

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3345 Amendment No. 31 (Amended material bold and italicized)

Subject: Temporary Redelegation of Authority for Certain Vacant Non-Career Senate-Confirmed Positions

Sec. 1 **Purpose**. The purpose of this Order is to temporarily redelegate authority for the following vacant non-career Presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed positions for which there is no Principal Deputy that would automatically become acting by operation of law:

- a. Director, Bureau of Land Management
- b. Special Trustee for American Indians
- c. Director, National Park Service
- d. Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

This Order is intended to ensure uninterrupted management and execution of the duties of these vacant non-career positions during the Presidential transition pending Senate-confirmation of new non-career officials. In conjunction with the officials who will be acting under the Vacancies Reform Act, this Order will provide necessary decision making authority to Presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed positions across the Department of the Interior. The delegations made by this Order will only be in effect until each vacant non-career position is filled by Senate-confirmed appointees, upon the subsequent designation of acting officials, or a subsequent delegation to alternate officials.

- Sec. 2 Authority. This Order is issued under the authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended, and in compliance with the Vacancies Reform Act.
- Sec. 3 **Delegation**. All functions, duties, and responsibilities of the following positions are hereby delegated to the specified employees:
- a. Director, Bureau of Land Management to William Perry Pendley, Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, Bureau of Land Management.
- b. Special Trustee for American Indians to Jerold Gidner, Principal Deputy Special Trustee for American Indians.
- c. Director, National Park Service to David Vela, Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service.
- d. Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to Lanny Erdos, Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

The authority delegated herein may be further delegated by the designee as necessary, consistent with 200 DM 1 and all applicable statutes and regulations.

Sec. 4 **Limitation**. This delegation covers only those functions or duties that are not required by statute or regulation to be performed only by the Senate-confirmed official occupying the position. The Secretary must perform any functions or duties required by statute or regulation to be performed only by the Senate-confirmed official occupying the position. This redelegation does not supersede existing delegations of authority to or from the various vacant non-career positions to subordinate officials.

Sec. 5 Expiration Date. This Order is effective immediately. It will automatically expire for each vacant non-career position when filled by a Senate-confirmed appointee, upon the subsequent designation of acting officials, or a subsequent delegation to alternate officials. In the absence of the foregoing actions, it will terminate on *May 5, 2020*, unless extended, modified, or revoked.

Secretary of the Interior

Date:

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