the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2019-2024, there was no opportunity to submit verbal testimony. In light of the large scope of the proposed program and the tremendous local risks associated with the program, I again ask that you schedule a Secretarial visit and afford the people of New Jersey the opportunity to share their views at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



FRANK PALLONE, JR.
Member of Congress

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**United States Department of the Interior
Official Travel Schedule of the Secretary**

**Tallahassee, FL
January 9, 2018
Draft: 1/8/18**



**TRIP SUMMARY
THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
Tallahassee, FL
January 9, 2018**

Weather:

Tallahassee, FL

High 73°, Low 57°; Mostly Cloudy; 20% Chance of Precipitation

Time Zone:

Tallahassee, FL

Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Advance:

Security Advance

Advance

Deputy Press Secretary

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Rusty Roddy

Alex Hinson

Cell Phone:

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202-897-8001

202-641-5381

Traveling Staff:

Agent in Charge

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,

Land & Minerals Management

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Kate MacGregor

Cell Phone:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

202-706-9351

Attire:

Business

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Washington, DC → Tallahassee, FL → Washington, DC

- 6:05-6:50 am EST: Depart Residence en route Dulles International Airport**
Location: 1 Saarinen Circle
Dulles, VA 20166
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RKZ
Drive time: ~45 minutes
Note: Kate MacGregor will travel separately to Dulles International Airport
- 7:45-9:50 am EST: Wheels up Washington, DC (IAD) en route Atlanta, GA (ATL)**
Flight: Delta 1697
Flight time: 2 hours, 5 minutes
RKZ Seat: 3B
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Kate MacGregor
- 9:50-11:18 am EST: Layover in Atlanta, GA**
- 11:18-12:27 pm EST: Wheels up Atlanta, GA (ATL) en route Tallahassee, FL (TLH)**
Flight: Delta 5522
Flight time: 1 hour, 9 minutes
RKZ Seat: 13C
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Kate MacGregor
- 12:27-12:45 pm EST: Wheels down Tallahassee, FL // Proceed to Vehicles**
Location: Tallahassee International Airport
3300 Capital Circle SW
Tallahassee, FL 32310
- 12:45-1:05 pm EST: Depart Tallahassee International Airport en route Florida State Capitol Complex**
Location: 400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RKZ
Kate MacGregor
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Drive time: ~20 minutes
- 1:05-1:10 pm EST: Arrive Florida State Capitol Complex & Proceed to the Office of the Governor**
Location: South Lobby Entrance
- 1:10-1:30 pm EST: Hold**
Location: Governor's Small Conference Room
Staff: Kate MacGregor
Rusty Roddy
Alex Hinson

1:30-2:15 pm EST: Meeting with Governor Rick Scott
 Location: Office of the Governor
 Participants: RKZ
 Governor Rick Scott
 Staff: Kate MacGregor
 Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
 Jackie Schutz Zeckman, Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Rick Scott
 Advance: Rusty Roddy
 Alex Hinson (Press)
 Press: Closed

2:15-2:30 pm EST: Hold During Press Set-up
 Location: Office of the Chief of Staff to the Governor

2:30-2:50 pm EST: Press Availability
 Location: Office of the Governor
 Participants: RKZ
 Governor Rick Scott
 Setting: Informal setting in front of Governor's Desk; no podium or mic
 Program: Governor delivers brief opening remarks & introduces RKZ
 RKZ delivers brief remarks
 Q & A
 Press: 10 - 12 Members of the Press

2:50-3:00 pm EST: Conclude Press Availability & Proceed to Vehicle

3:00-3:20 pm EST: Depart Florida State Capitol Complex en route Tallahassee International Airport (TLH)
 Location: 3300 Capital Circle SW
 Tallahassee, FL 32310
 Vehicle Manifest:
 Secretary's Vehicle:
 RKZ
 Kate MacGregor
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Staff Vehicle:
 Rusty Roddy
 Alex Hinson
 Drive time: ~20 minutes

3:20-3:30 pm EST: Hold in Vehicle

3:30-4:00 pm EST: Call

5:27-6:50 pm EST: Wheels up Tallahassee, FL (TLH) en route Miami, FL (MIA)
 Flight: American 3454
 Flight time: 1 hour, 23 minutes
 RZ Seat: 10B
 AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Staff: Kate MacGregor, Rusty Roddy, Alex Hinson

6:50-8:00 pm EST: Layover in Miami, FL // 1 hour, 10 minute layover

8:00-10:43 pm EST: Wheels up Miami, FL (MIA) en route Washington, DC (DCA)

Flight: American 2461

Flight time: 2 hours, 43 minutes

RZ Seat: 21C

AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Staff: Kate MacGregor, Rusty Roddy, Alex Hinson

10:43-11:00 pm EST: Wheels down Washington, DC // Proceed to Vehicle

11:00-11:20 pm EST: Depart Airport en route Residence



THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

TRIP PLANNING & INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

Governors Visits

Friday, February 2-3, 2018

Columbia, SC; Raleigh, NC

Staff Lead: Todd Wynn

Advance Lead: Aaron Thiele; (202) 897-7178

I. PURPOSE

To engage and receive feedback from Governors and key stakeholders on the National Outer Continental Shelf Draft Proposed Program (DPP).

II. BACKGROUND

There are numerous concerns about oil and gas leasing on the Atlantic coastline mainly pertaining to fisheries, tourism, and the environment. The past administration's Draft Proposed Program contained a 50-mile no-leasing buffer along the Atlantic coastline. DOI has received numerous requests from Governors and Members of Congress to have public meetings in communities along their coastlines, however adding those at the DPP phase would require extending the public comment period. Also, there have been requests for extensions of the public comment period. There will be opportunity for more localized meetings at the Proposed Program phase when there is potential for fewer areas for consideration. Thus far, DOI has not extended the public comment period or planned for public meetings except for those in coastal state capitals.

BOEM estimates there are 2.41Bbo of oil and 24.63Tcf of gas in the Mid-Atlantic planning area (off the coasts of MD, VA, and NC). BOEM estimates there are 0.41Bbo of oil and 1.78Tcf of gas in the South Atlantic planning area (off the coasts of SC, GA, and northern FL).

North Carolina: Gov. Roy Cooper wrote against inclusion in the National Program. On a phone call with the Secretary on January 12, 2018, the Governor asked for North Carolina to be "off the table" and asserted that he would make a strong case in opposition to being a part of the program. In addition, Governor Roy Cooper sent a letter on Jan. 31, 2018 requesting a 60 day extension for the public comment deadline along with urging to hold meetings along the coast in addition to the meeting planned in Raleigh. On February 1, 2018, the Attorney General of North Carolina Joshua Stein sent a letter (co-signed by AGs of CA, CT, DE, ME, MA, MD, NJ, NY, OR, RI, and VA) opposing the program and asserting that "*if the Department of Interior does not terminate the Draft Proposed Program, or remove the areas off our coasts from future consideration for oil and gas leasing, we will vigorously oppose the Department's Program, using appropriate legal avenues*". Lt. Gov Dan Forest wrote in support of inclusion. Senator Burr and Rep. George Holding wrote in support. 14 Members of the North Carolina House of Representatives wrote in support.

Bald Head Island, Caswell Beach, Duck, Kill Devil Hills, Southport, and Sunset Beach wrote against inclusion.

Since 2007 the NC Governor, along with the Lt. Gov. and NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources has stated support for offshore exploration as well as revenue sharing. Governor McCrory also voiced support for the previous 2007-2012 program as Mayor of Charlotte.

Locally, the North Carolina Petroleum Council supports inclusion in the DPP.

There is a BOEM public meeting in Raleigh, NC on February 26th.

South Carolina: Gov. Henry McMaster stated in a phone call with the Secretary on January 11, 2018 that every town and city on the coast is opposed, that tourism is a big deal for the state and that the state has a lot of hurricanes thus he has concerns of being a part of the program. Rep. Tom Rice (SC) wrote against. 32 members of the South Carolina General Assembly wrote against inclusion, 3 wrote for inclusion.

Georgetown County, Hilton Head Island, Horry County, Seabrook Island, and Sullivan's Island wrote against inclusion.

In the past, SC Governor Haley stated support for offshore exploration, while also requesting exploration "buffer zones" to balance industry with tourism. She expressed support for revenue sharing.

There is a BOEM public meeting in Columbia, SC on February 13th.

III. DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS

Office of Communications:

Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs:

Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs:

IV. PARTICIPANTS (Secretary's Scheduled Event List ONLY)

Internal

The Secretary

TBD

Protective Detail - AiC

TBD

Protective Detail

Aaron Thiele

Immediate Office

Downey Magallanes

Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy

TBD

Communications Office

TBD

Other Staff

SC External

Governor Henry McMaster (R-SC)
Trey Walker, Chief of Staff
Mark Plowden, Deputy Chief of Staff
Richele Taylor, Chief Legal Counsel

NC External

Governor Roy Cooper (D-NC)
Bob Woodard, Chair, Dare County Commission
Susie Walters, Mayor Pro Tem, Nags Head
Renee Cahoon, Chair of NC Coastal Resources Commission, former Mayor of Nags Head
Trace Cooper, Mayor of Atlantic Beach
Rob Zapple, New Hanover County Commissioner
Michael Regan, Secretary, NC Department of Environmental Quality
Dr. Stan Riggs, Marine Geologist, East Carolina University
Tom Kies, President, Carteret County Chamber of Commerce

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 2:

7:01AM Wheels Up - BWI en route CAE via ATL

11:38AM Wheels Down - CAE en route Governor's Mansion

12:30PM Lunch Meeting with Governor McMaster

2:00PM Depart Governor's Mansion en route TBD

3:00PM Meeting with South Carolina State Legislature (Lead contact is Sen. Stephen Goldfinch)

Attendees:

Sen. Stephen Goldfinch (R-SC), Member of Ag and Nat Resources Committee
Sen. Danny Verdin (R-SC), Ag and Nat Resources Chairman
Joni Nichols, Chief of Staff of Rep. Dave Hoitt, Ag, Nat Resources, Environment Committee Chairman
Brig. Gen. [Thomas S. Mullikin](#), Advisor to Senate 2/on Energy/Environment
Rep. James "Mike" Burns (R-SC), Ag, Nat Resources, Environment Committee
Rep. William "Bill" Chumley (R-SC), Ag, Nat Resources, Environment Committee

Attendee information:

Sen. Goldfinch: Supportive of DPP, represents coastal areas in SC such as Myrtle Beach and Charleston
Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Mullikin: Ran for Congressional seat held by

Mulvaney (lost in primary), has stated, "If we don't have energy security, we don't have economic security. We don't have national security."

Sen. Danny Verdin: Supportive of DPP

Joni Nichols, Chief of Staff of Rep. Dave Hoitt: Supportive of DPP

Rep. James "Mike" Burns: Supportive of DPP, sent a letter to White House expressing strong support for OCS development.

Rep. William "Bill" Chumley: Supportive of DPP, sent a letter to White House expressing strong support for OCS development.

4:30PM Depart en route Hotel

6:15PM Depart en route Terra Restaurant

6:30PM Dinner with SC Delegation

Saturday, February 3:

Breakfast at RON

TBDAM Depart Hotel en route Raleigh, NC

TBDAM Arrive at TBD

10:30AM Meeting with Governor and Mayors
Executive Mansion

Attendees:

Ken Eudy, Governor's Office

Jordan Whichard, Governor's Office

Jeremy Tarr, Governor's Office

Bob Woodard, Chair, Dare County Commission

Susie Walters, Mayor Pro Tem, Nags Head

Renee Cahoon, Chair of NC Coastal Resources Commission, former Mayor of Nags Head

Trace Cooper, Mayor of Atlantic Beach

Rob Zapple, New Hanover County Commissioner

Michael Regan, Secretary, NC Department of Environmental Quality

Dr. Stan Riggs, Marine Geologist, East Carolina University

Tom Kies, President, Carteret County Chamber of Commerce

12:30PM Meeting with North Carolina State Legislatures (Lead contact is Rep. John Bell)

Attendees:

Rep. John Bell (R-NC), House Majority Leader

Speaker of the House Tim Moore (R-NC)

Rep. Jimmy Dixon (R-NC), Agriculture Committee Chairman

Rep. John Szoka (R-NC), Senior Chairman of Energy and Public Utilities

Rep. David Lewis (R-NC)

Attendee information:

Rep. John Bell: supportive of DPP, represents areas of coast and has advocated for port development in Morehead City

Speaker of the House Tim Moore: supportive of DPP

Rep. Jimmy Dixon: supportive of DPP, represents Duplin and part of Onslow County (Onslow county borders the coast)

Rep. John Szoka: Supportive of DPP, retired Lt. Col in U.S. Army, represents Fayetteville and Fort Bragg area. West Point graduate.

Rep. David Lewis: Supportive of DPP, tobacco farmer

1:30 PM Depart en route Airport

3:23PM Wheels Up - RDU en route DCA via PHL

6:08PM Wheels UP - PHL en route DCA

VI. PRESS PLAN

VII. REMARKS

VIII. EVENT & TRIP INFORMATION

Arrival FBO: Columbia Metropolitan Airport
2350 Airport Blvd
West Columbia, SC 29170
(808) 822-5000

Event Organizers: South Carolina State Legislators
Margaret, EA to Senator Stephen Goldfinch
(803) 212-6116

Rep. Joe Wilson's Office
Emily Saleeby, Scheduler
emily.saleeby@mail.house.gov

Rep. Joe Wilson's Office
Butch Wallace, District Director
(803) 920-6373

North Carolina State Legislators
Rep. John Bell

(919) 344-6324

Event Venue: [Location]

Secretary & Staff Hotel: Homewood Suites by Hilton Columbia
230 Greystone Boulevard
Columbia, SC 29210

IX. ATTACHMENTS

1. Map of Mid-Atlantic Planning Area
2. Map of Mid-Atlantic Planning Area with geologic plays
3. Map of Southern Atlantic Planning Area
4. Map of Southern Atlantic Planning Area with geologic plays

**United States Department of the Interior
Official Travel Schedule of the Secretary**

**Columbia, SC - Raleigh, NC
February 2, 2018
Draft: 2/1/18**



TRIP SUMMARY
THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
Columbia, SC - Raleigh, NC
February 2-3, 2018

Weather:

Columbia, SC (Friday)
Raleigh, NC (Saturday)

High 49°, Low 26°; Mostly Sunny
High 43°, Low 31°; Mostly Sunny

Time Zone:

SC, NC

Eastern Standard Time (0 hours behind DC)

Advance:

Security Advance
Security Advance
Advance

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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Aaron Thiele

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Traveling Staff:

Agent in Charge
Deputy Chief of Staff

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Downey Magallanes

Cell Phone:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
202-706-9199

Attire:

Business attire
Jeans and blazer for dinner on Friday

Friday, February 2, 2018
Washington, DC → Columbia, SC

5:00-6:00pm EST:

Depart DOI en route Airport

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
Downey Magallanes
Drive time: ~60 minutes

7:01-9:10am EST:

Wheels Up – BWI en route CAE via ATL

Flight: Delta 1339
Flight Time: 2 hours, 9 minutes
RZ Seat: Assigned at airport
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Downey Magallanes

9:10-10:31am EST:

Wheels Down ATL // Layover

10:31-11:38am EST:

Wheels Up – ATL en route CAE

Flight: Delta 5564
Flight Time: 1 hour, 7 minutes
RZ Seat: Assigned at airport
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Downey Magallanes

11:38-12:10am EST:

Wheels Down CAE // Proceed to Vehicles

Location: 3250 Airport Blvd,
West Columbia, SC 29170

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: Secretary Zinke
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Downey Magallanes
Escort Vehicle: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

12:10-12:30pm EST:

Depart CAE en route Governor's Mansion

Location: 1801 Lincoln Street,
Columbia, SC 29201

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: Secretary Zinke
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Downey Magallanes
Escort Vehicle: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Drive Time: ~20 Minutes

12:30-12:35pm EST:

Arrive Governor's Mansion // Greet Governor McMaster

Location: 1801 Lincoln Street,
Columbia, SC 2901

Note: Enter through gate on Lincoln Street, drop off at front entrance.
Note: Governor staff will be outside to greet, Governor will be just inside entrance.

Advance: Aaron Thiele

12:35-12:50pm EST: Introductions and short tour of Governor's Mansion

Location: 1801 Lincoln Street,
Columbia, SC 2901

Participants: Governor McMaster
Secretary Zinke
Downey Magallanes
Aaron Thiele
Trey Walker, Chief of Staff
Mark Plowden, Deputy Chief of Staff
Richele Taylor, Chief Legal Counsel

Note: The Governor likes to provide tours of the residence to visitors. In the event that there is no tour, the Governor will begin meeting in the library until lunch is ready.

12:50-2:00pm EST: Lunch Meeting with the Governor

Location: 1801 Lincoln Street,
Columbia, SC 2901

Participants: Governor McMaster
Secretary Zinke
Downey Magallanes
Aaron Thiele
Trey Walker, Chief of Staff
Mark Plowden, Deputy Chief of Staff
Richele Taylor, Chief Legal Counsel

2:00-2:10pm EST: Depart Governor's Mansion en route RON

Location: 230 Greystone Blvd.
Columbia, SC 29201

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:	Secretary Zinke (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle:	Aaron Thiele Downey Magallanes
Escort:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

2:10-2:40pm EST: Check into hotel

Location: 230 Greystone Blvd.
Columbia, SC 29201

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:	Secretary Zinke (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle:	Aaron Thiele Downey Magallanes
Escort:	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

2:40-2:50pm EST: Depart Hotel en route Gressette Building

Location: 1101 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:	Secretary Zinke (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
Downey Magallanes
Escort: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Note: Enter parking garage on Pendleton Street. Immediately turn left, then right around the Gresset building. Drop in front of the elevator.

2:50-2:55pm EST: Proceed to Sen. Stephen Goldfinch's Office

Location: Suite #601
Gressette Building
1101 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Note: Take elevator to level 6, room 601 is to the right.

2:55-3:00pm EST: Greet Sen. Stephen Goldfinch proceed to Conference Room in Suite 603

Location: Suite 601
Gressette Building
1101 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

3:00-4:30pm EST: Meeting with South Carolina State Legislators

Location: Suite 603
Gressette Building
1101 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Participants: RZ
Downey Magallanes
Aaron Thiele
Sen. Stephen Goldfinch, Member of Ag and NR Cmtt.
Sen. Danny Verdin, Ag and Nat Resources Chairman
Joni Nichols, Chief of Staff of Rep. Dave Hoitt, Ag, Nat Resources, Environment Committee Chairman
BG Thomas S. Mullikin, USA (Ret.), Advisor to Senate on Energy/Environment
Rep. James "Mike" Burns, Aog, Nat Resources, Environment Committee
Rep. William "Bill" Chumley, Ag, Nat Resources, Environment Committee

4:35-4:55pm EST: Depart Gressette Building en route RON

Location: 230 Greystone Blvd.
Columbia, SC 29201

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: Secretary Zinke
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
Downey Magallanes
Escort: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Note: Optional change from Business attire to Jeans and a Blazer

4:55-6:20pm EST: Personal Time

6:20-6:30pm EST: Depart RON en route Terra Restaurant

Location: 100 State St,
West Columbia, SC 29169
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: Secretary Zinke
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
Downey Magallanes
Escort: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

6:30pm-8:30pm EST: Dinner with SC

Location: 100 State St,
West Columbia, SC 29169
Attendees: RZ
Downey Magallanes
Rep. Joe Wilson
Rep. Ralph Natham
Note: Valet will attempt to hold two spots available in front of restaurant.

8:30-8:40pm EST: Depart Terra en route RON

Location: 230 Greystone Blvd.
Columbia, SC 29201
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: Secretary Zinke
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
Downey Magallanes
Escort: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

9:00pm EST: RON

Saturday, February 2, 2018

Columbia SC → Raleigh, NC → Washington, D.C.

7:10am EST: Depart RON en route Governor's Mansion

7:10-10:30am EST: Depart RON en route Governor's Mansion

Location: 200 N Blount St,
Raleigh, NC 27601
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: Secretary Zinke
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
Downey Magallanes
Escort: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Walk Time: ~3 hours 20 minutes

10:30-12:00am EST: Meeting with Governor and Mayors

Location: 200 N Blount St,
Raleigh, NC 27601
Participants: RZ
Downey Magallanes

Aaron Thiele
Governor Cooper
Ken Eudy, Governor's Office
Jordan Whichard, Governor's Office
Jeremy Tarr, Governor's Office
Bob Woodard, Chair, Dare County Commission
Susie Walters, Mayor Pro Tem, Nags Head
Renee Cahoon, Chair of NC Coastal Resources Commission, former
Mayor of Nags Head
Trace Cooper, Mayor of Atlantic Beach
Rob Zapple, New Hanover County Commissioner
Michael Regan, Secretary, NC Department of Environmental Quality
Dr. Stan Riggs, Marine Geologist, East Carolina University
Tom Kies, President, Carteret County Chamber of Commerce

Note: Enter Mansion off Blount Street. Could possibly change pending the location of press conference.

12:00-12:10pm EST: Depart Governor's Mansion en route State Legislative Building

Location: State Legislative Building, Suite 2304
16 W Jones St,
Raleigh, NC 27601

Note: Park in the parking garage off Salisbury Street. Elevator up to Level 2

12:30-1:30pm EST: Meeting with North Carolina State Legislators

Location: State Legislative Building, Suite 2304
16 W Jones St,
Raleigh, NC 27601

Participants: RZ
Downey Magallanes
Rep. John Bell, House Majority Leader
Rep. Tim Moore, Speaker of the House
Rep. Jimmy Dixon, Agriculture Committee Chairman
Rep. John Szoka, Senior Chairman of Energy and Public Utilities
Rep. David Lewis

1:30-2:00pm EST: Depart State Legislative Building en route RDU

Location: 2400 John Brantley Blvd,
Morrisville, NC 27560

3:23pm EST: Wheels Up - RDU en route DCA via PHL

Location: 2400 John Brantley Blvd,
Morrisville, NC 27560

6:08pm EST: Wheels Up - PHL en route DCA

7:28pm EST: Wheels Down - DCA en route Residence

**United States Department of the Interior
Official Travel Schedule of the Secretary**

**Sacramento, CA - San Francisco, CA
February 19 - February 22, 2018
FINAL**



TRIP SUMMARY
THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
Sacramento, CA - San Francisco, CA
February 19-22, 2018

Weather:

Sacramento, CA (Tuesday) High 56°, Low 30°; Sunny
San Francisco, CA (Wednesday) High 58°, Low 40°; Sunny

Time Zone:

California Pacific Standard Time (3 hours behind DC)

Advance (Sacramento):

Security Advance (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Advance Aaron Thiele

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Deputy Chief of Staff Mike Argo
Assistant Deputy Secretary Todd Willens

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Attire:

Tuesday: Business
Wednesday AM: Park attire
Wednesday PM: Business Casual

Monday, February 19, 2018

Washington, DC → Sacramento, CA

11:30-11:50pm EST: Depart DOI en route Washington National Airport

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Mike Argo

Drive time: ~20 minutes

12:45-3:19pm CST: Wheels up Washington, DC (DCA) en route Fort Worth, TX // (DFW)

Flight: American Airlines 1602

Flight time: 2 hour, 34 minutes

RZ Seat: Assigned at gate

AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Staff: Mike Argo

3:19-4:55pm CST: Layover in Fort Worth, TX // 1 hour, 46 minute layover

4:55pm CST-

6:52pm PST:

Wheels up Fort Worth, TX (DFW) en route Sacramento, CA (SMF)

Flight: American Airlines 466

Flight time: 3 hours, 57 minutes

RZ Seat: Assigned at gate

AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Staff: Mike Argo

NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE CST to PST (-2 hours)

6:52-7:15pm PST: Wheels down Sacramento International Airport // Proceed to Vehicles

Location: 5900 Airport Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95837

7:15-7:35pm PST: Depart Airport en route RON

Location: Hilton Sacramento Arden West
2200 Harvard Street
Sacramento, CA 95818

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Mike Argo
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele

Drive time: ~20 minutes

7:35pm EST: RON

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Sacramento, CA → San Francisco, CA

8:45-8:55am PST: Depart RON en route Bureau of Fish and Wildlife
 Location: 2800 Cottage Way,
 Sacramento, CA 95825
 Vehicle Manifest:
 Secretary's Vehicle: Secretary Zinke
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Todd Willens
 Mike Argo
 Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
 Drive Time: ~10 Minutes

8:55-9:00am PST: Arrive Federal Building // Proceed to Conference Room
 Location: Room W-2604
 2800 Cottage Way,
 Sacramento, CA 95825

9:00-9:45am PST: Meeting with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Location: Room W-2604
 2800 Cottage Way,
 Sacramento, CA 95825
 Participants: Secretary Zinke
 Todd Willens
 Mike Argo
 Aaron Thiele
 Paul Souza, Regional Director
 Amedee Brickey, Assistant Regional Director – Migratory Birds
 Dan Castleberry, Assistant Regional Director – Fish and Aquatic
 Conservation
 Alexandra Pitts, Senior Policy Advisor
 Larry Rabin, Assistant Regional Director – Science Applications
 Michael Senn, Deputy Assistant Regional Director – Ecological
 Services
 Polly Wheeler, Assistant Regional Director – Refuges

9:45-10:30am PST: Meeting with Bureau of Reclamation
 Location: Room W-2604
 2800 Cottage Way,
 Sacramento, CA 95825
 Participants: Secretary Zinke
 Todd Willens
 Mike Argo
 Aaron Thiele
 Federico Barajas, Deputy Regional Director
 Ali Forsythe, Deputy Regional Director
 Travis Aberle, Assistant Regional Director
 Erin Curtis, Public Affairs Director

10:30-11:15am PST: Meeting with Bureau of Indian Affairs
 Location: Room W-2604
 2800 Cottage Way,
 Sacramento, CA 95825
 Participants: Secretary Zinke

Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Amy Dutschke, Regional Director
Dale Risling, Deputy Regional Director
Mervel Harris, Deputy Regional Director

11:15-12:00pm PST: Meeting with Bureau of Land Management

Location: Room W-2604
2800 Cottage Way,
Sacramento, CA 95825

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Jerome “Jerry” Perez, State Director
Joe Stout, Associate State Director
Federica Lee, Deputy State Director for Support Services
Danielle Chi, Deputy State Director for Natural Resources
Martha Maciel, Deputy State Director for Communications
Mark Chatterton, acting Deputy State Director for Energy and
Minerals

12:00-12:45pm PST: Meeting with U.S. Geological Services

Location: Room W-2604
2800 Cottage Way,
Sacramento, CA 95825

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Mark Sogge, Regional Director, Pacific Region
Jane Reid, Deputy Regional Director
Darrin Thome, Associate Regional Director

12:45-1:30pm PST: Meeting with Solicitor

Location: Room W-2604
2800 Cottage Way,
Sacramento, CA 95825

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Clementine (Temi) Josephson, Regional Solicitor, Pacific
Southwest Region
Erica L. Niebauer, Supervisory Attorney for BLM (CA and
NV) and BIA (Pacific Region)
Kerry O'Hara, Supervisory Attorney for U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (Region 8)
Stephen Palmer, Supervisory Attorney for Bureau of
Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region and General Law

1:30-1:35pm PST: Proceed to Vehicles // Depart en Route Lunch

Location: Firestone Public House
1132 16th St,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: Secretary Zinke
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele

1:40-2:45pm PST:

Lunch

Location: Firestone Public House
1132 16th St,
Sacramento, CA 95814

2:45-2:55pm PST:

Proceed to State Capitol

Location: 1315 10th St,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: Secretary Zinke
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele

2:55pm-3:00pm PST:

Proceed to Office of Assemblyman Vince Fong

Location: Suite 4144
1315 10th St,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele

3:00-3:45pm PST:

Meeting with Assemblyman Fong and Sen. Fuller

Location: Suite 4144
1315 10th St,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Assemblyman Fong
Senator Fuller

3:45-4:00pm PST:

Proceed to Gov. Brown's Office

Location: Suite 1173
1315 10th St,
Sacramento, CA 95814

Walk Time: ~5 minutes

Note: Proceed to elevator and take to 1st floor. Suite 1173 is directly across the hallway.

4:00-5:00pm PST:

Meeting with Gov. Brown

Location: Suite 1173
1315 10th St,
Sacramento, CA 95814
Participants: Secretary Zinke
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Governor Brown

5:00pm PST:

Proceed to Vehicles en route RON

Location: Argonaut Hotel
495 Jefferson Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele

Drive time: ~2 hours

7:30pm PST:

RON

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

San Francisco, CA

9:00am PST:

Meet in Hotel Lobby

Location: Argonaut Hotel
495 Jefferson Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Greeted By: Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent, Golden Gate NRA

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele

Note:

9:00-9:15am PST:

Depart RON en route U.S. Park Police Stables

Location: Golden Gate National Recreation Area (NRA)

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Todd Willens
Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent,
Golden Gate NRA

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
Mike Argo

Drive time: ~15 minutes

9:15-10:00am PST:

Visit to U.S. Park Police Stables

Location: Golden Gate NRA (GOGA)

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Major Noreen Schirmer, U.S. Park Police

Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent, Golden Gate NRA
Dave Schifsky, Chief Ranger, Golden Gate NRA
Staff: Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Press: Closed
Format: Meet and greet with US Park Police and possible horse ride.
Point out GOGA Archives/Museum Storage building which is
on "infrastructure needs" list.
Note:

10:00-10:30am PST:

Tour of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (NRA)

Location: Golden Gate NRA (GOGA)
Participants: Secretary Zinke
Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent, Golden Gate NRA
Dave Schifsky, Chief Ranger, Golden Gate NRA
Staff: Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Press: Closed
Format: Tour of GOGA waterfront sites with focus on infrastructure.
Suggested locations:

- 10:00 - arrive at west Crissy Field/Torpedo Wharf
- 10:15 - depart west Crissy
- 10:20 - arrive at Presidio Building 643 (brief exterior walk around, Jerry, LC)
- 10:30 - depart Bldg. 643

10:30-10:40am PST:

Depart Building 643 en route lower Fort Mason

Location: 2 Marina Blvd,
San Francisco, CA 94123
Participants: Secretary Zinke
Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent, Golden Gate NRA
Dave Schifsky, Chief Ranger, Golden Gate NRA
Staff: Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Todd Willens
Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent,
Golden Gate NRA
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
Mike Argo

10:40-11:00am PST:

Depart lower Fort Mason en route Park HQ / General's Residence

Location: 201 Fort Mason,
San Francisco, CA 94109
Participants: Secretary Zinke
Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent, Golden Gate NRA
Dave Schifsky, Chief Ranger, Golden Gate NRA

Staff: Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Todd Willens
Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent,
Golden Gate NRA
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
Mike Argo

11:00-11:15am PST:

Overview of Infrastructure needs for Park HQ and General's Residence

Location: Fort Mason - Golden Gate NRA Headquarters
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent,
Golden Gate NRA
Kevin Hendricks, NPS PWRO Acting Deputy Regional
Director) and Morgan Smith, Acting Superintendent San
Francisco Maritime National Historic Park.

11:15am-12:00pm PST:

Meet and Greet with Golden Gate NRA Employees

Location: Fort Mason - Golden Gate NRA Headquarters
Building 201
San Francisco, CA 94123

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Martha Lee, Acting Regional Director, NPS Pacific West
Regional Office
Kevin Hendricks, Acting Deputy Regional Director, NPS
Pacific West Regional Office
Jean Fraser, Director, Presidio Trust
Greg Moore, Executive Director, Golden Gate National Parks
Conservancy
~50 GOGA Employees

Staff: Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele

12:00-12:15pm PST:

Depart Fort Mason en route Pier 31½

Location: Pier 31 1/2,
San Francisco, CA 94133

Vehicle Manifest:
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Todd Willens
Carey Feierabend, Deputy Superintendent,
Golden Gate NRA
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele
Mike Argo

Drive time: ~15 minutes

12:15-1:00pm PST:

Visit to Pier 31½ for Overview of Alcatraz Embarkation Project

Location: TBD
Participants: Secretary Zinke
Michele Gee, Chief of Interpretation, Golden Gate NRA
Greg Moore, Executive Director, Golden Gate National Parks
Conservancy
Staff: Todd Willens
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
Press: Closed
Format: Go inside a building to discuss Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation;
Conservancy plans (with blueprints); Infrastructure projects
such as: fixed wharf; Building 64 stabilization; cellhouse
seismic and exterior wall stabilization; lighthouse;
quartermaster warehouse. Discuss Golden Gate National
Parks Conservancy support of Alcatraz infrastructure projects
with Executive Director Greg Moore

Note:

1:00-1:10pm PST:

Depart Pier 31½ en route RON

Location: Argonaut Hotel
495 Jefferson Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Todd Willens
Mike Argo
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele

Drive time: ~6 minutes

1:30-3:30pm PST:

Lunch // Gym // Personal Time

4:00-5:00pm PST:

Meeting with William "Bill" Grayson

Location: Presidio Trust Headquarters
103 Montgomery Street,
San Francisco, CA 94129

Participants: Secretary Zinke
Mike Argo
Aaron Thiele
William Grayson

Note: Contact Molly Matull ((b) (6)) at the front desk and she will
escort the group to the room. Laurie Fox ((b) (6)) is also
Available.

5:00-6:10pm PST:

Depart Presidio en route RON

Location: Argonaut Hotel
495 Jefferson Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Mike Argo
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele

Drive time: ~10 minutes

Thursday, February 22, 2018

San Francisco, CA → Washington, DC

5:50-6:35am EST: Depart RON en route San Francisco International Airport

Location: San Francisco, CA 94128

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Mike Argo
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Staff Vehicle: Aaron Thiele

Drive time: ~45 minutes

7:35am PST -

3:37pm EST:

Wheels up San Francisco, CA (SFO) en route Washington, DC (IAD)

Flight: United Airlines 408

Flight time: 4 hours, 52 minutes

RZ Seat: 29G

AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Staff: Mike Argo

NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE PST to EST (+3 hours)

3:37-3:55pm EST: Wheels down Dulles International Airport // Proceed to Vehicle

3:55-4:45 pm EST: Depart Airport en route DOI

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
Mike Argo

Drive time: ~50 minutes

To: Rees, Gareth[gareth_rees@ios.doi.gov]
From: Elisa Trivisono Lynch
Sent: 2019-02-27T08:43:19-05:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter from Sen. Wirth
Received: 2019-02-27T08:45:11-05:00
[TEW David Bernhardt 2-26-19.pdf](#)
[Bernhardt oped.docx](#)
[Wirth Hart Green New Deal oped.docx](#)

Dear Gareth,

In advance of lunch today, Senator Wirth wanted to send the attached to the Acting Secretary.

Many thanks,
Elisa

Elisa Trivisono Lynch
Special Assistant to Timothy E. Wirth

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David -

I thought you might be
interested in these two short pieces

that I have written about actions for
the next couple of years. I look
forward to our lunch on Wednesday.

Until then,

Tim Wirth

Feb 26, 2019

The concept of a Green New Deal has taken on meteoric life, surging into the national political conversation and thematically raising attention to the issue of climate change. But once again, the dysfunctional political establishment seems determined to prove that Washington is the Promised Land for the status quo.

Two out of three voters now say they are worried about global warming, the highest percentage yet recorded. The governors of 21 states, representing more than half the economy and 49% of our population, have signed onto the U.S. Climate Alliance. Most recently, young people have come forward to demand attention to the climate crisis, the most far-reaching long-term threat to their future.

Yet the introduction of a simple resolution on a Green New Deal has sparked completely irrational opposition, including the preposterous idea that attending to the nation's climate and social challenges is some kind of threat to the foundations of our market-based democracy. That would be quite a feat for a 2000-word non-binding resolution that at its essence is a call for purposeful development of response strategies.

At this point, the Green New Deal is a much-needed and urgent plea for focus by our national leaders on a cleaner, more secure and just country. It concentrates on the ends—climate protection achieved through shared social and economic progress—and urges concerted Congressional development of appropriate means for achieving them. A properly functioning Administration and Congress would do just that through engagement of the public, expert hearings and the legislative process.

The issue is one of scope and scale: Are we Small America or Large America? Small America says no major public undertaking should begin until markets find a way to commercialize the venture. Large America says that we rose out of the Great Depression and won World War II by thinking big and acting vigorously. The scale and ambition of the Green New Deal have made its blueprint the target of the timid and the fearful. Climate, income stagnation, and decaying infrastructure are epic threats. Our response will determine whether we are still capable of being Large America.

To be sure, there is a legitimate debate to be had about the timing of priorities, the sequencing of initiatives and the most effective climate solutions. That's exactly what an effective Congress should do. Responding to the massive climate crisis we've created will require that every sector of the economy participate as we come to grips with the fact that we must move beyond the age of hydrocarbons and harness new means of generating electricity, powering our transportation systems, managing agriculture and becoming more efficient.

Many of the specific steps toward the needed global energy transition are quite clear. In our view they include:

- * Harnessing market-based strategies such as a long-term pricing signal that unleashes private-sector creativity for the coming zero-carbon future.
- * Faster progress by electric utilities in decarbonizing their generation.
- * Stronger consumer incentives for the "first fuel" energy efficiency.
- * Sharply increased funding for research and development of advanced energy technologies.
- * Concerted efforts to decarbonize transportation.
- * Consideration of all zero-emission power technologies, including safe and affordable modular nuclear reactors, and of large-scale carbon capture, storage and re-use.
- * Help for farmers who want to build up the carbon in their soil—improving its health and resilience to droughts and floods.

All of these things can and should be done. Political nonsense that doing so will destroy the economy obscures the reality that continued inaction is the path to widespread economic calamity. With every day that passes, we worsen the pollution of our atmosphere and the impacts that inevitably result.

Much of the hysterical response to the Green New Deal has been shameful demonstrating yet again that the great obstacle to change in our land is the choking pollution that emanates from our dysfunctional political institutions. It's time to clear the air and get to work.

Guest Post: Secretary of the Interior – public citizen or private lobbyist?

'Climate is the existential issue of this generation'

By **Timothy E. Wirth**

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February 13, 2019

The Coloradan nominated by President Trump to pick up the pieces from Ryan Zinke's tumultuous tenure of the Department of Interior, David Bernhardt, knows the department inside and out. To succeed as secretary of the Interior, however, Mr. Bernhardt will need to alter his perception of priorities and successes from the short-term transactions that are the lifeblood of industry lobbyists to the intergenerational interests of the American people.

For the West, the Trump Administration has been a case study in putting narrow, short-term resource development ahead of the stewardship ethic that Coloradans and so many millions of Americans depend upon for economic, environmental, social and cultural progress:

- Protections for more than 2 million acres of public lands have been removed;
- 13 million acres of public lands have been offered for oil and gas development;
- Efforts to stem emissions of methane a powerful heat-trapping gas have been curtailed;
- Carefully crafted conservation measures for the endangered sage grouse have been scrapped; and
- Energy and resource development have prioritized above America's growing appetite for recreation and conservation.

Assuming he is confirmed by the Senate, Mr. Bernhardt will have an opportunity to rebalance the department and create a legacy as secretary that is consistent with the balanced approach to public lands that Coloradans have historically evidenced. Indeed, there are numerous opportunities to champion long-term priorities that will garner broad public consensus and enhance the credibility of the department.

First and foremost, Mr. Bernhardt can clear up any confusion by making clear that mitigating and adapting to climate change is crucial to the long-term stewardship of the natural resources under the department's purview. Climate change threatens habitats, streamflows and jobs on which millions of Americans depend and must be integrated as a central consideration and mission of the department. Climate is the existential issue of this generation and many after, and he can do great service by pursuing a few initiatives that can help slow the looming catastrophe, such as by promoting common sense, best-practice measures to curtail and capture methane leaks in energy production.

Second, he should look to shore up our vulnerable roster of wilderness and other protected public lands. Western states, which are home to most of the nation's public lands, are growing

by between 1 and 2 percent annually. Coupled with increased appetite for hiking, biking, fishing and other activities, population growth is increasing demand for parks, public lands and recreation as never before. It is imperative that our leaders think to the future and accommodate growing expectations by expanding the inventory of protected places. Mr. Bernhardt need not look far from where he grew up, to the Thompson Divide between Carbondale and Glenwood Springs, as an opportunity for protection.

Similarly, the department should make it a priority to maintain and enhance the current inventory of national parks through maintenance and infrastructure improvement. Mr. Bernhardt can embrace permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund that is a congressional priority and abandon provocative plans to mine the areas around the Grand Canyon and drill in offensive proximity to the culturally significant and magnificent Chaco Canyon.

Finally, there is a clear opportunity for the department to marry its commitment to energy development and job creation with the potential for offshore wind to become a major new source of carbon-free energy in the United States. The U.S. offshore wind resource is estimated to be as much as twice annual electricity consumption and could be a major new source of jobs, but our industry lags behind other parts of the world. Accelerating offshore wind should be a signature priority for the future.

David Bernhardt has demonstrated that he knows how the Department of Interior works, including for the interests of private industry. Looking to the future and toward his own legacy as steward of the America's most incredible natural assets, he can build a record that serves the broad public interests of current and future generations.

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Timothy E. Wirth

Timothy E. Wirth represented Colorado in the U.S. House and Senate from 1975-1993. Wirth and Republican Sen. Hank Brown co-authored the far-reaching Wilderness Bill of 1995.

To: SIO, Scheduling[scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Rees, Gareth[gareth_rees@ios.doi.gov]
From: James Lucier
Sent: 2019-02-06T18:45:23-05:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Morgan Stanley--Meeting Request--January 15
Received: 2019-02-06T18:47:09-05:00
[Capital Alpha Meeting Proposal Information Form Deputy Secretary.docx](#)

Dear Nick:

Please find attached a completed meeting request for for a meeting with Deputy Secretary Bernhardt or another Interior Department office who could address administration policies toward oil and gas development in Alaska and the offshore.

Meeting participants would be institutional fund managers who specialize in domestic US oil and gas investments.

We don't have a specific date in mind. We could accommodate a range of dates from mid March to early April as explained in the document. Ideal timing for us would be soon after the 2019-2014 Proposed Program for offshore lease sales is announced, but since that timing what that timing would be, we are happy to work with you to find a meeting date that does not conflict with other important Wall Street events.

Meeting participants would most likely have to fly or train in from New York or Boston for the meeting.

Jim

On Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 1:53 PM SIO, Scheduling <scheduling_sio@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Jim,

Thank you for your meeting request to Acting Secretary Bernhardt. Please fill out the attached meeting request form so we can properly work to accommodate your request.

Thank you,
Nick

Nick Davis
Office of Scheduling and Advance
Immediate Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
Office: 202-208-7551
Cell: 202-805-9898

On Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 1:46 PM James Lucier <james.lucier@capalphadc.com> wrote:

Thank you, Rees. I will resubmit a revised version of the form I submitted from December. Because we don't have a group already scheduled to come to Washington a particular time, as Morgan Stanley was for January 15, we are flexible as to any date that doesn't conflict with Major Wall street conference or corporate event.

On Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 1:38 PM Rees, Gareth <gareth_rees@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Jim

Thank you for the follow-up. I have copied the Acting Secretary's scheduling office on this email and they would be happy to assist you.

Thanks

Gareth

On Fri, Feb 1, 2019 at 1:28 PM James Lucier <james.lucier@capalphadc.com> wrote:

I hope you are happily back at work and have had a chance to settle back in after the shutdown.

We would still be interested in pursuing this meeting at a new time in the future, though it would be organized by Capitol Alpha Partners rather than Morgan Stanley.

We are independent and objective research providers, but if you talk to Doug Domenech or Mike McKenna I am sure that either would tell you that we are strongly supportive of the basic policy.

In fact, we would also be interested in

- 1) Hosting a conference call when you release the next iteration of the offshore drilling plan or anything public relating to Alaska
- 2) Arranging a breakfast or lunch briefing for investors in New York if an appropriate Interior Department official happens to be in New York at some point this spring.

Jim

On Fri, Dec 28, 2018 at 4:23 PM James Lucier <james.lucier@capalphadc.com> wrote:

Dear Gareth:

I am just following up on our request from last week. Also, I wonder if your office is open during the shutdown. If could let me know that, I would be grateful.

Otherwise, we will look to hear from you early in the year.

Happy holidays!

Jim

On Fri, Dec 21, 2018 at 11:23 AM James Lucier <james.lucier@capalphadc.com> wrote:

Hi Gareth.

We would like to request a meeting with Deputy Secretary Bernhardt on January 15. If he is not available, we would like to meet with someone like Kate McGregor or Joe Balash who could discuss the administration's policy for oil and gas development from an authoritative perspective.

The visit is for informational purposes only, and is intended to help the Wall Street analyst community better understand the administration's thinking on domestic oil and gas development, including offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, offshore generally, and onshore in Alaska. We ask in advance that only public information be discussed at the meeting.

The group would consist of Morgan Stanley's US oil and gas industry analysts and comparable professionals from other firms. The exact number varies from year to year but is usually between 15 and 20.

Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Doug Domenech is familiar with the work that Capital Alpha Partners does on behalf of institutional investors and could provide a reference for us. One of our industry consultants is Mike McKenna, who I think is well known to Mr. Bernhardt.

We have filled out your meeting request form. Please find it attached. Kathryn May of Capital Alpha Partners is listed on the form as your principal point of contact and will play that role going forward. David Kemps of Morgan Stanley Government Affairs is the liaison with Morgan Stanley.

Jim

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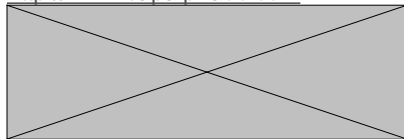
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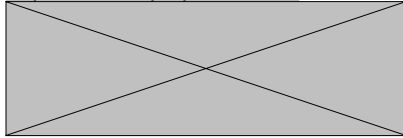


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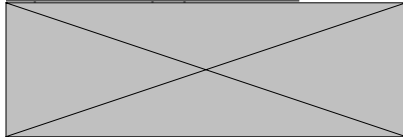
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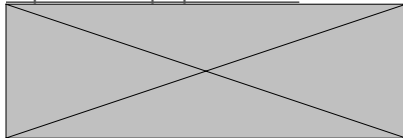
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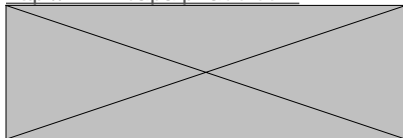
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Meeting Proposal Information Form

*Please complete this form and send to gareth_rees@ios.doi.gov

To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of the Interior is meeting with you on a given matter and because the Office of the Deputy Secretary is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, we request that you answer the following questions before we will agree to schedule a meeting.¹ Therefore, please provide your request in writing and answer the following questions either on this sheet or a separate one.

Describe the action you are seeking by the Office of the Deputy Secretary:

Capital Alpha Partners is a leading independent provider of public policy research to institutional asset managers and corporate investors in the energy, power, and infrastructure space. We serve clients in the US, Canada, Japan, the UK, and Europe.

We would like to request a meeting for institutional investors with the Deputy Secretary, Deputy Chief of Staff Kate McGregor, Assistant Secretary Joe Balash, or appropriate Interior Department officials who could present and explain administration policy with respect to oil and gas development offshore and in Alaska, especially the NPRA and ANWR. Oil and gas development on other public lands would be of interest as well.

The meeting would be for informational purposes only. The intent of the meeting is to better understand policy not to influence it. The generic process by which the Interior Department develops policy would be of interest to investors who are not familiar with the complex administrative procedures the Department follows. Because our group will include investors in the public securities markets, we respectfully insist that any matters discussed must be matters of public record only.

Meeting date:

We have no specific date in mind, but rather a range of dates from Mid March to early April. Specifically, we are targeting the weeks of March 11, 18, and 25, or of April 1 and 8. After this period, second quarter earnings reports begin, and investors will be unable to travel to Washington for a meeting until the reporting season is concluded.

We would request a meeting of approximately one hour. The best time for a meeting would be from mid-morning to mid-afternoon, approximately 10 am to 3 pm, to accommodate investors coming by plane or train from New York City.

Meeting location:

Our first choice would be to come directly to Secretary Berhardt's office at the Interior Department. Alternatively, we could attempt to find a suitable meeting space in a conference room or other facility near the Interior Department building.

¹In order to avoid even the potential appearance of a lack of impartiality, the Deputy Secretary agreed that, for one year after his withdrawal from his former firm, he would not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which he knows his former firm is or represents a party, unless authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d). He also agreed not to participate personally and substantially in any particular matter involving specific parties in which he knows a former client of his is or represents a party for a period of one year after he last provided service to that client, unless he is first authorized to participate, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502(d). In addition, per the Administration Ethics Pledge, the Deputy Secretary agreed that he will not for a period of two years from the date of his appointment participate in any particular matter involving specific parties in which a former employer or client of his is or represents a party, if he served that former employer or client during the two years prior to his appointment, absent a waiver under Section 3 of Executive Order No. 13770. This includes recusal from any meeting or other communication with such a former employer or client unless (1) there are five or more different stakeholders present and (2) no particular matters involving specific parties are discussed.

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With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align? (Please list all, if more than one.)

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Please indicate whether the matter related to the request involves:

N/A

- a) Specific parties, such as a particular litigation matter, a specific permit decision, or a contract;
- b) A discrete and identifiable class of persons, such as a regulation or legislation that applies to a specific industry; or
- c) A broad and diverse range of persons, such as a resource management plan or broad legislation?

If you answered “a)” above:

- Please identify the specific parties if possible:

- If the specific parties are identified, are you aware that any party is represented by Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP in this particular matter?
 Yes No

- If yes, please identify any such specific party:

Please explain the time sensitivity of the request, if any, including what is driving the timing of the request, such as court-ordered or statutory deadline:

Our request is not especially time-sensitive. We have in mind a range of dates, as stated, from mid March to early April. The dates we could not meet are dates which conflict with major industry conferences or earnings reporting dates when investors could not travel to Washington.

We are interested in policies related to offshore drilling, drilling in ANWR and ANPR, and to some extent, drilling in public lands. To some extent, we are interested in offshore wind development. Because we are public investors seeking public information only, we understand that the Interior Department cannot discuss a major regulatory action before it is publicly announced. The Department can discuss only matters that are part of the public record. Our ideal time frame would be soon after a major announcement pertaining to Alaska or the offshore, or both. If we meet before the announcement, we understand that Interior can only discuss information in prior public documents. If possible, we would like to meet soon after the 2019-2024 Proposed Program for offshore lease sales is announced, but since that timing is not known as we submit this request, we will take whatever time is available from the Department, providing there are none of the schedule conflicts we have described.

If the requested action involves the interpretation or application of a particular policy, regulation, or statute, please provide the underlying text along with any briefing material sufficiently in advance of any meeting so that it can be reviewed before the meeting.

N/A

Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organization):

Meeting participants would likely be mostly from major asset management firms in New York and Boston. At this time, we do not know the meeting participants but would advertise the meeting availability to Capital Alpha Partners clients once it is scheduled. Our clients include the major Canadian public sector pension funds such as Ontario Teachers, the Public Service Pension Plan, and the Caisse de Depot et Placement of Quebec, so it is possible that some participants may be Canadian. Our clients also include major Japanese investors in US oil and gas production who maintain offices in Washington, so a Japanese participant is likely. Due to the distance from Washington, we would not normally expect participants from the West Coast, London, or Europe. We are generally familiar with the security procedures that various federal agencies apply to visitors from Canada, Japan, and the UK and would alert the Department to any non-US nationals when we submit the participant list prior to the meeting.

If the Deputy Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?

We would be interested in meeting Deputy Chief of Staff Kate McGregor, Assistant Secretary Joe Balash, or other officials who could speak authoritatively about Alaska and the offshore.

Several years ago, when McGregor was at the House Resources Committee, she participated in a meeting that Capital Alpha arranged on behalf of the Morgan Stanley Energy Research Team from New York. Jack Coleman also participated in that meeting. Capital Alpha is independent of Morgan Stanley, and this meeting would be sponsored by and organized on behalf of institutional investors by Capital Alpha.

Mike McKenna is a policy consultant to Capital Alpha and should be known to Deputy Secretary Bernhardt. Assistant Secretary Douglas Domenech would not be requested to participate in a meeting, but he should be generally familiar with Capital Alpha from his work prior to joining the Interior Department.