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Mr. DeVito; attached for your information is a letter submitted by our CEO (Julie Robertson) to BOEM in support of the proposed program.

You may recall that we had an opportunity to meet last year when I visited your offices along with other representatives from the offshore contract drilling industry (International Association of Drilling Contractors). I am making plans for Noble to be back in Washington with Ms. Robertson and would welcome the opportunity for a meeting at your offices to introduce her to you and to provide you an update of activities in our space. We would be happy to coordinate with your assistant if you would welcome such a meeting.

With best regards,
James Sanislow

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March 9, 2018

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW, Mailstop 7328
Washington, D.C. 02040

Dear Secretary Zinke:

We are writing to express our support of the proposed development of a new National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program (National OCS Program) for 2019-2024. Next month Noble will celebrate its 97th year since being founded in Oklahoma. Since 1921, Noble has been successful providing offshore drilling services by maintaining a conservative financial policy, positioning itself to adapt to the ever changing world energy market and meeting customers' needs and demands. The National OCS Program represents a strong energy position for the United States and will contribute to returning U.S. activities which are fueled by the experienced and well trained U.S. work force we and others employ.

Reports indicate that the offshore industry supports 242,000 direct jobs. Noble provides approximately 1,800 offshore jobs with an additional 400 onshore support jobs. In addition, this is an industry that supports approximately \$32 billion in U.S. gross domestic product and provides tens of millions of dollars a day to the federal government in the form of royalties and bonuses paid at lease sales. From 2009 through 2013, the federal government received more than \$7 billion in royalty payments alone from oil producers.


The U.S. offshore drilling industry is not only important for the survival of all offshore drilling businesses and their ancillary support businesses, it is also important for this country as we continue to move toward energy dominance. Currently, offshore production in the U.S. is limited to a portion of the Gulf Coast, a few areas off Alaska and some legacy leases off California. The U.S. has only 15% of its offshore acres open for development. Opening additional offshore areas for exploration and development will help existing businesses grow as well as aid in the startup of new businesses that will boost the U.S. economy.

In particular, it is important that all 26 OCS regions are fully explored to determine the oil and gas potential. For example, the Atlantic OCS is estimated to contain 4.72 billion barrels of oil and 37.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, while the Eastern Gulf of Mexico holds an estimated 5.07 billion barrels of oil and 16.08 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. These amounts represent more than 20 times the 2012 federal offshore oil production and over 94 times the 2012 federal offshore natural gas production. In the Arctic, it is vital that the U.S. maintains and accelerates opportunities to develop offshore oil and gas in the resource-rich Beaufort and Chukchi Seas. The region holds an estimated 23.6 billion barrels of oil and 104 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. It is strategically important that these estimates be refined.

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The outer continental shelf and its abundant natural resources belong to all Americans. The U.S. can and should develop them in a manner that is both prudent, safe and environmentally-friendly, and beneficial for the industries that depend on offshore drilling.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie J. Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "R".

Julie J. Robertson

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Great...look forward further advices..

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Hi-

Just circling around to see if we are making any progress toward a get together in DC?

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Julie, Roger, and Richard-

I wanted to update you on the prospects of a small (and hopefully impactful) meeting on the horizon with Secretary Zinke. If you scroll down and read from the bottom up, you will see how this is taking shape, and where we stand.

As soon as I hear more, I will let you know.

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Gareth, nice to see you today. Please see attached Memo.

Have a great rest of the week.

Thanks,
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Memo

To: Arena Energy, LP

Attn: Michael J. Minarovic

From: Michael L. Grove *Michael L. Grove*

Date: March 20, 2018

Re: Scope of Authority of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (“BSEE”) to grant Special Case Royalty Relief under 30 CFR §203.80 in light of the statement in row (e) of the table found in 30 CFR §203.2 that:

“[If you have a lease] Where royalty relief would recover significant additional resources or, in certain areas of the GOM, would enable development [and if you] Are not eligible to apply for end-of-life or deep water royalty relief, but show us you meet certain eligibility conditions [then we may grant you] A royalty modification in size, duration, or form that makes your lease or project economic. (See §203.80)”

I. Question Presented:

This Memorandum provides a discussion and analysis of the extent, if any, to which BSEE’s authority and discretion to grant Special Case Royalty Relief under 30 CFR §203.80 is limited by the statement in 30 CFR §203.2, quoted in full above, that BSEE may grant such royalty relief “that makes your lease or project *economic*.” [emphasis added].

II. Short Answer:

In order to obtain Special Case Royalty Relief under 30 CFR §203.80 for a drilling or development project that is to be conducted on a federal lease or leases in the Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf (“GOM”), which lies wholly west of 87 degrees, 30 minutes West longitude in the Gulf of Mexico (each, a “Lease”), a Lessee must first establish that:

- such Lease(s) or project satisfies the eligibility requirement in 30 CFR § 203.80, in that it has two or more of the five (5) characteristics listed in subparagraphs (a) through (e) of § 203.80, and

- the project to be conducted would serve the statutory purposes summarized in 30 CFR § 203.1, in that it will promote increased production or will promote development, and
- the other formal royalty relief programs available through the BSEE or the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”) provide “inadequate encouragement to increase production or development”.

With regard to a project that a Lessee proposes to conduct on certain Leases, if the Lessee is able to satisfy the BSEE with regard to the matters stated in the above bullet points, the BSEE may then grant royalty relief that makes the Lease(s) or project “economic,” as that term is used in the statement in row (e) of the table that appears in 30 CFR §203.2. In my opinion, based on the *Discussion and Analysis* set forth hereinafter, if the Lessee’s proposed project could not be conducted on the Lease(s) due to the nature of the Lease(s) and the investment economics prevailing in the GOM, but BSEE’s grant of the requested royalty relief would enable the Lessee to obtain the capital necessary to conduct the proposed development and, as a result, the proposed project could and would be conducted so as to promote development and increased production benefitting both the Lessee and the Federal Government, then such royalty relief granted by the BSEE would thereby make the Lease(s) or project “economic,” as that term is used in the statement in row (e) of the table that appears in 30 CFR §203.2, construed in accordance with the broad discretion that BSEE has when granting Special Case royalty relief.

The conclusion expressed in the preceding paragraph is so, because unlike other formal programs under which royalty relief is available under 30 CFR Part 203, which are conditioned upon the BSEE determining that either rigorous “economic viability” criteria will be satisfied or objective, economic benchmarks will be satisfied, the BSEE has broad discretion to interpret and apply the term “economic,” as used with regard to Special Case Royalty Relief in the statement in row (e) of the table that appears in 30 CFR §203.2, in a common sense manner that will achieve the statutory objectives summarized in 30 CFR §203.1, as mandated by 30 CFR §203.80.

As will be analyzed in more detail in the *Discussion and Analysis* section of this Memorandum, the BSEE has almost total discretion regarding the grant of Special Case royalty relief and the terms under which such relief will be granted, subject only to the criteria expressly prescribed in 30 CFR §203.80. Neither the individual regulations promulgated by the MMS in 30 CFR Part 203 pertaining to Special Case royalty relief nor the enabling legislation that authorizes Special Case royalty relief prescribe any economic criteria that *must* be included in an application for Special Case royalty relief. Nor do they prescribe any economic reports that are *required* to be submitted in connection with such requested or approved Special Case royalty relief or in the BSEE’s evaluation of an application for Special Case royalty relief, which would deprive BSEE of its discretion or constrain the exercise of its discretion when applying a common sense interpretation of the term “economic”, as used in the statement that appears in row (e) of the table in 30 CFR §203.2.

In the *Discussion and Analysis* section of this Memorandum, it is also established that even though there may be circumstances that make certain leases or development programs ineligible for one of the BSEE’s or BOEM’s established royalty relief programs and that provide inadequate encouragement to increase production or development, other types of royalty relief may nevertheless *benefit both the lessee and the Federal Government*. If the BSEE determines that royalty relief in those unusual circumstances would *serve the statutory purpose of increasing production or promoting development*, the BSEE not only has the authority and discretion *to establish case-by-case qualification conditions*

and relief appropriate to the special circumstances, but if the BSEE were to fail to do so, it would be frustrating the otherwise attainable objectives in 30 CFR §203.1 and relinquishing and abdicating the broad discretion that it clearly has to grant Special Case royalty relief.

III. Discussion and Analysis:

A. Discretionary Deep Water Royalty Relief.

The regulations in 30 CFR Part 203 include rigorous provisions regarding the economic viability of royalty relief sought with regard to deep water leases (30 CFR §§203.60 – 203.79).¹ Specifically, 30 CFR §203.67 makes it clear that for deep water royalty relief, the BSEE will not approve applications if it determines that the royalty relief cannot make the field, development project, or expansion project “economically viable,” and that the field or project must be uneconomic while the lessee is paying royalties and must become economic with royalty relief. Likewise, 30 CFR §203.62(c) requires that an application for such deep water royalty relief “must include” a deep water economic viability and relief justification report. There is then a table in 30 CFR §203.81 prescribing what supplemental reports must be submitted to the BSEE in connection with royalty relief applications for specified deep water leases and/or projects, as well as end-or-life leases. That table requires that a comprehensive “economic viability & relief justification report” be submitted with regard to all deep water royalty relief applications. Special Case royalty relief is not addressed in that table. The criteria that must be satisfied in such an economic viability & relief justification report are set forth in 30 CFR §203.85. That section of the regulations, likewise, is not made applicable to Special Case royalty relief.

The reason that all of the regulations in 30 CFR Part 203 that are applicable to deep water royalty relief require a determination that the requested royalty relief will make the field, development project, or expansion project “economically viable” is that the statutes authorizing such types of royalty relief *require it*. Such statutes also require that the Secretary of the Interior clearly define the information required for such a determination, which is why the regulations include comprehensive provisions enabling the BSEE to evaluate the economic viability of the requested deep water royalty relief.

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1337 (“**OCSLA**”), as amended by the OCS Deep Water Royalty Relief Act of 1995, Public Law 104-58 (“**DWRRA**”) provides in 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(3)(C)(ii) that:

¹ As addressed on the BOEM website at <https://www.boem.gov/Royalty-Relief-Information/>, there are two general royalty relief categories, which are “automatic” and “discretionary”. “Automatic” refers to royalty relief that is specified in the lease agreement when the lease is issued by BOEM and includes most Deepwater and Deep Gas royalty relief. “Discretionary” refers to royalty relief that companies can apply for under certain scenarios and includes End-of-Life and Special Case royalty relief. BSEE is responsible for discretionary royalty relief programs. Also, as further addressed on the BOEM website, although most deepwater royalty relief is “automatic” and does not require an application or economic evaluation, there are less common deepwater discretionary royalty relief programs that do require “an application demonstrating economic need.” It is those discretionary deepwater royalty relief programs that are administered by the BSEE, which are addressed in this Memorandum and in 30 CFR Part 203.

“Upon submission of a complete application by the lessee, *the Secretary shall determine* within 180 days of such application *whether new production from such lease or unit would be economic in the absence of the relief from the requirement to pay royalties* provided for by clause (i) of this subparagraph. In making such determination, the Secretary shall consider the increased technological and financial risk *of deep water development* and all costs associated with exploring, developing, and producing from the lease. *The lessee shall provide information required for a complete application to the Secretary prior to such determination. The Secretary shall clearly define the information required for a complete application under this section.* Such application may be made on the basis of an individual lease or unit. *If the Secretary determines that such new production would be economic in the absence of the relief from the requirement to pay royalties provided for by clause (i) of this subparagraph, the provisions of clause (i) shall not apply to such production.*” [emphasis added].

Legal commentators have recognized that a rigorous economic determination is necessary for deep water royalty relief. For example:

“Section 302 [of the DWRRA] requires a lessee to submit a formal application for royalty relief to the MMS, which application must show that “new production” will not be “economic” without royalty relief, but that “new production” will be “economic” with royalty relief. Royalty relief is only permitted if, following a technical review of the lessee's application, MMS determines that the lessee has met the economic standard *established by the statute.*” [emphasis added].

Jonathan A. Hunter and Jason R. Johanson, From the Thin Air to the Deep Water: Emerging Federal Royalty Issues, 55 *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Institute* 24 at §24.03 [1] (2009)

There is absolutely no comparable statutory mandate that either defines the term “economic,” as used in regard to Special Case royalty relief in row (e) of the table in 30 CFR §203.2, or restricts the BSEE’s discretion to interpret and apply that term with its common sense meaning, when the Special Case royalty relief sought would serve the statutory purposes summarized in 30 CFR § 203.1, but without such royalty relief the proposed development program could not be conducted and the statutory purposes summarized in 30 CFR § 203.1 would be thwarted rather than served.

B. End-of-Life Royalty Relief.

Royalty relief for end-of-life leases was available under the OCLSA even before enactment of the DWRRA. See, Mark Humphrey (Analyst in Energy Policy), briefing paper prepared for “Members and Committees of Congress” titled Royalty Relief for U.S. Deepwater Oil and Gas Leases at 2 (cited herein as the “Humphrey Briefing Paper”)². There is no requirement in the OCSLA that any statutorily prescribed economic determination be made as a condition to granting royalty relief for end-of-life leases. In the regulations promulgated by MMS in 30 CFR §§203.2(a) and 203.50 – 203.56, an end-of-life lease is first defined in 30 CFR §203.2(a) as a

²<http://smtp.congressionalresearch.com/RS22567/document.php?study=Royalty+Relief+for+U.S.+Deepwater+Oil+and+Gas+Leases>

lease “with earnings that cannot sustain production”. The ensuing regulations then provide, with respect to an end-of-life oil and gas lease, that the lessee may apply for royalty relief if the lease “has average daily production of at least 100 barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) per month . . . in at least 12 of the past 15 months.” 30 CFR §203.50(a). Pursuant to 30 CFR §203.51, an application for end-of-life royalty relief does not require an economic viability & relief justification report as set forth in 30 CFR §203.85, but it does require a net revenue and relief justification report as set forth in 30 CFR §203.84. For example, as stated in paragraph C.2 of Appendix II (Guidelines for the Application, Review, Approval, and Administration of Royalty Relief for End-of-Life Leases) attached to NTL No. 2010-N03, *Guidelines for Royalty Relief Under 30 CFR Part 203* (March 25, 2010): “To demonstrate that your lease is becoming uneconomic, the rule specifies that you must show that royalties you paid (**ROY**) exceed 75 percent of *net revenues (NR)* generated during your qualification months.”

C. Special Case Royalty Relief.

Just like royalty relief for end-of-life leases, so-called “Special Case” royalty relief was available under the OCSLA prior to enactment of the DWRRA in 1995, but it was not referred to by the “Special Case” name. There was no requirement in OCSLA, and none has been added by the DWRRA or by any other statute, that any statutorily prescribed or defined “economic” determination be made as a condition to awarding Special Case royalty relief.

The OCSLA was enacted in 1953, but during the next 43-years the MMS received only nineteen (19) applications for royalty reductions under the OCSLA statutory provisions as of May 31, 1996. See, 61 FR 27263, at 27266, May 31, 1996. Those applications were apparently all made with regard to end-of-life leases pursuant to what was then 30 CFR §203.50. The regulations in place at that time did not specifically address “Special Case” royalty relief.

When the DWRRA was enacted in 1995 it amended the OCSLA to add royalty relief for deep water leases. As a result, the MMS published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“**NOPR**”) at 61 FR 6958, February 23, 1996, seeking public comment and input on the regulations needed to implement the DWRRA. Subsequently, in 61 FR 27263-27280, May 31, 1996, the MMS published an interim rule (“**Interim Rule**”) and sought information gathering with regard to royalty relief under the DWRRA. Then, in 63 FR 2605-2630, January 16, 1998, the MMS published final rules (“**Final Rules**”) to satisfy its obligations under the DWRRA. Neither the NOPR, the Interim Rule, nor the Final Rules addressed procedures or requirements for seeking or obtaining “Special Case” royalty relief.

Almost 3 years after the MMS adopted the Final Rules referred to above, it published another NOPR in 65 FR 69259-69275, November 16, 2000, to revise the then-existing regulations on royalty relief. In the introductory summary to that NOPR, the MMS said:

“Also, [the proposed rule] identifies circumstances when we may consider special royalty relief outside our established end-of-life and deep water royalty relief (DWRR) programs.”

65 FR at 69259. This appears to be the first time that the MMS specifically addressed “Special Case” royalty relief in any of its regulations or NOPRs. Later in that NOPR, under the caption “Royalty Relief in Special Circumstances,” the MMS said:

“Certain circumstances can make leases ineligible for one of our established royalty relief programs. *Yet, royalty relief may benefit both the lessee and the Federal Government.* For example, a recent, significant renovation of operations prevents a lessee from seeking end-of-life royalty relief, at least temporarily. Or, the operator of a marginal expansion project in less than 200m of water cannot apply for a royalty suspension, even if it is located in the central and western GOM. When combined with other circumstances, such as a sudden drop in prices or unusually high original royalty rates, this ineligibility could cause substantial resources to be left unproduced. Some form of *royalty relief in these unusual situations can serve the statutory purpose of increasing production or promoting development* outside our established programs. Because of the rarity of situations that meet these unusual conditions, we will not establish another formal royalty relief program. But, *we leave open the opportunity for an operator to request relief in special circumstances.* Before evaluating a special relief application, we require that applicants establish eligibility. An applicant does this by gaining our approval that their situation meets several of the tests listed in the new §203.80. *Once that is done, we will establish case-by-case qualification conditions and relief format appropriate to the special circumstances.*”

65 FR at 69264.

Nothing in the MMS’ extended discussion in that NOPR suggested that it was proposing or that it intended to propose any prescribed or defined economic determination or criteria as a condition for granting “Special Case” royalty relief. The word “economic” with respect to Special Case royalty relief appears for the first and only time in row (e) of the table found in revised 30 CFR §203.2, proposed in that NOPR. 65 FR at 69269. That word appears immediately before the cross reference: “(See §§203.80)”.

30 CFR §203.80, as it was proposed in that NOPR, together with 30 CFR §203 .1, comprise the core of the criteria for obtaining Special Case royalty relief. Under proposed §203.80, if a lessee first establishes to MMS (now BSEE) that the lease or project in question satisfies any 2 or more of 5 listed characteristics, then MMS (now BSEE):

“may grant special royalty relief when it serves the statutory purposes summarized in §203.1, and our formal relief programs provide inadequate encouragement to increase production or development.”

65 FR at 69274. 30 CRF§203.1, to which proposed §203.80 refers, lists the “statutory purposes” (other than those relating to deep water leases under the DWRRA) of:

- promoting increased production –§203 .1(a), and
- promoting development, increasing production, or encouraging production of marginal resources on certain leases or categories of leases –§203 .1(b).

The proposed rules in 65 FR 69259 were finalized, with some revisions, in the MMS' final rule published at 67 FR 1892, January 15, 2002. The final rule in 30 CFR §203.80 differed from the proposed rule as marked in the following paragraph:

“§ 203.80 When can I get royalty relief if I am not eligible for end-of-life or deep water royalty relief?”

We may grant ~~special~~ royalty relief when it serves the statutory purposes summarized in §203.1, and our formal relief programs provide inadequate encouragement to increase production or development. Unless your lease lies wholly west of 87 degrees, 30 minutes West longitude in the Gulf of Mexico, your lease must be producing to qualify for relief. Before you may apply for ~~special~~ royalty relief apart from our end-of-life or deepwater programs, we must agree that your lease or project has two or more of the following characteristics:

(a) The lease has produced for a substantial period and the lessee can recover significant additional resources. Significant additional resources means enough to allow production for at least a year more than would be profitable without royalty relief.

(b) Valuable facilities (e.g., a platform or pipeline that would be removed upon lease relinquishment) exist ~~on the lease that we do not expect a successor lessee to use.~~ If the facilities are located off the lease, their preservation must depend on continued production from the lease applying for royalty relief. We will only consider an allocable share of costs for off-lease facilities in the relief application.

(c) A substantial risk exists that no new lessee will recover the resources.

(d) The lessee made major efforts to reduce operating costs too recently to use the formal program for royalty relief (e.g., recent significant change in operations).

(e) Circumstances beyond the lessee's control, other than water depth, preclude reliance on one of the existing royalty relief programs.

In the MMS' commentary in 67 FR at 1867, discussing changes from the proposed rule to the final rule, it said “We no longer formally refer to royalty relief apart from our end-of-life or deepwater programs as ‘special’.” Nevertheless, although the term “special” does not appear in the OCSLA or the regulations in 30 CFR Part 203 and apparently is not “formally” used, it is still informally referred to as “Special Case Relief” on the BOEM's website at <https://www.boem.gov/Royalty-Relief-Information/>, cited in footnote 1, above.

The BSEE's statutory authority for granting Special Case royalty relief does not include any mandate that the granting of such relief be conditioned upon satisfying any defined, rigorous “economic” criteria. Likewise, unlike deep water royalty relief available under 30 CFR Part 203, which is conditioned upon satisfying very rigorous and defined economic viability criteria, or end-of-life royalty relief which is conditioned upon satisfying certain defined objective economic criteria, a grant of Special Case royalty relief under 30 CFR §203.80 is unquestionably subject to BSEE's broad discretion and not conditioned on any finding of “economic viability” or other prescribed, objective economic criteria.³

³ 30 CFR §203.80(a) touches on economic issues, in that it addresses a showing that the lease can recover “significant additional resources” with royalty relief, meaning “enough to allow production for at least a year more than would be profitable without royalty relief,” but that is only 1 of 5 characteristics, of which the lessee must demonstrate that the lease or project has any 2 or more of such 5 characteristics.

Also, the regulations in 30 CFR Part 203 define “determination” to mean “the binding decision by MMS on whether your field qualifies for relief or how large a royalty- suspension volume must be *to make the field economically viable.*” [emphasis added]. 30 CFR §203.0. That term – “determination” - is used several times with regard to deep water royalty relief, including in 30 CFR §§203.64, 203.72, and 203.82, among others. It is never used in any of the regulations relating to Special Case royalty relief, because no such comprehensive “determination” of economic viability is required by statute or imposed by regulation for Special Case royalty relief.

IV. Conclusion:

As stated by Messrs. Kevin J. Karl and J. Keith Couvillion in their paper entitled: Federal Offshore Royalty Relief Practical Applications, 2007 No. 1 *Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation* – Institute Paper No. 11 (February 28 – March 2, 2007) (cited herein as “Karl & Couvillion”):

“Special case relief is *totally at the discretion of MMS* [now BSEE] as would be the terms.” [emphasis added].

Karl & Couvillion at §VII. When the MMS, in the royalty relief regulations that it promulgated over the years, intended that a grant of royalty relief was to be conditioned upon a finding of economic viability, together with a finding that the lease or project would not be economically viable without such relief, the regulations are quite clear, detailed, and rigorous regarding making such an economic viability determination. The DWRRA provisions that are implemented by such regulations require such a finding.

Because no such finding is required by the OCSLA with regard to Special Case royalty relief, and because the regulatory history of 30 CFR §§203.80, 203.1, and row (e) in the table that is included in §203.2, does not disclose any intent by the MMS to require such an economic viability determination as a condition to granting Special Case royalty relief, it is clear that the BSEE has the statutory and regulatory authority and the broad discretion to interpret and apply the term “economic” in row (e) of the table in 30 CFR §203.2 in a broad, common sense context that would achieve the objectives stated in 30 CFR §203.1.

Therefore, with regard to a lease or project that lies wholly west of 87 degrees, 30 minutes West longitude in the Gulf of Mexico and does not qualify for royalty relief under any of the formal royalty relief programs, if the Lessee can satisfy 2 of the 5 characteristics in 30 CFR §203 .80 in regard to that lease or project and can establish to BSEE’s satisfaction that the lease or project would achieve the objectives summarized in 30 CFR §203.1, provided the Lessee could access the capital necessary to conduct the proposed project, but that without such royalty relief that capital would not be available due to prevailing investment economics in the GOM, then in my opinion the BSEE’s grant of the requested royalty modification would make the lease or project “economic,” as that term is used in row (e) of the table in 30 CFR §203.2. For BSEE to interpret that term more narrowly would frustrate the otherwise attainable objectives in 30 CFR §203.1, and in doing so the BSEE would be unnecessarily relinquishing and abdicating the broad discretion that it clearly has to grant Special Case royalty relief in order to achieve the objectives summarized in 30 CFR §203.1.

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Hi all,

Attached is the Secretary's schedule and briefing materials.

Best,
Caroline

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Trump Moves to Open
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Trump administration plan
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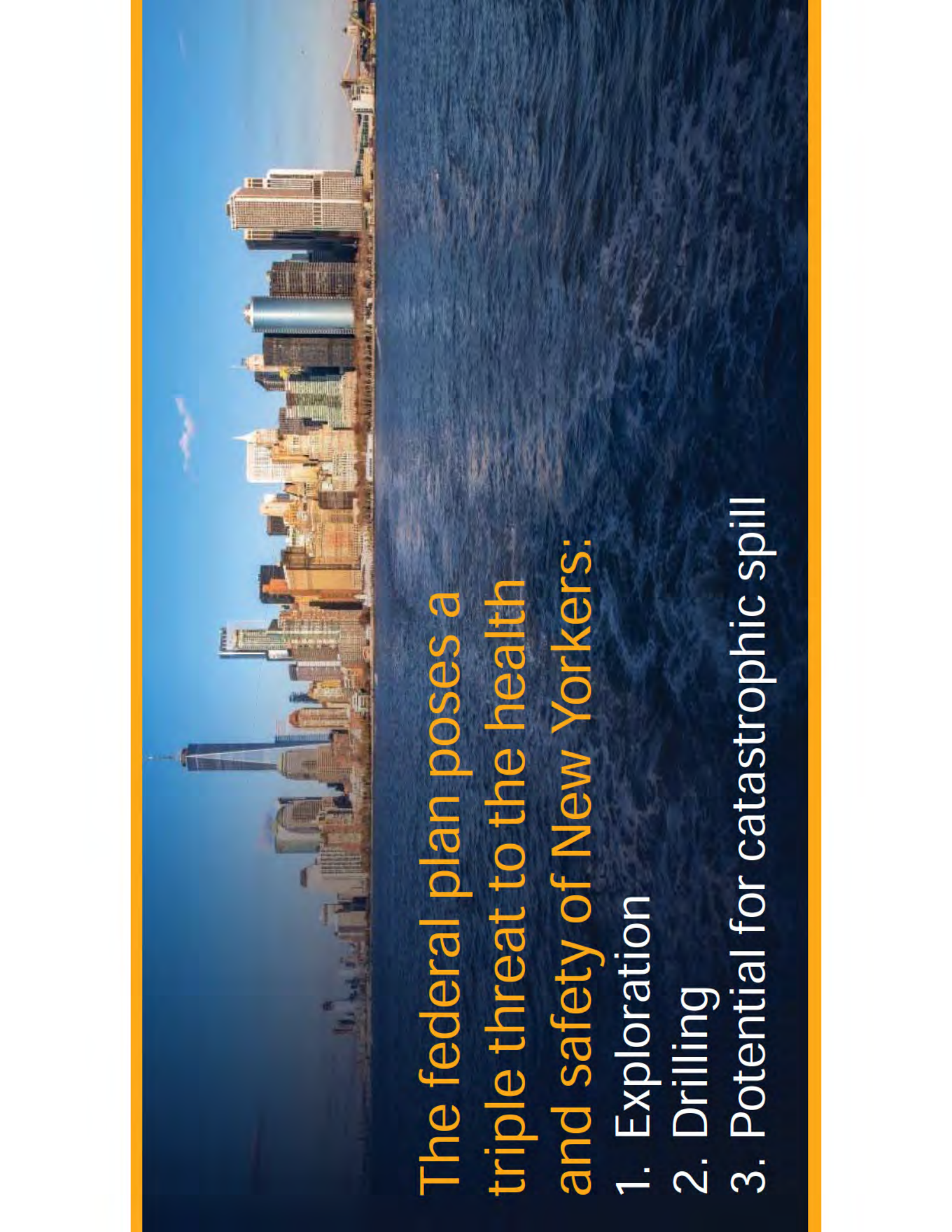
On January 5,
the federal government unveiled the national
Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas program...



The program proposes to make more than **90 percent** of the total offshore acreage in the United States **available to oil and gas drilling...**



And 92 million acres of the North Atlantic
available for fossil fuel exploration – putting
1,700 miles of New York's coast in harm's way.

The image features a wide-angle photograph of the New York City skyline, including prominent skyscrapers like the Freedom Tower, viewed from across a body of water. The sky is clear and blue. A solid yellow horizontal bar runs across the top of the image. Overlaid on the lower portion of the image is text in yellow and white.

The federal plan poses a triple threat to the health and safety of New Yorkers:

1. Exploration
2. Drilling
3. Potential for catastrophic spill

EXPLORATION

An aerial photograph of a pod of dolphins leaping from the ocean surface. The dolphins are captured in mid-air, their bodies arched as they move from the water. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a lighter blue. The dolphins' bodies are dark grey, and their tails are visible as they exit the water. The overall scene is dynamic and captures a natural behavior of these marine mammals.

As the federal government attempts to determine where gas and oil reserves exist, **there will be substantial localized impacts...**

EXPLORATION

BOEM

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Before drilling can begin, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management allows initial “survey work” to take place – which would be **devastating for New York’s ocean environment.**

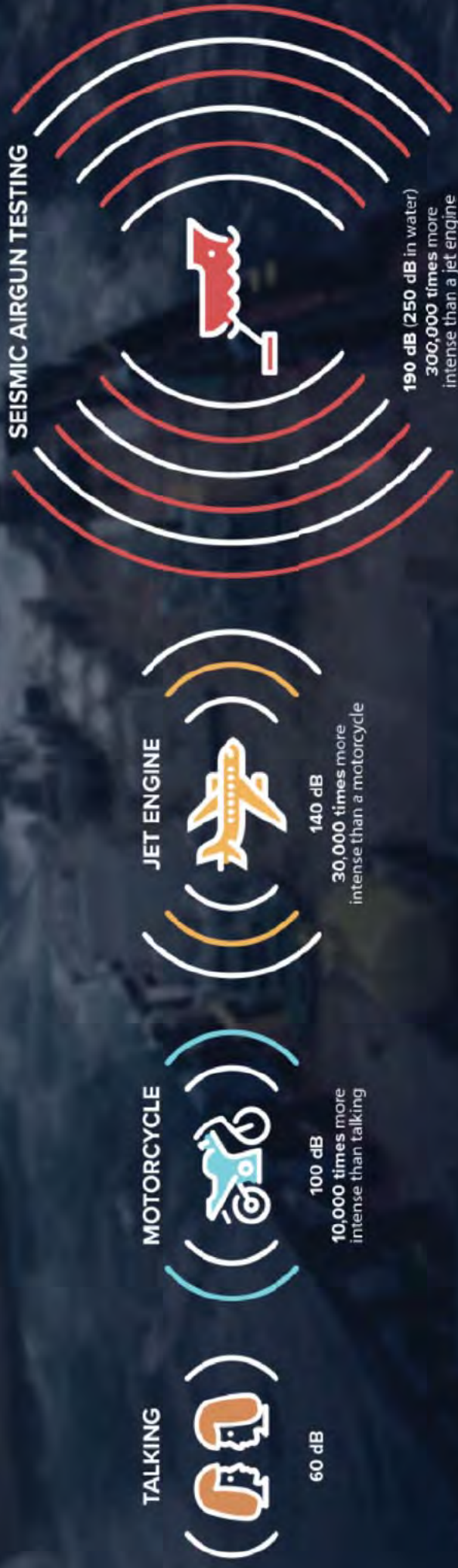
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Sound waves are produced by “**air guns**” — which send destructive shock waves into sediment and are strong enough to penetrate **six miles into the ocean floor...**



EXPLORATION



Continuous noise from a seismic survey can blanket an area of thousands of square miles for weeks or months at a time.

DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF AIRGUNS

- Depresses catch rates of various commercial species, including fluke and squid by 40-80 percent
- Makes it impossible for species like the endangered fin and blue whale to communicate, feed or find mates
- Disrupts east coast migratory range for endangered whales and sea turtles
- Leads to long-term loss of marine mammal biodiversity

DUMPING

These offshore rigs can

dump contaminants, including lead, chromium, mercury and benzene into our waters...



DRILLING



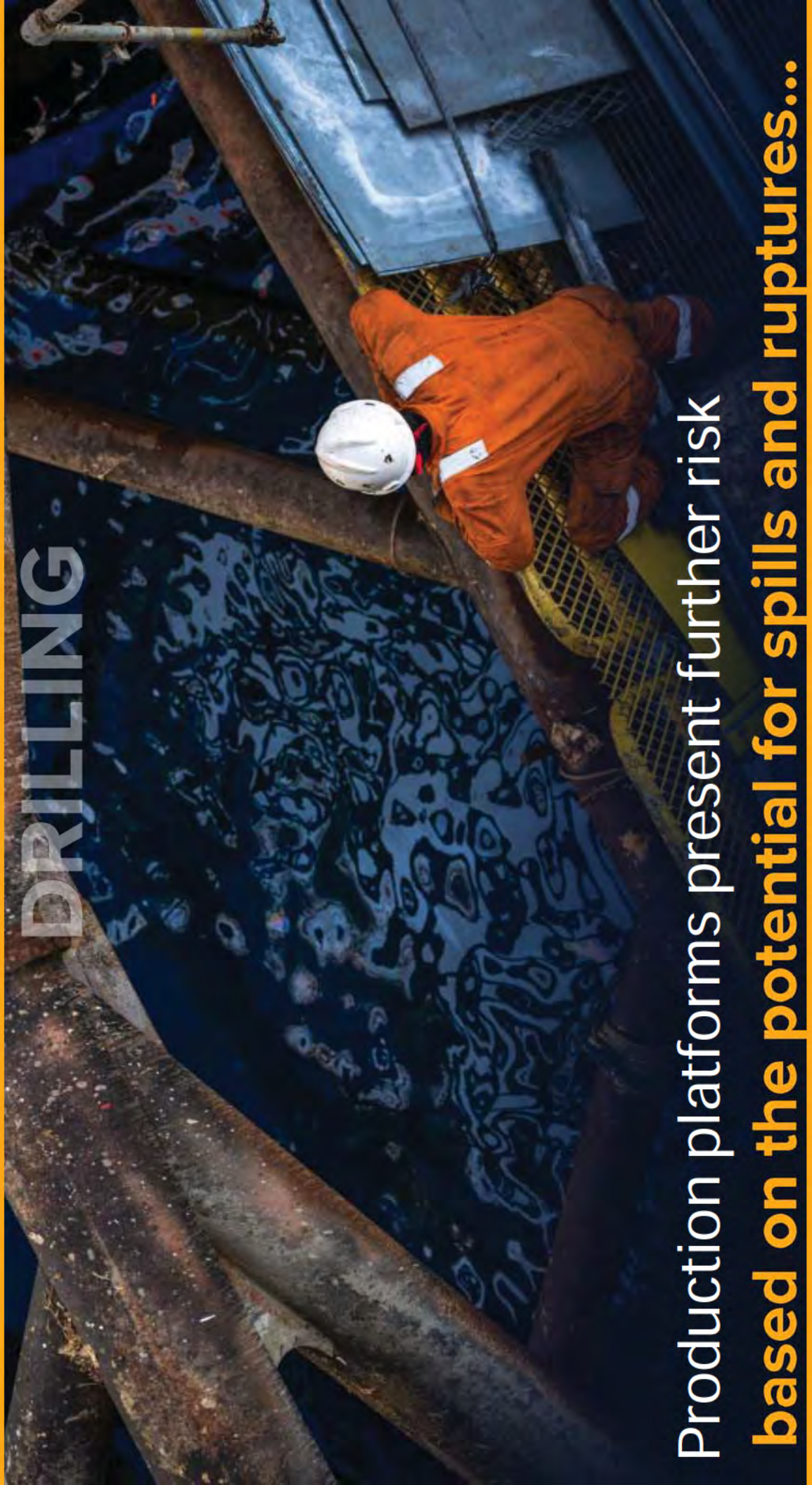
Once commercially viable reserves are determined, an **oil platform** may be fixed to the ocean floor, **may float**, or **may consist of an “artificial island.”**

DRILLING

And the infrastructure that accompanies
offshore drilling, including thousands
of feet of pipelines and refineries –
blights the coast and deters tourism...

DRILLING

Production platforms present further risk
based on the potential for spills and ruptures...

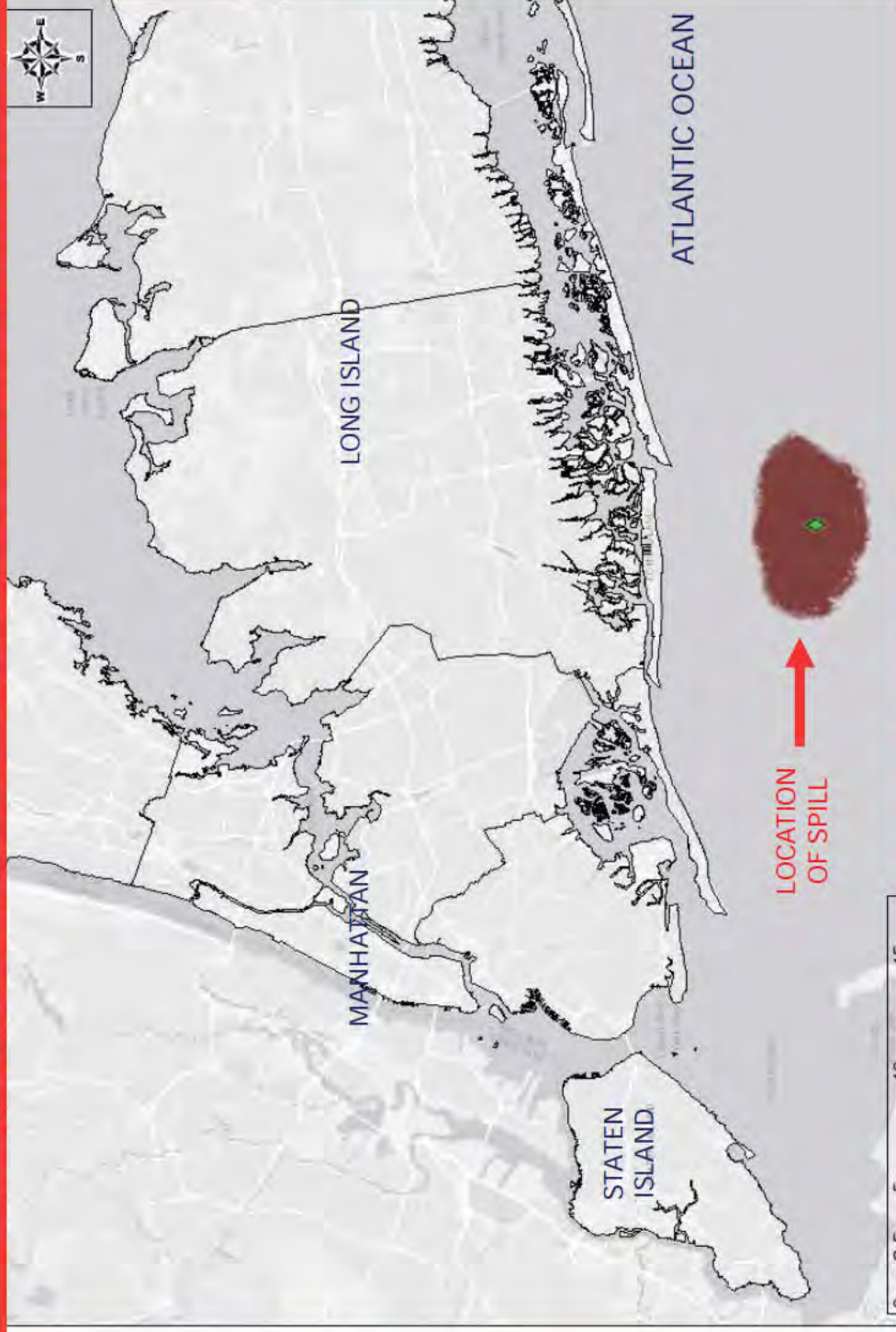




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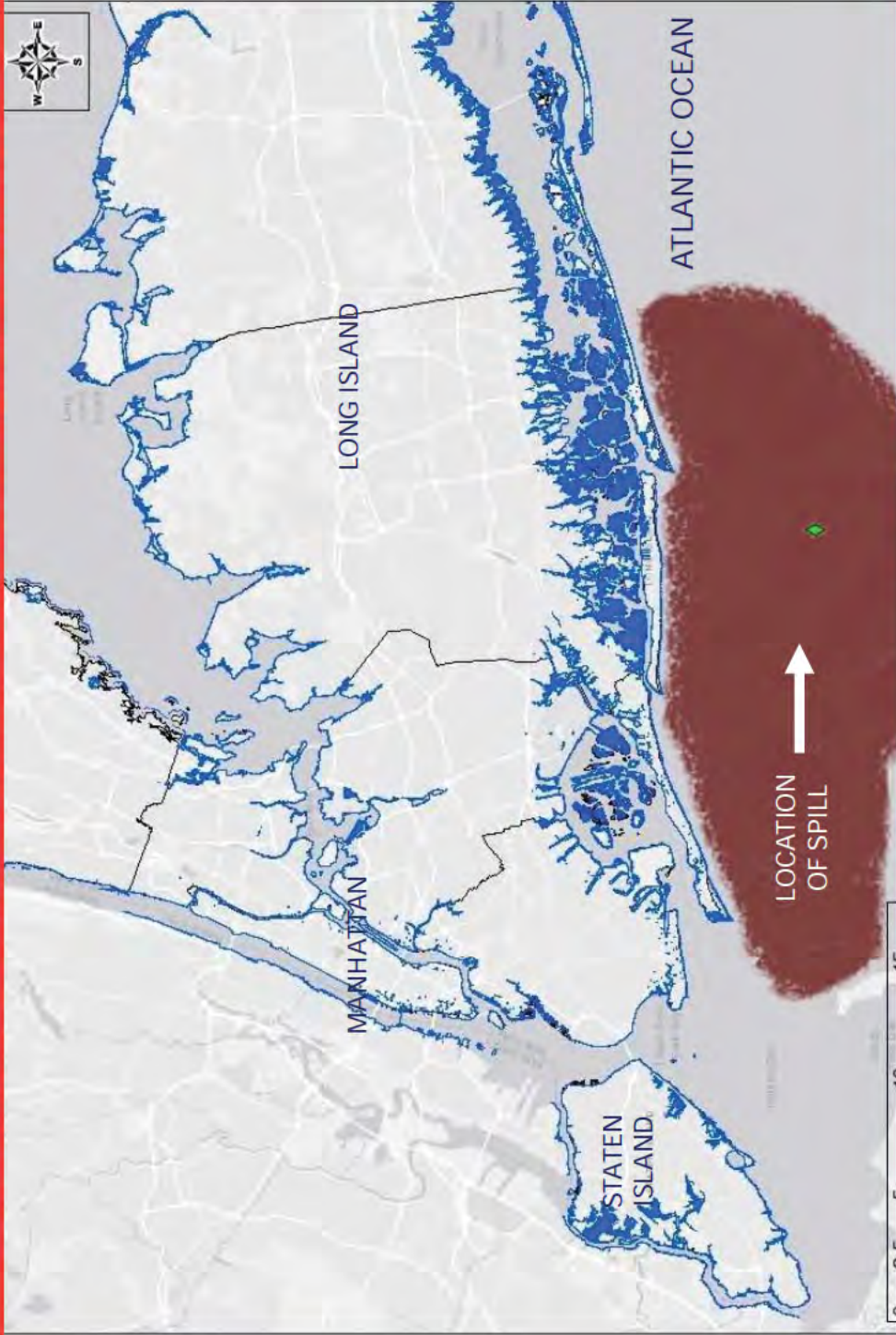
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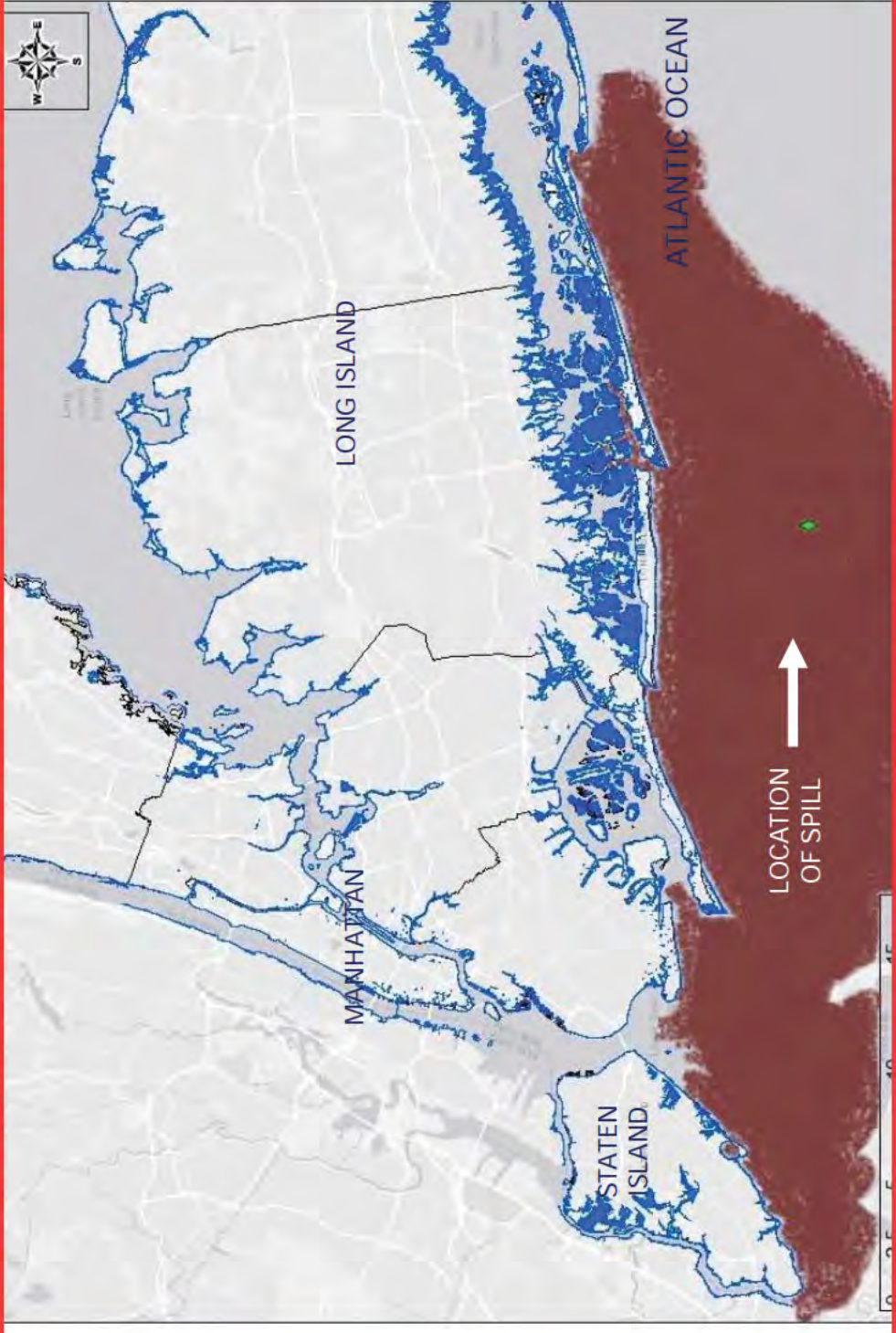
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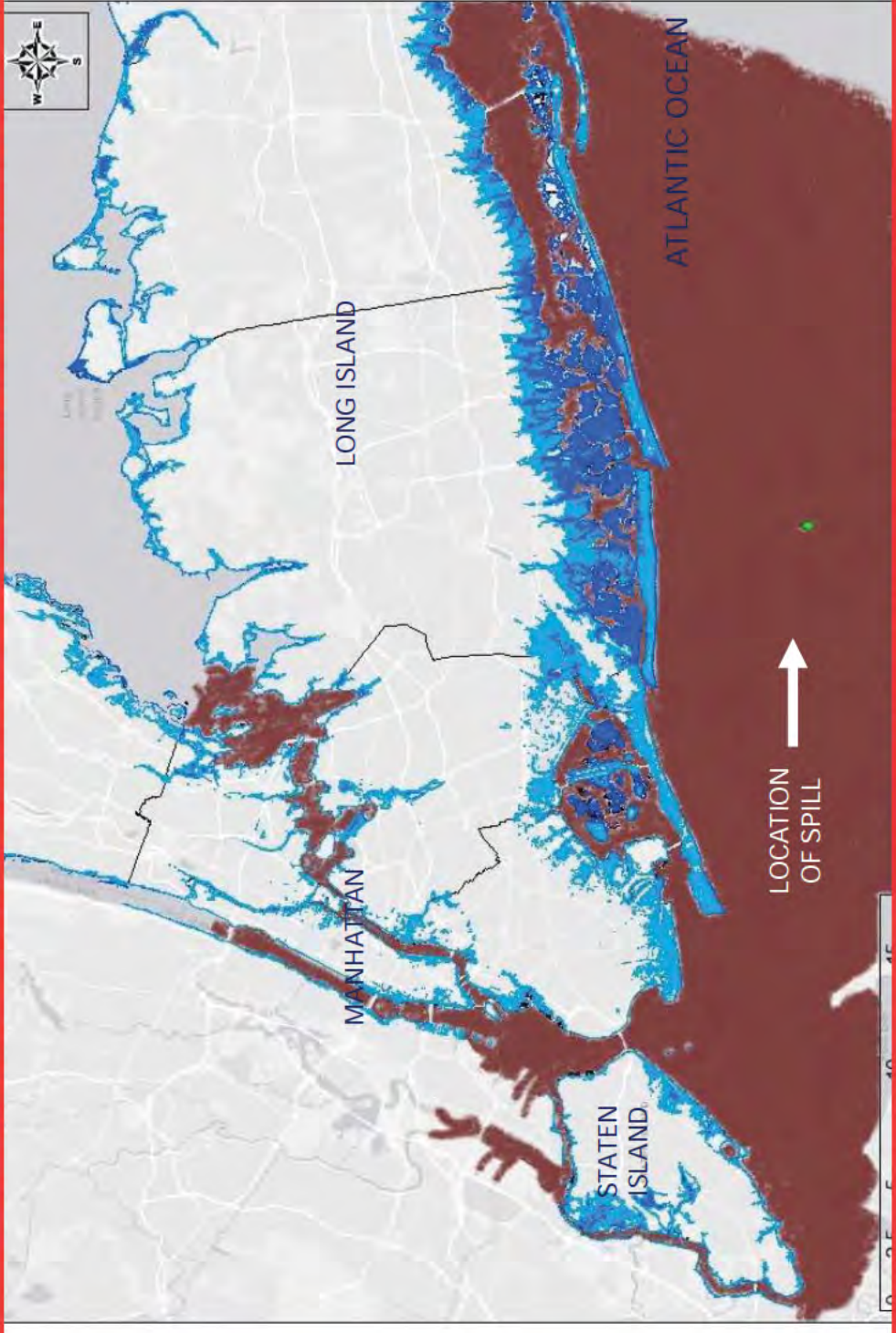
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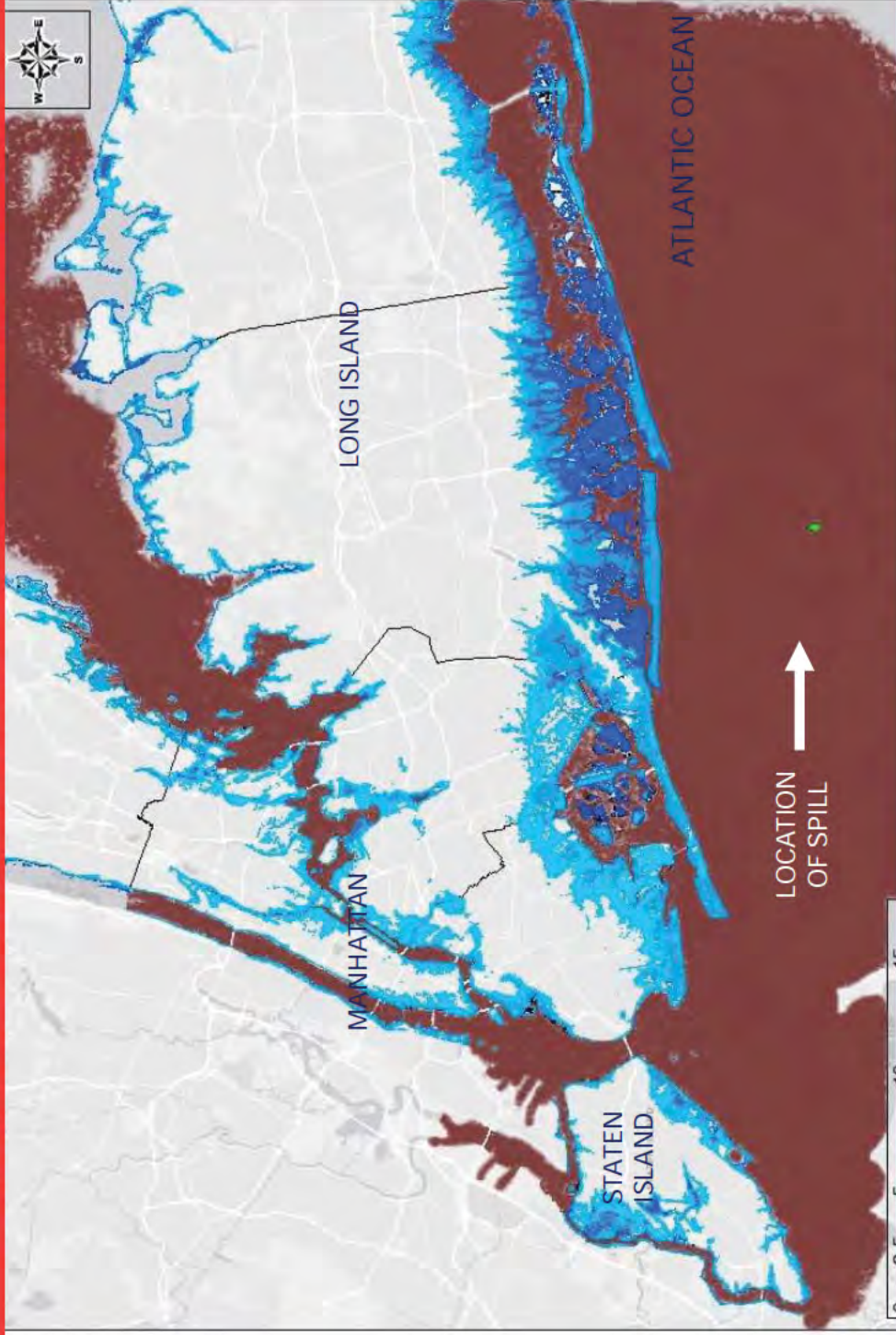
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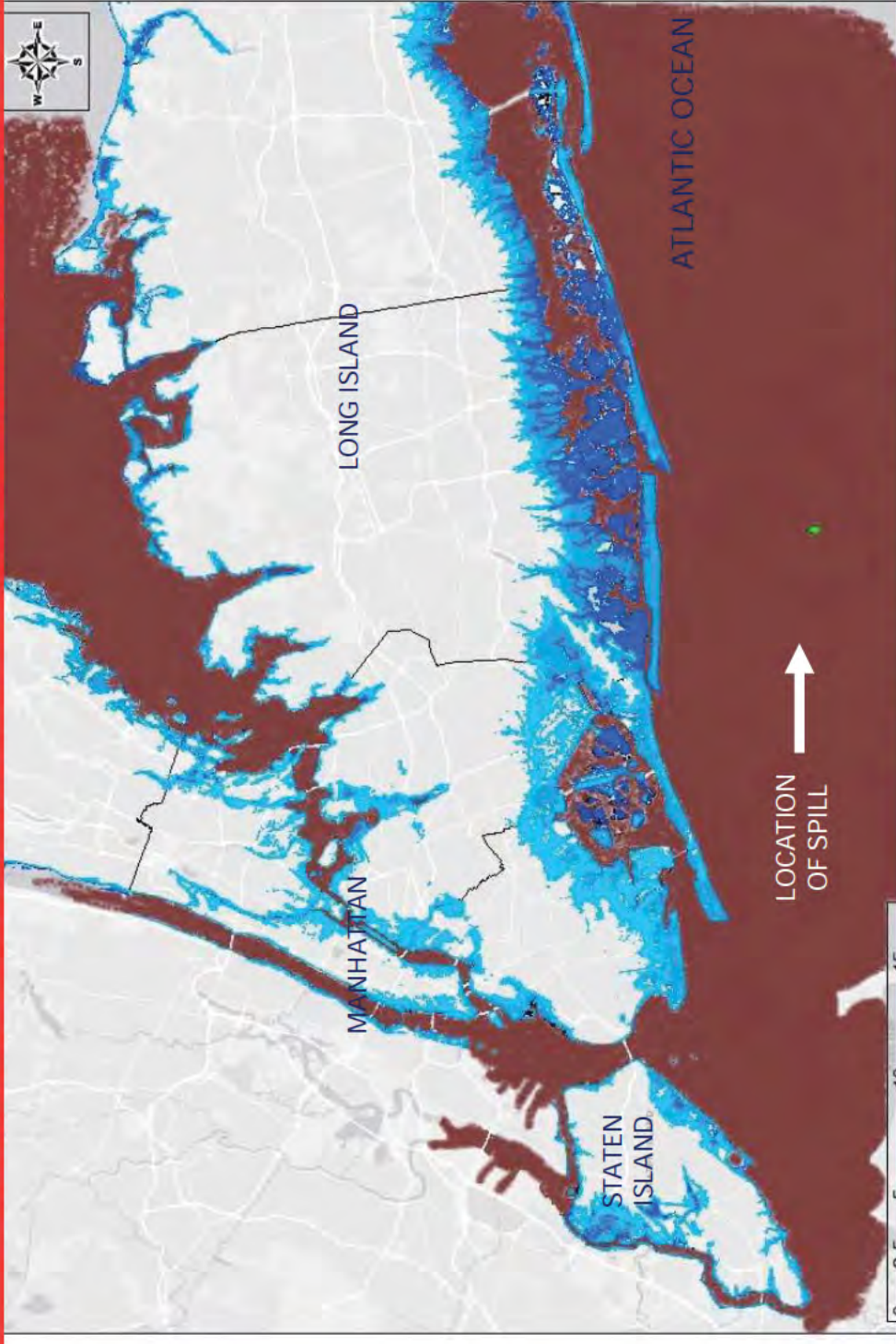
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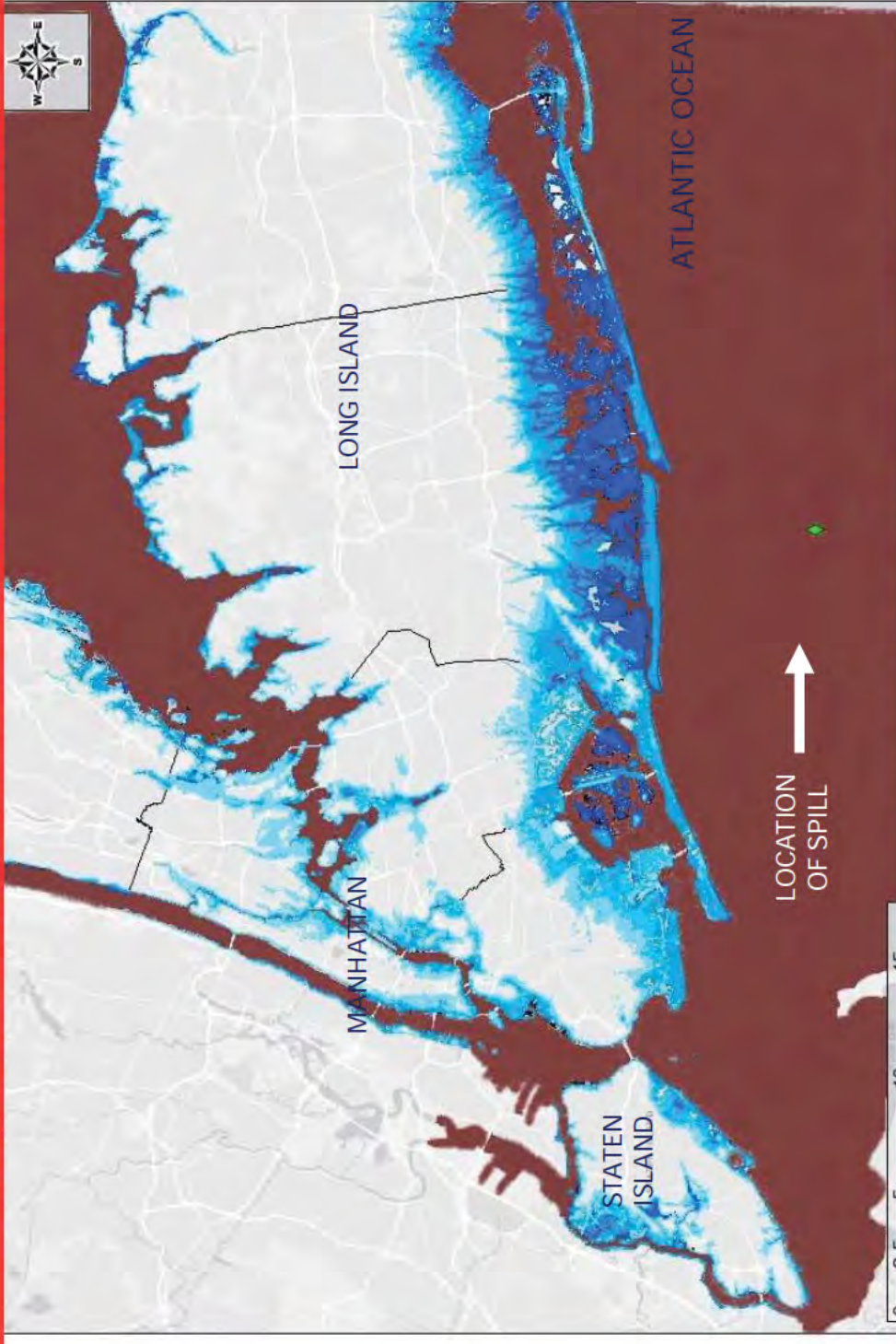
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HURRICANE SANDY STORM SURGE (UP TO 18FT)

SPILL

**A spill would cripple Long Island's
booming \$5.6 billion tourism industry...**





And devastate New York's fishing industry,
which generates over \$180 million annually...

SPILL

An aerial photograph of a large port facility, likely the Port of New York and New Jersey, during sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The port is filled with numerous colorful shipping containers stacked in rows. Several large gantry cranes are visible, with one prominently labeled 'VAN TERM'. In the foreground, a large, dark, irregular spill is visible on the water's surface, extending from the shore towards the center of the port. The city skyline is visible in the background under the twilight sky.

A spill would also jeopardize the Port of NY & NJ —
the largest on the Atlantic coast — threatening
400,000 jobs and the national economy.

The risk of an oil spill in
New York waters is

UNACCEPTABLE





After a bipartisan outcry,
Florida was granted an exemption from the
offshore drilling program – because of the state’s
reliance on tourism as an economic driver...

**NEW YORK'S
OCEAN ECONOMY**

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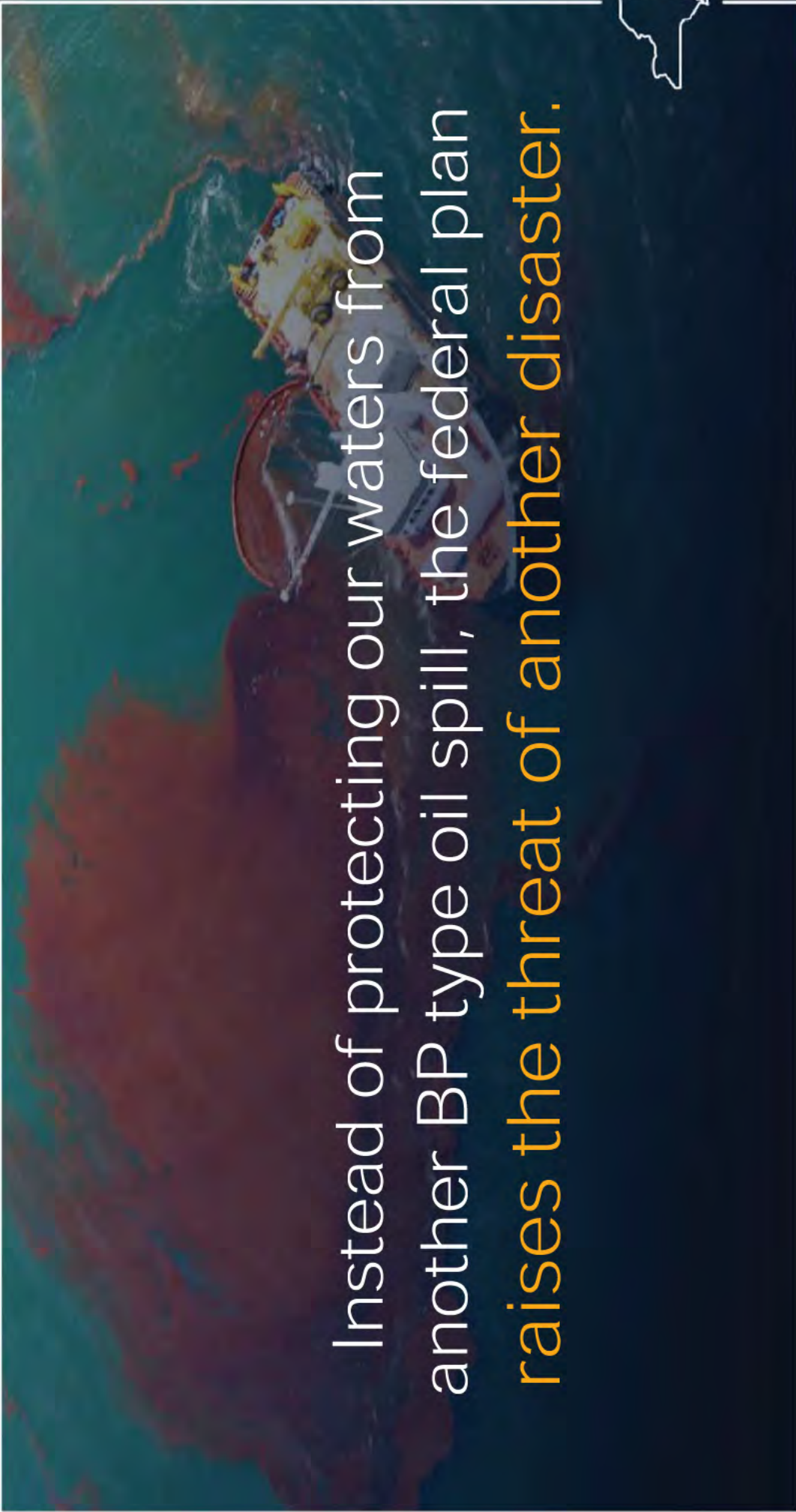
#2 IN NATION FOR TOURISM

EMPLOYS 456,000

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IN WAGES

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IN GDP



An aerial photograph of an offshore oil rig in the middle of a large-scale oil spill. The rig is a complex of white and yellow structures on a dark sea. A massive, dark, irregularly shaped oil slick spreads across the water's surface, extending far from the rig. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Instead of protecting our waters from another BP type oil spill, the federal plan raises the threat of another disaster.



A scenic landscape of a river valley with mountains and a bird in flight. The text is overlaid on the image.

We must do everything we can
to prevent offshore drilling
in New York waters.



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THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

EVENT MEMO TEMPLATE

Wednesday, March 14th 2018

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Basement Gymnasium followed by Secretary's Office

Action Officer: Benjamin Cassidy Benjamin_Cassidy@ios.doi.gov – (202) 897-7259

I. PURPOSE

Meet and greet event with Cameron Hanes which will involve archery shooting in the gymnasium followed by conversation regarding public access to federal lands.

II. BACKGROUND

In order to promote the natural and cultural resources managed by the Department of the Interior, increased access to public lands, and hunting opportunities; we are coordinating a meet and greet event with a world famous athlete and bow hunter Mr. Cameron Hanes which will also involve archery shooting. Cameron Hanes is a member of the International Wildlife Conservation Council and he will be in town for the kick-off meeting. Yet this event will give Cameron Hanes and the Secretary an opportunity to get to know each other while also publicly raising awareness about hunting access to public lands.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Internal

Secretary Zinke
Rick May, National Advisor
Benjamin Cassidy - OIEA
Toddy Wynn - OIEA
Jason Funes - OIEA

External

Cameron Hanes - World famous athlete, hunter, and IWCC board member

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

4:30pm - Secretary will be joining Cameron Hanes downstairs in the basement gymnasium which will be set up to do archery shooting

5:00pm - Secretary and Cameron Hanes will come up to the Secretary's office to discuss opportunities to increase hunting access on public lands

5:15pm - Do a Facebook Live stream of a one on one discussion between the Secretary and Cameron Hanes

5:30pm - Conclusion

V. PRESS PLAN

VI. REMARKS

VII. ATTACHMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DAILY UPDATE FOR CABINET AFFAIRS – 3/13/2018

Lori Mashburn, White House Liaison

Natalie Davis, Special Assistant to the Secretary

STATUS OF THE SECRETARY

THIS WEEK:

- 3/13 DC: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Budget Hearing
 - Meeting with House Natural Resources Committee Chair Bishop
 - Meeting with former Congressman Henry Bonilla and Ron Eritano
- 3/14 DC: Meeting with new Chair of the 250 Semiquincentennial Commission Daniel Dilella and Special Assistant to the President Mike Roman
 - Call with R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
 - TENT. Call with NY Gov. Cuomo
 - ~~MOU signing with Amb. of Denmark~~
- 3/15 DC: House Natural Resources Budget Hearing
 - Call with Congressman Denis A. Ross (FL)
 - Meet and Greet with the new International Wildlife Conservation Council members
 - White House St. Patrick's Day Reception
 - House Speaker's St. Patrick's Day Reception
- 3/16 AZ: Travel to Chandler, AZ for remarks at Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation "Elk Camp"
- 3/17 AZ: Visit with U.S. Border Patrol Tucson Station HQ
 - U.S. Customs & Border Patrol Meeting and Briefing
 - Site visit of Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge
- 3/18 AZ: Site visit to Organ Pipe National Monument
- 3/19 AZ: Remarks at National Mining Association event

STATUS OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

TODAY: The DepSec is in DC conducting internal meetings.

WH COMMS REPORT (submitted 3/12)

Press Inquiries:

- Many small and logistical inquiries.
- **Washington Post** (Christine Emba) —**REQUEST**—I'm hoping to get some clarity on the Department of the Interior's mission statement. The most recent version I can find is here: <https://www.doi.gov/whoweare/interior>. "Our Mission: Protecting America's Great Outdoors and Powering Our Future—The U.S. Department of the Interior protects America's natural resources and heritage, honors our cultures and tribal communities, and supplies the energy to power our future. Is this your organization's current mission statement? I know that you all are working to reorganize your site, so I wanted to make sure I'm on the correct page and have the right information. --**RESPONSE**— TBD
- **Politico** (Ben Lefebvre) —**REQUEST**-- A trio of questions for you: **1)** Is the Secretary still scheduled to speak at the Faeger event at the National Press Club Wednesday? If not, any reason for the change of plans? **2)** Is the Secretary still scheduled to speak at the Senate Energy committee meeting Tuesday and House Natural Resources committee hearing Thursday? **3)** I saw in the Secretary's October-November calendar that he took some personal time October 30- November 6 to fly back to Montana. I also saw that Montana Senate candidate Troy Downing did a campaign event in the Whitefish area with his campaign manager on November 2, 2017 and met with Eric

Trump and Donald Trump Jr. on November 4, 2017. Did the Secretary attend either of those Downing events? I know the time on the Secretary's calendar was marked "personal", but just wanted to confirm whether he paid for the travel to/from Montana.—**RESPONSE**— 1. No. Scheduling changes. 2. He isn't speaking at a committee meeting, he is testifying at budget hearings. 3. He paid personally. Confirmed he did not attend any.

Top Stories

- **Yahoo News:** [Donald Trump Jr. Failed To Disclose Business Deals With Hunting Buddy Who Raised Millions For Father's Campaign](#)
- **E&E News:** [Perry, Zinke due on the Hill](#)
- **E&E News:** [Zinke wants to quickly rebuild Glacier's Sperry Chalet](#)

Top Issues, Accomplishments, and Awareness

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- March 23-April 1 Secretary Zinke is on personal vacation.

AGENCY MEDIA (submitted 3/7)

WEEK AHEAD March 7 thru March 15, 2018

Announcements/Releases/Events

Secretarial-level Announcements/Events/Interviews

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- **March 21:** Secretary Zinke will travel to California to visit Bureau of Reclamation assets.
- **March 24-31:** Secretary Zinke will be on personal leave.
- **April 21-29: National Parks Week:** Secretary Zinke will be traveling to several National Parks to highlight our infrastructure needs and the President's legislative package.

SIGNIFICANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **March 15: ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (ANWR) UPDATE:** The tax reform bill passed in December requires that the Department conduct no fewer than two lease sales in Section 1002 are of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). The Department is moving forward on the first step associated with the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process in March by announcing a scoping period to last 60 days. The Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Land and

Minerals are also traveling to Alaska this week to begin engaging and consulting with indigenous Alaskans.

- **March 15: Department-level Release:** DOI and BLM will announce the Record of Decision regarding approved routes for segments of the Gateway West electric transmission line on public lands in southwestern Idaho, connecting previously authorized routes in southern Wyoming and eastern Idaho to improve the nation's energy infrastructure and boost the economy in the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West.
- **March 16: WELL CONTROL FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING RULE:** The proposed rule to revise certain provisions of the 2016 rule entitled "Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control" was submitted to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on December 7. It is anticipated that BSEE will receive the Draft Rule from OMB by March 15. It will then be sent to the Federal Register for publication followed by a public comment period. This rule will be high profile and controversial. Staff has briefed NEC and White House Communications on the rule.
- **March 16: PRODUCTION SAFETY SYSTEMS FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING RULE:** The Draft Rule on Production Safety System was published in the Federal Register on December 29. The public comment period ended on January 29. A Draft Final Rule is planned to be sent to the Federal Register in coordination with the Well Control Draft Rule. This rule will be high profile and controversial due to its association with the Well Control Rule. Staff has briefed NEC and White House Communications on the rule. *The Director of BSEE will announce both the Well Control Rule and the PSS rule together.*
- **March 16: Department-level Release:** DOI and BOEM will announce the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) for the 251 August Gulf sale, which is 77.3 million acres offshore in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida for oil and gas exploration and development. The region-wide lease sale is scheduled for Aug. 15, 2018.

Interior Social Media Updates

- **March 14: Department-level blog post:** DOI will update a blog post from last year, celebrating the 115th anniversary of the first national wildlife refuge and the start of the entire refuge system.

National Park Service

- **March 13:** The National Desert Storm War Memorial Association in cooperation with the NPS will seek public comments on potential designs for the proposed National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial at National Mall and Memorial Parks. The memorial will commemorate and honor veterans of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield.
- **March 15 (tent.): National NPS Release:** The NPS American Battlefield Protection Program will issue an apportionment memo for nine Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants awarded to States and funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The apportionment is approximately \$4.3 million and goes toward the protection of over 500 acres at two threatened Revolutionary War battlefields, five Civil War battlefields, and one Civil War/Revolutionary War battlefield: Brandywine, Pennsylvania; Camden, South Carolina; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Appomattox Court House, Virginia; New Market Heights, Virginia; Morton's Ford, Virginia; Franklin, Tennessee; Yorktown, Virginia.
- **March 15 (tent.): National NPS Release:** NPS anticipates announcement of a grant funding opportunity on Grants.gov regarding Tribal Heritage grants, which assist Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations in protecting and promoting their unique cultural heritage and traditions. At least \$500,000 is made available annually from the Historic Preservation Fund.
- **March 15 (tent.): Local NPS Release:** The Blue Ridge Parkway anticipates the initial clearing of 1.5 acres (123 trees) within Parkway boundary in advance of construction for the Mountain Valley Pipeline, which will traverse the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Tree

clearing will occur along the wooded edges of existing pastoral landscape, widening an existing non-wooded vista. The Blue Ridge Parkway construction and right-of-way permits for the Mountain Valley Pipeline were finalized in December 2017.

- **March 15 (tent.): Local NPS Release:** The NPS expects to release the Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site Archeological Resources Management Final Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Plan/EIS). The publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability of this final Plan/EIS in the Federal Register will initiate a 30-day wait period before the Regional Director of the Midwest Region signs the Record of Decision.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- **March 15 (tent.): Local FWS Release:** FWS plans to send to the Federal Register a final determination to withdraw the proposal to list the San Fernando Valley spineflower, a plant found in California.
- **March 15 (tent.): Local FWS Release:** FWS will release for public comment a Draft Recovery Plan for the Southern California Distinct Population Segment of the mountain yellow-legged frog. The recovery plan is designed to help southern populations of this species in three recovery units through a set of recovery strategies with associated objectives and measurable criteria. The recovery units include San Bernardino Mountains, San Gabriel Mountains, and San Jacinto Mountains.
- **March TBD (tent.): Local FWS Release:** An Environmental Assessment will be available for public review on Geronimo Energy's planned development of the Crocker Wind Farm in Clark County, South Dakota, which would include 120 turbines and associated structures. As the proposed project is seeking to place 14 turbines, 14 transmission poles, and other associated features on FWS grassland easements, Crocker is seeking an easement exchange for 15.1 acres of direct easement impact. Crocker has offered funding for 30.2 new easement acres.
- **March TBD: National FWS Release:** FWS will award nearly \$19 million in grants to coastal states to conserve and restore coastal wetlands and their fish and wildlife habitat. Each year, the Service supports coastal wetland conservation through the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program and the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The grant funds are derived from excise taxes on fishing tackle and motorboat and small engine fuels.
- **March TBD: National FWS Release:** FWS plans to publish a final rule on revisions to the 2018 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp contest regulations. For the 2018 Federal Duck Contest and 2019-2020 Federal Duck Stamp, contest entries must include one or more visual elements that reflect the theme "Celebrating our waterfowl hunting heritage."
- **March TBD: National FWS Release:** FWS will announce the availability of comprehensively revised boundaries for the first batch of Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) units included in the Hurricane Sandy Remapping Project. CBRS was created by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act in 1982 to conserve relatively undeveloped, highly vulnerable coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts. The proposed revisions will affect 112 existing and 36 proposed new units in Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New Jersey. The notice will announce a 120-day public comment period and also advise of upcoming public meetings to be held via webcast.

Bureau of Land Management

- **March TBD: National BLM Release:** Announcing Notice of Intent to Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report and Possible Land Use Plan Amendment for the Proposed RE Crimson Solar Project, Riverside County, CA. This NOI initiates a 30-day public scoping period that solicits public comment. Sonoran West Holding LLC has requested a rights-of-way authorization to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission an up to 350-megawatt photovoltaic facility. The project site consists of approximately 2,700 acres of BLM-managed land.

Bureau of Indian Affairs

- **March TBD: National BIA Release:** Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs John Tahsuda will announce his approval of land leasing codes for 11 tribes in seven states, bringing to 41 the number of federally recognized tribes whose land leasing regulations have been approved by the Department of the Interior in accordance with the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

- **March TBD: BOEM Note to Stakeholders:** BOEM will issue a Note to Stakeholders on the Atlantic Link Submarine Transmission Cable project (Atlantic Link) Request for Competitive Interest.

U.S. Geological Survey

- **March TBD:** USGS Publication on Alteration of Sagebrush Landscapes with fuel breaks to save them from wildfire in the Great Basin states and possible ecological effects to aid land managers in designing, implementing, and maintaining an effective fuel break system in sagebrush landscapes.

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

- **March TBD: National BSEE Release:** BSEE will announce two rules: Proposed Well Control with a 30-day comment period and a Final Rule on Production Safety.

Bureau of Reclamation

- **March TBD: National Reclamation Release:** Reclamation will announce the Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, Proposed First Increment Extension will be released for public for review and comment (45-day period). Reclamation will provide details on the comment period and for the public open houses scheduled for March 14, 15, 20, and 21, 2018.

Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement

- **March TBD: National OSMRE Releases:** Mine plan decisions for the Jim Bridger Mine in Wyoming and the King II Mine in Colorado.

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE (updated 3/12)

UPCOMING SCIA HEARING: The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is hosting an oversight hearing on opioids in Indian country. Agencies called to testify will discuss how we collaborate with tribes and success stories associated with recovery efforts and apprehension. Witness will be Charlie Addington, Deputy Bureau Director, BIA - Office of Justice Services.

Timing: March 14, 2018

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Advisor, Congressional Affairs

UPCOMING HNRC HEARING: The House Natural Resources Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee will be holding a hearing on the FY19 Indian Affairs budget. Witnesses will be provided from Indian and Insular Affairs.

Timing: March 20, 2018

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Advisor, Congressional Affairs

UPCOMING HNRC HEARING: The House Natural Resources Water, Power, and Oceans Subcommittee will be holding a hearing on the FY19 Bureau of Reclamation budget. Witness is TBD.

Timing: March 21, 2018

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Advisor, Congressional Affairs

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Timing: March 21, 2018

Contact: Amanda Kaster, Advisor, Congressional Affairs

2017 COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF OCS OIL & GAS RESOURCES REPORT TO CONGRESS: This report is required by Section 357 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. It directs the Secretary of the Interior to provide a report to Congress within 6 months of the date of enactment (i.e., Aug. 8, 2005), with updates at least every 5 years. It is currently in surnaming with ASLM.

Timing: March 2018

Contact: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management

DOI BUDGET HEARINGS: DOI has confirmed all four budget hearings for the FY19 budget with Secretary Zinke. The Secretary will appear before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on March 13th, the House Natural Resources Committee on March 15th, the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee on April 11th and the Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee on May 9, 2018. In addition, Bureau of Reclamation (Brenda Burman) and the Asst. Secretary, Water and Science (Tim Petty) will be testifying before the House Energy & Water Appropriations subcommittee on March 14th.

Timing: March - May 2018

Contact: Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs

WILD HORSES AND BURROS REPORT TO CONGRESS: BLM is completing a report to Congress detailing legislative and administrative options, including partnerships, to bring Wild Horse and Burro populations to appropriate management levels. The current population and program are unsustainable resulting in vast resource impacts and unhealthy herds. In the past year, the Department has requested the restoration of statutory tools to manage herd levels, which includes humane destruction, and others to facilitate sales of excess animals. The Secretary wishes to host another roundtable with stakeholders before submission of the report to Congress.

Timing: Late March 2018

Contact: Joe Balash, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management

DOI NOMINEES IN PROGRESS: Susan Combs (A/S PMB) and Ryan Nelson (Solicitor) were reported out of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by voice vote on January 30. They were both placed on the Senate calendar and were hotlined on February 7. There were objections by Democrats. We are encouraging Senate leadership to file cloture and hold a floor vote on these nominees. Steve Gardner (OSM) was renominated in January after being sent back to the WH at the end of December. We are still working with Mr. Gardner on some questions with the Office of Government Ethics.

Tara Sweeney (A/S Indian Affairs) We are working with the Office of Government Ethics and the White House to get final approval for Ms. Sweeney before submitting her paperwork to the Senate. Ms. Sweeney was held in the Senate and does not require renomination.

Timing: Ongoing

Contact: John Tanner, Director, Congressional Affairs

US VIRGIN ISLANDS FIELD HEARING: NPS Caribbean Parks Superintendent testified at a House Oversight and Government Reform (HOCR) Interior Subcommittee field hearing regarding federal hurricane recovery efforts. NPS was one of multiple federal witnesses. NPS testimony focused on collaborative federal efforts, Department engagement on the ground and working with Congress. Del. Stacy Plaskett (D-USVI) is the ranking member on the HOCR subcommittee.

Timing: March 12, 2018

Contact: Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs

PUBLIC LANDS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND/NATIONAL PARK RESTORATION ACT: DOI continues the ongoing process of formally rolling out the Public Lands Infrastructure Fund, which was included in both the President's FY19 Budget and the Infrastructure proposal. On March 6, 2018, DOI testified at an oversight hearing on the maintenance issue, highlighting the need for maintenance updates on public lands. On March 7, the Secretary joined Senators Alexander, Daines, Capito, Gardner and Tillis to introduce language that was built off of the FY19 Budget proposal, the National Parks Restoration Act. The bill has bipartisan, bicameral support. On March 20, 2018 the Department will testify at a legislative hearing before the House Natural Resources Federal Lands Subcommittee on the bill.

Timing: Ongoing

Contact: Micah Chambers, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs

REORGANIZATION AND UNIFIED REGIONAL BOUNDARIES: Secretary Zinke has informally notified the House and Senate Appropriations Committees regarding FY18 implementation of new shared regional boundaries across Interior's bureaus. Presently, each of the 10 bureaus have different geographic boundaries for regional offices. The new approach has bureaus share unified boundaries based on watersheds, often adjusted to the nearest state line boundaries. Implementing unified regions will improve the timeliness and appropriateness of decision making in the field, by allowing senior managers to focus on the same geography. Interior is implementing a comprehensive Congressional, gubernatorial, employee, and stakeholder communications strategy to demonstrate the advantages of this approach. The FY19 budget also speaks to moving parts of the headquarters of BLM, FWS, and Reclamation westward. Susan Combs, Senior Adviser to the Secretary, is traveling to Alaska during the week of February 26, to learn how the concept of joint operations across Interior's bureaus is practiced there, as a potential model for the Interior's operations in unified regions across the rest of the country.

Timing: Ongoing

Contact: Scott Cameron, Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget

SECRETARY SPEAKING INVITATIONS (updates in bold)

Accepted:

3/16 - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Camp (Chandler, AZ)

3/19-20 National Mining Association Annual Meeting (Scottsdale, AZ)

4/3-6 2018 International Offshore Wind Partnering Forum (Princeton, NJ)

4/8 – Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile Run & 5K walk-run benefit Children's Miracle network (DC)

4/16 Alaska Day Conference (organized by the Alaska Federation of Natives (DC)

4/26 - Remarks at BALL for THE MALL (DC)

5/3 – RV Industry Power Breakfast (Elkhart, IN)

5/23 - Remarks at Williston Basin Petroleum 26th Annual Conference (Bismarck, ND)

6/1 - Ducks Unlimited Annual Convention (Indianapolis, IN)

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

Open (date TBC)- Detroit Economic Club

Outstanding Invitations in Process:

4/14 National Cowboy Hall of Fame Event (Oklahoma City, OK)

4/19-20 5th Annual Arctic Encounter Symposium (Seattle, WA)

4/28 150th Anniversary signing of 1868 Treaty of Ft. Laramie (WY)

5/3 – NRA Annual Meeting (Dallas, TX)

5/10 – SEAL Family Foundation “Families First” Philadelphia Gala (Philadelphia, PA)
5/22 Easter Seals Advocacy Awards (DC)
5/21-24 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Mid-Year Meeting (Topopenish, WA)
5/24 – Surety & Fidelity Association of America’s Annual Meeting (DC)
5/30-31 Montana Energy Summit (Billings, MT)
5/31-6/2 – Civil War Trust 2018 Annual Conference (Newport News, VA)
6/3-5 Annual Coal and Investment Leadership Forum (Bristow, VA)

Declining

3/13 – National League of Cities (DC)
3/14 - Luncheon Keynote Remarks at 5th Annual Faegre Baker Daniels, "Energy and Environment Symposium" (DC)
3/15-18 Energy Council’s 2018 Federal Energy and Environmental Matters Conference (DC)
3/21-22 National Veterans Resource Center (Las Vegas, NV)
3/23 - Remarks at Steamboat Institute Winter Dinner (Coalinga, CA)
3/26-27 – Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association (Houston, TX)
3/28 –American Association of Petroleum Geologist’s Superbasins Conference (Houston, TX)
4/11-13 – NOIA Annual Meeting (DC)
4/14 SEAL Family Foundation “Families First” San Diego Gala (San Diego, CA)
5/9 – Association of California Water Agencies (Sacramento, CA)
5/9-11 Colorado Forum (DC)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Coastal Storm (Nor’easter) – Mid-Atlantic/Northeastern U.S.

A third round of winter weather is expected throughout the mid-Atlantic and Northeast today. The majority of impacts are expected in the Northeast, where heavy wet snow, strong and damaging winds, and minor coastal flooding are forecast. Impacted areas should expect additional issues with power outages, road closures due to downed trees and power lines, and dangerous travel conditions.

Aside from the closure of Prince William Forest Park (NPS) in Virginia due to downed trees and power lines, there have been no additional reported impacts to DOI personnel, lands, or facilities as of this morning.

Extreme Risk for Flash Flooding – Santa Barbara County, California

Due to potentially significant rainfall today, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office has issued mandatory evacuations for areas near the Thomas, Sherpa, and Whittier burn scar areas, where a Flash Flood Watch is in effect until this afternoon. Additional evacuations have been recommended and individuals with functional needs have been encouraged to immediately evacuate. Potential impacts from flash flooding and mud and debris flows are possible in areas that were destabilized by burn scares and previous flooding and mud flows.

OUTSIDE MEDIA OF INTEREST (new)

Interior Department Announces Civil Rights Grants.

The [AP](#) (3/12) reports that Interior Department announced “about \$12.6 million in African American Civil Rights Grants will go to 51 projects in 24 states.” The article notes that four states in the Deep South are “getting nearly \$6 million to preserve sites and highlight stories related to the African-American struggle for equality in the 20th century.” The Interior Department “says Alabama is getting

\$2.3 million for nine projects, Mississippi is getting \$1.3 million for four projects, and Louisiana and Georgia will each get about \$1 million for four projects.”

The [AP](#) (3/12) reports that “Chicago will receive \$445,000 from the federal government to preserve a church on the city’s West Side where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. frequently preached.” In a statement, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke says the grants will help offer a “more complete narrative of the African American experience in the pursuit of civil rights.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Alabama Live](#) (3/12, Beahm), the [Bossier \(LA\) Press-Tribune](#) (3/12), and [WGNO-TV](#) New Orleans (3/12).

Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Renovation Underway. [Alabama Live](#) (3/12, Garrison) reports that “Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, the site of a 1963 bombing that killed four girls, has been undergoing renovation thanks to a federal grant.” The National Park Service “last year announced that the church was the recipient of a \$500,000 grant for preservation of the historic site, a National Historic Landmark.”

Energy, Interior Chiefs To Defend Trump Budget.

[The Hill](#) (3/12, Green) reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Energy Secretary Rick Perry will head “to Capitol Hill in the coming week to defend President Trump’s fiscal 2019 budget request.” Zinke and Perry “can expect tough questions from lawmakers on the sharp cuts proposed in the fiscal blueprint when they testify on Tuesday and Thursday.” Perry will go “before a House Appropriations subcommittee Thursday while Zinke will face lawmakers on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Tuesday and at the House Natural Resources Committee on Thursday.”

[E&E Daily](#) (3/12) reports that “lawmakers, especially Democrats, will have no shortage of questions for Zinke, who in the last year has been extremely productive or destructive, depending on one’s perspective.” According to the article, “Zinke can expect a grilling from Republicans and Democrats over his proposal to open more than 90 percent of federal waters to potential oil and gas drilling, as well as questions over the cost of a reorganization that still hasn’t been fully fleshed out.” Zinke is also “likely to face inquiries over some department expenses, as well, including travel costs and \$139,000 worth of upgrades to doors in the secretarial suite.”

US Interior Department To Begin ANWR Leasing Preparations.

[Platts](#) (3/12, Mower) reports that the Interior Department “has begun preparations for oil and gas leasing in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and will use a new, streamlined procedure for its environmental review, a top Interior official said Monday.” Joe Balash, DOI’s assistant secretary for land and water management, said, “We expect to publish a Notice of Intent to begin an Environmental Impact Statement very soon. That will kick off a 60-day series of ‘scoping’ meetings, after which we begin preparation of the draft EIS.”

[E&E Publishing](#) (3/12) reports that three months after Congress “used a controversial Republican tax reform plan to allow energy development on ANWR’s northern plain, Interior Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt outlined the road map regulators will use to comply with myriad environmental laws governing oil development in Alaska.” Last week, Bernhardt “said the Bureau of Land Management is poised to begin the initial scoping process for leasing in ANWR and plans to hold public meetings and open a 60-day comment period on the scoping proposal.”

Trump Jr., Donor Have Longtime Undisclosed Ties.

The [AP](#) (3/12, Pearson) reports records show Donald Trump Jr. “has a previously undisclosed business relationship with a longtime hunting buddy who helped raise millions of dollars for his father’s 2016 presidential campaign and has had special access to top government officials since the election.” The

records show Trump Jr. “and Texas hedge fund manager Gentry Beach have been involved in business deals together dating back to the mid-2000s and recently formed a company, Future Venture LLC, despite past claims by both men that they were just friends.” The AP says Beach in 2017 “met with top National Security Council officials to push a plan that would curb US sanctions in Venezuela and open up business for” American firms there. The AP says that “seven months after the Venezuela meetings, Beach attended a private lunch in Dallas between Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Republican donors, including businessmen with petroleum interests, according to a copy of Zinke’s schedule.” The AP adds, “Ethics experts said their financial entanglements raised questions about whether Beach’s access to government officials and advocacy for policy changes were made possible by” Trump Jr.’s “influence – and could also benefit the Trump family’s bottom line.”

POLITICO: NO SYMPOSIUM FOR ZINKE: Interior has canceled Zinke's appearance at the Energy & Environmental Symposium scheduled for Wednesday, event organizer Faegre Baker Daniels confirmed. The cancellation also comes after questions were raised about Faegre's [lobbying](#) for the reduction of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah on behalf of energy companies. Faegre is also where [Andrew Wheeler](#) — Trump's stalled pick for EPA's No. 2 spot — works as a principal. For those still jonesing for a Zinke fix after today's hearing, the secretary is scheduled to testify to the House Natural Resources Committee at 10 a.m. Thursday. **Interior's Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Joe Balash** will speak in Zinke's place Wednesday, a Faegre spokeswoman said. Updated guidance can be found [here](#).

HOUSE COMMITTEE CALLS OUT PREPA: The House Natural Resources Committee sent a letter to Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority's interim executive director on Monday, outlining recent allegations of "corruption and gross mismanagement" with the island's power restoration operations. "A member of the committee has heard from constituents currently working to restore power in Puerto Rico under [agreements with other electric utilities], that utility crews are delayed or unable to complete electrification projects because of a lack of materials" from PREPA, says the letter, signed by Chairman [Rob Bishop](#) and Republicans [Bruce Westerman](#) and [Doug LaMalfa](#).

The letter cites an incident in which FEMA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers personnel raided a warehouse storing repair materials that PREPA did not acknowledge existed, Pro's Colin Wilhelm [reports](#). Local media in Puerto Rico have also alleged that PREPA officials received bribes from local strip club owners to give them priority in power restoration, and ordered power restored to their own homes before other critical infrastructure. The lawmakers, whose panel has jurisdiction over Puerto Rico and other territories, want more information from PREPA about any open investigations it has into alleged misappropriation of resources or bribery by March 26. Read it [here](#). **Meanwhile in the Virgin Islands:** FEMA recommitted Monday to complete its long-haul response in the U.S. Virgin Islands, following damage from Hurricanes Irma and Maria to the islands last summer. "We will be on the job until the territory tells us we've completed our work," said William Vogel, who serves as FEMA's coordinator for New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Read more [here](#) from Pro's Quint Forgey.

DOI PRESS RELEASE

Interior and National Park Service Announce \$12.6 Million in Grants to Preserve African American Civil Rights History

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of the Interior and the National Park Service today announced \$12.6 million in grants for 51 projects in 24 states that preserve sites and highlight stories related to the African American struggle for equality in the 20th century.

"An integral part of the Interior and National Park Service mission is to help preserve and tell America's story," **said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke.** "These grants will benefit places across the nation that help tell an essential piece of that story through the African American struggle for civil rights and equality."

"Through the work and engagement of public and private partners, these grants will preserve a defining part of our nation's diverse history," **National Park Service Deputy Director Dan Smith said.** "By working with local communities to preserve these historic places and stories, we will help tell a more complete narrative of the African American experience in the pursuit of civil rights."

Projects receiving grants this year include those that will preserve resources like a baseball stadium used by the Negro National League in Paterson, New Jersey; the home of civil rights activist Mary Church Terrell in Washington, D.C.; and the last standing African American officers' club at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Grant projects also include statewide surveys to identify lesser-known civil rights sites, planning exhibits and interpretive trails, and collecting oral histories.

Congress appropriated funding for the [African American Civil Rights Grants Program](#) in 2016 through the [Historic Preservation Fund](#) (HPF). The HPF uses revenue from federal oil leases on the Outer Continental Shelf, providing assistance for a broad range of preservation projects without expending tax dollars. For the second year of this grants program, Congress increased funding from \$8 million to \$13 million in 2017.

Grant-supported projects include surveys and documentation, interpretation and education, oral histories, architectural services, historic structure reports, planning, and physical preservation.

Projects receiving an African American Civil Rights grants include:

State	Project	Grantee	Amount
Alabama	The Restoration of Mount Zion A.M.E. Zion Church Memorial Annex	Mount Zion Center Foundation, Inc.	\$500,000
Alabama	Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Perry County Jailhouse	Perry County Commission	\$500,000
Alabama	Preservation, Repair and Restoration of the Historic Sixteenth Street Baptist Church: Phase III	Sixteenth Street Baptist Church	\$500,000
Alabama	Moore Building Master Plan and Phase I Rehabilitation	Alabama Historical Commission	\$365,720
Alabama	Second Phase Continuation in the Preservation of Brown Chapel AME	Historic Brown Chapel AME Church Preservation Society, Inc.	\$300,000

Alabama	21st Century Preservation & the Next Generation of Global Activism: Archives Preservation and Digitization Project	Birmingham Civil Rights Institute	\$44,918
Alabama	Civil Rights Struggle in the Shoals	University of North Alabama	\$45,364
Alabama	Freedom Rides Museum 60th Anniversary Commemoration Exhibit Plans	Alabama Historical Commission	\$50,000
Alabama	Montgomery Alabama Civil Rights Survey/Planning/Research/Documentation	City of Montgomery	\$50,000
Arkansas	Preserving the History of Central High School	Little Rock School District	\$499,218
Arkansas	Dreamland Ballroom Public Access Project	Friends of Dreamland	\$499,668
Arizona	Mountain View Officers' Club Preservation Project	Arizona Department of Parks	\$500,000
District of Columbia	Preserving the Homes of Two Pioneers of the Civil Rights Movement: Mary Church Terrell and Walter E. Washington	Howard University	\$500,000
District of Columbia	Washington DC's 20th Century Civil Rights Movement: Researching and Documenting Historic Sites	DC Preservation League	\$50,000
Florida	Leon and Jewel Collins Museum of African American History- National Register of Historic Places Nomination	City of Cocoa	\$50,000
Georgia	Preservation and Restoration of the Historic West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Phase 2	Ralph David Abernathy III Foundation, Inc.	\$490,000
Georgia	Wheat Street Baptist Church Historic Renovation	Wheat Street Towers	\$500,000
Georgia	Nominating U.S. Civil Rights Sites to the World Heritage List	Georgia State University Research Foundation, Inc.	\$50,000
Iowa	Battling for Equality: Civil Rights in Waterloo	City of Waterloo Historic Preservation Commission	\$37,500
Iowa	Iowa's African American Civil Rights Survey, Multiple Property Documentation and Nomination	State Historical Society of Iowa	\$49,966

Illinois	Preservation of the Stone Temple Baptist Church Building	City of Chicago	\$445,500
Indiana	Hoosier Civil Rights History: Development of a Virtual Museum for Engaging Indiana's Civil Rights Legacy	Ball State University	\$49,989
Kansas	St. Mark's A.M.E. Church Rehabilitation Continuation	St. Mark's A.M.E. Church of Topeka, KS Inc.	\$496,800
Kentucky	Quinn Chapel AME Church Stabilization Project	Louisville Jefferson County Metropolitan Government	\$450,000
Louisiana	Robert "Bob" Hicks House and 1906 Mill House Rehabilitation	The Robert "Bob" Hicks Foundation	\$498,632
Louisiana	Old Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Physical Preservation	City of Shreveport	\$500,000
Louisiana	The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Educational Pavilion and Central City Civil Rights Corridor Project	Felicity Street Redevelopment, Inc.	\$25,000
Louisiana	Cuttin' Cane Ain't All We Do	West Baton Rouge Museum	\$50,000
Massachusetts	Preserving Clinton AME Zion Church and Interpreting the Life and Legacy of WEB Du Bois	Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area, Inc.	\$388,508
Maryland	Prince George's County Civil Rights Trail	Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.	\$45,100
Michigan	Pave the Way Project	City of Lansing	\$39,400
Michigan	Every Man's Home is his Castle	City of Detroit	\$500,000
Mississippi	Phase One Rehabilitation of the Isaiah T. Montgomery House, Mound Bayou, MS	Mississippi Heritage Trust	\$284,000
Mississippi	A Case to Save Wechsler School	The Wechsler Foundation	\$500,000
Mississippi	Restoration of Historic Old Phoenix Naval Store	Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain	\$499,534
Mississippi	Marks Mule Train and MLK's Poor People's Campaign Interpretive Trail	Quitman County Mississippi Government	\$50,000
North Carolina	McKissick Soul City Civil Rights Center	County of Warren	\$32,000

New Jersey	Hinchliffe Stadium Façade Rehabilitation Phase 2	City of Paterson	\$500,000
New Jersey	Winning Civil Rights and Political Power	Center for Education and Juvenile Justice	\$50,000
Nevada	The African American Experience in Nevada: An Historic Context	Nevada State Historic Preservation Office	\$46,032
New York	African American Civil Rights in New York State (1900-1976): Multiple Property Documentation Form and Nomination	NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation	\$49,118
South Carolina	Trustee Hall Historic Structure Report and Preservation Plan	Clayton University	\$50,000
South Carolina	Documenting and Sharing the History of Mosquito Beach and its Role in the Civil Rights Movement	Historic Charleston Foundation	\$43,084
South Carolina	Preservation and Repair of Historic Trinity United Methodist Church	Trinity Methodist Church	\$500,000
South Carolina	A Journey to Equal Education: Stories from Historic African American Communities	Charleston County Government	\$50,000
Tennessee	Memphis Heritage Trail	City of Memphis – Housing and Community Development	\$50,000
Tennessee	Clayborn Temple Interior Sanctuary Restoration	City of Memphis - Housing and Community Development	\$500,000
Tennessee	Clayborn Temple and the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike	National Trust for Historic Preservation in the U.S.	\$20,000
Texas	Freedmen’s Town Stories	Building Community Workshop	\$50,000
Texas	Hopewell Rosenwald Community School	American Youthworks	\$247,094
Virginia	Josephine City School Roof Project	County of Clarke Virginia	\$17,885
Total			\$12,610,000

FEDERAL REGISTER LISTINGS:

REG0007822 BLM Notice of Closure, Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument -- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides notice that the Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument in New

Mexico will be temporarily closed to the public on 12 days each year in 2018 and in 2019 to allow for Pueblo de Cochiti cultural observances. Notice 03/12/2018

REG0007949 BLM Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Land in Lander County, Nevada -- This Notice announces that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Battle Mountain District Office will temporarily close and prohibit all public use of certain public land surrounding and including the Mill Creek Recreational Campground in Lander County, Nevada, to provide for public safety during restoration and rehabilitation activities at the site. The temporary closure will be in effect for 60 days beginning 30 days after publication of this Notice. Notice 03/12/2018

REG0007961 BLM Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW184371, Wyoming (Pilot) -- In response to a timely petition filed by Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to reinstate a competitive oil and gas lease for land in Converse County, Wyoming. Notice 03/12/2018

REG0007976 NPS National Register of Historic Places, March 3, 2018 -- The NPS is soliciting comments on the significance of properties nominated before March 3, 2018, for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or related actions. Notice 03/12/2018

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Set up a listening session

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From: Michael Argo <michael_argo@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Feb 16 2018 09:00:04 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Juliette Lillie <juliette_lillie@ios.doi.gov>, Leila Getto <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>, caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov, aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov
CC: downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov, scott.angelle@bsee.gov, kate_macgregor@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Set up a listening session

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Katharine MacGregor <katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov>

From: Katharine MacGregor <katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Fri Feb 16 2018 09:22:40 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Michael Argo <michael_argo@ios.doi.gov>
Juliette Lillie <juliette_lillie@ios.doi.gov>, Leila Getto <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>, caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov,
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<todd_wynn@ios.doi.gov>, john_tanner@ios.doi.gov

Subject:

Re: Set up a listening session

Mike- Let's just plug this into a Sec visit to NY. Not an official BOEM hosted meeting. We should sit down early next week when Kate is back. Sent from my iPhone > On Feb 16, 2018, at 11:22 AM, Katharine MacGregor <katharine_macgregor@ios.doi.gov> wrote: > > For general OCS issues or for 5-year? Can we chat about that? > > Sent from my iPhone > >> On Feb 16, 2018, at 9:00 AM, Michael Argo <michael_argo@ios.doi.gov> wrote: >> >> Please set up listening session with >> >> NY long Island rep For OCS. Congressmen Lee zeldin (so) >> >> For secretary >> >> Sent from my iPhone

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"Getto, Leila" <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Getto, Leila" <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue Jan 16 2018 14:46:26 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Mike Argo <michael_argo@ios.doi.gov>, Downey Magallanes <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Aaron Thiele <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Discussion on OCS
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In addition to OCS, Gov Hogan (MD) would like to discuss ESA and 295. Who do you want to staff him -- would it still be Todd, Joe/or Kate, and you? Do you want Todd to prepare a brief on ESA and 295?

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From: **Getto, Leila** <leila_getto@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 4:35 PM
Subject: Re: Discussion on OCS
To: Tiffany Waddell -GOV- <tiffany.waddell@maryland.gov>
Cc: Matthew Clark -GOV- <matthew.clark@maryland.gov>, Todd Wynn <todd_wynn@ios.doi.gov>, Amanda Allen -GOV- <amanda.allen@maryland.gov>, "Smith, Steven" <steven_m_smith@ios.doi.gov>, Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>

Per my conversation with Amanda, we're confirmed for Monday, January 22 at 2:15pm (additional issues to be discussed (at Governor request) include is ESA and 295). Secretary Zinke will call Amanda 410-(b) (6) to be transferred to the Governor. Thank you!

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On Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 9:47 AM, Tiffany Waddell -GOV- <tiffany.waddell@maryland.gov> wrote:

Good morning Todd,

Governor Hogan would be interested in connecting with Secretary Zinke. Below are a few times Amanda Allen provided Leila yesterday. Please let us know if any of these times might work.

Tuesday 1/16 11 AM -12 PM
Thursday 1/18 11 AM - 12 PM
Friday 1/19 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM

Best regards, Tiffany

On Tue, Jan 16, 2018 at 9:43 AM, Matthew Clark -GOV- <matthew.clark@maryland.gov> wrote:

Thanks Todd. We are very eager to set up a meeting or a call on this issue as well.

Tiffany and Amanda will be in touch to get something on the calendar.

Matt

On Jan 16, 2018 9:36 AM, "Wynn, Todd" <todd_wynn@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Would love to find some time for Governor Hogan and the Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to touch base on the recent announcement regarding the Outer Continental Shelf Draft Proposed Program.

Figured I would reach out and connect you with Leila cc'd who can work with you to find some time in the near future.

Please let me know if you need anything from me and have a great weekend.

Todd

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Todd M. Wynn

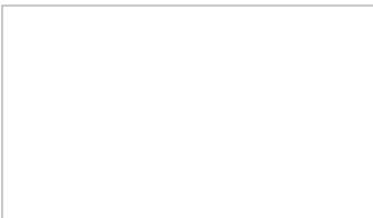
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"Nachmany, Eli" <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Nachmany, Eli" <eli_nachmany@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Mon Jan 08 2018 12:40:31 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
CC: Aaron Thiele <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: SOI notecard for DEPA teleconference
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Hey Aaron,

Attached please find one notecard, front and back, for the Secretary's call today.

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Sincerely,
Eli Nachmany
Writer, U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Communications
(202) 706-9285

Energy Teleconf.

Energy Dominance is important for our American sovereignty, jobs, and stewardship.

- Multiple-use conservation

Onshore development is a major part of our energy strategy.

IN 2017:

- More onshore leases than in 2016

- Increased onshore leasing revenue \$150M

- Net exporter of natural gas

- Onshore oil production 46-yr high

- Sec. Order: Tackle permitting backlog, streamline permitting

Along with onshore development, our new offshore energy strategy will unleash the potential of our energy economy.

- We just proposed a bold plan for responsible development in the Outer Continental Shelf

- Energy revenues fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund; makes a difference for so many in communities across America

RESULT: \$1 billion more in energy revenues than last year (for local disbursement)

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Sent: Wed May 31 2017 08:47:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Aaron Thiele <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>, Russell Roddy <russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Headed back now

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Sent: Wed May 31 2017 09:07:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
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CC: Russell Roddy <russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent: Wed May 31 2017 09:58:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Thiele, Aaron" <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>
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Sent: Wed May 31 2017 11:01:20 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Headed back now

RZ asked for 10 minutes to get ready. It's in his room right?

On May 31, 2017, at 7:58 AM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: Wednesday, May 30 **TIME:** 2:00pm

FROM: Aaron Thiele

SUBJECT: Tour of the Nike Missile Site Summit

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Friends of Nike Site Summit have worked hand in hand with the National Park Service and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson to restore and maintain the historic Nike Site Summit. Along with Senator Murkowski, you will tour the facilities and historic site that sits at the summit of the mountain range overlooking Anchorage.

II. BACKGROUND

This is the only Nike Hercules Missile Launch Site that has been preserved. From 1959 – 1979 battery B overlooking Anchorage was active and responsible from protecting Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson from a Soviet aerial attack. Following changing political climates and rapidly developing defense technologies, the Nike Missile Site was made obsolete in the 1970s and the Army began deactivating the Alaskan sites.

In 1996, Site Summit was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and is managed by a programmatic agreement between JBER, the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

III. ATTENDEES:

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Senator Murkowski

Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army

Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)

Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit

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Norway, Greenland, Alaska, Idaho

May 25 - June 2, 2017

Draft: 5/31/2017



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THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
CODEL, Alaska, Idaho
May 25 - June 2, 2017

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(Monday - May 29 PM)

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(Tuesday - May 30)

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Time Zone:

Alaska

Alaska Daylight Time (-4 hours from DC)

Idaho

Mountain Daylight Time (-2 hours from DC)

Advance (Anchorage, AK):

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Agent in Charge (5/25-6/1)

Agent in Charge (6/1-6/3)

Acting Director of Legislative &
Congressional Affairs

Communications Director

Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs

Senior Advisor on Energy

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Attire:

Alaska:

Business Casual for Anchorage

Idaho:

Jeans & Blazer

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

Anchorage, AK

- 6:10-6:25am AKDT: Depart RON en route Interview with NBC Channel 2 KTUU-TV**
Location: 501 East 40th Avenue
Front Parking Area
Anchorage, AK 99503
Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Laura Regis
- 6:25-6:35am AKDT: Arrive NBC Channel 2 KTUU-TV & Proceed to Station Lobby**
Note: Text Arian Aramburo when at front door at 907-602-6144
Note: Get mic'ed & wait in station lobby until on-air interview time
- 6:35-6:50am AKDT: Interview with NBC Channel 2 KTUU-TV**
Participants: RKZ
Ariane Aramburo: (Pronounced "Air-E-Yawn Air-Rum-Bureau"),
Morning Edition Anchor/ Executive Producer
Nikki Caravajal (Last name pronounced: "Carve-Uh-Hall"),
Morning Edition Anchor/ Producer & Multimedia Journalist
Staff: Laura Regis
- 6:50-7:05am AKDT: Depart NBC Channel 2 KTUU-TV en route RON**
Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Laura Regis
- 7:05-9:00am AKDT: Personal Time**
- 9:00-9:30am AKDT: Briefing on AOGA Conference**
Location:
Participants: RKZ
Vince DeVito
Laura Rigas
- 9:30-9:50am AKDT: Personal Time**
- 9:50-10:00am AKDT: Depart en route U.S. Department of the Interior**
Location: Department of the Interior
Side Entrance
1689 C Street, Suite 100

Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tani Heilemann

Note: Steve Wackowski will meet at DOI Offices

10:00-10:30am AKDT: Meeting with Tara Sweeney

Location: Suite 100 - Office of Steve Wackowski

Participants: RKZ

Tara Sweeney

Staff: None

10:30-11:00am AKDT: Meeting with Mayor Harry Brower, North Slope Borough

Location: Suite 100 - Office of Steve Wackowski

Participants: RKZ

Harry Brower, Mayor, North Slope Borough

David (DJ) Fauske, Director of Government & External Affairs, North Slope Borough

Staff: Steve Wackowski

Note: Staff vehicle will depart en route AOGA Annual Conference 30 minutes prior to RKZ departure

11:00-11:15am AKDT: Depart en route Dena'ina Convention Center

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center

(Enter via Loading Dock on 8th Avenue between F & G Streets)

600 West Seventh Avenue

Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Vince DeVito

Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Micah Chambers

Tani Heilemann

11:15-11:25am AKDT: Arrive Dena'ina Convention Center & Hold in Vehicle for Briefing

Staff: Vince DeVito

Laura Rigas

11:25-11:30am AKDT: Proceed to AOGA Annual Conference

Met by: Josh Kindred, AOGA Environmental Counsel (Loading Dock Garage)

Note: Kara Moriarty, AOGA President & CEO (3rd Floor Conference)
Josh will escort RKZ to 3rd floor conference

11:30-1:05pm AKDT:

Remarks // Lunch at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
Tikahtnu Ballroom Rooms C thru F

Participants: ~500 attendees

Press: Open

Staff: Laura Rigas
Vincent DeVito
Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: 11:45am: AOGA President & CEO Kara Moriarty welcomes & introduces Rex Rock, CEO - Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
11:55am: Rex Rock introduces Senator Lisa Murkowski
12:00pm: Senator Lisa Murkowski delivers remarks & introduces RKZ
12:15pm: RKZ delivers remarks
12:30pm: RKZ concludes remarks & signs Secretarial Order & Makes any additional remarks regarding signing
12:50pm: RKZ exits stage & returns to table; AOGA presents award for contractor of the Year for Safety Performance to Alaska Clean Seas
1:00pm: Kara Moriarty delivers closing remarks
1:05pm: RKZ & Senator Lisa Murkowski exit to host media Availability escorted by Kara Moriarty

Lunch: VIP Table 1: RKZ
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Senator Dan Sullivan
Congressman Don Young
Governor & Mrs. Bill Walker
AOGA President & CEO Kara Moriarty

VIP Table 2: Vince DeVito
Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers
Bryan Hughes, Senate Energy Committee

Staff Table: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Tami Heilemann
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Bill Raften, FWS Security

Note: 25 - 35 Trade craft representatives & Pipe Union Alaska Regional representatives will stand in front of stage and behind RKZ during Secretarial Order Signing

1:05-1:30pm AKDT:

Media Availability

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
K'Enakatnu Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Participants: RKZ
Senator Lisa Murkowski

Staff: Laura Rigas
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Format: Black pipe & drape backdrop; Podium with DOI seal/ Mic; U.S. & Alaska Flags
Note: Potential Radio Interview Live from Conference at 1:35 pm after Press Avail

1:30-1:35pm AKDT: Depart Dena'ina Convention Center en route RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:

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

Laura Rigas
Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~3 minutes

1:35-2:00pm AKDT: Change into Casual Attire

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

2:00-2:25pm AKDT: Depart RON en route AKCOM HQ via Boniface Gate

Location:
Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:

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

Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers

Staff Vehicle:
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~25 minutes

2:25-2:30pm AKDT: Arrive Arctic Valley Nike Site Summit & Proceed to Bus

Location: Alaskan Command Headquarters (AKCOM)
Met by: Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager Nike Site Summit

Vehicle Manifest:
DV Surrey 22 Passenger Bus:
RKZ

Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army

Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)
Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit
Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Sen. Murkowski
Rusty Roddy
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Note: Upon arrival to gate, only vehicle manifest drivers have to show ID's for entry

2:30-2:50pm AKDT:

Depart AKCOM Headquarters en route Bryant Army Airfield

Note: John Scudder will provide briefing per Nike Site Summit during bus ride

2:50-3:00pm AKDT:

Arrive Bryant Army Airfield for Flight Briefing // Board Helicopter

Vehicle Manifest:

UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter:

RKZ

Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army

Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)

Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit

Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit

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

Steve Wackowski

Sen. Murkowski

Rusty Roddy

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

3:00-3:05pm AKDT:

Depart Bryant Army Airfield en route Nike Site Summit

3:05-4:35pm AKDT:

Arrive Nike Site Summit & Proceed to Tour

Note: Helicopter will land at upper site. Jon Scudder and Friends of Nike Site Summit will provide a tour of the facilities and historic buildings as well as allowing for leisure time to enjoy the views.

4:35-4:50pm AKDT:

Board Helicopter & Depart en route Bryant Army Airfield

Vehicle Manifest:

UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter:

RKZ

Senator Murkowski

John Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)

Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit

Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit

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

Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Rusty Roddy

4:50-5:15pm AKDT:

Board Bus & Depart en route AKCOM Headquarters

Vehicle Manifest:

DV Surrey 22 Passenger Bus:

RKZ

Senator Murkowski

John Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)
Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit
Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit

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

Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

5:15-5:35pm AKDT: Depart Nike Site Summit en route Rep. Don Young Reception

Location: Sullivan's Steakhouse
320 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Micah Chambers

Staff Vehicle:

Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~15 minutes

5:35-5:50pm AKDT: Rep. Don Young Reception

Location: Sullivan's Steakhouse
320 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Staff: None

Note: Staff will hold in vehicles during reception

5:50-6:05pm AKDT: Depart Reception en route RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Tami Heilemann

6:05-6:20pm AKDT: Arrive RON & Depart via walk to Dinner with Sportsmen's Group
 Location: 49th State Brewing Company
 717 West 3rd Avenue
 Anchorage, AK 99501

6:20-8:00pm AKDT: Dinner With Sportsmen's Group
 Location: 49th State Brewing Company
 717 West 3rd Avenue
 Anchorage, AK 99501
 Participants: Eddie Grasser, Vice President, Safari Club International
 John Stacey, President, Alaska Professional Hunters Association
 DOI Staff & Security Detail
 Note: Reservation for 14 at 6:30 p m. under "Roddy"

8:00-8:10pm AKDT: Depart Dinner via Walk en route RON

8:10pm AKDT: RON
 Location: Hotel Captain Cook
 939 West 5th Avenue
 Anchorage, AK 99501

Thursday, June 1, 2017
 Anchorage, AK → Boise, ID

4:45-5:05am AKDT: Depart RON en route Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport
 Location: 5000 West International Airport Road
 Anchorage, AK 99502

**6:25am AKDT-
 10:51am PDT: Wheels up Anchorage, AK (ANC) en route Seattle, WA (SEA)**
 Flight: Alaska 88
 Flight time: 3 hours, 26 minutes
 RZ Seat: 24D
 AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Staff: Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy
 NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE AKDT to PDT (+1 hours)

10:51-12:15pm PDT: Layover in Seattle, WA // 1 hour, 24 minute layover

**12:15pm PDT-
 2:44pm MDT: Wheels up Seattle, WA (SEA) en route Boise, ID (BOI)**
 Flight: Alaska 2390
 Flight time: 1 hour, 29 minutes
 RZ Seat: 4D
 AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Staff: Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy
 NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE PDT to MDT (+1 hours)

2:44-2:55pm MDT: Wheels down Boise Airport
 Location: 3201 West Airport Way #1000
 Boise, ID

2:55-3:10pm MDT: Depart Boise Airport en route RON

3:15-4:45pm MDT: HOLD: Work Out

- 4:45-5:00pm MDT: Depart RON en route Office of Aviation Services**
 Location: 300 East Mallard Drive
 Boise, ID 83706
 Vehicle Manifest:
 Secretary's Vehicle:
 RZ
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Staff Vehicle:
 Laura Rigas
 Rusty Roddy
 Caroline Boulton
- 5:00-5:05pm MDT: Arrive Office of Aviation Services**
 Location: 300 East Mallard Drive
 Boise, ID 83706
 Greeted By: Mark Bathrick, Director
- 5:05-5:15pm MDT: Meet & Greet with OAS Employees**
 Location: OAS Main Conference Room
- 5:20-5:45pm MDT: OAS Briefing**
 Location: OAS UAS Division "Ready Room"
- 5:45-5:55pm MDT: UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) Flight Demo**
 Location: OAS UAS Division "Ready Room"
- 5:55-6:00pm MDT: Proceed to Vehicles**
- 6:00-6:05pm MDT: Depart Office of Aviation Services en route RON**
 Location: Courtyard Marriott Boise Downtown
 222 South Broadway Avenue
 Boise, ID 83702
 Vehicle Manifest:
 Secretary's Vehicle:
 RZ
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 Staff Vehicle:
 Laura Rigas
 Rusty Roddy
 Caroline Boulton
 Tami Heilemann
- 6:15pm MDT: RON**
 Location: Courtyard Marriott Boise Downtown
 222 South Broadway Avenue
 Boise, ID 83702

Friday, June 2, 2017

Boise, ID → Los Angeles, CA

- TBD-TBDam MDT: Depart RON en route Idaho State Capitol Building**
 Location: 700 West Jefferson Street

Boise, ID 83702

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle: RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle: Caroline Boulton
Rusty Roddy
Laura Rigas

8:00-9:15am MDT: Breakfast with Governor Otter & Forestry Leaders

Location: Governor Otter's Office
700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, ID 83702

Participants: RZ
Secretary Perdue
Governor Otter
TBD

Press: Closed
Staff:
Advance:

9:15-9:25am MDT: Depart State Capitol en route Boise State University

Location: Stueckle Sky Center
Boise State University
1910 West University Drive
Boise, ID

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
Staff Vehicle:

Drive Time: ~8 minutes

9:25am MDT: Arrive Boise State University

Location: South Elevator Bank
Stueckle Sky Center

9:25-9:30am MDT: Holding Room at Boise State University

Location: President's Suite
Room 518
Stueckle Sky Center

Participants: RZ
Secretary Perdue
Governor Otter

Note: Will proceed down stairs to 4th floor for speech

9:30-10:30am MDT: Joint Forestry Speech

Location: Double R Ranch Club Room
Stueckle Sky Center

Participants: RZ
Secretary Perdue
Celia Gould, Director of Idaho Department of Agriculture (moderator)

Attendees: 250-300 people
Congressional Delegation (invited)
Senior agency officials
Forestry stakeholders
Boise State researchers & forestry students
Local government officials

Press: Open
Staff: Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Caroline Boulton
Format: Introduction by Celia Gould
15 minute remarks by RZ
15 minute remarks by Secretary Perdue
20 minutes Q&A/discussion with audience
10 minutes mingling with audience
Stage set between two televisions with windows and mountains in background
2 stools, wireless mic
Theater-style seating

10:45-10:55am MDT: Depart Boise State University en route National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)

Location: 3833 Development Avenue
Boise, ID

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

Staff Vehicle:

Drive Time: ~10 minutes

10:55-11:10am MDT: Arrive NIFC

Location: Jack Wilson Building
3833 Development Avenue
Boise, ID

Greeted By: Howard Hedrick, Acting BLM Assistant Director for Fire & Aviation
Larry Sutton, USDA Forest Service Assistant Director, Operations
Randy Eardley, BLM Chief of External Affairs, BLM Fire & Aviation

11:10-11:20am MDT: Predictive Services 2017 National Wildland Fire Outlook

Location: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) Briefing Room

Presenters: Ed Delgado, National Predictive Services Manager, NIFC
Jeremy Sullens, Wildland Fire Analyst, NIFC

Participants: RZ
Secretary Perdue
Governor Butch Otter (TBD)
Howard Hedrick, BLM, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations
Larry Sutton, USFS, Assistant Director, Fire Operations
Susie Stingley, NICC, Manager
Dan Buckley, NPS, Branch Chief Wildland Fire, NMAC Chair
Aitor Bidaburu, U.S. Fire Administration (FEMA), Fire Program Specialist
Ken Schmid, BLM, Acting Chief of Operations, Fire and Aviation
Chris Wilcox, U.S. FWS, Chief of Operations
Dalan Romero, BIA, Fire Operations
Dan Smith, National Association of State Foresters, Fire Director
TBD Congressional Delegation staff

Press: Closed

Staff:

Advance:

11:20-11:50am MDT: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Discussion

Location: NMAC Briefing Room

Participants: RZ

Secretary Perdue
Governor Butch Otter (TBD)
Howard Hedrick, BLM, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations
Larry Sutton, USFS, Assistant Director, Fire Operations
Susie Stingley, NICC, Manager
Dan Buckley, NPS, Branch Chief Wildland Fire, NMAC Chair
Aitor Bidaburu, U.S. Fire Administration (FEMA), Fire Program Specialist
Ken Schmid, BLM, Acting Chief of Operations, Fire and Aviation
Chris Wilcox, U.S. FWS, Chief of Operations
Dalan Romero, BIA, Fire Operations
Dan Smith, National Association of State Foresters, Fire Director
TBD Congressional Delegation staff
Bryan Rice, Director, DOI Office of Wildland Fire

Format: Overview of NIFC
NMAC Responsibilities & Operations
Wildland Fire Management Asset Allocation

11:50-12:10pm MDT: Press Availability

Location: Jack Wilson Building Multi-Purpose Room
Participants:
Staff:
Advance:
Format: Secretaries introduced by Larry Sutton, USFS

12:10-12:15pm MDT: Conclude Press Conference // Depart for Smokejumper Loft

Location: Smokejumper Loft
Note: Opportunity to see wildland fire engines and say hello to BLM firefighters
Note: Press invited to follow

12:15-12:35pm MDT: BLM Smokejumper Loft

Location: Smokejumper Loft
Greeted By: Todd Jinkins, Acting Smokejumper Chief
Format: Tour
Outfitting
Fire Crawl for Jumpers

12:35-1:25pm MDT: Board Aircraft & Depart for Practice Jump Site

Location: Depart from Smokejumper Loft
Participants: RZ
Secretary Perdue
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
TBD USDA Security
Tami Heilemann
2 BLM smokejumpers
2 USFS smokejumpers
1 Spotter
Format: Once at site, smokejumpers will exit aircraft; remaining passengers return to Smokejumper Loft

1:25-1:45pm MDT: Deplane // Change out of Flight Suits

Location: Smokejumper Loft

1:45-TBDpm MDT: Depart NIFC en route TBD

1:45-5:00pm MDT: OPEN

TBD-5:10pm MDT: **Depart TBD en route Boise Airport**
Location: 3201 West Airport Way #1000
Boise, ID 83705
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:

**6:10pm MDT-
7:23pm MDT:** **Wheels up Boise, ID (BOI) en route Salt Lake City (SLC)**
Flight: Delta 4610
Flight time: 1 hour, 13 minutes
RZ Seat: 5B
AiC: None
Staff: None
Note: Personal Travel

7:23-8:24pm MDT: **Layover in Salt Lake City, UT // 1 hour, 1 minute layover**

**8:24pm MDT-
9:26pm PDT:** **Wheels up Salt Lake City, UT (SLC) en route Los Angeles, CA (LAX)**
Flight: Delta 1211
Flight time: 2 hours, 2 minutes
RZ Seat: 11D
AiC: None
Staff: None
Note: Personal Travel
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE MDT to PDT (-1 hour)

Saturday, June 3, 2017
Santa Barbara, CA

Note: Personal Travel // Paid for personally

Sunday, June 4, 2017
Santa Barbara, CA → Washington, DC

Note: Personal Travel // Paid for personally

**10:30pm PDT-
5:38am EDT:** **Wheels up Los Angeles, CA (LAX) en route Cincinnati, OH (CVG)**
Flight: Delta 1314
Flight time: 4 hours, 8 minutes
RZ Seat: 14C
AiC: None
Staff: None
Note: Personal Travel
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE PDT to EDT (+3 hours)

5:38-7:00am EDT: **Layover in Cincinnati, OH // 1 hour, 22 minute layover**

**7:00am EDT-
8:24am EDT:** **Wheels up Cincinnati, OH (CVG) en route Washington, DC (DCA)**
Flight: Delta 6191

Flight time: 1 hour, 24 minutes
RZ Seat: 9C
AiC: None
Staff: None
Note: Personal Travel



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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: May 31, 2017 **TIME:** 10:30 - 11:00 am AKDT

FROM: Kate MacGregor - Acting ASLM

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mayor Harry Brower, North Slope Borough

Background

The North Slope Borough was incorporated in 1972 to create municipal services for the eight villages of the North Slope, most of whose residents are native Iñupiat. More than three-fifths of the region's population lives in Barrow, the commercial and transportation hub. Most of the



operating revenue of the North Slope Borough derives from oil production activities on the North Slope - either from production on their mineral estate, or nearby on state or federal lands. The borough is separate from but works in concert with the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) and other native village corporations in the region.

Meeting Attendees

Mayor Harry Brower

Deano Olemaun, Chief Administrative Officer

DJ Fauske, Director, Government Affairs

Alan Mintz, Partner, Van Ness Feldman

Andrew VanderJack, Partner, Van Ness Feldman

Topics

Offshore Arctic Development - New 5-Year Plan

- In January 2017, the last Administration finalized the current 5-Year Plan for offshore oil and natural gas development, which eliminated leasing in Arctic planning areas (Chukchi and Beaufort sea).

- These areas are adjacent to the North Slope Borough - which has generally



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supported responsible energy development in these areas as long as it balances their subsistence and cultural needs.

- President Trump's America-First Offshore Energy Executive Order reversed the previous Administration's withdrawal of Arctic areas; Secretary's Order 3350 directed BOEM to initiate a new 5-year plan that will consider leasing in the Arctic, among other areas.
- Access for future leasing in these offshore areas is important to the State of Alaska - not only job growth and economic development on the North Slope, but also as a potential future source of throughput for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).
- When we announce that we are initiating a new 5-Year Plan in the coming weeks, we will engage with the North Slope Borough in requesting their input and feedback for future leasing in the Arctic.

National Petroleum Reserve of Alaska (NPR-A)

- NPR-A encompasses 22.8 million acres on the North Slope, of which 11.8 million acres (52%) is available for leasing.
- The 12 oil and gas lease sales held since 1998 have generated \$281 million in revenue with the most recent December 2016 lease sale generating \$18.8 million; 50% of all leasing revenue, rental fees, and production royalties are shared with the State of Alaska.
- The area also encompasses several special area designations to protect various wildlife including migratory waterfowl and caribou herds.
- Many villages of the North Slope borough are fully surrounded by the NPR-A - historically the borough has supported aggressive leasing in the NPR-A.

Leasing in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)

- ANWR is the largest national wildlife refuge in the country, encompassing roughly 19.3 million acres. USFWS manages the surface and BLM has jurisdiction over the subsurface mineral estate.
- 1.5 million acres of ANWR's coastal plain, known as the "1002 area" named after Section 1002 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) was set aside to be evaluated for oil and natural gas potential.
- Legislation must be enacted in order to allow for leasing in ANWR, including the 1002 Area.



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ADVANCE MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
Alaska Trip

DATE: Wednesday, May 31, 2017
LOCATION: Anchorage, AK
TIME: 9:00am - 8:30pm
FROM: Aaron Thiele

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Secretary will conduct a personnel interview in the AM and attend the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference where the Secretary will be introduced by Sen. Murkowski and give the Keynote Address. In the afternoon, the Secretary and staff will conduct the Nike Summit Hike to see the Cold War era launch sites for the Nike SAMs.

II. PROGRAM DETAILS

ATTIRE: Business Casual, no tie
PRESS: Open

III. NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS

Governor Bill Walker
Alaska Congressional Delegation
Kara Moriarty, President/CEO, Alaska Oil and Gas Association
Harry Bower, Mayor, North Slope Borough
Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, JBER
Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army

IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Weather: High 56F / Low 44F, on-and-off rain most of the day
Time Zone: Alaska Daylight Time

10:00	am	Personnel Meeting with Tara Sweeney
10:30	am	Meeting with Mayor Harry Bower, North Slope Borough
11:00	am	Depart en route to Dena'ina Convention Center for AOGA
12:15	am	Remarks at Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference
1:35	pm	Change into Casual Attire, (cold weather gear recommended)
2:00	pm	Depart en route to AKCOM HQ via Boniface Gate
2:30	pm	Depart AKCOM en route to Bryant Army Airfield
3:00	pm	Board UH-60 en route to Nike Site Summit
4:30	pm	Depart NSS via UH-60 to Bryant Army AF
5:30	pm	Rep. Young Reception
6:05	pm	Dinner with Sportsman Group
8:00	pm	RON

V. ATTACHMENTS

TAB A: Mayor Bower Memo
TAB B: Remarks for AOGA
TAB C: Background on Nike Summit Hike



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Fwd: Briefing Binder for 5/30

Attachments:

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/89. Fwd: Briefing Binder for 5/30/1.2 Schedule Tuesday, March 30.pdf
/89. Fwd: Briefing Binder for 5/30/1.3 0530AlaskaFederationofNativesMeeting.pdf
/89. Fwd: Briefing Binder for 5/30/1.4 0530EnergyBriefingfortheSecretary.pdf
/89. Fwd: Briefing Binder for 5/30/1.5 530AdvanceMemo.pdf
/89. Fwd: Briefing Binder for 5/30/1.6 530AFN Veterans Meeting.pdf
/89. Fwd: Briefing Binder for 5/30/1.7 530AlaskaCooperativePlanningGroupMeeting.pdf
/89. Fwd: Briefing Binder for 5/30/1.8 AFNTopicOutline.pdf

Aaron Thiele <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>

From: Aaron Thiele <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Tue May 30 2017 09:08:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: Briefing Binder for 5/30
Congratulation Letter to Mr. Rodney David Russell, Federal Aviation Administration May 17, 2017.pdf Schedule Tuesday, March 30.pdf 0530AlaskaFederationofNativesMeeting.pdf
Attachments: 0530EnergyBriefingfortheSecretary.pdf 530AdvanceMemo.pdf 530AFN Veterans Meeting.pdf 530AlaskaCooperativePlanningGroupMeeting.pdf AFNTopicOutline.pdf

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Thiele, Aaron" <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>
To: "Roddy, Russell" <russell_roddy@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, "Wackowski, Stephen" <stephen_wackowski@ios.doi.gov>, "Magallanes, Downey" <downey_magallanes@ios.doi.gov>, Scott Hommel <scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Briefing Binder for 5/30

Attached is the final briefing binder for Tuesday March 30 for the Secretary.

On Mon, May 29, 2017 at 8:37 PM, Roddy, Russell <russell_roddy@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

The schedule will be amended just A DAB...Bones stay intact.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 12:14 AM, Thiele, Aaron <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Attached is the information that will be placed in the Secretary's briefing binder for 5/30.

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

Norway, Greenland, Alaska, Idaho

May 25 - June 2, 2017

Draft: 5/30/2017



TRIP SUMMARY
THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
CODEL, Alaska, Idaho
May 25 - June 2, 2017

Anchorage, AK	High 54°, Low 41°; Mostly Cloudy; 50% Chance of AM Showers (Monday - May 29 PM) High 59°, Low 43°; Sunny; 10% Chance of Precipitation (Tuesday - May 30) High 66°, Low 48°; Mostly Sunny; 0% Chance of Precipitation (Wednesday - May 31)
Boise, ID	High 85°, Low 59°; Partly Cloudy; 0% Chance of Precipitation (Thursday - June 1) High 82°, Low 59°; Mostly Sunny; 0% Chance of Precipitation (Friday - June 2))

Time Zone:

Alaska	Alaska Daylight Time (-4 hours from DC)
Idaho	Mountain Daylight Time (-2 hours from DC)

Advance (Anchorage, AK):

Security Advance	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Cell Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Security Advance (FWS)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Advance	Rusty Roddy	202-897-8001
Advance	Aaron Thiele	202-897-7178

Advance (Boise, ID):

Security Advance	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Cell Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Security Advance	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Advance	Caroline Boulton	202-706-9300

Traveling Staff:

Agent in Charge (5/25-6/1)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Cell Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Agent in Charge (6/1-6/3)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Acting Director of Legislative & Congressional Affairs	Micah Chambers	202-706-9093
Communications Director	Laura Rigas	202-897-7022
Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs	Steve Wackowski	907-306-8007
Senior Advisor on Energy	Vincent DeVito	202-329-4070
Photographer	Tami Heilemann	202-437-8486

Attire:

Alaska:	Business Casual for Anchorage
Idaho:	Jeans & Blazer

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Anchorage, AK

7:35-7:55am AKDT: Radio Interview with Rick Rydell Show AM 650 KENI

Location: RKZ Hotel Room

Staff: Laura Regis

7:33am Call In #:
907-349-0554

7:45-8:45am AKDT: Personal Time

8:45-8:55am AKDT: Depart RON en route Senator Dan Sullivan's Office

Location: 510 L Street, Suite 750
Front Entrance
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Micah Chambers

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Steve Wackowski

Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~2 minutes (~5 minute walk)

8:55-9:00am AKDT: Arrive Offices of Senator Dan Sullivan

Met by: Senator Dan Sullivan

Note: Upon arrival to 7th floor office space, RKZ & Senator Sullivan will participate in photo op with Senator Sullivan's staff

9:00-10:00am AKDT: Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Veterans Roundtable with Senator Dan Sullivan

Location: 510 L Street, Suite 750
Anchorage, AK 99501

Participants: RZ

Senator Dan Sullivan

Nelson Angapak, U.S. Army (Meeting Leader for AFN Veteran's Group)

Bill Thomas, U.S. Army (Former State Legislator)

Emil Notti, U.S. Navy (First President of AFN & Former Commerce Commissioner)

Eben Olrun, U.S. Marines (Former Chairman of Alaska Native Veterans Association & Current Treasurer of ANVC)

Benno Cleveland, U.S. Army (National VA Advisory Committeeman On Minority Veterans & ANVC Vice Chairman)

George Bennett Sr., U.S. Army (Chairman, ANVC)

Lawrence Armour, U.S. Navy (Mayor of Klawock)

Chester Ballot, U.S. Army (Native Veteran Advocate)

Jerry Ward, U.S. Navy (ANVC Founding Member / First President &

Trump Campaign Tribal Liaison)
Nick Jackson, U.S. Army (Ahtna Region - Tentative)
Jason Bourdekofsky (Pribilof Islands - Tentative)
Mike Fleagle (Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Dan Sullivan)
Kate Wolgemuth (Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Dan Sullivan)
Josh Revak (Military and Veterans Affairs Liaison, Office of Senator Dan Sullivan)

Press: Closed
Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Note: Photo spray at beginning of meeting
Note: The primary focus of the meeting will be S785, the Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act

10:00-10:15am AKDT: Depart Senator Dan Sullivan's Office en route DOI Regional Office of Aviation Services (OAS)

Location: 4405 Lear Court
OAS Main Entrance
Anchorage, AK 99502

Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~5 minutes

10:15-10:35am AKDT: Arrive DOI Regional OAS & Proceed to Walking Tour of Facility

Met by: Kevin Fox, OAS Regional Director
Patrick Clark, OAS Chief of Maintenance for Department Certified Repair Station

Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: Tour includes airport hangar maintenance complex, preparation station
For float change for aircraft, Lake Hood seaplane base, visit with mechanics

10:35-11:35am AKDT: Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting

Location: OAS Main Conference Room - 2nd Floor
Participants: Bud Cribley, BLM State Director

Ted Murphy, BLM Associate State Director
Jim Kendall, BOEM Regional Director
Kevin Fox, OAS Regional Director
John Quinley, NPS Associate Regional Director, Communications &
Operations

Dee Williams, USGS Deputy Regional Director
Phil Johnson, OEPC Regional Environmental Officer
Joe Damell, SOL Regional Solicitor
Greg Siekaniec, FWS Regional Director
Mark Fesmire, BSEE Regional Director
Kathy Cline (or Lynn Polacca), BIA Acting Regional Director

Press: Closed
Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Format: Roundtable discussion; Steve Wackowski welcomes and asks
Participants to introduce themselves; Steve Wackowski introduces
RKZ

11:35-12:30pm AKDT: BBQ Lunch Hosted by OAS

Location: OAS Break Room
Participants: RKZ
12 Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting Participants
15 OAS Staff
DOI traveling staff/ detail

12:30-12:45pm AKDT: Depart OAS Regional Office en route BOEM Office

Location: BOEM Offices Side Entrance
3801 Centerpoint Dr, Ste 500
Anchorage AK 99503-5820

Note: Park on near side entrance and enter through side door.

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

12:45-12:50pm AKDT: Arrive BOEM & Proceed to Energy Briefing

Location: 5th Floor BOEM Conference Room
Met by: Dr. Jim Kendall, BOEM Regional Director
Heather Blood, BOEM Program Management Officer

12:50-1:45pm AKDT: Energy Briefing

Participants: Jim Kendall, BOEM Regional Director
Dave Johnston, BOEM Regional Supervisor, Leasing & Plans

Mark Storzer, BOEM Regional Supervisor, Environment
John Calahan, BOEM Public Affairs
Bud Cribley, BLM Alaska State Director
Stacie McIntosh, BLM District Manager, Arctic District

Staff: Laura Rigas
Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: U Shaped Table Setting; 3 topics, 20 minutes each

Note: Staff vehicle will depart en route DOI all hands meeting 30 minutes prior to RKZ departure

1:45-2:00pm AKDT: Depart BOEM en route DOI All Hands Employee Meeting

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
600 West Seventh Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

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Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

2:00-2:05pm AKDT: Arrive Dena'ina Convention Center & Proceed to DOI All Hands Employee Meeting

2:05-3:10pm AKDT: Remarks at DOI All Hands Employee Meeting

Location: Kahtnu Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Attendees: 200-300 DOI Employees

Staff: Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Format: Black Pipe & Drape; DOI Seal; U.S., Alaska, DOI Flags; Handheld wireless mic

Steve Wackowski welcomes attendees & introduces RKZ.

RKZ delivers remarks, Q & A

3:10-3:25pm AKDT: Depart Dena'ina Convention Center en route Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)

Location: Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)
725 East Fireweed
Shipping & Receiving Entrance
Anchorage, AK 99503

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

3:25-3:30pm AKDT:

Arrive CIRI & Proceed to Alaska Federation of Native Meeting

Met by: Julie Kitka, President AFN

Note: Parking will be reserved at the back entrance. Enter through shipping and receiving room.

3:30-5:00pm AKDT:

Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting

Location: Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)

725 East Fireweed

Suite 800 - Chugach Boardroom

Anchorage, AK 99503

Participants: RKZ

Senator Lisa Murkowski

Senator Dan Sullivan

Representative Don Young

Staff: Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Format: Roundtable Discussion

Note: Group photo at conclusion with RKZ & participants

5:00-5:15pm AKDT:

Depart Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting en route Informal Press Availability

Location: CIRI Foyer

Staff: Laura Rigas

5:15-5:30pm AKDT:

Depart Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting en route Egan Convention Center

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

5:30-7:30pm AKDT:

Alaska Chamber of Commerce Reception with Alaska Congressional Delegation

Location: William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center

Explorer's Hall - La Perouse Room
Main Lobby Level
555 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Attendees: 150-200

Press:

Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: Riser, podium, mic. American & U.S. Flags backdrop
Program:

5:40pm: Curtis Thayer, Alaska Chamber President & CEO, delivers welcoming remarks
5:45pm: Congressman Don Young delivers remarks
5:50pm: Senator Dan Sullivan delivers remarks
5:55pm: Senator Lisa Murkowski delivers remarks & Introduces RKZ
6:00pm: RKZ delivers brief remarks
6:05pm: Program concludes

Note: Hors d'oeuvres, coffee, water will be served. Cash bar.

7:30-7:35pm AKDT: Depart Alaska Chamber of Commerce Reception en route RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

7:35-7:45pm AKDT: Depart RON via walk to Dinner

Location: Humpy's Great Alaskan Alehouse
610 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

7:45-9:00pm AKDT: Dinner

Participants: RKZ
DOI Staff & Security Detail

9:00-9:10pm AKDT: Depart Dinner via Walk en route RON

8:30pm AKDT:

RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue

Anchorage, AK 99501

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Anchorage, AK

9:50-10:00am AKDT: Depart en route U.S. Department of the Interior

Location: Department of the Interior
Side Entrance
1689 C Street, Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

10:00-10:30am AKDT: Meeting with Tara Sweeney

Location: Suite 100 - Office of Steve Wackowski
Staff: None

10:30-11:00am AKDT: Meeting with Mayor Harry Brower, North Slope Borough

Location: Suite 100 - Office of Steve Wackowski
Participants: Harry Brower, Mayor, North Slope Borough
David (DJ) Fauske, Director of Government & External Affairs, North Slope Borough
Staff: Steve Wackowski

11:00-11:15am AKDT: Depart en route Dena'ina Convention Center

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
(Enter via Loading Dock on 8th Avenue between F & G Streets)
600 West Seventh Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

11:15-11:25am AKDT: Arrive Dena'ina Convention Center & Hold in Vehicle for Briefing

Staff: Laura Rigas

11:25-11:30am AKDT: Proceed to AOGA Annual Conference

Met by: Josh Kindred, AOGA Environmental Counsel (Loading Dock Garage)
Kara Moriarty, AOGA President & CEO (3rd Floor Conference)
Note: Josh will escort RKZ to 3rd floor conference

11:30-1:05pm AKDT: Remarks at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
Tikahtnu Ballroom Rooms C thru F
Participants: ~500 attendees
Press: Open
Staff: Laura Rigas
Vincent DeVito
Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Format: 11:45am: AOGA President & CEO Kara Moriarty welcomes & introduces Cory Quarles, ExxonMobil Alaska Production Manager
11:55am: Cory Quarles introduces Senator Lisa Murkowski
12:00pm: Senator Lisa Murkowski delivers remarks & introduces RKZ
12:15pm: RKZ delivers remarks
12:30pm: RKZ concludes remarks & signs Secretarial Order
12:35pm: RKZ participates in Q & A Session with Kara Moriarty
12:55pm: RKZ exits stage & returns to table; AOGA presents award for contractor of the Year for Safety Performance to Alaska Clean Seas
1:00pm: Kara Moriarty delivers closing remarks
1:05pm: RKZ & Senator Lisa Murkowski exit to host media Availability escorted by Kara Moriarty
Note: During lunch, RKZ seated with Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan, Congressman Don Young, Governor & Mrs. Bill Walker, AOGA President & CEO Kara Moriarty
Note: Trade craft representatives & Pipe Union Alaska Regional representatives will stand behind RKZ during Secretarial Order Signing
Note: All DOI traveling staff and detail will be seated for lunch

1:05-1:30pm AKDT: Media Availability

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
K'Enakatnu Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
Participants: RKZ
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Staff: Laura Rigas
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Format: Black pipe & drape backdrop; Podium with DOI seal/ Mic; U.S. & Alaska Flags

1:30-1:35pm AKDT: Depart Dena'ina Convention Center en route RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Laura Rigas
Steve Wackowski
Staff Vehicle:
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann
Drive Time: ~3 minutes

1:35-2:00pm AKDT: Change into Casual Attire
Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

2:00-2:25pm AKDT: Depart RON en route AKCOM HQ via Boniface Gate
Location:
Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Staff Vehicle:
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Tami Heilemann
Drive Time: ~25 minutes

2:25-2:30pm AKDT: Arrive Arctic Valley Nike Site Summit & Proceed to Bus
Location: Alaskan Command Headquarters (AKCOM)
Met by: Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager Nike Site Summit
Vehicle Manifest:
DV Surey 22 Passenger Bus:
RKZ
Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army
Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)
Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit
Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

Note: Helicopter only has room for 11. Micah and one detail will not fit.

2:30-2:50pm AKDT: Depart ALCOM Headquarters en route Bryant Army Airfield

Note: John Scudder will provide briefing per Nike Site Summit during bus ride

- 2:50-3:00pm AKDT: Arrive Bryant Army Airfield for Flight Briefing // Board Helicopter**
Vehicle Manifest:
UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter:
RKZ
Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army
Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)
Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit
Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann
- 3:00-3:05pm AKDT: Depart Bryant Army Airfield en route Nike Site Summit**
- 3:05-4:35pm AKDT: Arrive Nike Site Summit & Proceed to Tour**
- 4:35-4:50pm AKDT: Board Helicopter & Depart en route Bryant Army Airfield**
Vehicle Manifest:
UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter:
RKZ
- 4:50-5:15pm AKDT: Board Bus & Depart en route ALCOM Headquarters**
Vehicle Manifest:
DV Surrey 22 Passenger Bus:
RKZ
John Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)
Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit
Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann
- 5:15-5:35pm AKDT: Depart Nike Site Summit en route Anchorage, AK**
Location: Sullivan's Steakhouse
320 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle:
Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele
Vincent DeVito
Tami Heilemann
Drive Time: ~15 minutes

5:35-5:50pm AKDT:

Rep. Don Young Reception
Location: Sullivan's Steakhouse
320 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
Staff: None

5:50-6:05pm AKDT:

Depart en route Dinner with Sportsmen's Group

6:05-7:50pm AKDT:

Dinner With Sportsmen's Group
Location: 49th State Brewing Company
717 West 3rd Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
Participants: Eddie Grasser, Vice President, Safari Club International
John Stacey, President, Alaska Professional Hunters Association
Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Regia
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

7:50-8:00pm AKDT:

Depart en route RON
Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Staff Vehicle:

Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Vincent DeVito
Tami Heilemann

7:10pm AKDT:

RON

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Anchorage, AK → Boise, ID

5:???:am AKDT:

Depart RON en route Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport
Location: 5000 West International Airport Road
Anchorage, AK 99502

6:25am AKDT-
10:51am PDT:

Wheels up Anchorage, AK (ANC) en route Seattle, WA (SEA)

Flight: Alaska 88
Flight time: 3 hours, 26 minutes
RZ Seat: 24D
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE AKDT to PDT (+1 hours)

10:51-12:15pm PDT: Layover in Seattle, WA // 1 hour, 24 minute layover

**12:15pm PDT-
2:44pm MDT:**

Wheels up Seattle, WA (SEA) en route Boise, ID (BOI)
Flight: Alaska 2390
Flight time: 1 hour, 29 minutes
RZ Seat: 4D
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE PDT to MDT (+1 hours)

2:44-2:55pm MDT: Wheels down Boise Airport
Location: 3201 West Airport Way #1000
Boise, ID

2:55-3:10pm MDT: Depart Boise Airport en route RON

3:15-4:45pm MDT: HOLD: Work Out

4:45-5:00pm MDT: Depart RON en route Office of Aviation Services
Location: 300 East Mallard Drive
Boise, ID 83706

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle:
Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Caroline Boulton

5:00-5:05pm MDT: Arrive Office of Aviation Services
Location: 300 East Mallard Drive
Boise, ID 83706
Greeted By: Mark Bathrick, Director

5:05-5:15pm MDT: Meet & Greet with OAS Employees
Location: OAS Main Conference Room

5:20-5:45pm MDT: OAS Briefing
Location: OAS UAS Division "Ready Room"

5:45-5:55pm MDT: UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) Flight Demo
Location: OAS UAS Division "Ready Room"

5:55-6:00pm MDT: Proceed to Vehicles

6:00-6:05pm MDT: Depart Office of Aviation Services en route RON

Location: Courtyard Marriott Boise Downtown
222 South Broadway Avenue
Boise, ID 83702

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Staff Vehicle:

Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Caroline Boulton

6:15pm MDT:

RON

Location: Courtyard Marriott Boise Downtown
222 South Broadway Avenue
Boise, ID 83702

Friday, June 2, 2017

Boise, ID

TBD-TBDam MDT:

Depart RON en route Idaho State Capitol Building

Location: 700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, ID 83702

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Staff Vehicle:

Caroline Boulton
Rusty Roddy
Laura Rigas

8:00-9:15am MDT:

Breakfast with Governor Otter & Forestry Leaders

Location: Governor Otter's Office
700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, ID 83702

Participants:

RZ
Secretary Perdue
Governor Otter
TBD

Press: Closed

Staff:

Advance:

9:15-9:25am MDT:

Depart State Capitol en route Boise State University

Location: Stueckle Sky Center
Boise State University
1910 West University Drive
Boise, ID

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

Staff Vehicle:

Drive Time: ~8 minutes

9:30-10:30am MDT:

Joint Forestry Speech

Location: Stueckle Sky Center
Participants: RZ
Secretary Perdue
Attendees: 200-250 people
Senior agency officials
Forestry stakeholders
Boise State researchers & forestry students
Local government officials
Press: Open
Staff:
Advance:
Format: Stage, 2 stools, wireless mic
15 minute remarks by RZ
15 minute remarks by Secretary Perdue
30 minutes Q&A/discussion with audience

10:30-10:40am MDT: Depart Boise State University en route National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)

Location: 3833 Development Avenue
Boise, ID

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

Staff Vehicle:

Drive Time: ~10 minutes

10:45-10:50am MDT: Arrive NIFC

Location: Jack Wilson Building
3833 Development Avenue
Boise, ID

Greeted By: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS

10:50-11:00am MDT: Brief Tour of National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC)

Location: NIFC

Participants: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS
Susie Stingley, Manager, NICC

Press: Closed

Staff:

Advance:

11:00-11:15am MDT: National Wildland Fire Activity Briefing

Location: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) Briefing Room

Participants: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS
Susie Stingley, Manager, NICC
Ed Delgado, National Predictive Services Manager, NIFC
Jeremy Sullens, Wildland Fire Analyst, NIFC

Press: Closed

Staff:

Advance:

11:15-11:50am MDT: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Discussion

Location: NMAC Briefing Room

Participants: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS
Susie Stingley, Manager, NICC

Ed Delgado, National Predictive Services Manager, NIFC
Jeremy Sullens, Wildland Fire Analyst, NIFC
Dan Buckley, NPS, NMAC Chair
Aitor Bidaburu, U.S. Fire Administration
Ken Schmid, Division Chief for Fire Operations, BLM
Chris Wilcox, U.S. FWS
Dalan Romero, BIA
Bryan Rice, Director, DOI Office of Wildland Fire
Format: Overview of NIFC
NMAC Responsibilities & Operations
Wildland Fire Management Asset Allocation

11:50-12:10pm MDT:

Press Availability
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Participants:
Staff:
Advance:

12:15-1:45pm MDT:

Flight Event with Smoke Jumpers
Location: Smoke Jumper Loft
Format: Tour
Outfitting
Fire Crawl for Jumpers
Flight to nearby practice jump site

1:45-1:55pm MDT:

Depart NIFC en route Boise Airport
Location: 3201 West Airport Way #1000
Boise, ID 83705
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
Staff Vehicle:

**3:06pm MDT-
4:15pm MDT:**

Wheels up Boise, ID (BOI) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)
Flight: Delta 4457
Flight time: 1 hour, 9 minutes
RZ Seat: 3A
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy, Caroline Boulton

4:15-5:10pm MDT:

Layover in Salt Lake City, UT // 55 minute layover

**5:10pm MDT-
11:20pm EDT:**

Wheels up Salt Lake City, UT (SLC) en route Washington, DC (IAD)
Flight: Delta 2249
Flight time: 4 hours, 10 minutes
RZ Seat: 4C
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy, Caroline Boulton
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE MDT to EDT (+2 hours)



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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: May 30, 2017

FROM: Micah Chambers, OCL

SUBJECT: Meeting with Alaska Federation of Natives with Alaska Congressional Delegation

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide organization in Alaska and it represents 151 federally recognized tribes, 150 village corporations, 12 regional corporations, and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and compact to run federal and state programs. The meeting will consist of the Secretary of Interior, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan, Representative Don Young, and AFN's leadership.

In addition to the Secretary of Interior, they view you as a Tribal Liaison on the President's Cabinet. As a result, some of their asks represent views they would like you to bring forth to your fellow Cabinet Members.

II. BACKGROUND

Land Into Trust: Will Secretary Zinke keep or reverse the decision by Secretary Jewell to allow Native lands in Alaska (tribal lands, Native allotments, donations by Native corporations) to be taken into trust on a case by case basis by the Secretary? Exactly what is the Secretary's thinking on whether Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands to the Alaska Native Corporations can be converted to "Indian Country" and given sovereign status in Alaska?

ANWR and Section 7(i) Revenue Sharing: It is possible that with the budget now publicly calling for ANWR leasing, and given the views of Sealaska, Calista and Bering Straits, AFN will raise the issue of a change in ANWR legislation to funnel some percentage of leasing/production revenues from coastal plain development of the Native (KIC, 92,000-acre) inholdings on the coastal plain, to all Native corporations, and not just the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. It was Interior under Reagan Sec. James Watt that traded in 1983 with ASRC and allowed only that corporation to gain subsurface estate in ANWR's coastal plain, rather than all corporations sharing revenues from oil development.

Alaska Native Land Conveyance Completion: Alaska Native Corporations created in 1971 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act were guaranteed the right to select 44 million acres (plus Native allotments). Of that 45.7 million total acres, 1.9 million are still pending interim conveyance and more than 11 million acres still have not had title transferred by patent. AFN will appreciate that BLM is committed to using traditional conveyance methods for surveying and patenting of that land, but may ask if the BLM-DOI dispute with the State of Alaska over Direct Point Positioning System (GPS) surveying may delay conveyance of the last of the lands awaiting title transfer.



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Alaska Native Land Contamination: AFN is concerned regarding the slow pace of the cleanup

of government-caused contamination on lands transferred to Native corporations under Alaskan Native Claims Settlements Act of 1971, which at the time was the largest land claims settlement in U.S. history. Last year's BLM report found that at least 338 sites require additional cleanup and 242 are being handled only by land use controls that prevent human exposure to the contaminants. AFN will want Interior to coordinate and actually increase funding to clean up contamination, or allow corporations to trade back contaminated lands for "clean" usable tracts. Everything from Red Devil mine on Kuskokwim Corp lands to Kodiak, Buskin Beach lands, to Unalaska lands could be mentioned as specific examples of where cleanup is needed.

Abandoned Wells: The U.S. Navy and U.S. Geological Survey drilled, and then abandoned, more than 130 exploration wells on Alaska's North Slope between 1944 and 1982. Several dozen remain in need of remediation, but the federal government has been extremely slow to prioritize funding to clean them up. There is concern among the AFN that this will not be a concern of this administration. It was not a priority for the last administration, which at one point proposed taking state funds to clean up the abandoned wells.

King Cove Road Land Exchange: AFN may raise the King Cove road issue and whether the Secretary will support a land exchange to clear a route for the last part of a small road from King Cove to Cold Bay.

Bering Sea Elders: The President's executive order on offshore energy development revoked the Bering Sea "Climate Resilience Area" -- prompting concern from the Bering Sea Elders, who believe the federal government has not done an adequate job of consulting with them in years past.

Contract Support Costs/Budget Issues: There are likely to be a lot of concern raised by the Administration's proposed budget cuts. The budget, for example, calls for a \$35.4 million cut in contract support costs for tribes to \$241.6 million nationally. It calls for the total elimination of the funding for Alaska Native Programs, cutting \$1.015 million.

Alaska Specific Native Issues: Folk at AFN might raise any number of more specific Alaska issues: the CIRI land conveyance issue where Cook Inlet Region Inc. is short 43,000 acres from their ANCSA conveyance. (Senator Murkowski will introduce legislation to allow the conveyance to be completed in early June, in a revised ANCSA Improvement Act). AFN members could raise both the Landless Natives issue, addressed in the bill that would establish new urban corporations for the five towns in Southeast Alaska left out of ANCSA: Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Tenakee and Haines. The Vietnam Native Veterans Allotment Act amendments, to provide land allotments of 160 acres to more of the perhaps 2,800 Alaska Natives who served during the Vietnam War, could also come up. A number of AFN leadership were very interested in the Vietnam Native vets issue. That bill also contains the Canyon Village land settlement provision of interest to the Doyon Region, the Barrow gas field sand and gravel provision of interest to UIC Corporation, a provision calling for a land exchange study involving



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Chugach Alaska Corp. in Prince William Sound, and a variety of provisions sought or supported by AFN to make changes in ANCSA involving Native benefit limits, fractional shares,

reincorporation of dissolved village and group corporations and the provision to allow the 13th Regional Corp. for Natives living outside of Alaska to reincorporate after its bankruptcy. Some familiarity with the last iteration of the Senator's previously introduced ANCSA Improvement Act might be helpful.

Cooper Landing Bypass: Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) is whether Interior will initiate a land exchange in the USF & WS Kenai National Refuge that could facilitate construction of a new 15-mile segment of the Sterling Highway around Cooper Landing along the Kenai River. CIRI under terms of the Russian River Lands Act of 2002 must trade lands to Interior to offset a road through 33 acres of the Mystery Creek wilderness area in the refuge. CIRI would like the Secretary to initiate a narrow land exchange to permit the Juneau Creek alternative to be built, since CIRI has lands that would be accessible if the exchange took place.

Land Planning: AFN might raise issues about the level of Native involvement, and Native consultation in both the new BLM land planning processes on land, i.e. the Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan; and the BOEM offshore land planning processes involving the Bering Sea. While Alaskans overall disliked both plans, Alaska Natives in specific areas liked parts of both plans, so AFN might raise how BOEM and BLM will implement plans and conduct Native consultation in the future on Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs).



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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: May 30, 2017

FROM: Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM

SUBJECT: BOEM and BLM Energy briefing for the Secretary

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Regional experts from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will provide a short, energy-focused briefing on upcoming energy issues in Alaska. The briefing will be held at the BOEM office: 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500 Anchorage, AK 99503.

BOEM Briefing Team

Jim Kendall (Regional Director)
Dave Johnston (Regional Supervisor, Leasing & Plans)
Mark Storzer (Regional Supervisor, Environment)

BLM Briefing Team

Bud Cribley (BLM Alaska State Director)
Stacie McIntosh (District Manager, Arctic District)

TOPICS

National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) - Presentation by BLM

- NPR-A encompasses 22.8 million acres on the North Slope, of which 11.8 million acres (52%) is available for leasing.
- NPR-A was established in 1923 by President Harding as Naval Petroleum Reserve #4 at a time when the Navy was transitioning from coal-fired ships to oil; NPR-A was transferred to DOI-BLM management in 1976.
- The 12 oil and gas lease sales held since 1998 have generated \$281 million in revenue with the most recent December 2016 lease sale generating \$18.8 million; 50% of all leasing revenue, rental fees, and production royalties are shared with the State of Alaska.
- The area also encompasses several special area designations to protect various wildlife including migratory waterfowl and caribou herds.
- A 2010 USGS resource assessment of NPR-A scaled down estimates of technically recoverable, undiscovered oil from 13.2 billion barrels to 1.7 billion barrels - however, recent discoveries within and adjacent to NPR-A since that time have already disproven these estimates.



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5-Year

Plan - Potential Arctic Offshore Leasing - Presentation by BOEM

- In January 2017, the last Administration finalized the 2017-2022 5-Year Plan for offshore oil and natural gas development; the plan includes only 10 lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, and 1 lease sale in the Cook Inlet. Offshore Arctic planning areas (Chukchi and Beaufort sea planning areas) were withdrawn from future leasing.
- The Secretary may not lease in any offshore areas that are not included in the 5-Year Plan.
- President Trump's America-First Offshore Energy Executive Order reversed the previous Administration's withdrawal of Arctic areas; Secretary's Order 3350 directed BOEM to initiate a new 5-year plan that will consider leasing in the Arctic, among other areas.
- Access for future leasing in these offshore areas is important to the State of Alaska - not only job growth and economic development on the North Slope, but also as a potential future source of throughput for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).
- In 2008, leasing in Arctic areas of the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas contributed to DOI's record-breaking revenue year - generating \$24 billion, of which \$2.7 billion alone was from Arctic offshore leasing. To put this in context, DOI generated a total of \$6 billion in 2016, with the entire offshore energy portfolio generated \$2.8 billion.
- Other nations, namely Russia and Norway, have initiated development activities in their Arctic offshore acreage.
- Opposition to the former President's decision to withdrawal from Arctic energy development included former NATO Generals General James Jones and General Joseph Ralston, saying: "As two former Commanders of NATO militaries, let us be clear: removing Arctic lease sales will only further signal a strategic withdrawal from the region...With a resurgent Russia and complicated border issues that require intricate diplomacy, it is time for the U.S. to resume its place as a global leader in the Arctic and back its claims with action."¹

Cook Inlet Lease Sale - Presentation by BOEM

- Oil and natural gas production from the Cook Inlet has been ongoing since the 1950s; Currently, all oil and natural gas production in the Cook Inlet is from state offshore acreage.
- On June 21, BOEM plans to hold Lease Sale 244 in Cook Inlet, AK; this will be the last lease sale of the past 5-year plan (2012-2017).
- The lease sale will offer for lease 224 blocks, consisting of approximately 1.09 million acres.
- Though turnouts for lease sales in the Cook Inlet historically have been lower than other areas on the OCS, the Bureau believes that there is potential to receive bids for this sale due to recent discoveries in adjacent state offshore acreage.

¹ <http://www.cnbc.com/2016/08/09/it-is-critical-for-the-us-to-invest-in-the-arctic-commentary.html>



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DATE: Tuesday, May 30, 2017
LOCATION: Anchorage, AK
TIME: 9:00am - 8:30pm
FROM: Aaron Thiele

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Secretary will have a meeting with Alaska Federation of Native Veterans with Sen. Sullivan, meet with Alaska DOI leadership with a barbecue, receive and Alaskan Energy briefing from BOEM and BLM, have an all-hands meeting for DOI employees, roundtable with the Alaskan Federation of Natives, and attend a reception with the Alaska Congressional Delegation in the evening.

II. PROGRAM DETAILS

ATTIRE: Business Casual

PRESS: Media availability throughout the day

III. NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS

Alaska Cooperative Planning Group (list of participants in TAB A)

AFN members

Senator Murkowski

Senator Sullivan

Senator Don Young

IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Weather: High 56F / Low 44F, on-and-off rain most of the day

Time Zone: Alaska Daylight Time

09:00	am	Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable With Senator Sullivan
10:15	am	OAS walkthrough and tour
10:30	am	Alaska Cooperative Planning Meeting
11:30	am	BBQ Hosted by OAS
12:45	am	Energy Briefing with BOEM and BLM experts
2:00	pm	All hands meeting
3:30	pm	Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting (with Congressional Delegation)
5:00	pm	Press Availability in Lobby of CIRI building
5:30	pm	Reception with Congressional Delegation
7:00	pm	Dinner
8:30	pm	RON - Hotel Captain Cook

V. ATTACHMENTS

TAB A: Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable Memo

TAB B: Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Memo and Participants



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- TAB C:** Energy Briefing Memo
TAB D: Alaska Federation of Natives Memo

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: Tuesday, March 30 **TIME:** 9:00am – 10:00am
FROM: Aaron Thiele
SUBJECT: Alaskan Federation of Native Veterans with Sen. Dan Sullivan

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Senator Sullivan requested you attend a meeting with the AFN Veterans group. The layout will be an open dialogue but the main topic will be the Native Veteran Allotment Equity Act that the Alaskan Delegation recently introduced in the House and Senate. There will be around 10-12 veterans present.

II. BACKGROUND

While serving during the Vietnam War era, many Alaska Native Veterans were unable to apply for land allotments promised by the federal government under the Native Allotment of 1906 before the process was ended by the passage of ANCSA. In 1998, Congress opened an application period for some of these veterans, but only those who served from 1969–1971 were allowed to apply.

The Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act expands military service dates to coincide with the entire Vietnam conflict, which officially lasted from 1964-1975. The legislation would increase available land for selection by Alaska Native Veterans and reduce previous restrictions and occupancy requirements that prevented many veterans from receiving their allotment during the prior open season. Further, the bill includes minor policy changes made during the 114th Congress, including a provision that requires the Department of Interior to coordinate with Alaska Native organizations to help streamline the implementation of the legislation and coordinate outreach to veterans.

- Rep. Don Young introduced the same bill last Congress, no action was taken and there are no cosponsors.



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DATE: May 30, 2017 **TIME:** 10:30am - 11:30am AKDT

FROM: Aaron Thiele

SUBJECT: Tour of OAS Facility and Meeting with Alaska Cooperative Planning Group

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This is a meeting with all the Alaska Regional Directors to serve as an introduction as well as have them provide the Secretary with an update on the issues that their agencies are currently working on.

Additionally, when you arrive at the facility you will receive a short tour of the Office of Aviation Services by OAS Regional Director Kevin Fox. You will get a chance to tour the facilities and meet with the mechanics that maintain the OAS aircraft. Following the ACPG meeting you will have a lunch with the ACPG and employees of OAS, courtesy of Kevin Fox who will be grilling burgers.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Joe Darnell - Regional Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor

Greg Siekaniec - Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Joel Hard - Acting Regional Director, National Park Service

Kevin Fox - Regional Director, Office of Aviation Services

Philip Johnson - Regional Environmental Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Bud Cribley - State Director, Bureau of Land Management

Jim Kendall - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Mark Fesmire - Alaska Regional Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

Kathy Cline - Actional Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Aimee Devaris - Regional Director, U.S. Geological Survey

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Overview A: Double the State of Alaska GDP - Expand economic growth over the next 10 years and pull Alaska out of its current recession

1. Fast Track Development in NPR-A
 - a. Deregulation and streamline regulations
 - b. Air quality mitigation - avoid redundancies
 - c. Lease sales
 - d. Community offset programs
2. Change the investment climate in rural Alaska
 - a. Deregulation
 - i. Create an avenue to collect and eliminate specific over burdensome regulations to streamline investment and development
 - b. Expand compacting of other DOI programs and departments
 - c. Refocus existing resources to spur greater investment
 - d. Incentivize PPP
3. Ensure that Alaska Natives/Native Americans have a seat in tax reform
 - a. NMTC - Native set aside
 - i. Reset the priorities to accomplish national interest in Alaska
 - b. Innovative tax provisions to support Native American business and capacity to carry out the National Interest
4. Build out telecom
 - a. Ensure all of Alaska has high speed internet to spur economic development
5. Ensure further foreign investment in Alaska
 - a. Include Alaska Native Corporations as preferred contractors for business opportunities with world development banks i.e. Asian Development Bank and their development projects.
 - b. Encourage foreign investment partnerships with Alaska Native Corporations and remove barriers
6. National interest in protection of critical village and regional infrastructure
 - a. Reliable and affordable energy development (bulk fuel storage, technology transfers from the National Energy Labs)
 - b. Transportation investment, compacting and contracting of roads, harbors, airports, bridge projects
 - c. Improve lives through cost effective infrastructure development
 - i. Erosion and extreme weather infrastructure
 - d. Private Public Partnerships - Denali Commission and or authorize a new Native American infrastructure exchange bank
7. Ensure significant Native contracting in the DOD buildup in Alaska

Overview B: Emergency Preparedness and Response

1. Support special authorizations and funding to support the national interest in emergency preparedness and response throughout Alaska for every community and region
 - a. Develop emergency plans for every village and region
 - b. Ensure food security and the ability to survive without air service for a min of two weeks
2. Support expanded Native cooperative agreements and co-mgmt. to build the capacity of local food security
3. Support the State of Alaska in the rebuilding of the Alaska National Guard
4. Support the State of Alaska and tribal consortia to expand the VPSO program
5. Encourage the DOJ to expand the COPS program in the villages

Overview C: Reinvent the DOI in Alaska - Increase DOI presence in National Security in Alaska

1. Streamline Management structure to create efficiencies and become less bureaucratic
2. Develop and implement a universal tribal consultation process with Alaska Native input
3. Hire Alaska Natives in critical leadership positions and invest with authority in a direct line to the Secretary's office
 - a. Hire an Alaska Native BIA Regional Director
4. Major expansion of contracting and compacting within the DOI through bold demonstration projects
5. Major expansion of cooperative agreements and co-mgmt. Including ANCSA lands and all other DOI lands
6. Ensure that Alaska Natives have a seat at the table in decision making and development in the Arctic and throughout Alaska

Overview D: Investing in Alaska Native Peoples - 2017 AFN Federal Priorities

1. Regional Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centers in Rural Alaska
2. Suicide Prevention Through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
3. Alaska Village Built Clinic Lease Program
4. Increasing the Safety of Alaska Native Women
5. Increase Tribal Court capacity
6. Protecting People from Harmful Algal Bloom Toxins
7. Ensure Alaskan Artist are not impaired from selling any customary art because of state Ivory bans

Overview E: Hold harmless of Indian funding

1. Uphold the federal trust responsibility

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Please complete the briefing memo by May 30 at 3:00 pm.

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Sent: Mon May 29 2017 22:14:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Subject: Re: Briefing Binder for 5/30

The schedule will be amended just A DAB...Bones stay intact.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 12:14 AM, Thiele, Aaron <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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"Thiele, Aaron" <aaron_thiele@ios.doi.gov>

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Sent: Tue May 30 2017 02:14:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Roddy, Russell" <russell_rodny@ios.doi.gov>
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Subject:

Re: Briefing Binder for 5/30

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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: May 30, 2017

FROM: Micah Chambers, OCL

SUBJECT: Meeting with Alaska Federation of Natives with Alaska Congressional Delegation

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide organization in Alaska and it represents 151 federally recognized tribes, 150 village corporations, 12 regional corporations, and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and compact to run federal and state programs. The meeting will consist of the Secretary of Interior, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan, Representative Don Young, and AFN's leadership.

In addition to the Secretary of Interior, they view you as a Tribal Liaison on the President's Cabinet. As a result, some of their asks represent views they would like you to bring forth to your fellow Cabinet Members.

II. BACKGROUND

Land Into Trust: Will Secretary Zinke keep or reverse the decision by Secretary Jewell to allow Native lands in Alaska (tribal lands, Native allotments, donations by Native corporations) to be taken into trust on a case by case basis by the Secretary? Exactly what is the Secretary's thinking on whether Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands to the Alaska Native Corporations can be converted to "Indian Country" and given sovereign status in Alaska?

ANWR and Section 7(i) Revenue Sharing: It is possible that with the budget now publicly calling for ANWR leasing, and given the views of Sealaska, Calista and Bering Straits, AFN will raise the issue of a change in ANWR legislation to funnel some percentage of leasing/production revenues from coastal plain development of the Native (KIC, 92,000-acre) inholdings on the coastal plain, to all Native corporations, and not just the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. It was Interior under Reagan Sec. James Watt that traded in 1983 with ASRC and allowed only that corporation to gain subsurface estate in ANWR's coastal plain, rather than all corporations sharing revenues from oil development.

Alaska Native Land Conveyance Completion: Alaska Native Corporations created in 1971 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act were guaranteed the right to select 44 million acres (plus Native allotments). Of that 45.7 million total acres, 1.9 million are still pending interim conveyance and more than 11 million acres still have not had title transferred by patent. AFN will appreciate that BLM is committed to using traditional conveyance methods for surveying and patenting of that land, but may ask if the BLM-DOI dispute with the State of Alaska over Direct Point Positioning System (GPS) surveying may delay conveyance of the last of the lands awaiting title transfer.



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Alaska Native Land Contamination: AFN is concerned regarding the slow pace of the cleanup

of government-caused contamination on lands transferred to Native corporations under Alaskan Native Claims Settlements Act of 1971, which at the time was the largest land claims settlement in U.S. history. Last year's BLM report found that at least 338 sites require additional cleanup and 242 are being handled only by land use controls that prevent human exposure to the contaminants. AFN will want Interior to coordinate and actually increase funding to clean up contamination, or allow corporations to trade back contaminated lands for "clean" usable tracts. Everything from Red Devil mine on Kuskokwim Corp lands to Kodiak, Buskin Beach lands, to Unalaska lands could be mentioned as specific examples of where cleanup is needed.

Abandoned Wells: The U.S. Navy and U.S. Geological Survey drilled, and then abandoned, more than 130 exploration wells on Alaska's North Slope between 1944 and 1982. Several dozen remain in need of remediation, but the federal government has been extremely slow to prioritize funding to clean them up. There is concern among the AFN that this will not be a concern of this administration. It was not a priority for the last administration, which at one point proposed taking state funds to clean up the abandoned wells.

King Cove Road Land Exchange: AFN may raise the King Cove road issue and whether the Secretary will support a land exchange to clear a route for the last part of a small road from King Cove to Cold Bay.

Bering Sea Elders: The President's executive order on offshore energy development revoked the Bering Sea "Climate Resilience Area" -- prompting concern from the Bering Sea Elders, who believe the federal government has not done an adequate job of consulting with them in years past.

Contract Support Costs/Budget Issues: There are likely to be a lot of concern raised by the Administration's proposed budget cuts. The budget, for example, calls for a \$35.4 million cut in contract support costs for tribes to \$241.6 million nationally. It calls for the total elimination of the funding for Alaska Native Programs, cutting \$1.015 million.

Alaska Specific Native Issues: Folk at AFN might raise any number of more specific Alaska issues: the CIRI land conveyance issue where Cook Inlet Region Inc. is short 43,000 acres from their ANCSA conveyance. (Senator Murkowski will introduce legislation to allow the conveyance to be completed in early June, in a revised ANCSA Improvement Act). AFN members could raise both the Landless Natives issue, addressed in the bill that would establish new urban corporations for the five towns in Southeast Alaska left out of ANCSA: Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Tenakee and Haines. The Vietnam Native Veterans Allotment Act amendments, to provide land allotments of 160 acres to more of the perhaps 2,800 Alaska Natives who served during the Vietnam War, could also come up. A number of AFN leadership were very interested in the Vietnam Native vets issue. That bill also contains the Canyon Village land settlement provision of interest to the Doyon Region, the Barrow gas field sand and gravel provision of interest to UIC Corporation, a provision calling for a land exchange study involving



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Chugach Alaska Corp. in Prince William Sound, and a variety of provisions sought or supported by AFN to make changes in ANCSA involving Native benefit limits, fractional shares,

reincorporation of dissolved village and group corporations and the provision to allow the 13th Regional Corp. for Natives living outside of Alaska to reincorporate after its bankruptcy. Some familiarity with the last iteration of the Senator's previously introduced ANCSA Improvement Act might be helpful.

Cooper Landing Bypass: Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) is whether Interior will initiate a land exchange in the USF & WS Kenai National Refuge that could facilitate construction of a new 15-mile segment of the Sterling Highway around Cooper Landing along the Kenai River. CIRI under terms of the Russian River Lands Act of 2002 must trade lands to Interior to offset a road through 33 acres of the Mystery Creek wilderness area in the refuge. CIRI would like the Secretary to initiate a narrow land exchange to permit the Juneau Creek alternative to be built, since CIRI has lands that would be accessible if the exchange took place.

Land Planning: AFN might raise issues about the level of Native involvement, and Native consultation in both the new BLM land planning processes on land, i.e. the Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan; and the BOEM offshore land planning processes involving the Bering Sea. While Alaskans overall disliked both plans, Alaska Natives in specific areas liked parts of both plans, so AFN might raise how BOEM and BLM will implement plans and conduct Native consultation in the future on Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs).



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ADVANCE MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Alaska Trip

DATE: Tuesday, May 30, 2017
LOCATION: Anchorage, AK
TIME: 9:00am - 8:30pm
FROM: Aaron Thiele

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Secretary will have a meeting with Alaska Federation of Native Veterans with Sen. Sullivan, meet with Alaska DOI leadership with a barbecue, receive and Alaskan Energy briefing from BOEM and BLM, have an all-hands meeting for DOI employees, roundtable with the Alaskan Federation of Natives, and attend a reception with the Alaska Congressional Delegation in the evening.

II. PROGRAM DETAILS

ATTIRE: Business Casual

PRESS: Media availability throughout the day

III. NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS

Alaska Cooperative Planning Group (list of participants in TAB A)

AFN members

Senator Murkowski

Senator Sullivan

Senator Don Young

IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Weather: High 56F / Low 44F, on-and-off rain most of the day

Time Zone: Alaska Daylight Time

09:00	am	Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable With Senator Sullivan
10:15	am	OAS walkthrough and tour
10:30	am	Alaska Cooperative Planning Meeting
11:30	am	BBQ Hosted by OAS
12:45	am	Energy Briefing with BOEM and BLM experts
2:00	pm	All hands meeting
3:30	pm	Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting (with Congressional Delegation)
5:00	pm	Press Availability in Lobby of CIRI building
5:30	pm	Reception with Congressional Delegation
7:00	pm	Dinner
8:30	pm	RON - Hotel Captain Cook

V. ATTACHMENTS

TAB A: Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable Memo

TAB B: Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Memo and Participants



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- TAB C:** Energy Briefing Memo
TAB D: Alaska Federation of Natives Memo

TAB A



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DATE: Tuesday, March 30 **TIME:** 9:00am – 10:00am
FROM: Aaron Thiele
SUBJECT: Alaskan Federation of Native Veterans with Sen. Dan Sullivan

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Senator Sullivan requested you attend a meeting with the AFN Veterans group. The layout will be an open dialogue but the main topic will be the Native Veteran Allotment Equity Act that the Alaskan Delegation recently introduced in the House and Senate. There will be around 10-12 veterans present.

II. BACKGROUND

While serving during the Vietnam War era, many Alaska Native Veterans were unable to apply for land allotments promised by the federal government under the Native Allotment of 1906 before the process was ended by the passage of ANCSA. In 1998, Congress opened an application period for some of these veterans, but only those who served from 1969–1971 were allowed to apply.

The Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act expands military service dates to coincide with the entire Vietnam conflict, which officially lasted from 1964-1975. The legislation would increase available land for selection by Alaska Native Veterans and reduce previous restrictions and occupancy requirements that prevented many veterans from receiving their allotment during the prior open season. Further, the bill includes minor policy changes made during the 114th Congress, including a provision that requires the Department of Interior to coordinate with Alaska Native organizations to help streamline the implementation of the legislation and coordinate outreach to veterans.

- Rep. Don Young introduced the same bill last Congress, no action was taken and there are no cosponsors.



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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: May 30, 2017 **TIME:** 10:30am - 11:30am AKDT

FROM: Aaron Thiele

SUBJECT: Tour of OAS Facility and Meeting with Alaska Cooperative Planning Group

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This is a meeting with all the Alaska Regional Directors to serve as an introduction as well as have them provide the Secretary with an update on the issues that their agencies are currently working on.

Additionally, when you arrive at the facility you will receive a short tour of the Office of Aviation Services by OAS Regional Director Kevin Fox. You will get a chance to tour the facilities and meet with the mechanics that maintain the OAS aircraft. Following the ACPG meeting you will have a lunch with the ACPG and employees of OAS, courtesy of Kevin Fox who will be grilling burgers.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Joe Darnell - Regional Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor

Greg Siekaniec - Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Joel Hard - Acting Regional Director, National Park Service

Kevin Fox - Regional Director, Office of Aviation Services

Philip Johnson - Regional Environmental Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Bud Cribley - State Director, Bureau of Land Management

Jim Kendall - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Mark Fesmire - Alaska Regional Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

Kathy Cline - Actional Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Aimee Devaris - Regional Director, U.S. Geological Survey

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Official Travel Schedule of the Secretary**

Norway, Greenland, Alaska, Idaho

May 25 - June 2, 2017

Draft: 5/27/2017



TRIP SUMMARY
THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
CODEL, Alaska, Idaho
May 25 - June 2, 2017

Weather:

Anchorage, AK

High 54°, Low 41°; Mostly Cloudy; 50% Chance of AM Showers
(Monday - May 29 PM)

High 58°, Low 44°; Partly Cloudy; 10% Chance of Precipitation
(Tuesday - May 30)

High 63°, Low 48°; Mostly Sunny; 10% Chance of Precipitation
(Wednesday - May 31)

Boise, ID

High 85°, Low 59°; Partly Cloudy; 0% Chance of Precipitation
(Thursday - June 1)

High 82°, Low 59°; Mostly Sunny; 0% Chance of Precipitation
(Friday - June 2))

Time Zone:

Alaska

Alaska Daylight Time (-4 hours from DC)

Idaho

Mountain Daylight Time (-2 hours from DC)

Advance (Anchorage, AK):

Security Advance

Security Advance (FWS)

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Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

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Security Advance

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Caroline Boulton

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202-706-9300

Traveling Staff:

Agent in Charge (5/25-6/1)

Agent in Charge (6/1-6/3)

Acting Director of Legislative &
Congressional Affairs

Communications Director

Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs

Senior Advisor on Energy

Photographer

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Micah Chambers

Laura Rigas

Steve Wackowski

Vincent DeVito

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202-897-7022

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Attire:

Alaska:

Business Casual for Anchorage

Idaho:

Jeans & Blazer

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Anchorage, AK

8:15-8:45am AKDT: HOLD: Morning Press

8:45-8:55am AKDT: Depart RON en route Senator Dan Sullivan's Office

Location: 510 L Street, Suite 750
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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Micah Chambers

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Steve Wackowski

Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~2 minutes (~5 minute walk)

8:55-9:00am AKDT: Arrive Offices of Senator Dan Sullivan

Met by: Senator Dan Sullivan

Note: Upon arrival to 7th floor office space, RKZ & Senator Sullivan will participate in photo op with Senator Sullivan's staff

9:00-10:00am AKDT: Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Veterans Roundtable with Senator Dan Sullivan

Location: 510 L Street, Suite 750
Anchorage, AK 99501

Participants: RZ

Senator Dan Sullivan

Nelson Angapak, U.S. Army (Meeting Leader for AFN Veteran's Group)

Bill Thomas, U.S. Army (Former State Legislator)

Emil Notti, U.S. Navy (First President of AFN & Former Commerce Commissioner)

Eben Olrun, U.S. Marines (Former Chairman of Alaska Native Veterans Association & Current Treasurer of ANVC)

Benno Cleveland, U.S. Army (National VA Advisory Committeeman On Minority Veterans & ANVC Vice Chairman)

George Bennett Sr., U.S. Army (Chairman, ANVC)

Lawrence Armour, U.S. Navy (Mayor of Klawock)

Chester Ballot, U.S. Army (Native Veteran Advocate)

Jerry Ward, U.S. Navy (ANVC Founding Member / First President & Trump Campaign Tribal Liaison)

Nick Jackson, U.S. Army (Ahtna Region - Tentative)

Jason Bourdekofsky (Pribilof Islands - Tentative)

Mike Fleagle (Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Dan Sullivan)

Kate Wolgemuth (Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Dan Sullivan)

Josh Revak (Military and Veterans Affairs Liaison, Office of Senator

Press: Dan Sullivan)
Closed
Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Note: Photo spray at beginning of meeting
Note: The primary focus of the meeting will be S785, the Alaska Native
Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act

10:00-10:15am AKDT: Depart Senator Dan Sullivan's Office en route DOI Regional Office of Aviation Services (OAS)

Location: 4405 Lear Court
OAS Main Entrance
Anchorage, AK 99502

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~5 minutes

10:15-10:35am AKDT: Arrive DOI Regional OAS & Proceed to Walking Tour of Facility

Met by: Kevin Fox, OAS Regional Director
Patrick Clark, OAS Chief of Maintenance for Department Certified
Repair Station

Format: Tour includes airport hangar maintenance complex, preparation station
For float change for aircraft, Lake Hood seaplane base, visit with
mechanics

10:35-11:35am AKDT: Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting

Location: OAS Main Conference Room - 2nd Floor

Participants: Bud Cribley, BLM State Director
Ted Murphy, BLM Associate State Director
Jim Kendall, BOEM Regional Director
Kevin Fox, OAS Regional Director
John Quinley, NPS Associate Regional Director, Communications &
Operations
Dee Williams, USGS Deputy Regional Director
Phil Johnson, OEPC Regional Environmental Officer
Joe Damell, SOL Regional Solicitor
Greg Siekaniec, FWS Regional Director
Mark Fesmire, BSEE Regional Director
Kathy Cline (or Lynn Polacca), BIA Acting Regional Director

Press: Closed

Staff: Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

11:35-12:30pm AKDT: BBQ Lunch Hosted by OAS
Location: OAS Break Room
Participants: RKZ
12 Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting Participants
15 OAS Staff
DOI traveling staff/ detail

12:30-12:45pm AKDT: Depart OAS Regional Office en route BOEM Office
Location: BOEM Offices Side Entrance
3801 Centerpoint Dr, Ste 500
Anchorage AK 99503-5820
Note: Park on near side entrance and enter through side door.

Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
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Staff Vehicle:
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Tami Heilemann

12:45-12:50pm AKDT: Arrive BOEM & Proceed to Energy Briefing
Location: 5th Floor BOEM Conference Room
Met by: Dr. Jim Kendall, BOEM Regional Director
Heather Blood, Program Management Officer

12:50-1:45pm AKDT: Energy Briefing
Participants: Jim Kendall, BOEM Regional Director
Dave Johnston, BOEM Regional Supervisor, Leasing & Plans
Mark Storzer, BOEM Regional Supervisor, Environment
John Calahan, BOEM Public Affairs
Bud Cribley, BLM Alaska State Director
Stacie McIntosh, BLM District Manager, Arctic District
Staff: Laura Rigas
Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Format: U Shaped Table Setting; 3 topics, 20 minutes each

1:45-2:00pm AKDT: Depart BOEM en route DOI All Hands Employee Meeting
Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
600 West Seventh Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:

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Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

2:00-2:05pm AKDT: Arrive Dena'ina Convention Center & Proceed to DOI All Hands Employee Meeting

2:05-3:10pm AKDT: Remarks at DOI All Hands Employee Meeting

Location: Kahtnu Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Attendees: 200-300 DOI Employees

Staff: Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: Black Pipe & Drape; DOI Seal; U.S., Alaska, DOI Flags; Handheld wireless mic
Steve Wackowski welcomes attendees & introduces RKZ.
RKZ delivers remarks, Q & A

3:10-3:25pm AKDT: Depart Dena'ina Convention Center en route Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)

Location: Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)
725 East Fireweed
Shipping & Receiving Entrance
Anchorage, AK 99503

Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:

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Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

3:25-3:30pm AKDT: Arrive CIRI & Proceed to Alaska Federation of Native Meeting

Met by: Julie Kitka, President AFN

Note: Parking will be reserved on the back entrance. Enter through shipping and receiving room.

3:30-5:00pm AKDT: Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting

Location: Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)
725 East Fireweed
Suite 800 - Chugach Boardroom
Anchorage, AK 99503

Participants: RKZ
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Senator Dan Sullivan
Representative Don Young

Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: Roundtable Discussion

Note: Group photo at conclusion with RKZ & participants

5:00-5:15pm AKDT:

Informal Press Availability

Location: CIRI Foyer
Staff: Laura Rigas

5:15-5:30pm AKDT:

Depart Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting en route Egan Convention Center

Vehicle Manifest:
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Secretary's Vehicle:
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Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:
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Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

5:30-7:30pm AKDT:

Alaska Chamber of Commerce Reception with Alaska Congressional Delegation

Location: William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center
Explorer's Hall - La Perouse Room
Main Lobby Level
555 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Attendees: 450 guests invited

Press:

Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: Riser, podium, mic. American & U.S. Flags backdrop
Program:

5:40pm: Curtis Thayer, Alaska Chamber President & CEO, delivers welcoming remarks
5:45pm: Congressman Don Young delivers remarks
5:50pm: Senator Dan Sullivan delivers remarks

5:55pm: Senator Lisa Murkowski delivers remarks & Introduces RKZ
6:00pm: RKZ delivers brief remarks
6:05pm: Program concludes

Note: Hors d'oeuvres, coffee, water will be served. Cash bar.

7:00-8:30pm AKDT: **Dinner**
Location:

8:30-8:45pm AKDT: **Depart ??? en route RON**
Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Staff Vehicle:
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

8:30pm AKDT: **RON**
Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Anchorage, AK

9:50-10:00am AKDT: **Depart en route U.S. Department of the Interior**
Location: Department of the Interior
Side Entrance
1689 C Street, Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99501
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
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Steve Wackowski
Staff Vehicle:
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Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

10:00-10:30am AKDT: **Meeting with Tara Sweeney**
Location: Suite 100 - Office of Steve Wackowski
Staff: None

10:30-11:00am AKDT: **Meeting with Mayor Harry Brower, North Slope Borough**

Location: Suite 100 - Office of Steve Wackowski
Participants: Harry Brower, Mayor, North Slope Borough
David (DJ) Fauske, Director of Government & External Affairs, North Slope Borough
Staff: Steve Wackowski

11:00-11:15am AKDT: Depart en route Dena'ina Convention Center

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
(Enter via Loading Dock on 8th Avenue between F & G Streets)
600 West Seventh Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:

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

Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas

Staff Vehicle:
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

11:15-11:25am AKDT: Arrive Dena'ina Convention Center & Hold in Vehicle for Briefing

Staff: Laura Rigas

11:25-11:30am AKDT: Proceed to AOGA Annual Conference

Met by: Josh Kindred, AOGA Environmental Counsel (Loading Dock Garage)
Kara Moriarty, AOGA President & CEO (3rd Floor Conference)
Note: Josh will escort RKZ to 3rd floor conference

11:30-1:05pm AKDT: Remarks at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
Tikahtnu Ballroom Rooms C thru F

Participants: ~500 attendees

Press: Open

Staff: Laura Rigas
Vincent DeVito
Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: 11:45am: AOGA President & CEO Kara Moriarty welcomes & introduces Cory Quarles, ExxonMobil Alaska Production Manager
11:55am: Cory Quarles introduces Senator Lisa Murkowski
12:00pm: Senator Lisa Murkowski delivers remarks & introduces RKZ
12:15pm: RKZ delivers remarks
12:30pm: RKZ concludes remarks & signs Secretarial Order
12:35pm: RKZ participates in Q & A Session with Kara Moriarty
12:55pm: RKZ exits stage & returns to table; AOGA presents

award for contractor of the Year for Safety
Performance to Alaska Clean Seas

1:00pm:

Kara Moriarty delivers closing remarks

1:05pm:

RKZ & Senator Lisa Murkowski exit to host media
Availability escorted by Kara Moriarty

Note: During lunch, RKZ seated with Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan, Congressman Don Young, Governor & Mrs. Bill Walker, AOGA President & CEO Kara Moriarty

Note: Trade craft representatives & Pipe Union Alaska Regional representatives will stand behind RKZ during Secretarial Order Signing

Note: All DOI traveling staff and detail will be seated for lunch

1:05-1:30pm AKDT:

Media Availability

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
K'Enakatnu Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Participants: RKZ
Senator Lisa Murkowski

Staff: Laura Rigas

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: Black pipe & drape backdrop; Podium with DOI seal / Mic; U.S. & Alaska Flags

1:30-1:35pm AKDT:

Depart Dena'ina Convention Center en route RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Laura Rigas

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Micah Chambers

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~3 minutes

1:35-2:00pm AKDT:

Change into Casual Attire

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

2:00-2:25pm AKDT:

Depart RON en route AKCOM HQ via Boniface Gate

Location:

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~25 minutes

2:25-2:30pm AKDT:

Arrive Arctic Valley Nike Site Summit & Proceed to Bus

Location: Alaskan Command Headquarters (AKCOM)

Met by: Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager Nike Site Summit

Vehicle Manifest:

DV Surrey 22 Passenger Bus:

RKZ

Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army

Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)

Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit

Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit

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

Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Tami Heilemann

Note: Helicopter only has room for 11. Micah and one detail will not fit.

2:30-2:50pm AKDT:

Depart ALCOM Headquarters en route Bryant Army Airfield

Note: John Scudder will provide briefing per Nike Site Summit during bus ride

2:50-3:00pm AKDT:

Arrive Bryant Army Airfield for Flight Briefing // Board Helicopter

Vehicle Manifest:

UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter:

RKZ

Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army

Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)

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Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit

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

Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Tami Heilemann

3:00-3:05pm AKDT:

Depart Bryant Army Airfield en route Nike Site Summit

3:05-4:35pm AKDT:

Arrive Nike Site Summit & Proceed to Tour

4:35-4:50pm AKDT:

Board Helicopter & Depart en route Bryant Army Airfield

Vehicle Manifest:

UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter:

RKZ

4:50-5:15pm AKDT:

Board Bus & Depart en route ALCOM Headquarters

Vehicle Manifest:

DV Surrey 22 Passenger Bus:

RKZ
John Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)
Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit
Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

5:15-5:35pm AKDT: Depart Nike Site Summit en route Anchorage, AK

Location: Sullivan's Steakhouse
320 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

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

Staff Vehicle:

Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Vincent DeVito
Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~15 minutes

5:35-5:50pm AKDT: Rep. Don Young Reception

Location: Sullivan's Steakhouse
320 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Staff: None

5:50-6:05pm AKDT: Depart en route Dinner with Sportsmen's Group

6:05-7:50pm AKDT: Dinner With Sportsmen's Group

Location: 49th State Brewing Company
717 West 3rd Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Participants: Eddie Grasser, Vice President, Safari Club International
John Stacey, President, Alaska Professional Hunters Association

Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Regia
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

7:50-8:00pm AKDT: Depart en route RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue

Anchorage, AK 99501
Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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Staff Vehicle:

Steve Wackowski

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Micah Chambers

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Vincent DeVito

Tami Heilemann

7:10pm AKDT: RON

Thursday, June 1, 2017
Anchorage, AK → Boise, ID

5???:am AKDT: **Depart RON en route Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport**
Location: 5000 West International Airport Road
Anchorage, AK 99502

6:25am AKDT-
10:51am PDT: **Wheels up Anchorage, AK (ANC) en route Seattle, WA (SEA)**
Flight: Alaska 88
Flight time: 3 hours, 26 minutes
RZ Seat: 24D
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE AKDT to PDT (+1 hours)

10:51-12:15pm PDT: **Layover in Seattle, WA // 1 hour, 24 minute layover**

12:15pm PDT-
2:44pm MDT: **Wheels up Seattle, WA (SEA) en route Boise, ID (BOI)**
Flight: Alaska 2390
Flight time: 1 hour, 29 minutes
RZ Seat: 4D
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE PDT to MDT (+1 hours)

2:44-2:55pm MDT: **Wheels down Boise Airport**
Location: 3201 West Airport Way #1000
Boise, ID

2:55-3:10pm MDT: **Depart Boise Airport en route RON**

3:15-4:45pm MDT: **HOLD: Work Out**

4:45-5:00pm MDT: **Depart RON en route Office of Aviation Services**
Location: 300 East Mallard Drive
Boise, ID 83706

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle:
Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Caroline Boulton

5:00-5:05pm MDT: Arrive Office of Aviation Services
Location: 300 East Mallard Drive
Boise, ID 83706
Greeted By: Mark Bathrick, Director

5:05-5:15pm MDT: Meet & Greet with OAS Employees
Location: OAS Main Conference Room

5:20-5:45pm MDT: OAS Briefing
Location: OAS UAS Division "Ready Room"

5:45-5:55pm MDT: UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) Flight Demo
Location: OAS UAS Division "Ready Room"

5:55-6:00pm MDT: Proceed to Vehicles

6:00-6:05pm MDT: Depart Office of Aviation Services en route RON
Location: Courtyard Marriott Boise Downtown
222 South Broadway Avenue
Boise, ID 83702

Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle:
Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Caroline Boulton

6:15pm MDT: RON
Location: Courtyard Marriott Boise Downtown
222 South Broadway Avenue
Boise, ID 83702

Friday, June 2, 2017
Boise, ID

TBD-TBDam MDT: Depart RON en route Idaho State Capitol Building
Location: 700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, ID 83702

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

Staff Vehicle: Caroline Boulton
Rusty Roddy
Laura Rigas

8:00-9:15am MDT: Breakfast with Governor Otter & Forestry Leaders

Location: Governor Otter's Office
700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, ID 83702

Participants: RZ
Secretary Perdue
Governor Otter
TBD

Press: Closed

Staff:

Advance:

9:15-9:25am MDT: Depart State Capitol en route Boise State University

Location: Stueckle Sky Center
Boise State University
1910 West University Drive
Boise, ID

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

Staff Vehicle:

Drive Time: ~8 minutes

9:30-10:30am MDT: Joint Forestry Speech

Location: Stueckle Sky Center

Participants: RZ
Secretary Perdue

Attendees: 200-250 people
Senior agency officials
Forestry stakeholders
Boise State researchers & forestry students
Local government officials

Press: Open

Staff:

Advance:

Format: Stage, 2 stools, wireless mic
15 minute remarks by RZ
15 minute remarks by Secretary Perdue
30 minutes Q&A/discussion with audience

10:30-10:40am MDT: Depart Boise State University en route National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)

Location: 3833 Development Avenue
Boise, ID

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

Staff Vehicle:

Drive Time: ~10 minutes

10:45-10:50am MDT: Arrive NIFC

Location: Jack Wilson Building
3833 Development Avenue
Boise, ID

Greeted By: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM

Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS

- 10:50-11:00am MDT: Brief Tour of National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC)**
Location: NIFC
Participants: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS
Susie Stingley, Manager, NICC
Press: Closed
Staff:
Advance:
- 11:00-11:15am MDT: National Wildland Fire Activity Briefing**
Location: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) Briefing Room
Participants: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS
Susie Stingley, Manager, NICC
Ed Delgado, National Predictive Services Manager, NIFC
Jeremy Sullens, Wildland Fire Analyst, NIFC
Press: Closed
Staff:
Advance:
- 11:15-11:50am MDT: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Discussion**
Location: NMAC Briefing Room
Participants: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS
Susie Stingley, Manager, NICC
Ed Delgado, National Predictive Services Manager, NIFC
Jeremy Sullens, Wildland Fire Analyst, NIFC
Dan Buckley, NPS, NMAC Chair
Aitor Bidaburu, U.S. Fire Administration
Ken Schmid, Division Chief for Fire Operations, BLM
Chris Wilcox, U.S. FWS
Dalan Romero, BIA
Bryan Rice, Director, DOI Office of Wildland Fire
Format: Overview of NIFC
NMAC Responsibilities & Operations
Wildland Fire Management Asset Allocation
- 11:50-12:10pm MDT: Press Availability**
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Participants:
Staff:
Advance:
- 12:15-1:45pm MDT: Flight Event with Smoke Jumpers**
Location: Smoke Jumper Loft
Format: Tour
Outfitting
Fire Crawl for Jumpers
Flight to nearby practice jump site
- 1:45-1:55pm MDT: Depart NIFC en route Boise Airport**
Location: 3201 West Airport Way #1000
Boise, ID 83705
Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:
Staff Vehicle:

3:06pm MDT-
4:15pm MDT:

Wheels up Boise, ID (BOI) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)

Flight: Delta 4457
Flight time: 1 hour, 9 minutes
RZ Seat: 3A
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy, Caroline Boulton

4:15-5:10pm MDT:

Layover in Salt Lake City, UT // 55 minute layover

5:10pm MDT-
11:20pm EDT:

Wheels up Salt Lake City, UT (SLC) en route Washington, DC (IAD)

Flight: Delta 2249
Flight time: 4 hours, 10 minutes
RZ Seat: 4C
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy, Caroline Boulton
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE MDT to EDT (+2 hours)



United States Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C. 20240

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: May 30, 2017

FROM: Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM

SUBJECT: BOEM and BLM Energy briefing for the Secretary

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Regional experts from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will provide a short, energy-focused briefing on upcoming energy issues in Alaska. The briefing will be held at the BOEM office: 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500 Anchorage, AK 99503.

BOEM Briefing Team

Jim Kendall (Regional Director)
Dave Johnston (Regional Supervisor, Leasing & Plans)
Mark Storzer (Regional Supervisor, Environment)

BLM Briefing Team

Bud Cribley (BLM Alaska State Director)
Stacie McIntosh (District Manager, Arctic District)

TOPICS

National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) - Presentation by BLM

- NPR-A encompasses 22.8 million acres on the North Slope, of which 11.8 million acres (52%) is available for leasing.
- NPR-A was established in 1923 by President Harding as Naval Petroleum Reserve #4 at a time when the Navy was transitioning from coal-fired ships to oil; NPR-A was transferred to DOI-BLM management in 1976.
- The 12 oil and gas lease sales held since 1998 have generated \$281 million in revenue with the most recent December 2016 lease sale generating \$18.8 million; 50% of all leasing revenue, rental fees, and production royalties are shared with the State of Alaska.
- The area also encompasses several special area designations to protect various wildlife including migratory waterfowl and caribou herds.
- A 2010 USGS resource assessment of NPR-A scaled down estimates of technically recoverable, undiscovered oil from 13.2 billion barrels to 1.7 billion barrels - however, recent discoveries within and adjacent to NPR-A since that time have already disproven these estimates.



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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

5-Year

Plan - Potential Arctic Offshore Leasing - Presentation by BOEM

- In January 2017, the last Administration finalized the 2017-2022 5-Year Plan for offshore oil and natural gas development; the plan includes only 10 lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, and 1 lease sale in the Cook Inlet. Offshore Arctic planning areas (Chukchi and Beaufort sea planning areas) were withdrawn from future leasing.
- The Secretary may not lease in any offshore areas that are not included in the 5-Year Plan.
- President Trump's America-First Offshore Energy Executive Order reversed the previous Administration's withdrawal of Arctic areas; Secretary's Order 3350 directed BOEM to initiate a new 5-year plan that will consider leasing in the Arctic, among other areas.
- Access for future leasing in these offshore areas is important to the State of Alaska - not only job growth and economic development on the North Slope, but also as a potential future source of throughput for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).
- In 2008, leasing in Arctic areas of the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas contributed to DOI's record-breaking revenue year - generating \$24 billion, of which \$2.7 billion alone was from Arctic offshore leasing. To put this in context, DOI generated a total of \$6 billion in 2016, with the entire offshore energy portfolio generated \$2.8 billion.
- Other nations, namely Russia and Norway, have initiated development activities in their Arctic offshore acreage.
- Opposition to the former President's decision to withdrawal from Arctic energy development included former NATO Generals General James Jones and General Joseph Ralston, saying: "As two former Commanders of NATO militaries, let us be clear: removing Arctic lease sales will only further signal a strategic withdrawal from the region...With a resurgent Russia and complicated border issues that require intricate diplomacy, it is time for the U.S. to resume its place as a global leader in the Arctic and back its claims with action."¹

Cook Inlet Lease Sale - Presentation by BOEM

- Oil and natural gas production from the Cook Inlet has been ongoing since the 1950s; Currently, all oil and natural gas production in the Cook Inlet is from state offshore acreage.
- On June 21, BOEM plans to hold Lease Sale 244 in Cook Inlet, AK; this will be the last lease sale of the past 5-year plan (2012-2017).
- The lease sale will offer for lease 224 blocks, consisting of approximately 1.09 million acres.
- Though turnouts for lease sales in the Cook Inlet historically have been lower than other areas on the OCS, the Bureau believes that there is potential to receive bids for this sale due to recent discoveries in adjacent state offshore acreage.

¹ <http://www.cnbc.com/2016/08/09/it-is-critical-for-the-us-to-invest-in-the-arctic-commentary.html>

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Overview A: Double the State of Alaska GDP - Expand economic growth over the next 10 years and pull Alaska out of its current recession

1. Fast Track Development in NPR-A
 - a. Deregulation and streamline regulations
 - b. Air quality mitigation - avoid redundancies
 - c. Lease sales
 - d. Community offset programs
2. Change the investment climate in rural Alaska
 - a. Deregulation
 - i. Create an avenue to collect and eliminate specific over burdensome regulations to streamline investment and development
 - b. Expand compacting of other DOI programs and departments
 - c. Refocus existing resources to spur greater investment
 - d. Incentivize PPP
3. Ensure that Alaska Natives/Native Americans have a seat in tax reform
 - a. NMTC - Native set aside
 - i. Reset the priorities to accomplish national interest in Alaska
 - b. Innovative tax provisions to support Native American business and capacity to carry out the National Interest
4. Build out telecom
 - a. Ensure all of Alaska has high speed internet to spur economic development
5. Ensure further foreign investment in Alaska
 - a. Include Alaska Native Corporations as preferred contractors for business opportunities with world development banks i.e. Asian Development Bank and their development projects.
 - b. Encourage foreign investment partnerships with Alaska Native Corporations and remove barriers
6. National interest in protection of critical village and regional infrastructure
 - a. Reliable and affordable energy development (bulk fuel storage, technology transfers from the National Energy Labs)
 - b. Transportation investment, compacting and contracting of roads, harbors, airports, bridge projects
 - c. Improve lives through cost effective infrastructure development
 - i. Erosion and extreme weather infrastructure
 - d. Private Public Partnerships - Denali Commission and or authorize a new Native American infrastructure exchange bank
7. Ensure significant Native contracting in the DOD buildup in Alaska

Overview B: Emergency Preparedness and Response

1. Support special authorizations and funding to support the national interest in emergency preparedness and response throughout Alaska for every community and region
 - a. Develop emergency plans for every village and region
 - b. Ensure food security and the ability to survive without air service for a min of two weeks
2. Support expanded Native cooperative agreements and co-mgmt. to build the capacity of local food security
3. Support the State of Alaska in the rebuilding of the Alaska National Guard
4. Support the State of Alaska and tribal consortia to expand the VPSO program
5. Encourage the DOJ to expand the COPS program in the villages

Overview C: Reinvent the DOI in Alaska - Increase DOI presence in National Security in Alaska

1. Streamline Management structure to create efficiencies and become less bureaucratic
2. Develop and implement a universal tribal consultation process with Alaska Native input
3. Hire Alaska Natives in critical leadership positions and invest with authority in a direct line to the Secretary's office
 - a. Hire an Alaska Native BIA Regional Director
4. Major expansion of contracting and compacting within the DOI through bold demonstration projects
5. Major expansion of cooperative agreements and co-mgmt. Including ANCSA lands and all other DOI lands
6. Ensure that Alaska Natives have a seat at the table in decision making and development in the Arctic and throughout Alaska

Overview D: Investing in Alaska Native Peoples - 2017 AFN Federal Priorities

1. Regional Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centers in Rural Alaska
2. Suicide Prevention Through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
3. Alaska Village Built Clinic Lease Program
4. Increasing the Safety of Alaska Native Women
5. Increase Tribal Court capacity
6. Protecting People from Harmful Algal Bloom Toxins
7. Ensure Alaskan Artist are not impaired from selling any customary art because of state Ivory bans

Overview E: Hold harmless of Indian funding

1. Uphold the federal trust responsibility

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

Norway, Greenland, Alaska, Idaho

May 25 - June 2, 2017

Draft: 5/30/2017



TRIP SUMMARY
THE TRIP OF THE SECRETARY TO
CODEL, Alaska, Idaho
May 25 - June 2, 2017

Anchorage, AK	High 54°, Low 41°; Mostly Cloudy; 50% Chance of AM Showers (Monday - May 29 PM) High 59°, Low 43°; Sunny; 10% Chance of Precipitation (Tuesday - May 30) High 66°, Low 48°; Mostly Sunny; 0% Chance of Precipitation (Wednesday - May 31)
Boise, ID	High 85°, Low 59°; Partly Cloudy; 0% Chance of Precipitation (Thursday - June 1) High 82°, Low 59°; Mostly Sunny; 0% Chance of Precipitation (Friday - June 2))

Time Zone:

Alaska	Alaska Daylight Time (-4 hours from DC)
Idaho	Mountain Daylight Time (-2 hours from DC)

Advance (Anchorage, AK):

Security Advance	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Cell Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Security Advance (FWS)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Advance	Rusty Roddy	202-897-8001
Advance	Aaron Thiele	202-897-7178

Advance (Boise, ID):

Security Advance	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Cell Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Security Advance	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Advance	Caroline Boulton	202-706-9300

Traveling Staff:

Agent in Charge (5/25-6/1)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Cell Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Agent in Charge (6/1-6/3)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Acting Director of Legislative & Congressional Affairs	Micah Chambers	202-706-9093
Communications Director	Laura Rigas	202-897-7022
Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs	Steve Wackowski	907-306-8007
Senior Advisor on Energy	Vincent DeVito	202-329-4070
Photographer	Tami Heilemann	202-437-8486

Attire:

Alaska:	Business Casual for Anchorage
Idaho:	Jeans & Blazer

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

Anchorage, AK

7:35-7:55am AKDT: Radio Interview with Rick Rydell Show AM 650 KENI

Location: RKZ Hotel Room

Staff: Laura Regis

7:33am Call In #:
907-349-0554

7:45-8:45am AKDT: Personal Time

8:45-8:55am AKDT: Depart RON en route Senator Dan Sullivan's Office

Location: 510 L Street, Suite 750
Front Entrance
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Micah Chambers

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Steve Wackowski

Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~2 minutes (~5 minute walk)

8:55-9:00am AKDT: Arrive Offices of Senator Dan Sullivan

Met by: Senator Dan Sullivan

Note: Upon arrival to 7th floor office space, RKZ & Senator Sullivan will participate in photo op with Senator Sullivan's staff

9:00-10:00am AKDT: Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Veterans Roundtable with Senator Dan Sullivan

Location: 510 L Street, Suite 750
Anchorage, AK 99501

Participants: RZ

Senator Dan Sullivan

Nelson Angapak, U.S. Army (Meeting Leader for AFN Veteran's Group)

Bill Thomas, U.S. Army (Former State Legislator)

Emil Notti, U.S. Navy (First President of AFN & Former Commerce Commissioner)

Eben Olrun, U.S. Marines (Former Chairman of Alaska Native Veterans Association & Current Treasurer of ANVC)

Benno Cleveland, U.S. Army (National VA Advisory Committeeman On Minority Veterans & ANVC Vice Chairman)

George Bennett Sr., U.S. Army (Chairman, ANVC)

Lawrence Armour, U.S. Navy (Mayor of Klawock)

Chester Ballot, U.S. Army (Native Veteran Advocate)

Jerry Ward, U.S. Navy (ANVC Founding Member / First President &

Trump Campaign Tribal Liaison)
Nick Jackson, U.S. Army (Ahtna Region - Tentative)
Jason Bourdekofsky (Pribilof Islands - Tentative)
Mike Fleagle (Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Dan Sullivan)
Kate Wolgemuth (Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Dan Sullivan)
Josh Revak (Military and Veterans Affairs Liaison, Office of Senator Dan Sullivan)

Press: Closed
Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Note: Photo spray at beginning of meeting
Note: The primary focus of the meeting will be S785, the Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act

10:00-10:15am AKDT: Depart Senator Dan Sullivan's Office en route DOI Regional Office of Aviation Services (OAS)

Location: 4405 Lear Court
OAS Main Entrance
Anchorage, AK 99502

Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Drive Time: ~5 minutes

10:15-10:35am AKDT: Arrive DOI Regional OAS & Proceed to Walking Tour of Facility

Met by: Kevin Fox, OAS Regional Director
Patrick Clark, OAS Chief of Maintenance for Department Certified Repair Station

Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: Tour includes airport hangar maintenance complex, preparation station
For float change for aircraft, Lake Hood seaplane base, visit with mechanics

10:35-11:35am AKDT: Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting

Location: OAS Main Conference Room - 2nd Floor
Participants: Bud Cribley, BLM State Director

Ted Murphy, BLM Associate State Director
Jim Kendall, BOEM Regional Director
Kevin Fox, OAS Regional Director
John Quinley, NPS Associate Regional Director, Communications & Operations

Dee Williams, USGS Deputy Regional Director
Phil Johnson, OEPC Regional Environmental Officer
Joe Damell, SOL Regional Solicitor
Greg Siekaniec, FWS Regional Director
Mark Fesmire, BSEE Regional Director
Kathy Cline (or Lynn Polacca), BIA Acting Regional Director

Press: Closed
Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Format: Roundtable discussion; Steve Wackowski welcomes and asks Participants to introduce themselves; Steve Wackowski introduces RKZ

11:35-12:30pm AKDT: BBQ Lunch Hosted by OAS

Location: OAS Break Room
Participants: RKZ
12 Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Meeting Participants
15 OAS Staff
DOI traveling staff/ detail

12:30-12:45pm AKDT: Depart OAS Regional Office en route BOEM Office

Location: BOEM Offices Side Entrance
3801 Centerpoint Dr, Ste 500
Anchorage AK 99503-5820

Note: Park on near side entrance and enter through side door.

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

12:45-12:50pm AKDT: Arrive BOEM & Proceed to Energy Briefing

Location: 5th Floor BOEM Conference Room
Met by: Dr. Jim Kendall, BOEM Regional Director
Heather Blood, BOEM Program Management Officer

12:50-1:45pm AKDT: Energy Briefing

Participants: Jim Kendall, BOEM Regional Director
Dave Johnston, BOEM Regional Supervisor, Leasing & Plans

Mark Storzer, BOEM Regional Supervisor, Environment
John Calahan, BOEM Public Affairs
Bud Cribley, BLM Alaska State Director
Stacie McIntosh, BLM District Manager, Arctic District

Staff: Laura Rigas
Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: U Shaped Table Setting; 3 topics, 20 minutes each

Note: Staff vehicle will depart en route DOI all hands meeting 30 minutes prior to RKZ departure

1:45-2:00pm AKDT: Depart BOEM en route DOI All Hands Employee Meeting

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
600 West Seventh Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

2:00-2:05pm AKDT: Arrive Dena'ina Convention Center & Proceed to DOI All Hands Employee Meeting

2:05-3:10pm AKDT: Remarks at DOI All Hands Employee Meeting

Location: Kahtnu Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

Attendees: 200-300 DOI Employees

Staff: Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Format: Black Pipe & Drape; DOI Seal; U.S., Alaska, DOI Flags; Handheld wireless mic

Steve Wackowski welcomes attendees & introduces RKZ.

RKZ delivers remarks, Q & A

3:10-3:25pm AKDT: Depart Dena'ina Convention Center en route Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)

Location: Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)
725 East Fireweed
Shipping & Receiving Entrance
Anchorage, AK 99503

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

3:25-3:30pm AKDT:

Arrive CIRI & Proceed to Alaska Federation of Native Meeting

Met by: Julie Kitka, President AFN

Note: Parking will be reserved at the back entrance. Enter through shipping and receiving room.

3:30-5:00pm AKDT:

Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting

Location: Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI)

725 East Fireweed

Suite 800 - Chugach Boardroom

Anchorage, AK 99503

Participants: RKZ

Senator Lisa Murkowski

Senator Dan Sullivan

Representative Don Young

Staff: Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Format: Roundtable Discussion

Note: Group photo at conclusion with RKZ & participants

5:00-5:15pm AKDT:

Depart Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting en route Informal Press Availability

Location: CIRI Foyer

Staff: Laura Rigas

5:15-5:30pm AKDT:

Depart Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting en route Egan Convention Center

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele

Laura Rigas

Micah Chambers

Tami Heilemann

5:30-7:30pm AKDT:

Alaska Chamber of Commerce Reception with Alaska Congressional Delegation

Location: William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center

Explorer's Hall - La Perouse Room
Main Lobby Level
555 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Attendees: 150-200

Press:

Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele

Format: Riser, podium, mic. American & U.S. Flags backdrop
Program:

5:40pm: Curtis Thayer, Alaska Chamber President & CEO, delivers welcoming remarks
5:45pm: Congressman Don Young delivers remarks
5:50pm: Senator Dan Sullivan delivers remarks
5:55pm: Senator Lisa Murkowski delivers remarks & Introduces RKZ
6:00pm: RKZ delivers brief remarks
6:05pm: Program concludes

Note: Hors d'oeuvres, coffee, water will be served. Cash bar.

7:30-7:35pm AKDT: Depart Alaska Chamber of Commerce Reception en route RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

7:35-7:45pm AKDT: Depart RON via walk to Dinner

Location: Humpy's Great Alaskan Alehouse
610 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

7:45-9:00pm AKDT: Dinner

Participants: RKZ
DOI Staff & Security Detail

9:00-9:10pm AKDT: Depart Dinner via Walk en route RON

8:30pm AKDT:

RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue

Anchorage, AK 99501

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Anchorage, AK

9:50-10:00am AKDT: Depart en route U.S. Department of the Interior

Location: Department of the Interior
Side Entrance
1689 C Street, Suite 100
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

10:00-10:30am AKDT: Meeting with Tara Sweeney

Location: Suite 100 - Office of Steve Wackowski
Staff: None

10:30-11:00am AKDT: Meeting with Mayor Harry Brower, North Slope Borough

Location: Suite 100 - Office of Steve Wackowski
Participants: Harry Brower, Mayor, North Slope Borough
David (DJ) Fauske, Director of Government & External Affairs, North Slope Borough
Staff: Steve Wackowski

11:00-11:15am AKDT: Depart en route Dena'ina Convention Center

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
(Enter via Loading Dock on 8th Avenue between F & G Streets)
600 West Seventh Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

FWS Security Lead Vehicle:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Steve Wackowski

Laura Rigas

Staff Vehicle:

Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann

11:15-11:25am AKDT: Arrive Dena'ina Convention Center & Hold in Vehicle for Briefing

Staff: Laura Rigas

11:25-11:30am AKDT: Proceed to AOGA Annual Conference

Met by: Josh Kindred, AOGA Environmental Counsel (Loading Dock Garage)
Kara Moriarty, AOGA President & CEO (3rd Floor Conference)
Note: Josh will escort RKZ to 3rd floor conference

11:30-1:05pm AKDT: Remarks at the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
Tikahtnu Ballroom Rooms C thru F
Participants: ~500 attendees
Press: Open
Staff: Laura Rigas
Vincent DeVito
Steve Wackowski
Micah Chambers
Tami Heilemann
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Format: 11:45am: AOGA President & CEO Kara Moriarty welcomes & introduces Cory Quarles, ExxonMobil Alaska Production Manager
11:55am: Cory Quarles introduces Senator Lisa Murkowski
12:00pm: Senator Lisa Murkowski delivers remarks & introduces RKZ
12:15pm: RKZ delivers remarks
12:30pm: RKZ concludes remarks & signs Secretarial Order
12:35pm: RKZ participates in Q & A Session with Kara Moriarty
12:55pm: RKZ exits stage & returns to table; AOGA presents award for contractor of the Year for Safety Performance to Alaska Clean Seas
1:00pm: Kara Moriarty delivers closing remarks
1:05pm: RKZ & Senator Lisa Murkowski exit to host media Availability escorted by Kara Moriarty
Note: During lunch, RKZ seated with Senator Lisa Murkowski, Senator Dan Sullivan, Congressman Don Young, Governor & Mrs. Bill Walker, AOGA President & CEO Kara Moriarty
Note: Trade craft representatives & Pipe Union Alaska Regional representatives will stand behind RKZ during Secretarial Order Signing
Note: All DOI traveling staff and detail will be seated for lunch

1:05-1:30pm AKDT: Media Availability

Location: Dena'ina Convention Center
K'Enakatnu Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
Participants: RKZ
Senator Lisa Murkowski
Staff: Laura Rigas
Advance: Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Format: Black pipe & drape backdrop; Podium with DOI seal/ Mic; U.S. & Alaska Flags

1:30-1:35pm AKDT: Depart Dena'ina Convention Center en route RON

Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Laura Rigas
Steve Wackowski
Staff Vehicle:
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann
Drive Time: ~3 minutes

1:35-2:00pm AKDT: Change into Casual Attire
Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

2:00-2:25pm AKDT: Depart RON en route AKCOM HQ via Boniface Gate
Location:
Vehicle Manifest:
FWS Security Lead Vehicle:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Staff Vehicle:
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Laura Rigas
Tami Heilemann
Drive Time: ~25 minutes

2:25-2:30pm AKDT: Arrive Arctic Valley Nike Site Summit & Proceed to Bus
Location: Alaskan Command Headquarters (AKCOM)
Met by: Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager Nike Site Summit
Vehicle Manifest:
DV Surey 22 Passenger Bus:
RKZ
Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army
Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)
Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit
Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

Note: Helicopter only has room for 11. Micah and one detail will not fit.

2:30-2:50pm AKDT: Depart ALCOM Headquarters en route Bryant Army Airfield

Note: John Scudder will provide briefing per Nike Site Summit during bus ride

- 2:50-3:00pm AKDT: Arrive Bryant Army Airfield for Flight Briefing // Board Helicopter**
Vehicle Manifest:
UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter:
RKZ
Col. Michael Forsyth, Chief of Staff, Alaska Command, US Army
Jon Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)
Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit
Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann
- 3:00-3:05pm AKDT: Depart Bryant Army Airfield en route Nike Site Summit**
- 3:05-4:35pm AKDT: Arrive Nike Site Summit & Proceed to Tour**
- 4:35-4:50pm AKDT: Board Helicopter & Depart en route Bryant Army Airfield**
Vehicle Manifest:
UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter:
RKZ
- 4:50-5:15pm AKDT: Board Bus & Depart en route ALCOM Headquarters**
Vehicle Manifest:
DV Surrey 22 Passenger Bus:
RKZ
John Scudder, Cultural Resource Manager, Nike Site Summit (JBER)
Jim Renkert, Founder, Friends of Nike Site Summit
Greg Durocher, Director, Friends of Nike Site Summit
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann
- 5:15-5:35pm AKDT: Depart Nike Site Summit en route Anchorage, AK**
Location: Sullivan's Steakhouse
320 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle:
Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy

Aaron Thiele
Vincent DeVito
Tami Heilemann
Drive Time: ~15 minutes

5:35-5:50pm AKDT:

Rep. Don Young Reception
Location: Sullivan's Steakhouse
320 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
Staff: None

5:50-6:05pm AKDT:

Depart en route Dinner with Sportsmen's Group

6:05-7:50pm AKDT:

Dinner With Sportsmen's Group
Location: 49th State Brewing Company
717 West 3rd Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
Participants: Eddie Grasser, Vice President, Safari Club International
John Stacey, President, Alaska Professional Hunters Association
Staff: Steve Wackowski
Laura Regia
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Tami Heilemann

7:50-8:00pm AKDT:

Depart en route RON
Location: Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Staff Vehicle:

Steve Wackowski
Laura Rigas
Micah Chambers
Rusty Roddy
Aaron Thiele
Vincent DeVito
Tami Heilemann

7:10pm AKDT:

RON

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Anchorage, AK → Boise, ID

5:???:am AKDT:

Depart RON en route Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport
Location: 5000 West International Airport Road
Anchorage, AK 99502

6:25am AKDT-
10:51am PDT:

Wheels up Anchorage, AK (ANC) en route Seattle, WA (SEA)

Flight: Alaska 88
Flight time: 3 hours, 26 minutes
RZ Seat: 24D
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE AKDT to PDT (+1 hours)

10:51-12:15pm PDT: Layover in Seattle, WA // 1 hour, 24 minute layover

**12:15pm PDT-
2:44pm MDT:**

Wheels up Seattle, WA (SEA) en route Boise, ID (BOI)
Flight: Alaska 2390
Flight time: 1 hour, 29 minutes
RZ Seat: 4D
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE PDT to MDT (+1 hours)

2:44-2:55pm MDT:

Wheels down Boise Airport
Location: 3201 West Airport Way #1000
Boise, ID

2:55-3:10pm MDT:

Depart Boise Airport en route RON

3:15-4:45pm MDT:

HOLD: Work Out

4:45-5:00pm MDT:

Depart RON en route Office of Aviation Services
Location: 300 East Mallard Drive
Boise, ID 83706
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
RZ
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (7)(C)
Staff Vehicle:
Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Caroline Boulton

5:00-5:05pm MDT:

Arrive Office of Aviation Services
Location: 300 East Mallard Drive
Boise, ID 83706
Greeted By: Mark Bathrick, Director

5:05-5:15pm MDT:

Meet & Greet with OAS Employees
Location: OAS Main Conference Room

5:20-5:45pm MDT:

OAS Briefing
Location: OAS UAS Division "Ready Room"

5:45-5:55pm MDT:

UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System) Flight Demo
Location: OAS UAS Division "Ready Room"

5:55-6:00pm MDT:

Proceed to Vehicles

6:00-6:05pm MDT:

Depart Office of Aviation Services en route RON

Location: Courtyard Marriott Boise Downtown
222 South Broadway Avenue
Boise, ID 83702

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

Staff Vehicle:

Laura Rigas
Rusty Roddy
Caroline Boulton

6:15pm MDT:

RON

Location: Courtyard Marriott Boise Downtown
222 South Broadway Avenue
Boise, ID 83702

Friday, June 2, 2017

Boise, ID

TBD-TBDam MDT:

Depart RON en route Idaho State Capitol Building

Location: 700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, ID 83702

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

RZ

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

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

Staff Vehicle:

Caroline Boulton
Rusty Roddy
Laura Rigas

8:00-9:15am MDT:

Breakfast with Governor Otter & Forestry Leaders

Location: Governor Otter's Office
700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, ID 83702

Participants: RZ

Secretary Perdue
Governor Otter

TBD

Press: Closed

Staff:

Advance:

9:15-9:25am MDT:

Depart State Capitol en route Boise State University

Location: Stueckle Sky Center
Boise State University
1910 West University Drive
Boise, ID

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

Staff Vehicle:

Drive Time: ~8 minutes

9:30-10:30am MDT:

Joint Forestry Speech

Location: Stueckle Sky Center
Participants: RZ
Secretary Perdue
Attendees: 200-250 people
Senior agency officials
Forestry stakeholders
Boise State researchers & forestry students
Local government officials
Press: Open
Staff:
Advance:
Format: Stage, 2 stools, wireless mic
15 minute remarks by RZ
15 minute remarks by Secretary Perdue
30 minutes Q&A/discussion with audience

10:30-10:40am MDT: Depart Boise State University en route National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC)

Location: 3833 Development Avenue
Boise, ID

Vehicle Manifest:

Secretary's Vehicle:

Staff Vehicle:

Drive Time: ~10 minutes

10:45-10:50am MDT: Arrive NIFC

Location: Jack Wilson Building
3833 Development Avenue
Boise, ID

Greeted By: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS

10:50-11:00am MDT: Brief Tour of National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC)

Location: NIFC

Participants: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS
Susie Stingley, Manager, NICC

Press: Closed

Staff:

Advance:

11:00-11:15am MDT: National Wildland Fire Activity Briefing

Location: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC) Briefing Room

Participants: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS
Susie Stingley, Manager, NICC
Ed Delgado, National Predictive Services Manager, NIFC
Jeremy Sullens, Wildland Fire Analyst, NIFC

Press: Closed

Staff:

Advance:

11:15-11:50am MDT: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group Discussion

Location: NMAC Briefing Room

Participants: Howard Hedrick, Acting Assistant Director, Fire Operations, BLM
Larry Sutton, Assistant Director, Operations, USFS
Susie Stingley, Manager, NICC

Ed Delgado, National Predictive Services Manager, NIFC
Jeremy Sullens, Wildland Fire Analyst, NIFC
Dan Buckley, NPS, NMAC Chair
Aitor Bidaburu, U.S. Fire Administration
Ken Schmid, Division Chief for Fire Operations, BLM
Chris Wilcox, U.S. FWS
Dalan Romero, BIA
Bryan Rice, Director, DOI Office of Wildland Fire
Format: Overview of NIFC
NMAC Responsibilities & Operations
Wildland Fire Management Asset Allocation

11:50-12:10pm MDT:

Press Availability
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
Participants:
Staff:
Advance:

12:15-1:45pm MDT:

Flight Event with Smoke Jumpers
Location: Smoke Jumper Loft
Format: Tour
Outfitting
Fire Crawl for Jumpers
Flight to nearby practice jump site

1:45-1:55pm MDT:

Depart NIFC en route Boise Airport
Location: 3201 West Airport Way #1000
Boise, ID 83705
Vehicle Manifest:
Secretary's Vehicle:
Staff Vehicle:

**3:06pm MDT-
4:15pm MDT:**

Wheels up Boise, ID (BOI) en route Salt Lake City, UT (SLC)
Flight: Delta 4457
Flight time: 1 hour, 9 minutes
RZ Seat: 3A
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy, Caroline Boulton

4:15-5:10pm MDT:

Layover in Salt Lake City, UT // 55 minute layover

**5:10pm MDT-
11:20pm EDT:**

Wheels up Salt Lake City, UT (SLC) en route Washington, DC (IAD)
Flight: Delta 2249
Flight time: 4 hours, 10 minutes
RZ Seat: 4C
AiC: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Staff: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Laura Rigas, Russell Roddy, Caroline Boulton
NOTE: TIME ZONE CHANGE MDT to EDT (+2 hours)



United States Department of the Interior

Washington, D.C. 20240

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: May 30, 2017

FROM: Micah Chambers, OCL

SUBJECT: Meeting with Alaska Federation of Natives with Alaska Congressional Delegation

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide organization in Alaska and it represents 151 federally recognized tribes, 150 village corporations, 12 regional corporations, and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and compact to run federal and state programs. The meeting will consist of the Secretary of Interior, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan, Representative Don Young, and AFN's leadership.

In addition to the Secretary of Interior, they view you as a Tribal Liaison on the President's Cabinet. As a result, some of their asks represent views they would like you to bring forth to your fellow Cabinet Members.

II. BACKGROUND

Land Into Trust: Will Secretary Zinke keep or reverse the decision by Secretary Jewell to allow Native lands in Alaska (tribal lands, Native allotments, donations by Native corporations) to be taken into trust on a case by case basis by the Secretary? Exactly what is the Secretary's thinking on whether Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands to the Alaska Native Corporations can be converted to "Indian Country" and given sovereign status in Alaska?

ANWR and Section 7(i) Revenue Sharing: It is possible that with the budget now publicly calling for ANWR leasing, and given the views of Sealaska, Calista and Bering Straits, AFN will raise the issue of a change in ANWR legislation to funnel some percentage of leasing/production revenues from coastal plain development of the Native (KIC, 92,000-acre) inholdings on the coastal plain, to all Native corporations, and not just the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. It was Interior under Reagan Sec. James Watt that traded in 1983 with ASRC and allowed only that corporation to gain subsurface estate in ANWR's coastal plain, rather than all corporations sharing revenues from oil development.

Alaska Native Land Conveyance Completion: Alaska Native Corporations created in 1971 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act were guaranteed the right to select 44 million acres (plus Native allotments). Of that 45.7 million total acres, 1.9 million are still pending interim conveyance and more than 11 million acres still have not had title transferred by patent. AFN will appreciate that BLM is committed to using traditional conveyance methods for surveying and patenting of that land, but may ask if the BLM-DOI dispute with the State of Alaska over Direct Point Positioning System (GPS) surveying may delay conveyance of the last of the lands awaiting title transfer.



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ADVANCE MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

Alaska Trip

DATE: Tuesday, May 30, 2017
LOCATION: Anchorage, AK
TIME: 9:00am - 8:30pm
FROM: Aaron Thiele

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Secretary will have a meeting with Alaska Federation of Native Veterans with Sen. Sullivan, meet with Alaska DOI leadership with a barbecue, receive and Alaskan Energy briefing from BOEM and BLM, have an all-hands meeting for DOI employees, roundtable with the Alaskan Federation of Natives, and attend a reception with the Alaska Congressional Delegation in the evening.

II. PROGRAM DETAILS

ATTIRE: Business Casual

PRESS: Media availability throughout the day

III. NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS

Alaska Cooperative Planning Group (list of participants in TAB A)

AFN members

Senator Murkowski

Senator Sullivan

Senator Don Young

IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Weather: High 56F / Low 44F, on-and-off rain most of the day

Time Zone: Alaska Daylight Time

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V. ATTACHMENTS

TAB A: Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable Memo

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DATE: Tuesday, March 30 **TIME:** 9:00am – 10:00am
FROM: Aaron Thiele
SUBJECT: Alaskan Federation of Native Veterans with Sen. Dan Sullivan

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Senator Sullivan requested you attend a meeting with the AFN Veterans group. The layout will be an open dialogue but the main topic will be the Native Veteran Allotment Equity Act that the Alaskan Delegation recently introduced in the House and Senate. There will be around 10-12 veterans present.

II. BACKGROUND

While serving during the Vietnam War era, many Alaska Native Veterans were unable to apply for land allotments promised by the federal government under the Native Allotment of 1906 before the process was ended by the passage of ANCSA. In 1998, Congress opened an application period for some of these veterans, but only those who served from 1969–1971 were allowed to apply.

The Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Equity Act expands military service dates to coincide with the entire Vietnam conflict, which officially lasted from 1964-1975. The legislation would increase available land for selection by Alaska Native Veterans and reduce previous restrictions and occupancy requirements that prevented many veterans from receiving their allotment during the prior open season. Further, the bill includes minor policy changes made during the 114th Congress, including a provision that requires the Department of Interior to coordinate with Alaska Native organizations to help streamline the implementation of the legislation and coordinate outreach to veterans.

- Rep. Don Young introduced the same bill last Congress, no action was taken and there are no cosponsors.



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DATE: May 30, 2017 **TIME:** 10:30am - 11:30am AKDT

FROM: Aaron Thiele

SUBJECT: Tour of OAS Facility and Meeting with Alaska Cooperative Planning Group

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This is a meeting with all the Alaska Regional Directors to serve as an introduction as well as have them provide the Secretary with an update on the issues that their agencies are currently working on.

Additionally, when you arrive at the facility you will receive a short tour of the Office of Aviation Services by OAS Regional Director Kevin Fox. You will get a chance to tour the facilities and meet with the mechanics that maintain the OAS aircraft. Following the ACPG meeting you will have a lunch with the ACPG and employees of OAS, courtesy of Kevin Fox who will be grilling burgers.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Joe Darnell - Regional Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor

Greg Siekaniec - Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Joel Hard - Acting Regional Director, National Park Service

Kevin Fox - Regional Director, Office of Aviation Services

Philip Johnson - Regional Environmental Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

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Overview A: Double the State of Alaska GDP - Expand economic growth over the next 10 years and pull Alaska out of its current recession

1. Fast Track Development in NPR-A
 - a. Deregulation and streamline regulations
 - b. Air quality mitigation - avoid redundancies
 - c. Lease sales
 - d. Community offset programs
2. Change the investment climate in rural Alaska
 - a. Deregulation
 - i. Create an avenue to collect and eliminate specific over burdensome regulations to streamline investment and development
 - b. Expand compacting of other DOI programs and departments
 - c. Refocus existing resources to spur greater investment
 - d. Incentivize PPP
3. Ensure that Alaska Natives/Native Americans have a seat in tax reform
 - a. NMTC - Native set aside
 - i. Reset the priorities to accomplish national interest in Alaska
 - b. Innovative tax provisions to support Native American business and capacity to carry out the National Interest
4. Build out telecom
 - a. Ensure all of Alaska has high speed internet to spur economic development
5. Ensure further foreign investment in Alaska
 - a. Include Alaska Native Corporations as preferred contractors for business opportunities with world development banks i.e. Asian Development Bank and their development projects.
 - b. Encourage foreign investment partnerships with Alaska Native Corporations and remove barriers
6. National interest in protection of critical village and regional infrastructure
 - a. Reliable and affordable energy development (bulk fuel storage, technology transfers from the National Energy Labs)
 - b. Transportation investment, compacting and contracting of roads, harbors, airports, bridge projects
 - c. Improve lives through cost effective infrastructure development
 - i. Erosion and extreme weather infrastructure
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7. Ensure significant Native contracting in the DOD buildup in Alaska

Overview B: Emergency Preparedness and Response

1. Support special authorizations and funding to support the national interest in emergency preparedness and response throughout Alaska for every community and region
 - a. Develop emergency plans for every village and region
 - b. Ensure food security and the ability to survive without air service for a min of two weeks
2. Support expanded Native cooperative agreements and co-mgmt. to build the capacity of local food security
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5. Encourage the DOJ to expand the COPS program in the villages

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1. Streamline Management structure to create efficiencies and become less bureaucratic
2. Develop and implement a universal tribal consultation process with Alaska Native input
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Overview D: Investing in Alaska Native Peoples - 2017 AFN Federal Priorities

1. Regional Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centers in Rural Alaska
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3. Alaska Village Built Clinic Lease Program
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5. Increase Tribal Court capacity
6. Protecting People from Harmful Algal Bloom Toxins
7. Ensure Alaskan Artist are not impaired from selling any customary art because of state Ivory bans

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SUBJECT: Meeting with Alaska Federation of Natives with Alaska Congressional Delegation

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United States Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240
INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

DATE: May 30, 2017
FROM: Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM
SUBJECT: BOEM and BLM Energy briefing for the Secretary

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Regional experts from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will provide a short, energy-focused briefing on upcoming energy issues in Alaska. The briefing will be held at the BOEM office: 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500 Anchorage, AK 99503.

BOEM Briefing Team

Jim Kendall (Regional Director)
Dave Johnston (Regional Supervisor, Leasing & Plans)
Mark Storzer (Regional Supervisor, Environment)

BLM Briefing Team

Bud Cribley (BLM Alaska State Director)
Stacie McIntosh (District Manager, Arctic District)

TOPICS

National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) - Presentation by BLM

- NPR-A encompasses 22.8 million acres on the North Slope, of which 11.8 million acres (52%) is available for leasing.
- NPR-A was established in 1923 by President Harding as Naval Petroleum Reserve #4 at a time when the Navy was transitioning from coal-fired ships to oil; NPR-A was transferred to DOI-BLM management in 1976.
- The 12 oil and gas lease sales held since 1998 have generated \$281 million in revenue with the most recent December 2016 lease sale generating \$18.8 million; 50% of all leasing revenue, rental fees, and production royalties are shared with the State of Alaska.
- The area also encompasses several special area designations to protect various wildlife including migratory waterfowl and caribou herds.
- A 2010 USGS resource assessment of NPR-A scaled down estimates of technically recoverable, undiscovered oil from 13.2 billion barrels to 1.7 billion barrels - however, recent discoveries within and adjacent to NPR-A since that time have already disproven these estimates.

5-Year Plan - Potential Arctic Offshore Leasing - Presentation by BOEM

- In January 2017, the last Administration finalized the 2017-2022 5-Year Plan for offshore oil



and natural gas development; the plan includes only 10 lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, and 1 lease sale in the Cook Inlet. Offshore Arctic planning areas (Chukchi and Beaufort sea planning areas) were withdrawn from future leasing.

- The Secretary may not lease in any offshore areas that are not included in the 5-Year Plan.
- President Trump's America-First Offshore Energy Executive Order reversed the previous Administration's withdrawal of Arctic areas; Secretary's Order 3350 directed BOEM to initiate a new 5-year plan that will consider leasing in the Arctic, among other areas.
- Access for future leasing in these offshore areas is important to the State of Alaska - not only job growth and economic development on the North Slope, but also as a potential future source of throughput for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).
- In 2008, leasing in Arctic areas of the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas contributed to DOI's record-breaking revenue year - generating \$24 billion, of which \$2.7 billion alone was from Arctic offshore leasing. To put this in context, DOI generated a total of \$6 billion in 2016, with the entire offshore energy portfolio generated \$2.8 billion.
- Other nations, namely Russia and Norway, have initiated development activities in their Arctic offshore acreage.
- Opposition to the former President's decision to withdrawal from Arctic energy development included former NATO Generals General James Jones and General Joseph Ralston, saying: "As two former Commanders of NATO militaries, let us be clear: removing Arctic lease sales will only further signal a strategic withdrawal from the region...With a resurgent Russia and complicated border issues that require intricate diplomacy, it is time for the U.S. to resume its place as a global leader in the Arctic and back its claims with action."¹

Cook Inlet Lease Sale - Presentation by BOEM

- Oil and natural gas production from the Cook Inlet has been ongoing since the 1950s; Currently, all oil and natural gas production in the Cook Inlet is from state offshore acreage.
- On June 21, BOEM plans to hold Lease Sale 244 in Cook Inlet, AK; this will be the last lease sale of the past 5-year plan (2012-2017).
- The lease sale will offer for lease 224 blocks, consisting of approximately 1.09 million acres.
- Though turnouts for lease sales in the Cook Inlet historically have been lower than other areas on the OCS, the Bureau believes that there is potential to receive bids for this sale due to recent discoveries in adjacent state offshore acreage.

¹ <http://www.cnbc.com/2016/08/09/it-is-critical-for-the-us-to-invest-in-the-arctic-commentary.html>

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DATE: Monday 29, 8:00 - 10:00 pm
FROM: Tim Williams
SUBJECT: Dinner with Alaskan Governor Bill Walker

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Smaller private dinner with the Governor and three guests (see guests below) to discuss Alaska issues.

II. BACKGROUND

Time: 8:00 pm
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017
Location: Club Room 2, Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska

Dinner Participants (9)

Guests:

1. Secretary Ryan Zinke
2. Steve Wackowski, Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs
3. Laura Rigas, Director of Communications
4. Micah Chambers, Acting Director of Legislative & Congressional Affairs

Alaskans:

5. Governor Bill Walker
6. Scott Kendall, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
7. Keith Meyer, President, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
8. Andy Mack, Commissioner, AK Department of Natural Resources
9. John Hendrix, Chief Oil & Gas Advisor, Office of the Governor

III. DISCUSSION

AK Topics of Discussion Per Governor:

1. NPR-A - federal planning and management, new discoveries, prospects, and projects
2. OCS - executive order and next steps
3. ANWR - legislation and administrative actions to characterize and access the resource
4. Izembek - need for expedited cooperation
5. BLM Land Planning - role of the recent CRA resolution, recent challenges, and the need for a reset



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6. Public Land Orders - challenges to fulfilling the statehood land entitlement
7. MOUs - administrative actions to improve cooperation on land survey and navigability issues
8. Alaska Gas Pipeline and LNG Project

IV. NEXT STEPS

Photos with Governor and Secretary at closing.

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Governor Bill Walker
STATE OF ALASKA

May 26, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

As you will soon observe first-hand, Alaska has demonstrated decades of exceptional stewardship of one of our country's most productive oil and gas provinces – the Alaska North Slope. In this spirit, I write to you about a longstanding priority and promise for Alaska – safe development within the “1002 Area” or coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). It is high time for this promise to be realized. I ask that you take all administrative actions available to support further characterization of this resource and understanding of the coastal plain. I also ask that you provide full support for Alaska's efforts in the U.S. Congress to allow safe and responsible leasing and development in this limited area.

In the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Congress called on DOI to study the potential for development within the 1002 Area – the north-easternmost, non-wilderness portion of ANWR – and the ensuing DOI report called for conducting a full leasing program in the Area. Since that time, almost every facet of oil and gas development has improved – more comprehensive regulation, more capable technology, and a more complete understanding of long term arctic operations. All of these improvements would provide significant environmental protection for any exploration or development in the area.

Next door to the 1002 Area, on the immediately adjacent State lands of the North Slope, almost 17 billion barrels of oil have been produced and shipped around the world. This has been done with reliable protections for subsistence users and the environment, and a long record of safe operations. This same balance can exist in the 1002 Area with an even smaller footprint. It is time for the federal administration to support, and Congress to act, to realize this opportunity.

My administration is eager to pursue every opportunity with DOI to learn more about the national resources in ANWR. I look forward to your support and partnership as we work to make the promise of ANWR a reality.

Sincerely,

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Governor

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I write to you today about a land management issue that is critical to public service and safety and has been a challenge to the relationship between State and federal land managers for some time. For the Alaskans who live in King Cove, this issue even has life-and-death consequences. The State of Alaska, along with our congressional delegation and our local community of King Cove, has been pursuing a small all-season road so that residents can safely reach the all-weather airport just a few miles away in Cold Bay in times of medical emergency – and we need a federal partner.

The 10,000 foot, fully paved runway of the Cold Bay airport was originally constructed by the U.S. military during World War II. It is far and away the most reliable transportation hub in the area for medical trips and evacuations. It has literally been a refuge in a storm for international flights from Asia to the United States that have been diverted. Conversely, the unpaved gravel runway and current transportation methods to and from King Cove are so dangerous that federal officials cannot even observe them first-hand without some level of personal risk.

The challenge to this otherwise simple local infrastructure project is that approximately six miles of the one lane road would pass through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. Despite the strict conditions proposed to limit use of the road and the immense land exchange offerings proposed by the State to offset environmental impact, prior federal administrations have rejected making any accommodation for the road. In light of the fact that roads crisscross national wildlife refuges across the country – for example, NASA's Kennedy Space Center is located *within* the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge – the State finds the disregard for human health and safety in this case to be incomprehensible.

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I know you are well aware of this issue, and I am thankful for the leadership and willingness to work with the State that you have already shown. It is crucial to the people of King Cove that we work together and put the lives of the residents ahead of the minor environmental impacts that may result from the construction of a single-lane gravel road. I look forward to working with you to explore solutions to resolve this longstanding issue as soon as possible.

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Dear Secretary Zinke:

As you will soon observe first-hand, Alaska has demonstrated decades of exceptional stewardship of one of our country's most productive oil and gas provinces – the Alaska North Slope. In this spirit, I write to you about a longstanding priority and promise for Alaska – safe development within the “1002 Area” or coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). It is high time for this promise to be realized. I ask that you take all administrative actions available to support further characterization of this resource and understanding of the coastal plain. I also ask that you provide full support for Alaska's efforts in the U.S. Congress to allow safe and responsible leasing and development in this limited area.

In the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Congress called on DOI to study the potential for development within the 1002 Area – the north-easternmost, non-wilderness portion of ANWR – and the ensuing DOI report called for conducting a full leasing program in the Area. Since that time, almost every facet of oil and gas development has improved – more comprehensive regulation, more capable technology, and a more complete understanding of long term arctic operations. All of these improvements would provide significant environmental protection for any exploration or development in the area.

Next door to the 1002 Area, on the immediately adjacent State lands of the North Slope, almost 17 billion barrels of oil have been produced and shipped around the world. This has been done with reliable protections for subsistence users and the environment, and a long record of safe operations. This same balance can exist in the 1002 Area with an even smaller footprint. It is time for the federal administration to support, and Congress to act, to realize this opportunity.

My administration is eager to pursue every opportunity with DOI to learn more about the national resources in ANWR. I look forward to your support and partnership as we work to make the promise of ANWR a reality.

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The State of Alaska appreciates and supports the President's recent executive order restoring the possibility of offshore leasing in the Arctic OCS. The long-term development potential of the Chukchi and Beaufort seas is critical to Alaska's economic future, and the immediate need to build infrastructure and capacity for Arctic activities is a national strategic priority. As contemplated in the executive order, we ask that the Department of Interior (DOI) begin the necessary administrative steps to include the Chukchi and Beaufort seas in future OCS leasing programs.

Arctic waters first saw oil and gas exploration decades ago, and Arctic offshore operations are extensively conducted on State acreage on the North Slope. This activity has been safely conducted and is carefully planned to limit its impact on the subsistence and whaling needs of the local communities. The State of Alaska is very proud of the work we have done with subsistence communities in the Arctic, and we must continue to partner with them while pursuing balanced development in the offshore. Any such federal leases would have to be similarly coordinated with local communities to ensure that they can be responsibly developed without significant impact, and the State must have a seat at the table during this decision-making due to our long history of successful development.

Congress has already recognized the importance of states and local communities in these OCS decisions in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), which calls for extensive federal consultation and cooperation. The State of Alaska took the unprecedented step of nominating areas for potential inclusion in future leasing programs, using its rights under OCSLA because of the importance of this development to Alaska, and the recent executive order vindicates these rights.

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Regarding access and connectivity, communities across the western North Slope are evaluating how infrastructure may improve subsistence access, cultural ties, costs for goods and services, and economic opportunities. These are matters where the local communities may have differing needs, approaches, and perspectives, but they all require a federal land manager that evaluates the cumulative benefits of community infrastructure in the NPR-A rather than prohibiting any activity that has even an incidental impact.

We are also now seeing the first petroleum production from the petroleum reserve. It is imperative to the State that the significant benefits of this development activity are recognized and reflected in the federal management of the NPR-A. It is also necessary that the federal government have a plan in place to continue to foster this development, build out infrastructure, and support economic activity going forward. As the State has frequently raised, the federal management of this area must recognize its petroleum potential and the existing legal intent that it be available for petroleum production.

In light of these needs, the State is undertaking its own effort to review infrastructure opportunities across the North Slope with the development of our Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources (ASTAR) vision plan. Part of this plan will be engaging with local stakeholders across the North Slope to assess how connectivity benefits their lives and improves their economic opportunities. The plan will also build on the frequent comments we have submitted about federal management and the

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I am very excited for your upcoming visit to Alaska, and I am encouraged by the enthusiasm you have shown during our discussions about improving the relationship between the State and federal government. I clearly see your passion for public lands and the public service mission that is the foundation of land management at the Department of the Interior.

I write to you today about a land management issue that is critical to public service and safety and has been a challenge to the relationship between State and federal land managers for some time. For the Alaskans who live in King Cove, this issue even has life-and-death consequences. The State of Alaska, along with our congressional delegation and our local community of King Cove, has been pursuing a small all-season road so that residents can safely reach the all-weather airport just a few miles away in Cold Bay in times of medical emergency – and we need a federal partner.

The 10,000 foot, fully paved runway of the Cold Bay airport was originally constructed by the U.S. military during World War II. It is far and away the most reliable transportation hub in the area for medical trips and evacuations. It has literally been a refuge in a storm for international flights from Asia to the United States that have been diverted. Conversely, the unpaved gravel runway and current transportation methods to and from King Cove are so dangerous that federal officials cannot even observe them first-hand without some level of personal risk.

The challenge to this otherwise simple local infrastructure project is that approximately six miles of the one lane road would pass through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. Despite the strict conditions proposed to limit use of the road and the immense land exchange offerings proposed by the State to offset environmental impact, prior federal administrations have rejected making any accommodation for the road. In light of the fact that roads crisscross national wildlife refuges across the country – for example, NASA's Kennedy Space Center is located *within* the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge – the State finds the disregard for human health and safety in this case to be incomprehensible.

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I know you are well aware of this issue, and I am thankful for the leadership and willingness to work with the State that you have already shown. It is crucial to the people of King Cove that we work together and put the lives of the residents ahead of the minor environmental impacts that may result from the construction of a single-lane gravel road. I look forward to working with you to explore solutions to resolve this longstanding issue as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

As you will soon observe first-hand, Alaska has demonstrated decades of exceptional stewardship of one of our country's most productive oil and gas provinces – the Alaska North Slope. In this spirit, I write to you about a longstanding priority and promise for Alaska – safe development within the “1002 Area” or coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). It is high time for this promise to be realized. I ask that you take all administrative actions available to support further characterization of this resource and understanding of the coastal plain. I also ask that you provide full support for Alaska's efforts in the U.S. Congress to allow safe and responsible leasing and development in this limited area.

In the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Congress called on DOI to study the potential for development within the 1002 Area – the north-easternmost, non-wilderness portion of ANWR – and the ensuing DOI report called for conducting a full leasing program in the Area. Since that time, almost every facet of oil and gas development has improved – more comprehensive regulation, more capable technology, and a more complete understanding of long term arctic operations. All of these improvements would provide significant environmental protection for any exploration or development in the area.

Next door to the 1002 Area, on the immediately adjacent State lands of the North Slope, almost 17 billion barrels of oil have been produced and shipped around the world. This has been done with reliable protections for subsistence users and the environment, and a long record of safe operations. This same balance can exist in the 1002 Area with an even smaller footprint. It is time for the federal administration to support, and Congress to act, to realize this opportunity.

My administration is eager to pursue every opportunity with DOI to learn more about the national resources in ANWR. I look forward to your support and partnership as we work to make the promise of ANWR a reality.

Sincerely,

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Dear Secretary Zinke:

The State of Alaska appreciates and supports the President's recent executive order restoring the possibility of offshore leasing in the Arctic OCS. The long-term development potential of the Chukchi and Beaufort seas is critical to Alaska's economic future, and the immediate need to build infrastructure and capacity for Arctic activities is a national strategic priority. As contemplated in the executive order, we ask that the Department of Interior (DOI) begin the necessary administrative steps to include the Chukchi and Beaufort seas in future OCS leasing programs.

Arctic waters first saw oil and gas exploration decades ago, and Arctic offshore operations are extensively conducted on State acreage on the North Slope. This activity has been safely conducted and is carefully planned to limit its impact on the subsistence and whaling needs of the local communities. The State of Alaska is very proud of the work we have done with subsistence communities in the Arctic, and we must continue to partner with them while pursuing balanced development in the offshore. Any such federal leases would have to be similarly coordinated with local communities to ensure that they can be responsibly developed without significant impact, and the State must have a seat at the table during this decision-making due to our long history of successful development.

Congress has already recognized the importance of states and local communities in these OCS decisions in the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), which calls for extensive federal consultation and cooperation. The State of Alaska took the unprecedented step of nominating areas for potential inclusion in future leasing programs, using its rights under OCSLA because of the importance of this development to Alaska, and the recent executive order vindicates these rights.

Your action to return these areas to DOI's offshore leasing program and schedule future sales in the Arctic is the next step to utilizing these resources, fulfilling the national priorities described in the executive order, and satisfying the federal responsibilities under OCSLA. Thank you for your

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leadership and engagement with the State on these issues, and we look forward to supporting your work however we are able.

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Dear Secretary Zinke:

The Department of Interior (DOI) should review and re-open the administrative land management plans for the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) to ensure that its enabling legislation is being complied with and that the nation has access to its petroleum resources. There are two critical reasons why this review is timely – there is an increasing need for community access and connection that should be recognized by the federal government, and the Petroleum Reserve is seeing its first petroleum production in almost a century. Undertaking this review is a priority for Alaska, and we will make every effort to provide the State's support and input.

Regarding access and connectivity, communities across the western North Slope are evaluating how infrastructure may improve subsistence access, cultural ties, costs for goods and services, and economic opportunities. These are matters where the local communities may have differing needs, approaches, and perspectives, but they all require a federal land manager that evaluates the cumulative benefits of community infrastructure in the NPR-A rather than prohibiting any activity that has even an incidental impact.

We are also now seeing the first petroleum production from the petroleum reserve. It is imperative to the State that the significant benefits of this development activity are recognized and reflected in the federal management of the NPR-A. It is also necessary that the federal government have a plan in place to continue to foster this development, build out infrastructure, and support economic activity going forward. As the State has frequently raised, the federal management of this area must recognize its petroleum potential and the existing legal intent that it be available for petroleum production.

In light of these needs, the State is undertaking its own effort to review infrastructure opportunities across the North Slope with the development of our Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources (ASTAR) vision plan. Part of this plan will be engaging with local stakeholders across the North Slope to assess how connectivity benefits their lives and improves their economic opportunities. The plan will also build on the frequent comments we have submitted about federal management and the

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current plans in place for the petroleum reserve. We are making every effort to coordinate the development of ASTAR with local communities, and we will share our knowledge of the resources and community perspectives in the region to aid any federal review.

Thank you again for making Alaska and access to its vast resources a priority in your work as Secretary. We respectfully request that you prioritize this issue on behalf of our state and our country.

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- 1) NPR-A Planning – The current NPR-A plan restricts petroleum exploration in the reserve, limits infrastructure development, and creates ambiguity during permitting. Pursuant to a legally defensible process, the plan should be re-opened for amendment to support utilization of this national resource.
 - This would include withdrawing the flawed “Regional Mitigation Strategy” and redeveloping it with the input of the State and the North Slope Borough.
 - Recent federal lease sales and announced discoveries indicate the scope of NPR-A potential – billions of dollars in value and hundreds of thousands of barrels per day of production.
 - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) technical estimates of the resource potential of the petroleum reserve also need to be re-evaluated to account for these immense opportunities.
 - Increased production from the petroleum reserve is one of the critical actions needed to ensure throughput in the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) National asset remains sufficient to continue its operations over the next decade.

- 2) OCS – The recent Executive Order reverses the withdrawal of the Arctic OCS and calls for reviewing rulemakings for arctic operations, and the State should play a key role in these reviews.
 - The offshore potential in both the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas are of significant interest to the State, and are why the State took the unprecedented step of nominating them to be included in the OCS leasing program before the prior administration withdrew the areas entirely.
 - Exploration has occurred in the federal OCS for decades, and production is safely occurring from offshore state waters today.
 - The State is able to advocate on behalf of responsible leasing and assist DOI’s coordination with local communities.
 - Any revisions to rules or lease sale documents must be feature local and community input and be carefully vetted given historical litigation successfully challenging the sufficiency of prior sale documents.

- 3) ANWR – The state and federal administration should jointly support legislation that opens this longstanding priority and promise to low impact development, but there are administrative actions the administration can take now:
 - Updated caribou studies can improve understanding of the coastal plain’s ecology.
 - DOI can approve or conduct limited impact seismic exploration of the coastal plain to significantly characterize the petroleum resource with minimal surface impact.
 - If new data can be gathered, USGS resource characterizations for the region are out of date and should be revised to account for and more fully depict ANWR’s potential.
 - Like with the NPR-A, there are revenue sharing structures in place to promote local return and mitigation from development that are necessary for the viability of the development.

- 4) Izembek – The State supports prompt action that can advance this simple but critical local infrastructure project after the extended federal delays.

- This would include an expeditious land exchange with King Cove Corporation if requested.
- It could also include exchanges or other administrative actions coordinated with the State.
- The local community, federal government, and the state will all be harmed by extensive additional administrative challenges or litigation over this issue.

5) BLM Plans – The State requests that current BLM planning efforts, such as the Central Yukon Plan, be paused and the recently adopted Eastern Interior Plan (EIP) be reviewed by DOI leadership.

- The Congressional Review Act was used to nullify the BLM “Planning 2.0” Rule that informed portions of the EIP (even before the rule was finalized) and has been used in the initial development of Central Yukon Plan.
- These plans are key areas for state and federal cooperation, but the current challenged relationship needs to be repaired. The State and a number of impacted Alaska Native Corporations and stakeholders are still considering litigation related to the EIP, and pausing the planning process while the planning process is improved will help prevent this outcome for the Central Yukon Plan.

6) Public Land Orders (PLOs) – Under the Statehood Act, Alaska received a significant 105-million-acre land entitlement from the federal government to support its independent economy. The State has received much of this land, but approximately 5 million acres remain to be transferred.

- Many of the areas otherwise eligible for transfer to the state were withdrawn by PLOs in the past that should have had limited duration but have not been removed. For example, a PLO was placed on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System route before it was constructed to ensure it could be expeditiously built, and it has now been in operation for almost 50 years.
- These PLOs, whose purposes have been long completed, still cover many high priority areas and prohibit them from being transferred. Until these orders are lifted, the State will have a limited pool from which to receive its final acres.

7) Survey and Navigability Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) – There are two administrative actions that staff from the State and DOI can begin working on immediately to improve cooperation and set important ongoing issues on a constructive path:

- The prior administration terminated a longstanding MOU for survey standards for statehood entitlement lands in December 2016. BLM has proposed using new GPS-based technology for the survey, but the State and third party experts have not been able to verify the accuracy of this new technology yet. Reaffirming the prior MOU while testing and negotiation continues is necessary to protect the State’s interests and fulfill federal obligations.
- The State is willing to review new technology and discuss innovative cost savings, but review must be cooperative and mutually beneficial rather than unilaterally imposed.
- The State and BLM also need to form an MOU for quickly and efficiently processing recordable disclaimers of interest for the submerged lands under navigable waters that the State owns under the equal footing doctrine in the U.S. Constitution.
- Challenges and disputes over the ownership of these waters have caused years of delay and millions of dollars of cost, despite clear judicial precedent guiding how disputes are resolved.

Alaska Governor Bill Walker



Bill Walker was born in Fairbanks and raised in Delta Junction and Valdez. His parents were Alaskan pioneers, and, as a family, the Walkers celebrated Alaska Statehood in 1959, survived the 1964 Earthquake, and worked together in the family construction and hotel businesses.

Bill worked as a carpenter, teamster and laborer on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline construction to pay for his education. He earned his BS degree in Business Management from Lewis and Clark College and his JD from the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University). Prior to taking office, Bill and his wife Donna spent over 30 years as private practice attorneys in Alaska, and owned a law firm that focused on municipal and oil and gas law. He served as the General Counsel and Project Manager of the Alaska Gasline Port Authority

for 14 years. Since 1975, Bill and Donna have owned and operated various retail, tourist, construction, and real estate business across the state.

Throughout his career, Bill has participated in a number of oil and gas related events, including the 2011 Institute of the North Norway Policy Tour, the 2011 World LNG Summit in Rome, and the 2012 World Gas Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He has also presented at the Alaska Oil and Gas Congress in 2012 and 2013, and the North America Gas Summit in 2011 and 2012.

Married 38 years, the Walkers have four children, and four grandchildren. Bill is an avid downhill skier and enjoys fishing, boating, snow-machining, campfires with the family at the lake, and taking the grandkids ice skating.

Governor Walker was sworn into office on December 1, 2014.



Andrew Mack
Commissioner
Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Andrew “Andy” T. Mack was appointed Natural Resources Commissioner by Governor Bill Walker on July 1, 2016.

Mack is an attorney with experience in Arctic policy and development, private equity investment, and government and regulatory affairs. Much of his work has focused on the energy industry, Native corporations, local government and the state Legislature. He is also a former commercial fisherman.

Prior to his appointment, Mack served as managing director of Pt Capital, the only private equity fund in based in Alaska, and was a private consultant working for village Native corporations on the North Slope. From 2006 to 2012, he was senior advisor to the mayor of the North Slope Borough and was heavily involved in regulatory matters surrounding oil and gas leasing and exploration in the outer continental shelf of the Chukchi and Beaufort seas.

As an attorney, Mack worked for Atkinson, Conway & Gagnon on Alaska Native corporation and financial issues, was a criminal defense attorney in Barrow, and clerked for Anchorage Superior Court Judge Larry Card.

Mack holds a bachelor of arts in political science from Concordia College and a juris doctor from Loyola Marymount School of Law.

He was raised in Soldotna and lives in Anchorage with his wife Roxanne and two teenage sons and is a youth hockey coach.



Biography – Keith Meyer

Keith Meyer is President of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) an independent public corporation of the State of Alaska. AGDC is charged with the critical responsibility of ensuring that Alaska's vast North Slope natural gas resources are available for the benefit and use of Alaskans. The Corporation is currently involved in two North Slope natural gas projects on the state's behalf -- the in-state Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) project and the Alaska LNG export project.

Mr. Meyer is a seasoned executive with more than 35 years of global energy industry experience. He has served in senior management positions in both Fortune 500 and smaller, faster-growing energy companies. He has led multi-disciplinary teams in the development of large-scale infrastructure projects spanning four continents to include LNG terminals, natural gas pipelines, power plants, gas liquids plants, storage, and gas separation projects.

Mr. Meyer joins AGDC from LNG America, an energy logistics company he founded in 2008 to provide end-to-end LNG distribution solutions to increase the use of LNG as a fuel source within the marine, transportation and other high horsepower industries. Previously, Meyer was a senior executive with Cheniere Energy, Inc. ultimately serving as President of Cheniere LNG where he oversaw the development of the Sabine Pass receiving terminal, North America's largest. During his tenure at Cheniere, Mr. Meyer also served stints as president of the corporation's pipeline company, O&M company and marketing company, and on Cheniere's Executive Committee. Prior to joining Cheniere, Meyer led domestic and international pipeline and gas storage development for CMS Energy Inc., a large U.S. utility holding company. He started his professional career as a marketing and strategic planning executive with ANR Pipeline Company a major U.S. interstate natural gas transmission company.

Mr. Meyer was Chairman of the Board of Flex LNG, a public company developing floating LNG production facilities. He advised the Israeli Government on commercial aspects of that country's LNG import terminal and has been a guest lecturer at Duke University, Louisiana State University, the University of Houston, and an instructor for Rice University's Energy Management Program. He holds an MBA from Rice University and a finance degree from Wayne State University.



**John L. Hendrix
Chief Oil & Gas Advisor
Office of Governor Bill Walker**

John Hendrix, Chief Oil and Gas Advisor and Cabinet member to the Governor of Alaska, is a graduate of Homer High School. He attended the University of Tennessee on a wrestling scholarship and graduated with a degree in civil engineering. John received Executive Leadership education at Columbia, Cox and Darden School of Business.

John began his oilfield career with Schlumberger Oilfield Services on Alaska's North Slope. He later joined BP where he held several engineering and managerial positions within the North Slope, Anchorage, Russia and the UK. He was also part of BP's first Russian operation, "Tarasov," in 1991, and part of the TNK acquisition team in 2003. John founded Production Technical Limits and Base Management practices still embedded today at BP.

In 2005, John joined Apache Corporation as Production Engineering Manager for the Gulf Coast region. In 2006, John served for five years as the General Manager and Managing Director of Apache's Qarun Petroleum Company joint venture in Egypt. With John at the helm in Egypt, Qarun Petroleum Company doubled production. From 2011-2016 he was General Manager of Apache Alaska.

In the past John has been a Board Member of Boys and Girls Clubs of Anchorage, founded and coached Popeye Wrestling Club, served as Alaska Kids' Director USA Wrestling, been a Board Member of the Alaska Chapter Wild Sheep Foundation, and Cairo American College Board of Trustees. He currently is President of the Trustees for Boys and Girls Clubs – Alaska and a voting member of the Boone and Crockett Club.



Scott Kendall
Chief of Staff

Scott Kendall was appointed Governor Bill Walker's Chief of Staff in December 2016. Mr. Kendall earned his juris doctorate from University of Washington School of Law in 2003. Mr. Kendall has practiced law in Alaska for more than 10 years—at Anchorage firms Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot, and at Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, where he practiced before federal and state courts, including the Alaska Supreme Court. In his practice Mr. Kendall worked for several members of Alaska's congressional delegation, including U.S. Senator Ted Stevens. Prior to that he also worked as a law clerk for Alaska Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert Coats. In the past, Mr. Kendall has volunteered for the Anchorage Youth Court and served as a member of the Board of Directors for Best Beginnings. He lives in Anchorage with his wife Selena and their two children.

Event: Private dinner hosted by Alaska Governor Bill Walker
Time: 8:00 pm
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017
Location: Club Room 2, Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska

Dinner Participants (9)

Guests:

1. Secretary Ryan Zinke
2. Steve Wackowski, Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs
3. Laura Rigas, Director of Communications
4. Micah Chambers, Acting Director of Legislative & Congressional Affairs

Alaskans:

5. Governor Bill Walker
6. Scott Kendall, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
7. Keith Meyer, President, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
8. Andy Mack, Commissioner, AK Department of Natural Resources
9. John Hendrix, Chief Oil & Gas Advisor, Office of the Governor

Notes:

Tone: Keep to a smaller, private dinner. Private room in a restaurant.
Spouses attending: No
Attire: Business casual (sport coat with jeans/khakis, no ties)
Photo: Prior to dinner
Menu: Fresh Alaska salmon and filet
No Allergies, no dietary restrictions
Seating: Secretary/Governor will have small seating chart available at table

AK Topics of Discussion:

1. NPR-A - federal planning and management, new discoveries, prospects, and projects
2. OCS - executive order and next steps
3. ANWR - legislation and administrative actions to characterize and access the resource
4. Izembek - need for expedited cooperation
5. BLM Land Planning - role of the recent CRA resolution, recent challenges, and the need for a reset
6. Public Land Orders - challenges to fulfilling the statehood land entitlement
7. MOUs - administrative actions to improve cooperation on land survey and navigability issues
8. Alaska Gas Pipeline and LNG Project

DOI Topics of Discussion:

1. To advise

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 - This would include withdrawing the flawed “Regional Mitigation Strategy” and redeveloping it with the input of the State and the North Slope Borough.
 - Recent federal lease sales and announced discoveries indicate the scope of NPR-A potential – billions of dollars in value and hundreds of thousands of barrels per day of production.
 - U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) technical estimates of the resource potential of the petroleum reserve also need to be re-evaluated to account for these immense opportunities.
 - Increased production from the petroleum reserve is one of the critical actions needed to ensure throughput in the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) National asset remains sufficient to continue its operations over the next decade.

- 2) OCS – The recent Executive Order reverses the withdrawal of the Arctic OCS and calls for reviewing rulemakings for arctic operations, and the State should play a key role in these reviews.
 - The offshore potential in both the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas are of significant interest to the State, and are why the State took the unprecedented step of nominating them to be included in the OCS leasing program before the prior administration withdrew the areas entirely.
 - Exploration has occurred in the federal OCS for decades, and production is safely occurring from offshore state waters today.
 - The State is able to advocate on behalf of responsible leasing and assist DOI’s coordination with local communities.
 - Any revisions to rules or lease sale documents must be feature local and community input and be carefully vetted given historical litigation successfully challenging the sufficiency of prior sale documents.

- 3) ANWR – The state and federal administration should jointly support legislation that opens this longstanding priority and promise to low impact development, but there are administrative actions the administration can take now:
 - Updated caribou studies can improve understanding of the coastal plain’s ecology.
 - DOI can approve or conduct limited impact seismic exploration of the coastal plain to significantly characterize the petroleum resource with minimal surface impact.
 - If new data can be gathered, USGS resource characterizations for the region are out of date and should be revised to account for and more fully depict ANWR’s potential.
 - Like with the NPR-A, there are revenue sharing structures in place to promote local return and mitigation from development that are necessary for the viability of the development.

- 4) Izembek – The State supports prompt action that can advance this simple but critical local infrastructure project after the extended federal delays.

- This would include an expeditious land exchange with King Cove Corporation if requested.
- It could also include exchanges or other administrative actions coordinated with the State.
- The local community, federal government, and the state will all be harmed by extensive additional administrative challenges or litigation over this issue.

5) BLM Plans – The State requests that current BLM planning efforts, such as the Central Yukon Plan, be paused and the recently adopted Eastern Interior Plan (EIP) be reviewed by DOI leadership.

- The Congressional Review Act was used to nullify the BLM “Planning 2.0” Rule that informed portions of the EIP (even before the rule was finalized) and has been used in the initial development of Central Yukon Plan.
- These plans are key areas for state and federal cooperation, but the current challenged relationship needs to be repaired. The State and a number of impacted Alaska Native Corporations and stakeholders are still considering litigation related to the EIP, and pausing the planning process while the planning process is improved will help prevent this outcome for the Central Yukon Plan.

6) Public Land Orders (PLOs) – Under the Statehood Act, Alaska received a significant 105-million-acre land entitlement from the federal government to support its independent economy. The State has received much of this land, but approximately 5 million acres remain to be transferred.

- Many of the areas otherwise eligible for transfer to the state were withdrawn by PLOs in the past that should have had limited duration but have not been removed. For example, a PLO was placed on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System route before it was constructed to ensure it could be expeditiously built, and it has now been in operation for almost 50 years.
- These PLOs, whose purposes have been long completed, still cover many high priority areas and prohibit them from being transferred. Until these orders are lifted, the State will have a limited pool from which to receive its final acres.

7) Survey and Navigability Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) – There are two administrative actions that staff from the State and DOI can begin working on immediately to improve cooperation and set important ongoing issues on a constructive path:

- The prior administration terminated a longstanding MOU for survey standards for statehood entitlement lands in December 2016. BLM has proposed using new GPS-based technology for the survey, but the State and third party experts have not been able to verify the accuracy of this new technology yet. Reaffirming the prior MOU while testing and negotiation continues is necessary to protect the State’s interests and fulfill federal obligations.
- The State is willing to review new technology and discuss innovative cost savings, but review must be cooperative and mutually beneficial rather than unilaterally imposed.
- The State and BLM also need to form an MOU for quickly and efficiently processing recordable disclaimers of interest for the submerged lands under navigable waters that the State owns under the equal footing doctrine in the U.S. Constitution.
- Challenges and disputes over the ownership of these waters have caused years of delay and millions of dollars of cost, despite clear judicial precedent guiding how disputes are resolved.

Alaska Governor Bill Walker



Bill Walker was born in Fairbanks and raised in Delta Junction and Valdez. His parents were Alaskan pioneers, and, as a family, the Walkers celebrated Alaska Statehood in 1959, survived the 1964 Earthquake, and worked together in the family construction and hotel businesses.

Bill worked as a carpenter, teamster and laborer on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline construction to pay for his education. He earned his BS degree in Business Management from Lewis and Clark College and his JD from the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University). Prior to taking office, Bill and his wife Donna spent over 30 years as private practice attorneys in Alaska, and owned a law firm that focused on municipal and oil and gas law. He served as the General Counsel and Project Manager of the Alaska Gasline Port Authority

for 14 years. Since 1975, Bill and Donna have owned and operated various retail, tourist, construction, and real estate business across the state.

Throughout his career, Bill has participated in a number of oil and gas related events, including the 2011 Institute of the North Norway Policy Tour, the 2011 World LNG Summit in Rome, and the 2012 World Gas Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He has also presented at the Alaska Oil and Gas Congress in 2012 and 2013, and the North America Gas Summit in 2011 and 2012.

Married 38 years, the Walkers have four children, and four grandchildren. Bill is an avid downhill skier and enjoys fishing, boating, snow-machining, campfires with the family at the lake, and taking the grandkids ice skating.

Governor Walker was sworn into office on December 1, 2014.



Andrew Mack
Commissioner
Alaska Department of Natural Resources

Andrew “Andy” T. Mack was appointed Natural Resources Commissioner by Governor Bill Walker on July 1, 2016.

Mack is an attorney with experience in Arctic policy and development, private equity investment, and government and regulatory affairs. Much of his work has focused on the energy industry, Native corporations, local government and the state Legislature. He is also a former commercial fisherman.

Prior to his appointment, Mack served as managing director of Pt Capital, the only private equity fund in based in Alaska, and was a private consultant working for village Native corporations on the North Slope. From 2006 to 2012, he was senior advisor to the mayor of the North Slope Borough and was heavily involved in regulatory matters surrounding oil and gas leasing and exploration in the outer continental shelf of the Chukchi and Beaufort seas.

As an attorney, Mack worked for Atkinson, Conway & Gagnon on Alaska Native corporation and financial issues, was a criminal defense attorney in Barrow, and clerked for Anchorage Superior Court Judge Larry Card.

Mack holds a bachelor of arts in political science from Concordia College and a juris doctor from Loyola Marymount School of Law.

He was raised in Soldotna and lives in Anchorage with his wife Roxanne and two teenage sons and is a youth hockey coach.

Event: Private dinner hosted by Alaska Governor Bill Walker
Time: 8:00 pm
Date: Monday, May 29, 2017
Location: Club Room 2, Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, Alaska

Dinner Participants (9)

Guests:

1. Secretary Ryan Zinke
2. Steve Wackowski, Senior Advisor for Alaska Affairs
3. Laura Rigas, Director of Communications
4. Micah Chambers, Acting Director of Legislative & Congressional Affairs

Alaskans:

5. Governor Bill Walker
6. Scott Kendall, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
7. Keith Meyer, President, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
8. Andy Mack, Commissioner, AK Department of Natural Resources
9. John Hendrix, Chief Oil & Gas Advisor, Office of the Governor

Notes:

Tone: Keep to a smaller, private dinner. Private room in a restaurant.
Spouses attending: No
Attire: Business casual (sport coat with jeans/khakis, no ties)
Photo: Prior to dinner
Menu: Fresh Alaska salmon and filet
No Allergies, no dietary restrictions
Seating: Secretary/Governor will have small seating chart available at table

AK Topics of Discussion:

1. NPR-A - federal planning and management, new discoveries, prospects, and projects
2. OCS - executive order and next steps
3. ANWR - legislation and administrative actions to characterize and access the resource
4. Izembek - need for expedited cooperation
5. BLM Land Planning - role of the recent CRA resolution, recent challenges, and the need for a reset
6. Public Land Orders - challenges to fulfilling the statehood land entitlement
7. MOUs - administrative actions to improve cooperation on land survey and navigability issues
8. Alaska Gas Pipeline and LNG Project

DOI Topics of Discussion:

1. To advise

DOI Security POC:

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Biography – Keith Meyer

Keith Meyer is President of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) an independent public corporation of the State of Alaska. AGDC is charged with the critical responsibility of ensuring that Alaska's vast North Slope natural gas resources are available for the benefit and use of Alaskans. The Corporation is currently involved in two North Slope natural gas projects on the state's behalf -- the in-state Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) project and the Alaska LNG export project.

Mr. Meyer is a seasoned executive with more than 35 years of global energy industry experience. He has served in senior management positions in both Fortune 500 and smaller, faster-growing energy companies. He has led multi-disciplinary teams in the development of large-scale infrastructure projects spanning four continents to include LNG terminals, natural gas pipelines, power plants, gas liquids plants, storage, and gas separation projects.

Mr. Meyer joins AGDC from LNG America, an energy logistics company he founded in 2008 to provide end-to-end LNG distribution solutions to increase the use of LNG as a fuel source within the marine, transportation and other high horsepower industries. Previously, Meyer was a senior executive with Cheniere Energy, Inc. ultimately serving as President of Cheniere LNG where he oversaw the development of the Sabine Pass receiving terminal, North America's largest. During his tenure at Cheniere, Mr. Meyer also served stints as president of the corporation's pipeline company, O&M company and marketing company, and on Cheniere's Executive Committee. Prior to joining Cheniere, Meyer led domestic and international pipeline and gas storage development for CMS Energy Inc., a large U.S. utility holding company. He started his professional career as a marketing and strategic planning executive with ANR Pipeline Company a major U.S. interstate natural gas transmission company.

Mr. Meyer was Chairman of the Board of Flex LNG, a public company developing floating LNG production facilities. He advised the Israeli Government on commercial aspects of that country's LNG import terminal and has been a guest lecturer at Duke University, Louisiana State University, the University of Houston, and an instructor for Rice University's Energy Management Program. He holds an MBA from Rice University and a finance degree from Wayne State University.



Scott Kendall
Chief of Staff

Scott Kendall was appointed Governor Bill Walker's Chief of Staff in December 2016. Mr. Kendall earned his juris doctorate from University of Washington School of Law in 2003. Mr. Kendall has practiced law in Alaska for more than 10 years—at Anchorage firms Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot, and at Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, where he practiced before federal and state courts, including the Alaska Supreme Court. In his practice Mr. Kendall worked for several members of Alaska's congressional delegation, including U.S. Senator Ted Stevens. Prior to that he also worked as a law clerk for Alaska Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert Coats. In the past, Mr. Kendall has volunteered for the Anchorage Youth Court and served as a member of the Board of Directors for Best Beginnings. He lives in Anchorage with his wife Selena and their two children.



John L. Hendrix
Chief Oil & Gas Advisor
Office of Governor Bill Walker

John Hendrix, Chief Oil and Gas Advisor and Cabinet member to the Governor of Alaska, is a graduate of Homer High School. He attended the University of Tennessee on a wrestling scholarship and graduated with a degree in civil engineering. John received Executive Leadership education at Columbia, Cox and Darden School of Business.

John began his oilfield career with Schlumberger Oilfield Services on Alaska's North Slope. He later joined BP where he held several engineering and managerial positions within the North Slope, Anchorage, Russia and the UK. He was also part of BP's first Russian operation, "Tarasov," in 1991, and part of the TNK acquisition team in 2003. John founded Production Technical Limits and Base Management practices still embedded today at BP.

In 2005, John joined Apache Corporation as Production Engineering Manager for the Gulf Coast region. In 2006, John served for five years as the General Manager and Managing Director of Apache's Qarun Petroleum Company joint venture in Egypt. With John at the helm in Egypt, Qarun Petroleum Company doubled production. From 2011-2016 he was General Manager of Apache Alaska.

In the past John has been a Board Member of Boys and Girls Clubs of Anchorage, founded and coached Popeye Wrestling Club, served as Alaska Kids' Director USA Wrestling, been a Board Member of the Alaska Chapter Wild Sheep Foundation, and Cairo American College Board of Trustees. He currently is President of the Trustees for Boys and Girls Clubs – Alaska and a voting member of the Boone and Crockett Club.

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Meeting on Trip

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Mayor Brower - event

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Subject: Re: Mayor Brower - event

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TO: Scheduler to the Secretary

FROM: Alan Mintz, Van Ness Feldman, LLP; and
Andrew VanderJack, Van Ness Feldman, LLP, on behalf of

Harry Brower, Mayor, North Slope Borough

(202) 298-1941 (Andrew VanderJack, Office)

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amv@vnf.com

REQUEST: Meeting with Harry Brower, Mayor, North Slope Borough

OFFICIAL OR POLITICAL (Please Underline and Bold what type of event this is)

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is primarily introductory; to provide the Secretary a briefing regarding the North Slope Borough, which is the county-level government for the North Slope of Alaska. The Borough is comprised of eight villages, encompasses the Prudhoe Bay oil field, spans the entire north coast of Alaska along the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, and covers an area roughly the size of Minnesota.

The Mayor will want to touch on a number of important policy issues, particularly:

- The Department's policies with regard to Arctic OCS oil and gas development;
- The Department's policies with regard to management of oil and gas and other resources within the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A); and
- The Mayor's support for federal legislation to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), and the need for the Department to be prepared to engage closely with the Borough and the community of Kaktovik to implement an appropriate leasing program if legislation does pass.

EVENT DATE: **Monday-Thursday, June 12-15** (ideally, we would like to schedule a meeting on Tuesday or Wednesday)

EVENT TIME: N/A

LOCATION: N/A

REMARKS: N/A

ATTENDEES: 5-8

PARTICIPANTS: (1) Mayor Harry Brower

- (2) Deano Olemaun, Chief Administrative Officer
- (3) DJ Fauske, Director, Government Affairs
- (4) Alan Mintz, Partner, Van Ness Feldman
- (5) Andrew VanderJack, Partner, Van Ness Feldman

EVENT OUTLINE:

N/A

PRESS: N/A

POSSIBLE SURROGATE: N/A

EVENT CONTACT:

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Organization / Scheduling POC – Andrew VanderJack, Van Ness Feldman, PC
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Subject: Re: Briefing Materials
To: Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Here you go.

Attached are 10 briefings.

Please share T.P. for book when they are done.

There is a set of tasked briefings in the hands of OAS and an policy briefing for the meeting with Gov. Brower that I will send when complete.

Thanks. Be safe

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On Fri, May 26, 2017 at 9:27 AM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Christine, could you please send Heather and me the latest briefing materials for the Secretary's Alaska trip? Specifically were looking for Tuesday and Wednesday's materials and any energy briefings. Are you able to send them as attachments? Thanks so much!

Laura Keehner Rigas
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ADVANCEMENT OF THE SECRETARY

Alaska Trip

DATE: Sunday, May 28, 2017
LOCATION: Fairbanks → Byers Lake → Denali
TIME: 9:30am - 8:30pm AKTD
FROM: Aaron Thiele

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Attend Byers Lake Memorial Day Ceremony at the invitation of Sen. Murkowski, then drive to Denali Park Headquarters to meet with NPS leadership, tour facilities, and enjoy a cookout with employees.

II. PROGRAM DETAILS

ATTIRE: Montana Casual
PRESS: Open for Ceremony, Closed for Denali

III. NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS

Governor Walker
Senator Murkowski
Denali Superintendent Don Striker
NPS Associate Regional Director, Communications & Operations, John Quinley
NPS Chief of Interpretation & Education, Nancy Holman

IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Weather: High 52F / Low 35F, slight chance of rain in the morning

Time Zone: Alaska Daylight Time

9:30	am	Drive from Fairbanks en route Byers Lake, AK
1:00	pm	Arrive Byers Lake // Greet Bikers
1:30	pm	Drive to Memorial Day Ceremony Site
2:00	pm	Memorial Day Ceremony
2:30	pm	Remarks from Secretary Zinke (3-4 minutes)
2:45	pm	Depart Byers Lake en route Denali National Park
5:00	pm	Arrive Denali National Park Entrance, photo op
5:10	pm	Arrive Denali HQ building, greeted by staff
5:20	pm	Tour HQ, Visitor Center, Communications Center, and Park Kennels
7:00	pm	Cookout with park leadership team
8:30	pm	Depart en route Grande Denali Lodge

V. ATTACHMENTS

TAB A: Talking Points for Memorial Day Celebration
TAB B: Denali Update



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ADVANCEMENT OF THE SECRETARY

Alaska Trip

DATE: Wednesday, May 31, 2017

LOCATION: Anchorage, AK

TIME: 9:00am - 8:30pm

FROM: Aaron Thiele

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Secretary will meet with Alaska DOI leadership and DOI employees, the Alaskan Federation of Natives, and attend a reception with the Alaska Congressional Delegation in the evening.

II. PROGRAM DETAILS

ATTIRE: Montana Formal in the morning, Casual in the afternoon

PRESS: Open

III. NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS

Senator Murkowski

IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Weather: High 59F / Low 47F, slight chance of rain in the morning.

Time Zone: Alaska Daylight Time

10:00	am	Personnel Meeting with Tara Sweeney
11:30	am	Remarks at the Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference
1:00	pm	Media Availability
2:00	pm	Depart Anchorage en route Arctic Valley Recreation Area
2:30	pm	Nike Summit Hike
5:00	pm	Depart Arctic Valley Recreation Area en route Anchorage
5:30	pm	RON

V. ATTACHMENTS

TAB A: Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference

TAB B: Talking Points for Media Availability

TAB C: Background on Nike Summit Hike



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DATE: Tuesday, May 30, 2017
LOCATION: Anchorage, AK
TIME: 9:00am - 8:30pm
FROM: Aaron Thiele

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Secretary will conduct a personnel interview in the AM and attend the Alaska Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference where the Secretary will be introduced by Sen. Murkowski and give the Keynote Address. In the afternoon, the Secretary and staff will conduct the Nike Summit Hike to see the Cold War era launch sites for the Nike SAMs.

II. PROGRAM DETAILS

ATTIRE: Business Casual
PRESS: Closed

III. NOTABLE PARTICIPANTS

Alaska Cooperative Planning Group (list of participants in TAB A)
Senator Murkowski
Senator Sullivan
Senator Don Young

IV. AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Weather: High 58F / Low 46F, slight chance of rain in the evening

Time Zone: Alaska Daylight Time

09:00	am	Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable With Senator Sullivan
10:30	am	Alaska Cooperative Planning Meeting
11:30	am	Lunch
12:45	am	Energy Briefing with BOEM and BLM experts
2:00	pm	All hands meeting
3:30	pm	Alaska Federation of Natives Meeting (with Congressional Delegation)
5:00	pm	Reception with Congressional Delegation
7:00	pm	Dinner
8:30	pm	RON - Hotel Captain Cook

V. ATTACHMENTS

TAB A: Alaska Native Veterans Roundtable Memo
TAB B: Alaska Cooperative Planning Group Memo and Participants
TAB C: Energy Briefing Memo
TAB D: All Hands Meeting Talking Points
TAB E: Alaska Federation of Natives Memo
TAB F: Reception with Congressional Delegation Memo



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DATE: May 28 - May 29, 2017

FROM: Bert Frost

SUBJECT: Visit to Denali National Park and Preserve

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Secretary will engage with National Park Service employees to learn about multiple park management issues and community successes, including: deferred maintenance needs on the tour road, historic park kennels operations, commercial services, and mountaineering.

II. BACKGROUND

Denali National Park and Preserve issues often elevate to the Department of Interior level because of robust engagement with the State of Alaska and Members of Congress. Denali issues also exemplify those faced by many park sites across Alaska, and across the National Park Service. Once in the park, the Secretary will interact with park staff to:

- Visit with dog teams at the historic park kennels
- Cookout with employees
- Take a driving tour of the park road
- Fly to mountaineering base camp on Denali

III. DISCUSSION

- Local hiring authority
 - NPS-Alaska continues to value local hire authority, and remains the largest user of it among DOI bureaus in the state. The authority is not available in Anchorage or Fairbanks, the two largest cities in which NPS operates.
- Subsistence
 - The capacity to undertake the front-end work on a new regulatory process currently is constrained in the NPS Alaska Region due to a commitment to the DOI Office of the Solicitor to address litigation related to a previous regulation.
- Contracting for Mountaineering Guide Services
 - Temporary contracts took effect January 1, 2017 and extend up to two years. The new solicitation will be issued in September 2017, and will address franchise fee and other concerns raised during the solicitation process, including enhanced clarity on the matching and ANILCA-qualification instructions.
- Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP)



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- At the conclusion of the EIS processes, the Secretary of the Interior has the discretion to approve a right of way for a pipeline through the front-country of Denali.

IV. NEXT STEPS

Site visits as described above; interact with the governor and delegation regarding Alaska National Park Service issues.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Briefing statements are being updated regarding discussion topics, and will be provided in advance.



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DATE: May 30, 2017

FROM: Micah Chambers, OCL

SUBJECT: Meeting with Alaska Federation of Natives with Alaska Congressional Delegation

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) is the largest statewide organization in Alaska and it represents 151 federally recognized tribes, 150 village corporations, 12 regional corporations, and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and compact to run federal and state programs. The meeting will consist of the Secretary of Interior, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan, Representative Don Young, and AFN's leadership.

II. BACKGROUND

Land Into Trust: Will Secretary Zinke keep or reverse the decision by Secretary Jewell to allow Native lands in Alaska (tribal lands, Native allotments, donations by Native corporations) to be taken into trust on a case by case basis by the Secretary? Exactly what is the Secretary's thinking on whether Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act lands to the Alaska Native Corporations can be converted to "Indian Country" and given sovereign status in Alaska?

ANWR and Section 7(i) Revenue Sharing: It is possible that with the budget now publicly calling for ANWR leasing, and given the views of Sealaska, Calista and Bering Straits, AFN will raise the issue of a change in ANWR legislation to funnel some percentage of leasing/production revenues from coastal plain development of the Native (KIC, 92,000-acre) inholdings on the coastal plain, to all Native corporations, and not just the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. It was Interior under Reagan Sec. James Watt that traded in 1983 with ASRC and allowed only that corporation to gain subsurface estate in ANWR's coastal plain, rather than all corporations sharing revenues from oil development.

Alaska Native Land Conveyance Completion: Alaska Native Corporations created in 1971 under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act were guaranteed the right to select 44 million acres (plus Native allotments). Of that 45.7 million total acres, 1.9 million are still pending interim conveyance and more than 11 million acres still have not had title transferred by patent. AFN will appreciate that BLM is committed to using traditional conveyance methods for surveying and patenting of that land, but may ask if the BLM-DOI dispute with the State of Alaska over Direct Point Positioning System (GPS) surveying may delay conveyance of the last of the lands awaiting title transfer.

Alaska Native Land Contamination: AFN is concerned regarding the slow pace of the cleanup



of government-caused contamination on lands transferred to Native corporations under Alaskan Native Claims Settlements Act of 1971, which at the time was the largest land claims settlement in U.S. history. Last year's BLM report found that at least 338 sites require additional cleanup and 242 are being handled only by land use controls that prevent human exposure to the contaminants. AFN will want Interior to coordinate and actually increase funding to clean up contamination, or allow corporations to trade back contaminated lands for "clean" usable tracts. Everything from Red Devil mine on Kuskokwim Corp lands to Kodiak, Buskin Beach lands, to Unalaska lands could be mentioned as specific examples of where cleanup is needed.

Abandoned Wells: The U.S. Navy and U.S. Geological Survey drilled, and then abandoned, more than 130 exploration wells on Alaska's North Slope between 1944 and 1982. Several dozen remain in need of remediation, but the federal government has been extremely slow to prioritize funding to clean them up. There is concern among the AFN that this will not be a concern of this administration. It was not a priority for the last administration, which at one point proposed taking state funds to clean up the abandoned wells.

King Cove Road Land Exchange: AFN may raise the King Cove road issue and whether the Secretary will support a land exchange to clear a route for the last part of a small road from King Cove to Cold Bay.

Bering Sea Elders: The President's executive order on offshore energy development revoked the Bering Sea "Climate Resilience Area" -- prompting concern from the Bering Sea Elders, who believe the federal government has not done an adequate job of consulting with them in years past.

Contract Support Costs/Budget Issues: There are likely to be a lot of concern raised by the Administration's proposed budget cuts. The budget, for example, calls for a \$35.4 million cut in contract support costs for tribes to \$241.6 million nationally. It calls for the total elimination of the funding for Alaska Native Programs, cutting \$1.015 million.

Alaska Specific Native Issues: Folk at AFN might raise any number of more specific Alaska issues: the CIRI land conveyance issue where Cook Inlet Region Inc. is short 43,000 acres from their ANCSA conveyance. (Senator Murkowski will introduce legislation to allow the conveyance to be completed in early June, in a revised ANCSA Improvement Act). AFN members could raise both the Landless Natives issue, addressed in the bill that would establish new urban corporations for the five towns in Southeast Alaska left out of ANCSA: Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Tenakee and Haines. The Vietnam Native Veterans Allotment Act amendments, to provide land allotments of 160 acres to more of the perhaps 2,800 Alaska Natives who served during the Vietnam War, could also come up. A number of AFN leadership were very interested in the Vietnam Native vets issue. That bill also contains the Canyon Village land settlement provision of interest to the Doyon Region, the Barrow gas field sand and gravel provision of interest to UIC Corporation, a provision calling for a land exchange study involving Chugach Alaska Corp. in Prince William Sound, and a variety of provisions sought or supported by AFN to make changes in ANCSA involving Native benefit limits, fractional shares,

reincorporation of dissolved village and group corporations and the provision to allow the 13th



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Regional Corp. for Natives living outside of Alaska to reincorporate after its bankruptcy. Some familiarity with the last iteration of the Senator's previously introduced ANCSA Improvement Act might be helpful.

Cooper Landing Bypass: Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) is whether Interior will initiate a land exchange in the USF & WS Kenai National Refuge that could facilitate construction of a new 15-mile segment of the Sterling Highway around Cooper Landing along the Kenai River. CIRI under terms of the Russian River Lands Act of 2002 must trade lands to Interior to offset a road through 33 acres of the Mystery Creek wilderness area in the refuge. CIRI would like the Secretary to initiate a narrow land exchange to permit the Juneau Creek alternative to be built, since CIRI has lands that would be accessible if the exchange took place.

Land Planning: AFN might raise issues about the level of Native involvement, and Native consultation in both the new BLM land planning processes on land, i.e. the Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan; and the BOEM offshore land planning processes involving the Bering Sea. While Alaskans overall disliked both plans, Alaska Natives in specific areas liked parts of both plans, so AFN might raise how BOEM and BLM will implement plans and conduct Native consultation in the future on Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs).



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DATE: May 30, 2017
FROM: Kate MacGregor, Acting ASLM
SUBJECT: BOEM and BLM Energy briefing for the Secretary

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Regional experts from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will provide a short, energy-focused briefing on upcoming energy issues in Alaska. The briefing will be held at the BOEM office: 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500 Anchorage, AK 99503.

BOEM Briefing Team

Jim Kendall (Regional Director)
Dave Johnston (Regional Supervisor, Leasing & Plans)
Mark Storzer (Regional Supervisor, Environment)

BLM Briefing Team

Bud Cribley (BLM Alaska State Director)
Stacie McIntosh (District Manager, Arctic District)

TOPICS

National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) - Presentation by BLM

- NPR-A encompasses 22.8 million acres on the North Slope, of which 11.8 million acres (52%) is available for leasing.
- NPR-A was established in 1923 by President Harding as Naval Petroleum Reserve #4 at a time when the Navy was transitioning from coal-fired ships to oil; NPR-A was transferred to DOI-BLM management in 1976.
- The 12 oil and gas lease sales held since 1998 have generated \$281 million in revenue with the most recent December 2016 lease sale generating \$18.8 million; 50% of all leasing revenue, rental fees, and production royalties are shared with the State of Alaska.
- The area also encompasses several special area designations to protect various wildlife including migratory waterfowl and caribou herds.
- A 2010 USGS resource assessment of NPR-A scaled down estimates of technically recoverable, undiscovered oil from 13.2 billion barrels to 1.7 billion barrels - however, recent discoveries within and adjacent to NPR-A since that time have already disproven these estimates.

5-Year Plan - Potential Arctic Offshore Leasing - Presentation by BOEM

- In January 2017, the last Administration finalized the 2017-2022 5-Year Plan for offshore oil



and natural gas development; the plan includes only 10 lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico, and 1 lease sale in the Cook Inlet. Offshore Arctic planning areas (Chukchi and Beaufort sea planning areas) were withdrawn from future leasing.

- The Secretary may not lease in any offshore areas that are not included in the 5-Year Plan.
- President Trump's America-First Offshore Energy Executive Order reversed the previous Administration's withdrawal of Arctic areas; Secretary's Order 3350 directed BOEM to initiate a new 5-year plan that will consider leasing in the Arctic, among other areas.
- Access for future leasing in these offshore areas is important to the State of Alaska - not only job growth and economic development on the North Slope, but also as a potential future source of throughput for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS).
- In 2008, leasing in Arctic areas of the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas contributed to DOI's record-breaking revenue year - generating \$24 billion, of which \$2.7 billion alone was from Arctic offshore leasing. To put this in context, DOI generated a total of \$6 billion in 2016, with the entire offshore energy portfolio generated \$2.8 billion.
- Other nations, namely Russia and Norway, have initiated development activities in their Arctic offshore acreage.
- Opposition to the former President's decision to withdrawal from Arctic energy development included former NATO Generals General James Jones and General Joseph Ralston, saying: "As two former Commanders of NATO militaries, let us be clear: removing Arctic lease sales will only further signal a strategic withdrawal from the region...With a resurgent Russia and complicated border issues that require intricate diplomacy, it is time for the U.S. to resume its place as a global leader in the Arctic and back its claims with action."¹

Cook Inlet Lease Sale - Presentation by BOEM

- Oil and natural gas production from the Cook Inlet has been ongoing since the 1950s; Currently, all oil and natural gas production in the Cook Inlet is from state offshore acreage.
- On June 21, BOEM plans to hold Lease Sale 244 in Cook Inlet, AK; this will be the last lease sale of the past 5-year plan (2012-2017).
- The lease sale will offer for lease 224 blocks, consisting of approximately 1.09 million acres.
- Though turnouts for lease sales in the Cook Inlet historically have been lower than other areas on the OCS, the Bureau believes that there is potential to receive bids for this sale due to recent discoveries in adjacent state offshore acreage.

¹ <http://www.cnbc.com/2016/08/09/it-is-critical-for-the-us-to-invest-in-the-arctic-commentary.html>



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DATE: May 30, 2017 **TIME:** 10:30am - 11:30am AKDT
FROM: Aaron Thiele
SUBJECT: Tour of OAS Facility and Meeting with Alaska Cooperative Planning Group

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This is a meeting with all the Alaska Regional Directors to serve as an introduction as well as have them provide the Secretary with an update on the issues that their agencies are currently working on.

Additionally, when you arrive at the facility you will receive a short tour of the Office of Aviation Services by OAS Regional Director Kevin Fox. You will get a chance to tour the facilities and meet with the mechanics that maintain the OAS aircraft. Following the ACPG meeting you will have a lunch with the ACPG and employees of OAS, courtesy of Kevin Fox who will be grilling burgers.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Joe Darnell - Regional Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor
Greg Siekaniec - Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Joel Hard - Acting Regional Director, National Park Service
Kevin Fox - Regional Director, Office of Aviation Services
Philip Johnson - Regional Environmental Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
Bud Cribley - State Director, Bureau of Land Management
Jim Kendall - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Mark Fesmire - Alaska Regional Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
Kathy Cline - Actional Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Aimee Devaris - Regional Director, U.S. Geological Survey

Briefing Statement

Bureau: National Park Service
Issue: ANILCA Local Hire Authority (P.L. 96-487, Section 1308)
Park Site: Alaska Region
Date: May 22, 2017

Background:

- The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (P.L. 96-487, Section 1308) created the local hire authority. The language provides for a program under which “any individual who, by reason of having lived or worked in or near a conservation system unit, has special knowledge or expertise concerning the natural or cultural resources of such unit, and the management thereof... shall be considered for selection for any position within such unit without regard to (1) any provision of the civil service laws or regulations thereunder which require minimum periods of formal training or experience; (2) any such provision which provides an employment preference to any other class of applicant in such selection, and (3) any numerical limitation on personnel otherwise applicable.”
- Congress intended local hire to be a route to federal employment in the parks, refuges, forests and public lands for local Alaska residents who have unique local knowledge and expertise, but might not otherwise meet civil service requirements.
- Alaskans, including the state’s congressional delegation, have long considered the ANILCA local hire provisions critical to ensure that the protection of over 100 million acres of land in conservation units does not preclude job opportunities for local residents. Alaska Native groups strongly support these provisions.
- Among the advantages to agencies of hiring local is that individuals have a greater understanding of the conditions and environment where they will be living and working (remote, isolated, extreme weather conditions); housing does not need to be constructed and maintained; and employees have stronger connections to local communities, landscapes, and traditional uses of the public lands.
- The NPS is the largest user of this authority. Most years, about 150 summer seasonal employees are hired using Section 1308 in Alaska parks. This was about 32% of the seasonal workforce. Also, in 20009, 85 permanent employees in Alaska parks (about 17% of the permanent workforce) were converted from local hire positions to competitive status when the law was changed to allow that to occur. Additional conversions now occur, though in smaller numbers

Current Status

- NPS-Alaska continues to value local hire authority, and remains the largest user of it among DOI bureaus in the state. The authority is not available in Anchorage or Fairbanks, the two largest cities in which NPS operates.

Contact: Acting Regional Director Joel Hard, joel_hard@nps.gov, (907) 644-3512.

Bureau: National Park Service
Issue: Potential Revisiting of NPS-Alaska Subsistence Regulations
Member: Alaska Delegation
Park: NPS-Alaska Region

Key Points:

- On January 12, 2017, National Park Service (NPS) published final regulations which allowed federal subsistence users in Alaska to collect and use non-edible animal parts and plants for the making and selling of handicrafts. It became effective on March 21, 2017. The rule – developed over 10 years – was supported by local subsistence user groups and allows federally qualified local rural residents to collect and use non-edible animal parts and plant materials for the creation and subsequent disposition (use, barter, or sale) of handicrafts in accordance with the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (P.L. 96-487).
- The regulations also included two restrictions not specifically related to subsistence collections. The rule limited the types of bait that may be used for taking bears under Federal Subsistence Regulations to native fish or wildlife remains that exist from natural mortality or remains not required to be salvaged from a lawful harvest. Bear baiting remains a legal subsistence practice in Alaska NPS units. The rule eliminated human food sources such as dog food, grease, bread, marshmallows, popcorn, etc. to be used as bait in national parks.
- Based on input received during the 90-day public comment period, the proposed rule was modified to allow the superintendent of Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve to issue a permit to allow use of human-produced foods upon a determination that such use is compatible with park purposes and values and the applicant does not have reasonable access to natural materials that could be used as bait. The exception for Wrangell-St. Elias was based on documented history of bear baiting. Other national parks had no documented history of subsistence bear baiting.
- Bear baiting is generally inconsistent with NPS regulations that prohibit feeding wildlife and the NPS legal and policy framework which calls for managing wildlife for natural processes. It also furthers multi-agency efforts in Alaska to avoid habituating wildlife to unnatural food sources, such as human foods.
- The second provision clarified that collecting of live wildlife is not an authorized hunting or trapping practice and therefore not generally allowed under NPS national regulations. This clarification was deemed necessary based on requests from the public to collect falcon chicks in national preserves (where sport hunting and trapping are legal) and the State of Alaska’s authorization of the practice under its hunting regulations.
- While the provisions on bait and collecting live wildlife could have been addressed by the Federal Subsistence Board or the State of Alaska, the NPS implemented its responsibilities under ANILCA and the NPS Organic Act (54 U.S.C. 100101), as an efficiency by including them in the established process for notice and comment rulemaking.

Current Status

- Since the rule went into effect, one falconer has made repeated requests (all honored) for portions of the administrative record related to the clarification of the falcon rule. Based on his questions, members of the Alaska Congressional delegation have also sought clarification of the public process.
- NPS-Alaska has not received any comments regarding the bear baiting restriction since the effective date of the regulation.

Process for Reconsideration

- Once a final rule is effective, there is a substantial process for making changes. A draft timeline of the process is below.
- The critical initial work would be to describe why the existing rule is either unnecessary or how the original administrative process – including justifications – were flawed to the degree requiring a new regulation.
- The capacity to undertake the front-end work on a new regulatory process currently is constrained in the NPS Alaska Region due to a commitment to the DOI Office of the Solicitor to address litigation related to a previous regulation.

Months	Reg Steps	Considerations
	Begin drafting rule, and required rulemaking documents (reg action alert)	Workload: Competing litigation related tasks
0.5	Submit regulatory action alert, initiate consultation with Ahtna and others	Expectations/new process for engaging Ahtna regarding co-management of wildlife
0.5	Compliance (ANILCA sec. 810 analysis required and also assumes Cat X)	Need to evaluate appropriateness of Cat Ex (A.8) exceptions
3	Proposed Rule, Economic Analysis to WASO (assumes not a significant rule)	Need to explain the changed circumstances
0.25	Surnaming, ADVRP, Director, Asst. Sec-FWP, Exec Sec, OMB	
0.25	Publish in Federal Register	
2	60-Day public comment period	Heighten public interest given change in agency position; may result in greater public comments or FOIA requests
3	Draft response to comments & final rule	Time required will depend on rationale provided and number/complexity of comments. Consult with Ahtna and others
2	Surnaming, ADVRP, Director, Asst. Sec-FWP, Exec Sec, OMB	
0.25	Publish in FR	
1	Rule Effective (30 days later)	
12.75	Total months	

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You the best. thanks Kate.

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Subject: Re: Energy briefing Anchorage

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