Anderson, Michael D

From: Cardinale, Richard
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 11:46 AM
To: Anderson, Michael D
Subject: RE: Potash and Cape Wind FOIAs

Ok. Thanks.

From: Anderson, Michael D
Sent: Tuesday, November 13, 2012 11:42 AM
To: Cardinale, Richard
Subject: Potash and Cape Wind FOIAs

Hi, Rich,

I had an error while printing Ned's archived emails the other day. The IT gentleman I was working with who is printing Wilma's stuff has fixed it. He suggested I reprint just the archived items to make sure I got them all. I already shared this with Ned; he'll review the emails before I bring them up to you. Thanks.

Michael

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From: Lassiter, Tracie L
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 5:43 PM
To: Anderson, Michael D
Subject: Potash- Wilma Lewis

Mike,

Can you look for a file with Wilma Lewis' daily calendar it should be in the last of two boxes 5 or 6. I have checked the other files which are listed by alphabetical order. Thanks! much and have a great weekend.

Thanks,

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From: Anderson, Michael D
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 12:15 PM
To: Watkins, Pat (Pat.Watkins@mms.gov); Watkins, Pat
Subject: FOIA on Potash

Disregard, Pat,

I just got a copy from Rich. Thanks.

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From: Anderson, Michael D
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 12:03 PM
To: Watkins, Pat; Watkins, Pat (Pat.Watkins@mms.gov)
Subject: Potash FOIA Cover Sheet

Hi, Pat,

I need the FOIA tasking for this one please. Call me; I'll come down and explain. It's urgent. Thanks.

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To: Lin, Janet H; Cardinale, Richard
Cc: Anderson, Michael D
Subject: Potash briefing

Now scheduled for 10 on Thursday. Can it be rescheduled for 11 (which was my preference anyway)? Thanks, NF

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From: Lassiter, Tracie L
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2012 11:47 AM
To: Luckey, Lauren D
Cc: Anderson, Michael D
Subject: Potash Briefing on Oct 4th 10:00-11:00

We have Potash Pre-Brief scheduled on Oct 2nd from 1-2pm that I confirmed with you and I just received another one for the Oct 4th from 10-11:00am but that doesn't work for ASLM we have an internal meeting at that time.

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To: Lin, Janet H
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From: Anderson, Michael D
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 2:26 PM
To: Luckey, Lauren; Lin, Janet H; Cardinale, Richard
Cc: Barlan, Bryce; Farquhar, Ned
Subject: RE: Potash Briefing

Thanks, Lauren!

From: Luckey, Lauren
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 1:55 PM
To: Lin, Janet H; Cardinale, Richard
Cc: Barlan, Bryce; Anderson, Michael D; Farquhar, Ned
Subject: RE: Potash Briefing

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SMH....lol Everybody's human! lol

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Subject: RE: Potash Briefing

Got it. Already removed them. Thx.

From: Barlan, Bryce
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 1:44 PM
To: Anderson, Michael D
Subject: RE: Potash Briefing

yep

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Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 1:39 PM
To: Barlan, Bryce
Subject: RE: Potash Briefing

Bryce, is this the subject you're talking about on Wed, 3 Oct, 1000: Potash Order Pre-Brief for Dep Secretary?

From: Barlan, Bryce
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2012 1:14 PM
To: Lassiter, Tracie L
Cc: Anderson, Michael D
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Sent: Monday, September 24, 2012 2:37 PM
To: Lassiter, Tracie L
Cc: Burke, Marcilynn; Farquhar, Ned; Anderson, Michael D
Subject: RE: Potash Briefing

Ok. Thanks.

From: Lassiter, Tracie L
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2012 1:57 PM
To: Cardinale, Richard
Cc: Burke, Marcilynn; Farquhar, Ned; Anderson, Michael D
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From: Anderson, Michael D on behalf of Burke, Marcilynn
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2012 10:12 AM
To: Lin, Janet H
Subject: Accepted: Potash Order Briefing - (Bridge Line: (b) (5) passcode# (b) (5)

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Sent: Monday, September 24, 2012 10:12 AM
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Anderson, Michael D

From: Barlan, Bryce
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 3:16 PM
To: Farquhar, Ned
Cc: Cardinale, Richard; Anderson, Michael D
Subject: RE: potash and fracturing meetings

Sounds good.

Bryce Barlan
Office of the Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
US Department of the Interior
Office: 202-208-4114
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From: Farquhar, Ned
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Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Lewis, Wilma

When: Thursday, February 25, 2010 5:00 PM-5:30 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
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Kat, Laura asked if you could do this meeting today, please let me know!

Thanks.

Chanelle

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From: Lewis, Wilma
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Lewis, Wilma; Hayes, David; Davis, Laura; Belin, Letty; Batten, Kit; Rundell, Linda; Herrell, Tony; Abbey, Robert V; Lin, Janet H; Pool, Mike; Leff, Craig; Nedd, Mike; Allard, Phil; Aird, Brenda; Farquhar, Ned
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Your meeting was forwarded

Williams, Chanelle N has forwarded your meeting request to additional recipients.

Meeting
BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas

Meeting Time
Thursday, 25 February 2010 17:00-17:30.

Recipients
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All times listed are in the following time zone: (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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Anderson, Michael D

From: Belin, Letty
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 5:59 PM
To: Belin, Letty; Lewis, Wilma
Cc: Hayes, David; Diehl, Barbara
Subject: RE: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas

Wilma: Unfortunately a California water meeting w/ many members of the California delegation is being scheduled for Thursday at 5:00 so David won't be able to attend this meeting; nor will I. Sorry.
Letty

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From: Watkins, Deborah on behalf of Nedd, Mike
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 3:35 PM
To: Lewis, Wilma
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Anderson, Michael D

From: Phil Allard/WO/BLM/DOI <Phil_Allard@blm.gov>
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From: Rees, Gareth C. on behalf of Farquhar, Ned
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From: Luckey, Lauren on behalf of Lin, Janet H
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To: Lewis, Wilma
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From: Janet H Lin/WO/BLM/DOI <Janet_Lin@blm.gov>
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From: Washington, Claudia on behalf of Abbey, Robert V
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Anderson, Michael D

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Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 8:05 AM
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Anderson, Michael D

From: Washington, Claudia on behalf of Lin, Janet H
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 7:39 AM
To: Lewis, Wilma
Subject: Accepted: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas

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Points of Contact for OIG/GAO Reports:

PFM:
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BLM:
Mike Mottice
Ann Deblasi

BOEM:
Andrea Nygren

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John Keith
Linh Luu

OSM:
Ruth Stokes

Process:

- First step may be an entrance conference. We may or may not get notice from the bureaus of that. ASLM may or may not choose to participate.
- Next we should get notice that a draft report has been issued. These are given to the Department for internal comment and not for public dissemination. The Department will review and provide comments. The Department's response letter will generally be published as part of the final report, but the technical comments we attach to the letter generally will not be published.
- There are differences in how OIG/GAO responses are handled. Check with the Bureaus and PFM with any questions.
- The draft report is where we get to raise points we think ought to be stated in response to the findings in the report. It is advisable to set up a meeting with the responsible bureau as soon as possible after receipt of the draft report to begin coordinating a response.
- For a typical 30 day response period, the bureaus can expect to take 2 weeks, leaving 1 full week for ASLM review and 1 full week for PFM/Department review. Some response periods are only 2 weeks however and some are longer. Timelines will need to be adjusted accordingly.
- The final report is usually easier to respond to because it consists primarily of stating our corrective action plan. Again, there are some differences in how OIG/GAO reports are handled, and you should check with the POC's for specific information.

Anderson, Michael D

From: Washington, Claudia
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 7:39 AM
To: Lewis, Wilma
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From: Diehl, Barbara on behalf of Hayes, David
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 7:38 PM
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From: Luckey, Lauren on behalf of Pool, Mike
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 5:45 PM
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From: Tony Herrell/NMSO/NM/BLM/DOI <Tony_Herrell@blm.gov>
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From: Rees, Gareth C. on behalf of Farquhar, Ned
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Anderson, Michael D

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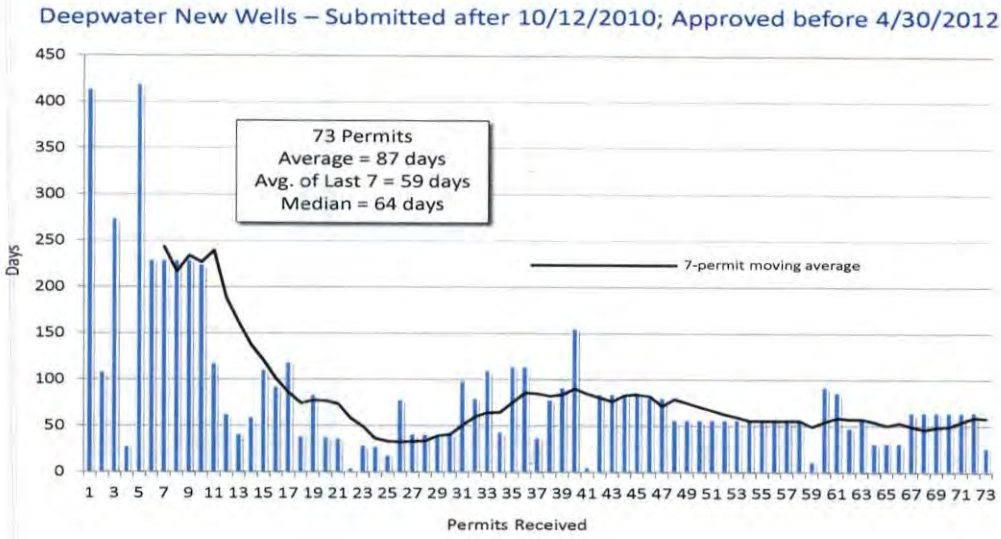
Mr. Frank Rusco
Director, Natural Resources and Environment
Government Accountability Office
441 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20548

Dear Mr. Rusco:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Government Accountability Office (GAO) draft report entitled, *Oil and Gas Management: Interior's Reorganization Complete but Challenges Remain in Implementing New Requirements* (GAO-12-423). The Department of the Interior (DOI) is disappointed that GAO did not afford the Department a full thirty days to review this report. The short time period for review has limited our ability to fully evaluate and update the information used in this report. DOI is already aggressively addressing the fundamental points identified by GAO and other external reports. The DOI will continue ongoing and planned actions consistent with GAO's recommendations and agrees or partially agrees with the recommendations.

DOI appreciate GAO's suggestions for improving management of Federal oil and gas and look forward to working together. To better serve Congress, Interior stakeholders, and the public, DOI would suggest that GAO strengthen the final report to further update the underlying data and accompanying analysis to reflect the current situation and recent improvements in processing times. While we understand the need to bracket the timeframes for data analysis, more complete data is and has been available on the DOI's website. Use of more complete data and analysis would provide the public with a much more robust view of the progress that has been made to ensure that oil and gas activities on the Outer Continental Shelf are managed in a safe and environmental sound manner. For example, GAO's findings that times for plans and permits processing increased immediately after *Deepwater Horizon* (DWH) but have since decreased is supported by data collected through May 2012, which is available on the public website. As shown in Tables 1 and 2, processing times have decreased and currently average 50 days.



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It is unclear whether GAO fully appreciated the magnitude of DOI's efforts to strategically and comprehensively reexamine the leasing, planning, inspection and enforcement programs, foundation regulations, and information technology systems. The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enfacement's (BSEE) new Strategic Plan is aligned to address GAO and other external report recommendation action areas Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and BSEE have initiated a regulation gap analysis and review and comprehensive enforcement program review, including inspection strategy. To ensure that policy and regulations are reflected in the information technology systems, DOI has initiated a Technical Information Management System review, including ePlans, eInspections, and ePermits. BOEM has continued proactive outreach and have instituted numerous stakeholder communications, most recently at the April 25, 2012, plans workshop. Additionally BSEE has continued to refine the approach to training of personnel to implement a technical training program for offshore

inspectors, engineers, and scientists that is consistent, progressive, and provides a clear path forward for continued technical development over the career of an individual.

The DOI acknowledges GAO's concerns about the ongoing human capital issues surrounding offshore oil and gas management. As noted in your draft report, DOI has taken steps to identify skill gaps and conducted a workload and workforce analysis for the Gulf of Mexico Operations. These efforts resulted in an aggressive recruiting effort that includes utilizing congressional authorized special pay rates and retention strategies for key skills.

DOI is committed to managing offshore Federal oil and gas to the extent of our authority and resources. With continued support we will remain a world leader in the management of offshore resources, operational safety, and environmental compliance. The enclosure provides responses to each recommendation and additional updates to information found in the draft report. In addition, for your consideration, technical and specific comments are being provided in a separate transmission. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Nygren, BOEM Audit Liaison Officer, at 202-208-4343, or John Keith, BSEE, Chief of Policy and Analysis, on 202-208-3236.

Sincerely,

Marcilynn Burke
Acting Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management

Enclosure

Anderson, Michael D

From: Hayes, David
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 10:32 AM
To: Farquhar, Ned; Davis, Laura; Belin, Letty; Batten, Kit
Cc: Lewis, Wilma; Diehl, Barbara
Subject: RE: NM potash

Yes, I'd be happy to do this meeting. Kit would be welcome to join.

From: Farquhar, Ned
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 9:24 AM
To: Hayes, David; Davis, Laura; Belin, Letty; Batten, Kit
Cc: Lewis, Wilma; Diehl, Barbara
Subject: NM potash

David – BLM's New Mexico State Director Linda Rundell will be here late next week for meetings about the Oregon forestry task force report. It might be good for us to get 30 minutes with you while she's here in light of your meeting with the oil and gas and Intrepid Potash people in the last month or two. If so, please signal that we should work with Barb to try to set up a good time for the meeting. (cc'g Kit the Science Advisor in case she's needed on the science of this complicated issue!) Thanks. Ned

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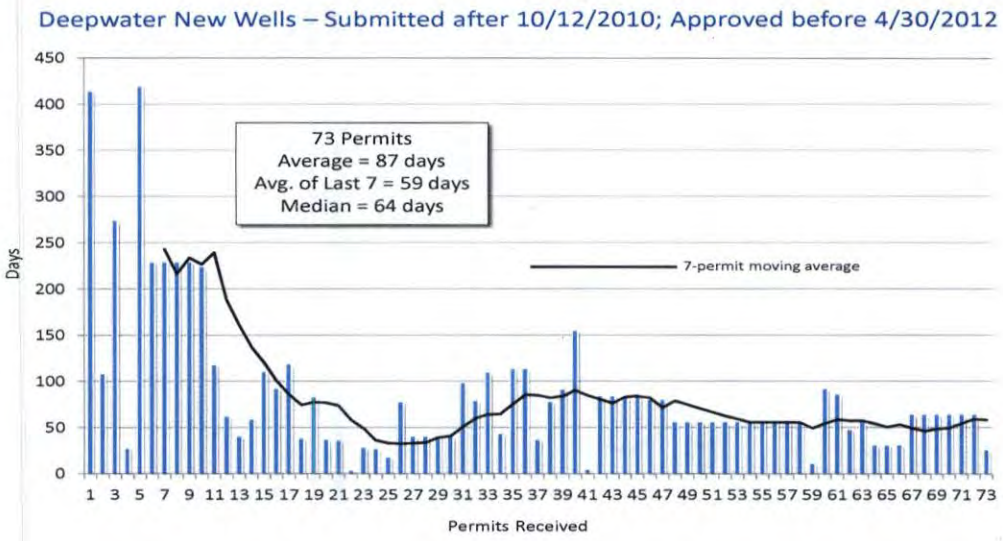
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From: Lassiter, Tracie L on behalf of Lewis, Wilma
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 2:50 PM
To: Luckey, Lauren
Subject: Accepted: Information Update - Subject has changed: [CR#6616] - Potash Briefing w/Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke, William Falsey, Wilma Lewis, Ned Farquhar. Brenda Aird, Mike Nedd, Tim Spisak, Mitchell Leverette, and Frank Martin [Bridge Line: (b) (5)

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Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Luckey, Lauren

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Organizer:	Lauren Luckey/WO/BLM/DOI

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From: Rees, Gareth C. on behalf of Lewis, Wilma
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 3:49 PM
To: Luckey, Lauren
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To: Diehl, Barbara; Davis, Laura
Subject: Accepted: Meeting w/Cong Harry Teague re: Intrepid Potash

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To: Hayes, David
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Anderson, Michael D

From: Farquhar, Ned
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 4:01 PM
To: Lewis, Wilma; Lassiter, Tracie L; David Hayes; Abbey, Robert V
Subject: Intrepid Potash meeting request

Wilma – Intrepid Potash would like to come in and meet with you regarding the New Mexico potash issue that David met with them about in early January. This will be preceded by a meeting that David is having with Congressman Teague and oil/gas industry reps on the 27th that is on your calendar. Intrepid says they plan to be in town on Feb 17 and 18 and Feb 23 and 24, if any of those dates would work. I will put them in touch with Tracie. Thanks, N

Ned Farquhar
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
(202) 208 6734
(202) 253 0174 cell

Anderson, Michael D

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Ned Farquhar
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
(202) 208 6734
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Anderson, Michael D

Subject:	Meeting w/Cong Harry Teague re: Intrepid Potash
Location:	1007 Longworth House Ofc Building
Start:	Wed 1/27/2010 1:00 PM
End:	Wed 1/27/2010 1:30 PM
Show Time As:	Tentative
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Not yet responded
Organizer:	Hayes, David
Required Attendees:	Lewis, Wilma; Farquhar, Ned; Abbey, Robert V
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When: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 1:00 PM-1:30 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
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To: David Hayes; Lewis, Wilma; Abbey, Robert V; Tompkins, Hilary C; christopher.mansour@ios.doi.gov; Farquhar, Ned; Ned Farquhar DOI e
Subject: Potash

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Anderson, Michael D

Subject:	[CR#6616] - Potash Briefing w/Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke, William Falsey, Wilma Lewis, Ned Farquhar, Brenda Aird, Mike Nedd, Tim Spisak, Mitchell Leverette, and Frank Martin
Location:	6616
Start:	Tue 1/26/2010 2:30 PM
End:	Tue 1/26/2010 3:00 PM
Show Time As:	Tentative
Recurrence:	(none)
Meeting Status:	Not yet responded
Organizer:	Lauren Luckey/WO/BLM/DOI

Anderson, Michael D

From: (b) (6)
Sent: Thursday, September 09, 2010 8:32 AM
To: Lewis, Courtenay
Cc: Abbey, Robert V; Lewis, Wilma; Tompkins, Hilary C; Hayes, David; Farquhar, Ned
Subject: potash memo
Attachments: 1009 SEC potash.docx

Here's a quick potash memo for the Secretary's noon call with Senator Bennet. I am sorry there wasn't time for BLM/SOL to work on it with me but the request came in late yesterday, and I hope I have represented the issues and positions fairly. Thanks, Ned

(b) (6) Ned Farquhar
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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY

FROM	Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary
cc	Wilma A. Lewis, Assistant Secretary
	Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management
	David Hayes, Deputy Secretary
	Hilary Tompkins, Solicitor
DATE	September 9, 2010
SUBJECT	Senator Bennet potash conversation

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Anderson, Michael D

Subject: FW: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas
Location: 5071

Start: Thu 2/25/2010 5:00 PM
End: Thu 2/25/2010 5:30 PM
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Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Lewis, Wilma

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Kat, Laura asked if you could do this meeting today, please let me know!

Thanks.

Chanelle

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Lewis, Wilma
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Lewis, Wilma; Hayes, David; Davis, Laura; Belin, Letty; Batten, Kit; Rundell, Linda; Herrell, Tony; Abbey, Robert V; Lin, Janet H; Pool, Mike; Leff, Craig; Nedd, Mike; Allard, Phil; Aird, Brenda; Farquhar, Ned
Cc: Washington, Claudia; Luckey, Lauren; Diehl, Barbara; Williams, Chanelle N
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Anderson, Michael D

From: Belin, Letty
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 5:59 PM
To: Belin, Letty; Lewis, Wilma
Cc: Hayes, David; Diehl, Barbara
Subject: RE: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas

Wilma: Unfortunately a California water meeting w/ many members of the California delegation is being scheduled for Thursday at 5:00 so David won't be able to attend this meeting; nor will I. Sorry.
Letty

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From: Belin, Letty
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 12:31 PM
To: Lewis, Wilma
Subject: Tentative: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas
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Enclosure 1

Response to Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report Entitled, *Oil and Gas Management – Interior's Reorganization Complete, but Challenges Remain in Implementing New Requirements* (GAO-12-423)

GAO recommended that the Secretary of the Interior:

Recommendation 1: *Institute controls to help ensure that Interior's environmental NEPA analyses are based on the most current, relevant information, such as in amendments to operator-submitted exploration and development plans that would need to be considered as part of such an analysis.*

Response: (b) (5)

Target Date: FY 2014, Q1
Responsible Official: BOEM - John Rodi, Regional Director, GOMR

Recommendation 2: *Continue to evaluate ePlans and develop edit checks to improve the accuracy and completeness of operators' exploration and development plan submissions.*

Response: (b) (5)

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Target Date: FY 2014, Q2
Responsible Official: BOEM - Walter D. Cruickshank, Deputy Director

Recommendation 3: *Track whether plan amendments were initiated at the request of Interior or the operator and, for amendments initiated at the request of Interior, the reasons for the amendments to provide Interior's managers with information needed to conduct targeted outreach with operators on how to improve plan submissions and reduce the use of amendments.*

Response: (b) (5)

Target Date: FY 2014, Q1
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Recommendation 4: *Enhance the effectiveness of Interior's inspection program by assessing how new inspection policy requirements, travel times to drilling rigs, and numbers of inspectors affect Interior's ability to conduct monthly drilling inspections and whether its monthly inspection goal is appropriate.*

Response: (b) (5)

Target Date: FY 2014, Q1
Responsible Official: BSEE - Doug Morris, Chief, Offshore Regulatory Programs

Recommendation 5: *Enhance the effectiveness of Interior's inspection program by ensuring that both violations and correction dates are recorded in Inspector's TIMS IT system in a timely manner.*

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Recommendation 6: *Ensure that operators' requests, approvals, and disapprovals for departure from regulations are recorded to provide Interior with information that would better allow it to identify when specific regulations should be considered for revision.*

Response: (b) (5)

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Target Date: FY 2014, Q2
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Recommendation 7: *Enhance Interior's capacity for identifying and evaluating offshore oil and gas drilling operations according to risk, thereby allowing it to adjust and evaluate its oversight accordingly by (1) identifying and systematically collecting and maintaining reliable data on risk factors associated with drilling operations, (2) providing operators with clear definitions for significant events in the weekly well activity reports and developing a way to characterize and record these events systematically and reliably, and (3) using the risk factors and significant events data to develop a risk-based approach with clear criteria to prospectively evaluate and categorize drilling operations according to risk and retrospectively to evaluate the performance of oversight and risk mitigation activities in avoiding significant events.*

Response: (b) (5)

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Target Date: FY 2014, Q4
Responsible Official: BSEE - Doug Morris, Chief, Offshore Regulatory Programs

Recommendation 8: *Complete and maintain its database for tracking recommendations, so that Interior consistently tracks and responds to the results of all audits and other external*

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reviews to ensure that findings are promptly addressed and appropriate actions are taken to respond to recommendations and improve oversight.

Response: (b) (5)

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Target Date: Complete
Responsible Officials:
BSEE - Margaret N. Schneider, Deputy Director, BSEE
BOEM - Walter D. Cruickshank, Deputy Director, BOEM

Recommendation 9: *Direct BOEM and BSEE to set milestones and completion date for developing a comprehensive IT strategic plan, including results-oriented goals, strategies, milestones, performance measures, and an analysis of interdependencies among projects and activities, and use this plan to guide and coordinate their modernization goals.*

Response: (b) (5)

Target Date: FY 2013, Q4
Responsible Officials:
BSEE - Scott Mabry, Acting Associate Director, Administration; Doug Morris, Chief, Offshore Regulatory Programs
BOEM - Robert LaBelle, Chair, BOEM IT Resources Priority Board

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Recommendation 10: *Direct BOEM and BSEE to develop a strategic workforce plan that, among other actions, determines the critical skills and competencies that will be needed to achieve current and future programmatic results and develop strategies to address gaps and human capital conditions in critical skills and competencies that need attention.*

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Target Date:
BSEE – FY 2013, Q4
BOEM – FY 2014, Q1
Responsible Officials:
BSEE - Margaret N. Schneider, Deputy Director
BOEM - Walter D. Cruickshank, Deputy Director

Recommendation 11: *Consider reinstating the OCS Policy Committee, on a regional and national basis, or adopt an equivalent alternative to allow increased opportunities for stakeholders to provide input as it relates to offshore oil and gas leasing activities to ensure Interior fulfills its obligations under the implementing regulation of the OCS Lands Act.*

Response: (b) (5)

Target Date: FY 2014, Q1
Responsible Official: BOEM - Walter D. Cruickshank, Deputy Director

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Revised per Shoshana 10-5-2012

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From: Allard, Phil
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 10:21 AM
To: Lewis, Wilma
Subject: Accepted: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas

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Anderson, Michael D

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Organizer:	Lewis, Wilma
Required Attendees:	Hayes, David; Davis, Laura; Belin, Letty; Batten, Kit; Rundell, Linda; Herrell, Tony; Abbey, Robert V; Lin, Janet H; Pool, Mike; Leff, Craig; Nedd, Mike; Allard, Phil; Aird, Brenda; Farquhar, Ned
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From: Aird, Brenda
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 8:51 AM
To: Lewis, Wilma
Subject: Accepted: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas

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Anderson, Michael D

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From: Leff, Craig
Sent: Saturday, February 20, 2010 9:07 AM
To: Lewis, Wilma
Subject: Accepted: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas

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Anderson, Michael D

From: Luckey, Lauren
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 3:58 PM
To: Lewis, Wilma
Subject: Accepted: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas

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Anderson, Michael D

From: Williams, Chanelle N on behalf of Davis, Laura
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 3:46 PM
To: Lewis, Wilma
Subject: Accepted: BLM Briefing on NM Potash/Oil and Gas

Anderson, Michael D

From: Hayes, David
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 10:32 AM
To: Farquhar, Ned; Davis, Laura; Belin, Letty; Batten, Kit
Cc: Lewis, Wilma; Diehl, Barbara
Subject: RE: NM potash

Yes, I'd be happy to do this meeting. Kit would be welcome to join.

From: Farquhar, Ned
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 9:24 AM
To: Hayes, David; Davis, Laura; Belin, Letty; Batten, Kit
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Anderson, Michael D

From: Luckey, Lauren
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 4:10 PM
To: Lassiter, Tracie L; Lewis, Wilma
Subject: Bob's calendar for the week of Jan 25th

Please don't kill me ladies, this was on my to do list from Tues evening from Tracie!!! Sorry.....it's sad when you have five and six different pads of To Do List!!!

However, I am grateful and thankful and mostly appreciative that I can say that.....Thank you!!!

You two are the best!!!!

"Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle"

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Robert V Abbey	January 25 - January 29, 2010	Calendar

Monday, January 25, 2010
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM HOLD Time for WO100
08:15 AM - 08:45 AM [CR#5653] - Weekly Chief of Staff Meetings
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM Politicals Meeting
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Weekly meeting with Secretary (no substitutes)
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Eagle Mountain Meeting w/BLM, NPS & SOL [Attendees:
Tom Strickland, Dan Wenk, Will Shafroth, Wilma Lewis,
Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Bill Falsey, Paul Mussenden,
Hilary Tompkins & Rachel Jacobson]
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Hold for Lunch
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM [CR#5071] - Survey and Manage Litigation Discussion
w/Bob Abbey, Sylvia Baca, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke,
William Falsey, Janet Lin, Edwin Roberson, Scott
Lieurance, Jon Menten, Ed Shepard, Mike Haske, Mike
Mottice, Anita Bilbao, Laura Damm, Laura Brown, Amy
Sosin, Brian Perron, Frank Wilson, Tom Tidwell, Tim

Decoster, Jay Jensen, and Rick Cooksey [Bridge Line: (b) (5) pc: (b) (5)

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM Mtg. w/ Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Tad Davis re: Renewable Energy Land Withdrawals and Energy Transmission Corridors

02:30 PM - 03:15 PM [CR#5071] - Coal Regulation (Director) Briefing Discussion w/Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke, Mike Nedd, Tim Spisak, Mitchell Leverette, Frank Martin, Emily Morris, Paul Smyth, Karen Hawbecker, Harvey Blank, and William LeSage

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM 3:30pm-4:30pm: Internal Climate Change Response Council Meeting (Staff: David Hayes, Kit Batten, Suzette Kimball, Anne Castle, Wilma Lewis, Rhea Suh, Tom Strickland, Bob Abbey, Liz Birnbaum, Mike Connor, Jerold Gidner, Jon Jarvis, Del Laverdure

04:30 PM - 06:00 PM Hold Time - do not schedule anything after 4:30 (Bob must approve)

05:15 PM - 06:15 PM DOI - Internal Follow-up Meeting to Discuss Wilderness

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

08:00 AM - 09:00 AM HOLD Time for WO100

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM [CR#5653]Follow-up BLM Planning Program Briefing w/Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke, Janet Lin, Bill Falsey, Ed Roberson, Marci Todd, Chuck Otto

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Internal meeting re BLM (Staff: Bob Abbey, Wilma Lewis, Renee Stone, David Hayes, Ned Farquhar, Ken Lane, Laura Davis)

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Hold for Lunch

01:00 PM - 01:30 PM [CR#5653] - BLM's Response/GAO Draft Report (Re: Oil and Gas Management) w/Bob Abbey, Marcilynn Burke, Mike Nedd, Tim Spisak, Steve Salzman, Bill Gewecke, LaVanna Stevenson, Sue Richardson, Phil Allard, (Optional: Ann DeBlasi and Janine Velasco)

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM BLM/ASLM Senior Staff Meeting

02:30 PM - 03:00 PM [CR#6616] - Potash Briefing w/Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke, William Falsey, Wilma Lewis, Ned Farquhar, Brenda Aird, Mike Nedd, Tim Spisak, Mitchell Leverette, and Frank Martin

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM ARRA/Stimulus Update Meeting w/Bob Abbey, Jason Powell, Ryan Robin [Biweekly]

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM [CR#6616] - Overview Briefing (Re: RS2-477) Discussion w/Wilma Lewis, Paul Mussenden, Sylvia Baca, Steve Black, Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Janea Scott, Mike Nedd, Janet Lin, Ed Roberson, Amy Sosin, Laura Brown, and Greg Russell

04:30 PM - 06:00 PM Hold Time - do not schedule anything after 4:30 (Bob must approve)

05:15 PM - 05:45 PM [CR#6616] - Proposed Withdrawl Extension - (Re: Yucca Mountain)

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

08:00 AM - 09:00 AM HOLD Time for WO100
09:00 AM - 10:00 AM Meeting with Deputy Secretary Hayes re: "Hot Topics"
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM [CR#5653]Prebriefing for Budget Hearings wBob Abbey, Celia Boddington, Craig Leff, Patrick Wilkinson, Andrea Nelson, Janine Velasco, Karen Mouritsen
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM [CR#5071] - Coal Regulation Briefing Discussion w/Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke, Ned Farquhar, Wilma Lewis, Mike Nedd, Tim Spisak, Mitchell Leverette, Frank Martin, Harvey Blank, Karen Hawbecker, Amy Sosin, Emily Morris, Paul Smyth, and William LeSage
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Hold for Lunch
12:30 PM Depart for Hill w/David Hayes
01:00 PM - 01:30 PM Meeting w/Cong Harry Teague re: Intrepid Potash
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM [CR#5653] - Director's Scheduling Meeting w/Director, Dep Dirs, Janet, Celia, Craig, Jeff, Bill and Exec Asst's
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM Review of Press Conference w/ASs, Bureau Directors, BBOs, OCL, OST, SOL, IG, OIA
04:00 PM - 04:30 PM (WO & OR) re: Western Oregon w/ASLM
04:00 PM - 04:30 PM [CR#5653] - Fast Track Strike Team Meeting w/Bob Abbey, Janea Scott, Mike Pool, Michael Bean, Bryan Arroyo, Dan Wenk, Mike Tranel, Steve Black, and Vincent Ward and Ned Farquhar/Wilma Lewis (Optional)
04:30 PM - 06:00 PM Hold Time - do not schedule anything after 4:30 (Bob must approve)

Thursday, January 28, 2010
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM HOLD Time for WO100
08:30 AM - 09:00 AM Departure to the Hill
09:00 AM - 10:10 AM 9:00 am-11:00pm: Environment & Public Works Solar Energy Hearing (Staff: Steve Black, Christopher Mansour, Bob Abbey)
09:00 AM - 11:30 AM Hill Visit w/Secretary Salazar (Re: Solar Energy Development) - Salazar is testifying
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Hold for Lunch
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM [CR#5653]BLM National Fish Program & 75th North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference Briefing/Theodore Roosevelt Concervation Partnership (TRCP) wBob Abbey, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke, Janet Lin, Bill Falsey, Ed Roberson, Dwight Felder, Raul Morales, Tom Mendenhall
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM Madeleine Pickens (Staff: Wilma Lewis, Bob Abbey, Sylvia Baca, Kendra Barkoff)
03:00 PM - 04:00 PM Comments on Draft BLM NEPA Guidance
04:00 PM - 05:00 PM Weekly meeting w/Steve and BLM
04:30 PM - 06:00 PM Hold Time - do not schedule anything after 4:30 (Bob must approve)
05:30 PM - 06:00 PM [CR#6616] - Request for NPS Expansion Proposal Discussion w/Bob Abbey, Marcilynn Burke, Wilma Lewis,

Mike Pool, William Falsey, Phil Allard, and Johanna Munson

05:30 PM - 06:15 PM Meeting on Advisory Committees

Friday, January 29, 2010

08:00 AM - 09:00 AM HOLD Time for WO100

08:15 AM - 08:45 AM [CR#5653] - Weekly Chief of Staff Meetings

09:00 AM - 10:00 AM Meeting w/Politicals

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Weekly AD's Meeting

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM [CR5653]Sage-Grouse/Energy IM Briefing w/ Bob Abbey, Mike Nedd, Marcilynn Burke, Janet Lin, Ed Roberson, Mike Nedd, Ray Brady, Dwight Fielder, Daniel Flynn

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Hold for Lunch

12:30 PM - 01:00 PM Interview w/Michael Harty (Udall Institute of Environmental Conflict Resolution] re: Wild Horse and Burro Program w/Bob Abbey

01:15 PM - 01:45 PM Large Scale Solar Project Discussion w/Bob Abbey, Bill Powers (Powers Engineering) Mike Nedd, Ray Brady, Tim Spisak

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM Mtg w/Bob Abbey, Dennis Wheeler, CEO of Coeur d'Alene Mines

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM [CR#5653] - Prep for (Feb 1st) Budget Rollout w/Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke, Janet Lin, Janine Velasco, Karen Mouritsen, Celia Boddington, and Craig Leff

03:30 PM - 04:15 PM [CR#5653]Joint Pipeline Office GSS/FY10 2Q POA&M Meetings w/Bob Abbey, Ronnie Levine, Scott MacPherson, Lisa Lindholm, Aaron Nguyen

04:30 PM - 06:00 PM Hold Time - do not schedule anything after 4:30 (Bob must approve)

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Anderson, Michael D

From: Rees, Gareth C. on behalf of Lewis, Wilma
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 3:49 PM
To: Luckey, Lauren
Subject: Accepted: Invitation: [CR#6616] - Potash Briefing w/Bob Abbey, Mike Pool, Marcilynn Burke, William Falsey, Wilma Lewis, Ned Farquhar, Brenda Aird, Mike Nedd, Tim Spisak, Mitchell Leverette, and Frank Martin (Jan 26 02:30 PM EST in 6616)

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Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Luckey, Lauren

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Anderson, Michael D

From: Farquhar, Ned
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 4:01 PM
To: Lewis, Wilma; Lassiter, Tracie L; David Hayes; Abbey, Robert V
Subject: Intrepid Potash meeting request

Wilma – Intrepid Potash would like to come in and meet with you regarding the New Mexico potash issue that David met with them about in early January. This will be preceded by a meeting that David is having with Congressman Teague and oil/gas industry reps on the 27th that is on your calendar. Intrepid says they plan to be in town on Feb 17 and 18 and Feb 23 and 24, if any of those dates would work. I will put them in touch with Tracie. Thanks, N

Ned Farquhar
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
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Anderson, Michael D

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Subject: Intrepid Potash meeting request

Wilma – Intrepid Potash would like to come in and meet with you regarding the New Mexico potash issue that David met with them about in early January. This will be preceded by a meeting that David is having with Congressman Teague and oil/gas industry reps on the 27th that is on your calendar. Intrepid says they plan to be in town on Feb 17 and 18 and Feb 23 and 24, if any of those dates would work. I will put them in touch with Tracie. Thanks, N

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LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT
January 10 – January 16, 2010

SENIOR OFFICIALS' ACTIVITIES

Wilma A. Lewis, Assistant Secretary – (b) (6) . In Washington, DC Jan. 13-15.
Ned Farquhar, Deputy Assistant Secretary – In Washington, DC.
Sylvia V. Baca, Deputy Assistant Secretary – In Washington, DC Jan. 11-12. (b) (6)
Bob Abbey, Director, BLM – In FL Jan. 10 - dedication of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area. In CA - Partners Outdoors 2010, Jan. 11-13. In Washington, DC, Jan. 14-15.
Liz Birnbaum, Director, MMS – In Washington, DC.
Joseph Pizarchik, Director, OSM – In AZ Jan. 10-14 - meet with Navajo and Hopi Tribal officials and tribal members in Window Rock and Kykotsmovi and visit the Black Mesa Mine complex. In Washington, DC, Jan 15.

HOT TOPICS

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Update: **Transmission:** *The Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Sigurd-Red Butte 345-kV transmission line (UT) was published in the* Federal Register *on Jan. 5. The line would cross 160 miles of Federal, state, and private land. The NOI for the Vantage-Pomona 230-kV transmission line (OR) was published in the* Federal Register *on Jan. 5.*

Update: **Transmission:** *Sunzia proposes to construct, operate, and maintain two parallel overhead 500-KV transmission in south central NM. Since the project was proposed, additional companies have expressed interest in similar projects. However, three military installations (White Sands Missile Range, Holloman Air Force Base, and Fort Bliss) have submitted comments to the BLM indicating their opposition to all routes currently being considered adjacent to the White Sands Missile Range boundaries. In addition, the conservation community has raised concerns about the potential impacts to migratory birds of overhead power lines crossing the Rio Grande River near the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Fred Pease, DOD, has been identified as the new DOD liaison on the siting of the Sunzia transmission line.*

Update: **Transmission:** *On Jan. 20, 2009, the BLM-CA State Director signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Sunrise Powerlink Project, a $1.9 billion 500 kV transmission line proposed for construction by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) from Imperial County into San Diego to carry future renewable energy in the region. After the ROD was signed, three appeals were filed with IBLA. One has since been withdrawn and one was dismissed for lack of standing. The third appeal remains at the IBLA. SDG&E is eager for a resolution to this appeal. The Office of the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals and the SOL's office have been discussing how best to proceed, including the possibility of sending a letter to the IBLA inquiring about the status of the appeal. ASLM Wilma Lewis will be briefed on this matter when she returns to the office.*

No change: **Oil Shale:** The nomination period for the second round of Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) oil shale leases in the CO, UT, and WY closed on Jan. 4. The BLM is allowing 5 days for mail delays before announcing the results. A committee of judges from government and universities will then convene to grade each application against a number of criteria designed to predict a successful research project, including environmental protection, reclamation, economics and finance, technology and other criteria. Separately, in *Colorado Environmental Coalition, et al. v. Salazar*, et al., the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals granted an extension of time to respond to Plaintiffs' amended complaint in both its challenge to the oil shale regulations and amendments to land use plans, which allocate lands for oil shale and tar sands leasing. The response is now due Jan. 15.

Update: **Calico Gather:** *On Jan. 6, DOJ filed a proposed briefing schedule with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in In Defense of Animals et al v. Salazar. The proposed schedule calls for filing briefs in Feb. and March, with a hearing to follow in April. The Court has not yet responded. Two organizations moved to intervene as defendants, Safari Club International and the State of Nevada. The Court has not ruled on their motions. As of Jan. 7, 477 horses had been gathered. There have been no gather-related deaths. However, three horses were euthanized due to health issues. The BLM plans to remove approximately 2500 horses in order to achieve Appropriate Management Levels.*

New: **Youth:** *The BLM-Washington Office distributed a draft of the 2010 Youth Funding Instruction Memorandum on Dec. 30 to State Youth Leads in order to give the states as much time as possible to develop and submit proposals for BLM's Youth Initiative Incentive Funding. A total of $2 million will be available through a merit ranking grant process. Through the initiative, states are encouraged to introduce and provide career pathways to young people by expanding existing and developing new projects, programs, and materials that engage youth in the outdoors, educate them about natural and cultural resources, and promote stewardship. An evaluation team will be assembled in early February, and funding decisions should be announced by Feb. 19.*

New: **New Mexico Potash:** *The BLM has contracted with Sandia National Laboratories to conduct three separate studies within the Secretary's Potash Area (SPA), located in the Carlsbad Mining District in southeastern New Mexico. The studies will address specific policy issues dealing with the concurrent development of potash and oil and gas in the SPA. The first report was completed in Oct. 2009; it concluded that using existing oil and gas well logs in cased holes cannot provide sufficient information to meet the current ore standard. The second study, scheduled to be completed this spring, will examine the impacts of underground potash mining on the integrity of oil and gas well bores to help determine a minimum distance between oil and gas drilling and safe underground mining. The third study, scheduled to be completed in Dec. 2010, will examine the economical extraction costs of potash and map economically mineable potash reserves. The costs of the studies is approximately $2.25 million and are being jointly conducted with the oil and gas industry, the potash mining industry and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. These stakeholders have expressed concern to Congress about the scope and conduct of the studies. In addition, Intrepid Potash, which operates four mine sites in the SPA, wrote to the BLM on Oct. 16, requesting additional protection of all potash resources within the SPA, including areas with no known reserves. Intrepid has concerns about the fundamental issues associated with concurrent development of potash and oil and gas resources as promulgated by*

the history of Secretarial Orders issued since 1951 that govern the rules of potash and oil and gas development. Deputy Secretary Hayes, Laura Davis, and Ned Farquhar met with Intrepid Potash on Jan. 7 at which Intrepid made a presentation expressing concerns about the concurrent development policy.

New: **BLM's Coal Leasing Program:** *The Surveys and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee conducted a program review of BLM's coal program. Investigators from the Subcommittee interviewed BLM Washington Office, State Office and Field Office personnel, and personnel from MMS. The Subcommittee also reviewed documentation provided by BLM concerning the coal leasing process, the fair market value determination, and the process for collecting royalties. The Subcommittee issued a final report to the House Appropriations Committee at the end of calendar year 2009. The report is internal to the Appropriations Committee and copies are not available to the BLM or the public. However, the House Appropriations Committee has invited BLM management to review a copy of the report at committee offices. BLM is working with Committee staff to schedule a time to review the report.*

Update: **Red Devil Mine (AK):** *On Jan. 6, BLM Director Bob Abbey and DAS Sylvia Baca met with the EPA Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus as a follow-up to a meeting between Secretary Salazar and Administrator Jackson on clean-up of the Red Devil mine, located 250 miles west of Anchorage. Since the mine site is abandoned without a responsible party from which to seek contribution, the BLM stressed the importance that the site be treated as a mixed ownership. This would allow the BLM to work collaboratively with other contributors in the cleanup of the Red Devil mine, rather than the BLM being held independently responsible for remediation. The BLM also proposed the development of a senior level working group to re-evaluate how Federal agencies can best work together to address the cleanup of abandoned mine lands on Federal property. The BLM's position will also be provided to the EPA in official correspondence.*

Update: **Air Quality:** *The BLM and EPA are holding weekly meetings on the development of an MOU for NEPA air quality analysis that will establish protocols for use in the development of EISs and other BLM planning documents. In addition, the MOU will address air quality on a regional basis by establishing standards for developing air quality monitoring data that will be housed in a data warehouse. The MOU is expected to be finalized in spring 2010.*

New: **Mining Issues:** *The BLM and OSM are currently developing a variety of mining-related briefing materials for the Secretary's use in connection with an upcoming meeting he has with the President of the National Mining Association.*

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Update: **MMS Contract to Upgrade OCS Economic Impact Model for Alaska:** *The MMS recently awarded a contract to upgrade the existing OCS Economic Impact Model for Alaska (called MAG-PLAN Alaska), and to update all the data in the existing model. The MMS also commissioned a detailed engineering study of cold-water technologies that could be used for oil and gas exploration and production operations on the Arctic OCS, published in 2008.*

Update: **Rhode Island (RI) Federal/State Task Force:** *Following a negotiation between the Governors of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, the MMS has obtained a geographic area for the Rhode Island draft Request for Interest (RFI) for offshore wind. A draft RFI incorporating this area was distributed to the State's MMS task force on Dec. 31 with a 10-day comment period.*

Update: **Cape Wind Clean Air Act Conformity/Keeper of the Register Determination:** *On Dec. 28, MMS completed its Clean Air Act General Conformity Determination which describes how the project would mitigate impacts to air quality through the purchase of offsets. The document is posted on the MMS website, and the required legal notices were published in the Boston Globe, Cape Cod Times, and the Providence Journal on Sunday, Jan. 3. On Jan. 4, the Keeper of the Register made the determination that Nantucket Sound is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and informed MMS and the Department. This determination will provide information that will help shape the conclusion of the Section 106 consultation. The next step in bringing this project decision to a conclusion will be for MMS to prepare the Secretary for meetings during the week of Jan. 10 with tribes, parties, and signatories that are party to the Section 106 consultation.*

New: **Appeal on Walker Ridge 627 Unit Suspension of Production Denial:** *On Dec. 22, the Interior Board of Land Appeal (IBLA) reversed an Apr. 9, 2009, decision by MMS denying a request by ExxonMobil Corporation and Statoil Gulf of Mexico LLC for a Suspension of Production (SOP) for the Walker Ridge Block 627 unit. The IBLA remanded the matter to MMS to determine the appropriate suspension period, which effectively reinstates an expired lease. The decision relies upon facts that were not included in the original administrative record, including some facts that occurred following the MMS decision. The decision by IBLA gives MMS the ability to grant an SOP for a shorter period than the applicant requested. The Gulf of Mexico Region and the Office of the Solicitor are reviewing the IBLA decision to develop a recommendation for further action.*

New: **Chukchi Sea – Statoil Proposal to Conduct 3D Seismic:** *On Dec. 18, MMS received Statoil's proposal to conduct a 3D marine seismic survey about 100 miles northwest of Wainwright during the 2010 open water season. Statoil is developing a Plan of Cooperation (POC) for subsistence hunt coordination. In a separate matter, on Dec. 2, Earthjustice requested all material related to Shell's Chukchi Sea exploration plan. MMS has invoked a 10-day extension to Jan. 15 for a final response.*

New: **Beaufort Sea – Suits Challenging Approval of Shell's Exploration Plan:** *On Dec. 15, two separate suits were filed challenging MMS' approval of the Shell 2010 Camden Bay Exploration Plan, one by the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission and the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, and the other by Native Village of Point Hope, and several environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club. The petitioners allege that MMS failed to consider adequately potential impacts to the Arctic, subsistence activities, and wildlife in violation of NEPA, the OCS Lands Act, and the ESA. The Petitioner's Opening Brief must be filed by Mar. 5; the Government's must be filed by Apr. 15. MMS anticipates that the administrative record will be due to the court by Jan. 25.*

New: **OIG Evaluation of MMS Office of Enforcement:** *The OIG has announced that it will perform an evaluation of the Minerals Revenue Management's (MRM's) Office of Enforcement. The objective and scope of this evaluation are to "assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the Office of Enforcement in initiating and completing enforcement actions against lease holders and operators for violations and underpaid energy and minerals royalties and referring potential fraud cases to the Office of Inspector General." The OIG initiated this evaluation. The entrance conference was held on Jan 7.*

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)

Update: **Comment Period Ends for Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) on Stream Protection Rule:** *The public comment period for the ANPR on stream protection closed on Dec. 30. To date, OSM has received approximately 32,000 comments on the ANPR. OSM is currently analyzing the comments; following completion of the comment analysis, OSM will brief senior DOI officials to determine appropriate revisions to the Dec. 2008 Stream Buffer Zone rule. OSM anticipates issuing a proposed stream protection by the end of 2010.*

WEEK AHEAD – Jan. 10 to Jan. 16
Bureau of Land Management

Sunday, Jan. 10:

- *No Change:* **EASTERN STATES: Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Dedication:** The public dedication for the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (ONA) in Florida will be held. The comprehensive management plan for the ONA will also be released at this time. The ONA is part of the National Landscape Conservation System.

Tuesday, Jan. 12:

- *New*: **NEW MEXICO: Wildland Urban Interface Summit:** *BLM-NM will participate in the State's annual Wildland Urban Interface Summit in Socorro, NM. The summit provides an opportunity for agency leads to meet with residents and local fire officials to discuss funding opportunities available for communities at risk of wildland fire, as well as fire prevention and mitigation strategies. BLM Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist Jennifer Myslivy will represent the agency at the summit.*

- *No Change:* **WYOMING: Bentonite Mining Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** The BLM anticipates notifying American Colloid Company (ACC) of its decision to require the company to undertake an EIS for a plan to mine bentonite on approximately 6,000 acres in Big Horn County, WY. About half of the land is BLM-managed. ACC initially requested that an EA be prepared; however, due to multiple potentially significant resource impacts, and consistent with BLM's long-standing policy when more than 640 acres are proposed for disturbance, an EIS will be required.

Thursday, Jan. 14:

- *New:* **COLORADO: Public Meeting On Geothermal Leasing:** *BLM-CO and the CO Department of Natural Resources will hold a joint public information meeting*

concerning a planned BLM lease sale in February that will offer a Federal geothermal parcel in Chaffee County. This meeting is part of the normal process. The parcel was pulled from an earlier lease sale because of its location adjacent to the Mount Princeton Hot Springs Resort.

- *New:* **WYOMING: Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) Meeting:** *The WLCI meeting will be held in Rock Springs, WY. WLCI is an interagency, science-based program for assessing and enhancing aquatic and terrestrial habitats at a landscape scale in southwest Wyoming, while facilitating responsible development through local collaboration and partnerships. This program entails the inventory and assessment of species and habitat to determine what habitat enhancement projects are necessary. BLM-Wyoming Director Don Simpson will represent BLM at the meeting. The BLM, Forest Service, National Park Service, and Fish and Wildlife Service are also members of WLCI.*

Friday, Jan. 15:

- *New:* **WYOMING: Comment Period Ends on Gas Project:** *Comments are due to the BLM-WY Buffalo Field Office on the modification to the environmental assessment (EA) on the Augusta Unit Zeta coalbed natural gas plan of development. The project is located within the 123,000-acre Fortification Creek elk range of Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan counties. The plan is controversial because of the potential cumulative impacts to the elk herd.*

- *No Change:* **WYOMING: Meeting with Governor's Office and Power Coalition:** Staff from the BLM-WY Renewable RECO will meet with the Wyoming Governor's Office to discuss renewable energy and transmission issues, projects, and activities. RECO staff will meet informally with representatives from Governor Freudenthal's office every other month.

- *No Change:* **WYOMING: Methane-Helium Project:** The EA for Cimarex Rand's Butte Project will be published for a 30-day public comment period. Cimarex is seeking approval of Applications for Permits to Drill and a variety of rights-of-way on 618 acres of BLM land in Sublette County. The major issues covered in the EA are directly related to APDs for four proposed natural gas supply wells and a hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide reinjection well, as well as rights-of-way for an access road upgrade, a power line, a fiber optic line, an air monitoring station, and natural gas and helium pipelines.

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Thursday, Jan 14:

- *New:* **Briefings Scheduled for Port of Charleston, South Carolina Sand Lease:** Briefings have been scheduled for the MMS Director to review work completed for a noncompetitive lease for OCS sand for a new sea container facility at the Port of Charleston. The lease allows for the use of up to 6 million cubic yards of sand from the Charleston Ocean Dredge Material Disposal Site, located 9 miles offshore of the Port.

An EA and Findings of No Significant Impact were completed and a lease document has been prepared.

WEEKS AHEAD

Bureau of Land Management

Wednesday, Jan. 20:

- *New:* **Oil and Gas Lease Sale in New Mexico:** BLM-NM will offer 45 parcels for oil and gas development covering 13,191 acres in New Mexico, 240 acres in Kansas, 1,278 acres in Oklahoma, and 3,705 acres in Texas. The nominated lease parcels are located primarily in the San Juan Basin in northwestern New Mexico, and the Permian Basin in southeast New Mexico. The proposed leases are adjacent to or near other oil and gas leases that have already been developed. None of the proposed leases are within citizen-proposed wilderness areas. Local concerns include: greenhouse gases, ozone emissions, methane venting, cultural consultations with Native American tribes, sensitive plant and wildlife species, and consistency with state rules. The protest period on the sale ended Jan. 5; no protests were received, and there has been no opposition to the sale.

- *No Change:* **Feb. 2: Oil and Gas Lease Sale in Wyoming:** BLM-WY plans to offer 62 parcels covering 77,434 acres in a statewide oil and gas lease sale. However, these figures will likely change if parcels are withdrawn due to protests. The BLM posted the sale notice on Dec. 18; the protest period ends Jan. 18. BLM-WY's wilderness screen was applied to three parcels, and the state determined that the parcels in question did not have wilderness characteristics. All three parcels are located within producing areas. Another 51 parcels include stipulations related to endangered or sensitive species concerns. The Audubon Society submitted a protest for 19 parcels located in sage grouse habitat, but the BLM-WY sage grouse screen was applied to the parcels and they did not qualify for deferral. Subsequent to the issuance of BLM-WY's new sage grouse policy, the parcels were again screened, and it was determined that the parcels did not qualify for deferral.

- *No Change:* **Feb. 11: Oil and Gas Lease Sale in Colorado:** BLM-CO will offer 11 parcels on 799 acres in Chaffee County. One of the parcels to be offered is a geothermal parcel located next to the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort, which the BLM deferred from a Nov. 2009 sale following a request from the Director of the CO Division of Natural Resources (DNR). The BLM and the DNR discussed the state's concerns and added two additional stipulations to the geothermal parcel. The State's concerns have been satisfactorily addressed. The protest period for the sale ends Jan. 27. BLM will have a better idea as to whether this lease sale will be controversial after the joint BLM-CO/DNR public meeting discussed in more detail on page 4.

- *No Change:* **Feb. 23: Oil and Gas Sale in Utah:** BLM-UT will auction nine parcels comprising 12,284 acres in a statewide lease sale. BLM-UT sent the list of nominated parcels to other Federal agencies, including the NPS, FWS and the Forest Service, as well as the UT Governor's office and the UT Division of Wildlife Resources. In addition,

consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office and Native American tribes has been initiated and will be completed prior to the sale. This preliminary list included 25 parcels comprising 36,670 acres. Of this total, 21 parcels comprising 32,268 acres were recommended for leasing in the October 2009 Stiles Report. The review of nominated parcels considered factors such as ongoing litigation, Wilderness Study Areas, proposed wilderness legislation, Federal minerals near state wildlife management areas, tribal consultations and cultural resources. Following this review, the preliminary list of 25 parcels was reduced to 4 parcels, none of which were part of the Stiles Report.

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Jan. 18-22:

- ***Update:*** **Alaska Marine Science Symposium:** *MMS, together with the FWS, USGS, NOAA, Alaska state agencies, universities and numerous research and science centers, will co-sponsor a symposium in Anchorage to provide a forum for marine scientists and local communities to present information on the changing marine environment in Alaska. The symposium will also provide a venue for MMS's Alaska OCS Region's environmental studies research for the Arctic and Bering Seas, and a forum for the Alaska OCS Region's scientists and Principal Investigators to communicate with other researchers who are conducting similar scientific studies within the Alaska OCS or adjoining areas of the Alaska marine ecosystem.*

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)

Monday Feb. 1:

- ***Update:*** **OVEC v. Salazar – Litigation concerning OSM's Approval of West Virginia's Material Damage Definition:** *The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia (WV) granted DOJ's request for more time to submit the final Administrative Record on OSM's decision to approve a WV state program revision regarding the definition of material damage to the hydrologic balance and deletion of the State's definition of cumulative impact. The Court ordered OSM to provide its final Administrative Record by Feb. 1, but gave the parties until Feb. 22 to present disputes over the completeness of the record to the Court. Opponents to the program amendments filed suit in Feb. 2009, claiming OSM violated both SMCRA and the Administrative Procedure Act in approving WV's program amendment.*

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Good afternoon,
Welcome to the first Hot Topics meeting of 2010, tomorrow, **Wednesday, January 6, at 9 a.m. in 5160**. Topics for tomorrow:

Energy reform announcement
Cape Wind update/next steps
Atlantic Governors Wind Meeting
Other Governors-related meetings
Youth – update
Economist report follow-up
Jobs package – additional work needed?
California water
FY 2011 Budget wrap-up
Wild horses update
Climate narrative
Potash issue
Resolution Copper – update

Please feel free to suggest additional issues for consideration. Thanks and see you tomorrow.
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Subject: RE: Potash

I have placed a call - it went into their voicemail system so left a message for Karen - I have emailed John Gomez the Congressman's scheduler also. Waiting to hear back.
Barb

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Wilma A. Lewis
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Land & Minerals Management
MIB- 6613
202-208-6734

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12 pm	**Brown bag on r/w's**	
1 00	**1:00pm-2:00pm: Potash Meeting (Staff: David Hayes, Laura Davis, Bob Abbey, Hila** Office of the Secretary (b) (6)	
2 00	**BLM/ASLM Weekly Directors Meeting** 6616 Farquhar, Ned	
3 00	**Senior Ocean Policy Team Meeting** 7000A	
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6 00	**susan carter**	
	7:00pm - 8:00pm P/u car at dulles	

May 14, 2012
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9 00	**OS - Weekly Senior Staff Meeting** 6150	
10 00	**OIG Oil and Gas Leasing Report - Briefing with BLM (with Bryce Barlan)** **Brief on Potash with Karen Hawbecker and Barbara Fugate;** Rm. 6614; Farquhar, Ned	
11 00	**Monthly POG Meeting** 6119 Hayes, David	
12 pm		
1 00	**Call to discuss OWAP Webinar : DOI-BOEM Briefing on OSW Public Liaison Coordin**	
2 00	**OIG Indian Oil and Gas Leasing Report - BLM Briefing;** Rm 6616; Farquhar, Ned	
3 00	**BLM pre-brief for NM Potash/oil and gas** 5653 Teleconference(b) (5) passcode:(b) (5) Lin, Janet H	
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From Mar 27 **NORMAN IN DC** To Apr 3

Gareth - (b) (6) To Apr 4

7 am

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9 00
- **OS - Senior Staff Weekly Hot Topics Mtg.**
  6150
- **Hot Topics All-politicals mtg ;** Conf rm

10 00
- **Meeting w/Assistant Secretary and Bureau Director (OSM) to discuss Ideas on Orga**
  6616 AS/LM Conf. Room
  Henderson, Chris

11 00
- **ASLM - Scheduling Requests Mtg. - BRO**
  Room 6616
  Lewis, Wilma
- **Bob Abbey - NM potash**

12 pm
- **Conference Call with Kathleen Leyden, Maine (call-in** (b) (5) **code** (b) (5)
  6614
  Farquhar, Ned

1 00
- **Meeting with Doug Turner;** 6616
- **Meeting w/Kyle re: OTC Conference;** 6614; Farquhar, Ned

2 00
- **BOEM/ASLM - Weekly Directors Meeting**
  6616
  Lewis, Wilma

3 00
- **Invitation: Process that created the Ash M**
  Dan Ashe's Office
  William D Falsey/WO/BLM/DOI

4 00
- **Meeting with California Independent Pe**
  6616
  Farquhar, Ned
- **Meeting: Mining Reform Leg Strategy**
  White House Conference Center Jackson R
  Ericsson, Sally C.

5 00

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Notes

ASLM Major Priorities and Projects (11/21/11)

Topic	Bureau	Status/Comments
Stream Protection Rulemaking (SPR)	OSM	Contractor scheduled to provide completed drafts of EIS chapter 4 and RIA to OSM by mid-12/2012. OSM SPR team met with contractor 11/16 to receive updates on cost-benefit numbers for documents, which will be used to make decisions about content of proposed rulemaking. OSM scheduled to brief CEQ, OMB, EPA and USACE on 11/22. In 12/2011, OSM will conduct tribal consultation on rule. In 1/2012, OSM will meet with state cooperating agencies to provide update on rule development and solicit state participation in review process. On track to publish proposed rule by 4/2012 and final rule by 12/2012.
Kentucky Bonding	OSM	OSM formed team with key KY staff to analyze KY's response in context of actual examples. Data will be used to evaluate effectiveness of KY's proposals. OSM last met with State DNR on 11/9; continuing to work with State to resolve remaining issues. If determined that proposal fails to address problems, next step could be initiation of formal process for OSM takeover of bonding portions of KY coal mining program.
Breaks Regional Airport (VA)	OSM	In response to request from Sen. Warner, OCL provided draft timeline for Federal and state agency steps and approximate timelines for removal of coal and significant grading. Timeline reflects feedback OSM received from EPA, USACE, FAA and State of Virginia. OSM still awaiting engineering and other information from Sen. Warner's office, State, and project applicant to determine what role OSM may have in process. State indicated it intends to submit NEPA documents and request for "authorization to proceed" to OSM for proposed AML enhancement project on portion of area.
Tennessee Lands Unsuitable	OSM	OSM working with contractor to begin soundscape study and process newly purchased coal data and information that will be used to develop coal reserve estimates. OSM also has procurement process underway to secure additional contractor assistance with technical editing and NEPA requirements for the EIS.
GAO and OIG Pending Responses	BLM/ BOEM/ BSEE	(b) (5)

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		Program Startup Inspection: Office of Surface Mining Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative Report." In report, OIG recommended that OSM develop performance measures for its ARRI program. Final response is due by 12/9.
Hydraulic Fracturing	BLM	(b) (5)
Western Oregon	BLM	**Gov. Kitzhaber:** Gov. Kitzhaber's task force has not yet been convened. **Congress:** Rep. DeFazio expected to introduce bill in coming weeks on management of O&C lands. **Forestry Pilot Projects:** Draft EA for Coos Bay pilot issued on 11/10 for 30-day public comment. Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin's report on Secretarial Pilots expected to be finalized by end of this month. **American Forest Resources Council (AFRC) Litigation**: (b) (5) **Pacific River Council's (PRC) Litigation:** (b) (5)

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		DTO v. Salazar (All Writs Act) Litigation: (b) (5) **Swanson Litigation**: (b) (5)
Solar Energy	BLM	**Solar PEIS:** Targeted supplemental document released on 10/28 for 90-day public comment period. Final EIS expected in 7/2012. Public meetings on supplement scheduled in Las Vegas on 11/30; Phoenix on 12/1; El Centro on 12/7; and Palm Desert on 12/8. **Solar/ANPR:** On 11/4, ASLM signed ANPR for competitive process for solar and wind energy development. Pending Exec. Sec and OMB clearance, ANPR will be published in Federal Register with 60-day public comment period. **SEZ Withdrawal Petition/Application:** Amended withdrawal petition/application for SEZs is planned for publication on or about 2/29/12, after public comment period on Supplemental PEIS. Final configuration of SEZs to be shaped by public comment, however number of SEZs will likely decrease from 24 (677,000 acres) to 17 (304,000 acres). Withdrawal period would be increased from 5 years to 20 years.
Renewable Energy Priority Projects	BLM	**Pending Action Targets** • Solar Reserve Rice (CA) – 11/23/11 ROD • Centinela Solar (CA) – 12/7/11 ROD • White Mtn. Wind (WY) – on hold pending Avian Bat Protection Plan timeline • Tule Wind (CA) – 12/14/11 ROD • Sonoran Solar (AZ) – 12/2/11 ROD • N. Steens/Echanis Wind (OR) – 12/21/11 ROD • Ocotillo Express Wind (CA) – 2/10/12 FEIS; 4/18/12 ROD • K Road Moapa Solar Draft EIS NOA – 11/25/11 or 12/2/11
Backcountry Report	BLM	On 11/10, DOI issued Preliminary Report on BLM Lands Deserving Protection.
Sage Grouse		Draft Instruction Memo on interim management direction expected to be final by end of this month, after review by BLM State Directors and, subsequently, state governments. Expect to issue after KLS's 12/9 meeting with western governors. A second draft IM providing guidance on land use planning to Sage-grouse Regional Management Teams expected to be final in early 12/2011. IM will establish regional direction on development of land use planning goals, objectives, and priorities and describe how to utilize the National Technical Team Report.

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Onshore Royalty Reform	BLM	(b) (5)
2011 Alaska NPR-A Oil and Gas Lease Sale	BLM	
Fair Return Report – Oil and Gas	BOEM/ BLM	
Wild Horse and Burro Strategy	BLM	**Ecosanctuaries:** On 10/31, BLM received additional information that was requested from combination private/public land applicant (Madeleine Pickens). Due to public interest, BLM Grants Management Officer requested that independent cost analysis report be prepared by outside agency (Bureau of Reclamation). Report expected by the end of 12/2011 or early 1/2012. Based on report, Technical Proposal Evaluation Committee will determine whether to proceed to NEPA review. **Gathers:** Gathers in 3 HMAs (High Rock – CA, Great Divide Basin – WY, and Palo Verde Nuisance Gather – CA) have been completed since 10/14. Gathers in 1 HMA (Red Desert Complex – WY) underway. Triple B Report expected to be released week of 11/28. **National Academy of Sciences Review:** Initial meeting of NAS committee held in Reno on 10/27-28. Additional meetings scheduled throughout 2012 in CA, WA, and DC. Final NAS report to be completed in early 2013.
Oil Shale Rulemaking and Planning	BLM	On track with the Draft EIS. All cooperating agencies have signed. BLM is receiving their comments. Briefings for BLM Director to occur week of 11/21. Goal is to have the Draft EIS published for public review and comment by late 12/2011 or early 1/2012.

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Northern AZ Draft EIS (Grand Canyon)	BLM	NOA for Final EIS published on 10/27. Earliest date ROD could be signed is 11/28 (30 days from EPA's publication).
Coal rules implementing EPAct 2005 changes	BLM	Proposed Coal Regulations surnamed by BLM Director and forwarded to ASLM. ASLM analyst comments and suggestions incorporated on passback as of 10/27. BLM preparing briefing memo for ASLM that highlights rulemaking changes and implications.
Alaska—NPR-A planning	BLM	BLM-AK developed draft alternatives and scenarios. ASLM briefed on 11/1. Draft EIS scheduled to be published for public review and comment 4/2012.
Soda Ash	BLM	Royalty reduction provided by Soda Ash Act expired 10/2011. Industrial Minerals Association and soda ash industry will meet with SOL and BLM Director during week of 11/21 or 11/28 to discuss administrative royalty rate reduction. Former Wyoming Governor Freudenthal and soda ash industry representatives met on 11/9 with BLM Wyoming State Office to discuss possibility of soda ash industry submitting royalty rate reduction applications. Consensus of meeting was that industry doesn't think they would qualify for reductions under BLM guidelines.
New Mexico Potash Concurrent Development	BLM	Potash mining and oil and gas development in Carlsbad Field Office area has been contentious since concurrent development was allowed in 1951 through the first "Secretary's Potash Order." The conflict has historically been defined by numerous lawsuits and appeals. Recently, however, the industries and BLM have made substantial progress reducing conflict through the formation of a Joint Industry Technical Steering Committee and the use of Sandia National Labs for various technical studies.
Transmission	BLM	Five pilot lines that could affect BLM lands were selected by Administration's interagency Rapid Response Team for Transmission (RRTT): Cascade Crossing (OR), Boardman to Hemingway (OR and ID), Gateway West (ID and WY), Transwest Express (WY, UT, and NV), and SunZia (NM and AZ). During week of 11/14, BLM hosted workshop in DC for transmission project managers. KLS and RRTT representatives addressed managers. RRTT has retained contractor who will begin series of site visits, beginning with Cascade Crossing this month.
Pending Pro-Production Legislation	OCL	Hastings: • HR 1229, Putting the Gulf of Mexico Back to Work Act – House passed 5/11; placed on Senate calendar. • HR 1230, Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act – House passed 5/5. • HR 1231, Reversing President Obama's Offshore Moratorium Act – House passed 5/12;

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Atlantic Wind	BOEM	(b) (5)

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2007 – 2012 OCS Five-Year Program (lease sales)	BOEM	(b) (5)
2012 – 2017 OCS Five-Year Program	BOEM	
Cape Wind	BOEM	BOEM working with DOJ, SOL, and a contractor to redact documents for delivery of Administrative Report to court no later than 12/16.
Mexico Trans-Boundary Negotiations	BOEM& BSEE	(b) (5)
Safety Advisory Committee	BSEE	

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Upcoming Rulemakings	BSEE	
Atlantic G&G Seismic	BOEM	Staff began review of Draft PEIS in 11/2011. Draft PEIS will publish in 3/2012. Public hearings to occur 4/2012. Final PEIS to be published11/2012.
AK Sale 193 – Chukchi Sea	BOEM	(b) (5)
AK Shell Camden Bay (Beaufort Sea) Exploration Plan	BOEM	Completed EA and issued FONSI with conditional approval for EP. Twelve groups have challenged 8/2011 plan for exploration. Administrative record filed 11/14.
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ASLM Major Priorities and Projects (11/21/11)

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Stream Protection Rulemaking (SPR)	OSM	(b) (5)
Kentucky Bonding	OSM	
Breaks Regional Airport (VA)	OSM	
Tennessee Lands Unsuitable	OSM	

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GAO and OIG Pending Responses	BLM/ BOEM/ BSEE	**GAO High Risk Report (GHRR):** (b) (5) **OIG Reports:** On 11/10, OIG issued its report entitled, "U.S. Department of the Interior Program Startup Inspection: Office of Surface Mining Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative Report." In report, OIG recommended that OSM develop performance measures for its ARRI program. Final response is due by 12/9.
Hydraulic Fracturing	BLM	(b) (5)
Western Oregon	BLM	**Gov. Kitzhaber:** Gov. Kitzhaber's task force has not yet been convened. **Congress:** Rep. DeFazio expected to introduce bill in coming weeks on management of O&C

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		lands. **Forestry Pilot Projects:** (b) (5) **American Forest Resources Council (AFRC) Litigation:** (b) (5) **Pacific River Council's (PRC) Litigation:** (b) (5) **DTO v. Salazar (All Writs Act) Litigation:** (b) (5) **Swanson Litigation** (b) (5)
Solar Energy	BLM	**Solar PEIS:** (b) (5) **Solar/ANPR:** (b) (5) (b) (5)
Renewable Energy Priority Projects	BLM	**Pending Action Targets**

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Sage Grouse		
Onshore Royalty Reform	BLM	
2011 Alaska NPR-A Oil and Gas Lease Sale	BLM	

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Fair Return Report – Oil and Gas	BOEM/ BLM	
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Venting and Flaring (Onshore Order 9)	BLM	
Leasing Reform and Master Leasing Plans	BLM	
Section 390 Categorical Exclusions (CX) – Western Energy Alliance v. Salazar (Section 390 CX Litigation)	BLM	
Wild Horse and Burro Strategy	BLM	**Ecosanctuaries:** (b) (5) (b) (5)

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Oil Shale Rulemaking and Planning	BLM	(b) (5)
Northern AZ Draft EIS (Grand Canyon)	BLM	
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Waste Mine Methane Capture, Sale, or Destruction ANPR	(b) (5)	
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Soda Ash	BLM	
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Transmission	BLM	

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RS2477	BLM	
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Stream Protection Rulemaking (SPR)	OSM	(b) (5)
Kentucky Bonding	OSM	
Peabody Western Coal Company: permit renewal application for the Kayenta Mine	OSM	

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Breaks Regional Airport (VA)	OSM	
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Renewable Energy Priority Projects (b) (5) Sage Grouse	BLM	**Pending Action Targets** (b) (5)

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Fair Return Report – Oil and Gas	BOEM/ BLM	

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Venting and Flaring (Onshore Order 9)	BLM	
Leasing Reform and Master Leasing Plans	BLM	
Section 390 Categorical	BLM	

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Exclusions (CX) – Western Energy Alliance v. Salazar (Section 390 CX Litigation)		(b) (5)
Wild Horse and Burro Strategy	BLM	**Ecosanctuaries:** (b) (5) **Gathers:** (b) (5) (b) (5)
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AK Shell Camden Bay (Beaufort Sea) Exploration Plan	BOEM	(b) (5)
AK Shell Chukchi Sea Exploration Plan (EP)	BOEM	

ASLM Weekly Items Due List
November – December, 2012

Reported in Order Due

ITEM (Name, type of document, e.g. reg, GAO/OIG report, etc.)	DATE(S) DUE (and to whom)	ORIGINATING AGENCY	ASLM LEAD	COMMENTS
Nov. 5- 9				
GAO Final Report, Oil and Gas Management: Interior's Reorganization Complete but Challenges Remain in Implementing New Requirements (GAO-12-423)	Final report released 8/29 – DOI will have until 10/29 to respond to GAO.	BOEM/BSEE (BOEM lead)	MKI/NF/JM	BOEM making changes based on ASLM comments on 10/16. Package with MAB. Due to PFM week of 10/15.
Sale 229 lease sale package	Publish in FR no later than 10/29	BOEM	JM/RC/NF/ MB	As of 10/16, BOEM addressing JM/RC/NF edits. ROD not received in ASLM office yet.
40 year service awards		BOEM	JM/RC/NF	Sent back to BOEM for edits on 10/15
OIG recommendation #4	Target – Sept 30 - past	BSEE	JM, MK, NF, MB	Sent back to BSEE for edits on 10/16
NY RFI		BOEM	JM/RC/NF	With JM as of 10/16
Rep. Holt response letter on Arctic		BOEM	JM/RC/NF	With BOEM to address JM/RC/NF edits
Rep. Hinchey response letter on HF		BLM	MB/NF/BB	Proposed response approved by ASLM. Letter will be mailed out around mid-November.
Request for blanket approval for ESP		BOEM	JM, MK, NF, MB	With JM as of 10/16
Report on support of national fish habitat action plan		BOEM	JM, MK, NF, MB	With JM as of 10/16

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Surnaming Package for the Secretarial Potash Order	Signing is expected in November.	BLM	BB	BLM has submitted a surnaming package, but does not include the final version of the Comments Analysis document. SOL currently editing the analysis document.
Legislative proposals for renewal of military withdrawals at China Lake, 29 Palms, Chocolate Mountains, and Limestone Hills	TBD	BLM and DOD	KM/RC/NF/ MB	BLM briefed ASLM on Oct. 26. Next steps: MAB to discuss legislation models with Mike Pool, and BLM and ASLM to meet again prior to the ILUCC meeting on Nov. 15.
IG Report on ROWs – rental collection.	10/14 to PFM	BLM	KM/MK/NF/ MB	PFM has ASLM letter.
IG Draft Report on Safety of Dams	10-24 to ASLM. 11-5 to PFM (revised date)	BLM	KM/MK/NF	BLM to meet with ASLM on Friday, 11-2. BLM will bring revised recommendations on 11-2 afternoon.
ILUCC meeting	Mtg Nov. 15. Work on agenda this week			Karen working with Sara Streff at DoD on agenda. Karen and Ned and MAB to meet on Nov. 7
Interim Rules, Carrizo Plain National Monument		BLM	KM/RC/NF/ MB	KM adding one thing to the package. (KM received the revised package on 10-19.)
Meeting with DoD on Sun Zia transmission line				Targeting Nov. 9 or the following week. As of 11-1, BLM is waiting on DoD to suggest some times for the week of Nov. 12.
SNPLMA FY 2011 Annual Report to Congress	ASAP		KM/RC/NF/ MB	NF reviewing this package.
Mtg with Navy on drilling exploratory wells on withdrawn lands	Target mid-Nov.			KM and Tracie are rescheduling the pre-briefing, originally scheduled for Nov. 2. Have not yet set up the meeting with the Navy.
Proposed Withdrawal, Camp Michael Mansoor Mountain WarfareTraining Facility, California.	No deadline.	BLM	KM/RC/NF	KM answering a question on the package.

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Congressional Notification for Utah Recreational Lands Act Exchange Proposal, for Uintah, Grand and San Juan counties	ASAP		KM/RC/NF/ MAB	Considering asking BLM for a briefing on this land exchange
DOI Invasive Species Task Force	ongoing	PMB	KM	KM to participate in conference calls and editing documents pertaining to the DOI Invasive Species Strategic Plan
Nov. 12- Nov.16				
ILUCC meeting Nov. 15, 10 -12 am				
Nov. 19- Nov. 23				
Solar competitive leasing regs	BLM will begin surname process in mid-Nov.	BLM	KM/RC/NF	

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Nov. 26- Nov.30				

Completed Projects				
ITEM (Name, type of document, e.g. reg, GAO/OIG report, etc.)	DATE(S) DUE (and to whom)	ORIGINATING AGENCY	ASLM LEAD	COMMENTS
Virginia Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) for offshore wind	Week of Sept 10 to clear ASLM and week of Sept 17 to publish in Federal Register	BOEM	JM	Completed. ASLM cleared on 9/12. Awaiting Sec. announcement. No timeframe known as of 9/24. JM – reviewed Comm plan; made edits.
Central Gulf Lease Sale 227	ASLM surname preferred by Sept 12 but not needed until Sept 17	BOEM	JM	Completed. ASLM cleared on 9/18. Expecting announcement week of 9/24.
Alaska Trip- Canadian Institute presentation	Trip is week of Sept. 17. Event is Sept. 18	BLM/BOEM/ BSEE	JM/BB	Competed. Final 9/18 ppt on sharepoint.
Brazil Travel package – Herbst/Morris	Travel starts Sept. 23.	BSEE	JM	Completed. ASLM cleared 9/19.
Extension of bid evaluation for sale 216/222		BOEM	JM	Completed. ASLM cleared 9/20.
Withdrawal in Aid of Legislation, Twenty Nine Palms, CA	Deadline for PMB signature is 9/13/2012	BLM	KM/RC/NF	Received this package on 9-6; to PMB on 9-11.
Western Regional Partnership meeting	Sept. 13-14	BLM	KM	Complete 9-13.
Partial Revocation, Power Site 78, CO	No deadline	BLM	KM/RC/SB	8-22 to RC; to PMB 8-30. PMB signed.
Kirtland Air Force Base withdrawal revocation, NM	No actual deadline.	BLM	KM/RC/SB	KM to RC on 8-21. At PMB
Partial withdrawal revocation Power Site No. 126, WA	No deadline.	BLM	KM/RC/SB	8-21 to RC. Back to Karen for q. Ned signed 9-10.

Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act – Project Approvals	Due to Sec Office Sept. 17.	BLM	KM/RC/NF/MAB	Complete 9-20.
PLO Extension, Granite Chinese Walls Historic Site, OR	Deadline for PMB signature is 9/28/2012	BLM	KM/RC/NF	NF signed on 9-10, to PMB on 9-10.
GAO Draft report, Oil and Gas: Information on Shale Resources, Development and Environmental and Public Health Risks (GA)-12-7332)	Due to ASLM Aug. 14; due to PFM Aug. 17; due to GAO Aug. 27	BLM	MKI/BB/NF	NF/BB will review while on travel Complete. Submitted to GAO on August 27.
Regulatory Agenda for BLM		BLM	BBB	Complete
GAO Draft report, Unconventional Oil and Gas Development, Key Environmental and Public Health Requirements (GAO-12-874)	Due Aug. 20 to GAO	BLM	MKI/BB/NF/JM	Hydraulic fracturing report; no Dept. recommendations but BLM/ASLM have comments – in Dept. review week of Aug. 13th. Completed. Submitted to GAO on August 20.
GAO Final report, on Payments to Counties under Secure Rural Schools Act (GAO-12-775)	Due to ASLM Aug. 23; due to PFM Aug. 31; due to GAO Sept. 14	BLM	MKI/KM/SB	Issued by GAO July 16, 2012
PLO, Limestone Hills Training Area, MT	**deadline for PMB signature is 9/27/2012**	BLM	KM/RC/NF	**With BLM for correction of transmittal memo.**
Annual Assurance statements		BOEM/BSEE	JM/MK	2 packages – one for each bureau.
BLM and OSM Mining Awards	9-26	BLM and OSM	KM	
Departmental Manual 212 DM 33 and 602 DM 1 re: Office of Valuation Services.	Sept. 21	Exec. Sec.	KM	KM needs to find out if BLM is ok with the changes, then forward to RC and NF
Withdrawal extension, East Fork Elk Winter Range, Wyoming	No date,	BLM	KM	To PMB 9-28
Withdrawal petition / application, Buffalo Bill Dam and Reservoir Recreation site, WY	No date.			To PMB 9-28
Partial revocation, Boise-Payette	No deadline		KM/RC/SB	To PMB 9-28
Wild Horse Eco-sanctuary memo for Dep. Secretary		BLM	KM	KM revising

OIG New Horizon recommendation #44- Consider creating a review panel within BOEM to resolve all conflicts regarding info. Requests, mitigation determinations and remediation efforts	Target date Sept. 30 -	BOEM	NF/JM/MKI	Closed 9/27
OIG recommendation 58 and 63 closure request	Mid-sept	BSEE	JM	Closed 9/25
Records production, Uintah lawsuit	Due to DOJ Aug. 31	BLM/SOL	KM	KM has mostly completed.
Rapid Response Transmission Team (RRTT)	?			(meeting Wed Oct. 10 at 9-12 at Rm 5160 to discuss the DOE rule)
VA Beach – PSN/DOD Forum conference travel package	Sept. 27.	BOEM	JM/RC/NF	ASLM cleared 9/26. Neither PSN nor DOD Forum occurred.
Webb letter		BOEM	JM/RC/NF/MB	ASLM cleared 9/25
Reg. Plan		BSEE	JM/MK	ASLM cleared 9/27
Travel package – Denmark - Lusher	Travel starts early Oct.	BSEE	JM/RC	ASLM cleared 9/21
Safety and health assurance statement		BOEM/BSEE	JM	ASLM cleared 10/3
QFRs- Tommy's May 2012 hearing		BOEM	JM/RC/NF	ASLM cleared 10/4
Standards Wkshop –Nov.		BSEE	JM/RC/NF	ASLM cleared 10/10
List of restricted joint bidders		BOEM	JM/RC/NF	ASLM cleared 10/15
Army's Use of Natural gas on military installations.			KM/RC/NF/MB	Met with Army Oct. 4; need to keep following up. Army to reach out next to DOI with questions.
IG Report on Meadowood Farm – Horse Barn	10-22 to PFM	BLM	KM/MK/NF	
IG Report on Mineral Leasing on Indian Lands.	Due to BIA and PFM on 10/16.	BIA	BB/MK/NF/MB	ASLM cleared 10/19. Surnaming package was submitted to BLM on 10/22.
GAO Report on Mineral Revenues (on and off shore)	10/20 to PFM.	BLM	BB/JM/MK/NF	ASLM cleared on 10/22.
QFRs on California Coastal National Monument Expansion, H.R. 4969.	ASAP, received 10-12	BLM	KM/RC/NF	Done

Solar Zone Withdrawal Package		BLM	KM/RC/NF	At PMB
American Jewish Congress – Second Roundtable on Continental Energy Policy, Renewable and Sustainable Energy	Event is Oct 24, 12-3:30 in New York		KM/BB	Completed
Partial revocation, Air Site 189, AK	No actual deadline.	BLM	KM/RC/SB	PMB signed
China Lake Withdrawal extension	No date	BLM	KM /RC	PMB signed, CA withdrew from publication Federal Register notice of application to extend the legislative withdrawal. To RC on 10-11-12
BLM OR/WA State Director Installation Ceremony	11-1	BLM	KM/CC/MB	Talking points and field trip.
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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
January 12, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary: Last week I participated in a forum hosted by the Association of American Law Schools in Washington, D.C. The topic of my speech was "Academics in Government." During my speech I discussed my experiences as a Deputy Director of the BLM and as Acting Assistant Secretary. As a result of the opportunities afforded by these positions and the confidence you have placed in me, I have been able to play a meaningful role in the development of policies designed to strengthen and improve the way we carry out our stewardship responsibilities. I firmly believe the priorities we have established and the approach we are taking to achieve those priorities have fostered the development of improved public land and resource management practices. After my speech, I was gratified to hear many positive comments, including one from an attendee who said my remarks have prompted her to give serious consideration to pursuing opportunities in public service.

On Wednesday, January 12th, my office received from BOEM the Federal Register Notice for the OCS lease sale covering the Central Planning Area in the Gulf of Mexico. The package is currently undergoing review by my staff. As I review the package, I am aware of the many significant changes and needed reforms that have occurred under your leadership. Those changes and reforms have strengthened our oversight responsibilities. In light of the many reforms that took place in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon incident, the scheduling of this sale represents and important milestone in the offshore program. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our BOEM and BSEE employees. I look forward to working with Tommy and Jim and their teams as the next offshore leasing program is developed.

I have initiated a series of regular meetings with the sub-teams that have been established to develop concrete recommendations and options in the four core areas identified to effectuate the consolidation of certain OSM functions into the BLM. Those core areas are Fee Collection, Abandoned Mine Lands, Inspection and Enforcement, and Administration. Beginning on Friday, January 13th, I will be meeting regularly with the sub-teams to ensure that the process continues to move forward so that viable options are developed to effectuate the consolidation, and challenges are addressed promptly and effectively.

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II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

Week of Jan. 16, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office all week.
DAS Baca – (b) (6) in the office Jan 18.-20.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

Week of Jan. 23, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office all week.

DAS Baca - In the office all week.
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III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

Atlantic Wind: BOEM communications staff and the Secretary's Office are working on possible Jan. 27 announcements for the Mid-Atlantic EA, FONSI, and lease form, followed by the MD and VA Calls shortly thereafter. On Jan. 6, Director Beaudreau was briefed about the lease form policy options. The lease form entered surnaming during the week of Jan. 9. Acting ASLM Burke and DAS Farquhar were briefed about the lease form on Jan. 12. The EA and FONSI are complete and on hold with BOEM. On Jan. 9, Dep. Sec. Hayes, Dir. Beaudreau, and DAS Farquhar participated in an information meeting on the Rhode Island Area of Mutual Interest (RIAMI) to discuss fisheries concerns. Revisions to the RIAMI Area Identification Memo, including the removal of certain blocks, are being drafted by BOEM for SOL review, which is scheduled to begin Jan. 13. The MD Call has completed surnaming review and is on hold with BOEM until the Jan. 27 announcement. The VA Call and the MA Call are in surnaming within the BOEM Director's office. On Oct. 24, the draft NC Call was given to task force members and on Nov. 7, comments were received. BOEM is awaiting the Coast Guard's revisions to the red-yellow-green designation for offshore areas. The ME draft Request for Competitive Interest (RFCI) is being prepared by BOEM and will be ready for task force review in late Jan/early Feb. Statoil has been deemed legally qualified to obtain the lease and BOEM is requesting additional information to support technical and financial review of the ME RFCI.

- **Lease Sale 216/222 – Central Gulf of Mexico:** On Jan. 11, BOEM briefed Acting ASLM Burke and DAS Farquhar regarding the policy options for the proposed Central Gulf Lease Sale 216/222. This lease sale is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2012, in New Orleans, andwill be the last sale under the current 2007-2012 leasing program. The fiscal terms are the same as Western Gulf Sale 218, which took place last month. The proposed notice of sale alerts bidders that a stipulation for the U.S. – Mexico transboundary reservoirs agreement may be available at the time of the final notice of sale. The NOA for the proposed notice of sale is expected to be published in the Federal Register on Jan. 25.

- **Ocean Policy Implementation Plan Rollout:** On Jan. 12, the National Ocean Council (NOC) released the Draft Implementation Plan for implementing National Ocean Policy. The plan describes more than 50 actions across the Federal government for the stewardship of the ocean, including actions in the areas of coastal and marine spatial planning and in response to changing conditions in the Arctic. The comment period closes on Feb. 27. The NOC Communications Office is working with the Department's Communications Office on an outreach strategy. The NOC will be hosting stakeholder calls in late Jan/early Feb with various groups and is seeking assistance from BOEM and BSEE for energy industry stakeholder outreach.

- **Combined Benefit Fund Payment:** Since the enactment of the Coal Industry Retiree Health Benefit Act in 1992, OSM has been required to make annual transfers to the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) Combined Benefit Fund (CBF) from interest earned by the AML Fund. The 2006 SMCRA amendments added two additional plans (the 1992 and 1993 UMWA Healthcare Plans) to be funded by OSM. On Nov. 15, the first FY 2012 UMWA transfer

payment of $48 million was made from earnings on AML fund interest. A second transfer of $84 million from the General Treasury Fund occurred on Dec. 15. OSM's final FY 2012 payment, in the amount of $122 million, will be made on Jan. 15, for a total of $254 million in FY 2012 payments.

- **GAO High Risk Status:** In Feb. 2011, the Department of the Interior was listed for the first time in the Government Accountability Office's (GAO's) "High-Risk" Report for deficiencies in its oversight of onshore and offshore oil and gas operations. GAO's report specified ongoing challenges in three broad areas: Revenue Collection, Human Capital, and Reorganization. The Department and the relevant bureaus and offices have been working diligently to address the issues identified in the report with the goal of being removed the High Risk designation as early as possible. In response to an OMB A-11 requirement, a summary of the Department's strategy to addressing the GAO's High-Risk concerns is being included in the Department's Annual Performance Plan and Report. ASLM is continuing to lead efforts to fully address the High-Risk issues, close the remaining recommendations in the related GAO reports, and communicate our plan and progress to the GAO.

- **BLM/OSM Consolidation:** BLM, OSM and ONRR met with Dep. Sec. Hayes on Jan. 3 to discuss the vision document. A meeting with the Secretary is scheduled for Jan. 9 to discuss options for proceeding. {Rich will insert text} (b) (5)

- **Hydraulic Fracturing Rule:** On Jan. 10 and 12, the BLM held meetings with tribes on the draft rulemaking in Tulsa, OK and Billings, MT, respectively. Additional meetings will be held in Salt Lake City, UT on Jan. 17 and Farmington, NM on Jan. 19.

- **Western Oregon:** On Jan. 10, DOJ filed a motion to extend the D.C. District of Court's deadline to issue the proposed critical habitat rule for the northern spotted owl. The original deadline set by the Court was Jan. 17. An extension to Feb. 28 was requested, with no change to the Nov. 15, Court-ordered deadline for the final rule. Industry plaintiffs Carpenters Industrial Council, et al. will not oppose the motion to extend; environmental plaintiffs Seattle Audubon Society et al. oppose the extension, but do not oppose the government's motion for expedited consideration or the motion to extend.

Ongoing Projects:

- Wild Horse and Burro
- Transmission
- Bureau Accomplishments and Goals
- EITI
- Onshore Royalty Rate Rule Status

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Week of September 17, 2012
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III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind:**
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- **Shell's 2012 Alaska Drilling Operations, Inspections and Applications for Permit to Drill (APD):** (b) (5)

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- ~~Oil~~**BLM-CO White River Field Office Oil and Gas Plan Amendment:** (b) (5)

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- **Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project EIS:** (b) (5)

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- **Patriot Coal Corporation and Environmental Groups Reach Agreement on Company's Bankruptcy:** (b) (5)

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- **Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining Petition:** (b) (5)

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Ongoing Projects:

- OSM-BLM Consolidation Implementation
- Stream Protection Rule
- DOI/DoD Joint Action Plan Implementation

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
April 19, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

Two years ago this Friday, April 20th, the Deepwater Horizon explosion and resulting oil spill occurred. Its significance, from the perspectives of loss of life and environmental and economic impacts, cannot be overstated. As is so often the case, tragedy serves as a catalyst for positive change. Since that tragic day, under your leadership and through the hard work and dedication of your senior leadership team and our employees, we have developed and implemented a suite of significant reforms in an effort to address the deficiencies that contributed to the explosion. Fundamental to those efforts was the re-organization of the former MMS and the subsequent formation of BOEM and BSEE. These two bureaus are now functioning as separate, distinct entities, each with its respective mission and organizational structure. We continue to address issues related to interdependencies, and how best to clarify responsibilities so that our stakeholders fully understand the roles and responsibilities of both organizations.

In less than two years, we have implemented significant reforms and raised the standards for safety and environmental protection through our safety and drilling rules, many as the result of the numerous reports, studies, and investigative efforts that ensued after the DWH event. As the recently released Oil Spill Commission report notes, Interior has done a good job implementing the recommendations of the Commission. The "report card" from the Commission ranked the Department much higher than industry or Congress in addressing safety and environmental concerns. As in any organization, ongoing self-examination and assessment yields many benefits. To this end, we will continue to address identified needs and improvements by developing effective solutions and reforms. These efforts will occur while we continue to facilitate offshore energy resource exploration, development, and production in an environmentally responsible and scientifically sound manner.

On April 16, members of my staff and BSEE Director Jim Watson met with representatives of the Government of Norway, including Minister of Labour Hanne Bjurstrom and the Director of Norway's Petroleum Safety Authority (PSA), Magne Ognedal. Minister Bjurstrom and her staff were here to discuss offshore oil and gas activity and were particularly interested in discussing safety challenges in the petroleum industry in light of the Deepwater Horizon tragedy, including the new safety standards developed and implemented in the aftermath of that event. During the meeting, Minister Bjurstrom expressed her country's interest in renewing a Memorandum of Understanding between her ministry and BSEE on sharing information and practices about offshore development, with growing emphasis on the Arctic. This news is most welcome. Any opportunities we have to partner with and learn from other countries inures to our mutual benefit.

On April 18, I delivered remarks at an event in Raleigh, North Carolina. The "First in Flight, First in Wind" conference was co-hosted by the Sierra Club, North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light, and Meredith College. There is great excitement in my home state about the potential of wind energy. Many of the participants expressed a desire to do whatever it takes to help move North Carolina toward leasing and development. I then returned to Washington on April 19

where I gave the keynote address before the spring conference of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators. Although I was asked to focus my remarks on offshore oil and gas development, I took the opportunity to discuss the Administration's overall efforts to promote a more secure energy future through our "all of the above" energy approach. In so doing, I highlighted the critical role that the Department of the Interior plays in helping our Nation meet it growing energy needs.

II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

Week of Apr. 23, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office April 23 through Noon on April 25. On the afternoon of April 25, participate in an event commemorating 200 years of the General Land Office at the BLM's Eastern States office in Springfield, VA. From the evening of April 25 through April 27, travel to northeast PA to tour abandoned mine sites and participate in a tree planting event.
DAS Baca – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

Week of April 30, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office all week.
DAS Baca – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind:**
  - On Feb. 24, BOEM issued a press release for the **Rhode Island Area of Mutual Interest (RIAMI)** Area Identification. On Mar. 27, BOEM received the draft EA from the contractor. The EA is currently undergoing BOEM review. On Apr. 16, the SOL's office received the revised Block Island transmission package with further comments from BOEM. The next step for the transmission package is to publish the Request for Information (RFI).
  - **Offshore Maine.** On Mar. 16, Statoil met with BOEM and expressed interest in starting avian and other studies this spring. On Mar. 26, BOEM provided an Information Memo to the Secretary's office about Statoil's current status. BOEM has drafted a response to Senator Collin's Mar. 8 letter about expediting the application process. The response is currently undergoing review in BOEM.
  - The comment period for the Request for Competitive Interest (RFCI) for the **Atlantic Wind Connection** (AWC) transmission proposal closed on Feb. 21. BOEM received no applications. As a result, BOEM has drafted a Determination of No Competitive Interest, which is undergoing review within the SOL office.
  - The comment period for the **MD and VA Calls** closed on Mar. 19. In response to the MD Call, there were 5 comments and 6 nominations. In response to the VA Call, there were 8 comments and 9 nominations. BOEM is analyzing the level of interest from the comments and will hold task force meetings later in the spring.

- The comment period for the **MA Call** closed on Mar. 22. In response to the MA Call, there were 32 comments and 10 expressions of interest. BOEM is analyzing the comments and will hold a task force meeting in late spring.
- On Mar. 29, the first **SC Task Force** meeting was held. BOEM Dep. Dir. Cruickshank attended.
- On Apr. 3, the second **NY Task Force** meeting was held. ASLM Burke attended, and BOEM discussed the NY Power Authority's unsolicited application. The next step will be to issue an RFI.
- BOEM is nearing completion of its recommendations for the format of **Offshore Wind Auctions**. This decision is critical to the preparation of Notices of Sale and Proposed Notices of Sale for the leases we are planning to offer by the end of 2012. The ASLM will be briefed on the auction format issue on Apr. 19.

Knowledge Transfer Workshop: On Apr. 11, BOEM, BSEE, and DOE hosted a knowledge transfer workshop to learn from the European offshore renewables experience and from traditional oil and gas industry operations in order to better inform offshore renewable energy development in the U.S. More than 150 people attended the workshop and engaged in a robust discussion about the opportunities to build upon collaborative relationships between the U.S. and international industry partners, traditional and renewable energy developers, academic institutions, and government agencies.

OSM, BLM, and the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONNR) Continue Progress on Proposed OSM-BLM Consolidation: On Apr. 11, the OSM-BLM Executive Consolidation Team—comprised of officials from the two bureaus and ONRR—met to discuss the next steps on the proposed OSM-BLM consolidation. The Team also discussed the timeline for developing a detailed implementation plan for the Secretary's decisions on the recommendations in the *Report for the Secretary on the Proposed BLM/OSM Consolidation* (the Report). On Apr. 13, Secretary Salazar issued Secretarial Order 3320, which directs implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report. The four sub-teams that developed the substantive basis for the recommendations are meeting to determine next steps for the consolidation efforts within in each team's purview.

DoD - DOI Renewable Energy Collaboration: DAS Baca, together with representatives of the BLM, Steve Black, and Ted Boling met with Deputy Secretary Hayes on Apr. 12 to discuss draft legislation that would enable the development of renewable energy resources on lands withdrawn military purposes. After submitting the draft legislation to the Deputy Secretary, we plan to schedule a meeting with Deputy Under Secretary for Defense Dorothy Robyn to discuss the draft legislation.

Rapid Response Transmission Team Meeting to Implement Transmission Cabinet Directives: On Apr. 18, DAS Baca participated in a meeting of the Interagency Rapid Response Transmission Team. The team is preparing recommendations for the Transmission Cabinet on opportunities to address the challenges in evaluating and authorizing electric transmission lines. The team has identified a number of challenges in this area, particularly where more than one Federal agency is involved in the permitting decision. These challenges with multiple Federal agencies include conflicting or inconsistent processes, resource management standards, and

policy direction. The team will present its recommendations to the Transmission Cabinet at a meeting currently proposed for May 8.

APD Process Workshop – On Apr. 25 and 26, BLM will hold an APD workshop at the BLM-CO State Office to determine the data elements and workflow processes that to be used as part of the agency's proposed automated tracking system. The system is designed to reduce the review period for drilling permits. On Apr. 3, the Secretary announced the BLM's initiative during his visit to ND.

Keystone XL Pipeline – On Apr.10, TransCanada informed the BLM of its plans to file another application with the Department of State for a Presidential Permit under Executive Order 13337 before the end of the month. The new application proposes the same U.S.-Canadian international border crossing and routing through MT and SD. The BLM expects TransCanada to update its application accordingly and will continue processing the ROW for the pipeline for those portions that cross public lands in those states.

New Mexico Potash – An external group of oil and gas and potash industry representatives has sent you a letter suggesting changes to the Secretarial Order on potash and requested a meeting with you.

Ongoing Projects:

- Western Oregon
- Stream Protection Rule
- Onshore Royalty Rate Rule
- DOI/DON Joint Action Plan
- GAO High Risk Report
- Extractive Industries Technology Initiative (EITI)

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
July 5, 2012

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DAS Baca – In the office all week.
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- **Review of Pending IG and GAO Reports:** (b) (5)

- **Congress Passes, President Signs Transportation Bill with AML Rider Attached:** On (b) (5)

- **Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:* Proposed Expansion of Grundy Municipal Airport in Virginia:** (b) (5)

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- Stream Protection Rule
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III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- ***New*: DOI to be Cooperating Agency on Keystone Pipeline EIS:** (b) (5)

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- **Atlantic Wind:**
  - As of July 3, the **Programmatic Agreement** for MA and RI WEAs has been signed by all the parties except the Aquinnah. Director Beaudreau intends to call representatives of the Aquinnah to discuss their concerns by July 6. On July 2, BOEM announced the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the **RI/MA Area of Mutual Interest.** The NOA was published in the Federal Register on July 3.
  - On June 21, representatives of the **Cape Wind** project met with BSEE staff on oil spill response plans (OSRPs) for a pre-survey meeting. Cape Wind is scheduled to begin offshore survey activities in Nantucket Sound in early to mid-July. BOEM has requested that BSEE review an OSRP in the event that pollution from offshore wind equipment or a vessel is discharged.
  - BOEM anticipates publication of the **ME** Request for Interest (RFI) in the Federal Register in late July. BOEM is currently responding to comments received from the SOL's office.
- *New:* **BLM-NV Spring Valley Wind Dedication:** (b) (5)
- *New:* **Secretarial Order on Potash:** (b) (5)
- **Review of Pending IG and GAO Reports:** We continued to work with the ASLM Bureaus on responses to a number of GAO and OIG reports: **GAO Reports:** Offshore Oil and Gas Permitting since *Deepwater Horizon*); Phosphate Mining on Federal Lands; Financial

Assurances for Uranium Mining on Federal Lands; DOI Hiring, Retention and Training of Key Oil and Gas personnel. **OIG Reports:** ROWs on Federal Lands; Oil and Gas Leasing on Indian Lands.

- ***Update:*** **Congress Passes, President Signs Transportation Bill with AML Rider Attached:** (b) (5)
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- **Unchanged:** Lands **Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition**: OSM will brief Departmental senior officials on July 12 regarding the current status of the Petition. The Tennessee Attorney General sent a letter dated June 26 notifying Director Pizarchik that he believes the changes in petition boundaries proposed by OSM "undermine the very values the State is seeking to protect in its petition." OSM is evaluating the letter and will draft an appropriate response, which will likely occur after the July 12 briefing.

- ***Update:*** **Proposed Expansion of Grundy Municipal Airport in Virginia:** On June 20, OSM conducted a teleconference with Federal partners, including the Department of the Interior Secretary's staff, the Solicitor's Office, Army Corps, EPA, and FAA to discuss each agency's position prior to a meeting with VA Senator Mark Warner and Congressman Morgan Griffith. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential paths for the Breaks Regional Airport Authority to proceed with expansion/reconstruction of the Grundy Municipal Airport into the Breaks Regional Airport. A meeting with Senator Warner is ~~tentatively~~ scheduled for July 12.

- **New: July 19 Hearing on Stream Protection Rule:** (b) (5)
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Ongoing Projects:

- OSM-BLM Consolidation Implementation
- Stream Protection Rule
- DOI/DoD Joint Action Plan
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LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT
July 8 – July 14, 2012

SENIOR OFFICIALS' ACTIVITIES

Week of July 9, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – (b) (6) In the office July 11-13.
DAS Baca – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar –(b) (6)

Week of July 16, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – Travel to Wyoming to tour a number of BLM sites, including the Chokecherry Sierra Madre wind energy project site and transmission corridors for Gateway West, Gateway South, and Transwest Express. Travel will also include tours of abandoned and prospective uranium mines and tours of various coal mining sites.
DAS Baca – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar –(b) (6)

HOT TOPICS

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Renewables

- *New:* **BLM-CA Alta East Wind Project:** (b) (5)
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- *Update:* **BLM-WY Chokecherry/Sierra Madre Wind Project:** (b) (5)

Wild Horse & Burro

- *New:* **BLM-MT/DK Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Gather:** (b) (5)

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- ***New:*** **BLM-OR Wild Horse Gather:** (b) (5)

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Solids

- ***Update:*** **BLM-WY North Porcupine Coal Lease Sale:** (b) (5)

- ***New: Potash Secretarial Order:*** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

- ~~*Update*~~*New: Deepwater Well Containment Drill:* (b) (5)

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- ~~Update~~*New*: *McMoRan Production Test of Davy Jones Ultra-Deep Gas Discovery:*
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- *New: New 5-year contract for ~~the operation and maintenance of~~ Ohmsett:* (b) (5)
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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

- ***Update: 2012 - 2017 Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program:*** *On June 28, the Proposed Final Program (PFP) was sent to Congress. The PFP, together with the Final Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), has been posted on BOEM's website. The EPA and BOEM Notices of Availability will both be published in the Federal Register on July 6.~~ 2012.~~*

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- ***Update: MA & RI Wind Energy Areas****: On July 2, DOI announced the ~~Notice of Availability~~ NOA of the Draft EA for the RI/MA Area of Mutual Interest. ~~was announced by DOI~~. The EA is scheduled for publication in early July. On May 24, the Programmatic Agreement for Section 106 consultation for the MA and RI wind energy areas was sent to the consulting parties for signature. As of ~~June 20~~July 2, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Narragansett Tribe, ACHP, and the RI and MA SHPOs have sent their signatures; however, the Aquinnah have not signed. Public information meetings are expected to be held the week of July 16.*
- ***New:*** **Fifth and final Lophelia II cruise:** *~~From~~ On July 13 – July 28, the fifth and final Lophelia II cruise will start in the investigation of deep coral ecosystems in the Gulf of Mexico. The investigation will include oil and gas platforms that are currently producing. BOEM is working with NOAA and partners to post updates from the cruise as it progresses. ~~and is completed.~~*

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Transportation Bill limits AML payments : (b) (5)

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- ***New:*** **Tribal Consultation with the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation on Proposed OSM Rulemaking on Title IV Limited Liability** (b) (5)
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- ***Update:*** **Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition:** (b) (5)
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- ***Update:*** **Proposed Expansion of Grundy Municipal Airport in Virginia** (b) (5)
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WEEK AHEAD – July 8 - 14

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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Wednesday, July 11

- *New:* **BLM-UT Mineral Mountain Wind Project Meeting:** (b) (5)

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Friday, July 13

- *New:* **BLM -WY Methane Recovery Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** (b) (5)

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- **No Change: Hydraulic Fracturing Rule Tribal Meeting in Ft. Berthold, ND:** The BLM has scheduled a tribal consultation meeting on the proposed hydraulic fracturing rule in Ft. Berthold, ND.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

- **Nothing to report.**

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Monday, July 9 - Thursday, July 12

- **~~New~~No change: ~~July 9-12, 2012~~ BSEE ~~OSRD~~ Unannounced Oil Spill Equipment Inspections:**(b) (5)

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WEEKS AHEAD

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Sunday, July 15

- *Update:* **Annual Helium Facility Shutdown:** (b) (5)

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Monday, July 23-Wednesday, July 25

- *New:* **National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Meeting:** (b) (5)

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Monday, July 16 - Tuesday, July 17

- **No Change: Offshore Wind Outreach in MA and RI:** Director Beaudreau and BOEM staff will host public information sessions to provide an overview of the ~~Environmental Assessment (~~EA~~)~~ and next steps in the leasing process for the RI/MA Area of Mutual Interest. The sessions are scheduled to take place in Narragansett, RI and New Bedford, MA.

Wednesday, July 18

- *New: American Petroleum Institute (API) meeting: Director Beaudreau will speak at the ~~American Petroleum Institute~~API Upstream Committee meeting in~~,~~ Washington, D.C.*

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Monday, July 16 - Friday, July 20

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- ***New:*** ~~***July 16-20, 2012 -***~~ **Coast Guard Training at Ohmsett:** *The US. ~~S.~~ Coast Guard (USCG) will hold their Oil Spill Response Technician (OSRT) Training at Ohmsett ~~on July 16-20~~. This course will be based on National Strike Force (NSF) qualification requirements and the curriculum will include actual oil spill recovery and viscous oil transfer on a variety of USCG oil recovery and ancillary systems.*

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Wednesday, July 25 – Friday, August 3, 2012

- ***New:*** ~~***July 25 – August 3, 2012 - The***~~ ***HALO Sea Barrier Defense*** ~~***will be***~~ ***tested at Ohmsett:*** *HALO's system is designed to handle multiple high impact incidents. The barrier can also be used as a platform to mount video surveillance cameras along the upper surface, provide sonar equipment attachment points underneath, drop netting to the seafloor to prevent diver attacks, and incorporate other deterrents such as lighting, sensors, and audible devices. Two HALO Sentinel barrier sections were recently tested at Ohmsett. A third barrier section will be added in this continuation of previous tests.*

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Friday, July 20

Update: **Pinabete Mine Permit Application:** (b) (5)

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
July 12, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

This week we continue to press forward on a number of fronts in the President's all-of-the-above energy strategy for safe and responsible energy production. In that vein, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on today's announcement in New Mexico with Senators Bingaman and Udall of your Draft Secretarial Order on potash development. This Draft Secretarial Order provides a mechanism for the potash and oil and gas industries to work together and has support from both industries. As such, it represents an historic accomplishment, addressing conflicts that have existed for decades. It demonstrates the power of determined cooperation to effectuate positive change, in this case better enabling the efficient development of important domestic mineral and energy resources while ensuring the equally important safety of operations.

Another example this week of successful cooperation in promoting efficient energy development was a productive discussion with the Department of Defense (DoD) regarding the MOU for onshore and offshore renewable energy. Deputy Secretary Hayes, DAS Baca, and I met with representatives of the DoD to prepare for your meeting with Secretary Panetta on July 20. We are also working on draft legislation to outline a process for authorizing renewable energy projects on lands withdrawn for military purposes, and disposition of the revenues from the renewable energy projects. Our numerous discussions with the DoD over the past few months have resulted in a better understanding of the issues each of our departments face. We have seen the benefits of this better understanding in developing the MOU and draft legislation, but also expect it to serve both agencies well in moving forward on future energy projects.

We have likewise been working with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to address challenges it has identified that DOI faces in the management of oil and gas resources. In February 2011, DOI was listed for the first time in GAO's "High-Risk" Report for deficiencies in its oversight of onshore and offshore oil and gas operations. GAO's report specified ongoing challenges in three broad areas: revenue collection, human capital and reorganization. ASLM, ASMPB and the involved bureaus - BLM, BOEM, BSEE, and ONRR - have been working to develop a comprehensive, strategic, and cross-bureau approach to addressing the problem areas GAO identified, both as one of DOI's "priority goals" in the budget process and as a collaborative effort of the ASLM/ASPMB co-chaired Production Coordination Committee. On July 10, Deputy Secretary Hayes, DAS Pam Haze and Directors Watson, Beaudreau, and Pool met with OMB and GAO to present updates of DOI initiatives and plans related to management of Federal oil and gas resources. This update included an explanation of the Department's overall strategy of setting priority goals, as well as specific accomplishments in each of the identified three areas. We also identified next steps, including commitment and involvement of top DOI leadership, and ongoing communication with GAO to detail our progress.

My office also worked with BOEM and BSEE to issue a response to a recent draft GAO report on offshore oil and gas permitting and other issues since *Deepwater Horizon*. Challenges associated with the reorganization of BOEM, BSEE, and ONRR was one of the factors that caused Interior to be included in GAO's High Risk Report. BOEM and BSEE identified concerns regarding GAO's use of limited data in the draft report, particularly as it applies to processing times for plans and permits., After our discussions with GAO, it has agreed to publish in its final report DOI-supplied updates to plans and permitting data in addition to the DOI response letter to the draft GAO report which outlines DOI's overall concerns.

GAO has also initiated a review of DOI's hiring, training and retention of key skilled positions for oversight and management of oil and gas activities, another issue that caused Interior to be included in GAO's High Risk Report. GAO held an entrance conference with DOI on June 19, and held follow-up meetings with BOEM, BSEE, and BLM. This GAO report will address the human capital issues identified in GAO's High Risk List.

In the meanwhile, we continue to move forward proactively with offshore oil and gas development under post-*Deepwater Horizon* reforms. I am reviewing this week the Proposed Notice of Sale for the Gulf of Mexico Western Planning Area (WPA) Sale 229. This sale will be the first in the new 2012-2017 5-Year Program and is another demonstration of the effectiveness of ongoing operations within the reorganized BOEM. BOEM expects to publish a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register by July 23. The sale is tentatively scheduled for November 28, 2012.

I am looking forward to participating in the upcoming deepwater well containment drill being planned by BSEE. Director Watson and BSEE staff have devoted extensive time and effort to this high priority activity, including meeting regularly with Shell and Marine Well Containment Company (MWCC) to discuss plans and ensure realistic operations. The Interior Operations Center will be involved in the capping stack deployment test in the Gulf of Mexico July 22 – August 5, and Congressional staff and foreign visitors are expected to observe the event.

On the confirmation front, I met with Senator Barrasso on July 12. We discussed his concern about my work for the Defenders of Wildlife, the wild lands policy, and oil and gas leasing reform. He stated that he was concerned not just about Defenders, but about what he saw as a general pattern of closing access to the public lands. I explained that goal is not to close access, but rather to provide for access in the appropriate places, times, and manner.

Another issue of particular interest to Wyoming is a provision that was included in the transportation bill signed by the President on July 6. The provision caps Abandoned Mine Land (AML) payments to certified states and tribes at $15 million per year. Certified states and tribes are those that have completed reclamation of all coal AML sites within their jurisdictions. The most significant impact will be funding provided to Wyoming, since Wyoming is the only certified state that receives over $15 million per year. The Department and OMB are reviewing the potential impact of this amendment. On July 11, OSM and other DOI staff briefed OMB on the provision's likely impacts. This issue is continuing to receive legal review within the Department.

Last but certainly not least, I continue to follow the news reports and briefings on the fire situation in the West. I am heartened that the fires in Colorado have been mostly contained, but I am following the efforts to stabilize the burned areas and protect water and other resources. Once again I want to say how impressed I am with the BLM and other Federal and state firefighting employees who perform these difficult and important jobs. The Administration's decision to make Federal health insurance available to temporary frontline firefighters highlights the gratitude we collectively feel to those who are undertaking this dangerous work.

II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

Week of July 16, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – Travel to Wyoming to tour BLM renewable and conventional energy sites July 16 - 19. In the office July 20.
DAS Baca – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar – (b) (6) expecting to return to the office part-time late in the week.

Week of July 23, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office July 23 – 27. In Louisiana for deepwater well containment exercises July 28 – 30.
DAS Baca – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar – (b) (6) expecting to be at the office part-time.

III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind:**
  - As of July 3, the **Programmatic Agreement** for MA and RI WEAs had been signed by all the parties except the Aquinnah. Director Beaudreau called representatives of the Aquinnah to discuss their concerns on July 10. BOEM is continuing to work with the Aquinnah to attempt to address their concerns. On July 2, BOEM announced the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the **RI/MA Area of Mutual Interest.** The NOA was published in the Federal Register on July 3. Director Beaudreau will be leading public information and other meetings in RI and MA on July 16 and 17 to provide an overview of the EA and discuss next steps in the leasing process.
  - BOEM anticipates publication of the **ME** Request for Interest (RFI) in the Federal Register in late July. Leadership from BOEM and the SOL are addressing final issues.
  - BOEM anticipates making an electronic lease offer to **Bluewater Wind Delaware**, LLC, on July 17. The lease comprises 96,430 acres within the Delaware Wind Energy Area. The company will have 10 business days to accept, reject, or seek modification of the lease terms and conditions.
- **BLM-NV Spring Valley Wind Dedication:** BLM-NV will host a dedication to celebrate completion of the first wind energy generation facility to be constructed on public lands in Nevada. Acting BLM Deputy Director Neil Kornze will speak at the dedication. Construction of the 150-MW Spring Valley wind project began in 2011 and is expected to be

completed in August 2012. The project is on 7,673 acres of public lands 30 miles east of Ely, NV and consists of 75 wind turbines and an electrical substation. It will use an existing 230kV transmission line for distribution.

- **DOI to be Cooperating Agency on Keystone Pipeline EIS:** The DOI accepted an invitation from the Department of State (DOS) to be a cooperating agency on the supplemental EIS that will be prepared for TransCanada's new application for a Presidential Permit for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline project. The proposed route presented in the new application—which would cross the U.S.-Canada border into MT, run through SD, and terminate in NE—differs from the one proposed in the original application, which was denied in January 2012. The supplemental EIS will consider the newly proposed route, as well as information or studies issued since the EIS was issued in August 2011. The BLM and the FWS will be the Department's primary representatives in this review.

- **Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition**: On July 11, OSM briefed the ASLM regarding the status of the petition and the proposed boundaries, and briefed COS Laura Davis and others in the Department July 12. The Tennessee Attorney General sent a letter on June 26 stating that the changes in petition boundaries that OSM has proposed undermine the values the State is seeking to protect in its petition. This letter represents a change in the State's position as reflected in its February 2012 letter in which it stated that it had "no objection" to OSM proposed boundaries and agreed that OSM's proposed map "was more accurate" than its own.

- **Proposed Expansion of Grundy Municipal Airport in Virginia:** On July 12, OSM and OCL met with Senator Warner, VA Congressman Griffith, Federal agencies and local and state officials to discuss potential means for resolving issues related to the proposed expansion/reconstruction of the Grundy Municipal Airport into the Breaks Regional Airport. Senator Warner requested that the agencies hold a follow-up meeting next month to evaluate progress on resolving legal and factual disagreements.

- **Hearing on Stream Protection Rule (SPR):** The House Committee on Natural Resources is scheduled to hold a hearing July 19 on the SPR to examine: 1) the status of the proposed SPR and the March 2010 settlement with plaintiffs concerning the 2008 Stream Buffer Zone Rule, and 2) "the failure of the Department to comply with the official Congressional subpoenas for documents" related to the SPR. Director Pizarchik will testify. At the current time, the hearing consists of a single panel.

- **Congressional Briefing on BLM Renewable Energy Program:** On July 12, BLM briefed majority staff of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and minority staff of the Senate Budget Committee on the BLM's renewable energy program. House Oversight Committee Chairman Issa and Senate Budget Committee Ranking Member Sessions wrote to you on May 29 inquiring about DOI's relationship to the DOE Loan Guarantee Program, specifically as it relates to seven BLM-approved renewable energy projects.

- **Oversight Hearing on BLM's Helium Program:** On July 20, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources will hold an oversight hearing on the

BLM's helium program. Tim Spisak, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals and Realty Management, will be the BLM witness.

Ongoing Projects:

- OSM-BLM Consolidation Implementation
- Stream Protection Rule
- DOI/DoD Joint Action Plan

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LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT
July 15 – July 21, 2012

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HOT TOPICS

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Oil & Gas

- *New:* **Oil Shale and Tar Sands Final Programmatic EIS (PEIS):** (b) (5)

Wild Horse & Burro

- *New:* **BLM-NV Jackson Mountain Wild Horse Gather:** (b) (5)

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Solid Minerals

- *New:* **BLM-UT Alton Coal EIS:** (b) (5)

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- *New:* **Secretarial Order on Potash:** (b) (5)

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Transmission

- *New:* **DOI to be Cooperating Agency on Keystone Pipeline EIS:** (b) (5)

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- ***Update:*** **Gateway West Transmission Project:** (b) (5)

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Congressional

- ***New:*** **Renewable Energy Briefing for Committee Staff:** (b) (5)

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Miscellaneous

- *New:* **BLM-CO "Over the River" temporary art project:** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

- *Update~~No change~~:* **Deepwater Well Containment Drill:** (b) (5)

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- *New:* ~~July 12th~~ **Meeting with NASA:** (b) (5)

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- ***Update:*** **2012 - 2017 Five Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program:** *On June 28, the Proposed Final Program (PFP) was sent to Congress. The PFP, together with the Final Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), has been posted on BOEM's website. The Notice of Availability of the EIS was published in the Federal Register on July 6 and the Notice of Availability of the 5 Year Program was published on July 13, 2012.*
- ***Update:*** **MA & RI Wind Energy Areas:** *On July 2, DOI announced the NOA of the EA~~Environmental Assessment~~ for the RI/MA Area of Mutual Interest.— Public information meetings will be held July 16-17, 2012. On May 24, the Programmatic Agreement for Section 106 consultation for the MA and RI wind energy areas was sent to the consulting parties for signature. As of July 12~~0~~, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Narragansett Tribe, ACHP, and the RI and MA SHPOs have signed the agreement; however, the Aquinnah have not signed.*
- ***Update: Rhode Island Offshore Wind Transmission Project:*** *BOEM received no submissions indicating competitive interest for the Block Island Transmission System (BITS) ROW grant. The determination of no competitive interest Federal Register notice is in surnaming.*

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Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

- ***Update:*** **Transportation Bill Limits AML Payments:** (b) (5)

- ***New:*** **Marfork Coal Company Appeal:** (b) (5)

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- *Update:* **Proposed Expansion of Grundy Municipal Airport in Virginia:** (b) (5)

- *Update:* **Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition:** (b) (5)

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WEEK AHEAD

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Sunday, July 15

- ***Update*~~No Change~~: Annual Helium Facility Shutdown:** (b) (5)

Monday~~Tuesday~~, July 16~~7~~ – Thursday, July 20

- ***New:*** **BLM-WY ASLM Tour:** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Monday, July 16 - Tuesday, July 17

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Wednesday, July 18

- ***New:*** ~~***Jul 18, 2012***~~ **Alaska Regional Interagency Working Group (ARIWG) Meeting:** (b) (5)

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Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

Thursday, July 19

- *New:* ~~July 19~~ **Hearing on Stream Protection Rule:** (b) (5)

WEEKS AHEAD

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Monday, July 23-Wednesday, July 25

- **No Change: National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Meeting** (b) (5)

Tuesday, August 7

- *New:* **National Clean Energy Summit 5.0 Power of Choice:** *The fifth annual National Clean Energy Summit will bring together clean energy visionaries and leaders, public*

officials, business executives and entrepreneurs, investors, students, and the media to discuss how to empower the public with tools to promote the clean energy economy, increasing jobs and our energy independence. The day-long clean energy summit will be hosted by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV). Secretary Ken Salazar and President Bill Clinton are scheduled to speak.

- *New:* **BLM-WY Oil & Gas Lease Sale:** (b) (5)

Wednesday, August 8

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- *New:* **BLM-NV Spring Valley Wind Dedication:** (b) (5)

Thursday, August 9

- *New:* **BLM-CO Oil & Gas Lease Sale:** ~~*On Aug. 9,*~~ *BLM-CO will auction 1 parcel totaling 921 acres at an oil and gas lease sale in Lakewood, CO. The protests period ended on June 11; No protest were filed. The sale is not expected to be controversial.*

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

- **Nothing new to Report**

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Wednesday, July 25 – Friday, August 3

- ~~*Jul 25 – August 3, 2012 –*~~ **No Change: The HALO Sea Barrier Defense will be tested at Ohmsett:** HALO's system is designed to handle multiple high impact incidents. The barrier can also be used as a platform to mount video surveillance cameras along the upper surface, provide sonar equipment attachment points underneath, drop netting to the sea floor to prevent diver attacks, and incorporate other deterrents such as lighting, sensors, and audible devices. Two HALO Sentinel barrier sections were recently tested at Ohmsett. A third barrier section will be added in this continuation of previous tests.

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Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

- **Nothing new to report.**

Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
August 23, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

I am writing this week in Marcilynn's stead as she has been on official travel in California and Oregon. Although Marcilynn's personal message next week will speak in greater detail about her trip, I wanted you to know that to date she has met with employees and senior management in the BOEM/BSEE Pacific Region office in Camarillo, CA. In Camarillo, she received briefings from staff and senior management regarding issues of importance in the Pacific Region and held an "all employee" meeting that covered a range of subjects. The meeting included feedback from employees on the BOEM/BSEE reorganization. She then traveled to Vandenberg Air Force Base in Lompoc, CA where she received a number of high level briefings from senior management about Vandenberg's mission and its relationship to the work performed by BOEM, BSEE, and BLM. She then traveled north to tour the Fort Ord National Monument and meet with monument management and staff to discuss long-term management and community expectations for the Monument. While in northern California, she also toured the Coast Dairies property, a large privately-owned coastal property near Santa Cruz that the BLM is in the process of acquiring.

As of August 23, Marcilynn is in BLM's Medford District, meeting with BLM management and staff concerning forestry management issues and to tour two pilot projects. I am particularly glad that Marcilynn is visiting the Medford District to learn more about Western Oregon forestry issues. She will also meet with the Coquille Tribe to discuss a joint timber management project between the BLM and the Tribe. You may recall that during our December 2010 Western Oregon Forestry Summit, we discussed and reached agreement on a path forward for timber management based on the principles of ecological forestry management espoused by Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin. Those principles are now being tested through three timber pilot projects that we selected at the summit.

As you know, we have been closely following fire and drought issues throughout this summer. This week, the BLM reported that, as of mid-August, nearly 3 million acres of BLM-managed rangelands, woodlands, and forests have burned in the lower forty-eight. More than 2 million of these acres are in sage-grouse habitat, primarily in the Great Basin States. In contrast, 2.4 million acres burned in 2006 and 2 million acres burned in 2007. I understand that BLM is prioritizing rehabilitation work in sage grouse habitat areas to try to control the long-term impacts that may result from soil erosion, invasive grasses, and the continued drought.

As I wrap up my tenure at DOI, I have been thinking about the future of the Interagency Land Use Coordinating Committee (ILUCC), particularly since the recent execution of the MOU. We have used the ILUCC to enhance cooperation between DOI and DoD to facilitate appropriate resource management. Through the consultation processes we have set up, and through enhanced awareness of the issues, we can now resolve potential conflicts between DoD and DOI missions on withdrawn public lands. We also have begun early coordination when DoD needs to obtain Congressional approval for new withdrawals or the extension of existing withdrawals.

Finally, we are reaching agreement on principles for engaging in joint land use planning projects. All of these are significant advances in cooperation between the two Departments. As important as these steps are, I feel the most important accomplishment is DoD's enhanced awareness, at both the field and headquarters levels, of the mission, needs, and strengths of the BLM and DOI. In return, BLM and other DOI bureaus have similarly gained a greater understanding of the DoD mission, needs, and strengths.

I feel strongly that we need to continue the valuable work that the ILUCC has been performing. I have discussed some of my ideas with Acting Assistant Secretary Burke and Steve Black. I hope to leave some ideas that Assistant Secretary Burke can implement in the future.

Now that the MOU is in place, I believe it is important as we move forward to integrate and coordinate our offshore renewable energy development activities in the deliberations of the ILUCC. Additionally, I believe that the ILUCC should further understand the important role of transmission infrastructure as it will be crucial to delivering renewable energy to the grid. Finally, I want to recognize tireless efforts of Ted Boling and Aaron Moody of the Solicitor's office. The MOU would not have been possible without their guidance and perseverance, which helped ensure its successful completion.

I appreciated the opportunity to work with Steve Black and Ruchi Sadhir on the Rapid Response Transmission Team (RRTT). I have been following the progress of the nine pilot projects. In particular, I have been working with BLM-NM State Director Jesse Juen and BLM-AZ State Director Ray Suazo on issues regarding the SunZia Transmission Project, which is scheduled to be completed in early 2013. We have been working closely with the U.S. FWS and DoD to resolve the last of the remaining issues that will allow this project to move forward. Symbolically, completion of this project demonstrates that the Federal Government can permit a major transmission line in an efficient and coordinated fashion. Completion of this pilot project will mark a major milestone in achieving one of the priority RRTT projects, as well as one of the President's major infrastructure projects.

On Wednesday, August 22, I traveled to Grundy, Virginia to meet with Senator Mark Warner and local officials to discuss the progress on the Breaks Regional Airport. Together with representatives of the FAA, we presented a coordinated strategy for the airport expansion project. Recently, all parties reached agreement that the airport authority would no longer pursue an Abandoned Mine Lands Enhancement Exemption in connection with the proposed airport expansion. Instead, the airport authority will pursue a Government Financed Construction Exemption (GFE). Also, we agreed that one EIS would be prepared; the FAA will serve as the lead for the EIS and OSM will be a cooperating agency. Senator Warner was pleased that all parties have agreed on a path forward and urged the airport authority to provide the necessary documentation to the OSM and FAA.

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As I approach my last day with DOI (Aug. 24), I have been reflecting on how I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with the leadership of OSM and BLM and their respective career staff to achieve the many important priority goals and initiatives of this Administration. I have served the Department of the Interior for a total of nine years in a variety of capacities in ASLM. I have witnessed first-hand the multitude of complex land management issues we are expected to effectively address within the constraints of challenging fiscal and political climates. My experience has taught me that the Department of the Interior has no greater asset than its dedicated career employees. As a westerner, I greatly appreciate the commitment and passion of our workforce in protecting America's special places. I am proud to have served alongside these dedicated professionals. Once again, thank you for the honor and privilege to serve the American people and to be a part of your team.

II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

Week of August 27, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office Aug. 28 & 30-31. Travel to TN on Aug. 29 to meet with the TN Attorney General on the TN Lands Unsuitable for Mining Petition.
DAS Farquhar – Travel to Denver, CO, on Aug. 27-30 for facilitated leadership training. In the office on Aug. 31.

Week of September 3, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – (b) (6) In the office Sept. 5-7.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind:**
  - On Aug. 8, BOEM held a joint **RI/MA** task force meeting to discuss the draft Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) in RI. On Aug. 22, BOEM received the task force's comments on the PSN. BOEM intends to publish the RI/MA PSN in Sept./Oct.
  - On Aug. 17, the SOL's office received the **VA** PSN package for review. BOEM expects to publish the VA PSN in mid-Sept.
  - On Aug. 2, BOEM held a task force meeting in **N.C.** On Aug. 16, BOEM circulated a draft of the N.C. Call for Information to the task force. Comments from the task force are due to BOEM on Aug. 23.
  - On Aug. 1, Bluewater responded to BOEM's offer for the **DE** negotiated lease. In its response, Bluewater requested a modification of certain terms of the lease and a meeting with BOEM. Among the items Bluewater seeks to modify are the size of the lease area, various stipulations and survey requirements, and milestones associated with regulatory filings. On Aug. 21, BOEM held a meeting with Bluewater to clarify stipulations. BOEM expects to complete final negotiations and execute the lease by the end of Sept.
- **Shell's 2012 Alaska Drilling Operations, Inspections and Applications for Permit to Drill (APD):** The inspection and deployment test of the containment system has been

postponed and rescheduled for Aug. 26-27. BSEE anticipates being able to make a decision on Shell APDs soon after the deployment testing and inspection.

- **NPRA Oil and Gas Lease Sale** – BLM-AK is currently working on the draft lease sale configuration and NEPA review for the tracts to be offered for its upcoming lease sale. The target date for finalizing the tracts to be offered is Aug. 24. The tracts that will be made available will be consistent with the planning decisions contemplated in the preferred alternative of the current NPR-A planning effort. BLM-AK expects to submit its Federal Register Notice request for the Notice of Sale to BLM-WO by Sept. 10. The targeted publishing date is no later than Oct. 5.

- **Onshore Order Number 9 (Venting and Flaring)** – On Aug. 17, ASLM was briefed on the content of the BLM's proposed Onshore Order Number 9 draft rule. Tribal consultation is tentatively scheduled for the end of the year. The proposed rule is expected to be ready for OMB/OIRA final review by Jan. 22, 2013.

- **STRONGER (State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations) Board Meeting** – On Aug. 29 and 30, the STRONGER group will be holding their annual board meeting in Crystal City, VA. BLM has been invited to discuss the details of the hydraulic fracturing rule. STRONGER is a non-profit, multi-stakeholder organization made up of members of the oil and gas industry, state oil and gas regulators, and environmental organizations. Its goals are to share innovative techniques and environmental protection strategies, and identify opportunities for improvement of state oil and gas regulatory programs.

- **Oil Shale Programmatic EIS** – (b) (5)

- **Secretarial Order on Potash and Oil and Gas Co-development** – On July 13, the BLM initiated a 30-day comment period for a draft Secretarial Order identifying how co-development of potash and oil and gas resources should be conducted in Eddy and Lea Counties, NM. The comment period was extended for 15 days and will close on Aug. 31.

- **Update: Proposed Expansion of Grundy Municipal Airport in Virginia:** (b) (5)

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- ***Update:* Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition:** (b) (5)

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Ongoing Projects:

- OSM-BLM Consolidation Implementation
- Stream Protection Rule
- DOI/DoD Joint Action Plan

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
August 23~~16~~, 2012

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III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind:**
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- **Shell's 2012 Alaska Drilling Operations, Inspections and Applications for Permit to Drill (APD):** (b) (5)

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- **NPRA Oil and Gas Lease Sale –** (b) (5)

- **Onshore Order Number 9 (Venting and Flaring) –** (b) (5)
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- **STRONGER (State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations) Board Meeting –** (b) (5)

- **Oil Shale Programmatic EIS –** (b) (5)

- **Secretarial Order on Potash and Oil and Gas Co-development –** (b) (5)

Ongoing Projects:

- OSM-BLM Consolidation Implementation
- Stream Protection Rule
- DOI/DoD Joint Action Plan

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
August 3023, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

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II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

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Week of September 3, 2012
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- Oil Shale 2nd Round of Research, Development & Demonstration (RD&D) Leases:— (b) (5)

- Secretarial Order on Potash and Oil and Gas Co-development:— (b) (5)

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- **Update: Proposed Expansion of Grundy Municipal Airport in Virginia:** (b) (5)

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- **Resource Management Plan (RMP) Evaluation Report for Western OR:** (b) (5)

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Ongoing Projects:

- OSM-BLM Consolidation Implementation
- Stream Protection Rule
- DOI/DoD Joint Action Plan Im~~plementation~~plementation

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
September 13, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

As we approach the final months of the first term, I am focused on your priorities for the Department and recognize the tight timeline we have to accomplish the list. While there is work still to be done, I want to recognize some of the accomplishments we have already made. Those accomplishments include the first drill bit to hit the Chukchi Sea in nearly two decades and the great success of the AGO initiative. Over the coming weeks, my team and I will be moving forward to help complete your list of priorities, particularly those related to the Administration's energy agenda for which primary oversight resides in our hallway.

In other exciting news, I want commend OSM and BSEE for exceeding the goals set forth in the Veterans Employment Initiative to bolster recruitment and retention of veterans in the Federal workforce. OSM and BSEE are the two Interior bureaus that exceeded the targets established for the Department. Additionally, BOEM met its established goal from Veteran recruitment and retention. While we have more work ahead to increase the number of veterans in our workforce, I applaud Directors Pizarchik, Watson, and Beaudreau for leading the charge in this important initiative.

On the evening of September 12, I traveled to Sacramento to represent the Department at the Western Regional Partnership (WRP) as a co-host of the 5th annual principals' meeting. With membership from the States of AZ, UT, NM, CA, and NV as well as various Federal agencies and tribes, the WRP is a regional organization established to collaborate on energy development and military readiness. As I mentioned last week, I am leading two plenary discussions, one on energy development and one on endangered species, critical habitat, and land management. I look forward to bringing home constructive feedback on ways we can proactively address roadblocks in responsible energy development on our western public lands.

The ASLM office reviewed and cleared the Virginia offshore wind Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) for anticipated publication in the Federal Register next week. I provided my surname on September 12. This PSN marks the first time that we are announcing a proposed commercial and competitive lease auction of offshore wind on the OCS. As part of our Smart from the Start Program for Atlantic Wind, this PSN moves us one step closer to achieving our goal of holding an offshore wind lease sale before the end of the year.

In addition, ASLM approved a Public Land Order for public lands adjacent to the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, near Barstow, CA. The Marine Corps is considering expanding its training area onto public lands and plans to submit proposed legislation to Congress in the near future. In the meantime, this Public Land Order will withdraw the public lands from entry under the mining laws for a period of five years, to provide time for Congress to consider the proposal. The BLM-CA has

been working closely with the Marine Corps to develop a plan that accomplishes the missions of both the BLM and the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps' plan is controversial because the proposed expansion area is part of the Johnson Valley Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) area. Johnson Valley OHV area is heavily used by recreationists and is the site of a number of OHV races.

On September 11, DAS Ned Farquhar met with a delegation from Iraq to discuss the Administration's all-of-the-above energy strategy and the Department's role in facilitating the development of conventional and renewable energy resources on public lands and the Outer Continental Shelf. In addition to the members of the Iraqi delegation and Departmental representatives, participants also included representatives from the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Department of State and Department of Justice, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Commerce Department's Commercial Law Development Program, and the U.S. Embassy in Iraq.

I look forward to hearing more about your exciting trip to Colorado. The unprecedented Lewis Bacon easement is a source of pride for all of us. Also, I look forward to hearing how excited the General Land Office participants were to have you join the conference.

II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

Week of September 17, 2012

Acting ASLM Burke – Travel to AK on Sept. 14. Address the Canadian Institute's 8th Annual Oil and Gas Conference on Sept. 18 in Anchorage regarding Federal oil and gas milestones. In the office Sept. 21.
DAS Farquhar – (b) (6)

Week of September 24, 2012

Acting ASLM Burke – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

Atlantic Wind:

- On Sept. 5, BOEM received comments from the joint **RI/MA** task force on the draft Proposed Sale Notice (PSN). BOEM intends to publish the PSN in late Sept. On Aug. 28, Cape Wind updated its Avian and Bat Monitoring Plan to address FWS concerns. On Sept. 6, FWS concurred that the updated plan meets its concerns.

- On Sept. 12, ASLM completed reviewing the **VA** PSN package. BOEM expects to publish the VA PSN during the week of Sept. 17.

- On Aug. 1, Bluewater responded to BOEM's offer for the **DE** negotiated lease. On Aug. 21 and Sept. 6, BOEM held meetings with Bluewater to clarify stipulations. BOEM anticipates a formal response on the next round of negotiations from Bluewater by Sept. 17. BOEM expects to complete final negotiations and execute the lease by the end of Sept.

- BOEM is currently working with the SOL's office on the Request for Interest (RFI) for the **NY** unsolicited request for a commercial lease. BOEM anticipates publication of the RFI by early Oct.

- **Shell's 2012 Alaska Drilling Operations, Inspections and Applications for Permit to Drill (APD):** On Aug. 30, BSEE announced that it will allow Shell to move forward in the Chukchi Sea with limited preparatory activities that are in non-oil-bearing zones and can be conducted safely prior to the certification and arrival of the containment system. On Aug. 31, Shell requested a similar limited and preparatory permit for top-hole drilling in the Beaufort Sea from BOEM. On Sept. 9, Shell began drilling the top-hole at the Burger A site in the Chukchi Sea. However, on Sept. 10, Shell was forced to temporarily abandon the top hole and move the *Noble Discoverer* drillship to avoid approaching ice. On Sept. 9, Shell began deployment testing of the containment system in Bellingham Washington. As of Sept. 12, BSEE reported that the deployment test was going well, but had not been completed.

- **BLM Well Stimulation (Hydraulic Fracturing) Rule Close of Comment Period:** On Sept. 10, the comment period for the Well Stimulation Rule ended. Approximately 75,000 comments have been received thus far. BLM expects more comments to be submitted via mail delivery postmarked by Sept. 10. BLM is in the process of reviewing and summarizing those comments already received. In coordination with the SOL's office, relevant comments will be analyzed and addressed as part of the issuance of the final rule.

- **Secretarial Order on Potash and Oil and Gas Co-Development:** On Aug. 31, the comment period on the proposed Secretarial Order ended. The BLM is in the process of reviewing and summarizing the comments received. Upon completion, BLM, in coordination with the SOL's office, will analyze relevant comments to be addressed as part of the issuance of the Secretarial Order.

- **Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining Petition:** On Aug. 29, Acting ASLM and OSM met with the TN Attorney General and other state officials, at which time the State clarified the objectives in the Petition and agreed to deliver additional technical information to OSM. On Sept. 10, the State and OSM will conduct a technical meeting to further discus the boundaries of the petition area. OSM plans to use the information gathered in the Aug. 29 meeting and the Sept. 10 technical meeting to refine and finalize alternatives that it will analyze in the EIS for the Petition

Ongoing Projects:

- OSM-BLM Consolidation Implementation
- Stream Protection Rule
- DOI/DoD Joint Action Plan Implementation
- Onshore orders
- Hydraulic fracturing rule
- Potash Secretarial Order
- Oil Shale PEIS and rulemaking

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
September 20, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

Last week I traveled to Sacramento to co-chair along with John Conger, Acting Deputy Undersecretary for Installations and Environment, the Western Regional Partnership's 5th Annual Principal's Meeting. Participants discussed ongoing collaborative efforts on land use planning and energy development and ideas for further collaboration. Of particular interest to me was the impact of increased military testing and training efforts in the west due, in large part, to the end of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It was obvious from the presentations that the BLM leadership in the state and field offices are committed to collaboration and cooperation with partners, and I congratulate the Bureau on its outgoing efforts. Jim Kenna, BLM California State Director, and Amy Lueders, BLM Nevada State Director, both gave thoughtful presentations with suggestions for further improvements for addressing issues such as sage grouse conservation, coordinated land use planning, and the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan.

Brigadier General Vincent Coglianese, Commanding General of the Marine Corps Installations West and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, invited me to tour the Marine Corps training areas and the BLM's Johnson Valley Recreation Area into which the Marines propose to expand their training. I believe this would be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the needs of the military, to reiterate our concerns, and to emphasize the importance of the partnerships with the military services.

I was in Alaska, preparing to speak to the Canadian Institute's Alaska Oil and Gas Congress, when I learned of Shell's decision to not drill into oil-bearing zones in the Arctic this year. While the mechanical problems with the containment dome aboard the Arctic Challenger barge were disappointing, I do not believe that these efforts will be in vain. I commend Jim Watson and his dedicated team of professionals for their hard work in support of this effort, including the recent APDs for the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. While Shell was unable to proceed as originally planned, BSEE did all that it could to assist and stood ready to proceed in the event that Shell obtained the requisite approvals.

On September 17, I participated in a Department-wide briefing given by Amy Lueders, BLM's Nevada State Director, on the Round 13 projects that are proposed for funding under the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA). The funding decisions that will be presented to you represent an excellent mix of projects that address health and safety issues, provide recreation opportunities—which are supportive of America's Great Outdoors, including several projects for underserved communities—and continue habitat restoration and protection work at a landscape level. And I am pleased to report that the interagency SNPLMA team (BLM, NPS, FWS, and U.S. Forest Service) exceeded the goal set in 2011 by then-Director Bob Abbey to make sure that projects funded in prior years are completed in a timely fashion.

Finally, I want to highlight for you the collaborative efforts of the OSM, BLM, the State of Colorado, and other state and Federal agencies to develop a three-dimensional computer model to identify acid mine drainage sources from an abandoned hard rock mine in Silverton, Colorado. The Upper Cement Creek was a hard rock gold and silver mining area from the 1870's through 1991. The BLM and the Colorado Division of Mining Reclamation and Safety (CDRMS) are using the three-dimensional model to educate the public and government agencies about acid mine drainage issues in Upper Cement Creek. OSM's Technical Innovation and Professional Services provided technical assistance with the Earth Vision software used to develop the model.

II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

Week of September 24, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office Sept. 24 - 25 and 28. On Sept. 26 - 27, travel to Las Vegas to present OSM and BLM mining awards at the National Mining Association's Mine Expo.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

Week of October 1, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – (b) (6) In the office Oct. 3 – 5.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

II. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind**

  - On Sept. 5, BOEM received comments from the joint **RI/MA** task force on the draft Proposed Sale Notice (PSN). On Sept. 17, BOEM received from the State of Rhode Island suggestions for changing to the auction format. BOEM is currently evaluating the comments. BOEM intends to publish the PSN in late Sept. or early Oct. On Aug. 28, Cape Wind updated its Avian and Bat Monitoring Plan to address FWS concerns. On Sept. 6, FWS concurred that the updated plan meets its concerns. Geological and geophysical surveys are ongoing and will likely continue through Oct.

  - On Sept. 12, ASLM completed review of the **VA** PSN package. As of Sept. 18, the package is awaiting Department approval. BOEM expects to publish the VA PSN during the week of Sept. 24.

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- **Shell's 2012 Alaska Drilling Operations, Inspections and Applications for Permit to Drill (APD):** On Sept. 17, Shell announced that it will not seek to drill into oil-bearing zones for the remainder of the 2012 drilling season because the oil spill and response containment system on the Arctic Challenger barge had mechanical problems and could not receive certification.

- **Renewable Energy Update:** The BLM is reviewing issues raised during the protest period on the Final Solar Energy Programmatic EIS and anticipates presenting the Record of Decision package to you on September 27. The Renewable Energy Strike Team anticipates presenting two renewable energy projects, the Campo Verde generation line ROW and the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Farm project, to you by September 26.

Ongoing Projects:

- Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition
- OSM-BLM Consolidation Implementation
- Stream Protection Rule
- Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining Petition
- DOI/DoD Joint Action Plan Implementation
- Onshore Orders
- Hydraulic Fracturing Rule
- Potash Secretarial Order
- Oil Shale PEIS and Rulemaking

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
September 20, 2012

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- **Renewable Energy Update:** (b) (5)

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- Hydraulic fracturing rule
- Potash Secretarial Order
- Oil Shale PEIS and rulemaking

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
September 27, 2012

—Personal Message to the Secretary:

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- **Secretarial Order on O&G and Potash Development in SE New Mexico:** (b) (5)

- **Proposed Expansion of Municipal Airport in Grundy, VA:** (b) (5)

Ongoing Projects:

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
September 27, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

The President's all-of-the-above energy strategy is at the forefront of my mind as I consider the important milestones we have achieved this week. First, BOEM's successful rollout of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Central Gulf Lease Sale 227 is another great step in our efforts to facilitate the development of oil and gas resources in a responsible manner. The Sale, scheduled for March 2013, will offer 38 million acres of unleased area in the Central Gulf of Mexico, which could lead to the production of up to nearly a billion barrels of oil and nearly 4 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Next, I pause to highlight, as you know, that we are on our way to exceeding the 10,000 MW goal for renewable energy approvals on public land, established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005—enough energy to power 3 million homes. It is fitting that we will meet this goal with two cornerstone renewable projects that exemplify your dedication to clean energy: the Chokecherry/Sierra Madre Wind project and the First Solar Campo Verde connected action project, which you signed on September 26. Reaching this goal—3 years early—is a tremendous accomplishment, particularly given the fact that when the President took office there were no solar energy projects approved on public land. I remember testifying at a House oversight hearing in November 2009 when I was grilled about our commitment to facilitating the development of renewable energy on public lands when there were no such projects yet authorized. I assured the Members that they would indeed see results from this Administration. Almost three years later, which this achievement on the horizon, I thank you for your steadfast commitment and the determination across the Department to meet this important goal.

Another exciting renewable energy initiative spurred by your leadership is the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development (Solar PEIS), which ASLM cleared this week. We look forward to your final review and the release of this path-forging analysis.

On October 1, we will celebrate another important milestone: the one-year anniversary of the creation of BOEM and BSEE. The work of these bureaus is instrumental in ensuring orderly resource conservation and development, as well as protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments. The anniversary provides an opportunity both to reflect on the progress of BOEM and BSEE, as well as opportunities for the future. I look forward to working with you, the bureaus, and others to build upon their efficiency and effectiveness.

And while we are charting the path to our energy future, yesterday, I—along with the BLM and OSM—saluted exemplary members of the coal industry that went above and beyond the call to reclaim mine lands and work with their communities as good neighbors. I presented the BLM's Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Awards and OSM's Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Awards at the National Mining Association's MINExpo in Las Vegas. These awards demonstrate that development and stewardship can go hand-in-hand.

Of note were two OSM reclamation awards given to Peabody Energy. One was for Peabody Energy's Cottage Grove Mine for proactively returning a 3,500-acre mine site to highly productive farmland and; the second was for Peabody Energy's North Antelope Mine—which I toured this summer—for its commitment to protect raptor species on its 46,000-acre mine site.

And finally, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the BLM and OSM on rising to the challenge and exceeding the Department's goals for Small Business Procurement activities in FY 2012. The BLM exceeded the Small Business goal by 21 % and OSM by 12.5 %. While BOEM and BSEE did not reach the overall Small Business Procurement goals, they are examining ways to improve in the coming year.

II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

Week of October 1, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – (b) (6) In the office Oct. 3 – 5.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

Week of October 9, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar – On Oct. 9 – 11, travel to Virginia Beach to attend AWEA conference. Expected to address 200 developers and stakeholders at the Offshore Wind Acceleration Project session. In the office on Oct. 12.

III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind**
  - In Oct., BOEM intends to publish the Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) for offshore wind leasing for **RI/MA**. BOEM is evaluating comments received on the PSN from the last RI/MA task force meeting, as well as comments received from the State of RI on Sept. 17,including comments on the auction format and the consideration of a multi-factor approach. On Sept. 6, the FWS concurred that the Cape Wind updated Avian and Bat Monitoring Plan addresses previous concerns. Geological and geophysical surveys are ongoing and will likely continue through Oct.
  - On Sept. 12, ASLM completed review of the **VA** PSN package. As of Sept. 25, the package was awaiting Department approval. BOEM has tentatively scheduled a meeting on Oct. 9 in VA Beach to explain the VA PSN. Also, BOEM has tentatively scheduled the DOI-DoD Offshore Wind Forum for Oct. 10 in VA Beach.
  - On Sept. 20, BOEM received written comments from Bluewater on the **DE** negotiated lease. BOEM is reviewing Bluewater's response and expects to complete final negotiations and execute the lease by the end of the year.

- BOEM is working with the SOL's office on the Request for Interest (RFI) for the **NY** unsolicited request for a commercial lease. BOEM anticipates publication of the RFI in Oct.

- **Shell's 2012 Alaska Drilling Operations, Inspections and Applications for Permit to Drill (APD):** On Sept. 17, Shell announced that it would not seek to drill into oil-bearing zones for the remainder of the 2012 drilling season because the oil spill and response containment system on the Arctic Challenger barge had mechanical problems and could not receive certification. On Sept. 20, BSEE approved limited drilling for top-hole only in the Beaufort Sea, similar to the Aug. 30 approval for the Chukchi Sea. However, Shell is not authorized to begin drilling in the Beaufort until the end of whaling season, the timing of which remain undetermined. In the Chukchi Sea, Shell completed a pilot hole to a depth of 1,400 feet at the "Burger A" site.

- **Secretarial Order on O&G and Potash Development in SE New Mexico:** On Oct. 4, the BLM will brief ASLM on how the agency intends to address the public comments on the proposed final Secretarial Order. The draft Secretarial Order was issued for a 30-day comment period on July 13. The BLM extended the comment period until Aug. 31. The BLM received 28 comment letters, which contained 40 distinct comments.

- **Proposed Expansion of Municipal Airport in Grundy, VA:** Earlier this week, the proponents of the proposed airport expansion project notified OSM that they have encountered financing difficulties. They indicated that they intend to explore other alternatives and to revise their proposal to the Commonwealth. They plan to resubmit their proposal to the Commonwealth before providing OSM with the information OSM requested in August.

Ongoing Projects:
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LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT
September 30 – October 6, 2012

SENIOR OFFICIALS' ACTIVITIES

Week of October 1, 2012
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Week of October 9, 2012
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HOT TOPICS

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Renewable Energy

- ***Update:*** **Final Solar** (b) (5)
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- ***Update:*** **BLM-WY Chokecherry-Sierra Madre Wind Energy Final EIS:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:*** **Notice of Availability (NOA)~~NOA~~ for Silver State South Solar Project Supplemental EIS:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:*** **NOA for Arizona Restoration Design Energy Project FEIS:** (b) (5)

Transmission

- ***Update:*** **Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Project Delay:** (b) (5)

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Oil and Gas

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Mining

- ***New:*** **Proposed Final Secretarial Order on Potash:** (b) (5)

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- ***Update:*** **BLM-OR Timber Sale Litigation:** (b) (5)

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Drought/Wildfire

- ***New:*** **Largest BLM Seed Purchase to be Used for Fire Rehabilitation:** (b) (5)

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- ~~**BLM-NV Drought Assessments:**~~ (b) (5)

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- ***New:*** **ID Wildfire** (b) (5)

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- ***New:*** **ID Congressman Visits National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC):** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

- *New:* **Western Gulf of Mexico (WGOM) Lease Sale 229:** *On Oct. 26, BOEM will publish the Final Notice of Sale for WGOM Sale 229, which is the first sale in the new Five Year Program*

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- **No Change: Virginia Proposed Sale Notice for Offshore Wind:** The Proposed Sale Notice for the OCS wind energy lease sale offshore VA is ready for publication, pending a final determination from the Department on the announcement.

Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

- *Update*: **Proposed Expansion of Municipal Airport in Grundy,** (b) (5)

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- *New:* **OSM Presented 2012 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards:** *On*

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WEEK AHEAD

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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- *New:* BLM-UT ~~Cedar City, FO~~ **to Host Tour of Cameron to Milford Transmission Line:** *On Oct. 3, the BLM ~~Cedar City Field Office in~~UT ~~Utah~~ will conduct an onsite tour of proposed routes for the proposed Cameron to Milford – 138 kV Transmission Line Project. The tour is open to interested members of the public.*

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Tuesday, Oct. 2

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- *New:* **BOEM First Year Anniversary:**

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Tuesday, Oct. 2

- *New:* Dir. to Participate in Offshore Safety Panel: (b) (5)

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- *New:* Dir. to Speak at Greater Houston Partnership Mtg: (b) (5)

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WEEKS AHEAD

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Tuesday, October 9 - Wednesday, October 10

- *New:* **BLM-MT/DK Preservation Summit:** *The BLM-MT/DK ~~SO~~ will collaborate with the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribal Preservation Office and the Tribal Historic Preservation Program to sponsor a preservation summit called "One State, Seven Nations" to be held on the campus of the Salish-Kootenai College in Pablo, MT. The summit will include a discussion of the important cultural resource and preservation issues facing the tribes.*

Thursday, October 11

- **No Change: MT/DK Public Information Meetings:** (b) (5)

Monday, October 15-Wednesday, October 17

- **No Change: Oil Shale Development Symposium:** (b) (5)

Tuesday, October 16

- *New:* **Assistant Secretary to Tour Dolores River AGO Project:** (b) (5)

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- *New*: **BLM-NM Oil and Gas Lease Sale:** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

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~~No Change: DOD/DOI Wind Energy Forum:~~ (b) (5)

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- *New:* European Aviation Agency Safety Oversight Conference Keynote: (b) (5)

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Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

Monday, October 14 – Tuesday, October 16

- *Update:* Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition: (b) (5)

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Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
October 4, 2012

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LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT
October 7 – October 13, 2012

SENIOR OFFICIALS' ACTIVITIES

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Week of October 15, 2012
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HOT TOPICS

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Renewable Energy

- ***Update:*** **Final Solar PEIS Record of Decision (ROD)~~OD~~:** (b) (5)
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- ***Update:*** **BLM-CA West Chocolate Mountains Final EIS:** (b) (5)
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- ***Update:*** **BLM-CA Stateline Solar Project:** (b) (5)
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- *New:* Lost Creek Uranium In-Situ Recovery Project RO~~Decord of Decision:~~ (b) (5) (b) (5) (b) (5)

Oil and Gas and Potash

- *New:* ~~Proposed~~ Final Secretarial Order on Potash: (b) (5)

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- *Update:* Gateway West Transmission Line: (b) (5)

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- ***Update:*** **Sigurd to Red Butte No. 2 Transmission Line Final EIS:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:*** **Sun Valley to Morgan Transmission Line EIS:** (b) (5)

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Miscellaneous

- ***New:*** **DOI gives $6.8 Million for NV, CA Restoration Projects:** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

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New: **Apache Corporation Unannounced Exercise:** (b) (5)

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- *New:* **Shell Contracts Four Ultra-Deepwater, Enhanced Capability Drillships with Transocean:** (b) (5)

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

- *New:* **Senate Commerce Committee Field Hearings:** (b) (5)

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- **No Change: Western Gulf of Mexico (WGOM) Lease Sale 229:** On Oct. 26, BOEM will publish the Final Notice of Sale for WGOM Sale 229, which is the first sale in the new Five Year Program.
- **No Change: Virginia Proposed Sale Notice for Offshore Wind:** The Proposed Sale Notice for the OCS wind energy lease sale offshore VA is ready for publication, pending a final determination from the Department on the announcement.

Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

- *New:* **OSM Awards Contract for Renovation of Historic ~~to Clean Pennsylvania~~ Coal Mine Maps:** (b) (5)

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WEEK AHEAD

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Tuesday, October 9 - Wednesday, October 10

- **No Change: BLM-MT/DK Preservation Summit:** The BLM-MT/DK State Office will collaborate with the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Preservation Office and the Tribal Historic Preservation Program to sponsor a preservation summit called "One State, Seven Nations" to be held on the campus of the Salish-Kootenai College in Pablo, MT. The summit will include a discussion of cultural resource and preservation issues facing the tribes.

- ***New:*** **BLM-WY to Participate in Pavillion Meeting:** *Staff from the BLM-WY ~~Lander FO~~ will attend the Pavillion Working Group meeting ~~Oct. 10~~ in Riverton, WY. Pavillion area residents have asserted that natural gas development, including hydraulic fracturing, has contaminated their drinking water. Encana is developing the wells on minerals owned by the Wind River Indian Reservation. The Group includes all stakeholders in the sharing of data and examination of potential sources of groundwater contamination in the area.*

- ***New:*** **BLM-WY Mule Deer Public Scoping Meeting:** *The BLM-WY ~~Pinedale FO~~ will hold a public scoping meeting ~~Oct. 10~~ to present information and gather comments on a Wyoming Game and Fish Department proposal to improve the quantity and quality of mule deer habitat in the WY Range through phased vegetation treatments.*

Thursday, October 11

- **No Change: MT/DK Public Information Meetings:** (b) (5)

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Tuesday, October 9 – Thursday, October 11:~~Tuesday, October 9~~

- ~~*Update*~~*New*: (b) (5) **American Wind Energy** (b) (5) **ssociation (AWEA)** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Tuesday, October 9 – Thursday, October 11:

- **No Change: Arctic Council Task Force:** BSEE will participate in the final meeting of the Arctic Council Oil Pollution Preparedness and Response Task Force in Reykjavik, Iceland. The participating Arctic nations are preparing an agreement that will address an array of subjects on oil spill planning, preparedness and response. Tentative plans are to present the final agreement at the May 2013 Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Sweden.

Thursday, October 11

- **No Change: European Aviation Agency Safety Oversight Conference Keynote:** Director Watson will give a keynote address via video-conference for the Safety Oversight Conference taking place in Cologne, Germany, focusing on managing safety in a performance-based environment.

Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

- **Nothing new to report.**

WEEKS AHEAD

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Monday, October 15-Wednesday, October 17

- **No Change: Oil Shale Development Symposium:** Colorado School of Mines and the Center for Oil Shale Technology and Research will host the 32nd Oil Shale Symposium

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Wednesday, October 17

- **No Change: BLM-NM Oil and Gas Lease Sale:** BLM-NM will hold an Oil and Gas Lease Sale Oct. 17. A total of 37 parcels totaling 16,927 acres in NM, TX and OK will be sold. One protest was received on a parcel~~Parcel 28~~ involving private surface. The BLM is reviewing the protest and expects to have it resolved prior to the sale date.

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Wednesday, October 24 to Thursday, October 25

- ***New:*** **Public Workshops for Dry Lake Solar Energy Plan:** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

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Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

Monday, October 14 – Tuesday, October 16

- ***Update:*** **Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition:** *Acting Asst. Sec. Burke plans to visit the proposed LUM petition area to see first-hand the area the State has requested be declared unsuitable for mining, and to meet with field staff in Knoxville.*

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
October 11, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

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III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind**
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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
October 11, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

This week the Administration took a historic step in its quest to expand American-made energy production and harness vast renewable energy on the nation's public lands. On October 12, with your signature, we will reach the final step in the development of the Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). I congratulate the BLM and the other bureaus that helped us to complete this groundbreaking effort. The 17 Solar Energy Zones in the PEIS represent a major shift in advancing solar energy development. With your leadership, this PEIS will allow the Department to advance the development of renewable resources in an environmentally sound and efficient manner and serve as a model for future energy projects.

In addition to the final PEIS, congratulations on the approval of the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre wind project and successfully hitting the 10,000 megawatt goal three years early. These efforts provide the Department with important tools to responsibly increase domestic energy development as part of the President's all-of-the-above energy strategy.

As I mentioned last week, on October 9, I met with representatives from Intel Corp., Micron, and the Semiconductor Industry Association to discuss potential impacts of helium supply with the upcoming changes to the National Helium Reserve. Per statutory requirements, the BLM is slated to end its involvement with the sale of helium from the Reserve once it pays down the debt incurred from obtaining the Reserve, which is expected in 2013. During the meeting, I underscored the Department's support for legislation introduced in the Senate to improve the management of the Reserve, which includes a phased approach to draw down the Reserve. Through our discussion, it became clear that there are two issues deserving our attention: (1) continued circulation of misinformation regarding the BLM's helium program (first brought to my attention by Corning representatives this summer) and (2) confusion about the timeline for the BLM to pay down the debt and subsequently cease operations. As a result of the meeting, I asked the BLM to review options for providing the public better information about its role in managing the Reserve and the most appropriate way to disseminate information on the timeline for concluding its role.

On October 12, BOEM will brief me on Western Gulf Lease Sale 229. The sale, scheduled for November 28, will be the first under the new Five Year Plan, which reflects our priorities of balancing appropriate resource development with environmental stewardship. I want to thank Dir. Beaudreau and his staff for all their hard work to help ensure the lease sale may be held before the end of the year.

Next week, I will travel to Knoxville for a site visit of the Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) petition area. Over the past several months, I have reported on the progress of the TN LUM petition. Most recently, I traveled to TN in August to meet with Attorney General Bob Cooper to discuss the status of the State's petition and to outline a clear path forward for the petition, including having the State provide OSM with additional information in order to refine

the boundaries under consideration. The Attorney General provided some of that information this week, but OSM is still awaiting further technical information before proceeding with its evaluation of the petition. The LUM tour next week will afford me the opportunity to see some of the principal environmental resources identified in the LUM petition area, observe an underground mine typical for the area, and reinforce our commitment to a thorough review of the petition. While I am in Knoxville, I will also conduct an all-employees meeting in the OSM Knoxville Field Office.

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Week of October 22, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – On Oct. 22 - 23, travel to WV to meet with OSM staff and tour OSM mines. Travel to NYC on Oct. 24 to speak at an American Jewish Committee meeting on renewable energy together with leaders from Mexico and Canada. In the office Oct. 25 – 26.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind**
  - In Oct., BOEM expects to be ready to publish the Notice of Availability for the EA for **MA.** BOEM is drafting the Proposed Sale Notice for offshore wind leasing for **RI/MA.**
  - On Oct. 9, BOEM sent Bluewater a response to its counteroffer for the **DE** negotiated lease and will hold a follow-up meeting with the company on Oct. 12. BOEM expects to complete final negotiations and execute the lease by the end of the year.
  - As of Oct. 10, the **NC** Call for Information is under review within the SOL's office.
  - BOEM anticipates that the Request for Interest (RFI) for the **NY** unsolicited request for a commercial lease will be ready for publication in Oct.
  - On Oct. 9, the comment period on the **ME** Request for Interest for the Statoil Hywind project ended. However, the comment period for the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS remains open until Nov. 8. BOEM plans to hold public information meetings on Oct. 23 and 24 in ME to discuss the next steps in the leasing process.
- **Shell's 2012 Alaska Drilling Operations, Inspections and Applications for Permit to Drill:** With the whaling season in the Beaufort Sea closed, Shell commenced exploratory drilling on Oct. 3. In the Chukchi Sea, Shell completed a pilot hole to a depth of 1,400 feet at the "Burger A" site. Shell has completed the mudline cellar and is in the process of setting of the casing. Shell submitted a request to leave the anchors over the winter to limit disturbance of the seafloor by reducing the frequency of dropping and removing the anchors. BOEM and BSEE are reviewing the request.

- **Proposed Expansion of Municipal Airport in Grundy, VA:** On Oct. 3, the Breaks Regional Airport Authority notified OSM and Senator Warner's office that the Grundy Town Council will consider/approve a new solicitation for a contractor to complete the airport reconstruction project. The project proponents plan to submit a revised proposal to the Commonwealth.

- **Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining (LUM) Petition:** On Oct. 5, OSM received a response letter from the Tennessee Attorney General that helps to clarify the State's position on the petition. OSM is currently reviewing the letter. Acting ASLM Burke plans to visit the proposed LUM petition area during the week of Oct. 15, and to meet with field staff in Knoxville.

Ongoing Projects:

- Hydraulic Fracturing Rule
- Potash Secretarial Order
- Oil Shale PEIS and Rulemaking
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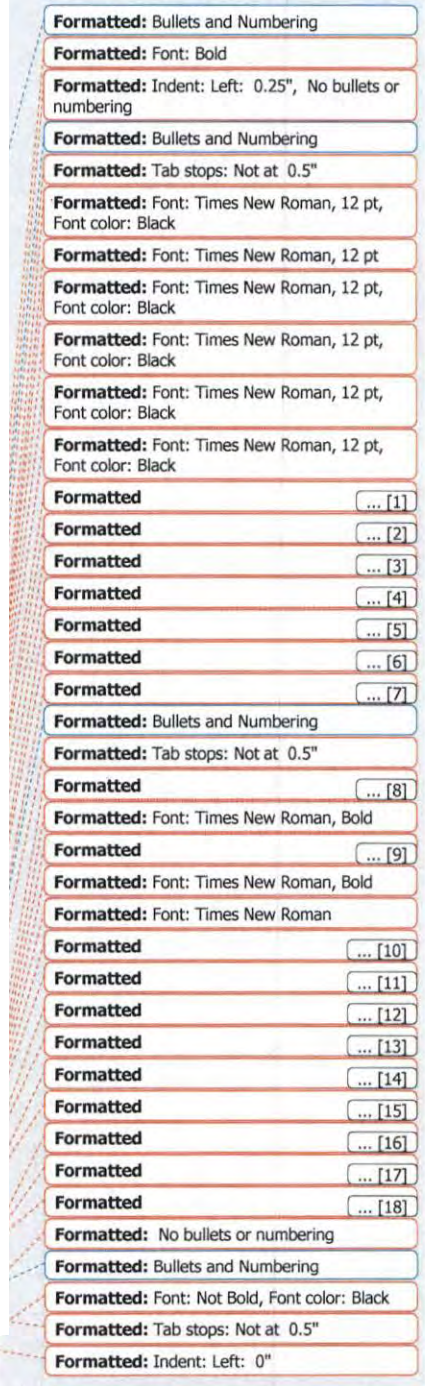
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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
October 25, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

On October 24, I joined representatives from Canada and Mexico at an American Jewish Committee (AJC) roundtable discussion on North American renewable energy at the AJC headquarters in New York City. AJC advocates for the betterment of the human condition in the U.S. and around the world through research and advocacy in certain key areas, including U.S. energy security and independence.

Roundtable participants included several energy experts, consulate representatives, and members of AJC. I participated as the U.S. representative, as did a designee from Mexico and Canada. Each representative gave an overview of current renewable energy policies and priorities. For my update, I shared our spectacular story about how far we have come in developing renewable energy on public lands and implementing the President's renewable energy priorities. Canada continues to develop hydropower and wind, although the Federal role is primarily in research and development as provinces have authority over other aspects of energy policy. Mexico highlighted its significant solar and wind potential. Each country outlined a distinct path for developing renewable energy resources, yet, each nation faces similar challenges: transmission, social and environmental interests, and economic competitiveness. The roundtable created an opportunity to learn ways to enhance individual national goals and North American energy security as well as find ways to address common challenges.

The Department engages in ongoing cooperation on energy with Mexico and Canada through a variety of forums, most of which are on conventional energy, both on and offshore. Each representative expressed interest in finding ways to enhance existing forums to include renewable energy, where appropriate. One example where my office is already at work on this is the U.S.-Mexico Cross Border Electricity Task Force, which is working to enhance transmission capacity in the Southwest. As we near the 20th anniversary of the North American Free Trade Agreement, it is my hope that we can reflect on our existing forums and find ways to increase renewable energy coordination with Canada and Mexico.

On October 25, I attended the BLM Director's Annual Award Ceremony, where I met several BLM employees from field and state offices who received awards. The BLM Director's Awards recognize employees who have excelled during the past year in leadership, both internal and external in stewardship of the natural resources, team accomplishments, service to the public, diversity, and safety. The accomplishments of the employees who won the awards are impressive and an excellent reminder of the challenges our employees face and the innovations they develop to address these challenges.

On a final note, I am preparing for a November 15 meeting of our DOI-Department of Defense workgroup, the Interagency Land Use Coordinating Committee (ILUCC). I intend to discuss various land use issues, including the authorization of renewable energy on public lands

withdrawn for military purposes. The recent Memorandum of Understanding you signed with Secretary Panetta has gained wide attention throughout the DoD and resulted in several recent requests for increased coordination, which we will manage through the umbrella of the ILUCC.

II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

Week of October 29, 2012
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Week of November 5, 2012
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III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind**
  - On Oct. 24, ASLM completed its review of the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for **MA**. BOEM expects to be ready to publish the NOA in Oct. The NOA will also announce public meetings tentatively scheduled for Nov. 13-16 in Boston, New Bedford, Vineyard Haven, and Nantucket. BOEM's Economics Division and SOL are discussing changes to the auction format contained the Proposed Sale Notice for offshore wind leasing for **RI/MA.** Publication of that notice is targeted for the end of Nov.
  - On Oct. 23, BOEM and the Department announced the Bluewater lease in **DE**. Bluewater has until Nov. 8 to sign the lease.
  - The revised **NC** Call for Information was sent to SOL Oct. 24.
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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
October 25, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

On October 24, I was a discussion leader, along with representatives from Canada and Mexico, at an American Jewish Committee (AJC) roundtable on North American renewable energy at the AJC headquarters in New York City. AJC advocates for the betterment of the human condition in the United States and around the world through research and advocacy in certain key areas, including U.S. energy security and independence.

Roundtable participants included several energy experts, consulate representatives, and members of AJC. I represented the U.S. Government. Dr. Stephen Lucas, Assistant Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Canada, represented Canada and Jose Antonio Aguilar Bueno, Principal of Vivie Energia, represented Mexico. Each representative gave an overview of current renewable energy policies and priorities. For my update, I shared our spectacular story about how far we have come in developing renewable energy on public lands and implementing the President's renewable energy priorities. Canada continues to develop hydropower and wind, although the Federal role is primarily in research and development as provinces have authority over other aspects of energy policy. Mexico highlighted its significant solar and wind potential. Each country outlined a distinct path for developing renewable energy resources, yet, each nation faces similar challenges: transmission, social and environmental interests, and economic competitiveness. The roundtable provided an opportunity to learn ways to enhance individual national goals and North American energy security as well as find ways to address common challenges.

The Department engages in ongoing cooperation on energy with Mexico and Canada through a variety of forums, most of which address conventional energy, both on and offshore. Each representative expressed interest in finding ways to enhance existing forums or create new ones to include renewable energy, where appropriate. One example where my office is already at work on this coordination is the U.S.-Mexico Cross Border Electricity Task Force, which is working to enhance transmission capacity in the Southwest. The Department of Energy is convening a meeting of the task force on Oct. 31. As we near the 20th anniversary of the North American Free Trade Agreement in 2014, it is a timely opportunity to reflect on our existing forums and find ways to increase renewable energy coordination with Canada and Mexico.

On October 25, I participated in the BLM Director's Annual Award Ceremony. The BLM Director's Awards recognize employees and partners who have excelled during the past year in leadership, both internal and external in stewardship of the natural resources, team accomplishments, service to the public, diversity, and safety. The accomplishments of the awardees are impressive and an excellent reminder of the challenges our employees and partners face and the innovations they develop to address these challenges. The awardees included Tony Herrell from the BLM New Mexico State Office, who has been an incredible leader on a number of complex issues, including management of the Secretary's Potash Area. The BLM also

recognized the Potash/Oil and Gas Joint Industry Technical Committee for its work. The co-chairs of the committee, John Smitherman and John Mansanti, were present to accept the award. In talking after the ceremony, Smitherman noted that though he was not very excited initially about accepting your challenge, he is glad that he did and is grateful for your leadership. He sends his regards.

On a final note, I am preparing for a November 15 meeting of our DOI-Department of Defense workgroup, the Interagency Land Use Coordinating Committee (ILUCC). I intend to discuss various land use issues, including the authorization of renewable energy on public lands withdrawn for military purposes. The recent Memorandum of Understanding you signed with Secretary Panetta has gained wide attention throughout the DoD and resulted in several recent requests for increased coordination, which we will manage through the umbrella of the ILUCC.

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
November 1, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

As recovery from Hurricane Sandy continues, I want to extend my heartfelt thoughts to all those affected by this super-storm, including the Oil and Hazardous Materials Simulated Environmental Test Tank (Ohmsett), a public-private DOI-BSEE oil spill response, research and testing facility in Leonardo, New Jersey. The Ohmsett facility is located along the New Jersey coast, the area that bore some of the most significant storm damage. An Ohmsett building holding oil storage tanks sustained damage as did pumps in the water testing tank. Electricity is still out and two Ohmsett contract employees are still unaccounted for; limited cell phone access and displaced families could be a factor in not yet finding the employees. [MAB – we'll update you and the report as we learn more about the staff]. As Ohmsett staff clean up from the storm, the facility is closed and all tests that are scheduled during the next couple of weeks have been postponed. BSEE continues to receive updates on the status at Ohmsett and an initial damage assessment is underway.

With varying levels of devastation along much of the U.S. Eastern Seaboard, some local communities will request additional support. I was pleased to learn that more than 200 BLM, Forest Service, and other Department personnel, through the National Interagency Fire Center, are mobilizing and traveling to assist with response to Hurricane Sandy.

On October 31, I traveled to Portland, Oregon to participate in the installation ceremony for Jerry Perez, the new State Director of the BLM's Washington and Oregon State office. Mr. Perez has twenty years of natural resources experience, and most recently was the Deputy Regional Forester of the Forest Service's Intermountain Region in Ogden, Utah. Mr. Perez has worked cooperatively with the BLM on many land-use planning and forest management issues. I am confident his diverse skills will bring new ideas to the State office.

While I am in Oregon, I will attend the Oregon & Washington Senior Leadership Team Conference, where I will provide an update on our work in Washington, DC, as well as applaud the State office for its leadership on forestry, wildlife management, and sage-grouse habitat planning. Following the leadership meeting, I will tour the Salem BLM District to see a stream restoration project where Cascade Streamwatch partnered with the BLM. I will also meet with Wolf Tree, an environmental education group at the same site. During the tour, I will have the opportunity to learn about youth involvement in various projects, discuss ongoing recreational activities in the area, and meet with our local partners.

As I finalize performance appraisals for the year, I am reflecting on the work of the Department's most valuable assets, our staff. These hardworking and talented men and women

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- **Continental Divide-Creston Natural Gas Project**: In mid Nov., the BLM-WY Rawlins Field Office anticipates opening a 60-day public comment period on the Draft EIS for the Continental Divide-Creston Natural Gas Project. The project is located in a mixed land ownership area in Carbon and Sweetwater counties. The proposal is to drill and develop 8,950 additional natural gas wells, including 100 to 500 coal bed natural gas wells, using both vertical and directional drilling in an area containing approximately 1.1 million acres of public, private, and state-owned land.

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LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT
November 4 - 10, 2012

SENIOR OFFICIALS' ACTIVITIES

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HOT TOPICS

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Renewable Energy

- ***Update:*** **Soda Mountain Solar Project NOI:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:*** **BLM-CA Stateline Solar Project:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:*** **BLM-UT Cove Fort Geothermal Project:** (b) (5)

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Oil and Gas and Potash

- ***Update:*** **Hydraulic Fracturing Rule:** (b) (5)

- ***New:*** **Venting and Flaring Onshore Order 9 Consultations:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:*** **Potash Final Secretarial Order:** (b) (5)

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- ***Update:*** **Oil Shale and Tar Sands Programmatic EIS:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:*** **Oil Shale RD&D Leasing:** (b) (5)

New: **BLM-WY Continental Divide-Creston Natural Gas Project EIS:** (b) (5)

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- *Update: NPR-A Final IAP/ EIS:* (b) (5)

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Drought

- *New:* **Wild Horse and Burro Emergency Gather Review:** (b) (5)
- *New:* **BLM-UT Drought Update:** (b) (5)
- *New:* ~~**Cong.**~~**Rep. Amodei Discusses Threats to NV Sage-grouse:** (b) (5)
- *New:* **BLM-WY Drought Update:** (b) (5)

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- *New:* **BLM-AZ Lake Powell Water Pipeline Project:** (b) (5)

- *New:* **BLM-CO River Valley Transmission Line:** (b) (5)

- *Update:* **Implementation of Transmission Lines Executive Orders**—(b) (5)

- *New:* **Enterprise Mid-American Pipeline (MAPL) Project:** (b) (5)

Miscellaneous

- *New:* **BLM-AK NASA EIS:** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

- ***Update:*** **BP Inspection of Macondo Oil Sheen:** (b) (5)

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- ~~*Update*~~*New: Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS) II Final Rule:* (b) (5)

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- *New:* **McMoRan Well Test for Shallow Water, Ultra-Deep Davy Jones Project:** (b) (5)

New: **Freeport-McMoRan Main Pass Energy Hub:** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

- **No Change: Delaware Lease:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:*** **Western Gulf of Mexico (WGOM) Lease Sale 229:** (b) (5)

- ***Update:*** **Massachusetts Wind Energy Area Environmental Assessment (EA):** (b) (5)

Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

- Nothing new to report.

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Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Sunday, November 4

- **No Change: BLM-WY North Lander Wild Horse Gather:** (b) (5)

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Wednesday, November 6

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- No Change: BLM-WY Oil and Gas Lease Sale: (b) (5)

Thursday, November 7

- *Update:* **BLM-AK NPR-A Oil and Gas Lease Sale:** (b) (5)

Thursday, November 8

- No Change: **BLM-CO Oil and Gas Lease Sale:** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Wednesday, November 7

- *New:* **Oil and Gas Forum:** (b) (5)

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Wednesday, November 7 - FFriday, November ~~7~~ 9

- No Change: **U.S. Coast Guard's (USCG) National Offshore Safety Advisory Committee (NOSAC) Meeting:** BSEE is scheduled to make a presentation entitled "An Update from the Bureau of Safety Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) regulations, FR notices and Notice to Lessees" at USCG's semiannual NOSAC meeting in Houston TX.

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Thursday, November 8

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- *New:* **Gulf Coast Regulatory and Environmental Affairs Group Meetin**(b) (5)

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Office of Surface Mining (OSM)

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WEEKS AHEAD

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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Sunday, December 2 - Friday, December 7

- *New:* **Northwest Mining Association Meeting:** (b) (5)

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Tuesday, November 13 – Wednesday, November 14

- **No Change: Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum in Anchorage:**

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Tuesday, November 27 -

- ***New:*** **—BSEE and US Coast Guard (USCG) Sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** (b) (5)

Wednesday, November 14 – Thursday, November 15

- ***New:*** **—BSEE First Annual Domestic and International Standards Workshop:** (b) (5)

Friday, November 16 -

- ***New:*** **—Rigs to Reefs Stakeholder Meeting:** (b) (5)

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Mid-December (Tentative):

- ***New:*** **Workshop on Deepwater Drilling Inspections:** (b) (5)

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Weekly Report to the Secretary
Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
November 8, 2012

I. Personal Message to the Secretary:

II. Highlights of Travel, Meetings, Speeches, and other Public Events:

Week of November 12, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

Week of November 19, 2012
Acting ASLM Burke – In the office all week.
DAS Farquhar – In the office all week.

III. Legislative, Legal, and Policy Issues:

- **Atlantic Wind**
  - On Oct. 24, ASLM completed its review of the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for **MA**. BOEM expects to publish the NOA on Nov. 2, with availability in the reading room on Nov. 1. The NOA will also announce public meetings tentatively scheduled for Nov. 13-16 in Boston, New Bedford, Vineyard Haven, and Nantucket. BOEM's Economics Division and SOL are discussing changes to the auction format contained the Proposed Sale Notice for offshore wind leasing for **RI/MA**. Publication of that notice is targeted for the end of Nov.

  - On Oct. 23, BOEM and the Department announced the Bluewater lease in **DE**. Bluewater has until Nov. 8 to sign the lease.

  - The revised **NC** Call for Information was sent to SOL Oct. 24. SOL worked with NPS to address view-shed issues potentially affecting Cape Hatteras National Seashore, which are now resolved.

  - BOEM anticipates that the Request for Interest (RFI) for the **NY** unsolicited request for a commercial lease will be ready for publication in Nov.

  - On Oct. 9, the comment period closed on the **ME** Request for Interest for the Statoil Hywind project. BOEM received 10 comments related to birds, whales, fishing, and visual impacts. BOEM did not receive any expressions of competitive interest. The comment period for the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS remains open until Nov. 8. BOEM held a public information meeting on Oct. 23 in ME; 80 people attended.

- **Shell's 2012 Alaska Drilling Operations, Inspections and Applications for Permit to Drill:** Due to this season's drilling schedule, Shell submitted a "permit to modify" to allow the anchors to remain over the winter in the Chukchi Sea and a similar request for the Beaufort Sea. Leaving the anchors in place may limit disturbance of the seafloor by reducing dropping and removing of the anchors. BSEE has granted permission to leave the anchors in place at both locations. All drilling operations concluded on Oct. 31, the end of the open-water season. Temporary abandonment operations are now underway. The Discoverer has departed the Burger-A location in the Chukchi Sea.

- **Continental Divide-Creston Natural Gas Project**: In mid Nov., the BLM-WY Rawlins Field Office anticipates opening a 60-day public comment period on the Draft EIS for the Continental Divide-Creston Natural Gas Project. The project is located in a mixed land ownership area in Carbon and Sweetwater counties.

Ongoing Projects:
- Hydraulic Fracturing Rule
- Potash Secretarial Order
- Tennessee Lands Unsuitable for Mining Petition
- Oil Shale PEIS and Rulemaking
- DOI/DoD Joint Action Plan Implementation
- OSM-BLM Consolidation Implementation
- Stream Protection Rule
- Onshore Orders

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