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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**RIN 1004–AE80**

**Fluid Mineral Leases and Leasing Process**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to revise the BLM’s oil and gas leasing regulations. Among other things, the proposed rule would reflect provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act pertaining to royalty rates, rentals, and minimum bids, and would update the bonding requirements for leasing, development, and production. The proposed rule would also improve the BLM’s leasing process to ensure proper stewardship of public lands and resources and would revise some operating requirements.

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| 2         | 20%                             |
| 3         | 95%                             |
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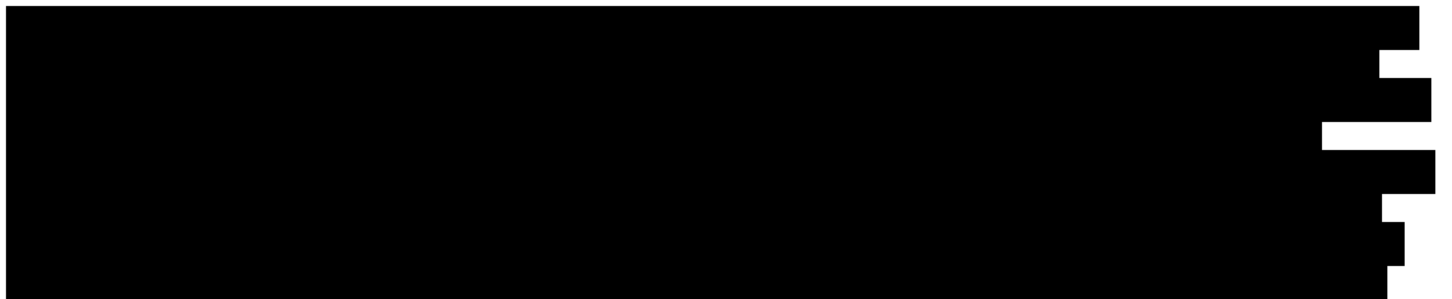
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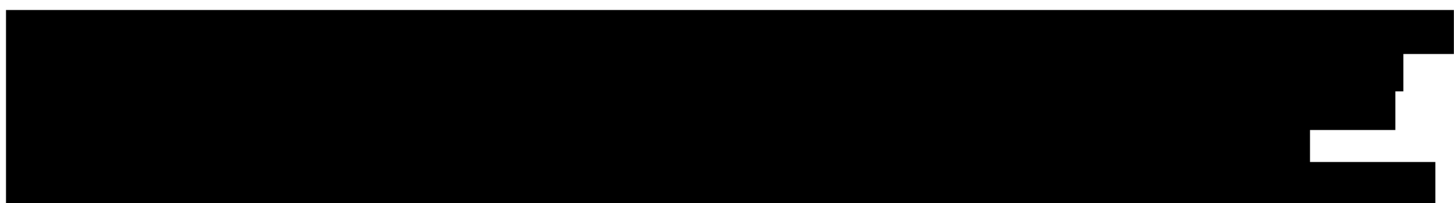
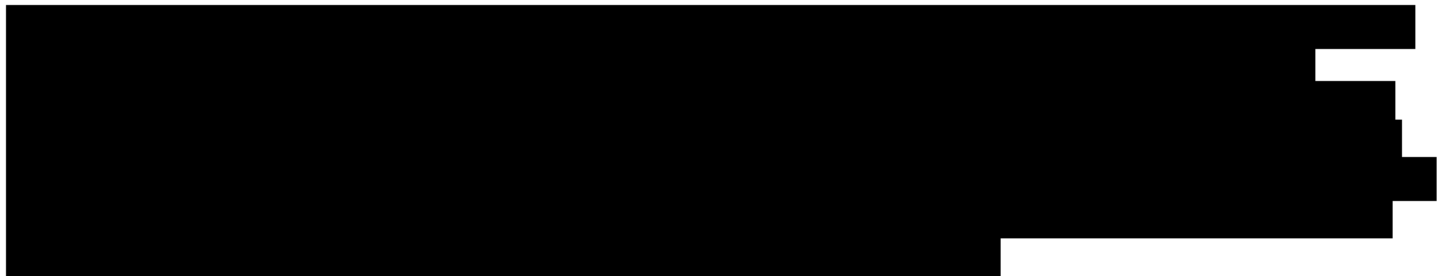
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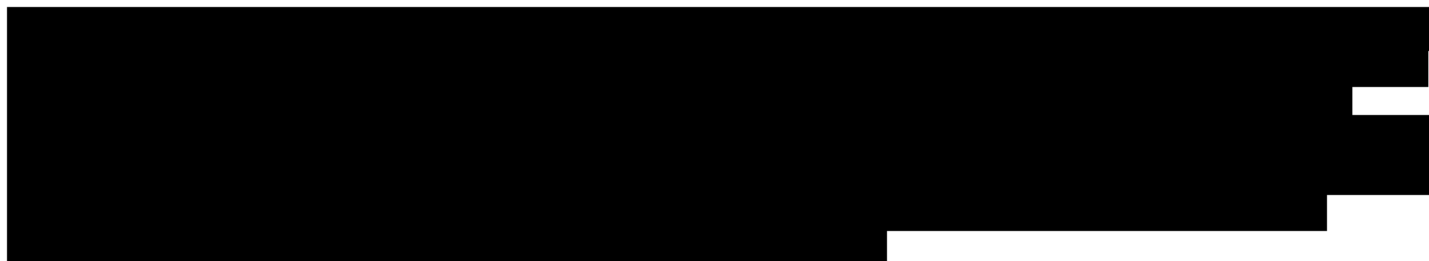
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**Subject:** Time Sensitive 100 Review: Draft Testimony or SFR on Oil and Gas Program

Hi all,

As you are aware, the House Natural Resources Energy and Minerals Subcommittee plans to hold an oversight hearing titled "*Examining the Biden Administration's Mismanagement of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program.*" The BLM was invited to testify.

The testimony or statement for the record, attached and pasted below, was cleared by HQ-300.

After 100 reviews/clears the draft we will send to ASLM and then OCL.

Thank you,

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House Committee on Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources

*“Examining the Biden Administration’s Mismanagement  
of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program”*

September 19, 2023

Chairman Stauber, Ranking Member Ocasio-Cortez, and Members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) oil and gas program.

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**Conclusion**

The BLM appreciates the Subcommittee's interest in the Federal onshore oil and gas program and looks forward to implementing Congress' direction through the BIL, IRA, and our draft updated regulations and bringing the program up to today's standards. The BLM remains committed to ensuring the program serves the best interests of the American people by promoting the highest industry and environmental standards, while securing a fair return for the American taxpayer.

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**Subject:** for review - follow up on consultation inquiries

**Date:** Mon, 08 Jan 2024 20:16:59 +0000

**Attachments:** (b)(5) ACP / DPP

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Hi All – Attached is a document that responds to the inquiries we had about our Tribal consultation process, (b)(5) ACP / DPP

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Thanks again for taking a look.

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Hi Mike,

We have pulled together most of the items you have requested and wanted to get these to you while we finalize the remaining items.

The following are attached and uploaded to the [Teams site](#).

- hearing\_memo\_--\_sub\_on\_emr\_ov\_hrg\_09.19.23
- Testimony Vasquez
- Testimony Harcharek
- Testimony Sgamma
- EOI Calculation Slide from SENR presentation
- 09.19.23 HNR EMR Hearing - Off-Topic TPs
- H.R.-1-SAP

The [Table of Contents](#) for the Teams site has been updated to show these items in green highlighter as well.

We are still working on gathering possible questions from the Members and any responses for the questions, as well as some examples of recently approved mines. We will send those shortly.

Thank you,

Ben Kniola

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**Subject:** RE: Updates to hearing briefing materials including Oral Statement

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Thx Ben...

*Take care and have a wonderful day! : )*

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*A thought to consider based on John Wesley's writing "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, for all the people you can, while you can!"*

*Working together we're stronger - BLM Strong" - and our Core Values are "To serve with honesty, integrity, accountability, respect, courage, and commitment to make a difference."*

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Hi Mike,

We have revised the Oral Statement and uploaded that to the Teams site here: [b. 09.19.23 HNR EMR O&G Hearing Draft Oral Statement \(revised\).docx](#)

We have also added the following document (marked in green highlighter on the [Table of Contents](#) doc):

- The witness list,
- Qs&As (first one is the court case examples you requested yesterday),
- Rock Springs RMP PowerPoint presentation,
- A table pulled from the above presentation showing a comparison of current management vs. preferred alternative, and
- The letter from the Deputy Secretary to AIDEA regarding the ANWR lease cancelations.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any additional resources.

Thank you,  
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Hi Mike,

We wanted to let you know that the testimony is out for DOI circulation and OCL may send to OBM shortly. Also, we have prepared the draft Oral Statement for your review and uploaded to the Teams site here:  [09.19.23 HNR EMR O&G Hearing Draft Oral Statement.docx](#)

We have also added other requested items to the [Teams site](#) and updated the [Table of Contents](#) with green highlight over the new items.

We are still actively working on the Qs & As doc and will try to have those uploaded shortly.

Thank you,  
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Thanks Courtney and Richard - much appreciated!

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Hi Sean; latest version attached.

Thanks! - Richard



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Hi Courtney,

Can you please resend the attachment for the news release?

Thanks,

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Hi Stacie,

The attached and copied press release has cleared through BLM. Please let us know if you have any edits or concerns before we move this to OCO. The proposed release date is TBD, perhaps as early as this Friday. Thank you!

# News Release

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**BLM and FWS release the Draft Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program  
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**Subject:** For Tracy/Nada Review – Draft Feldgus Oral Statement for 11/29 HNR EMR Alaska Hearing

Hi Tracy and Nada,

As discussed on Monday's call we are attaching and pasting below the draft oral statement for Steve Feldgus' 11/29 House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources legislative hearing on H.R. 6285, Alaska's Right to Produce Act.

This version incorporates Henry's review/edits.

We will be delivering a number of prep items including the draft oral statement to Steve by COB Friday.

FYA, I'm also attaching the draft written testimony, which includes Steve's edits and is out for DOI review until Friday at 11 am ET. On Friday we will also send invites for Steve prep sessions on Monday and Tuesday, but we are awaiting confirmation of the time slots from ASLM.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a Happy Thanksgiving,  
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**Oral Statement of  
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**U.S. Department of the Interior  
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Subcommittee on Energy & Mineral Resources**

**Legislative Hearing on**

**H.R. 6285, Alaska's Right to Produce Act**

**November 29, 2023**

**[Introduction]**

Chairman Stauber, Ranking Member Ocasio-Cortez, and Members of the Subcommittee, my name is Steve Feldgus, and I am Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the Department of the Interior. I am here to provide testimony on H.R. 6285, the Alaska's Right to Produce Act, concerning the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today, and I look forward to your questions.



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No edits here. Thanks, Richard!

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Hi Henry/Sara; linked above/copied below has cleared BLM-AK. Please let us know if you have any edits or concerns before move this to ASLM then OCO for review. This is getting close to publication in DTS ([R004406](#)).

Thanks! - Richard

# News Release

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**BLM and FWS release the Draft Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for public comment**

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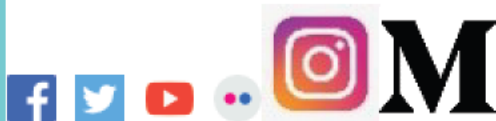
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Thanks all for this work. It looks really good. I just had a few adjustment. I know we're trying to get this to ASLM tomorrow so hopefully Tracy and/or Mike can take a look next.

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Hi all,

As you are aware, the House Natural Resources Energy and Minerals Subcommittee plans to hold an oversight hearing titled "*Examining the Biden Administration's Mismanagement of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program.*" The BLM was invited to testify.

The testimony or statement for the record, attached and pasted below, was cleared by HQ-300.

After 100 reviews/clears the draft we will send to ASLM and then OCL.

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Thank you,  
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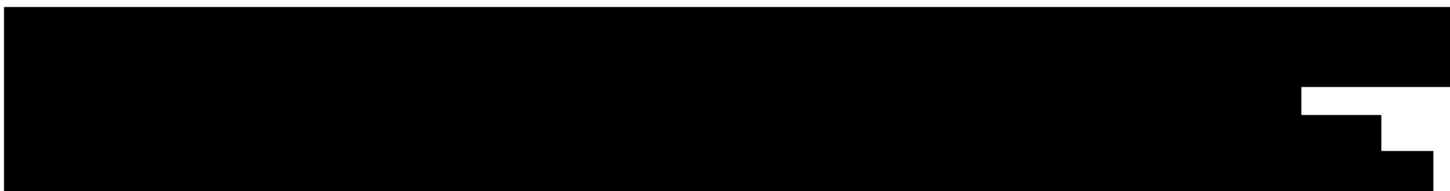
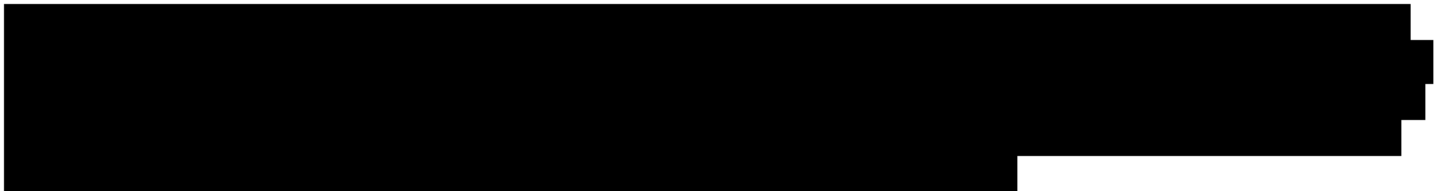
**House Committee on Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources**

***“Examining the Biden Administration’s Mismanagement  
of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program”***

**September 19, 2023**

Chairman Stauber, Ranking Member Ocasio-Cortez, and Members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) oil and gas program.

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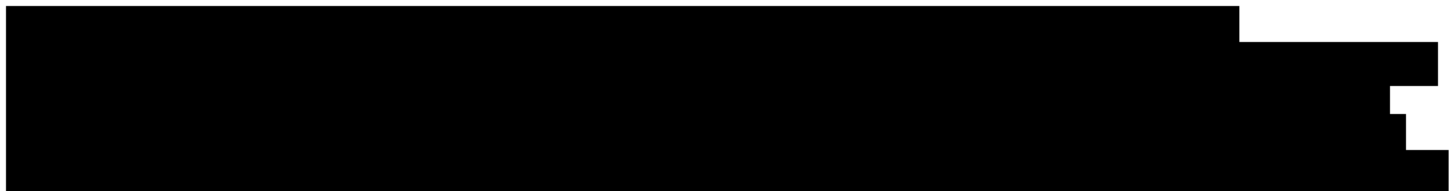
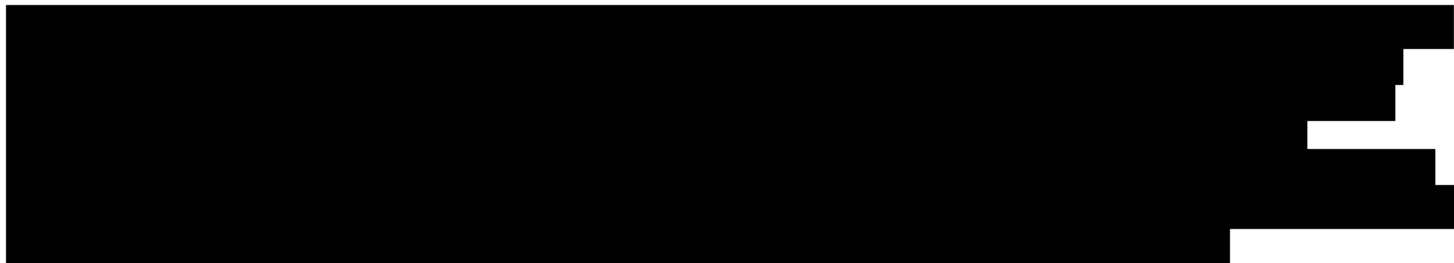
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**Conclusion**

The BLM appreciates the Subcommittee's interest in the Federal onshore oil and gas program and looks forward to implementing Congress' direction through the BIL, IRA, and our draft updated regulations and bringing the program up to today's standards. The BLM remains committed to ensuring the program serves the best interests of the American people by promoting the highest industry and environmental standards, while securing a fair return for the American taxpayer.

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Thanks, Ben, for getting it to us so early. We'll dive in.

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**Subject:** Time Sensitive – For 100 Review: Draft BLM Testimony H.R. 6285, Alaska's Right to Produce Act (HNR EM Hearing 11/29)

Hi all,

As you are aware, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources plans to hold a legislative hearing on H.R. 6285, Alaska's Right to Produce Act (attached).

H.R. 6285 would:

- Require the BLM to withdraw the proposed NPR-A rule, and prohibit substantially similar rules from being proposed by the BLM;
- Prohibit the President or Secretary of the Interior from placing any moratorium or other pause of oil and gas leasing in the Coastal Plain;
- Aim to approve all authorizations, permits, etc., as discussed in the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program that was published August 21, 2020;
- Require the Secretary to reissue the canceled leases in the Arctic Refuge within 30 days of enactment;
- Withdraw the Draft Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Supplemental EIS;
- Declare that no court shall have jurisdiction over the review of past decisions regarding the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program; and
- Nullify Executive Order 13990 and Secretarial Order 3401.

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HQ-620 has prepared the draft statement (also attached and pasted below) with staff level input from BLM-AK. Following HQ-100 review and surname, we will provide the testimony to ASLM and OCL for further clearance.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
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House Committee on Natural Resources  
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources  
  
H.R. 6285, Alaska's Right to Produce Act**

**November 29, 2023**

Chairman Stauber, Ranking Member Ocasio-Cortez, and Members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on H.R. 6285, the Alaska's Right to Produce Act.

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**Conclusion**

The BLM remains committed to ensuring that the Federal oil and gas program serves the best interests of the American people by promoting the highest industry, environmental, and public engagement standards and securing a fair return for the American taxpayer. The BLM is working diligently to move the oil and gas program

in Alaska forward through the Draft SEIS and NPR-A rule. H.R. 6285 reverts the BLM's oil and gas program in Alaska back to standards that have been determined to be inadequate, and therefore, the BLM strongly opposes the bill.



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| BLM0038533 |        | Gordon       | D   | 06/22/2023 | 10/24/2023 | WY-CONT CORRES | Signature          | PENDING UPDATED GHG EA: Stalled lease sale acreage in WY   |
| BLM0038665 | 011953 | Crane        | SD  | 06/27/2023 | 09/19/2023 | SIO-OCL        | Surname            | Tonto National Forest mining cessation -- Resolution Copper EIS  |
| BLM0039556 | 012271 | Herrera      | D   | 08/08/2023 | 12/06/2023 | HQ-100         | Surname            | Mineral Withdrawal for headwaters of New Mexico's Pecos River  |
| BLM0039833 | 012468 | Rosen        | D   | 08/25/2023 | 11/20/2023 | SIO-OCL        | Surname            | Ruby Mountains mineral withdrawal  |
| BLM0039842 | 012476 | Lombardo     | D   | 08/25/2023 | 12/12/2023 | LM-COS         | Surname            | Permitting progress of Goldrush Project  |
| BLM0040029 | 012549 | Cortez Masto | D   | 09/01/2023 | 11/13/2023 | SIO-OCL        | Surname            | Support for a national monument at Bahsahwahbee (Swamp Cedars) in Eastern Nevada                                     |
| BLM0040385 | 012841 | Kelly        | D   | 09/25/2023 | 12/06/2023 | SIO-OCL        | Surname            | Support for BLM Broadband Project permitting in Navajo County Arizona (Middle Mile Broadband Project)                |
| BLM0040491 | 012943 | Levin        | D   | 09/29/2023 | 12/12/2023 | LM-COS         | Surname            | Incoming Response Letter in Support of Onshore Oil & Gas Leasing Rule  |
| BLM0040737 | 013052 | Padilla      | D   | 10/11/2023 | 12/11/2023 | HQ-100         | Surname            | Request to expand the boundary of California's Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument                             |
| BLM0040818 |        | Risch        | D   | 10/17/2023 | 12/12/2023 | SIO-SOL        | Surname            | Interpretation and implementation of the Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act in Idaho                                   |
| BLM0040838 | 013135 | Booker       | D   | 10/18/2023 | 12/12/2023 | LM-COS         | Surname            | Recommendation for National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Member   |
| BLM0040881 | 013163 | Murkowski    | D   | 10/20/2023 | 12/13/2023 | HQ-100         | Surname            | Extending the comment deadline for BLM's rule: Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska |
| BLM0040925 | 013193 | Frost        | D   | 10/24/2023 | 10/27/2023 | AK-912 COMMS   | Appropriate Action | Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program  |
| BLM0040935 |        | Crowder      | D   | 10/25/2023 | 12/11/2023 | BLM-COS        | Surname            | AZ Game and Fish Department comments re: the BLM Sagebrush Collaborative Restoration landscapes                      |
| BLM0040954 | 013199 | Bennet       | D   | 10/26/2023 | 12/12/2023 | LM-COS         | Surname            | Support for BLM's updated federal oil and gas bonding requirements in the Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Rule           |



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| BLM0041098 | 013257 | Murkowski    | D   | 11/02/2023 | 12/11/2023 | HQ-620                    | Surname                 | Comment Deadline Extension for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Program SEIS   |
| BLM0041123 | 013266 | Hughes       | SD  | 11/06/2023 | 12/12/2023 | BLM-D                     | Surname                 | National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska Proposed Rule                           |
| BLM0041146 |        | Westerman    | D   | 11/07/2023 | 11/07/2023 | ES-020 Southern States DO | Prepare Draft           | Ouro Mining, Inc.'s Heavener Coking Coal Project                            |
| BLM0041185 |        | Berst        | SD  | 11/08/2023 | 11/08/2023 | WY-CONT CORRES            | Prepare Direct Response | Partnership between BLM WY and National Historic Trails Interpretive Center |
| BLM0041223 |        | Rosendale    | SD  | 11/13/2023 | 12/06/2023 | HQ-620                    | Surname                 | Rural Broadband Development in Western Montana                              |
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| BLM0041334 | 013372 | Sullivan     | SD  | 11/20/2023 | 11/20/2023 | AK-912 COMMS              | Appropriate Action      | Constituent Concern ((b)(6) PII) - Veterans Native Allotments               |
| BLM0041335 |        | Titus        | D   | 11/20/2023 | 11/28/2023 | HQ-260                    | Surname                 | Roberts Mountain Complex wild horse gather accident                         |
| BLM0041368 | 013395 | Smokey       | D   | 10/10/2023 | 12/08/2023 | CA-SD                     | Surname                 | Request for Information - Disposition of BLM Lands around Washoe Homelands  |
| BLM0041371 | 013396 | Bentz        | SD  | 11/21/2023 | 12/12/2023 | OR-SD                     | Surname                 | Constituent Concern - BLM HR Issue - ((b)(6) PII)                           |
| BLM0041382 | 013373 | Westerman    | D   | 11/20/2023 | 11/22/2023 | ES-CONT CORRES            | Prepare Draft           | Twin Metals Cancellation and TWS Meetings                                   |
| BLM0041383 | 013406 | Gordon       | D   | 11/22/2023 | 11/27/2023 | HQ-220 RANGE DIVISION     | Prepare Draft           | BLM Grazing Regulations - Western Governors Association                     |
| BLM0041461 |        | Fulcher      | SD  | 11/29/2023 | 11/29/2023 | ID-CONT CORRES            | Prepare Draft           | Constituent concern ((b)(6) PII) - Payment for travel vouchers              |
| BLM0041462 |        | Fulcher      | SD  | 11/29/2023 | 11/29/2023 | ID-CONT CORRES            | Prepare Draft           | Constituent concern ((b)(6) PII) - Payment for travel vouchers              |
| BLM0041471 | 013475 | Bennet       | D   | 11/29/2023 | 11/29/2023 | HQ-230                    | Prepare Draft           | Proposed Public Lands Rule improvements                                     |
| BLM0041499 | 013483 | Gianforte    | D   | 12/01/2023 | 12/01/2023 | HQ-220                    | Prepare Draft           | BLM Grazing Regulations - Governors of Western States                       |
| BLM0041524 | 013487 | Curtis       | D   | 12/04/2023 | 12/04/2023 | HQ-330                    | Prepare Draft           | Co-location of renewable and fossil energy production                       |
| BLM0041525 | 013488 | Lankford     | D   | 12/04/2023 | 12/04/2023 | HQ-310                    | Prepare Draft           | DOD Energy Resilience at U.S. Military Installations - Oklahoma Delegation  |
| BLM0041607 | 013520 | Gordon       | D   | 12/07/2023 | 12/08/2023 | HQ-230                    | Prepare Draft           | Greater Sage Grouse Environmental Impact Statement                          |





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#### PENDING SURNAME REQUESTS:

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| BLM0038514 |        | Newland                      | D | 06/22/2023 | 10/18/2023 | HQ-310 FLUIDS DIVISION   | See Comments | ASIA REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE: Energy and Mineral SOP - Separation of Indian and Federal Attachments |
| BLM0041082 |        | Simmons                      | D |            | 12/06/2023 | BLM-D                    | Surname      | PMB SURNAME REQUEST: Office of Hearings and Appeals Proposed Procedural Rule Changes              |
| BLM0041364 |        | ODICR                        | D |            | 11/22/2023 | HQ-130 OCR               | Surname      | PMB SURNAME REQUEST: EO 14091 - 2023 U.S. Department of the Interior Equity Action Plan           |
| BLM0041491 |        | Heads of Bureaus and Offices | D |            | 12/01/2023 | OLES-Directors Office    | Surname      | PMB REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2023 Annual Assurance Statement                                      |
| BLM0041519 | 012986 | Department of the Interior   | D | 09/28/2023 | 12/05/2023 | HQ-700 DAD Human Capital | Surname      | AS-FWP SURNAME REQUEST: Data Call - HBCU Agency Plans (FY 2024)                                   |

This week: 37 total items, 23 of which are 30+ days old; 27 with BLM, 5 with DOI, 5 with ASLM; 26 Congressionals, 16 of which are 30+ days old; 16 with BLM, 5 with DOI, 5 with ASLM; 3 Tribal; 4 Gubernatorial

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Questions for the Record  
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources  
House Committee on Natural Resources  
*"Examining the Biden Administration's Mismanagement of the  
Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program."*  
September 19, 2023

**Questions from Rep. Westerman**

**Question 1.** This Committee has asked for Expression of Interest (EOI) data over the last year, but have gotten nothing back despite a number of requests.

- a.** We would again like to request this data. Please send us the number of EOI's received by the agency for each month over the past two years along with the acreage associated with each EOI.

(b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

**Question 2.** The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act requires a second lease sale in ANWR by 2024.

- a.** Will the Department meet that deadline?

(b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

(b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

**Question 3.** The recent BLM onshore oil and gas regulation proposed new changes to bonding for oil and gas on federal lands.

- a.** What do you do with bond money when you do find responsible party through the record title process?  
**b.** How many wells are plugged and abandoned each year without requiring a call on a bond?  
**c.** Can you explain why the proposed rule didn't offer additional surety options?

(b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

(b)(5) DPP

**Question 4.** During the hearing you said in regard to the cancellation of the ANWR leases and the BLM's proposed NPR-A rule that "ongoing engagement dating back many years and that engagement continued through the Secretaries decisions" and that "throughout the entire process communities were involved."

- a. Could you please list the "engagements" related to these decisions, when they occurred, where they occurred and who attended them?**

(b)(5) DPP

**Question 5.** You said that the BLM has cancelled leases in cases where there was no litigation. Please provide all examples where the BLM has cancelled leases without litigation over the last 10 years including the rationale for cancellation.

(b)(5) DPP

**Question 6.** The Committee has recently been informed that the timeline for approval of communitization agreements (CA's) under the Mineral Leasing Act in the BLM Field Offices has significantly increased.

- a. What is this recent slowdown attributed to?**  
**b. Are you aware that the office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) is requiring 100% allocation payment for producing units that don't have an approved CA?**  
**c. Is this a new change?**  
**d. Do you agree with this change?**

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**Question 7.** We have heard on numerous accounts of a growing Application for Permit to Drill (APD) backlog in the Carlsbad, NM Field Office. No doubt this office is receiving a large number of APD requests, but **what is the BLM doing to get this office more help to address this backlog?**

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**Question 8.** The National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska is 22.8 million acres. The BLM has said that the proposed new rule will have an economic impact of less than \$100 million and is therefore "not significant". For reference and comparison, the Willow project in Alaska will generate \$17 billion in public royalties and taxes, at current prices, from a federal unit that is merely 130,000 acres: In other words, less than one percent of the NPR-A will meet the \$100 million "significance" level 170 times over. Yet BLM's position is that none of the other 99 percent of land in the NPR-A is economically significant.

- a. What analysis was done to conclude this rule making will not reach the level of significant economic impact?
- b. Is this analysis available so the public has transparent access to review it?

(b)(5) DPP

**Question 9.** Does the Department plan to go through the NEPA process for the proposed NPR-A rule?

(b)(5) DPP

**Question 10.** Regarding the timing of the release of this proposed rule, was any consideration given to the fact that the comment period overlaps with the fall whaling season for North Slope communities?

(b)(5) DPP

**Question 11.** Are you aware that the NPR-A already requires over 250 mitigation measures, making it the gold standard for environmentally and socially responsible resource development? These measures are thoroughly described in the NPR-A's Integrated Activity Plan, which was approved by this administration only last year, in 2022. The IAP was charged with providing "maximum protection" to Special Areas, as required by the management plans for those areas. **Did the 2022 IAP Record of Decision fail to meet this requirement?** Why does the administration believe there is a need, only one year later, to deviate from the management plan they just approved and add more restrictions on development?

(b)(5) DPP

**Questions from Rep. Grijalva**

**Question 1.** Multiple studies, including the United States Geological Survey's 2018 report "Federal Lands Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sequestration in the United States: Estimates for 2005-2014" and Ratledge et al.'s 2022 "Emissions from fossil fuels produced on US federal lands and waters present opportunities for climate mitigation" in Climatic Change, have found that fossil fuel extraction on public lands and waters account for approximately one-quarter of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. **What proportion of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions come from oil and gas produced on BLM-managed land?**

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**Question 2.** The Government Accountability Office's (GAO) 2019 report, "Bureau of Land Management Should Address Risks from Insufficient Bonds to Reclaim Wells," identified 2,294 idled wells that had not produced in over ten years and had not been reclaimed and were therefore at higher risk of becoming orphaned. At the time of the report, an idled well was defined as a well that has been nonoperational for at least seven years. This suggests the wells identified by GAO had been idled without being reclaimed for at least three years, raising concerns about compliance with the statutory requirement for timely reclamation. **What is the process BLM undertakes to identify idled wells and enforce reclamation requirements, and how long does it typically take between identifying an idled well and complete reclamation of said well?**

(b)(5) DPP

**Question 3.** The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act lowered the time a well can be considered temporarily abandoned before being designated as idle from seven years to four years if the operator cannot reasonably demonstrate that the well will have future beneficial use. **Under this new definition, how many idled wells are on ELM-managed lands?**

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**Question 4. How will the updated bonding requirements under the proposed rule speed up the reclamation of idled wells?**

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**Question 5. How does BLM monitor shut-in and idled wells to ensure they do not fall into disrepair and create environmental, safety, and public health hazards?**

(b)(5) DPP

**Question 6. At the hearing, a witness claimed that bonding increases could lead to more orphaned wells by driving smaller operators out of business. Does BLM anticipate the updated bonding requirements will increase or decrease the number of orphaned wells on federal land?**

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Hi Sean; latest version attached.

Thanks! - Richard



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**Subject:** Re: For review: BLM and FWS release the Draft Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for public comment

Hi Courtney,

Can you please resend the attachment for the news release?

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Thanks,

-Sean

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**Subject:** For review: BLM and FWS release the Draft Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for public comment

Hi Stacie,

The attached and copied press release has cleared through BLM. Please let us know if you have any edits or concerns before we move this to OCO. The proposed release date is TBD, perhaps as early as this Friday. Thank you!

## News Release

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### BLM and FWS release the Draft Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for public comment

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Native Village of Kaktovik Government to Government Consultation

**Date:** Mon, 06 Mar 2023 21:19:22 +0000

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Steve, here is a draft response for your consideration:

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**From:** Cohn, Steven M <scohn@blm.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, March 3, 2023 5:14 PM

**To:** Sweet, Serena E <ssweet@blm.gov>; Kuhns, Stephanie L <skuhns@blm.gov>; Denos, Sarah K <sdenos@blm.gov>

**Cc:** Pendergast, Kevin J <kpendergast@blm.gov>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Native Village of Kaktovik Government to Government Consultation

Thanks Serena. No need to get this done tonight – we can send a response early next week.

Enjoy the weekend!

Steve

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**From:** Sweet, Serena E <ssweet@blm.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, March 3, 2023 3:54 PM

**To:** Cohn, Steven M <scohn@blm.gov>; Kuhns, Stephanie L <skuhns@blm.gov>; Denos, Sarah K <sdenos@blm.gov>

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Native Village of Kaktovik Government to Government Consultation

Hi Steve,

I will draft up a response and a get it to you later tonight

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**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Native Village of Kaktovik Government to Government Consultation

Could you please help prepare a quick response to Mr. Rexford from me.

Thanks,

Steve

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**From:** Matthew Rexford <[nvkaktovik@gmail.com](mailto:nvkaktovik@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 3, 2023 3:26 PM

**To:** Cohn, Steven M <[scohn@blm.gov](mailto:scohn@blm.gov)>; Boario, Sara D <[sara\\_boario@fws.gov](mailto:sara_boario@fws.gov)>

**Cc:** Teresa Imm <[Teresa-Imm@outlook.com](mailto:Teresa-Imm@outlook.com)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Native Village of Kaktovik Government to Government Consultation

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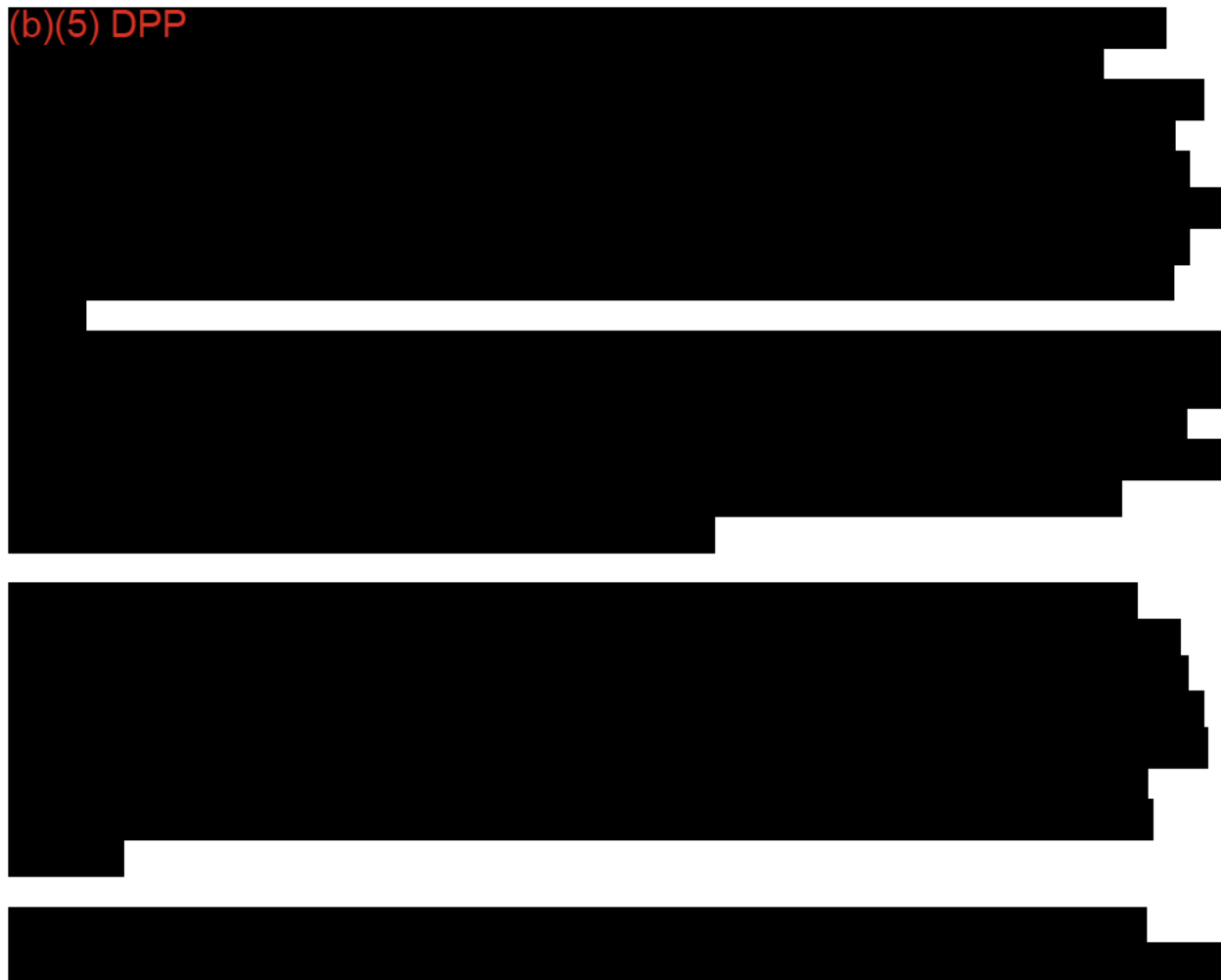
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**To:** "Cohn, Steven M" <scohn@blm.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Native Village of Kaktovik Government to Government Consultation  
**Date:** Mon, 06 Mar 2023 22:33:38 +0000

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yep, just a couple edits:

- **Changing this sentence:** (b)(5) DPP to follow-up with a more in-depth response that addresses the other points raised in your email.

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- And then: "Steve and Sara" as a sign off

Thanks steve! - sb

**From:** Cohn, Steven M <scohn@blm.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 6, 2023 1:10 PM  
**To:** Boario, Sara D <sara\_boario@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Native Village of Kaktovik Government to Government Consultation

Are you comfortable with this response:

Dear Mr Rexford,

Thank you for your email. As you are aware, BLM and FWS are working closely to restructure our process to incorporating indigenous and traditional ecological knowledge into the Coastal Plain Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) development process.

We have taken the feedback provided during our February 13<sup>th</sup> discussions at the meeting in Kaktovik and begun incorporating that into the development of the Supplemental EIS. As was offered, we would be happy to have our BLM and FWS project management team travel to your community when the timing is appropriate to hold face-to-face discussions related to the Preliminary Draft Supplemental EIS and answer questions, if that is the desire of the Tribe. The review window of the Preliminary Draft Supplemental EIS will be scheduled in the coming weeks, and we plan to reach out to you to discuss the preferred method for our specialists to consult with you and other interested Tribal individuals once the review timeframe is established. (b)(5) DPP to follow-up with a more in-depth response that addresses the other points raised in your email.

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**To:** "Landreth, Natalie A" <natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov>

**Subject:** FW: for review RE: notes re: consultation

**Date:** Wed, 20 Dec 2023 22:18:00 +0000

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This is one of the items I wanted to talk about tomorrow if possible. I'm not sure if Aaron reviewed already and got back to you or there is more to do. I know we'll get a follow up inquiry sooner or later from the senator's staff.

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**From:** Culver, Nada L

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2023 1:06 AM

**To:** Moody, Aaron G <Aaron.Moody@sol.doi.gov>; Landreth, Natalie A <natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov>

**Subject:** for review RE: notes re: consultation

Hi Aaron and Natalie – Per back and forth below, I put this into a document that we can provide to the Senator's staff as requested. Please let me know your thoughts on how I've written this up and the ideas for framing it so we can get back with BLM Alaska and Leg Affairs folks around transmitting it.

Thanks so much for your help here.

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**From:** Moody, Aaron G <[Aaron.Moody@sol.doi.gov](mailto:Aaron.Moody@sol.doi.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, December 4, 2023 10:09 PM

**To:** Culver, Nada L <[nculver@blm.gov](mailto:nculver@blm.gov)>; Landreth, Natalie A <[natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov](mailto:natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: notes re: consultation

Yes, that sounds right. And so sorry for the slow response!!

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**From:** Culver, Nada L <[nculver@blm.gov](mailto:nculver@blm.gov)>

**Sent:** Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:17:47 PM

**To:** Landreth, Natalie A <[natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov](mailto:natalie.landreth@sol.doi.gov)>; Moody, Aaron G <[Aaron.Moody@sol.doi.gov](mailto:Aaron.Moody@sol.doi.gov)>

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Thank you. Aaron, with Natalie out, (b)(5) ACP / DPP

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Thanks for talking with me about this while Natalie is out.

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**To:** Culver, Nada L <[nculver@blm.gov](mailto:nculver@blm.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: notes to discuss re: consultation

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Hello Nada – Seth’s thoughts are below and Aaron’s view was that (b)(5) ACP / DPP

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**Subject:** RE: notes to discuss re: consultation

Hi Natalie,

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Just saw Aaron’s note and agree. I’ll just flag that it doesn’t appear that the Draft SEIS public hearing/Section 810 hearing has actually happened in Kaktovik (still TBD on e-planning & Mike isn’t tracking an update). The community

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Best, Seth

Sharing because this relates to ANWR (b)(5) ACP / DPP

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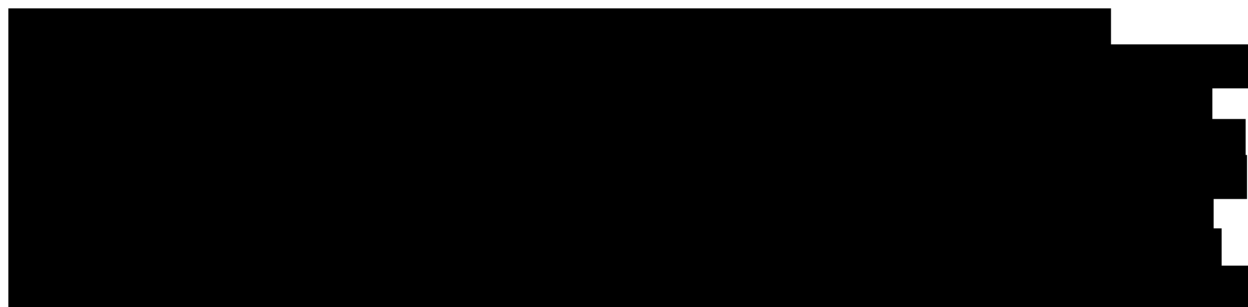
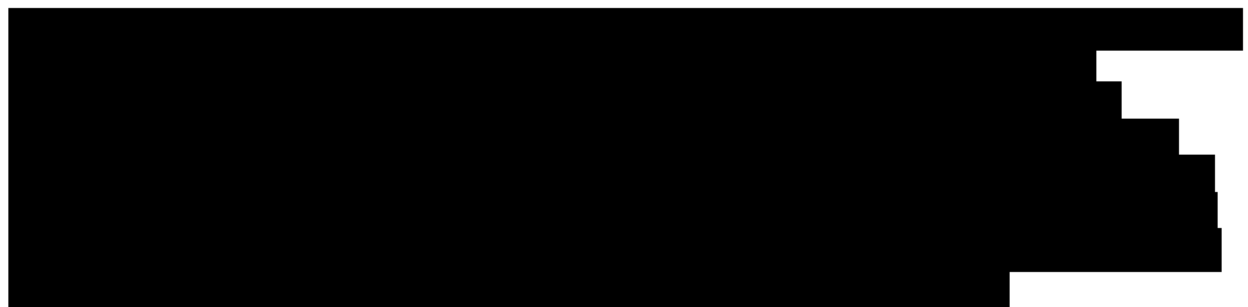
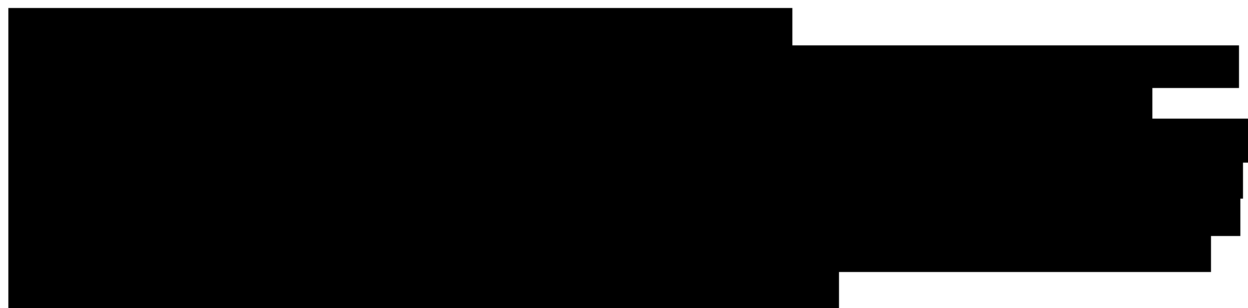
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**Subject:** FW: URGENT Congressional Request: Due COB October 5, 2023  
**Date:** Thu, 05 Oct 2023 13:25:35 +0000

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Spoke with Becky, she is revising the responses to be more concise.

Lonny

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**Cc:** Lindow, Emily R <emily.lindow@boem.gov>; Gruber, Benjamin E <begruber@blm.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT Congressional Request: Due COB October 5, 2023

Good morning Becky, lets discuss this response, I have a couple questions.

Thanks

Lonny

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Emily, Ben and Lonny

HQ-320 has drafted the following response to questions sent from Budget (HQ-700). This response will be a part of the Technical Assistance Request sent to the House Minority staff. Please review and if you concur, please send back to Roberto for coordination with HQ-700. Let me know if you have any questions -- thanks

**What is the timeframe in which BLM completes a validity determination if a claimant makes a mining claim?**

**#1127997.1**

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How are these determinations prioritized?

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Are you aware of any such claims in Railroad Valley?

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*Kindness is more than deeds. It is an Attitude, a Look, a Touch. It is anything that Lifts Another Person! - Plato*

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Hi Becky/Sabry,

Can we help HQ700 Budget with the questions below? thank you,

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Team:

We got a follow up question from Jocelyn for HQ300:

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1. What is the timeframe in which BLM completes a validity determination if a claimant makes a mining claim? How are these determinations prioritized? Are you aware of any such claims in Railroad Valley?

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ADs & DADs,

I have a quick turn-around Technical Assistance Request from the House Minority staff. She needs this information by Friday, October 6, so I need it back by COB tomorrow, October 5, 2023. I have put my best guess for which director/state has the lead on these questions, but please feel free to coordinate with us / each other if my guesses weren't quite correct.

1. Can you please provide information on the Wildcat Load Expansion Project, whether you will conduct an environmental impact statement that considers the risks to the Colorado River rather than an environmental assessment, and the timeline you are working on for this expansion. (HQ300/HQ200/CO/UT)
2. Does BLM use M-44 devices on public lands and if so, what is the justification for their use considering that NPS, FWS and BOR do not use them? Why does BLM consider this humane? (HQ200)
3. Are there any monuments to the Founding Fathers on BLM lands? (HQ400)
4. Can you send me background on BLMs proposed rule to enhance protections in NPR-A for sensitive areas as well as cancellation of the seven lease in ANWR? (HQ300/HQ200/AK) (NOTE: Previously cleared communications materials on this topic can be shared to answer this question if appropriate. HQ600 copied.)

Please let me or Monique McDonald know if you have any questions about this or want to schedule a conversation. Sorry for the short turn around on this! Let us know if we can help.

\*NOTE: I am working half days this week and am unavailable before 10 a.m. or after 3 p.m. Eastern time. You can coordinate with Monique if I am not available.

Sincerely,

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FYI only, no action required.

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*(Updates in Red)*

**HEARINGS/MARKUPS**

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- Nov. 29: The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources plans to hold a legislative hearing on the following bill of interest to the BLM. Witness TBD.
  - H.R. 6285, Alaska's right to Produce Act
- Nov. 30: The House Oversight and Accountability Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs plans to hold a hearing an oversight hearing on critical minerals and the Interagency Working Group Report on Mining Reform. Witness TBD.
- Nov. 30: The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands plans to hold a hearing on the following omnibus recreation bill. NPS Witness TBD.
  - H.R. XXXX, EXPLORE Act.
- Postponed – Date TBD: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee had planned to hold a markup on 24 bills, including the following of interest to the BLM:
  - S. 594, Continental Divide Trail Completion Act;
  - S. 636, Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act;
  - S. 1348, Wyoming Public Lands Initiative Act;
  - S. 1634, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act;
  - S. 1776, PUBLIC Lands Act;
  - S. 1889, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act;
  - S. 1890, Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act;
  - S. 2581, Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act;
  - S. 2615, Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act;
  - S. 3033, Pecos Watershed Protection Act; and
  - S. 3036, Mountain View Corridor Completion Act. \_
- Postponed – Date TBD: The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations had planned to hold an oversight hearing titled “*Reporting for Duty: Examining the Impacts of the Department of Interior’s Remote and Telework Policies.*” Witness: Mark Green, DOI Chief Human Capital Officer
- TBD: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining plans to hold a hearing on mining legislation. Bills and DOI Witness TBD.

## NEW ITEMS

- Nov. 9: HNR majority staff requested information about the costs of administering the Mining Law Program (completed Nov. 15).
- Nov. 13: Senate Indian Affairs Committee minority staff and Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) staff requested a call to discuss S. 2615, Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act (completed Nov. 15).
- Nov. 15: Rep. Obernolte (R-CA-23) staff requested an update on the proposed sale of several BLM parcels to BNSF Railway.
- Nov. 15: Rep. Thompson (D-CA-04) staff requested technical assistance on a proposal to name part of the Headwaters Forest Reserve in California after Senator Feinstein.
- Nov. 16: Sen. Stabenow (D-MI) staff requested additional information about a federal mineral rights issue underlying a constituent's private land.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS / VISITS / BRIEFINGS

- Nov. 20: NIFC will brief staff of Sen. Wyden (D-OR) on the intersection of satellite data and federal wildfire prediction and management/response. Participants TBD.

- Dec. 8: Rep. Biggs (R-AZ-05) will tour the proposed Goldfield Recreation Area near Apache Junction, AZ. BLM Phoenix District participants TBD.
- TBD: BLM will participate in a second briefing with Senate Interior Appropriations majority staff at their request concerning various background information requests in advance of conference action on the FY 24 Interior Appropriations bill. Deputy Director Nedd and HQ 700 will participate.

## CORRESPONDENCE

| EST / DCN   | Date       | From           | Subject  | Status  |
|-------------|------------|----------------|--|---------|
| BLM0038294  | 06/09/2023 | Daines         | BLM mandated lease sales in Montana  | OCL     |
| BLM0038665  | 06/27/2023 | Crane          | Resolution Copper EIS  | OCL     |
| BLM0039833  | 08/25/2023 | Rosen          | Ruby Mountains mineral withdrawal  | FWS     |
| BLM0039842  | 08/25/2023 | Lombardo (Gov) | Permitting progress of Goldrush project  | OIEA    |
| BLM0039978  | 08/29/2023 | Feinstein      | Cadiz Real Estate application for ROW reassignment                                     | OCL     |
| BLM0040029  | 09/01/2023 | Cortez Masto   | Support for National Monument at Swamp Cedars  | OCL     |
| BLM0040079  | 09/06/2023 | Daines         | American Prairie Reserve   | MTSO    |
| BLM0040385  | 09/26/2023 | Kelly          | Support for BLM broadband project permitting in Navajo County, AZ                      | HQ-100  |
| BLM0040410  | 09/26/2023 | Daines         | PENDING BLM0038294 – Follow-up letter on BLM mandated lease sales in MT                | HQ-600  |
| BLM0040491  | 09/29/2023 | Levin          | Support of onshore oil and gas leasing rule  | OCL     |
| BLM0040692  | 10/10/2023 | Newhouse       | Rescind request for Colorado River Valley Field Office and Grand Junction Field Office | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040737  | 10/11/2023 | Padilla        | Expand boundary of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument                           | CASO    |
| BLM0040805  | 10/16/2023 | Hageman        | Withdraw Rock Springs RMP  | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040813  | 10/16/2023 | Barrasso       | Concerns re: Rock Springs Draft RMP  | BLM-COS |
| BLM0040818  | 10/17/2023 | Risch          | Interpretation and implementation of Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act in ID            | HQ-350  |
| BLM0040838  | 10/18/2023 | Booker         | Recommendation for National Wild Horse & Burrow Advisory Board                         | HQ-100  |
| BLM0040881  | 10/20/2023 | Murkowski      | Extending comment deadline for NPR-A rule  | BLM-D   |
| BLM00400954 | 10/26/2023 | Bennet         | Support for updated bonding requirements in onshore oil                                | BLM-COS |



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|            |            |              | and gas rule  |         |
| BLM0040988 | 10/30/2023 | Amodei       | Public land withdrawal in Railroad Valley, NV                         | BLM-COS |
| BLM0041098 | 11/02/2023 | Murkowski    | Comment deadline extension for Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Program SEIS | AKSO    |
| BLM0041146 | 11/07/2023 | Westerman    | Heavener Coking Coal Project  | ESSO    |
| BLM0041223 | 11/13/2023 | Rosendale    | Rural broadband development in western Montana                        | MTSO    |
| BLM0041224 | 11/13/2023 | Bentz        | Constituent concern – costs incurred during fire assignments          | UTSO    |
| BLM0041225 | 11/13/2023 | Cortez Masto | PENDING BLM0039833: Oil and gas withdrawal – Ruby Mountains, NV       | HQ-600  |

## ONGOING ITEMS PENDING WITH BLM

- Jan. 4/June 6/Sept. 20: HNR majority staff requested follow-up information regarding BLM’s draft Greenhouse Gas Environmental Assessment and the related court cases.
- March 14/June 6/Sept. 21: HNR majority staff requested the number of Expressions of Interest received over the last 12 months.
- Sept. 7: Sen. Heinrich (D-NM) staff requested follow up information regarding an oil and gas lease cancellation in Utah and questions regarding BLM permitting staffing needs.
- Sept. 11: HNR majority staff requested information regarding BLM’s wind energy program.
- Sept. 21: SENR majority staff requested an update on the status of the WildEarth Guardians litigation GHG EA and if any decisions have been issued based on the EA.
- Sept. 26: Rep. Curtis (R-UT-03) and Rep. Huffman (D-CA-02) staff requested information on the renewable energy permitting process.
- Sept. 26: Rep. Bentz (R-OR-02) requested information on renewal of grazing permits in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in southern Oregon.
- Sept. 28: HNR Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee majority staff requested information on the amount of trash collected by the BLM at the southern border in FY22 and FY23.
- Sept. 29: Sen. Cramer (R-ND) staff requested information regarding a BLM-New Mexico EA regarding Lesser Prairie Chicken.
- Oct. 10: Rep. DeGette (D-CO-01) staff requested additional assistance to prepare legislative maps for the Colorado Wilderness Act (completed Nov. 15).
- Oct. 12: Rep. Valadao (R-CA-22) staff requested information regarding water management on public lands in Tulare County, CA.
- Oct. 23: Rep. Peltola (D-AK-At large) staff requested information on permitting on Federal Lands.
- Oct. 23: Sen. Bennet (D-CO) staff requested information on conservation and the proposed Public Lands Rule.
- Oct. 25: Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) majority staff requested APD reports since April 2023.
- Oct. 31: SENR majority staff and staff of Sen. Barrasso (R-WY) requested maps depicting designations proposed in S. 1348, Wyoming Public Lands Initiative (ongoing).
- Nov. 1: HNR majority staff requested information regarding the Report to Congress on oil and gas project office funds.

- Nov. 2: Sen. Wyden staff (D-OR) requested updates to maps depicting wilderness designations in S. Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act (**completed Nov. 15**).
- Nov. 6: Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) staff requested information about Alaska Native community involvement/tribal consultation regarding the ANWR lease cancellations, draft SEIS, and proposed NPR-A rule.
- Nov. 7: Sen. Padilla (D-CA) staff requested information and an updated map on the Yuki Wilderness Addition proposed in S. 1776, PUBLIC Lands Act (**completed Nov. 15**).
- Nov. 7: Sen. Rosen (D-NV) staff requested information on the status of the 3 Kids mine conveyance in southern Nevada.
- Nov. 8: Rep. Fulcher (R-ID-01) staff requested a briefing on the Four Rivers RMP decision.

### ***Ongoing CBO/CRS Requests***

- Sept. 25: CBO requested information regarding S. 683, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act (Sen. Padilla, D-CA).
- Oct. 19: CBO requested information on H.R. 188, Proven Forest Management Act of 2023.
- Oct. 27: CBO requested information on S. 1260, the University of Utah Research Park Act (Sen. Lee, R-UT).
- Oct. 27: CRS requested information on the BLM portion of DOI funding for invasive species in the National Invasive Species Council Budget (**completed Nov. 9**).
- Nov. 1: CBO requested information on S. 2216, the Montana Sportsmen Conservation Act.

### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- Nov. 3/June 6: HNR majority staff requested technical assistance on three specific sections in H.R. 9087, the TAP American Energy Act (Rep. Westerman, R-AR-04).
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Feb. 2/April 17/May 24: Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) staff requested technical assistance on draft legislation to transfer a tract of Federal land to the Wrangel Cooperative Association.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- March 15: Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) staff requested technical assistance on legislative language regarding transfer of Tenakee Springs.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- June 7: Sen. Cortez Masto (D-NV) staff requested technical assistance on S. 1281, Mining Regulatory Clarity Act.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- June 9: Rep. Vasquez (D-NM-02) staff requested technical assistance on the draft bill titled “Ranching Without Red Tape.”
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- July 17: Sen. Lujan (D-NM) staff requested technical assistance on the draft bill, the Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act. BIA is leading the response, with OCL coordinating other agency input.

- Status: Pending with OCL.
- July 31: Rep. McCollum (D-MN-4) requested technical assistance on H.R. 5021, Securing American Critical Minerals Act.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Aug. 11: Sen. Bennet (D-CO) staff requested technical assistance on the draft bill, the Bureau of Land Management Flexible Partnerships Act of 2023.
  - Status: Pending with **ASLM**.
- Sept. 5: OCL requested assistance on a Sen. Wyden (D-OR) staff request for technical assistance on the previously introduced S. 4369, the North American Grasslands Conservation Act (117<sup>th</sup> Congress).
  - Status: Pending with OCL.
- Sept. 18: Rep. Simpson (ID-02) staff requested technical assistance on draft legislation to convey public land to Twin Falls County, Idaho, for use as a recreation trail.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Sept. 19: Rep. Matsui (D-CA-7) staff requested technical assistance on draft legislation to convey reversionary of select land near Ridgecrest California.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Oct. 13: Rep. Cartwright (D-PA-8) staff requested DOI/BLM technical assistance on H.R. 2872, Safeguarding America's Future and Environment Act, from the 117th Congress.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD

- March 29: House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on BLM's FY 2024 Budget Request. Witness: BLM Director Stone-Manning.
  - Status: Pending with DOI.
- May 16: HNR EMR/FL hearing on the BLM's FY 2024 Budget Request. Witness: Director Stone-Manning.
  - Status: Pending with OCL. (BLM0038668)
- June 15: HNR hearing on H.R. 3397, *"to require the BLM Director to withdraw a rule of the BLM relating to conservation and landscape health."* Witness: Principal Deputy Director Wolff Culver.
  - Status: Pending with BLM. (BLM0040177)
- June 22: HNR Subcommittee on Federal Lands legislative hearing on various BLM-related bills. Witness: Principal Deputy Director Wolff Culver.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.

- Sept. 19: HNR Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources hearing “*Examining the Biden Administration’s Mismanagement of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program.*” Witness: Deputy Director of Operations Nedd.
  - Status: Pending with BLM. (BLM0040784)
- Sept. 28: SENR hearing “*Examine opportunities to counter the People’s Republic of China’s control of critical mineral supply chains through increased mining and processing in the United States as well as international engagement and trade.*” Witness: Deputy Secretary Beaudreau.
  - Status: Select questions pending with BLM
- Oct. 25: SENR Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests and Mining legislative hearing on various BLM-related bills. Witness: Principal Deputy Director Wolff Culver.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.

## **REPORTS TO CONGRESS (pending review in DTS)**

- Efficiencies with O&C Grant Lands Program for Fiscal Year 2017
  - Status: Pending with HQ-220 (BLM0011656).
- Report to Congress on Online Oil and Gas Leasing - Comprehensive Comparison of Oral vs Online Lease Sales
  - Status: Pending with HQ-100 (BLM0012000).
- Oil and Gas Resource Potential of the Musselshell Breaks and Bridge Coulee Wilderness Study Areas
  - Status: Pending with HQ-100 (BLM0019271).
- Trespassing on Alaska Native Lands
  - Status: Pending with HQ-620 (BLM0021543).
- Annual Helium Report to Congress FY 2020-2022
  - Status: Pending review with BLM-NM (BLM0032063).
- Suitability for Geothermal of Categorical Exclusions Under Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
  - Status: Pending review with BLM-NOC (BLMC000067).
- Annual Renewable Energy Report to Congress FY 2022
  - Status: Pending review with **HQ-620** (BLMC000082).
- Withdrawal Extension Report to Congress
  - Status: Pending review with OCL (BLMC000090).
- SNPLMA FY 2022 Annual Report to Congress

- Status: Pending review with **BLM-NOC** (BLMC000093).

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Hi Steve,  
Sending again to put this email at this top of your inbox.

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Hi Steve,  
We have drafted the attached language which is a more in-depth response to the February 21, 2023 letter from NVK (also attached). The language has been reviewed by Mike G, Bonnie and Kevin so far and we are working on getting the appropriate letterhead.

Our plan is to send this as a joint letter from Bobbie Jo, Stephanie and myself as a follow-up to the email that you sent to NVK on Monday. I wanted to confirm that you are still comfortable with this approach. Let me know if you would like to discuss. Also, do you plan to talk about this with Sara B.?

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Ladies,

FYI. Please see the attached letter and email note below from Native Village of Kaktovik about their concerns, outrage, and frustration, which you heard last Monday, on how the ITEK working group is going and the proposed Workshop and its agenda.

Teresa

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**From:** Matthew Rexford <[nvkaktovik@gmail.com](mailto:nvkaktovik@gmail.com)>

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**Subject:** Fwd: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Supplemental EIS and Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Hi Teresa,

I just sent the email out.

Regards,

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Subject: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Supplemental EIS and Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge

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Dear Mr. Cohn and Ms. Boario,

Following our Cooperative Agency meeting in Kaktovik on February 13, 2023, our council has deliberated and have decided to send to you a letter of our concerns, outrage, and general frustration over your agency's action on what is being referred to as ITEK. We are extremely upset over the function of the ITEK Working Group and the agenda being presented in the ITEK Workshop scheduled to be held in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 22 through March 4. You have offered to come to Kaktovik following the ITEK Workshop to report back to us which we initially agreed to but we now feel that holding the ITEK Workshop is untenable to our community, its tribal members, and our culture. This workshop is a form of cultural appropriation of one culture against our culture and homelands which is being facilitated by both BLM, FWS and NARF.

Our trust relationship with the federal government is tenuous at best and is quickly being eroded by this action. This is moving so fast that we are having a difficult time keeping up which is counterproductive to any sort of relationship building – since our meeting – instead of slowing down the process you have had another ITEK Working Group

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meeting, the meeting minutes were released on Friday, February 21, with a follow-up from NARF requesting that the meeting minutes be amended to stating “that the meeting needs to remain an “official NEPA meeting which is part of the record”” which implies the results of the Workshop become part of the public record. We strenuously oppose this request yet, as I prepare to send this to you, I have received a copy of the amended minutes adding that statement into the G2G record. We are unclear how the Workshop can be added to the NEPA record since it does not appear to be open to the public nor was it officially noticed in the Federal Register as a public workshop. These are our lands; we cannot let this Workshop become part of the public record – you are jeopardizing our identity – this is cultural assassination in a time that the agencies have been working to strengthen their relationships with us and it seems through the ITEK approach you are actively tearing them apart.

We are completely astonished that your agencies seem to think that the ITEK Workshop is something other than patronizing the Kaktovikmiut. The ITEK Workshop Agenda, the Working Group meeting minutes, and the fact that the attendees of the Working Group are mostly comprised of NARF and other special interest groups say it all and we cannot be complicit in allowing this process to continue which is to establish other tribe’s footprint onto our homelands. There is nothing in the Workshop Agenda that even speaks to the purpose of correcting the ‘legal deficiencies’ of the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing EIS. We entered into a government-to-government relationship with you to address those issues and now, instead, we are fighting to retain our cultural identity. The fact that there is an ITEK Workshop scheduled with no thought of how the Kaktovikmiut can attend is more than outrageous – it is completely tone-deaf. The request that what information is received through the ITEK Workshop will become part of the public record is shameful because you are actively working to erase our culture in the process. Once the results of the Workshop are entered into the public record – remember anyone can say anything in this workshop and we believe most comments will be scripted by NARF - you have then, without any verification established other tribe’s making representations about our region just by entering the Workshop into the public record ‘as evidence’. We can’t begin to express our outrage at all of this – either you as supposed ‘unbiased agencies’ are naïve about the narrative that is being constructed by this process or you are in collusion with the special interest groups and are passively allowing this to happen. So far, at every attempt we have made to address these issues your agencies have tried to placate our concerns – this has got to stop.

This email and the attached letter only begin to express the psychological and cultural damage this ITEK Workshop is doing to our tribal members. We feel the only way to begin to repair any trust and relationship with the federal government is to cancel the workshop and regroup.

Thank you for your attention to this most critical matter.

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All,  
Please see below the BLM Weekly Communications Outlook for the Week of November 5-11, 2023.

### **Week of November 5, 2023**

November 6 - Interior Secretary to announce status of multiple renewable energy projects on public lands at the Western Governor's Association meeting (4pm ET). The projects include: Ranegras Plains Solar NOI/Segregation (AZ); BLM announces Oberon Solar Project in Riverside County is fully operational (CA); BLM announces full operation of Arlington Solar Energy Center (NV); BLM seeks comment on proposed Wabuska Geothermal Exploration (NV); BLM seeks public comment for proposed Esmeralda 7 Solar Projects (NV); BLM sets aside lands for proposed solar project in White Pine County (NV) (Pantheon), and BLM-UT: BLM seeks public input on 214-mile transmission line proposal in Utah and Nevada

BLM-AK will host public meetings and subsistence hearings to seek input on the DEIS for the Ambler Road project proposed by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA). The current meeting schedule is:

**Fairbanks;** Nov. 07 | 7:00-9:00 p.m.; **Evansville;** Nov. 08 | 7:00-9:00 p.m.; **Kiana;** Nov. 09 | 7:00-9:00 p.m., and | **Kotzebue** at the Kotzebue Youth Center

### **Press releases**

- Nov 8-BLM welcomes comments on draft plan for big game habitat conservation in Colorado
- Nov 9 (T) - BLM implements new wildlife protections in Mineral and Hell Roaring Canyons
- TBD-BLM rule update would improve emergency response on public lands
- TBD - BLM seeks public feedback on proposed Ranegras Plains Solar Project in Arizona
- TBD - BLM seeks public comment for proposed Esmeralda 7 Solar Projects in Nevada
- TBD-BLM invites public input on 214-mile transmission line proposal in Utah and Nevada
- TBD-[BLM to Use Inflation Reduction Act Investments to Analyze Potential Changes to West-wide Energy Corridors.](#)
- TBD-BLM, FWS begin process to review potential impacts of Northern Corridor highway in Utah,

### **Social media**

Native American Heritage Month

Nov. 8 – National STEM/STEAM Day

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day (Fee-Free Day)

Conservation Lands Foundation digital campaign (continued)

### **Federal Register notices:**

**TBD** *Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS and Notice of Segregation for the Proposed Ranegras Plains, La Paz County, AZ Energy Center*

**TBD**-*Notice of Intent to Amend the Resource Management Plan and Prepare an Associated Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Esmeralda Solar Projects, Esmeralda County, Nevada*

**Monday, November 6**

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Nov 6-8 - BLM-WY State Director will attend a portion of the Western Governors' Association Winter Meeting in Jackson Hole, WY. The Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget are scheduled speakers.

Nov. 6-7. BLM-MT/DK. North Dakota FO and State Office staff will participate with other federal partners at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Indian Energy Service Center (IESC) consultation with Fort Berthold Three Affiliated Tribes in Denver. Low controversy.

BLM AK - NPR-A Rule Public Session held Virtually, 1:00-2:30pm ET., Status: Nada and Steve will lead.

BLM-AK State Director Cohn will brief Senate Committee on Indian Affairs minority staff at their request on Alaska Native community involvement/tribal consultation regarding the ANWR lease cancellations, draft SEIS, and proposed NPR-A rule.

BLM-NM State Office will begin a 30-day public scoping comment period for the 2024 Quarter 3 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale, which will offer four parcels in Oklahoma totaling 6,972 acres.

### **Tuesday, November 7**

Kick off of virtual listening session (internal BLM) - [National Landscape Conservation System \(NLCS\) Strategy: 2010-2015](#). This strategy provided Bureau-wide management direction for the lands that comprise the BLM's NLCS.

BLM-NV. The Clan Alpine Wild Horse gather is scheduled to begin Nov. 7 through Dec. 15. The BLM plans to gather 1,594 wild horses, remove approximately 1,381 excess wild horses, and treat up to 81 mares with a population suppression vaccine GonaCon and release them back to the range along with up to 121 stallions. Once gather operations are completed, approximately 612 wild horses will remain in the HMA and the HMA will be within the AML range

Federal Register publication:

-Establishment of a Recreation Fee Area and Collect Fees on Public Lands Managed by the Owyhee Field Office, Idaho

### **Wednesday, November 8**

BLM-UT. Moab FO will publish an EA analyzing the American Green River Potash Exploration Project for a 30-day public comment period. American Potash, LLC proposes drilling four exploration holes. The proposed drill holes are within a valid existing right in the Red Wash Potash Leasing Area located approximately 21 miles northwest of Moab, Utah. Moderate controversy.

BLM-UT. In accordance with 43 CFR 3511.15(a), the State Office will issue a 20-year readjustment for Federal Gilsonite lease UTU-0122694 for American Gilsonite Company. The regulations require BLM to readjust gilsonite leases every 20 years to allow stipulation changes and planning updates. The company is in compliance with lease terms. Vernal FO determined that no additional stipulations are required. Solicitors' review is complete. Low controversy.

BLM-UT. Moab FO will approve a 24-month extension on the La Sal #2 APD requested by Wesco Operating, Inc. The APD has been the subject of a pending administrative appeal by adjacent landowners since 2020. Wesco Operating, Inc. has voluntarily elected to delay drilling operations pending resolution. The extension request is a variance from Onshore Oil and Gas Order 1 and is in accordance with extenuating circumstances outlined in BLM Instruction Memorandum 2023-011 Approved Application for Permit to Drill Extensions. Pending litigation,

BLM-ID. The Pocatello FO will release an EA for the proposed Burnstone Quarry for a 30-day draft review period. Burns Industries, LLC is requesting to develop the high-calcium limestone quarry with a total surface disturbance of approximately 262 acres, 204 acres of which are located on BLM-managed public lands. The BLM determined that the grade of the limestone proposed to be mined is suitable for chemical and metallurgical purposes, and is also suitable for making cement. It should therefore be processed as locatable under the mining laws. The anticipated life of the quarry is 100 years. Moderate controversy.

**Thursday, November 9**

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee plans to hold a hearing on *“The implementation of Federal coal mine land reclamation and abandoned coal mine land economic revitalization programs.”* Witness Glenda Owens, Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

BLM-CO. Colorado State Office anticipates Federal Register publication of the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS/RMPA for Big Game Habitat Conservation for Oil and Gas Management. Publication of the NOA will begin a 90-day public comment period on the draft RMPA/EIS.

BLM-CO. Colorado State Office anticipates Federal Register publication of the Notice of Availability for the draft EIS/RMPA for Gunnison Sage-Grouse. Publication of the NOA will begin a 90-day public comment period on the draft EIS/RMP

BLM-UT. In accordance with 43 CFR 3510.12, the State Office will issue a notice of lease offering for the proposed phosphate Fringe Acreage Lease (UTU-87283) to JRS Properties LLLP (formerly the JR Simplot Self Declaration Recoverable Trust). The lease application was submitted on March 10, 2009, to the BLM Utah State Office for 1,636.58 acres. The Decision Record and FONSI were signed Jan. 4, 2021, and the Fair Market Value report was signed on Oct. 3, 2023. This property is located in Uintah County between the applicant's private mining lands and additional federal leases. An operating plan and additional NEPA will be required before any surface disturbing activities are conducted per 43 CFR 3590.2(a). Low controversy

BLM-NM. The Carlsbad Field Office will approve an Application for Transportation and Utility Systems on Public Lands from Solaris Water Midstream, to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate water recycle facility and 1,832-foot-long access road. The Keg Shell project would disturb 9.99 acres of Federal surface. The proposed action falls within the proposed Carlsbad Chihuahuan Desert Rivers Area of Critical Environmental Concern. Mitigation measures will be incorporated into the conditions of approval to maintain the relevant and important criterion

Federal Register publication:

- Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for Big Game Habitat Conservation for Oil and Gas Management, Colorado
- Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for the Gunnison Sage-Grouse (*Centrocercus minimus*), Colorado and Utah.

**Friday, November 10**

Federal Holiday

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**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**Congressional & Legislative Affairs**  
**Weekly Report – November 9, 2023**  
*(Updates in Red)*

**HEARINGS/MARKUPS**

- Nov. 14: The House Natural Resources Federal Lands Subcommittee plans to hold a legislative hearing on the following bills. **DOI Witness - Jeff Rupert, Director, Office of Wildland Fire.**
  - H.R. 4235, Wildfire Technology Demonstration, Evaluation, Modernization, and Optimization Act
  - H.R. 4353, Civilian Conservation Center Enhancement Act
  - H.R. 4717, Locally Led Restoration Act
  - H.R. 5582, White Oak Resilience Act
  - H.R. 5665, Promoting Accessibility on Federal Lands Act
  - Discussion draft of H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, Biochar Innovations and Opportunities for Conservation, Health, and Advancements in Research Act.
- Nov. 14: The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy & Mineral Resources plans to hold an oversight hearing titled “*Examining the Biden Administration’s Abandoned Mine Lands and Active Mining Programs.*” OSMRE Deputy Director Owens will testify.
- Nov. 14: The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries plans to hold a legislative hearing on three bills, including the following of interest to the BLM. **No DOI witness; Statement for the Record.**
  - H.R. 6127, Modernizing Access to Our Public Waters Act

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- Nov. 16 (T): The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is planning to hold a markup. Bills TBD.
- Nov. 16: The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations plans to hold an oversight hearing titled “*Reporting for Duty: Examining the Impacts of the Department of Interior’s Remote and Telework Policies.*” DOI Witness TBD.
- Nov. 29: The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources plans to hold a legislative hearing on the following bill of interest to the BLM. DOI Witness TBD.
  - H.R. 6285, Alaska’s right to Produce Act
- Nov./Dec. TBD: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining may hold a hearing on mining legislation. Bills TBD.

## NEW ITEMS

- Nov. 2: Sen. Rosen (D-NV) staff requested information on the appraisal status of the Opportunity Village in southern Nevada (completed Nov. 7).
- Nov. 2: Sen. Wyden staff (D-OR) requested updates to maps depicting wilderness designations in S. Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act.
- Nov. 6: Sen. Cortez Masto (D-NV) staff requested information on the Esmerelda 7 solar project in Nevada (completed Nov 7).
- Nov. 6: Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) staff requested information about Alaska Native community involvement/tribal consultation regarding the ANWR lease cancellations, draft SEIS, and proposed NPR-A rule.
- Nov. 7: Sen Rosen (D-NV) staff requested information on potential tribal conveyances in Northern Nevada (completed Nov 7).
- Nov. 7: Sen. Padilla (D-CA) staff requested information and an updated map on the Yuki Wilderness Addition proposed in S. 1776, PUBLIC Lands Act.
- Nov. 7: Sen. Rosen (D-NV) staff requested information on the status of the 3 Kids mine conveyance in southern Nevada.
- Nov. 8: Rep. Fulcher (R-ID-01) staff requested a briefing on the Four Rivers RMP decision.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS / VISITS / BRIEFINGS

- Week of Nov 13 (TBD): BLM will participate in a second briefing with Senate Interior Appropriations majority staff at their request concerning various background information requests in advance of conference action on the FY 24 Interior Appropriations bill. Deputy Director Nedd and HQ 700 will participate.
- Nov. 13: A Wyoming Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee of the State Legislature invited BLM WY to participate in a meeting on wild horses. BLM WY State Director Andrew Archuleta to participate.
- Dec. 8: Rep. Biggs (R-AZ-05) will tour the proposed Goldfield Recreation Area near Apache Junction, AZ. BLM Phoenix District participants TBD.

## CORRESPONDENCE

| EST / DCN  | Date       | From           | Subject                                 | Status |
|------------|------------|----------------|---|--------|
| BLM0038294 | 06/09/2023 | Daines         | BLM mandated lease sales in Montana     | OCL    |
| BLM0038665 | 06/27/2023 | Crane          | Resolution Copper EIS                   | OCL    |
| BLM0039833 | 08/25/2023 | Rosen          | Ruby Mountains mineral withdrawal       | FWS    |
| BLM0039842 | 08/25/2023 | Lombardo (Gov) | Permitting progress of Goldrush project | BLM-D  |

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|-------------|------------|--------------|--|---------|
| BLM0039978  | 08/29/2023 | Feinstein    | Cadiz Real Estate application for ROW reassignment                                     | OCL     |
| BLM0040006  | 08/31/2023 | Huffman      | M-44 devices on public lands   | HQ-230  |
| BLM0040029  | 09/01/2023 | Cortez Masto | Support for National Monument at Swamp Cedars  | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040079  | 09/06/2023 | Daines       | American Prairie Reserve   | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040385  | 09/26/2023 | Kelly        | Support for BLM broadband project permitting in Navajo County, AZ                      | HQ-100  |
| BLM0040410  | 09/26/2023 | Daines       | PENDING BLM0038294 – Follow-up letter on BLM mandated lease sales in MT                | HQ-600  |
| BLM0040491  | 09/29/2023 | Levin        | Support of onshore oil and gas leasing rule  | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040692  | 10/10/2023 | Newhouse     | Rescind request for Colorado River Valley Field Office and Grand Junction Field Office | BLM-COS |
| BLM0040737  | 10/11/2023 | Padilla      | Expand boundary of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument                           | CASO    |
| BLM0040805  | 10/16/2023 | Hageman      | Withdraw Rock Springs RMP  | HQ-100  |
| BLM0040813  | 10/16/2023 | Barrasso     | Concerns re: Rock Springs Draft RMP  | HQ-620  |
| BLM0040818  | 10/17/2023 | Risch        | Interpretation and implementation of Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act in ID            | HQ-350  |
| BLM0040838  | 10/18/2023 | Booker       | Recommendation for National Wild Horse & Burrow Advisory Board                         | HQ-200  |
| BLM0040881  | 10/20/2023 | Murkowski    | Extending comment deadline for NPR-A rule  | DD-POL  |
| BLM00400954 | 10/26/2023 | Bennet       | Support for updated bonding requirements in onshore oil and gas rule                   | BLM-COS |
| BLM0040988  | 10/30/2023 | Amodei       | Public land withdrawal in Railroad Valley, NV  | NVSO    |
| BLM0041098  | 11/02/2023 | Murkowski    | Comment deadline extension for Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Program SEIS                  | AKSO    |
| BLM0041146  | 11/07/2023 | Westerman    | Heavener Coking Coal Project   | ESSO    |

#### ONGOING ITEMS PENDING WITH BLM

- Jan. 4/June 6/Sept. 20: HNR majority staff requested follow-up information regarding BLM's draft Greenhouse Gas Environmental Assessment and the related court cases.



- March 14/June 6/Sept. 21: HNR majority staff requested the number of Expressions of Interest received over the last 12 months.
- Sept. 7: Sen. Heinrich (D-NM) staff requested follow up information regarding an oil and gas lease cancellation in Utah and questions regarding BLM permitting staffing needs.
- Sept. 11: HNR majority staff requested information regarding BLM's wind energy program.
- Sept. 21: SENR majority staff requested an update on the status of the WildEarth Guardians litigation GHG EA and if any decisions have been issued based on the EA.
- Sept. 26: Rep. Curtis (R-UT-03) and Rep. Huffman (D-CA-02) staff requested information on the renewable energy permitting process.
- Sept. 26: Rep. Bentz (R-OR-02) requested information on renewal of grazing permits in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in southern Oregon.
- Sept. 28: HNR Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee majority staff requested information on the amount of trash collected by the BLM at the southern border in FY22 and FY23.
- Sept. 29: Sen. Cramer (R-ND) staff requested information regarding a BLM-New Mexico EA regarding Lesser Prairie Chicken.
- Oct. 10: Rep. DeGette (D-CO-01) staff requested additional assistance to prepare legislative maps for the Colorado Wilderness Act.
- Oct. 11: Sen. Stabenow (D-MI) staff requested information about a federal mineral rights issue underlying a constituent's private land (**completed Nov. 7**).
- Oct. 12: Rep. Valadao (R-CA-22) staff requested information regarding water management on public lands in Tulare County, CA.
- Oct. 19: Sen. Padilla (D-CA) staff requested a map showing a tribal expansion proposal for the Yocha Dehe Tribe in California (**completed Nov. 7**).
- Oct. 23: Rep. Peltola (D-AK-At large) staff requested information on permitting on Federal Lands.
- Oct. 23: Sen. Bennet (D-CO) staff requested information on conservation and the proposed Public Lands Rule.
- Oct. 23: Sen. Cramer (R-ND) staff requested information on the status of the North Dakota RMP amendment (**completed Oct. 28**).
- Oct. 25: Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) majority staff requested APD reports since April 2023.
- Oct. 31: SENR majority staff requested maps depicting designations proposed in S. 1348, Wyoming Public Lands Initiative.
- Nov. 1: HNR minority staff requested an updated map for the Great Bend of the Gila Conservation Act (**completed Nov. 8**).
- Nov. 1: HNR majority staff requested information regarding the Report to Congress on oil and gas project office funds.

### ***Ongoing CBO/CRS Requests***

- Sept. 25: CBO requested information regarding S. 683, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Expansion Act (Sen. Padilla, D-CA).
- Oct. 19: CBO requested information on H.R. 188, Proven Forest Management Act of 2023.
- Oct. 27: CBO requested information on S. 1260, the University of Utah Research Park Act (Sen. Lee, R-UT).
- Oct. 27: CRS requested information on the BLM portion of DOI funding for invasive species in the National Invasive Species Council Budget.
- Nov. 1: CBO requested information on S. 2216, the Montana Sportsmen Conservation Act.

### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

- Nov. 3/June 6: HNR majority staff requested technical assistance on three specific sections in H.R. 9087, the TAP American Energy Act (Rep. Westerman, R-AR-04).
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Feb. 2/April 17/May 24: Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) staff requested technical assistance on draft legislation to transfer a tract of Federal land to the Wrangel Cooperative Association.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- March 15: Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) staff requested technical assistance on legislative language regarding transfer of Tenakee Springs.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- June 7: Sen. Cortez Masto (D-NV) staff requested technical assistance on S. 1281, Mining Regulatory Clarity Act.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- June 9: Rep. Vasquez (D-NM-02) staff requested technical assistance on the draft bill titled “Ranching Without Red Tape.”
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- July 17: Sen. Lujan (D-NM) staff requested technical assistance on the draft bill, the Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act. BIA is leading the response, with OCL coordinating other agency input.
  - Status: Pending with OCL.
- July 31: Rep. McCollum (D-MN-4) requested technical assistance on H.R. 5021, Securing American Critical Minerals Act.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Aug. 11: Sen. Bennet (D-CO) staff requested technical assistance on the draft bill, the Bureau of Land Management Flexible Partnerships Act of 2023.
  - Status: Pending with **ASLM**.
- Sept. 5: OCL requested assistance on a Sen. Wyden (D-OR) staff request for technical assistance on the previously introduced S. 4369, the North American Grasslands Conservation Act (117<sup>th</sup> Congress).
  - Status: Pending with OCL.
- Sept. 18: Rep. Simpson (ID-02) staff requested technical assistance on draft legislation to convey public land to Twin Falls County, Idaho, for use as a recreation trail.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Sept. 19: Rep. Matsui (D-CA-7) staff requested technical assistance on draft legislation to convey reversionary of select land near Ridgecrest California.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Oct. 13: Rep. Cartwright (D-PA-8) staff requested DOI/BLM technical assistance on H.R. 2872, Safeguarding America’s Future and Environment Act, from the 117th Congress.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD

- March 29: House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on BLM’s FY 2024 Budget Request. Witness: BLM Director Stone-Manning.
  - Status: Pending with DOI.
- May 16: HNR EMR/FL hearing on the BLM’s FY 2024 Budget Request. Witness: Director Stone-Manning.
  - Status: Pending with OCL. (BLM0038668)
- June 15: HNR hearing on H.R. 3397, “to require the BLM Director to withdraw a rule of the BLM relating to conservation and landscape health.” Witness: Principal Deputy Director Wolff Culver.
  - Status: Pending with BLM. (BLM0040177)
- June 22: HNR Subcommittee on Federal Lands legislative hearing on various BLM-related bills. Witness: Principal Deputy Director Wolff Culver.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Sept. 19: HNR Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources hearing “Examining the Biden Administration’s Mismanagement of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program.” Witness: Deputy



Director of Operations Nedd.

- Status: Pending with **ASLM**. (BLM0040784)
- Sept. 28: SENR hearing “*Examine opportunities to counter the People’s Republic of China’s control of critical mineral supply chains through increased mining and processing in the United States as well as international engagement and trade.*” Witness: Deputy Secretary Beaudreau.
  - Status: Select questions pending with BLM
- Oct. 25: SENR Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests and Mining legislative hearing on various BLM-related bills. Witness: Principal Deputy Director Wolff Culver.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.

## **REPORTS TO CONGRESS (pending review in DTS)**

- Efficiencies with O&C Grant Lands Program for Fiscal Year 2017
  - Status: Pending with HQ-220 (BLM0011656).
- Report to Congress on Online Oil and Gas Leasing - Comprehensive Comparison of Oral vs Online Lease Sales
  - Status: Pending with HQ-100 (BLM0012000).
- Oil and Gas Resource Potential of the Musselshell Breaks and Bridge Coulee Wilderness Study Areas
  - Status: Pending with HQ-100 (BLM0019271).
- Trespassing on Alaska Native Lands
  - Status: Pending with HQ-620 (BLM0021543).
- Annual Helium Report to Congress FY 2020-2022
  - Status: Pending review with BLM-NM (BLM0032063).
- Suitability for Geothermal of Categorical Exclusions Under Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
  - Status: Pending review with **BLM-NOC** (BLMC000067).
- Annual Renewable Energy Report to Congress FY 2022
  - Status: Pending review with **HQ-330** (BLMC000082).
- Withdrawal Extension Report to Congress
  - Status: Pending review with OCL (BLMC000090).
- SNPLMA FY 2022 Annual Report to Congress
  - Status: Pending review with **HQ-300** (BLMC000093).

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**Subject:** RE: Immediate need for information

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Thanks Bonnie. We also have an excel spreadsheet ArDO and 930 created that has Conoco Phillips' winter program of work and associated BLM authorizations if that is helpful.

Steve

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We'll get you a packet! I've also got a ping into Donna for our annual tribal consultation summaries for the past three years as well.

Travel safe!

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**Subject:** Immediate need for information

Hi Emma,

I'm currently in the Seattle airport heading back to DC, apologies for the lack of detail in this email. ASLM Steve Feldgus will be providing testimony in response to a house bill regarding the Coastal Plain and the NPR-A Rule. He anticipates that there will be questions beyond those two projects and requests background information regarding other projects, including meetings and consultations have occurred (see the wording of his request below). Can you please pull together the latest Briefing Papers and other info? It doesn't have to be polished; I can package up whatever you are able to get to me on Friday and send it along to Steve.

Thank you!  
Stacie

From Steve:

**Also, could I get any potentially helpful background sent to me by anytime Saturday?** I have a lot of plane time on Sunday, so at the very least would like a list of all the public meetings (and consultations) that we've held in Alaska (in-person or virtual) on all topics over the past couple of years. I don't expect HNRC to limit itself to talking about ANWR & NPR-A when there are also Ambler Road, PLO, and Cook Inlet Lease Sale issues (and others) to be discussed.

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Hey folks,

Today, the Bureau of Land Management is concluding a public comment period on a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement covering the Coastal Plain of the Arctic. This is a crucial process that could result in stronger protections for the Arctic Refuge.

It's the latest development in an eventful summer and fall for the Arctic, beginning with the administration's cancellation of all remaining oil and gas leases in the Arctic Refuge. Another process of great importance is also underway -- a public comment period on proposed regulations in the Western Arctic, also known as the National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska. That process could result in stronger protections from exploitation for 21 million acres in a landscape originally designated for its petroleum resources.

You can elevate our statement on social media at the following, and if you'd like to leave your own comment on the NPRA regulations, you can do so [at this link](#):

<https://x.com/WildLegacy/status/1721999272311218529?s=20>  
<https://x.com/IanBrickey/status/1721998829342404816?s=20>

Thanks,

Ian

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
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**Bureau of Land Management Concludes Public Comment Period on Expanding Protections for Arctic Refuge**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** -- Today, the Bureau of Land Management [concludes a public comment period](#) that could see additional protections for the Arctic Refuge.

The comment period focused on a [draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement \(SEIS\)](#) affecting the Coastal Plain of Arctic Alaska, which the Biden Administration proposed in early September. An updated SEIS could bring much-needed protections to the Arctic Refuge, which is on the front line of the climate crisis. The coastal plain of Alaska is the biological heart of the Arctic Refuge, with lands and wildlife essential to sustaining Indigenous communities and cultures. It is one of the world's last intact ecosystems, and continued drilling would damage communities and exacerbate the climate crisis.

The end of the comment period is the latest development in a flurry of administrative action in the Arctic. In September, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland canceled all remaining oil and gas leases in the Arctic Refuge. [An additional comment period on proposed new environmental protections in the Western Arctic](#) is set to conclude on November 17. In all, more than 21 million acres, an area nearly as large as Indiana, could see additional protections for public lands and waters.

***In response, Athan Manuel, director of Sierra Club's Lands Protection Program, released the following statements:***

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"It is clear that oil and gas drilling is not compatible with the long-term survival of the Arctic and the communities and wildlife that rely on it. The Arctic is on the front lines of the climate crisis. Establishing additional protections and ending new oil and gas leasing could make it the front line of climate action. We will continue to urge the Biden Administration to listen to the Gwich'in Nation, take bold action to protect public lands and waters and avert climate catastrophe."

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As you may know, I miss a LOT of emails. Feel free to call or text if it is important.



**Athan Manuel**

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**Attachments:** 2023\_10\_18\_ANWR\_Leases\_Complaint.pdf

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Thanks Erika, got it about an hour ago...was filed in DC...see attached. Will send a more formal note when I can. Seth

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Have we seen a copy of the State's filing yet?

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/alaska-sues-biden-administration-over-canceled-arctic-oil-and-gas-leases/ar-AA1itfx8>

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## BLM News



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### **[Reuters] Alaska Sues Biden Administration Over Canceled Arctic Oil And Gas Leases**

... In The State's North Slope, One Of The Country's Largest Reserves Of Pristine **Federal Land**. The Lawsuit Filed In Federal Court In Washingto ...

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Medium Published Oct 18, 2023 **69,443,872 Reach**

### **[World Ocean Forum] A New AMERICAN CLIMATE CORPS**

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Wildlife Refuge System, The Forest Service, The **Bureau Of Land Management**, And The National Oceanographic And Atmospheric Administration ( ...

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**USA Today** Published Oct 19, 2023 **67,402,235 Reach**

### **Doug Burgum Pitched NH Voters On Energy, Addiction Solutions. Here's How They Would Impact The Nation.**

U.S. Energy Independence, He Contended That The U.S. **Bureau Of Land Management** Should Allow Energy-Related Activities, Such As Rare Earth ...

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**Courthouse News Service** Published Oct 18, 2023 **404,699 Reach**

### **Judge Denies Request To Stop Watershed Restoration Project In Eastern Nevada**

... (CN) — A U.S. Department Of The Interior And **Bureau Of Land Management** Watershed Restoration Project In Far Eastern Nevada Will Move Forward ...

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**The Prescott Daily Courier** Published Oct 18, 2023 **200,123 Reach**

### **Bureau Of Land Management Plans Prescribed Burns In Yavapai County**

The Phoenix District Office Of The **Bureau Of Land Management**, 2020 E. Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85022. (Courtesy) UNLIMITED DIGITAL ACCESS 4 ...

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**The Daily Inter Lake** Published Oct 19, 2023 **195,233 Reach**

### **A Big Stinkin' Ordeal**

... Knew Of Some **Bureau Of Land Management** Land That Included A National Conservation Area For Wildlife. But First I Called The Taos **BLM** Office ...

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**KVAL-TV** Published Oct 18, 2023 **175,004 Reach**

### **Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe And Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Sign Co-Stewardship Agreement**

Earlier This Summer, Chairman Keene Signed Agreements With The **Bureau Of Land Management's** Roseburg And Medford Districts. Signed Agreements ...

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**Bozeman Daily Chronicle** Published Oct 19, 2023 **152,363 Reach**

### **Years Old Hunting Without Permission Case Pursued By Attorney General's Office**

... On **BLM** Land That Was Accessible From Gravelly Lane." Hawkaluk Then Reportedly Talked To A Witness Who Said He Saw Sangray "Leave **BLM** ...

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**SweetwaterNOW** Published Oct 18, 2023 **85,877 Reach**

### **Sheriff's Office Plans To Ignore Some BLM Requests If RMP Is Approved**

John Grossnickle Says The Office Will Be More Selective In Which Calls From **BLM** Officials It Will Respond To If The Agency's Preferred ...

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**Idaho Press** Published Oct 19, 2023 **169,611 Reach**

### **Final Fire Season Update: More Than 86,000 Acres Of Land Burned In Idaho This Year**

Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management Agreement, Which Includes The **Bureau Of Land Management**, National Park Service, Bureau Of Indian ...

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**Bloomberg** Published Oct 19, 2023 **26,013,227 Reach**

### **'It's All-Consuming.' Wildfire Whispering Is Now A Year-Round Job**

... , And 52% Higher Than The Tally 20 Years Ago, According To The **National Interagency Fire Center**. In Three Of The Past 10 Years, More Than 10 ...

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**KJZZ-FM** Published Oct 18, 2023 **151,020 Reach**

### **Bureau Of Land Management, Forest Service To Carry Out Fuel Thinning Projects**

... Buildups, Which Can Lead To Bigger, Hotter Fires. The **Bureau Of Land Management** Will Burn Piles Of Cut Tamarisk On About 40 Acres Northwest ...

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## **Energy & Minerals**



**Yahoo! Finance** Published Oct 19, 2023 **43,445,039 Reach**

### **[CNW Group] Trilogy Metals Provides An Update On The Ambler Access Project**

... Copper-Dominant Polymetallic Deposits. The United States **Bureau Of Land Management** ("BLM") Has Filed The Draft Supplemental Environmental ...

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### **[CNW Group] Arizona Metals Intercepts Gold-Zinc-Rich Sulphide Mineralization At Its Kay Project Western Target**

... In Yavapai County , Which Is Located On A Combination Of Patented And **BLM** Claims Totaling 1,300 Acres That Are Not Subject To Any Royalties.

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### **[Bloomberg] Devon Energy Mulls M&A Options With Marathon, CrownRock**

... (Bloomberg) -- Devon Energy Corp., An Oklahoma City-Based **Oil** And Gas Company, Is Studying Major Acquisition Targets As It Seeks To Gain ...

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**MSN.Com** Published Oct 18, 2023 **129,050,236 Reach**

### **[The Guardian] Escalating Middle East Conflict Could Send Global Inflation Soaring, Says S&P**

... And War In Ukraine.Related: How Will The Israel-Hamas War Affect **Oil** Prices And The Global Economy?Oil Prices Rose On Wednesday, Touching \$ ...

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### **[Barron's] Gold And Oil Prices Retreat As Biden Returns To U.S. From Israel**

Gold And **Oil** Prices Were Falling Early Thursday As Tensions In The Middle East Showed Some Tentative Signs Of Calming.President Joe **Biden** ...

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**Forbes** Published Oct 19, 2023 **69,090,272 Reach**



## **U.S. Eases Oil And Gas Sanctions Against Venezuela After Maduro Regime Agrees To Election Roadmap**

Topline The **Biden** Administration Announced The Easing Of Sanctions Against Venezuela's **Oil** And **Gas** Sector, In A Move That Could Shore Up ...

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**Yahoo! News** Published Oct 18, 2023 **58,017,212 Reach**

## **[The Hill] Biden Administration Announces \$3.5 Billion For Grid Resilience Measures**

Infrastructure Law, Will Cover 58 Projects Across 44 States, **Biden** Administration Officials Told Reporters On A Call Wednesday. It Marks The ...

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**Reuters** Published Oct 18, 2023 **44,230,271 Reach**

## **Oil Up About 2% On Big US Crude Storage Draw, Middle East Tension**

U.S. President Joe Biden And Egyptian And Palestinian Leaders. **Biden** Arrived In Israel On Wednesday Pledging Solidarity With Israel In Its ...

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## **Wild Horse & Burro**



**KLAS-TV** Published Oct 18, 2023 **2,420,307 Reach**

## **Rancher's Lawsuit Presses For BLM To Start Removing Wild Horses In Central Nevada**

U.S. Secretary Of The Interior Deb Haaland, **BLM** Director **Tracy Stone-Manning**, Nevada **BLM** Director Jon Raby, Battle Mountain District Manager ...

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**KOLO-TV** Published Oct 18, 2023 **403,085 Reach**

## **BLM Offering Public Tours Of Indian Lakes Off-Range Corrals**

... Spirit Of The American West. **The BLM** Is Responsible For Managing And Maintaining Healthy Wild **Horse** And **Burro** Populations On Public Lands ...

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**MyNorth** Published Oct 18, 2023 **59,594 Reach**

## **Healing With Horses At Peace Ranch In Traverse City**

... Than 100 Herd Management Areas, Which Are Maintained By The **Bureau Of Land Management (BLM)** With The Object Of Preserving The Health Of The ...

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**Wyoming Public Radio** Published Oct 18, 2023 **41,331 Reach**

## **Over 6,500 Feral Horses Rounded Up On Wind River Reservation In 2023**

... That Refers To Wild Horses On Lands Other Than Those Managed By The **Bureau Of Land Management** And The U.S. Forest Service. The Roundups Are ...

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## **POLITICO/ E&E News**



**POLITICO** Published Oct 18, 2023 **17,589,974 Reach**

## **The Electric-Vehicle Utopia, Running On Fumes**

... On The Road In Meaningful Numbers. DeepMind's **Climate** Lead Touts The Company's Anti-**Climate**-Change Capabilities. Marc Andreessen Talks About ...

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## **'A Lot Of Anger': U.S. Faces Flak As It Pushes For World Bank To Run Climate Fund**

... Irreversible **Climate** Damage Is Threatening To Rattle U.N. **Climate** Talks That Begin Next Month In Dubai. The Negotiating Team Led By **Climate** ...

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## **Carbon Removal Looks More Promising By The Day. Is Methane Next?**

... , The Primary Targets Of The Paris **Climate** Agreement. Yet Carbon Dioxide Isn't The Only **Climate**-Warming **Gas** That Needs A Sharp Cutback In ...

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## **Dems Mount Effort To Restore Wetland Protections**

... Protected Waters, While Also Codifying **Permitting** Exemptions For Activities Including Agriculture, **Mining** And Construction, Waste Treatment, ...

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## **Mountain Valley Pipeline Delayed: 4 Questions Answered**

Valley Is "A Fracked **Gas** Pipeline Blaming Workers For Why It Hasn't Been Able To Complete The Project During A **Climate** Crisis." Last Week, ...

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## **Speaker Westerman? Natural Resources Chair Floated For Post.**

Stauber, Who Is Chair Of The Natural Resources Subcommittee On **Energy** And **Mineral** Resources, Was Among The Mounting List Of Republicans — ...

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## **Federal Register**



**Federal Register** Published Oct 19, 2023 **1,083,329 Reach**

## **Notice Of Extension Of Segregation Of Public Lands For The Rough Hat Clark County Solar Project, Clark County, NV**

AGENCY: **Bureau Of Land Management, Interior**. ACTION: Notice Of Segregation Extension. SUMMARY: The **Bureau Of Land Management (BLM)** ...

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**Federal Register** Published Oct 19, 2023 **1,083,329 Reach**

## **Notice Of Filing Of Plats Of Survey; Arizona**

AGENCY: **Bureau Of Land Management, Interior**. ACTION: Notice Of Official Filing. SUMMARY: The Plats Of Survey Of

The Following Described ...



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Thanks, Laura!

I will be on travel and can't make this. Martha is out today so not what her schedule is tomorrow and whether she can accommodate this.

Thanks,  
Siva

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**Siva Sundaresan** | Deputy Director | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | Office: 202-208-4331 | Cell: 202-577-1654 |  
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**Subject:** Re: Coastal Plain meeting Monday

Good morning-

I've reset this for tomorrow, Tuesday, at 1 pm. I hope that works for some - all! - of you, but I wanted to get it back on with the coalition given my last minute cancellation of today. It's still set for in person. Please let me know - thanks!  
Laura

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Sounds good! Thanks, Laura!

Siva Sundaresan  
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**Subject:** Coastal Plain meeting Monday

Hi friends,

With apologies for a late Friday message, I need to reschedule our Monday 10 am meeting to discuss the Refuge SEIS. (Siva I think you were already covering for Martha.) We will prioritize getting it back on and thank you for understanding.

Laura

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**September 19, 2023**

# **Rising U.S. Transportation Fuel Prices**

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After coming off their twenty-year (non-inflation-adjusted) peaks in the late summer of 2022, U.S. transportation fuel prices are rising aggressively.

President's Biden Administration helped ease the increase in 2022 through a 600 million barrel drawdown of the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR).

Nevertheless, OPEC+ members have been increasingly curtailing crude oil supplies in order to bolster global oil benchmark prices leading to higher fuel prices.

In addition, the President's administration is attempting to curtail future U.S. oil and gas production through the cancellation of leases on federal lands such as Alaska's ANWR (the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge).

U.S. August inflation as reported Thursday, September 14, 2023 by the

Bureau of Labor Statistics showed transportation fuel price increases as the most prominent factor contributing to August's CPI (Consumer Price Index) rise.

In reaction, the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs of the U.S. House Oversight Committee has [scheduled a hearing for 2pm Tuesday September 19, 2023](#) to examine rising fuel prices and their contribution to inflation.

Relatedly, Larry Goldstein, EPRINC's President Emeritus has published "[The Cluttered Table](#)" on approaches the President's Administrations might take.

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## **Coastal Plain**

### [BLM further delays ANWR lease sale DEIS](#)

Petroleum News 5/11/23

BLM further delays **ANWR** lease sale DEIS ... impact statement for its **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge** coastal plain oil and gas leasing program, ...

## **Willow**

### [Construction on Willow Oil Project in Alaska Underway, an Industrial Info News Alert](#)

Yahoo Finance 5/9/23

... Company added that it started construction on the controversial Willow **oil** project in **Alaska**, some two months after plans were approved.

[Construction on Willow Oil Project in Alaska Underway, an Industrial Info News Alert](#) - Business Wire

### [Willow drilling project in Alaska on thin ice, and other ironies of Biden's most recent broken ...](#)

National Catholic Reporter 5/9/23

Harm looms large for **Alaska** — and the world — with President Joe ... Related: Biden's greenlight for major **Alaska oil** project draws moral rebukes.

## **Of Interest: In & Around Alaska**

### [2 major tribal organizations pull out of Alaska Federation of Natives](#)

Anchorage Daily News 5/8/23

Two large regional tribal organizations in Alaska separately said on Monday that they are pulling out of the Alaska Federation of Natives.

### [Jill Biden will promote federal broadband investments in Bethel visit next week](#)

Anchorage Daily News 5/12/23

The trip will be the first time Biden visits Bethel and will mark the first time any first lady has traveled to the Southwest Alaska hub city, according to her office. Alaska Democratic Rep. Mary Peltola is scheduled to meet the first lady in Bethel, Peltola’s hometown.

### [Alaska Legislature votes to repeal five defunct programs, including one left from the Exxon ...](#)

KINY 5/11/23

An account that accepts donations for the Alaska Historical Society would be dissolved, as would a fund that distributed **Exxon Valdez oil spill** penalties to unincorporated rural communities.

### [Study Finds Oil and Gas Infrastructure Hurting Nesting Birds in Arctic Alaska](#)

**#1128036.1**

A new study that analyzed 17 years of migratory bird-nesting data in Prudhoe Bay, **Alaska**, revealed that nest survival decreased significantly near ...

### [In Rose Garden address, Biden celebrates with Alaskans opposed to Pebble mine](#)

Alaska Public Media 5/11/23

President Joe Biden celebrated his conservation achievements Thursday with a Rose Garden address. The No. 1 item on his list? Blocking the Pebble mine, a proposed open-pit gold and copper mine upstream from the sockeye-rich waters of Bristol Bay.

### [North of 60 Mining regions lose favor](#)

North of 60 Mining News 5/11/23

**Mining** execs rank **Alaska**, Yukon, BC, NWT and Nunavut high on mineral potential; policy issues weigh on Fraser **mining** survey scores. With the.

### [Governor Dunleavy proclaims May 10th: Alaska Mining Day](#)

KINY 5/10/23

Juneau, **Alaska** (KINY) - Governor Mike Dunleavy released a proclamation designating May 10th as **Alaska Mining Day**.

## **National**

### [14000 inactive oil and gas wells in US remain unplugged, posing risks for leaks, researchers say](#)

ABC News 5/8/23

It could cost up to \$30 billion to plug all of the currently unused wells.

### [Experts propose a new strategy for managing wild horses](#)

Earth.com 5/6/23

The **Bureau of Land Management** (BLM) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) were tasked with managing these animals, using techniques like ...

### [Forest Service announces new deputy supervisor for Arapaho and Roosevelt forests](#)

Sky-Hi News 5/6/23

Sieg has prior experience working on public lands in Colorado. He previously worked in fire and fuels management for the **Bureau of Land Management** in ...

### [Steve Leonard selected as new Kremmling Field Manager](#)

Bureau of Land Management 5/11/23

The Colorado **Bureau of Land Management** (BLM) Northwest District Office welcomes Steve Leonard as the new Field Manager for the Kremmling Field ...

## **Courts**

### [Justices to consider case involving fishing boat monitor pay](#)

Associated Press 5/1/23

Justices announced Monday that they will take the case, which stems from a lawsuit by a group of fishermen who want to stop the federal government from making them pay for the workers. The workers are tasked with collecting data on board fishing vessels to help inform rules and regulations.

## **Internal**

### [BLM Alaska Legislative Affairs Report, May 8-12](#)

OC SharePoint

[Summary of legislative activities relating to BLM Alaska]

## **Smile**

**Gardening Tip:** When you plant a puppy, make sure you choose a container that can comfortably accommodate the **full-grown dog**.



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Just got that direction back from ASLM today. They will need to make a decision at the Department on what/how to share. Can talk more at your convenience.

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k thx. ocl (morgan) sent to us but i'll follow up w/ him

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**Subject:** RE: SENR Maj Q ---- Fw: [EXTERNAL] RE: Biden-Harris Administration Takes Major Steps to Protect Arctic Lands and Wildlife in Alaska

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Hello – Please forward this request on to OCL to handle – per ASLM this morning. As noted, we have not posted anything publicly at this point and that's been a topic of discussion with them.

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hi nada,  
flagging the request below (in yellow) from peter/senr maj. to see if you have thoughts on response. (we checked w/ ak on this too)  
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Hey Patrick, do you know the answer to this question? Anything we have here that we can share

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Checking in on the cancellation "mechanism" and any decision documents? I expect I may get asked this again today/tomorrow...

Thanks,  
Peter

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I should've asked this prior - is there an SO or some other written order/decision document that cancels the ANWR leases? Can we please get a copy?

Thanks,  
Peter

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## Biden-Harris Administration Takes Major Steps to Protect Arctic Lands and Wildlife in Alaska

*Department of the Interior cancels oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; proposes new protections in National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska*

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**WASHINGTON** — The Biden-Harris administration today announced significant steps to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge) and more than 13 million acres in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A). These bold actions to protect the Arctic region build on President Biden's [historic conservation and climate agenda](#), which already includes protecting more than 21 million acres of public lands and waters across the nation, and securing the Inflation Reduction Act, the largest investment in climate action in history.

In the Arctic Refuge, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland has authorized the cancellation of the remaining seven oil and gas leases issued by the previous administration in the Coastal Plain. The leases were suspended in June 2021 following the issuance of [Secretary's Order \(S.O.\) 3401](#), which identified "multiple legal deficiencies in the underlying record supporting the leases."

In addition, the Department today [proposed new regulations](#) for the NPR-A that would ensure maximum protection for the more than 13 million acres of Special Areas in the reserve, while supporting subsistence activities for Alaska Native communities. The proposed rule, [previewed in March 2023](#), adds to President Biden's actions to protect millions of acres of lands and waters in the Arctic, including withdrawing approximately 2.8 million acres of the Beaufort Sea, ensuring the entire United States Arctic Ocean is off limits to new oil and gas leasing.

"With climate change warming the Arctic more than twice as fast as the rest of the planet, we must do everything within our control to meet the highest standards of care to protect this fragile ecosystem," said **Secretary Haaland**. "President Biden is delivering on the most ambitious climate and conservation agenda in history. The steps we are taking today further that commitment, based on the best available science and in recognition of the Indigenous Knowledge of the original stewards of this area, to safeguard our public lands for future generations."

### **Lease Cancellations in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**

Following passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (Tax Act), the previous Administration held an oil and gas lease sale in the Arctic Refuge's Coastal Plain on January 6, 2021, and issued 10-year leases on nine tracts covering more than 430,000 acres. On January 21, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order 13990, directing the Department to review oil and gas leasing in the Refuge, "[i]n light of the alleged legal deficiencies underlying the program." S.O. 3401 directed a new, comprehensive analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the Coastal Plain Leasing Program. Since that time, two of the issued leases have been canceled and refunded at the request of the lessees. The remaining seven leases held by the sole lessee covered 365,000 acres in the Coastal Plain.

The Secretary of the Interior has the authority to cancel or suspend oil and gas leases issued in violation of a statute or regulation. The draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) released today by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) developed information supporting the Department's determination that the 2021 lease sale was seriously flawed and based on a number of fundamental legal deficiencies, including: insufficient analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act, including failure to adequately analyze a reasonable range of alternatives and properly quantify downstream greenhouse gas emissions; and failure to properly interpret the Tax Act. Accordingly, Secretary Haaland has determined that the leases issued by the previous administration in the Arctic Refuge shall be cancelled.

### **Protections in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska**

Extending from the northwest slope of the Brooks Range to the Arctic Coast, the NPR-A encompasses roughly 23 million acres of public land managed by the BLM. Tribal Nations have occupied lands now within the NPR-A since time immemorial, and over 40 Indigenous communities continue to rely on subsistence activities in the reserve, harvesting caribou, shore and waterbirds, and many other fish and wildlife species, with many communities subsisting primarily from food harvested from the NPR-A.



Under the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act (NPRPA) of 1976, Congress directed the BLM to balance oil and gas development with the management and protection of sensitive landscapes – known as Special Areas – and surface resources across the reserve. The proposed rule is designed to assure maximum protection of Special Areas, as authorized under the NPRPA. The proposed rule would require that protections for Special Areas remain in place for as long as the values and characteristics in those areas are present, ensuring the durability of the protections into the future. The proposed rule also would require the BLM to review and gather public input – at least every five years – on whether existing special areas should be expanded, whether new special areas should be designated, and whether additional resources within special areas should be identified for protection. Upon finalization of the proposed rule, the Administration will follow this proposed process to inform the creation or expansion of additional special areas in the NPR-A.

The proposed rule would protect 13 million acres encompassed by the existing Special Areas by limiting future oil and gas leasing and industrial development in the Teshekpuk Lake, Utukok Uplands, Colville River, Kasegaluk Lagoon, and Peard Bay Special Areas – places collectively known for their globally significant intact habitat for wildlife, including grizzly and polar bears, caribou and hundreds of thousands of migratory birds. The rule would establish an outright prohibition on any new leasing in 10.6 million acres, more than 40 percent of the NPR-A.

The proposed rule would raise the bar for development throughout the NPR-A by establishing clear guidelines that are consistent with provisions of the current management plan for the reserve, the [NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan](#) (IAP). This current management plan for the reserve was put in place in 2022, and effectively reversed the previous administration's IAP that sought to expand oil and gas leasing and development in the NPR-A and reduce protections for the Special Areas.

The proposed rulemaking would help protect subsistence uses throughout the NPR-A, responding to Alaska Native communities who have relied on the land, water and wildlife to support their way of life for thousands of years. It also advances the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to strengthening the role of Tribal governments in the management of public lands by encouraging the BLM to explore co-stewardship opportunities with Tribes for the Special Areas.

### **Seeking Public Comment**

There will be a 45-day public review and comment period on the draft SEIS for the Coastal Plain. In developing the draft, the BLM and FWS engaged with a wide variety of stakeholders and used the best available data and science, including Indigenous Knowledge. For additional information, go to [BLM's eplanning page](#).

The proposed [NPR-A rule](#) and [map of the five NPR-A Special Areas](#) as delineated in the 2022 IAP, are available for preview. A forthcoming publication of the proposed rule in the Federal Register will open a 60-day public comment period. During that time, the BLM will host in-person meetings in communities on the North Slope, as well as virtual public meetings to discuss the proposed rule. Details of those opportunities will be made available soon.

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**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
**Congressional & Legislative Affairs**  
**Weekly Report – November 2, 2023**  
*(Updates in Red)*

**HEARINGS/MARKUPS**

- **Nov. 9:** The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee plans to hold a hearing on “*The implementation of Federal coal mine land reclamation and abandoned coal mine land economic revitalization programs.*” Witness Glenda Owens, Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.
- **Nov. 14:** The House Natural Resources Federal Lands Subcommittee plans to hold a legislative hearing on the following bills. DOI witness TBD
  - o H.R. 4235, Wildfire Technology Demonstration, Evaluation, Modernization, and Optimization Act
  - o H.R. 4353, Civilian Conservation Center Enhancement Act
  - o H.R. 4717, Locally Led Restoration Act
  - o H.R. 5582, White Oak Resilience Act
  - o H.R. 5665, Promoting Accessibility on Federal Lands Act
  - o Discussion draft of H.R. \_\_\_\_\_, Biochar Innovations and Opportunities for Conservation, Health, and Advancements in Research Act.

- Nov. 14: The House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries plans to hold a legislative hearing on three bills, including the following of interest to various land managing agencies, including BLM:
  - H.R. 6127, Modernizing Access to Our Public Waters Act
- Nov. 16 (T): The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is planning to hold a markup. Bills TBD.
- Nov. TBD: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining may hold a hearing on mining legislation. Bills TBD.

## NEW ITEMS

- Oct. 27: CBO requested information on S. 1260, the University of Utah Research Park Act (Sen. Lee, R-UT).
- Oct. 27: CRS requested information on the BLM portion of DOI funding for invasive species in the National Invasive Species Council Budget.
- Oct. 31: SENR majority staff requested maps depicting designations proposed in S. 1348, Wyoming Public Lands Initiative.
- Nov. 1: HNR minority staff requested an updated map for the Great Bend of the Gila Conservation Act.
- Nov. 1: CBO requested information regarding IWG report recommendations on the BLM's mining program (completed Nov 1).
- Nov. 1: HNR majority staff requested information regarding the Report to Congress on oil and gas project office funds.
- Nov. 1: CBO requested information on S. 2216, the Montana Sportsmen Conservation Act.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS / VISITS / BRIEFINGS

- Nov. 3: BLM Director Stone-Manning will do a call with Rep. Amodei (R-NV) at his request regarding the NASA withdrawal in Nevada.
- Nov. 6: BLM-AK State Director Cohn plans to brief Senate Committee on Indian Affairs minority staff at their request on Alaska Native community involvement/tribal consultation regarding the ANWR lease cancellations, draft SEIS, and proposed NPR-A rule.
- Week of Nov 6 (TBD): BLM will participate in a second briefing with Senate Interior Appropriations majority staff at their request concerning various background information requests in advance of conference action on the FY 24 Interior Appropriations bill. Deputy Director Nedd and HQ 700 will participate.
- Nov. 13: A Wyoming Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee of the State Legislature invited BLM WY to participate in a meeting on wild horses.
- Dec. 8: Rep. Biggs (R-AZ-05) will tour the proposed Goldfield Recreation Area near Apache Junction, AZ. BLM Phoenix District participants TBD.

## CORRESPONDENCE

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| BLM0039166 | 07/21/2023 | Williams | Domestic mineral production to support semiconductor | WGS-D-CA |

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| BLM0040029 | 09/01/2023 | Cortez Masto   | Support for National Monument at Swamp Cedars  | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040079 | 09/06/2023 | Daines         | American Prairie Reserve   | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040099 | 09/07/2023 | Bennet         | Wildcat Loadout expansion project  | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040385 | 09/26/2023 | Kelly          | Support for BLM broadband project permitting in Navajo County, AZ                      | HQ-350  |
| BLM0040410 | 09/26/2023 | Daines         | PENDING BLM0038294 Follow-up letter on BLM mandated lease sales in MT                  | HQ-600  |
| BLM0040483 | 09/28/2023 | Lee            | Canyon Fuel Company's Category 3 Royalty Rate Reduction application                    | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040491 | 09/29/2023 | Levin          | Support of onshore oil and gas leasing rule  | BLM-D   |
| BLM0040669 | 10/10/2023 | Braun          | Agency compliance with CASES Act   | HQ-500  |
| BLM0040692 | 10/10/2023 | Newhouse       | Rescind request for Colorado River Valley Field Office and Grand Junction Field Office | BLM-COS |
| BLM0040737 | 10/11/2023 | Padilla        | Expand boundary of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument                           | CASO    |
| BLM0040805 | 10/16/2023 | Hageman        | Withdraw Rock Springs RMP  | HQ-620  |
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- Oct. 17: EPW majority staff requested technical assistance on draft legislation amending CERCLA for contaminated lands in Alaska.
  - Status: **Call held Oct. 27 and comments delivered by OCL Nov. 2.**

## QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD

- March 29: House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on BLM’s FY 2024 Budget Request. Witness: BLM Director Stone-Manning.
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- May 16: HNR EMR/FL hearing on the BLM's FY 2024 Budget Request. Witness: Director Stone-Manning.
  - Status: Pending with OCL. (BLM0038668)
- June 15: HNR hearing on H.R. 3397, *"to require the BLM Director to withdraw a rule of the BLM relating to conservation and landscape health."* Witness: Principal Deputy Director Wolff Culver.
  - Status: Pending with BLM. (BLM0040177)
- June 22: HNR Subcommittee on Federal Lands legislative hearing on various BLM-related bills. Witness: Principal Deputy Director Wolff Culver.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- July 12: SENR Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests and Mining legislative hearing on various BLM-related bills. Witness: Tom Heinlein, Assistant Director of National Conservation Lands and Community Partnerships.
  - Status: **Delivered by OCL Oct. 27**. (BLM0039581)
- Sept. 19: HNR Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources hearing *"Examining the Biden Administration's Mismanagement of the Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Program."* Witness: Deputy Director of Operations Nedd.
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- Sept. 28: SENR hearing *"Examine opportunities to counter the People's Republic of China's control of critical mineral supply chains through increased mining and processing in the United States as well as international engagement and trade."* Witness: Deputy Secretary Beaudreau.
  - Status: Pending with BLM
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  - **Status: Pending with BLM.**

## REPORTS TO CONGRESS (pending review in DTS)

- Efficiencies with O&C Grant Lands Program for Fiscal Year 2017
  - Status: Pending with HQ-220 (BLM0011656).
- Report to Congress on Online Oil and Gas Leasing - Comprehensive Comparison of Oral vs Online Lease Sales
  - Status: Pending with HQ-100 (BLM0012000).
- Oil and Gas Resource Potential of the Musselshell Breaks and Bridge Coulee Wilderness Study Areas
  - Status: Pending with HQ-100 (BLM0019271).
- Trespassing on Alaska Native Lands
  - Status: Pending with HQ-620 (BLM0021543).
- Annual Helium Report to Congress FY 2020-2022
  - Status: Pending review with BLM-NM (BLM0032063).
- Suitability for Geothermal of Categorical Exclusions Under Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
  - Status: Pending review with **HQ-330** (BLMC000067).
- Annual Renewable Energy Report to Congress FY 2022
  - Status: Pending review with ASLM (BLMC000082).
- Withdrawal Extension Report to Congress
  - Status: Pending review with OCL (BLMC000090).
- SNPLMA FY 2022 Annual Report to Congress
  - Status: Pending review with SOL (BLMC000093).



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**HEARINGS/MARKUPS**

- Dec. 14: The SENR Committee held a markup on 24 bills, and favorably reported the following bills of interest to the BLM:
  - S. 594, Continental Divide Trail Completion Act;
  - S. 636, Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act;
  - S. 1348, Wyoming Public Lands Initiative Act;
  - S. 1634, Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act;
  - S. 1776, PUBLIC Lands Act;
  - S. 1889, Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act;
  - S. 1890, Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act;
  - S. 2581, Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act;
  - S. 2615, Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act;
  - S. 3033, Pecos Watershed Protection Act; and
  - S. 3036, Mountain View Corridor Completion Act.
- TBD: The House Natural Resources Committee plans to mark up H.R. 6492, Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences (EXPLORE) Act (Omnibus Recreation Legislation)

**NEW ITEMS**

- Dec. 7: Sen. Heinrich (D-NM) staff requested information on the priority access list required by the Dingell Act (completed Dec. 8).
- Dec. 12: Rep. Thompson (D-CA-04) staff requested an update on agreements with utility companies to service utility poles and lines on public lands in California.
- Dec. 12: Rep. Brownley (D-CA-26) staff requested an update on the proposed sale of several BLM parcels to BNSF Railway (completed Dec. 12).
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- Dec. 13: Rep. Titus (D-NV-01) staff requested information regarding the West Henderson Fire Station Notice of Realty Action.
- Dec. 14: Sen. Warner (D-VA) staff requested information regarding the Federal Helium System and the upcoming sale process.
- Dec. 14: Rep. Titus (D-NV-01) staff requested information regarding the effect of the West-Wide Energy Corridor on the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument.
- Dec. 14: Sen. Wyden (D-OR) staff requested a joint briefing with Sen. Barrasso (R-WY) staff in January on outcome based grazing and grazing flexibility.
- Dec. 14: SENR majority staff requested information regarding coal leasing.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS / VISITS / BRIEFINGS**

- Dec. 19: Principal Deputy Director Nada Wolff Culver will meet with Sen. Hickenlooper (D-CO) staff at their request to discuss the proposed Public Lands Rule.

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| BLM0041098 | 11/02/2023 | Murkowski      | Comment deadline extension for Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Program SEIS       | HQ-620 |
| BLM0041146 | 11/07/2023 | Westerman      | Heavener Coking Coal Project  | ESSO   |
| BLM0041223 | 11/13/2023 | Rosendale      | Rural broadband development in western Montana                              | HQ-620 |
| BLM0041225 | 11/13/2023 | Cortez Masto   | PENDING BLM0039833: Oil and gas withdrawal Ruby Mountains, NV               | HQ-600 |
| BLM0041382 | 11/20/2023 | Westerman      | Twin Metals Cancellation and The Wilderness Society Meetings                | ESSO   |
| BLM0041461 | 11/29/2023 | Fulcher        | Constituent concern – payment for travel vouchers                           | IDSO   |
| BLM0041462 | 11/29/2023 | Fulcher        | Constituent concern – payment for travel vouchers                           | IDSO   |
| BLM0041471 | 11/29/2023 | Bennet         | Proposed Public Lands Rule improvements                                     | HQ-230 |

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| BLM0041524 | 12/04/2023 | Curtis    | Co-location of renewable and fossil energy production | HQ-330 |
| BLM0041525 | 12/04/2023 | Lankford  | DoD energy resilience at U.S. Military installations  | HQ-310 |
| BLM0041610 | 12/08/2023 | Murkowski | PENDING BLM0040881:<br>Proposed BLM Rule - NPRA       | HQ-600 |

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**HEARINGS/MARKUPS**

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- **Jan. TBD:** The House Natural Resources Committee tentatively plans to conduct a legislative hearing on the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA). Witness: TBD
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**NEW ITEMS**

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS / VISITS / BRIEFINGS

### CORRESPONDENCE

| EST / DCN  | Date       | From         | Subject   | Status |
|------------|------------|--------------|---|--------|
| BLM0038665 | 06/27/2023 | Crane        | Resolution Copper EIS   | OCL    |
| BLM0039833 | 08/25/2023 | Rosen        | Ruby Mountains mineral withdrawal   | OCL    |
| BLM0040029 | 09/01/2023 | Cortez Masto | Support for National Monument at Swamp Cedars                               | OCL    |
| BLM0040385 | 09/26/2023 | Kelly        | Support for BLM broadband project permitting in Navajo County, AZ           | OCL    |
| BLM0040737 | 10/11/2023 | Padilla      | Expand boundary of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument                | BLM-D  |
| BLM0040818 | 10/17/2023 | Risch        | Interpretation and implementation of Aquifer Recharge Flexibility Act in ID | SOL    |
| BLM0040881 | 10/20/2023 | Murkowski    | Extending comment deadline for NPR-A rule                                   | BLM-D  |
| BLM0041098 | 11/02/2023 | Murkowski    | Comment deadline extension for Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Program SEIS       | BLM-D  |
| BLM0041146 | 11/07/2023 | Westerman    | Heavener Coking Coal Project  | ESSO   |
| BLM0041223 | 11/13/2023 | Rosendale    | Rural broadband development in western Montana                              | MTSO   |
| BLM0041225 | 11/13/2023 | Cortez Masto | PENDING BLM0039833: Oil and gas withdrawal – Ruby Mountains, NV             | HQ-600 |
| BLM0041334 | 11/20/2023 | Sullivan     | Constituent concern Veterans Native allotments                              | AKSO   |
| BLM0041335 | 11/20/2023 | Titus        | Roberts Mountain Complex wild horse gather incident                         | HQ-100 |
| BLM0041371 | 11/20/2023 | Bentz        | Constituent Concern - BLM HR Issue - Allen Kai-Uwe                          | OCL    |
| BLM0041382 | 11/20/2023 | Westerman    | Twin Metals Cancellation and The Wilderness Society Meetings                | ESSO   |
| BLM0041461 | 11/29/2023 | Fulcher      | Constituent concern payment for travel vouchers                             | IDSO   |
| BLM0041462 | 11/29/2023 | Fulcher      | Constituent concern – payment for travel vouchers                           | IDSO   |
| BLM0041471 | 11/29/2023 | Bennet       | Proposed Public Lands Rule improvements                                     | HQ-200 |
| BLM0041524 | 12/04/2023 | Curtis       | Co-location of renewable and fossil energy production                       | HQ-310 |
| BLM0041525 | 12/04/2023 | Lankford     | DoD energy resilience at U.S. Military installations                        | SOL    |
| BLM0041610 | 12/08/2023 | Murkowski    | PENDING BLM0040881: Proposed BLM Rule -                                     | HQ-600 |

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|            |            |           | NPRA   |      |
| BLM0041791 | 12/22/2023 | Neguse    | Concerns re: disposal process for the Federal Helium Reserve | NMSO |
| BLM0041794 | 12/22/2023 | Murkowski | Amber Access Project SEIS                                    | AKSO |

## ONGOING ITEMS PENDING WITH BLM

- Jan. 4/June 6/Sept. 20: HNR majority staff requested follow-up information regarding BLM's draft Greenhouse Gas Environmental Assessment and the related court cases.
- March 14/June 6/Sept. 21: HNR majority staff requested the number of Expressions of Interest received over the last 12 months.
- Sep. 7: Sen. Heinrich (D-NM) staff requested follow up information regarding an oil and gas lease cancellation in Utah and questions regarding BLM permitting staffing needs.
- Sept. 21/Dec. 15: SENR majority staff requested an update on the status of the WildEarth Guardians litigation GHG EA and if any decisions have been issued based on the EA.
- Nov. 1: HNR majority staff requested information regarding the Report to Congress on oil and gas project office funds.
- Nov. 28: Sen. Collins (R-ME) staff requested information on the status of the Native Plant Species Pilot Program included in the FY23 Omnibus Appropriations Act.
- Nov. 29: Rep. Schrier (D-WA-08) staff requested information related to the National Prescribed Fire Act.
- Nov. 30: Sen. Cortez-Masto (D-NV) staff requested responses to recommendations from the Findings & Recommendations of the Not Invisible Act Commission, which is a cross jurisdictional commission formed to address the issue of missing and murdered indigenous people.
- Dec. 12: Rep. Thompson (D-CA-04) staff requested an update on agreements with utility companies to service utility poles and lines on public lands in California.
- Dec. 13: HNR majority staff requested updated information on the amount of trash collected by the BLM at the southern border.
- Dec. 13: HNR EMR majority staff information regarding co-location of energy sources on public lands.
- Dec. 13: Sen. Rosen (D-NV) staff requested information on gaming prohibitions on lands taken into trust for the benefit of a Tribe.
- Dec. 14: Sen. Warner (D-VA) staff requested information regarding the Federal Helium System and the upcoming sale process.
- Dec. 14: Rep. Titus (D-NV-01) staff requested information regarding the effect of the West-Wide Energy Corridor on the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument.
- Dec. 14: Sen. Wyden (D-OR) staff requested a joint briefing with Sen. Barrasso (R-WY) staff in January on outcome based grazing and grazing flexibility.
- Dec. 15: Rep. Curtis (R-UT-03) and Rep. Levin (D-CA-49) staff requested information on the Automated Fluid Minerals Support System Reports (AFMSS) Database.
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- Dec. 19: HNR EMR majority staff requested a breakdown of oil and gas lease sale acreage offered that was nominated through an EOI for all lease sales over the past 2 years.
- Dec. 20: Sen. Daines (R-MT) staff requested additional information regarding the Arnold Coulee Hydropower Project Transmission ROW.
- Dec. 20: Rep. Levin (D-CA-49) staff requested additional information concerning the BLM's announcement of a \$4.9 million investment in wildlife data to inform clean energy growth.

## Ongoing CBO/CRS Requests

- Dec. 18: CBO requested information on H.R. 6011, the Right of Way Application Transparency and Accountability "ROWATA" Act (Rep. Valadao, R-CA-22).
- Dec. 19: CBO requested information on S. 1657, the La Paz County Solar Energy and Job Creation Act (Sen. Sinema, D-AZ).
- Dec. 20: CBO requested information on H.R. 3396, Fire Department Repayment Act (Rep. Harder, D-CA-9) (DOI OWF tentatively coordinating response).

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Nov. 3/June 6: HNR majority staff requested technical assistance on three specific sections in H.R. 9087, the TAP American Energy Act (Rep. Westerman, R-AR-04).
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Feb. 2/April 17/May 24: Sen. Murkowski (R-AK) staff requested technical assistance on draft legislation to transfer a tract of Federal land to the Wrangel Cooperative Association.
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- June 7: Sen. Cortez Masto (D-NV) staff requested technical assistance on S. 1281, Mining Regulatory Clarity Act.
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- July 17: Sen. Lujan (D-NM) staff requested technical assistance on the draft bill, the Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act. BIA is leading the response, with OCL coordinating other agency input.
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- July 31: Rep. McCollum (D-MN-4) requested technical assistance on H.R. 5021, Securing American Critical Minerals Act.
  - Status: Pending with BLM.
- Aug. 11: Sen. Bennet (D-CO) staff requested technical assistance on the draft bill, the Bureau of Land Management Flexible Partnerships Act of 2023.
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- Dec. 5: House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands oversight hearing titled "*Examining Opportunities to Promote and Enhance Tribal Forest Management.*" Witness: BIA Deputy Regional Director Shaw.
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