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December 10, 2014

Ms. Sally Jewell, Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

This is to inform you that Resolution 14-269, supporting the recognition of a national historic site by the National Park Service for the former site of the Honouliuli Internment Camp, was adopted by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu at its meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

As directed by the Resolution, a copy is attached for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

BERNICE K.N. MAU
City Clerk

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Attachment



RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOR THE FORMER SITE OF THE HONOULIULI INTERNMENT CAMP.

WHEREAS, the internment and incarceration of Japanese Americans and others during World War II on the mainland and in Hawaii are nationally significant events that shape our understanding and commitment to civil liberties and the fair treatment of all citizens, regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, opened in 1943, the Honouliuli Internment Camp, located in Honouliuli Gulch on the island of Oahu, was the last, largest, and longest-used World War II confinement site in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the internment camp held over 350 internees, mostly second-generation Japanese Americans; Japanese, German, and Italian citizens and nationals living in Hawaii as well as prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. National Park Service (NPS), a proposed addition to the national park system will be recommended by the NPS only if it meets all of the following four criteria:

- 1) It possesses nationally significant natural or cultural resources;
- 2) It is a suitable addition to the system;
- 3) It is a feasible addition to the system; and
- 4) It requires direct NPS management, instead of alternative protection by other public agencies or the private sector;

and

WHEREAS, the *Honouliuli Gulch and Associated Sites Draft Special Resource Study and Environmental Assessment*, issued by the NPS and dated May 2014, made the following determinations about the Honouliuli Internment Camp site:



RESOLUTION

- The Honouliuli Internment Camp is nationally significant for its central role as an internment site in Hawaii during World War II and meets all four NPS criteria for national significance.
- The Honouliuli Internment Camp depicts a distinct and important aspect of American history associated with civil liberties in times of conflict that is not adequately represented or protected elsewhere, and is therefore suitable for inclusion in the national park system.
- The Honouliuli Internment Camp historic site is a feasible addition to the national park system conditional upon securing public access to the site.
- There is a need for NPS management of the Honouliuli Internment Camp historic site in partnership with others to fully protect resources and to enhance visitor appreciation of the nationally significant resources and important stories associated with it.

; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Honouliuli Internment Camp site as a National Historic Site or National Monument would ensure that the site is preserved as a warning against injustice and a reminder of our civil liberties and our shared responsibility to uphold the U.S. Constitution for all people, at all times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports the recognition of the former site of the Honouliuli Internment Camp as a National Historic Site or National Monument as a new unit of the National Park System; and



CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 14-269

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, all members of Hawaii's congregational delegation, and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY:

Ann Koyama
Carol Fukunaga

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

NOV 12 2014
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII
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RESOLUTION 14-269

Introduced: 11/12/14 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BY THE NATIONAL
PARK SERVICE FOR THE FORMER SITE OF THE HONOULIULI INTERNMENT CAMP.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

11/18/14	EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	CR-317 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.
12/10/14	COUNCIL	CR-317 AND RESOLUTION 14-269 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, CHANG, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN, MENOR, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

Bernice K. N. Mau
BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK

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ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER



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December 8, 2014

Michael Degnan, Council on Environmental Quality
Leslie Jones, Office of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture
Nicole Buffa, Interior Department

On behalf of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers I would like to offer the administration our sincere thanks for taking the time to travel to Salida, Colorado to hear from both local community members and those who hunt, fish and otherwise recreate in Browns Canyon.

For more than 20 years, the members that now make up Colorado Backcountry Hunters & Anglers have been working to protect the roadless wildlife habitat, phenomenal gold medal trout waters and the rugged landscape found in and around Browns Canyon. They've watched as one bottom-up, bi-partisan Wilderness protection effort another has failed amongst political wrangling, despite widespread support. Now, with more support than ever before, to say we're excited about the prospect that these efforts will finally rewarded would be an understatement.

For those who value the freedom, challenge and longstanding tradition that hunting and fishing our wild public lands and waters provides, protecting backcountry landscapes like Browns Canyon not only safeguards critical fish and wildlife habitat, it also protects the lifestyle that makes the American West such a great place to both live and visit. We ask that the administration to do what it can to protect this wild landscape – and the lifestyle upon which it depends – by designating Browns a National Monument.

We hope the resounding call for protection of Browns Canyon will be heard and that Browns Canyon will soon join the ranks of America's incredible National Monument system. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

Tim Brass
Southern Rockies Coordinator
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
tim@backcountryhunters.org

Cc: Forest Service Chief, Tom Tidwell; Secretary of Interior, Sally Jewel; Senator Michael Bennet; Senator Mark Udall



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December 22, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to request that you use your authority under the Antiquities Act to designate Colorado's Browns Canyon as a National Monument. We appreciate that the Administration recently sent several officials to Salida, Colorado, to gauge support for the proposal. Based on the sentiments expressed at the meeting, coupled with impressive attendance, it is clear that the local community and Coloradans across the state support an Antiquities Act designation. We would like to add our voices to the community's sentiment, and hope we can work with the Administration and the state of Colorado as a cooperating agency, to construct a management plan for the area that protects the values of this incredible area while preserving existing uses within the Monument. A Browns Canyon National Monument would ensure permanent protection and commemoration of a rare and ecologically valuable landscape. The designation would serve to both highlight and protect this valuable resource.

In addition to recreation and tourism as key economic drivers in the Upper Arkansas Valley and the Browns Canyon area, the valley's rich agricultural heritage is equally essential to its unique character. A management plan for the monument should ensure that these values – as identified and supported in the "Browns Canyon National Monument and Wilderness Act of 2013" – are protected and maintained. We would like to ensure that the partnership between the state and federal government on managing recreation in the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area is maintained in any final management plan. Our conversations with local ranchers have also identified key management practices that would protect the community's agricultural tradition, such as providing for the transferability of existing permits to future generations and landowners; using the best available science to determine livestock allocations; continuing reasonable and historic motorized access for maintenance and improvements of permit areas, water rights and relevant structures; and promoting weed control to prevent the spread of invasive species within and surrounding the Monument. We expect that such practices would be permitted within the Browns Canyon National Monument.

We support a Browns Canyon National Monument that boosts the local economy and protects the landscape while providing long-term certainty for existing uses. We encourage you to move swiftly to designate such a Monument.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor of Colorado



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

JAN 26 2015

The Honorable John W. Hickenlooper
Governor of Colorado
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Governor Hickenlooper:

Thank you for your letter dated December 22, 2014, to President Barack Obama regarding the potential future national monument designation for Browns Canyon in Colorado. I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

This Administration has demonstrated a commitment to working with Governors, Congress, county commissioners, tribal governments, and the public in making Federal land use decisions. We recognize and respect the importance of public and congressional input in considering protections for our natural, historic, and cultural treasures. We constantly strive to take into account the interests of a wide range of stakeholders both to protect America's public lands and provide for economic development in a manner that is consistent with applicable laws and sound public policy. This collaboration was evident at the public meeting attended by BLM Deputy Director Steve Ellis and U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell on December 5, 2014, in Salida, Colorado.

We look forward to continuing to work with you, members of Congress, as well as with the public, to ensure that the lands in Colorado are managed appropriately for the use and enjoyment of future generations. A similar reply is being sent to Senator Michael Bennet.

Sincerely,

Sally Jewell



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

JAN 26 2015

The Honorable Michael F. Bennet
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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We look forward to continuing to work with you, the State of Colorado, and the public, to ensure that the lands in Colorado are managed appropriately for the use and enjoyment of future generations. A similar reply is being sent to Governor John Hickenlooper.

Sincerely,



Sally Jewell

DAVID V. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY

December 29, 2014

Sally Jewell
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

I am writing in support of making the Honouliuli Internment site a National Monument. I believe it should ultimately be included as a part of the Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

The Japanese Cultural Center of Honolulu (JCCH) has done an incredible amount of work to relocate and interpret the Honouliuli Internment site. They have conducted community outreach tours, created *The Untold Story*, a documentary film on the Hawaii Internment experience, and developed educational curricula for middle and high school students. The site has even been featured in Hawaii Five-0.

Because of the JCCH outreach, there is an incredible amount of community support for the preservation of this site. Monsanto, the current landowner has already done a huge amount of groundwork to prepare the parcel for donation to the Park Service. They are also donating an additional 7 acre site above the valley that can be used as a staging area for tours. The University of Hawaii at West O'ahu has created a curriculum in Democratic Principals and Social Justice that includes a unit on Japanese internment. They are willing to host a visitor center on their lands, and to allow access to the site through their adjoining property. The legislature provided funding for a working group to do additional community outreach and planning.

While most Japanese in Hawaii were not interred, leaders in the Japanese community were forcibly removed from their communities and taken to Honouliuli or sent to sites on the mainland. These upstanding teachers, ministers and community leaders lived with this "embarrassment" for the rest of their lives. The Honouliuli Internment site allows members of the Japanese community to discuss this part of their past. It also allows the larger community the opportunity to look at the real effects of wholesale prejudice in our own communities. These internment sites represent an important part of American history.

As a National Monument, the Honouliuli Internment site will be recognized nationally, raising awareness of this important part of the history of World War II and Japanese in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

William Aila, Jr.
Chair

cc: Carole Hayashino, Japanese Cultural Center of Honolulu



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Jim Steele
District 3 Supervisor

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January 26, 2015

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

I am a Lake County District 3 Supervisor who strongly supports the proposal to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Conservation Area or National Monument. This would have a positive impact on our economy and provide a positive image for our area.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain region is the crown jewel of Northern California's wild inner Coast Range. It is one of the most biologically diverse, yet least known regions of California. Less than one hundred miles from the Sacramento and Bay Area metropolitan regions, the area is an outdoor wonderland rich in unique natural features and recreational opportunities.

These public lands stretch nearly one hundred miles from the shores of Lake Berryessa to the flanks of Snow Mountain. This region provides wonderful opportunities to hike, horseback ride, hunt, camp, fish, bird watch, use off-road vehicles in designated areas; enjoy both motorized and non-motorized boating and water recreation, and much more. A National Conservation Area or National Monument designation will increase our region's visibility and accessibility and add to our important outdoor recreation and tourism industries.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain region includes thriving blue oak woodlands, red fir forests, creek side habitat, an annual explosion of wildflowers, nearly half of California's dragonfly species, a wealth of butterflies, river otters, trout, Tule elk, deer, mountain lions, bears, osprey, and provides habitat to California's second largest population of wintering bald eagles. The Berryessa Snow Mountain region has botanical biodiversity that contributes to the status of the California Floristic Province as a "biological hot spot." The region would be next to our own unique County' biological hot spot Clear Lake, which is the oldest warm water and largest natural lake in California. This is a very unique pairing.

California State Senate

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January 23, 2015

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Office of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Thompson
United States House of Representatives
231 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and Congressman Mike Thompson,

The Berryessa Snow Mountain region is the crown jewel of Northern California's wild inner Coast Range. It is one of the most biologically diverse, yet least known regions of California. Located less than one hundred miles from the Sacramento and Bay Area metropolitan regions, the area is a dazzling outdoor wonderland rich in unique natural features and loaded with recreational opportunities.

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Permanent protection of this region will improve economic opportunities for our local economies; increase coordination between federal agencies; provide well-managed recreation opportunities; safeguard the area's natural beauty, sensitive areas, wildlife and rare plants; and ensure the continued use and enjoyment of these lands for future generations.

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California State Senate

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LOIS WOLK
THIRD SENATE DISTRICT



I support permanent protection for the public lands of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a **National Conservation Area or National Monument!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lois Wolk".

LOIS WOLK
Senator, 3rd District

LW:cb

cc:

Congressman John Garamendi, District 3, CA
Congressman Jared Huffman, District 2, CA
Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior
Michael Boots, Acting Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality
Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/22/2014 6:27:42 AM
To: "Brian_Schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <Brian_Schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

Aloha Senator Schatz,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6)
(b) (6) This letter was originally intended to be sent to the President of the United States, Barack Obama. However, I encountered some technological difficulties while attempting to message the president my letter. Please review my letter and civil rights project that is attached . I humbly ask you to forward this project to the office of the president. I look forward to hearing back from you. My email is (b) (6) and my phone number is (b) (6) If you have trouble contacting me, then please feel free to contact (b) (6) Thank you for having the time to read my email.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/19/2014 2:17:54 PM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc: "Kaleolani Akim" (b) (6), Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Subject:

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Sincerely,
(b) (6)

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(b) (6)

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Sincerely,

(b) (6)

December 19, 2014

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Hi, my name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) in Honolulu, Hawaii. This semester, I attended a class called Participation in Democracy. This quarter, we focused mainly on the past internment of Japanese Americans following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Our class was paired up into groups of two and each group did a project in which each of us were to investigate a person of interest who was involved in Japanese internment and create a presentation. My partner, (b) (6) and I chose to do our presentation on Hung Wai Ching and Charles Hemenway, respectively. Our class had the honor of being able to visit Honouliuli, an internment camp that once held over 4,000 Japanese Americans and POWs. The majority of the camp was bulldozed upon its closure and the land had been used for dumping car wreckage and for cultivation, but the remnants left over from long ago and being in the environment gave our class a new level of insight on the internment of the Japanese. The existence of internment camps in Hawaii is unknown to many. From this, I feel that Honouliuli has a need to be preserved and

made into a national park open to the public. Though, there are others who are not in favor of this idea and believe that the land has better uses.

There are many issues that have plagued the U.S. throughout history until today, and discrimination is one of many large problems that have rose up again and again for centuries. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, thousands of Japanese Americans were taken out of their homes and put into internment and relocation camps for the simple fact that they were of Japanese ancestry. One of the internment camps they were held at was Honouliuli, in Waipahu, Hawaii. Often called “jigoku dani” or “hell valley” by internees, Honouliuli has since then been torn down, leaving only a few deteriorating structures left behind. With the exact location of Honouliuli unknown until 2002, many people were unaware of what the land had once held, and had used it in the past for the disposal of wrecked cars and for cultivation. While some believe the land has other more important uses, other say the land should be preserved in memory of the internees experience and used to teach the younger generations.

Charles Reed Hemenway was a prominent figure in the prevention of the internment of the Japanese Americans and was heartfelt in defending their loyalty. He was not a man to hold prejudice and served as a mentor to young men whom among them were Japanese Americans and many boys who would later join the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Charles was not hesitant to defend Japanese Americans in WWII like others during his time, and didn't doubt their loyalty for a second. He stood up for his pupils and said with unwavering certainty that they were as loyal as any other American citizen. "Charles Hemenway was highly regarded by associates, friends and especially UH students. Having tragically lost his only child in earlier years, Hemenway treated all of Hawaii's youth whom he met as his own surrogate children. The Hemenway home was always open to young people of immigrant races and he helped to finance many of them through UH. He sensed their yearning and aspiration for the American Way and made every effort to help them succeed in their dreams and goals." Writes the spring 1989 issue of “Manoa” when commemorating the 50th anniversary of Hemenway Hall. Holding an influential position in the community with integrity and cool-headedness along with his care of other people made him impactful in the prevention of the injustice that was the incarceration of Japanese Americans.

Being able to visit historical locations such as Honouliuli internment camp is a unique experience. Keeping the last remnants of Honouliuli preserved is deeply important to the history and memory of Japanese Americans and others involved in internment and its prevention during WWII, and provides a new level of insight to younger generations born after who want to learn about the past or about their ancestors. Gaining knowledge of the past allows others to empathize with those who suffered and work towards preventing the same thing from happening in the future.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read through my letter. Attached to this document is the presentation my partner and I have done on the internment of the Japanese, titled “Hawaii Territorial Guard”. This presentation provides information on two men who helped prevent the further mass interment of Japanese, named Hung Wai Ching and Charles Hemenway. My partner and I would greatly appreciate if you could take the time to look our presentation

over. If you have any questions, you may contact (b) (6)
or you can email me at (b) (6)

Attached: Internment Camp Presentation: *Hawaii Territorial Guard*

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/19/2014 7:38:18 PM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
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Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Project Citizen

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

December 19, 2013

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500 U.S.

Dear Mr. President:

Good day Mr. President. My name is (b) (6). I am (b) (6). In our school, we were asked to search and make a presentation about our person of interest. My person of interest was Ronald Reagan. He was born in February 16, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois. He attended Dixon High School and graduated in 1928. In high school, he was an athlete and student body president and performed in school plays. During summer vacations, he worked as a

lifeguard in Dixon.. After high school, Reagan enrolled at Eureka College in Illinois on an athletic scholarship. He majored in Economics and Sociology. After graduating in 1932, he worked as a radio sports announcer. In 1937, Reagan signed a seven year contract with the Warner Brothers movie studio. In 1940, Reagan married actress Jane Wyron, and had a daughter Maureen and adopted son, Michael. But they divorced in 1948.

One of the things that I wanted to point out in this letter is the preservation of the Honouliuli Internment camp and the events that transpired while President Reagan was in office. Honouliuli was one the Internment camp during Pearl Harbor in WWII. My classmates and I went to Honouliuli Campsite last month and it was just amazing. We went to places where the internees took a shower, bathroom, their mess hall, and etc. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a formal presidential apology to every surviving U.S. citizen on legal resident Japanese ancestry during World War II. Ronald Reagan signed a law on August 10, 1998. The Civil Liberty Act of 1988 mentioned, "Social prejudice, nature hysteria, and a lack of practical leadership."

Ronald Reagan passed away on June 5, 2004. After leaving the White House, in January 1989, he and his wife Nancy moved back to Los Angeles, California. In 1991, they opened the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, California. In November, 1994, Reagan wrote a handwritten letter to the American people that he had recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. After almost a decade, he passed away.

My partner, (b) (6) and I have worked and helped each other in order to make a presentation about my person of interest (Ronald Reagan), and his person of interest (George H. W. Bush) on how both of the presidents had a huge impact on Japanese Internment During and after WWII. My partner and I went to Honouliuli camp to see and imagine how it felt like to be interned and being far away from your own family. One of the things I discovered from our research is that Ronald Reagan signed a Redress 2 years before his retirement of being a president saying that he would give money to all the SURVIVORS from internment. But internees had to wait for couple of years to get their money. Internees went through a lot of things during this period of time. Separated from their family, did not know why they were sent to the prison nor internment camp. This project actually opened my eyes to see what happened in the past and how we could use what we learned in the past for our future. So I hope that you would be able to help us to make our future better.

Thank you so much for taking your time in reading my letter. If you have any questions regarding to my presentation/ letter, please feel free to contact me on (b) (6) or on email (b) (6) Or you could also contact (b) (6)
Once again, thank you and have Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached: *President and Redress*

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Subject: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

Aloha Brian Schatz,

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December 19, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) My partners are (b) (6) and
(b) (6) I am writing this letter to you because I want to show you how important it is to
remember the Japanese American internees and what they did to serve their time in the camp. It
would be in great pleasure of making the Honouliuli Internment camp to turn into a national park
and to teach us the importance of that camp.

Honouliuli Internment camp should be preserved as a national park as a reminder to the heroes
who have felt the pain and went through what no other can do and that is surviving the camp.
The Japanese Americans were taken away from their family during at their adult age and they
didn't know that much on what was going on to them. However the JCCH people have the camp
today that was preserve over time and found out information's that went through every internees
lives and what went down at the sites.

To know little more about the camp life can take look at Hideto Kono. Kono was a Nisei soldier
during WWII and was sent to camp Shelby, Mississippi to train as a soldier. He wrote a poem on
how he felt being a soldier during his time in the camp and sent it to his niece, Elizabeth

Nakaeda. It stated “Soft green leaves/The May breezes gently stirs/As/Soft green soldiers/March/Soft green leaves/Before the autumn breeze to thee/A lovely hue bestows/And to peaceful slumber slowly sends/Let not thee/The summer storms/The autumn gales/To tattered shambles/Rend and crash/March/Soft green soldiers/As the May breeze blows/Soft green leaves” (Hawaii Nikkei Editorial Board 70). The poem is basically talks about how he is feeling during his camp and how he felt about the soldiers. He didn’t feel like he wanted to talk to soldiers he know at camp so he sent a letter to his niece telling her he is doing fine in the camp. After the war ended, he entered the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence Service. It should be preserved as national park because it has the background information on the life of the internees and the work they did in the old times in 1945 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The reason it’s not a national park now is because it wasn’t shown to the public eye in Hawaii and many have possibly forgotten its great importance.

Kono was a motivational leader who showed he was willing to help others in work. He did that by participating in positions like president of Castle & Cooke East Asia Ltd. He dedicated all his life into his work and supported his friends and family in need. He proved to others that he was making things right and remembered the hardships he went through as a Nisei soldier because it wasn’t easy for him to train as a soldier and move up to the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Honouliuli has showed that it should be a national park and it shows the great history of their past and their history. Honouliuli should be preserved and made into a national park because aside from it being an important part of history it can also serve as a learning purpose.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. If you have any questions regarding our research, please feel free to contact (b) (6) or my email:

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Sincerely,

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Attached: *Japanese Internees*

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Happy Holidays,

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Interned Japanese Poets

(b) (6)

December 19, 2013

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) Yasutaro Keiho Soga was born in Tokyo, Japan on March 18, 1873. He had a relatively privileged childhood that ended when his mother died at fifteen. Sadly his father died four years later, when he was nineteen. As a young man, possibly in his twenties, he studied law and pharmaceutical but he did not finish either degree.(Densho). Later, he went on to study English and moved to Yokohama, Japan where he worked in retailing and exporting. In 1896, he came to Hawai'i and assisted a friend who owned a few stores and continued his education here. In 1899, he moved to Honolulu and became a Issei journalist with the Hawaii Shimpo. Then after a while, he stopped writing for the Shimpo and joined the Shimpo's competitor, the Hawaii Shimbun in 1905. He later renamed it the Nippu Jiji in 1906. Soga wrote for the Hawaii Shimbun for thirty plus years. He became part of the Great 1909 Plantation strike when his newspaper company wrote about the cause of higher

wages for Japanese American plantation workers, which is the reason why he got arrested thirty-one years later at the age of 67.

Honouliuli should be preserved because it is a place that holds so much history and mysteries. When my classmates and I went to visit the camp site, it was amazing because we weren't aware of the events that had occurred during World War II. It was such a tragic event and I had learned so much just by visiting. I felt like I was there in the internment camp. It should be preserved because we can learn so much from it and everybody else should be able to learn the history too. It should be preserved so people can know what happened to the Japanese-Americans, internees like my person of interest; Yasutaro Keiho Soga. Soga was on a four year "journey" to some American camps. When Soga got arrested, he was sent to four different internment camps. He was first held in the Immigration Station in Honolulu for a few nights, and then later got sent to the Sand Island internment camp where he was held for a couple of months. Then in 1942, he got sent to the Mainland, San Francisco Bay. He was held at Fort McDowell/Angel Island detention camp for about a month. For the rest of the War, he spend it at the U.S Army or Justice Department administered camps in New Mexico, Lordsburg (September 1942 to June 1943) and Santa Fe (June 1943 to October 1945) before returning to Hawaii in November 1945.

After arriving in Hawaii, he got back to writing for the Hawaii Times (new name taken on by the Nippu Jiji during the War) and he resumed writing poetry. After the passage of the Immigration Act of 1952, Soga became a naturalized citizen. After he published his autobiography in 1953, he died four years later on March 7, 1957 at the age of eighty-three. Soga did not receive any money for compensation because he died before America admit the wrongs they done to the Japanese Americans and even before they signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and surviving internees did not receive their money until 1990. Honouliuli should be memorialized because of man like him. Honouliuli should be preserved as a National Park Site because it would not be only special for me but for the citizens and internees who were living during the time of World War II on Hawaii. Camp Honouliuli deserves to be a National Park Site. If you have any questions regarding my research, contact me at (b) (6) but if you cannot reach me please contact (b) (6) Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Attached: *Interned Japanese Poets*

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/19/2014 7:28:05 PM
To: "Brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <Brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>, "Kaleolani Akim"
(b) (6) Lori Chun - (b) (6) <Lori Chun - (b) (6)>
Cc:
Subject: (b) (6) Honoiliuli Interment Camp Campign

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(b) (6) I am looking forward to hearing from you.
Thank you very much!

Happy Holidays!
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Japanese Interment project

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
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Internment (b) (6)

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December 16, 2014
The White House and
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. President,

Would you listen to your government or be branded a traitor? That is the question Carl Eifler had to answer. Born on June 27, 1906 in Los Angeles.He served for the Los Angeles police

department. Eifler joined the army reserves in 1930 until he was called into duty at the break of World War II in 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Honouliuli internment camp should be memorialized because of the dilemmas that even the army generals had to face.

Execute Order #9066 was well known for its heinous abduction of Japanese Americans' rights. On the other end of the scope, there were the army generals who had to execute these orders and man these internment camps. Carl Eifler was one of the people called in charge of this. The choice he had to make was either to accept the generous offer to be the head of Sand Island internment camp or disobey orders. If he disobeyed, it is quite apparent that some would question his loyalty. Some may argue that he could have vehemently protested against this injustice that Japanese Americans had to endure. With the amount of power the president had to actually initiate Executive Order #9066, Eifler's voice would have been easily censored, therefore it would be a vain effort.

Although Eifler agreed to commanding Sand Island internment camp, he was a fair martinet. In a letter sent to him by a former internee, the internee praised his grace. The internee mentioned the strictness that Eifler maintained throughout his stay but went on to thank him for respecting him as a person. He was indeed a fair leader. This shows that Eifler was following orders although he knew what he was doing was wrong. It really shows one's character when one is able to follow through with such an egregious order. I believe Eifler should be commended for his nobility in commanding Sand Island internment camp because of the respect that he was able to show Japanese internees.

Colonel Carl F. Eifler was a decorated war veteran who was referred to as the "deadliest colonel". He had to command Sand Island internment camp for one month and in that one month he showed that he was an admirable man by showing respect to Japanese internees. Honouliuli should be memorialized because of men like him. Eifler was not a Japanese internee nor was he a prisoner of war. He was in a very respectable position of colonel yet he showed he and the Japanese internees were nothing different.

Sincerely,

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Attached: *Japanese Internment & Civil Rights*

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/19/2014 7:24:08 PM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Preserving Honouliuli Internment Camp

Dear Mr. Senator,

I am (b) (6) and my Democracy in Participation class we had to create a project on Japanese Internment. The United States National Park Service should recognize Honouliuli as an important landmark to Hawaii. Honouliuli should be preserved and protected because it is the least that the U.S. can do after all they did to the Japanese-Americans. This place can also be a vital source for students who are eager to learn about World War 2 and the series of internment camps. Honouliuli can be a primary source for students, scientists, historians, researchers, etc. Honouliuli is full of vibrant information and historical to Hawaii.

If you have any questions concerning Honouliuli you can contact me or (b) (6)

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Thank you and Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Project Citizen

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/19/2014 7:19:29 PM
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Cc: "Kaleolani Akim" (b) (6) Lori Chun - (b) (6)
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December 15, 2014

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Dear Mr. President,

Hello, my name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6). I had to do a project for my Democracy class on a person who was involved with Japanese internment. My historical figure is Daniel Inouye. I had to conduct research on my person and figure out important decisions he made that involved with Japanese internment.

On September 7, 1924 Daniel Inouye was born. His parents Kame Imanaga and Hyotano Inouye both native to Japan raised Daniel in Honolulu. Growing up Daniel attended President William McKinley High School and according to Daniel he "enjoyed learning at Mckinley".

After completing high school Daniel had firsthand experience with the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He volunteered as a medical volunteer during the war and was later drafted in the all Nisei 442nd regimental combat team. "Daniel wanted to serve in the all Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team". (Academy of Achievements) Daniel became well liked and known as he moved up in rankings. Through his heroic acts he lost his right arm, but because of it he gained many awards and was now well known for his service. Some may argue that he should not have deserved that award but what they don't realize is that he put his life on the line to complete a mission. He retired as captain in 1947. Following his retirement he could no longer become a surgeon as he aspired to be. Instead he studied governmental and economics at the University of Hawaii. While still in college Daniel married Margaret Shinobu Awamura in 1949. After graduating at the University of Hawaii in 1950 Daniel studied to become a lawyer in Washington at George Washington University Law School. After graduating in 1953 he moved back and settled in Hawaii where his political career began starting as a Deputy Public Prosecutor for the city of Honolulu. He ended his political career as senator with many awards honoring his leadership. In 2006 Daniel's wife passed away at the age of 57 leaving their only child Kenny Inouye who was a musician. Daniel at the age of 84 married the CEO of the Japanese American Museum Irene Hirano. On December 17, 2012 Daniel Inouye passed away due to respiratory complications.

In conclusion I've finally realized how much of an impact Senator Daniel Inouye had on renewing Hawaii and how he was not only a senator. Daniel Inouye was many things, a father, a husband, a decorated World War II veteran (and Medal of Honor recipient), the U.S. Senate's second-longest serving member, and the first Japanese-American to serve in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Like everyone he had haters too, some may say that he shouldn't have deserved most of the awards given to him because he impacted only a small community, but what they don't realize is that he actually impacted many personally and changed their lives.

The United States National Park Service should recognize Honouliuli as an important landmark to Hawaii because it is something of to value to the Japanese that were involved and also to the ones learning about Honouliuli. This place is and will be a vital source for students who are eager to learn about World War 2 and the series of internment camps. It provides useful information that will help people learn about detailed events during that time period. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact my participation in democracy teacher (b) (6)

(b) (6) or me at (b) (6) Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached: *The Highest Ranked Asian American Politician*

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/19/2014 7:16:32 PM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Preserving Honouliuli Internment Camp

Dear Mr. Senator,

In my Class Participation in Democracy we are trying to convince the President that the Honouliuli Internment Camp should be Preserved as a National Park. Which Played a Major role in the internment of Japanese Americans During WWII. Attached is my letter to the President and also the presentation that me and my partner have worked many hours on. Thank you for your time and Happy Holidays.

You can contact me for any questions. If i am not available you can contact (b) (6)

Japanese Internment Slide Show

(b) (6)

December 15, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

My name is (b) (6) I am (b) (6) I am writing this letter to say that the Honouliuli Internment camp should be preserved as a National park for we should not forget what has happened to the Japanese-Americans during WWII. Unlike some who have tried to cover up what they have done by bulldozing over the camp. Shozo Takahashi was one of the many internees interned at Honouliuli. Takahashi had his natural rights striped away, and even before these Americans had to heir loyalty questioned because they were also Japanese. These are thing we cannot let fade into history along with Honouliuli.

Honouliuli should be protected to remember how many internees like Takahashi had their natural rights violated. Takahashi had his property, liberty taken away, and fortunately not his life-unlike those who also had that taken away. He was unable to take very little possessions with him and was unable to own any property while he was interned.(Shozo Takahashi Biography). If

Honouliuli was preserved as a National park it would show how internees lived in a harsh environment and were treated as animals and not humans. If it is not preserved people will start to forget and/or try to erase it from history.

The Honouliuli Internment Camp is a memorial to how the Japanese Americans were judged wrongfully. These are reasons why we should preserve Honouliuli as a National Park. The camp stand for the many pains the Japanese American internees had to endure. They were stiped from their families, striped of their natural rights, and had their loyalty questioned.

Thank you for having the time to read my letter and I will very much appreciate it if you take the preservation of Honouliuli into consideration. Attached is the presentation that me and my partner have researched many hours about two people of interest attached to Japanese American Internment.

Sincerely,

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Attached: Not Guilty As Charged

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
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Cc:
Subject: Preserving Honouliuli Internment Camp

Dear Mr. Senator,

My class's mission is to gain support to turn Honouliuli Internment Camp into a national park so we can preserve the camp's history in its role during the interment of Japanese Americans during World War II. If you could forward this to the president to help in our cause, I would appreciate it. Attached is the letter to help explain who I am and my assignment as well as a powerpoint that I have created with my partner to teach about two historical figures during the time.

Letter to Obama: Preserve Honouliuli

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Japanese Internment Slide Show

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/19/2014 2:36:50 PM
To: "Brian Schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <Brian_Schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc: Lori Chun - (b) (6) Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Kaleolani Akim - (b) (6) Kaleolani Akim - (b) (6)
Subject: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6)
(b) (6) This letter was initially intended to go to the President of the United States, Barrack Obama. However, I encountered some technical difficulties while attempting to send the President my letter. I request you to review my letter and civil rights project that are attached. I would also like to ask you to forward this project to the office of the President at your earliest convenience. It is vital that he receives this before January 1, 2015. The National Park Services will be reviewing all public opinions on Honouliuli regarding the preservation of Honouliuli Internment Camp.

Sincerely,
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Barack Obama
The President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Northwest Washington
District of Columbia 20500
United States

Dear White House and President Obama

I am (b) (6) (b) (6) I am a (b) (6) I believe Honouliuli should be preserved as a National Park. Japanese did not only get the atomic bomb. They were forced into internment camps where they were allowed so little to do. This marks as a remembrance of what they went through and also marks a historic site from WWII.

On March 1, 1943 Sand Island internment camp was closed down and people were transferred to Honouliuli. This internment camp was built on 160 acres of land able to hold up to 3,000 people (qtd. by Brian Niiya). Innocent Japanese were interned because they looked like the enemy at the time. Fumiye Miho was never interned but she was stripped of her citizenship because she looked like the enemy. This caused her to be stuck in Japan and witness the horrific atomic bombing.

Honouliuli should be protected as a National Park so we can have a center for historic remembrance of what the Japanese faced during WWII. Not only did it affect the people in the internment camp but it affected the Japanese that got bombed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Fumiye Miho was trapped in Japan because she lost her citizenship. She was born in Wailuku, Maui and was an American citizen. She was stripped of her citizenship just because she looked like the enemy no matter how innocent she was. While she was in Japan she witnessed the atomic bombing. This bomb cause so much damage and scarred many. She spent weeks pulling bodies out of the rubble and taking care of the injured.

Honouliuli she be a National Park because of the suffering that the Japanese went through and had to overcome. The Japanese were interned for no reason. In the beginning of the war the Japanese were treated poorly. Just like Fumiye she was treated just like the enemy causing her to witness something very horrific. She didn't let this stop her from becoming a great and successful person. Fumiye dedicated her life to becoming a humanitarian and peacemaker.

Some may argue that money and resources could be better used on traffic congestion. It is one of the biggest complaints in the islands. The two main reason are because the vehicle number and the lane miles. There are more than one million registered motor vehicles. Hawaii has has the lowest total of lane miles in the U.S. Another thing they could use their money on is to fix our homeless problem. The homeless population has increased 61% since 2000. They could use the money to make shelters to get more people off the streets.

If the USNPS invested money in Honouliuli it could open doors for the community. This could open jobs and their would be more job opportunities for people. Preserving Honouliuli would be saving a historical site and serve as a reminder to the people. This could also be used to teach students how life was during WWII for Japanese.

Please read my letter and review the research I conducted. It shows what my person and other Japanese had to face during WWII. Please consider reserving Honouliuli as a National Park not only for me but for the future students and family of the internet to visit and learn more about this historic place. Please look at my presentation I did on this topic. If you have any questions about my research project you can contact me at (b) (6) or email at

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Sincerely,

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Attached:
Internment Presentation: *The Great Bombing*

Confidential

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
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Sincerely,

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Robert Shovers

(b) (6)

December 16, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

My name is (b) (6) and I'm (b) (6) on state of Hawaii. I'm currently taking Participation in Democracy and we were assigned a project to research a person of interest that related to the internment of Japanese Americans. For my project, I decided to research Robert Shivers. Below, is my argumentative paper portion of the project towards Honouliuli becoming a national park.

Visiting Honouliuli was remarkable. Being able to visit the camp as the only high school on the state of Hawaii, shows its importance. "Hidden deep within an overgrown gulch in Kunia, lay the remains of the Honouliuli Internment Camp, one of Hawaii's largest World War II internment

camps. Once known as jigoku dani or “Hell Valley” by its inhabitants, the internment camp was unique in having detained both prisoners of war and a diverse group of U.S. citizens and resident aliens, including those of Japanese Ancestry” (Honouliuli Internment Camp). Preserving it as a National Park Site would not only be something special for me but for the citizens and internees who were living during the time of World War II on Hawaii. Robert Shivers, “the man who ran the strategically important FBI division in Honolulu” (Pearl Harbor Legacy, Remembering Robert Shivers), played an important role when it came to saving the camp from mass internment. Preserving Honouliuli would honor Robert Shivers and his beliefs, serve as a reminder so an incident like this wouldn't happen, and serve as a site to educate younger ones.

Firstly, Honouliuli should be protected in honor of Robert Shivers and his beliefs. “On December 7, 1941 at exactly 7:50 a.m, Japanese planes bombed a United States Naval Base located at Pearl Harbor” (Overview Of The Pearl Harbor Attack, 7 December 41) . Many civilians who lived in Hawaii at the time of the bombing, argued that the 150,000 people of Japanese Ancestry should be taken into custody. Robert Shivers strongly disagreed and made a big difference in preventing the kind of mass internment that happened on the mainland. Although it may have seemed reasonable to take the 150,000 japanese people into custody, not taking them into custody could be just as reasonable.

Secondly, making Honouliuli a National park site could also serve as a reminder so an incident like this would never happen again. Lets say you were a japanese at the time. You would have been separated from your family and put into a camp where you'd sleep in animal stables. The living conditions that the internees had to endure were not that great. It was super hot, many hungry mosquitoes, and the constant boredom inside the camp. People may say that we should forget about this time in America's history because it's so ugly and shows the flaws in our government. But keeping the camp could also serve as a reminder of one of our government's biggest mistakes, sending japanese americans into internment camps off of fear and paranoia.

Thirdly, Honouliuli could be used to educate younger ones. “We want to ensure that the Honouliuli Internment Camp is preserved in perpetuity for the educational benefit of future generations.” (Honolulu Internment Camp). I've always known about the bombing of Pearl Harbor, but i've never really went into depth about what truly happened. Learning about this topic has really moved me. Keeping the camp will not only teach students about the internment of japanese americans, but allow them to physically feel and see what it was like. Many may argue that there really isnt much left at the camp, but this camp is history. Our government owes it to the people and their families who've never lived to see the day when our government apologized for interning the japanese.

In conclusion Camp Honouliuli deserves to be a National Park Site. In memory of Robert Shivers who just like you, was in power at the time and saved the camp. But mostly in memory of those who had to struggle and go through life in the internment camps. Just like how Robert's choice saved all the Japanese Americans, it is now YOUR choice to save the camp. If you have any questions regarding my research, contact me at (b) (6) or email me at

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Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached: *What Was Once Lost*

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Subject: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

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Sincerely,
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Aloha Senator Schatz,

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Happy Holidays,

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The Irony in the Japanese-Americans Story

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December 16, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) located in Honolulu, Hawaii. I am (b) (6) taking the class of Participation in Democracy. In this class we were assigned a project for the second quarter to research a person that played a part in the incarceration of the Japanese Americans in 1945. For my project I decided to research Jean

Ariyoshi because after World War II, her husband George Ariyoshi, entered the world of politics. However, even if the war was over there was still racial discrimination going on. Also with the first of Japanese American political leader, they were always in danger from threatening phone calls to attempted assassinations. Below, is my argumentative essay of the projects towards becoming a national park.

Honouliuli should be preserved as a National Park because of what Jean Ariyoshi represented. The bombing of Pearl Harbor tested the loyalty of all Japanese Americans. Although many of the Japanese Americans were innocent, many were still interned for being a Issei or even an important leader of a community. Japanese Americans rights were violated, however, many was able to continued life. In my research Jean Ariyoshi experienced the event of the bombing as a child.

Jean Ariyoshi was born October 30, 1933 in Wahiawa. She was born as an American citizen. Her father owned his own photography shop and lived very well. She was the sixth child of seven siblings. Her mother was an American citizen, Shizue Togawa Shigeki, 1904 in Honolulu, Hawaii. However, her father, William Shigeki Hayashi, who was not a citizen at the time. He immigrated to Hawaii when he was ten years old from Kumamoto, Japan. However, when her mother and father once were married, he studied in the mainland and did not come back for two years. That was the hardest times since her mother was not really able to support her children. She did not give up however. She received all the love she needed as a child. (Ariyoshi 22).

Her childhood was changed forever December 7, 1941. She was going to church which was not far away from where she lived. She was unaware of Japan attack on Pearl Harbor. Once entering the church, that's when she realized what was going on. They were all in the back of the sanctuary for hours. Her father photo shop was moved to a different area, but since her father was a Japanese alien he was not allowed to own a business. So, her sister Helen who forego her education to help her father. Both was in the photograph shop working hard to keep the business going everyday. At the time Jean was attending Wahiawa Elementary. Her father lived in fear at the time worrying about being interned since he was a Issei. However, her uncle Toru Nishikawa was interned since he was a reporter for Japanese language newspaper. Her uncle would send her gifts like rings made out of plastic toothbrushes and seashells sewn into ribbons. The photograph business was so successful and did not have many worries about. (Ariyoshi 25).

Even during the war and after her family and her continued life. She attended Leilehua High School in Honolulu, Hawaii. After high school, she then was hired for a summer job to work in the pineapple fields. (Ariyoshi 27). When attending the University of Hawaii, she became a co-host for KGMB of a club international, a half hour talent show. When she met her future husband it was a party during her sophomore year. He was out of college at the time. Both instantly fell in love when they went on their first date together. (Ariyoshi 31). They were officially engaged on October 30, 1954 on her twenty first birthday. They were married on February 5, 1955. At the time her husband to be, George Ariyoshi, born March 12, 1926 in Honolulu, Hawaii, entered the world of politics and was running for government. He worked himself up to being Governor. (Ariyoshi 33).

Today she is done with her duties as the first lady and is now a domestic and international philanthropic figure. She represents one of the Japanese Americans that had to go through the hardships of trying to get by during the war. Hopefully keeping Honouliuli as a National Park will help tell the untold stories of Japanese Americans life as prisoners.

History class is a important because it is important to learn about the past mistakes again so that history do not repeat itself. By doing this project I learned that it is important for U.S. to learn the government system so we know how to protect our rights. I learned how our civil rights, political rights, and natural rights could be violated if we take no actions to protect them. The most important thing that I learned was how the United States questioned the loyalty of Japanese Americans. They questioned their loyalty only because of racial profiling. My partner, (b) (6) (b) (6) and I spent every free minute we had to research about the events that lead to the beginning and ending of World War II. If you have any questions regarding our research or anything else in particular, please feel free to contact (b) (6) or my email: (b) (6)

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached:

Internment Presentation: *The Irony in the Japanese-American Story*

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Sincerely,
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December 17, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Hi my name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6). I am currently taking Participation in Democracy and we are assigned to do a project about a person of our interest that was related to the Japanese American internees.

Honouliuli is a beautiful site, unfortunately it has an ugly past. The structures that are left at the site tell a grim story about how life was like for the people who were imprisoned

there. From my experience, going to Honouliuli was a great way to learn first hand about the injustice of Japanese internment. I appreciate the fact that only (b) (6) went to the internment camp, however, it is sad that other school's will not get the privilege. Honouliuli should become a National Park because this will help to plant the seeds for new growth in educating others about loyalty, obedience, and patriotism.

First, Honouliuli should become a National Park because it holds ugly memories that America would like to forget. A lot of innocent Japanese people were sent to Honouliuli because of their ethnicity not because of their loyalty to their country. Most of the Japanese were obedient because they feared harassment by others around them. Some were suspected and arrested because they were thought to be terrorists or spies. If Honouliuli becomes a National Park, a lot of family members will be able to visit this special place to go to remember them. Some people might argue that Honouliuli is not important enough or others care little about it, so why invest a money to save it. However I think differently now especially after visiting and researching and having the freedom to visit this beautiful place.

Secondly, Honouliuli should become a National Park because the Japanese showed a lot of loyalty by joining the military and the 442nd combat team. An example is Hideto Kono. He was a part of the 442nd combat and the Military Intelligence service. He wanted to show the U.S that he was loyal and that he was not a part of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He had to make a lot of sacrifices to show that he was an American. During his military service he had to kill the enemy that might have been related to him and looked like him. During the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, he had to force Japanese people who were hiding in caves to surrender. He had to go against the Japanese military and do secret military intelligence work. Some people still might say that Honouliuli should not become a National Park but I disagree because the Japanese showed a lot of loyalty towards the U.S by joining the military like Hideto Kono; becoming a leader of the community and just by choosing to be a citizen of the country.

Finally, Honouliuli should become a National Park because the country should be able to visit, learn and remember what happened to the internees at Honouliuli. According to an article in the Mansanto Hawaii Newsletter "Honouliuli Internment Camp [was] one of Hawaii's largest World War II internment camps". Because it is the largest, much of its history could be lost if we do not preserve it now. Opponents would argue that our country should continue to check the loyalty of citizen and have the right to detain, harass, interrogate and imprison. However it is in my opinion that if our country must result to these measures to secure our freedoms, but should never forget to protect and defend the civil rights of all citizens.

In conclusion I think Honouliuli should become a National Park in remembrance of the Japanese American ancestors who fought to prove their loyalty to the country. Hideto Kono is an example of the 442nd Combat Team who sacrificed everything to show that he wanted to be an American and not an enemy. Honouliuli deserves to be a National Park to give an opportunity to everyone, especially to all students, so that we can be able to learn in person about the pain and suffering that happened during World War II. Thank you for taking the time to review my opinions from my research. If you have any questions, please contact me at

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Sincerely,

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Attached: Veterans of World War II

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Happy Holidays
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December 15, 2014

Barack Hussein Obama II
President of the USA and The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Northwest, Washington,
District of Columbia 20500,
United State

Dear, President Barack Obama

I am (b) (6) I am (b) (6) We are doing a project about the internment camp during WWII that held Japanese immigrant. We are hoping that the internment camp in Honolulu called Honouliuli will become a national park so everyone can see what happen during WWII to the Japanese immigrant.

In the U.S. there is a lot of the internment camp destroy and same with the Hawai'i Island, however in O'ahu there is a internment camp still have things remaining. The internment camp Honouliuli is important thing to keep because it's a very important history of WWII, very important thing to remember so this will never happen again, and a place to learn about what happen during WWII. Ansel Adams was a photographer that took pictures for an internment camp call Manzanar.

First it's a very important history of WWII. During that time Ansel Adams was able to be documented but had a total of 241 photos but he was only able to have 209 photo to print to the library. He had access to take photo but some got some taken away. Adams did this job because his good friend, Ralph Merritt a fellow in the Sierra Club wanted to contribute to war effect while at the same time show the loyalty of the Japanese-American interned at Manzanar. In the end of the letter he said "I think this Manzanar collection is an historical document, and i trust it can be put to good use"(loc.gov.Adams).

Second to remember not to have this horrible thing again. Ansel Adams documented the Manzanar War Relocation Center in California and the Japanese-American interned there during World War 2. For the first time, digital scans of both Adams's original negatives and his photographic prints appear side by side allowing viewers to see Adams's darkroom technique, in particular, how he cropped his prints. Later Adams said, in a letter "The purpose of my work was to show how these people, suffering under a great injustice, and loss of property, businesses and professions, had overcame the sense of defeat and despair by building for themselves a vital community in an arid environment..." (loc.gov.Adams).

Third a place to learn about what happen during WWII. It was sad during this year in school I just learned about the internment camp Honouliuli and I'm a Japanese American. I heard that Kaimuki High School 11th grader was the only one to go to the internment camp why is that there should be more people going. There is a lot of people like me out there that didn't know anything about it. This internment camp thing will happen again because us young age people will not learn about the Japanese internment so they won't know that this already happen in WWII. We do not have that much internment camp in both the U.S. and the Hawaii island.

There is a way to help with these things by making Honouliuli a national park. So the other school can go to it and learn things with there own eye instead of being it the classroom watching a video and writing a cornell note about it and taking notes from the books. This will help use in a big way by keeping the past over here so we can learn what happen during WWII in the Hawaii Island. If you have any question about this please contacts (b) (6)

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Sincerely,

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Attached: World War II Photographer

World War II Photographers

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Letter to the President

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Happy Holidays,

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December 16, 2014

Barack Hussein Obama II
President of the USA
The white House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Aloha! My name is (b) (6) (b) (6) and I would like to talk about President Roosevelt and what he did to contribute to the internment of Japanese people throughout America during the time of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor and how we should preserve Honouliuli a local historic site that was an internment camp for the community to cherish and learn from a piece of history our island can give.

Honouliuli is one of the 13 internment camps to exist in Hawaii, others were rumored to exist but no one has uncovered anymore camps as far as we know. These camps are important to our

society and future for everyone to remember about America's past and how to make our future better. Presidents also have a very important lesson and value they should learn from history to prevent situations like this from happening to our country. Saving historical places like Honouliuli will guarantee a part of our history to have a chance for everyone to learn about making our future better for the new generation.

To prove why we should preserve Honouliuli internment camp i will be focusing on President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. I choose President Roosevelt because he was the President who signed the document that ordered the military to imprison these Japanese Americans and other immigrants to be taken to these camps as precautions dealing with the Pearl Harbor bombing and Japanese war. I want to compare all the executives that dealt with the Japanese war and see who were the "Saviors" and "Corrupted" of the whole Japanese internment situation.

February 19, 1942 Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed executive order 9066 which was forced removal and imprisonment of over 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry plus other immigrants of other ethnicity(National Park Service 1). The main reason why President Roosevelt released the order is because J. Edgar Hoover sent F.D.R the list of the Japanese immigrants and a letter that concerned the the people of Japanese ancestry that persuade F.D.R to release the order 9066. Ever since executive order 9066 was given somewhat tarnished the executive branches name and went against what America's motto stood by until Jimmy Carter established the commission on wartime, relocation and internment of civilians then too add to the justice that was meant to be served Ronald Reagan offered a one time payment of 20,000 dollars to each surviving internees and created the act of 1988 as an apology to those interned and become the savior of the American name.

I'm doing my project on Franklin D. Roosevelt is to show what the government did wrong and it shows who in that time was corrupted and close minded to give such a harsh order that affected all these people and their families not just physically but mentally also but comparing the two presidents actions a comparison really shows how we ourselves also affect our government and how there's always going to be a " Good Guy " and a " Bad Guy " in not just the executive perspective but in Americas perspective.

Today, there is not much concern for Martial law or an Executive Order of 9066. Honouliuli should be preserved as a reminder to America that we can avoid a situation like this and remind ourselves what we put our own citizens through. This whole situation could also have ruined the reputation of the presidency of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. However the New Deal, which helped through the tragedy of the Great Depression.

I would like to know how you feel after reading all of the (b) (6) student's letters, Especially for Honouliuli as a part of Americas history to provide a lesson for our newer generations to follow. If you choose to contact us about how you feel about our letters please contact (b) (6) or if you

would like to contact me personally you can reach me at (b) (6) or at
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Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached: Internment Presentation - Power Vs Corruption

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Subject: Preservation for Honouliuli Internment Camp

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December 18, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) I am writing this letter to inform you about an internment camp in Honolulu, Hawaii that I feel it should be protected by the National Park Service. Honouliuli was an internment camp during World War II and it is the only campsite in Honolulu. Preserving Honouliuli could provide a better understanding of the conditions in the internment camp and it would be a reminder for the United States that the denial of Civil Rights should never happen again.

Honouliuli should be preserved as a National Park because of what Japanese Americans suffered during the World War II. With the Executive 9066 being signed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Saburo Kido was incarcerated in the West Coast because he was a Nisei Leader. He was under attack by his inmates while he was in the internment camp of Poston, Arizona. This incident could have been prevented and every Japanese Americans did not deserve being incarcerated especially Saburo Kido because he proved his loyalty by sending a telegram to Franklin Delano Roosevelt referring himself as an American. Saburo also fought against the injustice such as *Oyama v. California* and *Takahashi v. Fish and Game Commission*, the cases involved the denial of Civil Rights by the government of California and they took the cases to the Supreme Court.

By preserving Honouliuli, it could be a prevention for the same incident happening again, which is not a bad thing because by preserving Honouliuli as a National Park, everyone could learn about the Civil Rights denial after the attack of Pearl Harbor.

Saburo Kido unfortunately passed away in 1977 before the Civil Liberties Act was signed by Ronald Reagan. However, by preserving Honouliuli could provide a better understanding of the internment camps and it would be an admonition for the United States that the denial of Civil Rights should not happen again in the future. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, if you have any questions regarding our research, please feel free to contact (b) (6) (b) (6) for my email: (b) (6)

Sincerely,

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Attached:

Internment Presentation: *Nisei Leader & The 39th President of The U.S.*

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Hello Senator Schatz,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) I believe history is important for the future. I believe Honouliuli internment camp should be preserved as a National Park for the future generations to learn about. The letter and project attached was meant for President Obama but I came upon some technical difficulties. Please review the attachments and give me your thoughts on it. I would be very grateful if you could send my project and letter to the President.

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy day to review my letter and project. I hope to hear from you soon. Please contact (b) (6) (b) (6) or me at (b) (6)

Aloha,

(b) (6)

Internment (b) (6)

(b) (6)

December 15, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) I am writing to you because I am concerned about Honouliuli internment camp. Do you believe history is important for our future? Honouliuli internment camp confined Japanese Americans and prisoners of war after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Executive Order #9066 signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt allowed this horrific behavior and affected Japanese American lives in many ways. Many Japanese Americans pretend the internment never occurred and others are uneducated about the subject. Despite the efforts of the government to ignore the shameful history of internment, Honouliuli has a huge impact on Hawaii's history and should be memorialized as a national park. One of the Japanese American lives affected by President Roosevelt's decision was Paul Sutekichi Osumi. Osumi was born on June 15, 1905 in Kusatsu,

Hiroshima, Japan. Osumi excelled in school and participated in multiple extracurricular activities. He graduated from the University of Hawaii and the University of Southern California. He was a youth minister at Hilo Japanese Christian Church and a minister at Lihue Christian Church in 1938. He had a son named Norman on October 18, 1941 with his wife, Janet. On December 7, 1941, Osumi was taken away from his wife and newborn son. Honouliuli should be preserved as a National Park because great innocent people like Paul Osumi were forced to leave their family due to their intelligence, community leadership, and ethnicity.

Paul Osumi graduated from the University of Hawaii on June 2, 1930 and the University of Southern California in June 1936 with his Th. M and high honors. He was a hardworking student even in grammar and high school. He was on the Scholarship Honor Roll and earned many scholarships to pay for the Mills Institute for Boys, nowadays known as Mid-Pacific Institute. He participated in many academic contests and usually won first place. Osumi was also on the debate team, in Damon Lyceum Society, the Mills Christian Endeavors Society, the Literary Societies, the HI-Y Club, the Glee Club, the cross country team, and the swim team. He graduated from Mills as third of his class with an average of 93 percent in all four years of his high school career. Osumi was also a diligent and active student at UH. He was a reporter for the student newspaper, in the Friend Peace Club, the Japanese Students Association Club, and a beneficiary of a Theodore Richards Scholarship. Osumi was an intelligent man because he came to Hawaii in 1919 at the age of 14, and learned the language alone since his father left him with his quick-tempered older brother to work. He worked zealously to achieve all that he did. Numerous Japanese Americans like Osumi were forced into internment camps. Although Osumi did not get interned at Honouliuli, many other people were. He was incarcerated at Wailua County jail then transferred to Sand Island on June 6, 1942. Then he moved to Lordsburg, New Mexico on June 22, 1942. On March 3, 1943, Osumi was transferred to Gila Relocation Camp. None of these internment camps are memorialized as National Parks but Honouliuli should be recognized. According to the Densho Encyclopedia, “[Honouliuli] was the largest and last-occupied World War II-era civilian confinement site in the Hawaiian Islands.” This is important to Hawaii’s history because it impacted a lot of great and conscientious people’s

lives. Osumi was very intelligent but because he was so smart, it got him interned. In honor of Osumi and many others’ hard work, Honouliuli should be memorialized.

Paul Osumi was rumored to be a consulate agent and was minister at various churches. Consulate agents were specifically selected people who helped Japanese citizens in Hawaii that had anything to do with the Japanese Consulate. He helped various people coming from Japan obtain dual citizenship. He gave back to his community by helping others in need. Osumi was a youth minister at Hilo Japanese Christian Church and a minister at Lihue Christian Church in 1938, before he was ordered to internment. Osumi gave back to his community constantly but because he was very active, he was suspicious to the government. According to Densho Encyclopedia, “The President and Congress authorized the removal and incarceration of over 110,000 people based solely on race without evidence of wrongdoing, charges or hearings.” The government did not care that Osumi provided services to the community. The government arrested him because he was Japanese. Countless Japanese American leaders experienced the

same problem. Even after Osumi was released from his internment, he resumed as a minister at Waiialua Pilgrim Church, Ewa Community Church, and Nu'uanu Congressional Church. He still dedicated his life to helping others in the United States after being unfairly imprisoned. The government punished the innocent leaders who were working to improve the community and the lives of others. Honouliuli should be memorialized and protected because the future generations deserve to learn about the past injustices the United States committed to great individuals.

Paul Osumi was a Japanese citizen living in the United States. After the Pearl Harbor bombing, Japanese Americans were under suspicion for working with the Japanese government to harm the United States. Densho Encyclopedia states, "Classified information... showed the exclusion order and incarceration were based on racism and falsehoods." Innocent, assiduous men were coerced to leave their families because they were Japanese. These people who were treated unfairly deserve to have their stories heard and Honouliuli would be the perfect place to voice their stories. Everyone who has been to Honouliuli said it has a very emotional impact. Honouliuli should be preserved so that other people could visit to learn about internment and experience the feeling of just being at the once-occupied camp.

There is a famous saying by George Santayana: "Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it." It is vital to teach the future generations about Japanese internment because it was one of the wrongdoings of the United States government that affected the lives of 110, 000 people. Paul Osumi was one of those innocent people affected. He was a brilliant person, an extraordinary leader, and a Japanese citizen. In honor of Osumi and many others' hard work, Honouliuli should be memorialized as a National Park. I would like to thank you very much for taking time out of your busy day to read my letter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding my research, please feel free to contact (b) (6) or me at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attachments:

Internment Presentation: *Japanese Internment and Civil Rights*

From (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/18/2014 1:32:13 PM
To: "Brian_Schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <Brian_Schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc: "Kaleolani Akim" (b) (6), Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Subject: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6)
This letter was initially intended to go to the President of the United States, Barack Obama. However, I encountered some technical difficulties while attempting to send the President my letter. I request you to review my letter and civil rights project that are attached. I would also like to ask you to forward this project to the office of the President at your earliest convenience. It is vital that he receives this before January 1, 2015. The National Park Services will be reviewing all public opinions on Honouliuli regarding the preservation of Honouliuli Internment Camp.

I look forward to hearing from you, if you have any questions or comments you can contact me my email is (b) (6) and my phone number is (b) (6)

Happy Holidays,

(b) (6)

Dorothea Lange

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

December 18, 2014

Barack Obama
The President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Northwest, Washington,
District of Columbia 20500,
United States

Dear Mr. President:

My name is (b) (6) and I believe Honouliuli should be preserved as a National Park. The attack on Pearl Harbor did not just spark the involvement of the United States in World War II it sparked distrust in Japanese Americans. The Japanese Americans were taken into "relocation" camps such as Honouliuli. These Internment Camps hold great historical significance that is why Honouliuli should be preserved as a National Park.

On June 17th, 1942, Myer replaced Milton S. Eisenhower as the director of the "WRA" or the War Relocation Agency. The War Relocation Agency was responsible for setting up for 110,000 people of Japanese-Americans forced to leave the West Coast in World War II. The Japanese-Americans were taken into different internment camps around the country because Japan had dropped a bomb on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941. Honouliuli Internment Camp should be preserved as a national park because of what Dillon Myer stood for. At first, he wanted to intern Japanese-Americans but then changed his mind and fought to make the internment camps more humane. Other internment camps like Manzanar and Tule Lake are protected by the NPS (National Park Service) because they teach historical values to people. Some may argue that the money for funding Honouliuli could be used for other things, but I believe there is much more to Honouliuli than just an Internment Camp.

Dillon Myer at first stood for interning Japanese-Americans due to the Japanese dropping an atomic bomb on Pearl Harbor during World War II. The original director Milton S. Eisenhower was against interning Japanese-Americans, but Dillon Myer was for it. Myer believed that the Japanese-Americans could send Japan information on what the American government will do to retaliate. Myer and many other Americans feared that the Japanese-Americans would stay loyal to their ancestral land. Myer especially kept a close eye on Kibei, or Japanese-Americans born in the United States and returned to America after receiving education in Japan. They feared that the young Kibei had been influenced by the Japanese government while they were receiving their education in Japan.

After a while Myer realized that Internment of the Japanese was a mistake. One of his first actions as War Relocation Authority (WRA) Director, Myer established a formal leave program to allow citizen Nisei to exit camp for work outside the exclusion zone. Nisei are the second generation born in United States. The Nisei were allowed to go off the campgrounds to find employment. The leave clearance program helped alleviate overcrowding in some of the camps and, especially important for Myer, began the process of resettling an inmate population that would have to be released at the end of the war, although it was met with heavy opposition in some states where anti-Japanese prejudice remained high. "One historian characterized Myer as a principled hero struggling to end the program in the face of a broad, fear-driven movement perpetuating it" (qtd by New York Times Reporter William Dicke"). Myer himself told an American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) conference in 1944 that "super-patriotic organizations and individuals"(qtd by Dillon Myer) and Hearst newspaper on the West Coast were hindering the resettlement of tens of thousands of "harmless" detainees eligible to leave the camps.

Other Internment Camps like Manzanar and Tule Lake are preserved by the National Park Service. Manzanar Internment camp is a historical landmark that includes extensive exhibits that span a century of history, from 1885 to the present, with a focus on the World War II relocation

and internment of Japanese Americans from the West Coast. Exhibits include a large scale model of Manzanar War Relocation Center crafted by former internees, historic photographs and audiovisual programs, and artifacts. A large graphic includes the names of over 10,000 Japanese Americans who spent all or part of World War II at Manzanar. Manzanar Internment Camp spent \$1,276,000 dollars to preserve it's great historical attractions in 2014. Tule Lake Internment Camp is now also used as an historical monument and a great way to learn about World War II. At the Tule Lake Unit students can learn the cultural history of the Civilian Conservation Corp enrollees, German and Italian Prisoners for War, and about the incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII. Students can walk in the footsteps of these different groups while learning about the struggles they endured and the accomplishments they achieved.

Some people might argue that the money and resources could be better used on other things like restoring other historical lands, restoring old monuments, and creating visitors centers at historical sites. In many areas, National Park System units represent the last vestiges of once vast and undisturbed ecosystems. Yet, over 315,000 acres in 195 parks have been disturbed by modern human activities, including abandoned roads, dams, canals, railroads, grazed areas, campgrounds, mines, and other abandoned sites. Some of these features may be of historical significance, but most are not in keeping with the mandates of the National Park System units or the mission of the National Park Service, "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein...unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) This means that most of the restorations made are on lands without historical significance. If this money was put to the preservation of Honouliuli a lot of people can benefit from visiting a great Nation Park.

Dillon Myer played a significant role in WWII by replacing Milton S. Eisenhower as the director of the War Relocation Agency. His actions were so significant after the war in 1946, his work with the WRA won him the Medal for Merit by President Harry Truman and an honorable citation by the JACL(Japanese American Cultural League) for "courageous and inspired leadership." Calling him "a champion of human rights," the JACL acknowledged his fight against "war hysteria, race prejudice, and misguided hate" and effort in promoting Japanese Americans as "loyal and sincere Americans." He not only made life in the Internment Camps more humane for the Japanese-Americans he was a hero to some, he fought for what he thought was right even when parts of his country thought otherwise.

I would like you very much to look and read my research my partners and I did on Dorothea Lange, Frank Knox, and Dillon Myer. We all put many hours into our persons of interest from the beginning of October. We all took time to visit Honouliuli site which is located in West Oahu. We created a wonderful presentation named "WWII Influential People," the presentation withholds all of our findings and research on our persons of interest. Thank you for reading my letter and if you have any questions please contact (b) (6) or email me at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached:
Internment Presentation: *WWII Influential People*

Confidential

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)

Date: 12/17/2014 9:06:16 PM

To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>

Cc: "Kaleolani Akim" (b) (6) "Lori Chun" (b) (6)

Subject: Preservation for Honouliuli Internment Camp

Aloha Senator Schatz,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6)

(b) (6) This letter was originally intended to be sent to the President of the United States, Barrack Obama. However, I encountered some technological difficulties while attempting to message the President my letter. Please review my letter and civil rights project that is attached. I humbly ask you to forward this project to the office of the President. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Confidential

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/17/2014 10:38:41 PM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc: "Kaleolani Akim" (b) (6) Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Subject: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

Aloha Senator Schatz,

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Happy Holidays,
(b) (6)

December 16, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President Barack Obama

My name is (b) (6) I am (b) (6) I am writing this letter to you inform you about an internment camp in Kunia, Oahu called Honouliuli. I think that this historical place should be preserved as a National Park. I am in a class called Participation in Democracy and we did research project/essay on the internment camp for this Semester. Preserving this park would be a big help for students like myself that want to do research or experience the environment in the internment camp during the time of WW2 and the horrendous event The Bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I researched about a Military Governor for Hawaii during Martial Law his name was Delos Emmons and he was involved with the prevention of massive interment in Hawaii.

The reason why you should preserve Honouliuli is because, while the Martial Law Act took place in Hawaii, Delos Emmons the Military Governor, controlled all of the government and the people. With all of this power Emmons did not agree with Frank Knox about the mass internment of Japanese Americans in Hawaii. In an interview it was said by Kelli Nakamura an

instructor at Kapiolani Community College "Emmons played a key role in the fate of Japanese Americans in Hawaii" (Densho). This quote shows how he disagreed with Secretary of Navy Franklin Knox and the president of United States Franklin D. Roosevelt. Because he was fearless the economy in Hawaii did not crash in the war. He further examined the loyalty issue of the local island Nisei's, and gave orders to allow them to register for civil service. This patriotic act opened the doors and created the 110th Infantry Battalion Regiment to prove their loyalty to America, the most decorated group of Japanese soldiers in America.

In conclusion that is the reason why we should preserve Honouliuli because of Lt. General Delos Emmons effort to prevent the massive internment of Hawaii and it should be preserved as a historical place for others to experience. Thank you for your time reading my letter to preserve camp Honouliuli. You can contact me at (b) (6) and you can also contact my Participation in Democracy (b) (6)

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached: Japanese Internment and Civil Rights

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/18/2014 3:01:43 AM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc: "Kaleolani Akim" (b) (6), Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Subject: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

Aloha Senator Schatz,

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Happy Holidays,
(b) (6)
President's Lifetime
(b) (6)

December 16, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) taking a class called Participation In Democracy me and my partner was assigned a research project about the internment camp in Kunia, Oahu called Honouliuli that was made after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. My research was about George W. Bush the 43rd president and his involvement. I believe Camp Honouliuli should be preserved and be a national historic site and be protected by the National Park Service to preserve it's site and stories.

Also Camp Honouliuli should be protected by United States National Park Service because for more than 60 years many sites, abandon buildings, government owned land were sometimes willfully forgotten. If not protected the camp will be lost along with it's stories because many of the internees with first hand experience of camp Honouliuli are getting older and the stories should be passed on. Honouliuli should also be preserved because in 2006 after many years of the bombing of Pearl Harbor President Bush signed a bill authorizing up to \$38 million for a grant program devoted to the preservation of 10 Internment Camps. Two of the camps are dedicated and protected by National Park Service the rest have been given an honorary designation as a historical landmark. I believe that Honouliuli should also be one of them to be visited.

Camp Honouliuli has it's own unique story to tell, it was on an island in the Pacific and has a direct connection to the bombing of Pearl Harbor which led to the immediate arrest of many prominent Japanese community members who were transferred to camp Honouliuli it was also the largest POW camp in the Pacific. For all of these reasons it is essential that it must be preserved as a national park to teach others not to forget that government turned on it's citizen and violated their right to be protected. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter to preserve camp Honouliuli. You can contact me at (b) (6) and you can also contact my Participation In Democracy (b) (6)

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached: Presidential Involvement

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/17/2014 8:23:53 PM
To: "Brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <Brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: (b) (6) National Park Preservation of Honouliuli

Aloha Senator Schatz,

My name is (b) (6) and I (b) (6)
This letter was originally intended to be sent to the President of the United States, Barack Obama. However, I encountered some technological difficulties while attempting to message the president my letter. Please review my letter and civil rights project that is attached. I humbly ask you to forward this project to the office of the president. I look forward to hearing back from you. My email is (b) (6) and my number is (b) (6)

Happy Holidays,
(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/17/2014 8:08:00 PM
To: "Brian_Schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <Brian_Schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

Aloha Senator Schatz,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6)
(b) (6) This letter was originally intended to go to the President of the United States, but I encountered some technical difficulties while attempting to get a hold of him. Attached is my Letter and Civil Rights project that I would appreciate you to view over. I humbly ask you to forward this project to the office of the President. I look forward to hear back from you. Please contact me at my email (b) (6) or (b) (6) Thank you and Mele Kalikimaka!
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Internment Presentation

(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
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Cc: Kaleolani Akim - (b) (6) Kaleolani Akim - (b) (6) Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Lori Chun - (b) (6)
Subject: Support of National Park Preservation of Honouliuli

Aloha Senator Schatz,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6)
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the president. I look forward to hearing back from you. My email is
(b) (6) and my number is (b) (6). Or you contact my
Participation in Democracy (b) (6)

Happy Holidays,
(b) (6)

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/17/2014 7:59:01 PM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: (b) (6) Hono'uli'uli Internment Camp Campaign

Aloha Senator Schatz,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6)
This letter was originally intended to be sent to the President of the United States. However, I encountered technological difficulties while attempting to message the president my letter. Please review my letter and civil rights project attached. I humbly ask you to forward this project to the office of the president. I look forward to hearing back from you. My email is (b) (6) You can contact me at (b) (6)

Patriotic American

(b) (6)

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December 16, 2014

Barack Obama
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) I am writing to inform you about preserving Hono'uli'uli as a National Historic Site. Hono'uli'uli was an internment camp which held Americans of Japanese Ancestry and Japanese immigrants. By preserving Hono'uli'uli, we can teach the future generations of the darker times of the nation's history. We can teach the future generations about the injustices of the government during World War II. The future generations can learn from this site and provide plans for a better future for this nation.

Should Hono'uli'uli be preserved as a national park? Some people believe it should, such as the people at the Japanese American Citizens League. They believe that it is very important to preserve it so that they may educate future generations on the darker times of the United States. Colleen Hanabusa believes that Hono'uli'uli "should serve as a reminder and a warning of what we are capable of when we fall victim to suspicion, hate, and intolerance" (Hanabusa). Although Roosevelt represented the United States, some might argue he did not follow the Constitution by signing EO 9066. This mistake should have clouded all the good that FDR did for the United States (New Deal). First of all the President should uphold the Constitution that states "all men are created equal". Secondly the President must recognize the Constitution by affording all those accused a "fair and speedy trial" (Law.Cornell). Thirdly, the office of the executor must act with integrity and not allow "race prejudice and war hysteria" (Calisphere) to weaken the political leadership that all Americans have fought to preserve. Roosevelt forced thousands of Japanese immigrants and American citizens into incarceration showing that Roosevelt lacked political leadership resulting from war hysteria, and race prejudice. During World War II Anti-Japanese sentiment was at an all time high due the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the signing of Executive Order 9066 intensified it. Hono'uli'uli should be preserved as a National Park because of what Franklin D. Roosevelt represented as the President of the United States and what the United States stood for.

Firstly, being the President of the United States, that person must represent the nation, which in turn, represent the nations beliefs. The United States was found on the principles that "all men are created equal" as said in the U.S Constitution but during World War II, Japanese Americans were not entirely equal. The irony during the time is that the United States preached that it was a "free" and "equal" country but imprisoned their own citizens. When Executive Order 9066 was signed and put into action, Japanese Americans had their rights as granted in the Bill of Rights, stripped from them and put into incarceration camps on the basis that they shared the same ancestry as the enemy. Where is the freedom and equality in that?

Secondly, many Japanese Americans kept quiet about their incarceration because they were scared and ignorant of what was going on. Japanese Americans did not receive a "fair and speedy trial" (Law.Cornell) like they are supposed to as granted to them by Amendment VI to prove that they were not enemy spies trying to infiltrate and sabotage the nation. Many years have passed and now they know why they were put in those camps. By preserving Hono'uli'uli they would have further proof that this event had happened in the past and may now educate future generations about what it was used for, where it was located, why the government chose that location, and their own experiences in the camps. It would serve as a primary source of information that would be real proof that this event had happened in the past. The incarceration of Japanese Americans was one of the darker times in U.S history and did not represent what the U.S stood for. By preserving Hono'uli'uli, it should serve as a reminder of how the nation turned its back on one of its own principles.

Thirdly, Roosevelt showed a lack of political leadership when he signed EO 9066. According to the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in 1981, they have concluded "internment was a "grave injustice" and that EO 9066 resulted from "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership" (Calisphere). Racial tensions against Asians were already at an all time high and were only made worse by the signing of the bill. Roosevelt faced intense pressure from the public, military strategists, and other political figures but then

again, being a political leader of a nation should be expected but it should not stop someone from going back on the nation's principles and beliefs. Instead of signing the bill, Roosevelt should have acted with integrity and encourage the American people to not show racial prejudice and make assumptions based on hysteria on their own fellow neighbors. Being an influential leader, the people would soon follow suit. This should serve as a reminder for future generations what we should look out for in political leadership. Roosevelt failed in that when he decided to imprison his own citizens going back on our nation's principles.

Today, the history about of Japanese American Internment and Hono'uli'uli still lives on with the survivors passing down their experiences and stories to the new generation of kids who would lead the country in the future. Even now, steps are being taken to the National Park Service to make Hono'uli'uli become a historic national site. National Park Service has stated that it has the qualifications of becoming a national historic site due to it covering a civil rights issue. By preserving this site we can ensure the future generations learn from our past. Let us hope that maybe they can learn from our past mistakes and provide a better future for tomorrow. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, if you have any questions regarding our research, please feel free to contact (b) (6) or my email:

(b) (6)

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached:
Roosevelt and Reagan Presentation

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/16/2014 6:22:48 PM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Preserve Honouliuli

Hi Mr Schatz,
My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6). This letter is intended for the president, but I had technical difficulties sending it to him. I humbly ask that you review my attached letter and presentation, and send it to the office of the president. I look forward to hearing back from you. My email is (b) (6) and my phone number is (b) (6).

Sincerely,
(b) (6)
KUMU Project

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

December 16, 2014

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

My name is (b) (6) and I believe that Camp Honouliuli deserves more recognition and preservation. Growing up in Hawaii, you probably heard a lot about the Pearl Harbor bombing, and maybe even visited what happened there. That event that sparked the United States to become involved in World War II did not only affect soldiers, but many Japanese Americans also. Issei immigrants who traveled to our wonderful country possibly seeking the American dream, and their children, were met with a dark welcoming. Many Japanese were interned at "relocation" camps such as Honouliuli, and their memories should not be lost or forgotten.

What does discrimination look like today? Human rights violations such as sending Issei in Hawaii, like Shozaemon Masaki, to mainland internment camps is a form of discrimination.

However, discrimination today is a bit different. Our country is not equally recognizing the preservation of internment camps for American citizens. Some camps in the mainland, such as Granada Relocation Center, also known as Camp Amache, are recognized as National Historic Landmarks. However, Honouliuli, which was the largest internment camp in Hawaii, is not. So why is it that even though both camps held prisoners, only one of them is recognized and open for the public? Honouliuli should be recognized as a national historic landmark, and be open to the public, because of what is in place for other internment camps.

Camp Honouliuli should have recognition as a National Historic Landmark. According to "Amache.org", Camp Amache is recognized as a National Historic Landmark. Both of these internment camps held a significant number of Japanese Americans, but yet only one of them is recognized as a National Historic Landmark. To put this concept into perspective, imagine the states of California and Texas. Both states are populated by millions of people, but what if only California was a state, and there was no explanation? Suddenly, Texas was pushed out of the United States, and millions of people lose United States citizenship. Would it be fair to deny statehood to Texas when it also holds millions of people just like California? Because both internment camps held Japanese Americans, Camp Honouliuli should be a National Historic Landmark just like Camp Amache. Some people could argue that since Camp Honouliuli held significantly less internees than other camps, it should not be recognized as a National Historic Landmark. However, just because Honouliuli held less people than other internment camps, that does not mean that the time spent there, and the lives that were put on pause because of being interned there, are any less important than other camps. Also, the lives that were spent there are important to not only the people who actually were interned there, but are important to their families and friends.

The internees that were held at Honouliuli had families, and are ancestors to many people of the current generation. According to "Amache.org", Camp Amache is open to the public to visit and learn about what happened at the camp. What this means, is that if a Japanese American wanted to visit their roots and learn about what their ancestors went through at Camp Amache, they could. For example, if Shozaemon Masaki's great grandchild wanted to learn about what his experience was like during the war, the great grandchild could. On the other hand, Honouliuli is not open to the public to visit. The only way to visit is to have a special appointment, but even then, there is no guides or markings like Camp Amache. What this means is, if someone whose ancestor was interned at Honouliuli wanted to learn about their ancestry by visiting the place that their ancestor was interned, they could not. So why is it that Honouliuli is not open for learning? Is the country discriminating against internees who were interned at Honouliuli and their families? While some people may argue that this is not an act of discrimination, "Dictionary.com" defines discrimination as "the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things" (Dictionary.com). treating internees and their history at Honouliuli differently than internees at Camp Amache, and not justifying why, matches the definition made by Dictionary.com. To fix the discrimination that is evident, Honouliuli should be open to the public.

Camp Honouliuli should be given recognition as a National Historic Landmark, and be open to visitors, because other internment camps are. The fact that camps such as the Granada Relocation Center is open and recognized, but Honouliuli is not, is an act of discrimination. What does discrimination look like today? Discrimination looks like certain families not being able to visit parts of their ancestry.

Thank you for reading my letter and I hope that you will consider preserving Honouliuli for future generations.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Attached: A Daughters Memoirs

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/16/2014 6:59:15 PM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Preservation of Honouliuli as a National Park

Aloha Senator Schatz,

Once again, I am sorry for emailing you again but this is the final essay that I would like you to review and forward to the President. Your consideration and cooperation is very much appreciated. Hope you have a great holiday.

Mahalo,

(b) (6)

Japanese Internment & Civil Rights

(b) (6)

December 15, 2014

Barack Hussein Obama

President of the USA

The White House and President Obama
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am (b) (6) (b) (6) I am writing this letter to inform you about an internment camp that existed about 71 years ago called Honouliuli that I believe should be preserved as a U.S National Park. Preserving this campsite will give everyone, especially students like me an opportunity to experience what our schools group of students were able to experience and learn about the effects of the bombing of Pearl Harbor had on Japanese-Americans and other non-Americans that were living in America. Below is my argumentative paper portion of the project toward Honouliuli becoming a National Park.

On December 7, 1941 at exactly 7:50 am, Japanese planes bombed a United States Naval Base located at Pearl Harbor. Many innocent Japanese-Americans were incarcerated with little to no evidence of any wrongdoing because of America's paranoia of espionage. Honolulu was one of the many different incarceration camps during this time period, but it is one of the largest and

only camp in Hawai'i that is still around for the people to see. It is very important to preserve this site as a U.S National Park. In doing so, it gives insight as to the living conditions that the internees had to endure while they were there. It also teaches the public of the internment so as to avoid anything like this from happening again, and it shows how the natural rights of the citizens and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry were violated.

First of all, you need to learn about Honouliuli. Honouliuli also known as *Jigoku Dani* or "Hell Valley" is located in Kunia, Oahu and was the largest camp in Hawai'i and opened in March 1943. Honouliuli housed approximately three hundred detainees and held more than four thousand prisoner-of-war (POW) soldiers (Densho). The living conditions that the internees had to endure were not that great. It was super hot, many hungry mosquitoes, and the constant boredom inside the camp. To this day, if you were to go to Honouliuli, you can actually get the feeling of the amount of heat that the internees had to endure. Also, the mosquitoes are very much alive. Some people may think why is it important for people to get the feeling of the heat and being eaten alive by mosquitoes. However, these feelings really make you feel sorry and a little disappointed that our own people, citizens of the United States had to go through this type of living conditions just because of the paranoia that America felt.

Secondly, you need to learn about the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. The Civil Liberties Act of 1988 is a Redress Bill that was signed by President Ronald Reagan that explains that the Congress recognizes that a "grave injustice was done to both citizens and permanent residents of Japanese Americans by the evacuation, relocation, and internment of civilians during World War II (WWII). President Ronald Reagan signed this bill on August 10, 1988 and one of the purposes of the Civil Liberties Act is "to provide for a public education fund to finance efforts to inform the public about the internment so as to prevent the recurrence of any similar event;" (Public Civics Online). The tour guides take pride in what they're teaching us and are very knowledgeable about the different sites in Honouliuli. People may say that we should forget about this time in America's history because it's so ugly and shows the flaws in our government, but learning about what happened to the Japanese-Americans and many other non-Americans goes to show that America was capable of putting their own citizens in incarceration camps, and that we need to avoid this from happening ever again.

Lastly, the natural rights of the citizens and permanent residents of Japanese ancestry have been violated. Natural rights are the rights of life, liberty, and happiness that are given to you at birth. Japanese-Americans and other non-American citizens were stripped of these rights when they were arrested without any evidence showing any suspicion of espionage. In the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 that Ronald Reagan signed states that the actions of arresting and detaining of the Japanese-Americans were "motivated largely by racial prejudice, wartime hysteria, and a failure of political leadership" (Public Civics Online). These people were detained against their will and they didn't have freedom because they were incarcerated. Although I understand that some people may think that just because most of the internees were Issei and were not born America that they might not have natural rights, but they do. Natural rights are given to everyone when they are born whether they are born in America or not, it is just that in some countries, they don't really acknowledge that fact.

History class is a requirement for all public schools in the country because of one reason. The government wants us to learn about the past both good and bad that helped shaped our country to be the way that it is today. We must learn from our mistakes and make sure that we avoid doing any harm to our citizens at all cost. In Participation in Democracy my classmates and I learned about the suffering and traumatic experiences that the Japanese-Americans and Europeans had to experience that we ourselves didn't have to. Doing this project for the last two-three months have been life-changing. Learning that people like you and me, citizens of the United States of America could easily be changed into the enemy or the traitor. It goes to show that our government at any time could turn its back against you. Preserving the Honouliuli Internment Camp as a USNP is very important because it is the only place in Hawai'i that gives insight of the living conditions that the internees endured, it teaches us about the internment so that there is no repeat of this, and it shows how the natural rights were violated. Just like Senator Daniel Inouye said, "the lessons learned must remain as a grave reminder of what we must not allow to happen again to any group." If you have any questions regarding our research or anything else, please feel free to contact (b) (6) or my email:

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Sincerely,

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Attached:

Internment Presentation: *A Change Will Come*

From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/16/2014 6:51:26 PM
To: "Brian_Schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <Brian_Schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Preservation as Honouliuli as a National Park

Dear Senator Schatz,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6). This letter is intended for President Barack Obama, but I was hoping you would be able to get it to him for me. It would be great if you could review my Project and letter attached to this email. To contact me for any questions my email is (b) (6) and my phone number is (b) (6).

Thank You for your time and Happy Holidays,
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Japanese Internment Project

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
Date: 12/16/2014 5:11:02 PM
To: "brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov" <brian_schatz@schatz.senate.gov>
Cc:
Subject: (b) (6) Honolulu Internment camp Campaign

My name is (b) (6) and i am (b) (6)
This letter was originally intended to be sent to the President of the United States, Barack Obama. However, i encountered some technological difficulties while attempting to message the President my letter. Please review my letter and civil rights project that is attached. I Humbly ask you to forward this project to the office of the President. I look forward to hearing back from you. My email is (b) (6) or you can call me at (b) (6)

Happy Holidays,
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Dorothea Lange

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

December 18, 2014

Barack Obama
The President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Northwest, Washington,
District of Columbia 20500,
United States

Dear Mr. President

Dorothea Lange was a photographer that was hired by the War Relocation Authority (WRA) to photograph the relocation of local Japanese Americans into internment. She did not believe that internment was right and tried to show that through her photographs. Though most of her pictures were confiscated due to the content of the picture being against what the WRA wanted.

Other camps like Manzanar are preserved as a National Park because of the people who fought for it, and the national significance that the camp holds. Currently it takes about 2.6 million to preserve the park. The camp tells the story of Japanese Americans and what they experienced in the camp. Although some argued that the money could have been better spent on giving back to the Japanese who had been interned. Although some agreed that it was worth the cost to preserve the park, because it shows the story and the struggle of the Japanese Race. Honolulu should be preserved because Dorothea Lange stood for social justice; social justice is what is provided within a society. For example a person's opportunities he/she is able to do within that community. Dorothea stood for social justice because of what she saw, and what she saw were children losing their families, families losing their houses, and a society that did not trust a race. Because she saw these terrible acts happening she decided to promote awareness for the Japanese cause. She fought for that cause by showing the true emotions within her photos. Those emotions were filled with sorrow, and a sense of confusion.

If the USNPS invested in Honolulu then everyone would come and see Honolulu and what it stands for. It stands for the incarceration of Japanese and the disrespect of a race. We need to show our support and make it a national park to preserve the past. People would then recognize the struggle that the Japanese race had to go through to live in America. People may argue that the camp does not matter and is unimportant. But we the people of Hawaii believe it holds a certain aspect of our humanity. The camp is part of our past and should be remembered. If the camp is recognized as a National Park people from all over the country will understand how, why, and at what cost the Japanese were put into these internment camps.

The USS Missouri is protected because it holds significant emotions. While Honolulu may have an even greater emotional significance because it not only affected just a state it affected a whole race. Honolulu was and still is important because it shows the struggle the Japanese had to endure because of other people's fears. If Honolulu was turned into a National Park then it would just as important as the USS Missouri. The emotions of the Japanese Internees are in the camp and needs to be told for everyone to hear. If more people know and understand what they went through then their suffering was not in vain.

Through the centuries mankind has done some horrible things. We must never forget these things in order to keep it from happening again. The easiest way to do that is to promote the past to keep the future peaceful and a decent place to live. If we forget our past we forfeit our future. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to read my letter. The attached presentation provides more information on Dorothea Lange. My partners and I spent a great deal of time making this presentation so we were hoping if you would review it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact (b) (6) or my email:

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Sincerely,

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Attached: Internment Presentation: Influential People of WWII

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Subject: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

Aloha Senator Schatz,

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Happy Holidays,
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Redress Presentation

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December 15, 2014

Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Hello, my name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6) This quarter, my partner (b) (6) and I selected a person of interest which required us to learn about Internment in Hawaii and how he/she affected Japanese-Americans before, during, or after the war. Around the world, wars rage on. Many people would argue that war is inevitable. However,

has it not been 69 years since the end of World War II? War is preventable, and peace is possible. Former Senator of Hawaii Masayuki “Spark” Matsunaga devoted his life and career to preventing future wars and keeping the peace. By reading a biography on Densho by Kelli Nakamura I learned that former U.S Senator Masayuki Matsunaga did not live a very easy life. He was nicknamed “Spark” or “Sparky” because he was very energetic. Matsunaga was born on October 8, 1916 in Kukuiula, Kauai. He was part of U.S House of Representatives in Hawaii and later became Senator of Hawaii, succeeding Hiram Fong. He stayed in office as a member of the U.S House of Representatives from 1963 - 1977 then became a Senator and stayed in office from 1977-1990. His seat as senator was succeeded by Daniel Akaka. Nakamura informs readers that Matsunaga grew up on the island of Kauai, which is interesting because most politicians come from the island of Oahu. He graduated from Kauai High School and got his bachelor’s degree in 1941 from the University of Hawaii. Matsunaga joined the Army Reserve in 1941 , and later became part of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion. Matsunaga later graduated from Harvard Law School in 1951.

Matsunaga is a very well known and respected person in Hawaii’s history. He was once part of the very honored 442nd Regimental Combat Team that fought during WWII. His time in as a government official led to the creation of Commission Of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. He spent a large amount of his political career fighting for redress for Japanese-Americans. He focused his career on Peace. Matsunaga later created the Department of Peace. He fought long and hard alongside his colleagues for the justice that they deserved.

Many people may argue that Matsunaga did not get much done when he was Senator, but in fact, Matsunaga accomplished quite a lot during his time in office. In 1976 Matsunaga was elected to the U.S. Senate and was Chief Deputy Whip for 12 of his 14 years there. From reading an article about bills that Matsunaga helped pass, we can tell that Matsunaga was a very important person in Hawaii’s history because even the House Majority Leader Hale Boggs agreed that Matsunaga’s help was crucial to getting a bill passed, He said "It's getting to the point where you have to see Sparky Matsunaga to get a bill passed around here." He was instrumental in passing legislation for civil rights; reparations for Japanese Americans interned during World War II; space exploration; renewable energy resources; and peace, the latter resulting in the establishment of the U.S. Institute for Peace in Washington, D.C.

Opponents of Matsunaga also argue that the Honouliuli Internment Camps should not be recognized by the United States because it would be an embarrassment. However, Honouliuli Internment Camp was a creation of the U.S and even though it will be embarrassing, it cannot be denied. Matsunaga did his best to ensure that the Japanese-Americans who were forced to stay at these camps were compensated, because nearly all of them were innocent and were loyal to the U.S and did not deserve to be there. Matsunaga died on April 15, 1990 in Toronto, Canada. His seat as Senator was succeeded by Daniel Akaka. Matsunaga is lived on by his wife, Helene, and his five children. Nakamura claims that the legacy of Matsunaga will always be remembered. Matsunaga has multiple monuments in Hawaii and most of his books and journals are posted on his website for the public to see. From the biography I read by Kelli Nakamura I can conclude that Masayuki “Spark” Matsunaga will always be remembered as “The Senator who constantly

fought for peace and Redress for Japanese-Americans” Today the United States offers Reparations to any Japanese-American who was interned during World War II. Still, the United States should recognize Honouliuli as a former Internment Camp and make it a National park. Honouliuli should be preserved as it is a historic place, one of the only internment camps in the state, and it was the people who came from internment camps like this one, that Matsunaga fought for.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. The attached presentation provides more information about Masayuki Matsunaga and will also give you information on former Senator of Hawaii Daniel Inouye, who was my partner (b) (6) person of interest. Me and my partner spent hours preparing our presentation and we would really appreciate it if you could take the time to look over it. If you have any questions regarding our research or anything else in particular, please feel free to contact (b) (6) or my email:

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Sincerely,

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Attached: Internment Presentation: *U.S Senators and Redress*

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Japanese Internment & Civil Rights

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December 15, 2014

The White House and President Obama

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

My name is (b) (6) (b) (6) I am writing this letter to inform you about an internment camp site in Hawaii that I feel deserves to be preserved as a National Park. Being able to have this internment camp site preserved as a National Park will give everyone, especially students like myself, the opportunity to experience what our schools group of students had experienced by studying its existence to learn more about the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Honouliuli Internment Camp should be preserved as a National Park because of the sufferings Otokichi Ozaki had gone through leading up to his arrest for internment in World War II. Otokichi Ozaki was a Japanese language teacher at Hilo Dokuritsu Nihonjin Gakko, but could have been suspected of teaching his students an unacceptable content because it was irregular for a Japanese to be teaching, especially after the attack on Pearl Harbor because our target enemy's race so happened to be Japanese as well. Although, he could have been teaching something to his students other than the Japanese language, there was no proof or evidence that he was. He was also suspected of espionage for using shortwave radio system to connect to the Japanese Consul and for sending money to the Japanese Armed Forces without proof or evidence that he was engaged in espionage. He may have been receiving broadcasts from the Japanese Consul, but he was not sending any broadcast back out to them.

Otokichi Ozaki unfortunately passed away before justice was met when President Ronald Reagan had signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, an act that would grant an apology to the affected people during World War II and compensate them \$20,000. He did not deserve anything that he had been put through or dealt with during World War II, but he does deserve to be learned about along with the many other Japanese and non-Americans who were interned, and the attack on Pearl Harbor. Preserving Honouliuli Internment Camp as a National Park could be the start of this learning experience for everyone. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

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From: (b) (6) (b) (6)
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Cc:
Subject: Re: (b) (6) Honouliuli Internment Camp Campaign

Aloha Senator Schatz,

My name is (b) (6) and I am (b) (6)
(b) (6) The message sent earlier was a letter that contained my argument as to why Honouliuli should be recognized as a National Historic Site. The letter was first intentionally for President Obama but due technological difficulties, we were unable to send it to him. Please take a look at our letter, and our presentation attached on this email. We hope that together, we would make a difference and finally give Honouliuli the respect and recognition it deserves.

Mahalo,

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On Tue, Dec 16, 2014 at 10:36 AM, (b) (6) (b) (6)

The Honorable Secretary Sally Jewell
Department of the Interior
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Washington DC 20240

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January 20th 2015

RE: *Berryessa* Snow Mountain National Monument Proposal

Madame Secretary : I'm writing you today in hopes of stopping this nightmare Representative *Mike Thompson* is proposing.

I was born and raised in San Francisco. I didn't become familiar with Lake *Berryessa* until 1974 when friend suggested we go up there for a day of boating and waterskiing. Even the drive up there with friend was fun!

I fell in love with its beauty, from day one. In 1979 I was fortunate enough to rent a spot on *what was known* as: South Shore Resort. This was one of 10 resort concessions run thru The Bureau of Reclamation, sub-let to private concessionaires for a percentage of their yearly income. This worked for all. Businesses that surrounded the lake flourished, as well as the concessions themselves. Thousands of bay area families spent quality time at these resorts for decades, fishing, swimming, boating etc. Out of the 10 bay area counties? This was the closest to do all of these.

By the time the year 2000 rolled around? A nightmare had come true. These same people, (Thompson's friends) convinced the BOR that the general public hadn't been granted enough public access, a ***bold faced-lie..*** I, or *anybody else* could go wherever, they wanted, *anyplace on the lake..* The BOR bought their excuse and gave the boot-out, to all 10 resorts residents and concessioners alike, with no compensation whatsoever. We tried to fight it, which deep down inside all knew it would be futile. "*You're permittee's, not leasee's.*" (We rented month to month.) Ms. Jewel, when I say it ruined litterly thousands of families personal, as well as their recreational lives ? There's no exaggeration.. Twenty years as a Police Officer in San Francisco could be difficult. If I knew I was going up to 'The Plaz'(my places nick name) on my watch off? All was good!!

Fast forward to present time. The Bureau of Reclamation has over the years past ,become recreation/people positive again. And are in the process of putting out for contract bid, new concessions. Rep. Thompson and his friends found out, and don't like it one bit.

I honestly believe they realized the revenue the state, and federal government lost as well as the damage it did to local businesses and residents that live in the Lake Berryessa community **very badly**. As it is now? It's a 45 minute drive for gas and groceries, when it used to be 5 minutes.. Home values have been pummeled. Local businesses, bankrupt(including one gas station)

I'm asking you to please stop this nonsense Rep. Thompson is pushing around. How can you make some a historical landmark out of something the Army Corp of Engineers built?? Unlike Washington, there is NO snow here Madame .

With warm personal regards:



A.J.Hartzler

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January 15, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

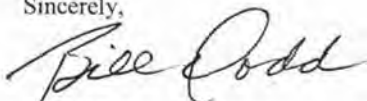
As California legislators representing the Berryessa Snow Mountain region, we strongly support the permanent protection of the region as a National Monument. To that end, we have co-authored Assembly Joint Resolution 4, which is enclosed with this letter, calling on the President and the Department of Interior to declare the area a National Monument.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain stretches from the shores of Lake Berryessa in Napa County to the flanks of Snow Mountain in Mendocino County. It is one of California's most biologically diverse, yet least known regions. The area includes some 350,000 acres of existing public lands and is a rich in wildlife, providing habitat for bald and golden eagles, black bears, mountain lions, tule elk, river otters and the rare Pacific fisher. The area's proximity to the Bay Area and Sacramento makes it an outdoor recreation destination easily accessible to millions of Californians.

The designation of this unique area as a national monument will help preserve the region's natural splendor for future generations, while enhancing recreational opportunities, visitation and economic activity. This region provides a wide array of opportunities to hike, horseback ride, hunt, camp, fish, bird watch, use off road motorized vehicles in designated areas, mountain bike, enjoy boating, water recreation, and more.

We join with Representative Mike Thompson, environmental, recreational and business groups, and hundreds of local residents who strongly support designation of the federal public lands of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Monument. Thank you for considering this important designation that will benefit our region's residents, and all who visit it, for generations to come.

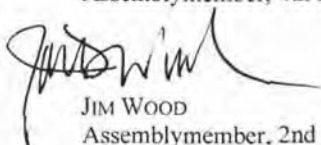
Sincerely,



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Assemblymember, 4th District



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Senator, 3rd District



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Assemblymember, 2nd District



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Senator, 2nd District


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No. 4

Introduced by Assembly Member Dodd
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Wood)
(Principal coauthors: Senators McGuire and Wolk)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bonilla)

January 8, 2015

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 4, as introduced, Dodd. Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

This measure would urge the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior to designate the area known as the *Berryessa Snow Mountain region* as the *Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument*.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Berryessa Snow Mountain region stretches
2 nearly 100 miles from the shores of Lake Berryessa to the flanks
3 of Snow Mountain; and

4 WHEREAS, The Berryessa Snow Mountain region encompasses
5 more than 350,000 acres across the Counties of Napa, Mendocino,
6 Lake, Solano, and Yolo and is rich in wildlife, including bald and
7 golden eagles, black bears, mountain lions, tule elk, river otters,
8 and the *rare Pacific fisher*; and

9 WHEREAS, Berryessa Snow Mountain is a biodiversity hotspot
10 and includes numerous trails, open spaces, lakes, and rivers that

1 help create a fishing, camping, boating, birding, horseback-riding,
2 bicycling, and off-highway vehicle paradise; and

3 WHEREAS, Permanently protecting the Berryessa Snow
4 Mountain region will ensure continued recreational opportunities
5 while safeguarding the region's beauty, wildlife, rare plants, and
6 water, which includes important sources of drinking water and
7 irrigation for nearby communities; and

8 WHEREAS, The Berryessa Snow Mountain region is within
9 easy driving distance for millions of citizens residing and visiting
10 the bay area and the Sacramento metropolitan area; and

11 WHEREAS, Protected public lands are major contributors to
12 our nation's \$646 billion outdoor recreation economy; and

13 WHEREAS, More than one-half of California residents
14 participate in outdoor recreation each year, supporting more than
15 700,000 jobs, generating more than \$6 billion in state economic
16 activity; and

17 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that local economies
18 surrounding permanently protected areas such as national
19 monuments expand after establishing a monument, increasing
20 per-capita personal incomes; and

21 WHEREAS, More than 100 businesses in areas surrounding the
22 Berryessa Snow Mountain region support a national monument
23 designation, as do nationally recognized recreation and sportsmen's
24 groups such as the International Bicycling Association, Back
25 Country Horsemen, and the Equine Land Conservation Resource;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, President Obama recently designated 346,000 acres
28 of public land in southern California as the San Gabriel National
29 Monument, and expanded the California Coastal National
30 Monument to include the Point Arena Stormetta Public Lands;
31 now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
33 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of California urge President
34 Obama and the Secretary of the United States Department of
35 Interior, Sally Jewell, to protect and preserve the unique and
36 precious qualities of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region for
37 current and future generations by creating a Berryessa Snow
38 Mountain National Monument; and be it further

39 *Resolved,* That in designating the Berryessa Snow Mountain
40 region as a National Monument, the Secretary consult an area

1 advisory council consisting of, but not limited to, one representative
2 from each of the Napa, Lake, Yolo, Mendocino, and Solano County
3 Boards of Supervisors, a representative of the California Resources
4 Agency, and a representative of Native American Tribes; and be
5 it further

6 *Resolved*, That in designating the Berryessa Snow Mountain
7 region as a National Monument, the Secretary take into
8 consideration existing land uses, including grazing, on the federal
9 lands within the region; and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain
11 National Monument does not require nonfederal property owners
12 to allow public access to private property, nor does modify any
13 provision of federal, state, or local law with respect to use of
14 nonfederal land; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That any acquisition of nonfederal land within the
16 National Monument occur only through exchange, donation or
17 purchase from a willing seller; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
19 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
20 States and to the Secretary of the United States Department of
21 Interior.

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CAROLE HAYASHINO

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Honouliuli National Monument

Dear Secretary Jewell:

On behalf of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH), I want to thank you for your leadership in supporting the designation of Honouliuli, the oldest and longest-operating World War II Japanese American internment camp in Hawai'i, as a new national monument.

Jane Kurahara and I were honored to join with you to witness and celebrate the historic signing of the Honouliuli National Monument by President Obama in Washington, D.C. While Japanese American communities throughout the country commemorate February 19th, the date Executive Order 9066 was signed, as a Day of Remembrance, in Hawai'i, we will commemorate February 24th, the date Honouliuli was established as a national monument, as our Day of Remembrance.

We look forward to your visit to Honolulu and the community celebration of the Honouliuli National Monument. Please know that the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i is prepared to assist with your visit and the public celebration. Again, I offer my sincere and humble thanks and appreciation to you for your leadership and support in memory of the Japanese Americans interned and on behalf of the thousands who supported the preservation of Honouliuli.

With aloha,

Carole Hayashino
President and Executive Director

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February 26, 2015

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Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C St. NW
Washington, D.C., 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

I am writing on behalf of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) to thank you for your leadership of the Department of the Interior and for your dedication to recognizing Honouliuli as a National Historic Monument. By protecting this site and acknowledging this little-known story, you've ensured that an important part of Hawaiian and American history will live on for future generations.

Too few people are familiar with the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II, and only a small minority are aware that Japanese American community leaders were selectively targeted and detained throughout Hawaii. Over 2,200 people of Japanese descent were incarcerated in Hawaii over the course of the war and more than 320 went to Honouliuli. Many of these people were detained for the duration of the war – a period of over three years – and none were charged with a crime.

It was over 70 years ago that Japanese Americans suffered the effects of widespread racial profiling and denied their civil liberties and constitutional rights simply because of their ancestry. The implications couldn't be more relevant to the present day. Honouliuli was created by racism, discrimination, and paranoia that remain a part our post-9/11 society, but we are proud that Honouliuli will be used to foster tolerance and diversity.

Founded in 1929, the Japanese American Citizens League is the oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization in the nation. We are dedicated to protecting the civil and human rights of all Americans and preserving the cultural and historical legacy of the Japanese American community. The preservation and interpretation of Honouliuli and the World War II Japanese American confinement sites ensures that this story will continue to educate future generations against repeating the injustices of the past.

We thank you again for your efforts to designate Honouliuli as a National Monument and for your continued leadership in our community.

Sincerely,

PRISCILLA OUCHIDA
Executive Director

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 18, 2015

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Honouliuli's Designation as a National Monument

Dear Mr. President:

We write to thank you for using your authority under the *Antiquities Act* to designate Honouliuli Internment Camp as a national monument.

In 2009, Senator Daniel K. Inouye introduced legislation requesting that a special resource study be conducted to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Honouliuli Internment Camp as a unit of the National Park System. Since this time, the Hawaii delegation and members of the Honolulu Japanese American Citizens League and the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii have met with your administration to advocate on behalf of those interned at Honouliuli and to prioritize historic recognition of this site. Throughout this process, your administration has been extremely supportive in acknowledging Honouliuli's significance and expediting the designation process.

We applaud you for declaring Honouliuli as a national monument on February 19, 2015. This day is especially appropriate as it falls on the Day of Remembrance, the anniversary of the day that President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an executive order that permitted the interning of Japanese Americans during World War II.

Designation of Honouliuli honors and memorializes the strength and bravery of individuals the vast majority of which were Japanese-Americans but also included others who were wronged during this regrettable time. We look forward to working with the National Park Service to ensure that Honouliuli will be preserved and utilized as a resource to educate ourselves and future generations about the need to protect the freedoms and rights of every American.

Thank you again for using your authority to designate Honouliuli as a national monument.

Sincerely,



BRIAN SCHATZ
U.S. Senator



MAZIE K. HIRONO
U.S. Senator



TULSI GABBARD
U.S. Representative



MARK TAKAI
U.S. Representative



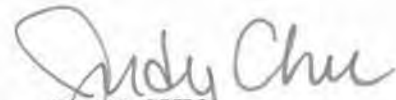
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cc: The Honorable Sally Jewell, United States Secretary of Interior
The Honorable Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service
Ms. Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director, United States Council on Environmental Quality



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March 10, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
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Dear Secretary Jewell,

On behalf of the Sierra Club's 2.4 million members and supporters, thank you for your terrific support of the nation's newest monuments at Browns Canyon, Pullman, and Honouliuli. We are happy to support these designations that highlight a beautiful part of Colorado, as well as challenging but important pieces of our nation's history in Illinois and Hawai'i.

These monuments embody the span of natural, historic, and cultural wonders that tell our nation's story. President Obama's action, with your support, is both recognition of their importance and assurance that they will remain as places of recreation, remembrance, historic contribution, and inspiration for our children.

As Chicago remains an important manufacturing center, recognizing Pullman, the United States' first planned industrial town, is an opportunity to acknowledge a pivotal moment in our nation's labor movement. Of course, it was the Pullman Company that sparked a melding of civil rights, social justice, and worker's rights—giving birth to the first African American labor union.

Likewise in Hawai'i, your attention to the concerns of the local community, shared through public meetings and thousands of comments, allowed the protection of another piece of our nation's difficult past. Honouliuli Gulch, on the island of Oahu, which once hosted the state's largest and longest used internment camp for prisoners of war during World War II, will now receive the resources and attention it has long deserved. Honoring this site certainly helps us right an injustice of our past.

In Colorado, a longstanding campaign to protect a beautiful piece of the Arkansas River has succeeded with the support of business owners, recreationalists, and more. As you know, this popular rafting destination provides \$23 million annually to economy of the Upper Arkansas River Valley. Along with your partners in the U.S. Forest Service, we are grateful for your support of the public process that resulted in permanent protection of this special piece of our outdoor heritage.

Thank you, Secretary Jewell, for continuing to guide our nation and the administration in the protection of these important sites and use of one of our most valuable conservation tools, the Antiquities Act. From whitewater to rail cars, your support of President Obama in honoring Pullman, Honouliuli, and Browns Canyon as national monuments is greatly appreciated by the Sierra Club and our members.

Sincerely,

Michael Brune, Executive Director



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CAROLE HAYASHINO

April 8, 2015

Secretary Sally Jewell
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

On behalf of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, I want to thank you for participating in the March 31st Blessing at Honouliuli and the Community Celebration to commemorate the new Honouliuli National Monument.

I am especially grateful to you for your leadership and support of the preservation of Honouliuli, which paved the way to recognize Honouliuli as a historically significant site for the state and the nation. It has been a journey for us and it was an honor to have your presence, thoughtful words, and on-going commitment to the Honouliuli National Monument. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you, the National Park Service, Hawai'i's congressional delegation, the State of Hawai'i, and the City and County of Honolulu on future educational activities for the Honouliuli National Monument.

Again, my sincere appreciation for your support of our efforts and participation in our celebration. If I may be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at hayashino@jcch.com or calling me at (808) 218-6723.

Mahalo nui loa.

Sincerely yours,

Carole Hayashino
President and Executive Director

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 20, 2015

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

We are writing to thank you for your recent visit to Hawaii to participate in the dedication ceremony for the Honouliuli National Monument. While your time in Hawaii was brief, it was purposeful and impactful for our community.

We look forward to continue working with you on the management plan so that Honouliuli internment camp and its important story can be protected and preserved for existing and future generations.

We know the president's FY 2016 budget does not provide funding for the Honouliuli National Monument as the designation occurred after the budget release. The Hawaii congressional delegation has requested the inclusion of Honouliuli to receive funding as part of our members' requests to the Senate and House Interior Appropriations Subcommittees for FY 2016. We cannot emphasize enough the critical role you continue to play in moving the management plan forward in 2015-2016 and want to work closely with you on this and other projects contributing to the development of Honouliuli as a national monument. It is vital that we build upon the current momentum and enthusiasm within the community.

Thank you once again for your commitment to the protection and stewardship of Hawaii's environment, natural resources and cultural heritage.

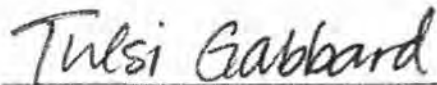
Sincerely,



Mazie Hirono
United States Senator



Brian Schatz
United States Senator



Tulsi Gabbard
United States Representative



Mark Takai
United States Representative

CC: The Honorable Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service



United States Department of the Interior



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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15 MAY 2015

The Honorable Mazie K. Hirono
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hirono:

Mahalo nui loa for the support expressed by the entire Hawaii congressional delegation for the operations of the new Honouliuli National Monument. Secretary Jewell has forwarded your April 20, 2015 letter to this office and asked that we respond to you on her behalf.

We are working to provide some short-term discretionary funding to support limited operations, including development of an initial start-up plan. Community outreach and involvement in the planning process is anticipated and will be part of the work performed by NPS staff assigned to Honouliuli. We look forward to working with the surrounding communities; federal, state, county and local officials; and other partners in the planning process and in identifying strategies to support full operations in the future at Honouliuli National Monument.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Neubacher
Acting Regional Director
Pacific West Region

cc: Representative Tulsi Gabbard
Senator Brian Schatz
Representative Mark Takai
NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis



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722 Hart Senate Office Building
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15 MAY 2015

The Honorable Tulsi Gabbard
1609 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Gabbard:

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10.D. (PWR-PI)

15 MAY 2015

The Honorable Mark Takai
422 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Takai:

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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WASHINGTON, DC 20515

April 7, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region through a National Monument designation. I know you are well aware of the historical, environmental, economic and recreational benefits such a designation would provide to the region and the many communities surrounding it.

I want to bring to your attention the news that the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument proposal recently received the support of the California State Senate, which approved resolution of support on April 6, 2015 by a vote of 23-12. The State Assembly approved the same resolution on February 17, 2015 in a 54-20 bipartisan vote.

Please find enclosed the measure, A.J.R. 4, a resolution urging the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior to designate the area known as the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. I have also included a statement on the passage of A.J.R. 4 from Assemblymember Bill Dodd (D-Napa), the resolution's sponsor. I hope that this addition to the lengthy list of supporters is helpful in your review process.

Again, thank you for your work to permanently protect this important region as a national monument. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if I can provide further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Mike Thompson
MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

Enclosure

CC: President Barack Obama
Secretary Tom Vilsack
Director Christy Goldfuss

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 3, 2015

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 4

Introduced by Assembly Member Dodd
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Wood)
(Principal coauthors: Senators McGuire and Wolk)
(~~Coauthor:~~Coauthors: Assembly Member Members Bonilla and
Levine)

January 8, 2015

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 4, as amended, Dodd. Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

This measure would urge the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior to designate the area known as the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Berryessa Snow Mountain region stretches
2 nearly 100 miles from the shores of Lake Berryessa to the flanks
3 of Snow Mountain; and
4 WHEREAS, The Berryessa Snow Mountain region encompasses
5 more than 350,000 acres across the Counties of Napa, Mendocino,
6 Lake, Solano, and Yolo and is rich in wildlife, including bald and
7 golden eagles, black bears, mountain lions, tule elk, river otters,
8 and the rare Pacific fisher; and

1 WHEREAS, Berryessa Snow Mountain is a biodiversity hotspot
2 and includes numerous trails, open spaces, lakes, and rivers that
3 help create a fishing, camping, boating, birding, horseback-riding,
4 bicycling, and off-highway vehicle paradise; and

5 WHEREAS, Permanently protecting the Berryessa Snow
6 Mountain region will ensure continued recreational opportunities
7 while safeguarding the region's beauty, wildlife, rare plants,
8 *agriculture*, and water, which includes important sources of
9 drinking water and irrigation for nearby communities; and

10 WHEREAS, The Berryessa Snow Mountain region is within
11 easy driving distance for millions of citizens residing and visiting
12 the bay area and the Sacramento metropolitan area; and

13 WHEREAS, Protected public lands are major contributors to
14 our nation's \$646 billion outdoor recreation economy; and

15 WHEREAS, More than one-half of California residents
16 participate in outdoor recreation each year, supporting more than
17 700,000 jobs, generating more than \$6 billion in state economic
18 activity; and

19 WHEREAS, Studies have shown that local economies
20 surrounding permanently protected areas such as national
21 monuments expand after establishing a monument, increasing
22 per-capita personal incomes; and

23 WHEREAS, More than 100 businesses in areas surrounding the
24 Berryessa Snow Mountain region support a national monument
25 designation, as do nationally recognized recreation and sportsmen's
26 groups such as the International Bicycling Association, Back
27 Country Horsemen, and the Equine Land Conservation Resource;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, President Obama recently designated 346,000 acres
30 of public land in southern California as the San Gabriel National
31 Monument, and expanded the California Coastal National
32 Monument to include the Point Arena Stornetta Public Lands;
33 now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
35 *California, jointly*, That the Legislature of California urge President
36 Obama and the Secretary of the United States Department of
37 Interior, Sally Jewell, to protect and preserve the unique and
38 precious qualities of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region for
39 current and future generations by creating a Berryessa Snow
40 Mountain National Monument; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That in designating the Berryessa Snow Mountain
2 region as a National Monument, the Secretary consult an area
3 advisory council consisting of, but not limited to, one representative
4 from each of the Napa, Lake, Yolo, Mendocino, and Solano County
5 Boards of Supervisors, a representative of the California Resources
6 Agency, and a representative of Native American Tribes; and be
7 it further

8 *Resolved*, That in designating the Berryessa Snow Mountain
9 region as a National Monument, the Secretary take into
10 consideration existing land uses, including grazing, on the federal
11 lands within the region; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain
13 National Monument does not require nonfederal property owners
14 to allow public access to private property, nor does *it* modify any
15 provision of federal, state, or local law with respect to use of
16 nonfederal land; and be it further

17 *Resolved*, That any acquisition of nonfederal land within the
18 National Monument occur only through exchange, ~~donation~~
19 *donation*, or purchase from a willing seller; and be it further

20 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
21 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
22 States and to the Secretary of the United States Department of
23 Interior.

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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 6, 2015

Contact: Ezraha Chaaban, (916) 319-2004

Assemblymember Dodd Resolution to Protect Berryessa Wilderness Passes Legislature

SACRAMENTO – Assemblymember Bill Dodd’s resolution urging President Obama to create the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument passed the Senate on Monday and is on its way to the President’s desk. The establishment of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a national monument would help safeguard the area, enhance visitation, and provide an economic boost to the surrounding communities.

“The passage of this resolution sends a clear message to the President that the protection of this unique wilderness is important to both our region and our entire state,” said Dodd. **“Preserving the region’s natural splendor for future generations is critical, and I want to thank all of those who have been working so hard towards that goal.”**

Congressman Mike Thompson, along with a broad coalition of environmental and outdoor recreation groups, hundreds of local businesses and local governments have been working to conserve the area for a number of years. The region’s other legislative representatives – Senators Wolk and McGuire and Assemblymember Wood – also joined Assemblymember Dodd in supporting the resolution, which passed the legislature with bipartisan support.

“California contains some of the most beautiful landscapes in the entire country, and the Berryessa Snow Mountain region is one of those gems that needs to be protected,” said Sara Husby-Good, Executive Director of Tuleyome. **“Assemblymember Dodd’s resolution marks the first time our state has formally urged the President to create a national monument, which is a powerful call for action.”**

The Berryessa Snow Mountain region includes some 350,000 acres of existing public lands in close proximity to the Bay Area and Sacramento, making it easily accessible for millions of Californians. Each year tens of millions of Californians participate in outdoor recreation, supporting over 700,000 jobs. A study commissioned by the Winters Chamber of Commerce projects the national monument designation would result in \$50 million of new economic activity for the region over five years.

“The Senate’s vote to approve AJR 4 serves as yet another show of the widespread support that the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument proposal has not just among regional stakeholders, but across the entire state. With local officials, the governor, and now the legislature behind him, President Obama should act quickly to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.” said Congressman Mike Thompson.

Assemblymember Bill Dodd represents the 4th Assembly District, which includes all or portions of Yolo, Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Solano, and Colusa Counties. You can learn more about the district at www.asm.ca.gov/dodd.

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April 9, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region through a National Monument designation. I know you are well aware of the historical, environmental, economic and recreational benefits such a designation would provide to the region and the many communities surrounding it.

I want to highlight the attention paid to the California State Legislature's passage of A.J.R. 4, a resolution urging the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior to designate the area known as the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. Several local news outlets have reported on the latest measure of support, including the *Woodland Daily Democrat*, the *Napa Valley Register*, the *Vacaville Reporter*, the *Vallejo Times-Herald* and the *Lake County News*.

Please find these articles enclosed. I hope that this additional show of regional interest in the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument is helpful in your review process.

Again, thank you for your work to permanently protect this important region as a national monument. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if I can provide further information or assistance.

Sincerely,


MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

Enclosure

CC: President Barack Obama
Secretary Tom Vilsack
Director Christy Goldfuss

THE REPORTER

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Resolution to protect Berryessa Snow Mountain region heads to president

A resolution by Assemblyman Bill Dodd, D-Napa, urging President Barack Obama to create the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument passed the Senate on Monday and is on its way to the President's desk.

Dodd said the establishment of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a national monument would help safeguard the area, enhance visitation, and provide an economic boost to the surrounding communities.

"The passage of this resolution sends a clear message to the President that the protection of this unique wilderness is important to both our region and our entire state," Dodd said in a press release. "Preserving the region's natural splendor for future generations is critical, and I want to thank all of those who have been working so hard toward that goal."

Congressman Mike Thompson, along with a broad coalition of environmental and outdoor recreation groups, hundreds of local businesses and local governments have been working to conserve the area for a number of years. The region's other legislative representatives — Senators Lois Wolk and Mike McGuire and Assemblyman Jim Wood — also joined Dodd in supporting the resolution, which passed the legislature with bipartisan support.

"Permanently protecting this region will safeguard important areas for wildlife and rare plants, while simultaneously ensuring that public lands remain open to livestock grazing and various forms of outdoor recreation such as hunting and fishing," said Wolk, D-Solano. "This designation will allow future generations to enjoy the area's natural beauty."

"California contains some of the most beautiful landscapes in the entire country, and the Berryessa Snow Mountain region is one of those gems that needs to be protected," said Sara Husby-Good, executive director of Tuleyome, a regional nonprofit group dedicated to protecting the wild heritage and agricultural heritage of the Northern California Inner Coast Range. Dodd's resolution "marks the first time our state has formally urged the President to create a national monument, which is a powerful call for action," Husby-Good added.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain region includes some 350,000 acres of existing public lands in close proximity to the Bay Area and Sacramento, making it easily accessible for millions of Californians. Each year tens of millions of Californians participate in outdoor recreation, supporting more than 700,000 jobs. A study commissioned by the Winters Chamber of Commerce projects the national monument designation would result in \$50 million of new economic activity for the region over five years.

"The Senate's vote to approve AJR 4 serves as yet another show of the widespread support that the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument proposal has not just among regional stakeholders, but across the entire state. With local officials, the governor, and now the legislature behind him, President Obama should act quickly to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument," said Thompson.

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Napa Chamber of Commerce endorses Berryessa Snow Mountain monument

The Napa Chamber of Commerce and the state Legislature have added their voices to those endorsing establishment of a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

This proposed national monument would take in 350,000 acres of federal lands in Napa, Mendocino, Lake, Solano, Glenn, Colusa and Yolo counties. Various federal agencies would have to coordinate management for the lands they oversee.

Rep. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, has been working in Congress for several years to create a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area. As an alternative approach, Thompson asked President Obama to create a national monument, an action that would not need Congressional approval.

Thompson announced the Napa Chamber of Commerce endorsement.

"Economically, the Napa Valley is a gateway to the region to the south and the west," chamber Chairman Ken Frank wrote to Obama. "Permanent protection will support our local communities surrounding the park."

Assemblyman Bill Dodd, D-Napa, on Monday announced that his effort to have the state Legislature support Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument status has succeeded.

"The passage of this resolution sends a clear message to the President that the protection of this unique wilderness is important to both our region and our entire state," Dodd said in a news release.

Among those supporting national monument status are Napa County, the Calistoga Chamber of Commerce, the cities of Calistoga and St. Helena and the Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce opposes the move.

Daily Democrat

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Resolution to protect Berryessa Snow Mountain passes Legislature

SACRAMENTO >> A resolution urging President Obama to create the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument passed the Senate on Monday and is on its way to the president's desk.

The establishment of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a national monument would help safeguard the area, enhance visitation, and provide an economic boost to the surrounding communities, according to supporters.

"The passage of this resolution sends a clear message to the president that the protection of this unique wilderness is important to both our region and our entire state," said Assemblyman Bill Dodd, D-Napa, who sponsored the resolution. "Preserving the region's natural splendor for future generations is critical, and I want to thank all of those who have been working so hard towards that goal."

Congressman Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, along with a broad coalition of environmental and outdoor recreation groups, hundreds of local businesses and local governments have been working to conserve the area for a number of years. The region's other legislative representatives also joined Dodd in supporting the resolution, which passed the legislature with bipartisan support.

"California contains some of the most beautiful landscapes in the entire country, and the Berryessa Snow Mountain region is one of those gems that needs to be protected," said Sara Husby-Good, executive director of Tuleyome, based in Woodland.

"Assemblymember Dodd's resolution marks the first time our state has formally urged the president to create a national monument, which is a powerful call for action."

The Berryessa Snow Mountain region includes some 350,000 acres of existing public lands in close proximity to the Bay Area and Sacramento, making it easily accessible for millions of Californians. Each year tens of millions of Californians participate in outdoor recreation. A study commissioned by the Winters Chamber of Commerce projects the national monument designation would result in \$50 million of new economic activity for the region over five years.

"The Senate's vote to approve AJR 4 serves as yet another show of the widespread support that the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument proposal has not just among regional stakeholders, but across the entire state," Thompson said. "With local officials, the governor, and now the legislature behind him, President Obama should act quickly to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument."

Times-Herald

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Berryessa wilderness protection resolution passes Legislature

A resolution urging President Obama to create the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument passed the Senate on Monday and is headed to the President's desk, Assembly member Bill Dodd's office announced.

Dodd, (D-Napa), who represents the 4th Assembly District, which includes all or portions of Solano, Napa, Yolo, Sonoma, Lake and Colusa counties, submitted the resolution.

The establishment of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a national monument would help safeguard the area, enhance visitation, and provide an economic boost to the surrounding communities, he said.

"The passage of this resolution sends a clear message to the President that the protection of this unique wilderness is important to both our region and our entire state," Dodd said in a statement. "Preserving the region's natural splendor for future generations is critical, and I want to thank all of those who have been working so hard toward that goal."

Rep. Mike Thompson, along with a broad coalition of environmental and outdoor recreation groups, hundreds of local businesses and local governments have been working to conserve the area for a years, the statement notes. The region's other representatives, including Senator Lois Wolk, also back the resolution, which passed the legislature with bipartisan support, according to the statement.

"Permanently protecting this region will safeguard important areas for wildlife and rare plants, while simultaneously ensuring that public lands remain open to livestock grazing and various forms of outdoor recreation such as hunting and fishing," Wolk said. "This designation will allow future generations to enjoy the area's natural beauty."

In the same statement, public land preservation organization Tuleyome Executive Director Sara Husby-Good called this the first time California has formally asked the President to create a national monument, "A powerful call for action."

The Berryessa Snow Mountain region includes some 350,000 acres of existing public lands near the Bay Area and Sacramento, making it easily accessible for millions of Californians, the statement says.

Each year tens of millions of Californians participate in outdoor recreation, supporting over 700,000 jobs, it says, adding that a study commissioned by the Winters Chamber of Commerce projects the national monument designation would result in \$50 million of new economic activity for the region over five years.

"With local officials, the governor, and now the legislature behind him, President Obama should act quickly to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument," Thompson said.

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Dodd resolution to protect Berryessa Wilderness passes California Legislature

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – Assemblyman Bill Dodd’s resolution urging President Barack Obama to create the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument passed the Senate on Monday and is on its way to the president’s desk.

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“The passage of this resolution sends a clear message to the President that the protection of this unique wilderness is important to both our region and our entire state,” said Dodd. “Preserving the region’s natural splendor for future generations is critical, and I want to thank all of those who have been working so hard towards that goal.”

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The region’s other legislative representatives – Sen. Lois Wolk and Sen. Mike McGuire, and Assemblyman Jim Wood – also joined Dodd in supporting the resolution, which passed the legislature with bipartisan support.

“California contains some of the most beautiful landscapes in the entire country, and the Berryessa Snow Mountain region is one of those gems that needs to be protected,” said Sara Husby-Good, executive director of Tuleyome, a group that has advocated for the protections. “Assemblymember Dodd’s resolution marks the first time our state has formally urged the President to create a national monument, which is a powerful call for action.”

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MIKE THOMPSON

5TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA



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April 13, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell,

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region through a National Monument designation. I know you are well aware of the historical, environmental, economic and recreational benefits such a designation would provide to the region and the many communities surrounding it.

I was pleased to hear that former Congressman Vic Fazio recently sent you a letter advocating for the Berryessa Snow Mountain monument designation. As a longtime Northern California representative, Congressman Fazio knows well the positive impact that a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument would bring to the region. I hope that this additional show of support is helpful in your review process.

Again, thank you for your work to permanently protect this important region as a national monument. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if I can provide further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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April 8, 2015

Sally Jewell
United States Secretary of the Interior
Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Sally,

I hear you had quite a trip to the Berryessa Snow Mountain region. But, as I have come to learn and see in this photo you are very often leading the way.



I am writing about the permanent protection of this region as a National Monument of which I am a strong supporter. As you know it was my "backyard" when I served that region as a Congressman.

I am particularly proud of my role in the establishment of the Yolo Basin Wildlife Area just west of Sacramento that protects some critically important parts of the Pacific Flyway. And, I am honored that it was dedicated as the Vic Fazio Wildlife Area. It was fun with President Bill Clinton when we attended the dedication.

Sally Jewell
Department of Interior
April 8, 2015
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My friends from that region have since turned their attention to another critically important ecosystem in the Berryessa Snow Mountain region that as you know stretches over 100 miles from Putah Creek to Snow Mountain Wilderness. The region tells an incredibly rich story of geology and plate tectonics, biological diversity with rare and endemic plants on serpentine soils, mining history, ecological processes including water hydrology and fire ecology, Native American cultural history that goes back 12,000 years, and more recent farming and ranching that is an integral part in our western culture.

A Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument will tell these stories, enhance recreational for millions of people, and provide important economic opportunities for local gateway communities.

As you saw at the Town Hall meeting held on December 19, 2014 there is tremendous local support for a Presidential proclamation under the Antiquities Act of 1906. Most recently Congressmen Mike Thompson, John Garamendi and Jared Huffman; and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein wrote President Obama, "urging the President to use the authority granted to the Office of the President under the Antiquities Act to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Monument."

I was struck by this comment from reporter Julie Cart in her January 10, 2015 article on the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument proposal that recognizes the collaborative approach that we have often take in my old District.

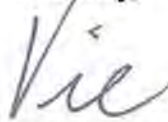
"Tuleyome's carefully choreographed — and patient — effort to preserve this portion of the Coast Range has become a model for how to accomplish conservation goals in the realpolitik of the moment."

Julie Cart, LA Times article, January 10, 2015

This proposal will protect an incredible wild place. And, we very much need these on-the-ground success stories as our Nation moves forward in difficult times.

I am pleased to join with so many others in asking that you urge the President to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Victor H. Fazio

MIKE THOMPSON

5TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA



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April 16, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region through a National Monument designation. I know you are well aware of the historical, environmental, economic and recreational benefits such a designation would provide to the region and the many communities surrounding it.

I want to bring to your attention an editorial in support of the Monument designation written by former Lake County Supervisor Ed Robey. Please find the article, published in the local *Lake County Record Bee* enclosed. I hope that this addition to the lengthy list of supporters is helpful in your review process.

Again, thank you for your work to permanently protect this important region as a national monument. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if I can provide further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

Enclosure

CC: President Barack Obama
Secretary Tom Vilsack
Director Christy Goldfuss

*you know how beautiful
and important these lands are.
Thank you for your help.*

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Lake County **RECORD-BEE**

Protect Berryessa Snow Mountain

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By Ed Robey

For many years the natural wealth and recreation opportunities found here in Lake County and the surrounding counties has gone largely unrecognized. The nearly one hundred miles stretching from Lake Berryessa to Snow Mountain in the Mendocino National Forest is a crown jewel of Northern California's Inner Coast Range. Those of us who live here know well the tremendous value of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region and have been working to see it permanently protected for years.

Congressman Thompson too has championed this place, holding town hall meetings and talking with local leaders and residents about how best to preserve Berryessa Snow Mountain for our continued enjoyment. What has emerged is a proposal to safeguard the area as a national monument. With President Obama's recent designation of Browns Canyon National Monument in Colorado, Pullman National Monument in Illinois and Honouliuli in Hawaii, as well as previous designations here in California—including the San Gabriel Mountains just last year, it's clear that a national monument designation is a viable way to protect Berryessa Snow Mountain.

A national monument designation would protect the area's natural beauty and resources, enhance recreational opportunities, help boost local economies, and provide the support needed to accommodate the positive growth such a monument designation will bring.

It's a proposal that has tremendous support. At a public meeting held by Congressman Thompson recently that support was crystal clear. Hundreds of people attended the meeting to voice their preference for protecting Berryessa Snow Mountain as a national monument. They joined more than 200 businesses, all five counties included in the monument proposal, and a wide variety of outdoor and conservation groups ranging from the Blue Ribbon Coalition to the Sierra Club, already standing behind the monument proposal.

The diversity of support is a reflection of the importance of this area for a wide variety of users. Its proximity to the Bay Area and Central Valley make Berryessa Snow Mountain an accessible outdoor playground. Residents and visitors alike can enjoy everything from bird watching and photography to white water rafting and kayaking. The area's unique and vast array of plants and animals, in addition to the spectacular scenery, provide an outdoor experience unlike any other.

In California we know the value of outdoor recreation, not just for our quality of life, but for our economy. In my time as a County Supervisor I also saw the importance of protected public lands at the local level for residents' families and their livelihoods. The Berryessa Snow Mountain region currently supports over 600 jobs and provides \$55.3 million in economic benefits for our local counties. A national monument designation will draw additional visitors— visitors that will eat at local restaurants, stay at local lodgings, and shop at local stores. An economic report released by the Winters Chamber of Commerce found that a national monument designation could generate up to an additional \$50 million for economies of counties surrounding the monument, including Lake County, over five years.

Designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a national monument is a move that will benefit our local communities. It will also finally give this national treasure the recognition it deserves. I hope that the Obama administration will act quickly to make a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument a reality. Here's to a bright future for our communities and our public lands.

Ed Robey is the chair of the Sierra Club Lake Group and a retired Lake County Supervisor

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April 17, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region through a National Monument designation. I know you are well aware of the historical, environmental, economic and recreational benefits such a designation would provide to the region and the many communities surrounding it.

I want to remind you of the widespread and enthusiastic support that the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument enjoys among the cities and towns that lie in close proximity to the proposed boundaries. Please find enclosed resolutions passed by the Winters City Council, the West Sacramento City Council, the Davis City Council, and the St. Helena City Council. I hope that this lengthy list of supporters is helpful in your review process.

Again, thank you for your work to permanently protect this important region as a national monument. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if I can provide further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

Enclosure

CC: President Barack Obama
Secretary Tom Vilsack
Director Christy Goldfuss

*Shanku for all
of your help on this important
designation.*

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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The Honorable Michael Thompson
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Thompson:

Thank you for your recent letters regarding a potential future national monument designation for the Berryessa Snow Mountain area in California.

This Administration has demonstrated a commitment to working with the public and member of Congress in making Federal land management decisions. We respect and value the importance of public and Congressional input in considering protections for our natural, cultural, and historic treasures. We constantly strive to take into account the interests of a wide range of stakeholders to both protect America's public lands and provide for economic development in a manner that is consistent with law and sound public policy.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and with all stakeholders to ensure that public lands in California are managed appropriately for the use and enjoyment of this and future generations.

Sincerely,

Sally Jewell



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April 21, 2015

EXECUTIVE

The Honorable Sally Jewell
 Secretary of the Interior
 1849 C Street, N.W.
 Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:


On behalf of the City of Waco, we would like to express our strong support of the designation of the Waco Mammoth Site as a unit of the National Park System pursuant to either Presidential authorities or Federal legislative actions, and to notify you of the City of Waco's intent to transfer some portion of the Waco Mammoth Site owned by the City to the Federal Government for the purpose of such a designation.

The Waco Mammoth Site, comprising approximately 108 acres in Waco, Texas, is the nation's first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd (females and their offspring) of Pleistocene Epoch Columbian Mammoths. The Columbian Mammoths lived as few as 10,000, and as many as 200,000, years ago. The site provides a unique opportunity at one location to understand and interpret the ecology of the now extinct Columbian Mammoth, one of the dominant (and largest) animals of the North American Pleistocene fauna, and associated species. A national monument at the Waco Mammoth Site would draw visitors from around the world to learn about the animals of the Pleistocene Epoch (commonly known as the Ice Age), particularly the Columbian Mammoths, while allowing for further research into the fossils and generating a positive economic impact for the Waco area.

The City of Waco owns the Waco Mammoth Site, including the property containing the dig shelter that displays *in situ* fossil remains of six Columbian Mammoths, as well as other Ice Age animals such as an extinct camel, and saber-toothed cat. In order to achieve designation as a unit of the National Park System, the City of Waco is prepared at this time to donate a 4.93-acre portion of the realty containing the *in situ* fossils to the Federal Government as approved by the Mayor and City Council, pursuant to its authority under the Texas Local Code (*See Texas Local Government Code Section 280.001*). Our understanding is that, as a unit of the National Park System, those donated Waco Mammoth Site lands and buildings would be administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service. We believe the National Park Service will bring invaluable skills and resources in telling the story of this scientific site, as well as ensuring its long-term preservation and supporting scientific research, for the benefit of all Americans. The City of Waco is also prepared to enter into appropriate partnership arrangements with the National Park Service that would further the preservation and interpretation of the entire site for the public.

We look forward to the accomplishment of this important milestone in the ongoing scientific significance of this national treasure. Thank you and if you need any additional information, please contact me at 254-750-5640.

Sincerely,


 Dale A. Fisseler, P.E.
 City Manager

Thanks for your assistance!

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-238

WHEREAS, the Waco Mammoth Site, the site where the nation's first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Pleistocene mammoths occurred and where the remains of twenty-four Columbian mammoths have been discovered to date, was first discovered in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 Sam Jack McGlasson generously donated to the City of Waco the 4.93 acres where the original discovery was made; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2010, Baylor University conveyed to the City by Gift Deeds two tracts of land, one tract of approximately 54.383 acres and a second tract of approximately 49.06 acres that adjoin the original 4.93 acre site, creating the approximately 108 acre site currently operated as a park by the City of Waco ("Waco Mammoth Site"); and

WHEREAS, management of the Waco Mammoth Site and the bones that have been excavated from the site has been possible through a longstanding partnership of the City of Waco, Baylor University and the Waco Mammoth Foundation; and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, Baylor University staff, students, and volunteers spent countless hours excavating the Waco Mammoth Site; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 plans were initiated to make the Waco Mammoth Site a public park and this goal became a reality with the support of the Waco Mammoth Foundation raising more than \$3.4 million; and

WHEREAS, the Waco Mammoth Site opened to the public in 2009; and

WHEREAS, all of the development at the site has been designed to meet National Park Service standards with the goal of it eventually being designated as a unit of the National Park System; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the National Park Service conducted a Special Resource Study for the site, which found that the Waco Mammoth Site meets the four criteria for consideration for a proposed addition to the National Park System (national significance, suitability, feasibility and need for direct National Park Service Management), and the Department of the Interior transmitted to Congress the study findings; and

WHEREAS, Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service, attended a public meeting on April 6, 2015 at the SBC Theater in the Mayborn Museum Complex at Baylor University at which meeting many officials and citizens of the Waco community voiced their support for inclusion of the Waco Mammoth Site as a unit of the National Park System; and

WHEREAS, Director Jarvis reaffirmed the 2008 Special Resource Study findings and indicated at the close of the meeting that he would recommend the establishment of

the Waco Mammoth Site as a national monument pursuant to 54 U.S.C. §320301, “the Antiquities Act,” to be administered as a unit of the National Park System; and

WHEREAS, for this purpose, it is appropriate for the City to relinquish the 4.93 acres of the original discovery site (the “Relinquished Land”) to the United States of America (the “U.S.”) together with such easements and licenses as shall be necessary for the efficient continued operation of the site, so that such executive authority can be exercised by the President; and

WHEREAS, upon relinquishment and until a General Management Plan for the Relinquished Land is finalized by the National Park Service, or the City and the National Park Service agree otherwise in writing, the City will retain the right, subject to the ultimate control and oversight by the National Park Service, to perform and provide the following services and activities on the Relinquished Land: collection of fees, operation of the excavation shelter, grounds and improvement maintenance, science services, including but not limited to, studies, casts, preservation activities and imagery, and interpretive and educational programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recommends inclusion within the boundary of the national monument, City owned adjoining land totaling approximately 102 acres (the remainder of the Waco Mammoth Site except for a river corridor buffer) depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” (the “Administrative Land”), so that the Relinquished Land and the Administrative Land can be managed efficiently and compatibly together; and

WHEREAS, the City will retain ownership, control, authority and jurisdiction over the Administrative Land; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code §280.001 authorizes a Texas municipality to acquire property for the use of the United States Government and to convey that property to the government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WACO, TEXAS:

Section 1. That all of the above recitals are true and correct and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby approves the relinquishment, transfer and conveyance via a Deed Without Warranty, to the U.S. and its assigns, through the Secretary of the Interior, of 4.93 acres at the Waco Mammoth Site, being the same 4.93 acre tract of land out of the John Tucker Survey Abstract No. 41 in McLennan County, Texas that was conveyed to the City of Waco in fee by Warranty Deed dated October 4, 1996, and recorded at Volume 75, page 204 of the land records of McLennan County, Texas in fee simple for its continued use for park purposes, and finds that it is authorized to make such transfer pursuant to Texas Local Government Code §280.001.

Section 3. That the City Council hereby recommends and approves the inclusion of the Administrative Land as described above and depicted on the map

attached hereto as Exhibit "A," within the boundary of the national monument to be designated under 54 U.S.C. §320301, which land shall remain under the ownership, authority, control and jurisdiction of the City of Waco to be managed for the continuing preservation and protection of the paleontological resources, conducting scientific study, and providing for onsite visitor enjoyment and understanding.


Section 4. That the City Council hereby authorizes the quitclaim, conveyance and relinquishment of any right and title the City may have to any bones or remains removed from the Relinquished Land prior to its conveyance hereunder to the U.S. which bones are currently housed and maintained by Baylor and the Mayborn Museum.

Section 5. That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to negotiate any related agreements, execute any documents and take any further action necessary to complete this transaction and effectuate the designation of the Relinquished Land and Administrative Land as a unit of the National Park System.

Section 6. That it is the intention of the City Council that the partnership between the City of Waco, Baylor University and the Waco Mammoth Foundation continue to cooperatively manage, oversee and maintain the site currently known as the Waco Mammoth Site and expand the partnership to include the National Park Service, so that all parties will work collaboratively with each other to promote and protect the national monument.

Section 7. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of April, 2015.



Malcolm Duncan, Jr., Mayor
City of Waco, Texas

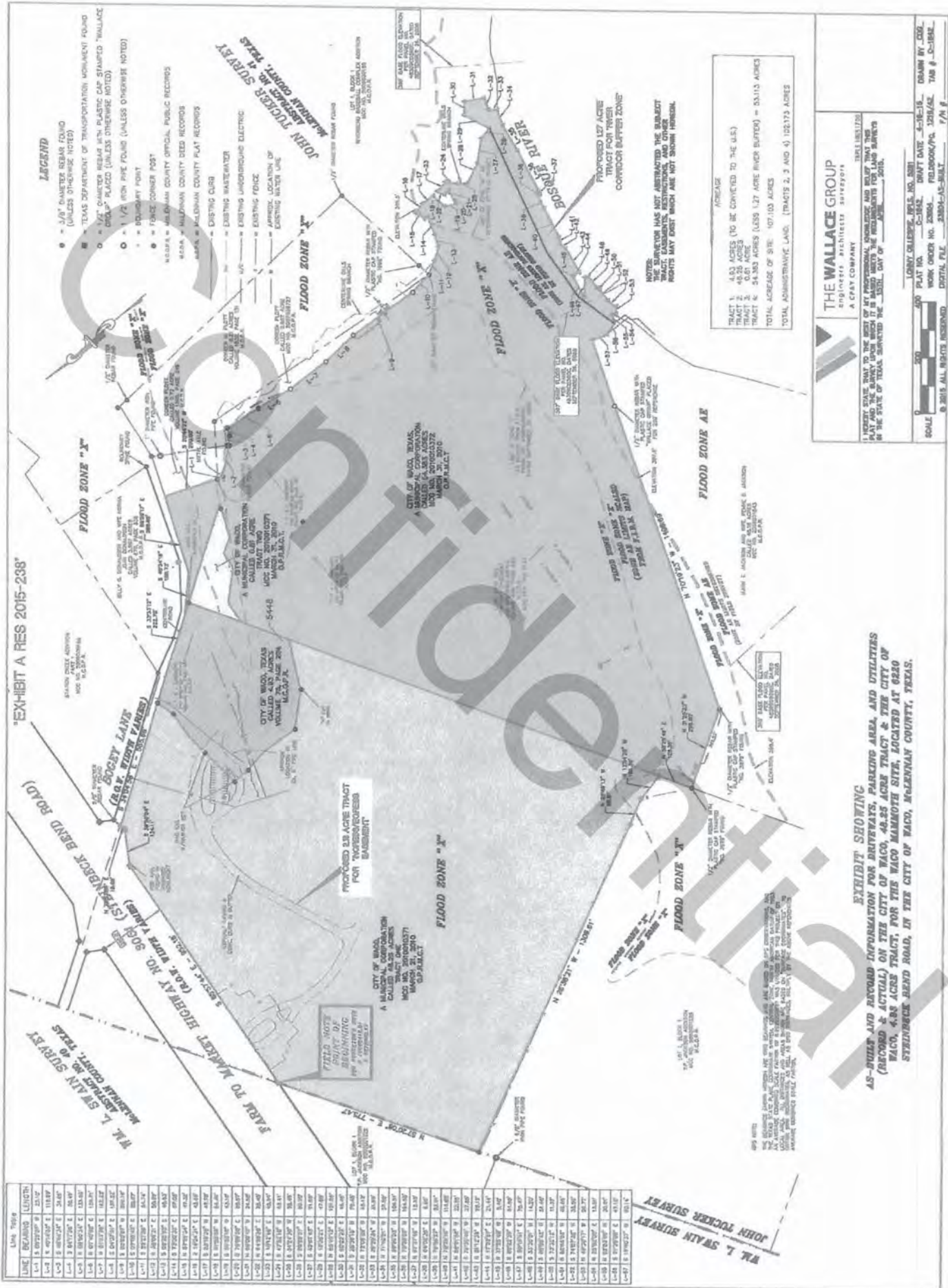
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Esmeralda Hudson, City Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:


Jennifer Richie, City Attorney





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July 20, 2015

Ms Sally Jewell, Secretary
US Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Partnership in Planning for Basin and Range
National Monument

Dear Ms Jewell:

The Board of Lincoln County Commissioners (County) recognizes the work that must be done over the next three years by your agency to plan for the management of Nevada's newest national monument, The Basin and Range in western Lincoln County, Nevada.

The County looks forward to contributing to this collaborative process as is detailed on page seven of the Monument Proclamation...that BLM shall... "prepare and maintain a management plan for the monument and shall provide for maximum public involvement in the development of that plan including, but not limited, to consultation with State, Tribal, and Local Governments".

The County hereby respectfully requests a seat at the table all throughout the planning processes and management of this Monument. We are particularly interested in protecting the all existing rights in this area, by participating in inventories, and planning meetings to provide specific input to this monument management plan.

Lincoln County can provide very detailed and pertinent information through our citizens who have lived and worked and enjoyed the landscapes in these valleys for many generations. The care and consideration by these local residents of these natural resources over the years has contributed considerably to the specialness of this monument area.

The County appreciates this opportunity to continue our involvement in this endeavor. Please provide any pertinent updates and information that will allow us to begin this consultation process and build a positive relationship between affected parties.

Sincerely,



Kevin J Phillips, Chair
Lincoln County Commission

cc: Neil Kornze, Director, BLM, Wash DC
John Ruhs, Acting Nevada BLM Director
Mike Herder, District Manager, Ely BLM
Chris Carlton, Manager, Caliente BLM FO
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Mr. Kevin J. Phillips
Chair, Lincoln County Commission
P.O. Box 90
Pioche, Nevada 89043

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Thank you for your letter of July 20, 2015, addressed to Secretary Jewell regarding partnership in planning for the Basin and Range National Monument. The Secretary has asked me to respond on her behalf.

As you note in your letter, it is because of the outstanding stewardship of the people of Lincoln and Nye counties over many generations that the Basin and Range National Monument is so prized today. Incorporating the deep, significant knowledge of residents into decision making is more important now than ever for the successful management of these lands. As the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) moves forward with preparing a management plan for the Basin and Range National Monument, we are committed to a collaborative process that offers seats at the table for counties, tribes, state agencies, user groups, and the public at large.

Local engagement and consultation is critical to the success of this endeavor. Already the BLM has written to inform local ranchers that the designation does not affect their existing livestock operations. The BLM also looks forward to community-focused conversations related to economic development opportunities that will be available to gateway communities like Alamo, Caliente, and Ely. Michael Herder, BLM Ely District Manager, will be in touch shortly to learn more about issues of particular interest to you and to discuss in further detail our proposal for moving forward.

I sincerely appreciate your interest in working collaboratively as we begin the important task of managing this remarkable area. All of us at the BLM look forward to furthering our cooperative relationship with your county as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Neil Kornze
Director

cc: The Honorable Brian Sandoval, Governor
The Honorable Harry Reid, United States Senator
The Honorable Dean Heller, United States Senator
The Honorable Joseph Heck, United States Congressman
The Honorable Mark Amodei, United States Congressman
The Honorable Dina Titus, United States Congresswoman
The Honorable Crescent Hardy, United States Congressman

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MIKE THOMPSON
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

FIFTH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

July 10, 2015

Secretary Sally Jewell
US Department of Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington DC, 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell,

Thank you for your work to establish the new Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument. Under the designation, this ecological, historical and recreational landmark will be forever open and accessible to outdoor enthusiasts from Northern California and beyond.

Your commitment to the permanent protection of this treasured landscape was an invaluable asset in the designation process. This outstanding accomplishment was made possible by your unwavering support and strong leadership.

The legacy of public lands is one of the most important we can leave for future generations, and the Berryessa Snow Mountain Monument will be a critical component. It has been a privilege working with you to further our mutual goal of preserving our nation's great open spaces, and I look forward to collaborating in the future. Please call if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

Thank you!



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July 30, 2015

Secretary Sally Jewell
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

Since 1919, the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) has been the leading voice of the American people in protecting and enhancing our National Park System. On behalf of our more than one million members and supporters nationwide, thank you for the designation of our newest national park site, Waco Mammoth National Monument. NPCA has worked tirelessly with the City of Waco, Baylor University, and the Waco Mammoth Foundation for years to ensure our prehistoric history, represented by this site, is preserved for generations to come. Your designation of this site will ensure we continue to learn about our prehistoric era to the delight of school children, their parents, and all Americans who enjoy learning about our past.

The Waco Mammoth National Monument is the first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd of Pleistocene mammoths in the United States. Scientists are already learning about mammoths' social behavior from this excavation, and the great news is, more fossils have yet to be uncovered! The Paleontological research at the Waco Mammoth National Monument site is ongoing and with the support of the National Park Service, will be able to continue for years to come.

The site already attracts 20,000 visitors a year including large numbers of schoolchildren. With the addition of National Park Service management, the site is positioned to become an even more recognized educational and tourism destination.

We thank the Department of Interior and National Park Service, as well as members of your Administration for their hard work in support of this historic designation. We are grateful to you for stepping forward to protect one of our nation's rare and valuable natural treasures.

Sincerely,

W. Clark Bunting
President and Chief Executive Officer

HARRY REID
NEVADA



DEMOCRATIC LEADER

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 29, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240-0001

Dear Secretary Jewell:

I love Nevada, and the Nevada I know and love is the quiet, starkly beautiful desert. On Friday, July 10, 2015, thanks to the hard work of thousands of supporters, like yourself, we were able to protect more than 700,000 acres of this unique landscape when President Obama established the Basin and Range National Monument through his authority under the Antiquities Act.

I appreciate more than I can put into words what you have done to preserve the beauty of the Nevada desert for our grandchildren, their grandchildren, and generations to come.

Sincerely,


HARRY REID
United States Senator



JOHN GARAMENDI
UNITED STATES CONGRESS

July 31, 2015

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Secretary Sally Jewell
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell,

Thank you for your work in designating the Berryessa Snow Mountain Region as a national monument. This area is important to Californians for its recreational opportunities and its ecological importance to local communities and watersheds.

I appreciate your efforts in protecting this public land, and I look forward to seeing my constituents enjoying it for years to come. This declaration will benefit not only Northern California, but also the entire state and nation. Again, I thank you for your hard work and I am proud to have this national monument in my district.

Sincerely,

JOHN GARAMENDI
Third District, California



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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 22, 2015

Dear Secretary Jewell,

We are beyond
thrilled with the
designation of Browns
Canyon! Please express
my gratitude to you
and your amazing team. I know
how much time and hard

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work they put forward.

I look forward to
seeing you at the

celebration - perhaps we
could even run a portion
of the race!

Your friend,
Mark

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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument

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Dear President Obama:

The Napa Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the proposal to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Monument. The Berryessa Snow Mountain region contains vital conservation and science values including plate tectonic geology and biologic diversity; recreational opportunities for all, and can offer economic opportunities for gateway communities.

Economically, the Napa Valley is a gateway to the region to the south and west. Permanent protection will support our local communities surrounding the park.

The Napa Chamber of Commerce supports the conservation of our vital natural resources. Preserving this region is our responsibility for our future generations. We therefore strongly encourage your support of permanent protection for the public lands of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Monument.

Thank you for your valuable consideration.

Ken Frank
Chair

cc:

- Senator Barbara Boxer
- Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Congressman Mike Thompson
- Sally Jewell, Secretary of Interior
- Michael Boots, Acting Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality
- Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

County Administrative Office Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria Governmental & Legislative Affairs Director

August 21, 2015

The President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On February 9, 2015, Senator Feinstein introduced S.414, The California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act, which would designate two national monuments within San Bernardino County. This month, Senator Feinstein's office notified us of her request to designate the Mojave Trails National Monument, the Sand to Snow National Monument and the Castle Mountains National Monument under the Antiquities Act of 1906. All three of these proposed national monuments are wholly or partially within San Bernardino County, and cover well over 1 million acres.

San Bernardino County is geographically the largest county in the contiguous United States at more than 20,000 square miles. More than 80 percent of the County's land area is in the federal estate, under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Defense. The federal government actively manages and protects those lands for both conservation values and for multiple uses.

We have all or part of three national park units, and three major military bases, including two of the largest bases in the country, each more than 1,000 square miles: the National Training Center at Fort Irwin and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms.

Our public lands are a significant economic resource within the County. Activities range from recreational pursuits, such as off-highway vehicle travel, camping, hiking and rockhounding, to economic activities including mining of numerous valuable and strategic minerals, filming of feature films and commercials, tourism, livestock grazing, and most recently, the construction of utility scale renewable projects.

It is the preference of the County that any national monument designation would go through the legislative process where the need of the establishment and boundaries can be determined in a transparent public process.

One of our chief concerns is that designation of a national monument withdraws lands from mineral entry. San Bernardino County regulates more than 100 mines in an environmentally responsible manner. Mines which produce dozens of minerals, everything from rare earths, critical for national defense and the tech industry, to locally produced aggregate essential for construction and maintenance of infrastructure. In addition, the mining industry supports thousands of high-paying jobs and the economies of local communities. We support protection of all existing and vested rights and protection of reasonable access for mining. One case in point is Castle Mountain Mining Company's (NewCastle Gold Ltd.) renewed gold operation at Castle Mountain. It is likely to generate more than \$7 million in revenue for the State and County and create 271 jobs at peak operation. An inventory and analysis should be conducted to ensure that minerals that may be necessary in the future are not withdrawn in perpetuity. Any designation should also allow for the extraction of mineral materials (aggregate) for local maintenance of infrastructure.

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Another environmental and economic concern is the traffic impacts of the new monuments. While we believe the designation of the Mojave Trails National Monument could lead to an increase in tourism along Route 66 with American tourists and international tourists, the increased traffic may be problematic due to the deteriorating condition of approximately 130 timber trestle bridges, which are upwards of 80 years old and failing. We are in the process of closing a number of bridges that are in the worst condition. Any designation should take into account the impact to the bridges and consider regulatory relief to facilitate repair and replacement.

However, should your administration consider establishment of any National Monument by Executive Order within San Bernardino County, we respectfully request that a designation be made with a public outreach process, including input from the affected jurisdictions, communities, tribes, agencies and stakeholder groups.

Recommended outreach should include:

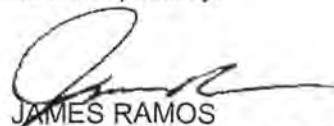
1. public meetings in the affected communities, held at times and in locations to maximize public participation;
2. opportunities for stakeholders to submit formal comments for consideration by the administration in advance of any proclamation;
3. feedback from stakeholders on economic impact studies that demonstrate the value of activities on public lands; and
4. feedback from stakeholders on environmental impact studies.

Stakeholder input is imperative to ensure any proposed designation creates a net positive benefit for the variety of interests that use the desert and that critical multiple use activities are preserved.

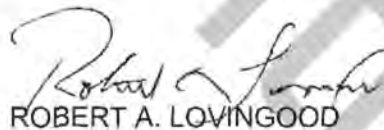
We appreciate Senator Feinstein's efforts in reaching out to a variety of stakeholders, including the County as she and her staff crafted the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act. We support the Senator's commitment to seek broad stakeholder input as indicated in her request.

San Bernardino County is committed to striking a balance between conservation of our precious natural resources and the sustainable economic benefits we derive from our public lands. We look forward to working with your administration in identifying and addressing the issues related to a potential designation. We welcome the opportunity to help facilitate the public outreach process as you consider the Senator's request. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbccounty.gov.

Most Respectfully,



JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino



ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD
Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman
First District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: San Bernardino County Congressional Delegation
Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
Sally Jewell, Secretary of Interior

Enclosure

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County Administrative Office
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Josh Candelaria
Governmental & Legislative
Affairs Director

December 3, 2014

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act – **Comment**

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for sharing an advance draft of your proposed "California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act" and for providing an opportunity for stakeholders to comment. Stakeholder input is imperative to ensure the legislation creates a net positive benefit for the variety of interests that use and treasure the desert.

Public land is a major asset in San Bernardino County, in part, because more than 80 percent of the county is under federal ownership. Public land provides for outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking, camping, rockhounding, mountain biking and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation as well as economic activities, including mining, filming and renewable energy development. Our robust and well-regulated mining industry delivers the greatest economic benefit, creating high-paying jobs, sustaining numerous ancillary industries, and providing the minerals necessary to support many aspects of our national economy and our daily lives. Many of the things we touch every day directly result from or depend on the mining industry. We are committed to maintaining the balance between conservation, recreation and economic activities on our public lands, and we respectfully offer the following comments on the draft language.

Mining

One of our most significant economic drivers is the mining industry. The County regulates about 100 mines, which produce a wide variety of materials necessary for infrastructure, economic growth, national defense and countless consumer products from toothpaste to iPhones. Mining supports several thousand high-paying jobs, which have a significant multiplier effect on the regional economy.

National Monument status withdraws public land from mineral entry and location. Such withdrawal prevents the exploration and location of any mineral bodies or deposits for any purposes. A comprehensive minerals report on the proposed monument before withdrawal would allow Congress and the public to make an informed decision with regard to mineral deposits and whether such areas should be withdrawn in perpetuity. Within the proposed

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National Monument boundaries and wilderness areas, there are a number of active and productive mining operations, and we support the full protection of vested and valid existing rights, including reasonable and practical access and the potential expansion of existing operations. Protection of those rights and a process for permitting and due process must be explicit in the bill's language. We do not see a mechanism for the Park Service to issue mining permits.

One area of particular concern is the proposal to add the Castle Mountain area to the Mojave National Preserve and bring this entire area under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. This particular area was not included in the 1994 California Desert Protection Act because it was an active gold mine. Due to the high price of gold, Castle Mountain is set to resume operation, creating approximately 300 full-time positions with a direct tax benefit in excess of \$225 million to the County with over \$4 billion in proven gold reserves. The County approved a revision to the mine permit to extend the expiration date for mining and reclamation at Castle Mountain Mine for an additional five years to expire on December 31, 2025, and the County anticipates the Castle Mountain operation will become the second-largest operating gold mine in California. It is projected to be back in full production in 2015. Given San Bernardino County still suffers from high unemployment and high rates of poverty, a project like Castle Mountain is a critical economic driver. Should the legislation result in the closure of this important economic resource, the federal government should provide offsetting mitigation to the affected parties.

The Cima Cinder and Morningstar mines were closed as a result of the California Desert Protection Act of 1994. These mines were left unreclaimed. California's mining laws mandate the County is liable for reclamation, even though they exist within the Mojave National Preserve. The County continues to bear the cost of annual inspections and is obligated by the Department of Conservation to do so until these mines are certified reclaimed by the County. The required gold fees from the Castle Mountain Mine were to become the County's main source of funding to reclaim these mines and support remediation efforts for a number of legacy mines throughout the County with identified public safety and environmental hazards.

Energy Title

Thank you for your efforts to ensure local jurisdictions receive appropriate compensation when large, utility-scale renewable energy projects are sited on public land in their jurisdictions. However, we have become aware that existing law regarding the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program could potentially cancel out any benefit from a return on royalty payments. PILT spells out that revenue-sharing and other payments from Federal programs are deducted from a county's PILT calculation. To ensure that renewable energy royalty payments provide the envisioned support to local services—including law enforcement, fire protection and infrastructure—there should be specific language stating that such royalty payments shall be exempted from PILT calculations.

Federal Acquisitions

Since 2000, San Bernardino County has lost about 900,000 acres of private land from the tax rolls because land has been acquired and donated for conservation or mitigation purposes, or directly acquired by federal agencies. The draft legislation, while excluding private land from designations, implicitly establishes a pattern of acquisition of inholdings of the areas when

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management plans are developed. Even with provisions for willing-sellers, such acquisitions have a permanent effect on local governments. This county does not receive full compensation under PILT because the existing formula does not credit federal holdings in a county beyond approximately 1.3 million entitlement acres, and it gives no credit to offset new federal acquisitions except in National Park Service units. Even in the case of National Park Service acquisitions such payments are limited to five (5) years.

Route 66

Route 66, also known as National Trails Highway, is a historical and cultural icon celebrated in America and around the world. An important landmark to the early development of the region, Route 66 is also the only alternate route to Interstate 40 during emergencies. In addition, the highway is a popular route of travel for American and international tourists.

The creation of a National Monument has the potential to lead to increased traffic on National Trails Highway, which will likely accelerate the deterioration of approximately 130 timber trestle bridges, most of which were built about 80 years ago and are in a state of severe disrepair. Several of the bridges were damaged during storms this summer, requiring emergency closure of some sections. Even without the most recent storm damage, the County is moving toward closing stretches of the road due to safety concerns.

The County faces the daunting task of having to replace these aging timber bridges, and maintenance of the bridges is no longer financially feasible. Even if resources were identified to replace the bridges, environmental clearance is a major cost and can take years to obtain, even for work conducted within the existing, already disturbed right of way. Any relief from unnecessary regulatory requirements would facilitate repairs and replacements while saving taxpayers millions of dollars and causing no harm to the environment.

Further, access to mineral materials that may be needed by the County for future maintenance of infrastructure and roads in the monument should be preserved. The withdrawal of lands from the mining laws, associated with creation of a National Monument, may limit access to materials essential to maintaining the road surface.

Materials such as aggregate are required for maintenance, but transporting them significant distances greatly increases both cost and emissions, including greenhouse gases. As aggregate supplies in Southern California in the next decade are either exhausted or excluded from extraction, the region will have to rely on supplies shipped from other countries with lax environmental regulations or from other regions or states, with all the economic, environmental and infrastructure impacts those long-distance shipments will bring. Preserving limited access to mineral materials for maintenance within the monument would ensure the safety of the traveling public at minimal economic and environmental cost compared to the alternative.

Off-Highway Vehicles

The designation of multiple OHV recreation areas in the draft bill acknowledges that sustainable multiple uses on public lands should be preserved. Though it may be smaller than the other areas proposed for designation, the Dumont Dunes OHV Area is a significant resource worthy of inclusion, given the unique riding experience there, substantial investment

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by the BLM, and its interstate popularity and intensity of use. OHV recreation has an economic impact of at least \$70 million to the County and supports numerous small and rural businesses. As the population of Southern California continues to grow, it is important to protect such areas to provide well-managed and sustainable venues for the OHV community to enjoy and to prevent damaging incursions into environmentally sensitive areas.


Advisory Councils


Please note the BLM's long-established Desert District Advisory Council (DAC) already provides much of the oversight and stakeholder input envisioned in the draft bill. The DAC is formally established under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and is a continuing body. At the very least, any new advisory council created through the legislation should coordinate with the DAC or be a temporary entity for the development of the management plan, with subsequent responsibility for plan implementation and oversight transferred to the DAC. For the most effective oversight and accountability, representation from cities and the County should be elected officials or employees of sufficient rank so as to reflect County or city positions and potential commitments.

In the energy sections, regarding any mitigation monies collected, oversight perhaps ought to be vested with the Management Oversight Group (MOG), which includes stakeholders and agency representatives. The MOG is a long-established group of agencies and stakeholders associated with desert tortoise management and conservation, under the auspices of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Director.

We look forward to working with your office as the bill moves through the legislative process. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,


JANICE RUTHERFORD
Board of Supervisors Chair
Second District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino


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April 24, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewel
Secretary, United States Dept. of Interior
1849 "C" Street
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewel:

I respectfully direct your attention to Assembly Joint Resolution listed respectively, as follows:

- Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4 – Relative to Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.
- Passed Senate on April 4, 2015.
- Passed Assembly on April 6, 2015.
- Secretary of State – April 9, 2015, Resolution Chapter 19, Statutes of 2015.

Accordingly, a copy of the resolution is included for your information

Sincerely,

E. Dotson Wilson
Chief Clerk

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4—Relative to Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

[Filed with Secretary of State April 9, 2015.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 4, Dodd. Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

This measure would urge the President of the United States and the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior to designate the area known as the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

WHEREAS, The Berryessa Snow Mountain region stretches nearly 100 miles from the shores of Lake Berryessa to the flanks of Snow Mountain; and

WHEREAS, The Berryessa Snow Mountain region encompasses more than 350,000 acres across the Counties of Napa, Mendocino, Lake, Solano, and Yolo and is rich in wildlife, including bald and golden eagles, black bears, mountain lions, tule elk, river otters, and the rare Pacific fisher; and

WHEREAS, Berryessa Snow Mountain is a biodiversity hotspot and includes numerous trails, open spaces, lakes, and rivers that help create a fishing, camping, boating, birding, horseback-riding, bicycling, and off-highway vehicle paradise; and

WHEREAS, Permanently protecting the Berryessa Snow Mountain region will ensure continued recreational opportunities while safeguarding the region's beauty, wildlife, rare plants, agriculture, and water, which includes important sources of drinking water and irrigation for nearby communities; and

WHEREAS, The Berryessa Snow Mountain region is within easy driving distance for millions of citizens residing and visiting the bay area and the Sacramento metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Protected public lands are major contributors to our nation's \$646 billion outdoor recreation economy; and

WHEREAS, More than one-half of California residents participate in outdoor recreation each year, supporting more than 700,000 jobs, generating more than \$6 billion in state economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that local economies surrounding permanently protected areas such as national monuments expand after establishing a monument, increasing per-capita personal incomes; and

WHEREAS, More than 100 businesses in areas surrounding the Berryessa Snow Mountain region support a national monument designation, as do

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nationally recognized recreation and sportsmen's groups such as the International Bicycling Association, Back Country Horsemen, and the Equine Land Conservation Resource; and

WHEREAS, President Obama recently designated 346,000 acres of public land in southern California as the San Gabriel National Monument, and expanded the California Coastal National Monument to include the Point Arena Stornetta Public Lands; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of California urge President Obama and the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, Sally Jewell, to protect and preserve the unique and precious qualities of the Berryessa Snow Mountain region for current and future generations by creating a Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument; and be it further

Resolved, That in designating the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Monument, the Secretary consult an area advisory council consisting of, but not limited to, one representative from each of the Napa, Lake, Yolo, Mendocino, and Solano County Boards of Supervisors, a representative of the California Resources Agency, and a representative of Native American Tribes; and be it further

Resolved, That in designating the Berryessa Snow Mountain region as a National Monument, the Secretary take into consideration existing land uses, including grazing, on the federal lands within the region; and be it further

Resolved, That the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument does not require nonfederal property owners to allow public access to private property, nor does it modify any provision of federal, state, or local law with respect to use of nonfederal land; and be it further

Resolved, That any acquisition of nonfederal land within the National Monument occur only through exchange, donation, or purchase from a willing seller; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States and to the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior.

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Secretary Sally Jewel
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

RE: Potential National Monuments on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands

Dear Secretary Jewel:

We are writing to express our sincere appreciation to the Obama Administration for the heightened attention and potential for national monuments on BLM lands such as Colorado's Brown's Canyon, California's Berryessa Snow Mountain, and Idaho's Boulder White Clouds. To date, we have been conceptually supportive of this designation for these BLM and U.S. Forest Service landscapes. However, we also request particular consideration is given as proclamation language is developed regarding travel restrictions or limitations within the national monuments as it pertains to bicycling.

The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational association whose mission is to create, enhance and preserve great mountain biking experiences. Since 1988, IMBA has been bringing out the best in mountain biking by encouraging low-impact riding, volunteer trail work participation, cooperation among different trail user groups, grassroots advocacy and innovative trail management solutions. IMBA's national network includes 35,000 individual members, more than 750 chapters and affiliates, more than 200 corporate partners and about 600 retail shops. Our members love our forests, deserts and mountains, and deeply value a natural and protected riding experience that is low-impact, healthy, human-powered recreation.

It is for these and other reasons we have been cautiously optimistic and conditionally supportive of the recent invigorated discussions around national monument designations. We are supportive, because we see the potential of national monuments to protect resources and recreation experiences, something we have invested great resources in promoting nationwide. We are cautious, because with simple omissions or inadvertent linkages in the language of the proclamation, mountain biking in particular can be devastatingly and irreparably impacted.

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We offer three case studies where each scenario described above plays out with very different results.

Fort Ord National Monument (2012) President Obama

The Fort Ord National Monument proclamation preamble statement below gave mention to the use of bicycles as an ongoing and appropriate method of experiencing and exploring the landscape.

"By bicycle, horse, and foot visitors can explore the Fort Ord area's scenic and natural resources along trails that wind over lush grasslands, between gnarled oaks, and through scrub-lined canyons. Within the boundaries of the Fort Ord area, visitors admire the landscape and scenery and are exposed to wildlife and a diverse group of rare and endemic plants and animals."

The legally binding proclamation language in the transportation section ensured that bicycles were not effected by prohibitions or unintended restrictions more often explicitly intended for motorized vehicles.

*"The transportation plan shall include the **designation of roads and trails for bicycling and other purposes**. Except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, under the transportation plan motorized vehicle use shall be permitted only on designated roads, and **non-motorized mechanized vehicle use shall be permitted only on designated roads and trails.**" (emphasis added)*

These two excerpts give care and consideration to bicycles as human-powered, and non-motorized and as uniquely different modes of travel from motorized. This results in a positive management outcome for bicycle enthusiasts and therefore IMBA supports and advocates this type of language.

Ironwood Forest National Monument (2000) President Clinton

In the preamble for this proclamation there is no mention of the recreational trails that exist or the types of recreation that is enjoyed by Americans on this landscape prior to this designation. In fact, recreation is not mentioned in the entire proclamation. However, mountain biking along with other forms of recreation were authorized and enjoyed by locals and visitors at the time of the proclamation. The proclamation language, whether intentional or unintentional, had a devastating impact on the future of this area. The result of which is thwarting an important

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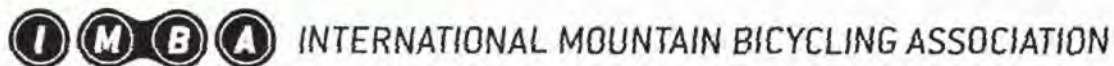
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component of outdoor recreation that supports high quality of life as well as a growing economic driver. The proclamation states:

“For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, the Secretary of the Interior shall prohibit all motorized and mechanized vehicle use off road, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes.” (emphasis added)

The result of this simple sentence is being played out today at the Ironwood Forest National Monument through the systematic closure of otherwise sustainable trails to mountain bikes because of the “off road” prohibition that included mechanized vehicles along side motorized vehicles. This scenario stings deep within the mountain biking community and prevents us from placing our full confidence behind this process. We seek to avoid this scenario in the future.

San Gabriel National Monument (2014) President Obama

While not perfect, we are encouraged by the recent language declared in the San Gabriel National Monument proclamation. It did not specifically recognize mountain biking when listing other recreational activities in the preamble, nor was it as specific to bikes as in the Fort Ord case, however, it did at least keep mechanized use out of the motorized transportation section as shown in the excerpt provided below.

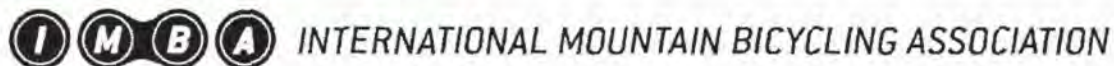
“For the purpose of protecting the objects identified above, except for emergency or authorized administrative purposes, the Secretary shall limit all motor vehicle use to designated roads, trails, and, in the Secretary's discretion, those authorized off-highway vehicular use areas existing as of the date of this proclamation.”

While we appreciate the omission of mechanized in the motorized transportation section, this language remains only satisfactory in our view, as it appears to leave the issue of bicycle access open to interpretation. The assurance we seek in new monument proclamations would come with affirmative language that is inclusive of bicycles as non-motorized travel and excludes the alliterative phrase “motorized and mechanized.” With this, mountain bicyclists are given the assurance that a presidential national monument will more quickly help protect the objects and qualities of a threatened landscape along with the existing and appropriate modes of travel and recreational experiences enjoyed by millions of Americans.

Diverse recreation, including mountain biking is a considerable and sustainable economic generator in the United States and investment in outdoor recreation resources and amenities is considered by some reports to be a recession proof investment. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, the outdoor recreation industry (which includes mountain biking) generates \$646 billion dollars annually, making it almost twice the size of pharmaceuticals at \$331 billion and motor vehicles at \$340 billion.

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A national monument presents an opportunity to craft land management that permanently protects the intrinsic values of deserving landscapes and the ways that people recreate there. Because of the effects demonstrated by the three scenarios above, we respectfully reiterate our request for significant consideration when addressing the current and future recreation that many of these spectacular landscapes are host to. We hold the language crafted in the Fort Ord proclamation as the gold standard available at this time and would request similar or more concrete language become the standard moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Van Abel,
Executive Director

cc:

David Jayo – Senior Advisor to the Secretary, DOI
Neil Kornze – Director of BLM, DOI
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October 6, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

The Honorable Thomas Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Jewell and Secretary Vilsack,

I am writing to request your or your designee's participation in a public meeting in the Palm Springs area to discuss the potential designation of the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountain national monuments. The meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday October 13 at 2p.m. at the Whitewater Preserve near Palm Springs.

As you know, I recently wrote to President Obama to urge him to consider using his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate these three new monuments. While I remain committed to doing all I can to enact the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act to establish the monuments, as well as other conservation and recreation areas, I believe it is important to pursue both legislative and administrative options to ensure their permanent protection.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to for the public to learn more about the proposed monuments, the administration's process for considering national monument proposals and the types of uses and activities permissible within national monuments established under the Antiquities Act. Most importantly, the meeting will allow members of the public to express their support, raise concerns or ask questions about the potential designation of these three particular monuments.

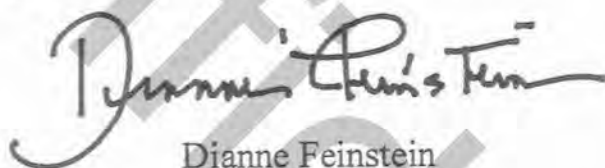
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In order to facilitate discussion of the proposed monuments at the meeting, I have attached maps depicting proposed boundaries for the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountain National Monuments. The boundaries for each monument largely parallel those included in the legislation I and the bill's many supporters have endeavored to enact since 2009. In addition to the legislatively proposed monument lands, the boundaries include adjacent public lands that merit consideration in order to protect resources consistent with the purposes of the Antiquities Act.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to working with you to protect California's majestic desert.

Sincerely,

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Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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October 27th, 2015

The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for providing representatives from the Department of Interior and the Department of Agriculture to participate in Senator Dianne Feinstein's October 13, 2015, public meeting to discuss the importance of permanently protecting areas of the California desert. The overwhelming expressions of appreciation for these unique desert lands reflect the high level of support for national monument designations. Recognizing this support, both locally, and across the nation, we are excited to see this proposal become reality. As such, we urge you to act expeditiously and use your authority under the Antiquities Act to designate the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains national monuments.

The vast Californian desert is a national treasure with spectacular landscapes, a multitude of historic and cultural sites, and home to many species of animals and plants—some of which are threatened or endangered, and many that are found nowhere else. Through her tireless multi-year effort to protect this spectacular region of California, Senator Feinstein has worked closely with a wide-range of local stakeholders to develop a sound and far-reaching proposal to protect these wild lands.

The Castle Mountains are located on the border of California and Nevada and rise to over 5,000 feet above sea level. This area contains some of the finest Joshua tree, Pinion pine, and Juniper forests in the entire California desert region, as well as a native desert grassland with many unique and rare plants. The area is also a critical wildlife linkage between the Piute Mountains and the New York Mountains, and is home to Desert bighorn sheep, Golden eagles, Mountain lions, and many other animals, both large and small, such as the Desert woodrat and numerous species of bats. Beneath the shadow of Hart Peak, lay rich cultural and historical resources, such as Native American archaeological sites and the renowned gold mining ghost town of Harts.

The Sand to Snow region encompasses areas of U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service lands in one of the most diverse landscapes in North America. The area rises from the Colorado Desert at 1,600 feet above sea level to southern California's tallest alpine peak, Mount San Geronio, at 11,503 feet. The area is home to starkly different habitats that converge in the region, including Mediterranean chaparral, subalpine conifer forests, and various scrub and woodland habitats of the Mojave and Colorado Deserts. These diverse habitats support a rich array of plant species, including California barrel cacti, Joshua trees, and Ocotillos, and animal species such as Black bears, Mountain lions, and Mule deer. This geographically and biologically diverse area also provides for a wide array of recreational uses, such as camping, geocaching, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, photography, skiing, and wildlife viewing.

The Mojave Trails area consists of the core of the Mojave Desert and its major landscape linkages, connecting 15 wilderness areas, Joshua Tree National Park, and Mojave National Preserve. One of North America's most iconic landscapes, the Mojave Desert is recognized for its biological diversity, where new species important to science are being discovered on a regular basis. The ecosystem remains largely intact and undeveloped, thus protecting many keystone species such as Joshua trees, Desert tortoises, and Desert bighorn sheep from increasing urbanization pressures of Los Angeles and Las Vegas. The area is also important to outdoor enthusiasts for a variety of recreational opportunities. Route 66—the famous world-class national scenic byway—traverses the region, which also contains historical and archaeological resources, and is characterized by numerous mountain ranges, valleys, basins, and other unique geological features.

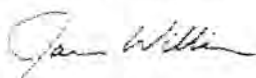
We are particularly grateful for the participation of Interior Deputy Secretary Michael Connor and Agriculture Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Robert Bonnie, as well as other members of your Administration, in this important public meeting to engage local communities and citizens in a dialogue on how best to protect the California desert. Protecting these areas as national monuments will not only preserve some of the last remaining desert landscapes in the U.S. and their rich biological diversity, historic, and cultural history, but also help local economies through increased visitation to the region.

We are certain that you will find the call for protecting these three magnificent wild areas compelling, and we strongly recommend their designation as national monuments.

Sincerely,



Gene Karpinski, President, League of Conservation Voters



Jamie Williams, President, The Wilderness Society



Michael Brune, Executive Director, Sierra Club



Mike Matz, Director, US Public Lands, The Pew Charitable Trusts



Theresa Pierno, President and CEO, National Parks Conservation Association



Brian O'Donnell, Executive Director, Conservation Lands Foundation



Sharon Buccino, Land and Wildlife Program Director, Natural Resources Defense Council

CC: The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of Interior
The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Michael L. Connor, Deputy Secretary of Interior
The Honorable Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management
The Honorable Thomas L. Tidwell, Chief, U.S. Forest Service
The Honorable Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director,
Council on Environmental Quality
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Raul Ruiz, U.S. House of Representatives
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August 3, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

I write to request your administration use its authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to designate three national monuments in the California desert: the Mojave Trails National Monument, the Sand to Snow National Monument and Castle Mountains National Monument.

My request is based on my enduring commitment to protect California's magnificent desert landscapes. Two decades ago, I was proud to author the California Desert Protection Act, which raised the protection level for nearly 9.6 million acres of public lands, established Death Valley National Park, Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave National Preserve, and designated over 7.6 million acres of public lands as wilderness. At the time this bill was signed into law by President Bill Clinton on October 31, 1994, it was the largest land conservation legislation enacted in the history of the continental United States.

As time went on, it became evident that substantial land within the desert remained at risk due to the checkerboard ownership of private lands granted to the railroads during westward expansion in the later 19th century. These lands, owned by the Catellus Corporation, spanned across the desert, covering hundreds of thousands of acres within and south of the Mojave Preserve. Thanks to generous support from private citizens and federal Land and Water Conservation dollars, approximately 600,000 acres of Catellus lands were acquired or donated to the federal government between 1999 and 2004 for the purpose of permanent conservation and the enjoyment of the American public. However, in the absence of specific statutory authority or executive action to preserve these lands in perpetuity, they face continued threats from solar and wind energy development.

Since 2009, I have introduced legislation three times to establish the Mojave Trails National Monument to protect these former railroad lands as well as create the Sand to Snow National Monument, designate wilderness areas and preserve existing off-road recreation areas. The legislation has received broad support from diverse stakeholders because it has always been premised on carefully balancing conservation, recreation, energy, military and other land use needs in the California desert. Additionally, both state and federal agencies involved in developing the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan have concurred with the conservation of proposed monument lands.

While I intend to continue to work with my colleagues in the Senate and House to advance this important bill and the national park additions, recreation area designations and other conservation provisions that cannot be implemented through the Antiquities Act, I request that the administration begin conducting the necessary due diligence to designate the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains as national monuments.

The Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains monument proposals are truly deserving of Antiquities Act protections. Though all three areas are within the California Desert Conservation Area, they are quite distinct from one another in terms of their topography, ecology and history, meriting their independent consideration.

- Mojave Trails - The proposed Mojave Trails monument would encompass sweeping desert landscapes in the East Mojave along historic Route 66. Monument designation would protect prized Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered public land such as Sleeping Beauty Valley and the Cady Mountains, as well as critical wildlife corridors between Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave National Preserve. The Mojave Trails area includes iconic desert vistas, majestic mountain ranges, prehistoric lava flow areas, extinct volcanoes and fossil beds. It is home to desert tortoise, bighorn sheep, fringe-toed lizards, a portion of California's largest cactus garden and rare plants, such as the crucifixion thorn that dates back to the ice age. The BLM currently manages much of this area to protect the desert environment through administratively-created Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and Desert Wildlife Management Areas protecting the habitat of the threatened desert tortoise and many other listed and sensitive species.

- Sand to Snow - As proposed in the legislation, the Sand to Snow National Monument would cover 135,000 acres of BLM and Forest Service land between Joshua Tree National Park and the San Bernardino Mountains, from the desert floor in the Coachella Valley to the top of Mount San Geronimo, the highest peak in Southern California. Located at the convergence of the Mojave and Sonoran deserts, this area would be among the most biologically national monuments in the country, and is one of the most important wildlife corridors in Southern California. The area is home to approximately 250 species of migrating and breeding birds, mule deer, desert bighorn sheep, mountain lions, black bears, raccoons, bobcats, coyotes, and numerous reptiles and amphibians. Approximately 24 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail are included within the proposed monument boundaries. Serrano Indians inhabited this area centuries, including in Big Morongo Canyon which was designated as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern by the BLM in 1982.
- Castle Mountains - Proposed as an addition to the Mojave National Preserve in the legislation, this area northeast of the current Preserve boundary was left out of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act due to an active gold mine which ceased operations in 2001. This landscape has unique geology, highly scenic vistas, and grasslands formed by volcanic and granitic mountains. The area is also home to the historic mining town of Hart, which in the early 1900's had up to 1,500 residents; relics from the township can still be found on these lands. This is an ecologically important area as well, with spectacular examples of Yucca, Joshua Tree Woodland and juniper forests, important habitat for desert tortoise, resident and migratory herds of desert bighorn sheep and endemic plants, such as a species of penstemon. Because these lands are not contiguous with either the proposed Mojave Trails or Sand to Snow monuments, I urge you to consider designating the Castle Mountains as its own national monument.

In addition to these areas, I request the administration consider designating adjacent public lands in order to protect resources consistent with the purposes of the Antiquities Act. These include the following areas:

- Black Lava Butte and Flat Top Mesa – This area northeast of the proposed Sand to Snow National Monument includes two volcanic rock formations unique in the geology of southern California. Approximately 1,700 petroglyphs and other important cultural sites within this area are threatened by potential development. There are several springs in the area, which

provide habitat for the endangered Least Bell's Vireo and Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, along with a host of other resident and migratory birds. These lands are proposed as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern in the legislation; however, I urge you to consider including them as part of the Sand to Snow National Monument.

- Cadiz Valley – The lands south of the proposed Mojave Trails National Monument provide important desert tortoise habitat and serve as a critical wildlife corridor between the Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave National Preserve. The area also contains unique Aeolian dune features, as well as lands used by General Patton's Armored Divisions during World War II for desert warfare training, making it both scientifically and historically significant. I urge you to consider including this area as part of the proposed Mojave Trails National Monument.
- Sacramento Mountains - Lands east of the legislative boundary for the proposed Mojave Trails National Monument are sacred to many Mojave and Lower Colorado River tribes. Sadly, vandalism has led to the destruction and even theft of petroglyphs in this area. Protection of these important cultural resources is precisely the purpose of the Antiquities Act. Such protection would also protect critical habitat for the desert tortoise as well as the Le Conte's thrasher, prairie falcon and pallid bat. I urge you to consider including this area as part of the proposed Mojave Trails National Monument.

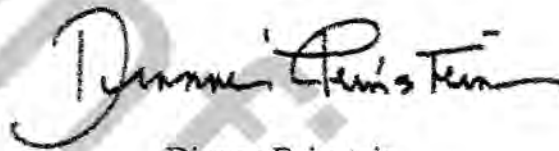
Designating these national monuments will not only ensure the protection of important natural and cultural resources, but provide significant economic benefits to the region. Tourism and recreation spending related to nearby national park lands provide enormous economic benefits to the region. For example, recently released data from the National Park Service found that last year, the 3.2 million visitors to Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave National Preserve spent \$191 million in communities near the parks. That spending supported 2,751 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of nearly \$214 million. Similarly, the Santa Rosa San Jacinto National Monument in Riverside County has contributed to the multi-billion dollar tourism economy in the Coachella Valley since bipartisan legislation established that monument in 2000.

As you consider this request, I encourage you to seek input from all the stakeholders that have worked diligently with me and my staff for years to craft

and continually improve the legislation. These include state and local officials, tribes, off-highway recreation advocates, local and national conservation organizations, California's public utilities, renewable energy companies, hunters, ranchers, mining interests, local businesses and community members. I would also urge you to seek broader public input and would welcome the opportunity to jointly host a public meeting with administration officials on the proposed monuments.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to working with you to protect California's majestic desert.

Sincerely,

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Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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From: Mr. Christopher Chaffin

Submitted: 6/15/2015 12:19 PM EDT

Email: chris@chaffinsf.com

Phone: (415) 518-6651

Address: (b) (6)

Subject: Environment

Message: I encourage President Obama to designate the Basin and Range National Monument as a national landmark to preserve artist Michael Heizer's monumental sculpture "City."



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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Washington, D.C. 20240
<http://www.blm.gov>



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Mr. Christopher Chaffin

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Dear Mr. Chaffin:

Thank you for your message dated June 15, 2015, to President Obama regarding the Basin and Range area in southeastern Nevada, which was designated as a National Monument on July 10.

This Administration has demonstrated a commitment to working with the public in making Federal land management decisions. We respect and value the importance of public input in considering protections for our natural, cultural, and historic treasures. We constantly strive to take into account the interests of a wide range of stakeholders as we protect America's public lands and provide for economic development in a manner that is consistent with law and sound public policy.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Kristin M. Bail, Assistant Director
Office of National Conservation Lands and
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October 9, 2015

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The Honorable Mike Connor
Deputy Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Washington, DC 20240

Re: Inholder within California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act's Sand to Snow Monument

Dear Deputy Secretary Connor,

I am writing to express my opposition of the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act as proposed by Senator Dianne Feinstein. As a key stakeholder affected by this legislation, we have had no input in the development of the legislation and have found numerous errors within the legislation that does not address important issues relating to inholdings within the proposed Sand to Snow Monument. The Senator's bill does not include any language protecting the current rights of way, access, and enjoyment of inholdings within the proposed monument. Furthermore, Senator Feinstein's maps are incomplete and are missing existing roads, some that have been in existence since the early 1930s, in an effort to restrict private landowner access to their legally owned property. It is not a balanced approach to conservation and should not be passed into law.

We presently own 9 sections of land within the proposed Sand to Snow Monument boundaries and 2 more sections adjacent to the proposed monument that we use for recreational enjoyment and conservation efforts. For over 25 years, we have willingly partnered with conservation agencies and have traded, sold and donated sections we owned to the Wildlands Conservancy and Federal Government to further protect these lands from development. We have also undertaken numerous conservation efforts on our properties and have installed water improvements at great personal expense that we continue to monitor for the benefit of the local wildlife. Furthermore, we are presently working with the California Fish and Game through the Private Land Management program (PLM) to enhance our properties to further benefit wildlife. We also have 2 important U.S. Geological Survey seismic monitoring sites located on our property. If the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act is passed as is, the Department of the Interior out in Washington DC will be the ones who decide which roads are legal and which are not and could eliminate our essential access to our land without any input from landowners. Thus, preventing our continued enjoyment of our property and conservation efforts. We need to continue to have existing access to our properties to continue our

good work and Senator Feinstein and her office has not allowed us to have any input about these important issues.

After hearing about Senator Feinstein's new proposed Sand to Snow Monument land designation, we reached out to Senator Feinstein's office to a Kevin Chang & James Peterson, to have some input as we saw ourselves as probably the largest private property land holder within the area and a key stakeholder effected by this legislation. We were able to talk with Mr. Chang once or twice on the phone to start the information exchange process and to voice our concerns but was rebuffed and ignored.

The Sand to Snow Monument maps proposed by Senator Feinstein are missing a very important item, the existing access roads to private lands are not shown or mentioned anywhere in her bill. These roads have been in existence far longer than any wilderness designations and some date back to the early 1930s when these lands were being homesteaded and mined. This was very concerning to us that our voices wouldn't even be heard. We too are concerned with protecting this very special area, but having no input from people so directly impacted by this legislation is unacceptable.

We turned to Congressman Paul Cook of California's 8th District to voice our concerns and found him and his office to be very concerned and understanding. Congressman Cook was also working on a desert protection bill, which was similar to our Senator's bill, but was also including local input from all local stakeholders including real local land owners and property tax payers and conservation groups. A true balanced approach. What a blessing not to be ignored and to be actually listened to. Congressman Cook's bill, HR 3668, has recently been introduced to Congress and has specific language protecting the current access and recreational enjoyment of inholdings while also protecting the land from further development.

This is not the first time that private landholders have been excluded in the development of land designation in this area. During Senator Feinstein's 1994 Desert Protection Act, maps of the proposed wilderness boundaries were changed after the public meetings were held and before being signed into law. Our property went from being adjacent to the wilderness area to having 20+ sections of land being included inside a new wilderness area with our access being restricted. This unbelievable huge blindside changed our plans for our properties by restricting any new access roads to them, hence devaluing them by hundreds of thousands of dollars. We are afraid that this is happening again and that private landowners will again be left out in the cold.

We respectfully request that you do not pass the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act because it does not protect private landowners and is not a balanced approach to conservation. Please instead consider Congressman Cook's bill, HR 3668, through the legislative process as the means to protect California's desert.

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Re: Inholder within California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act's Sand to Snow Monument

Dear Deputy Secretary Connor,

I am writing to express my opposition of the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act as proposed by Senator Dianne Feinstein. As a key stakeholder affected by this legislation, we have had no input in the development of the legislation and have found numerous errors within the legislation that does not address important issues relating to inholdings within the proposed Sand to Snow Monument. The Senator's bill does not include any language protecting the current rights of way, access, and enjoyment of inholdings within the proposed monument. Furthermore, Senator Feinstein's maps are incomplete and are missing existing roads, some that have been in existence since the early 1930s, in an effort to restrict private landowner access to their legally owned property. It is not a balanced approach to conservation and should not be passed into law.

We presently own 9 sections of land within the proposed Sand to Snow Monument boundaries and 2 more sections adjacent to the proposed monument that we use for recreational enjoyment and conservation efforts. For over 25 years, we have willingly partnered with conservation agencies and have traded, sold and donated sections we owned to the Wildlands Conservancy and Federal Government to further protect these lands from development. We have also undertaken numerous conservation efforts on our properties and have installed water improvements at great personal expense that we continue to monitor for the benefit of the local wildlife. Furthermore, we are presently working with the California Fish and Game through the Private Land Management program (PLM) to enhance our properties to further benefit wildlife. We also have 2 important U.S. Geological Survey seismic monitoring sites located on our property. If the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act is passed as is, the Department of the Interior out in Washington DC will be the ones who decide which roads are legal and which are not and could eliminate our essential access to our land without any input from landowners. Thus, preventing our continued enjoyment of our property and conservation efforts. We need to continue to have existing access to our properties to continue our

good work and Senator Feinstein and her office has not allowed us to have any input about these important issues.

After hearing about Senator Feinstein's new proposed Sand to Snow Monument land designation, we reached out to Senator Feinstein's office to a Kevin Chang & James Peterson, to have some input as we saw ourselves as probably the largest private property land holder within the area and a key stakeholder effected by this legislation. We were able to talk with Mr. Chang once or twice on the phone to start the information exchange process and to voice our concerns but was rebuffed and ignored.

The Sand to Snow Monument maps proposed by Senator Feinstein are missing a very important item, the existing access roads to private lands are not shown or mentioned anywhere in her bill. These roads have been in existence far longer than any wilderness designations and some date back to the early 1930s when these lands were being homesteaded and mined. This was very concerning to us that our voices wouldn't even be heard. We too are concerned with protecting this very special area, but having no input from people so directly impacted by this legislation is unacceptable.

We turned to Congressman Paul Cook of California's 8th District to voice our concerns and found him and his office to be very concerned and understanding. Congressman Cook was also working on a desert protection bill, which was similar to our Senator's bill, but was also including local input from all local stakeholders including real local land owners and property tax payers and conservation groups. A true balanced approach. What a blessing not to be ignored and to be actually listened to. Congressman Cook's bill, HR 3668, has recently been introduced to Congress and has specific language protecting the current access and recreational enjoyment of inholdings while also protecting the land from further development.

This is not the first time that private landholders have been excluded in the development of land designation in this area. During Senator Feinstein's 1994 Desert Protection Act, maps of the proposed wilderness boundaries were changed after the public meetings were held and before being signed into law. Our property went from being adjacent to the wilderness area to having 20+ sections of land being included inside a new wilderness area with our access being restricted. This unbelievable huge blindside changed our plans for our properties by restricting any new access roads to them, hence devaluing them by hundreds of thousands of dollars. We are afraid that this is happening again and that private landowners will again be left out in the cold.

We respectfully request that you do not pass the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act because it does not protect private landowners and is not a balanced approach to conservation. Please instead consider Congressman Cook's bill, HR 3668, through the legislative process as the means to protect California's desert.

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The California desert is some of the most pristine and unique land in the country. From painted mountains to archaeological treasures, world-famous wildflowers to herds of bighorn sheep, Americans have long been drawn to its stark beauty. That is why I support the designation of the Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains national monuments and urge you to act now to permanently protect these special areas in the California desert—one of the richest and most intact landscapes in North America.

Each of the proposed national monuments contain exceptional characteristics that deserve to be protected. Mojave Trail—is the connective tissue linking Mojave National Preserve to Joshua Tree National Park and existing Wilderness Areas, providing vital habitat for sensitive wildlife, and unspoiled desert vistas. It contains irreplaceable archeological and cultural sites including

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Establishment of these national monuments will enhance recreation and tourism in the region,

bringing economic benefits and jobs to surrounding communities. They will benefit public health by enhancing opportunities for outdoor access and recreation. They will preserve the

vibrant but fragile desert ecosystem. They will provide peace and respite for our honored veterans, who have sacrificed so much for this land that we love. They will protect our culture and history from Native Americans to Homesteaders, General Patton's World War II training sites to western migration along Route 66, America's storied Mother Road .

. We have an unprecedented opportunity to protect some of the most spectacular and diverse stretches of intact desert in California, and we must not wait. The local community has worked for nearly a decade to preserve these iconic landscapes. It is time for this region to gain the protection it deserves. I urge you to designate the Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains national monuments.

Sincerely,

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CC: Senator Dianne Feinstein

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February 19, 2016

Secretary Sallie Jewell
U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
1849 C Street NW, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell,

I write to address a matter of critical importance to the National Urban League. The matter relates to the compiling of the foundational document for the Pullman National Monument (PNM). Specifically, I want to bring to your attention the current efforts of your consultants who are charged with compiling the text for that document. It is imperative the National Park Service not rewrite the history of African Americans' contributions to the American railroad history.

Based on feedback from stakeholders who have reviewed the drafting by the consultants for the PNM, it appears that the significant contributions of A. Philip Randolph and members of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters are possibly being diminished or omitted from the text. Below is an excerpt from the Park Service consultant's response to the National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum's (NAPRPPM) objections to the omission of the A. Philip Randolph story from the narrative:

"It [the Pullman Porters story] **is not the prime story of the new national monument... it's not in the center of the Pullman story, it's on the edge.** (Emphasis added.) The Porters get you a front-row seat at this party, and allow you to tell the Randolph story to a broader audience. But that doesn't elevate Randolph to the purpose statement. Now that's just one agency perspective, but I believe it will be shared by our leaders; I'm telling you now so that there are no surprises moving forward." <tokey_boswell@nps.gov.

This response clearly shows a missed opportunity to highlight Randolph's contributions to the Pullman story.

What is even more troubling is the fact that the NAPRPPM, the only museum in this nation focused on the very subject matter, was overlooked on the





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consultation opportunity for the project. The National Urban League is deeply concerned about these issues. As you know, when chronicling history it is important to "get it right," otherwise an incorrect history will remain in place forever.

Therefore, I respectfully request a meeting by phone to discuss these issues as soon as reasonably possible. Please contact my assistant Tina Pizzimenti at tpizzimenti@nul.org for scheduling purposes.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Marc H. Morial
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February 16, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
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Dear Secretary Jewell:

On behalf of The Pew Charitable Trusts, I write to express our sincere gratitude for your dedicated work to secure the much-needed and widely supported designation of three new national monuments in the California desert—Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains. We deeply appreciate your demonstrated commitment to protecting special public lands throughout our nation, and particularly so here.

These three California desert national monuments are of particular interest to Pew. We have a history of helping local people realize their goals for protection of these unique landscapes and we have worked closely with a broad and diverse coalition of stakeholders for nearly a decade to provide special protection for these special places. In addition to permanently protecting the ecological, cultural, and historic values of these desert wild lands, these national monuments will be a boon to businesses and will ensure that these wild lands will remain just as they are for future generations to enjoy.

We wish to heartily thank you for your vision and leadership in protecting our nation's wild places, for increasing recreational opportunities, and for bolstering local economies. We look forward to continuing to work closely with you to protect more of our nation's cherished landscapes.

Sincerely,

Mike Matz, Director
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February 12, 2016
The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
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Dear Secretary Jewell:

On behalf of KEEN's 300 employees in the United States, we write to sincerely thank you, Nikki Buffa, Tommy Beaudreau, and the rest of your team for your steadfast leadership on the protection of three important national monuments in California's desert: Mojave Trails, Castle Mountain, and Sand to Snow. Today we celebrate this historic action to protect public lands for future generations of Californians, and for all Americans.

As you know, on July 28, 2015 KEEN - a family owned, outdoor industry business - launched *Live Monumental*, a rallying cry to protect some of our nation's most deserving places. Places that define America's Legacy. We set out in a bright yellow, 1976 GMC RV to inspire Americans to advocate for five special places whose boundless antiquities - historical, cultural, and ecological - are so magnificent they deserve permanent protection. Places like the Oregon's Owyhee Canyonlands; Nevada's Gold Butte; West Virginia's Birthplace of Rivers; Boulder White-Clouds of Idaho, our country's newest Wilderness; and of course, California's Mojave Trails. The national support we encountered for permanent protection of these places was truly overwhelming, especially in the Golden State of California.

In the heat of Mid-August we drove our yellow RV along the longest, most pristine section of historic Route 66 - now permanently protected because of your leadership. We hiked up the youngest volcano in North America - Amboy Crater - to gain a magnificent view of the vast desert landscape sitting below it and explored the earth's past while walking deep within it. Thanks to the protection of Mojave trails, Mojave National Preserve is permanently connected to Joshua Tree National Park, bridging an essential ecological gap and ensuring future generations feel the power of an intact desert ecosystem.

Throughout the last 12 months we've had many opportunities to converse and sit on panels with you and your team. In each interaction, we left feeling proud and inspired by your work and your dedication to preserving America's special places. For this, we thank you. Our protected public lands help define America's legacy and now future generations will have the opportunity to experience our California desert landscapes in their intact and pristine entirety. Thank you, Secretary Jewell, for taking the long-view.

Sincerely,

The KEEN Effect Team: Kirk Richardson, Kirsten Blackburn, Chris Enlow, and Linda Balfour

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October 19, 2015

The President The White House 1 600 Pennsylvania A venue Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The California desert is some of the most pristine and unique land in the country. From painted mountains to archaeological treasures, world-famous wildflowers to herds of bighorn sheep, Americans have long been drawn to its stark beauty. That is why I support the designation of the Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains national monuments through the Antiquities Act and urge you to act now to permanently protect these special areas in the California desert-one of the richest and most intact landscapes in North America.

We comprise Audubon chapters in Southern California who share a collective mission to protect wildlife and natural habitats, as well as share the importance and an enjoyment of our natural resources with diverse citizens who live in this region. Our chapters believe that protecting the California desert is key in maintaining vital habitats and wildlife linkages-between the coast, mountains and desert areas of southern California.

Each of the proposed national monuments contain exceptional characteristics that deserve to be protected. Mojave Trails is the connective tissue linking Mojave National Preserve to Joshua Tree National Park and existing Wilderness Areas, providing vital habitat for sensitive wildlife, and unspoiled desert vistas. It contains irreplaceable archeological and cultural sites including sacred Native American trails and trade routes. It includes the longest undeveloped stretch of historic Route 66, the scenic lava flows of Amboy Crater, the trilobite fossil beds of the Marble Mountains, the perennial river in Afton Canyon, and many unique geologic formations. Sand to Snow protects some of the most diverse habitat in the country, linking the San Gorgonio Wilderness to Joshua Tree National Park and the San Bernardino National Forest. Rising dramatically from the Sonoran Desert floor to Southern California's tallest alpine peak, this monument is one of the most critical wildlife corridors in Southern California. The inclusions of Black Lava Butte and Flat Top Mesa protect stunning cultural sites and rare species. Sand to Snow is home to the most botanically diverse mountains in the contiguous U.S., a 23-mile stretch of the famed Pacific Crest Trail, and the majestic Whitewater River-a beloved feature for local and national communities.

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September 30, 2015
President Barak Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The deserts of California represent some of the most unique and pristine landscapes in the country. I am writing to support the designation of Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains as national monuments. While each of these proposed national monuments possess characteristics that deserve protection, Sand to Snow is an especially treasured asset for the City of Desert Hot Springs which has immediate trailhead access.

Located at the convergence of the Mojave and Sonoran deserts, Sand to Snow rises from the desert floor to southern California's highest alpine peak, Mt. San Geronio. It links the Sand Geronio Wilderness to Joshua Tree National Monument and the San Bernardino National Forest. It encompasses an area of tremendous biological diversity and protects two wildlife corridors that help plants and wildlife adapt to climate change. It is home to the most botanically diverse mountains in the contiguous United States, a twenty three mile stretch of the Pacific Crest Trail, and the Whitewater River, a beloved feature for local and national communities. Recreational opportunities include hiking, horseback riding, backpacking, fishing, bird watching, and at higher elevations, snowshoeing and cross country skiing. Establishment of these national monuments will enhance recreation and tourism in the region and will benefit public health by providing opportunities for outdoor access and recreation. In particular, Sand and Snow will benefit the economy of Desert Hot Springs which offers an existing tourism infrastructure based on its natural hot springs.

The local community has worked for nearly a decade to preserve these iconic landscapes. It is time for this region to gain the protection it deserves. I urge you to designate the Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains as national monuments.

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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 29, 2016

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Madam Secretary:

On February 12, 2016, the White House designated 1.8 million acres of land in California for conservation under the Antiquities Act of 1906.¹ The designation, which created three new national monuments in the California desert, nearly doubled the total amount of land set aside as national monuments by the President during his time in office.² In fact, the President has used the Antiquities Act to unilaterally designate approximately 265 million acres of land and water as national monuments—far more than any previous President.³

The broad and frequent application of the Antiquities Act raises questions about the lack of transparency and consultation with local stakeholders leading up to the President's designation of national monuments. To help the Committees understand how and why certain areas are designated for conservation, please provide the following documents:

1. All documents and communications referring or relating to the selection or designation of national monuments under the Antiquities Act of 1906 by the President from January 1, 2015, to the present.

Please provide the requested information as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2016. When producing documents to the Committees, please deliver production sets to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and Minority staff in Room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building; the Committee on Natural Resources Majority staff in Room 1324 of the Longworth House Office Building and Minority staff in Room 1329 of the Longworth House Office Building; and to the Committee on Appropriations Majority staff in H-305 of the Capitol Building and Minority staff in 1016 Longworth House Office Building. The Committees strongly prefer to receive all documents in electronic format.

¹ White House Fact Sheet: President Obama to Designate New National Monuments in the California Desert (Feb. 12, 2016), available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2016/02/12/fact-sheet-president-obama-designate-new-national-monuments-california>.

² Jenny Rowland, *Obama Designates Three New National Monuments In The California Desert*, CLIMATE PROGRESS, Feb. 12, 2016.

³ Timothy Cama, *Obama sets aside 1.8M California desert acres as monument*, THE HILL, Feb. 12, 2016.

The Honorable Sally Jewell

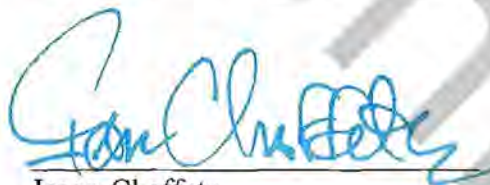
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The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. The Committee on Natural Resources has broad jurisdiction with regard to the Department of the Interior and regarding relations of the United States with Native Americans and Native American tribes, public lands generally, fisheries and wildlife, mining interests generally and irrigation and reclamation as well. The Committee on Appropriation's jurisdiction includes the organization and operation of executive departments and agencies.

Please contact William McGrath of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform staff at (202) 225-5074, or Spencer Kimball of the Committee on Natural Resources staff at (202) 226-7736, or Dave LesStrang of the Committee on Appropriations at (202) 225-2771 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Jason Chaffetz
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform



Rob Bishop
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources



Harold Rogers
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

The Honorable Raul M. Grijalva, Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources

The Honorable Nita M. Lowey, Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Responding to Committee Document Requests

1. In complying with this request, you are required to produce all responsive documents that are in your possession, custody, or control, whether held by you or your past or present agents, employees, and representatives acting on your behalf. You should also produce documents that you have a legal right to obtain, that you have a right to copy or to which you have access, as well as documents that you have placed in the temporary possession, custody, or control of any third party. Requested records, documents, data or information should not be destroyed, modified, removed, transferred or otherwise made inaccessible to the Committee.
2. In the event that any entity, organization or individual denoted in this request has been, or is also known by any other name than that herein denoted, the request shall be read also to include that alternative identification.
3. The Committee's preference is to receive documents in electronic form (i.e., CD, memory stick, or thumb drive) in lieu of paper productions.
4. Documents produced in electronic format should also be organized, identified, and indexed electronically.
5. Electronic document productions should be prepared according to the following standards:
 - (a) The production should consist of single page Tagged Image File ("TIF"), files accompanied by a Concordance-format load file, an Opticon reference file, and a file defining the fields and character lengths of the load file.
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7. Documents produced in response to this request shall be produced together with copies of file labels, dividers or identifying markers with which they were associated when the request was served.
8. When you produce documents, you should identify the paragraph in the Committee's schedule to which the documents respond.
9. It shall not be a basis for refusal to produce documents that any other person or entity also possesses non-identical or identical copies of the same documents.
10. If any of the requested information is only reasonably available in machine-readable form (such as on a computer server, hard drive, or computer backup tape), you should consult with the Committee staff to determine the appropriate format in which to produce the information.
11. If compliance with the request cannot be made in full by the specified return date, compliance shall be made to the extent possible by that date. An explanation of why full compliance is not possible shall be provided along with any partial production.
12. In the event that a document is withheld on the basis of privilege, provide a privilege log containing the following information concerning any such document: (a) the privilege asserted; (b) the type of document; (c) the general subject matter; (d) the date, author and addressee; and (e) the relationship of the author and addressee to each other.
13. If any document responsive to this request was, but no longer is, in your possession, custody, or control, identify the document (stating its date, author, subject and recipients) and explain the circumstances under which the document ceased to be in your possession, custody, or control.
14. If a date or other descriptive detail set forth in this request referring to a document is inaccurate, but the actual date or other descriptive detail is known to you or is otherwise apparent from the context of the request, you are required to produce all documents which would be responsive as if the date or other descriptive detail were correct.
15. Unless otherwise specified, the time period covered by this request is from January 1, 2009 to the present.
16. This request is continuing in nature and applies to any newly-discovered information. Any record, document, compilation of data or information, not produced because it has not been located or discovered by the return date, shall be produced immediately upon subsequent location or discovery.
17. All documents shall be Bates-stamped sequentially and produced sequentially.
18. Two sets of documents shall be delivered, one set to the Majority Staff and one set to the Minority Staff. When documents are produced to the Committee, production sets shall be delivered to the Majority Staff in Room 2157 of the Rayburn House Office Building and the Minority Staff in Room 2471 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

19. Upon completion of the document production, you should submit a written certification, signed by you or your counsel, stating that: (1) a diligent search has been completed of all documents in your possession, custody, or control which reasonably could contain responsive documents; and (2) all documents located during the search that are responsive have been produced to the Committee.

Definitions

1. The term “document” means any written, recorded, or graphic matter of any nature whatsoever, regardless of how recorded, and whether original or copy, including, but not limited to, the following: memoranda, reports, expense reports, books, manuals, instructions, financial reports, working papers, records, notes, letters, notices, confirmations, telegrams, receipts, appraisals, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, prospectuses, inter-office and intra-office communications, electronic mail (e-mail), contracts, cables, notations of any type of conversation, telephone call, meeting or other communication, bulletins, printed matter, computer printouts, teletypes, invoices, transcripts, diaries, analyses, returns, summaries, minutes, bills, accounts, estimates, projections, comparisons, messages, correspondence, press releases, circulars, financial statements, reviews, opinions, offers, studies and investigations, questionnaires and surveys, and work sheets (and all drafts, preliminary versions, alterations, modifications, revisions, changes, and amendments of any of the foregoing, as well as any attachments or appendices thereto), and graphic or oral records or representations of any kind (including without limitation, photographs, charts, graphs, microfiche, microfilm, videotape, recordings and motion pictures), and electronic, mechanical, and electric records or representations of any kind (including, without limitation, tapes, cassettes, disks, and recordings) and other written, printed, typed, or other graphic or recorded matter of any kind or nature, however produced or reproduced, and whether preserved in writing, film, tape, disk, videotape or otherwise. A document bearing any notation not a part of the original text is to be considered a separate document. A draft or non-identical copy is a separate document within the meaning of this term.
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3. The terms “and” and “or” shall be construed broadly and either conjunctively or disjunctively to bring within the scope of this request any information which might otherwise be construed to be outside its scope. The singular includes plural number, and vice versa. The masculine includes the feminine and neuter genders.
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September 25, 2015

President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

RE: Artists and Cultural Leaders for the California Desert

Dear President Obama,

For the past ten years, arts professionals and cultural leaders have been working tirelessly to unite people across disciplines and cultural groups to solve environmental challenges in the desert Southwest. We are an expansive group of visual and performing artists, designers, art administrators, museum directors, historians and curators that care deeply for the unique American west, especially the iconic California Desert. We are united in our commitment to protect the California Desert, the largest remaining intact ecosystem in the lower 48 states, and fully support the designation of the Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains National Monuments. We urge you to act now to permanently protect these special areas under the Antiquities Act.

The California Desert is some of the most pristine and unique land in the country. From painted mountains, sweeping vistas and other-worldly rock formations to world-famous wildlife, wildflowers and hiking trails, people have long been drawn to its vast beauty. As artists, inventors and creative visionaries, this part of the Desert Southwest feeds our imaginations and ensures our ability to create new bodies of work and new forms of culture while celebrating the historically significant traditions embedded in these lands. Opportunities for outdoor access and recreation in these areas further enhance our health and wellbeing and bring economic benefits and jobs to surrounding communities. Collectively, we depend upon the health of this starkly beautiful landscape for our economic vitality as well as for our human spirit.

Designating the three California Desert monuments will further reinforce the globally revered legacy of American land stewardship and conservation, a legacy that is deeply rooted in the arts. The artists and scientists who sent paintings, drawings, photographs, maps and dispatches from the wilds of the west during the 1800s made westward expansion visible to the public and catalyzed one of the greatest environmental campaigns in our history: the establishment of the National Parks System and the Antiquities Act. Like the painters, photographers, naturalists and storytellers before us who accompanied early explorers and surveyors of the great unknown west, we continue to make the experiences of this wild landscape visible to the public through our work today. We are committed to the ongoing awareness and preservation of this frontier of discovery that has yet to be fully experienced, studied or revealed in its natural state.

Not only that, as artists living and working in the western deserts under the pressures of a

warming climate, we recognize firsthand that our global future depends on the science that comes from studying these last ~nd largest remaining intact ecosystems. The increasing knowledge that the California Desert plays an essential role in carbon sequestration (Evans, et al. 2014) further fuels our commitment to its protection. Without the ability to study complete, Page 1 of 2

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Dear Mr. President:

We write as historians, archaeologists, ethnographers, other scientists, experts, and leaders who have studied and value the California desert region. We urge you to use your authority under the Antiquities Act of 1906 to designate three new national monuments in the Mojave and Colorado deserts of Southern California: Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains National Monuments.

In establishing these monuments, you will ensure the preservation of endangered desert and mountain landscapes filled with rare national treasures, archeological artifacts, and cultural features. This letter provides an overview of some of these resources that are an important part of our national heritage.

The benefit to designating these national monuments is clear -it will set aside desert and mountain landscapes to help prevent unauthorized theft and damage of those national cultural treasures. These elements belong to all Americans, not simply to those who seek to exploit natural resources, or to pot hunters eager to collect objects, steal funeral objects from burials, human remains, and associated archaeological artifacts placed in personal collections and sold illegally for profit. Significantly, the clues left in these proposed national monuments may provide insights that will help us cope with the current climate crisis, as Native Americans in the region successfully met the challenge of gradual warming and aridity of the desert. Additionally, designating these national monuments will help further our understanding of the region's history and culture through future research, education, and interpretation.

Long before representatives from Spain, Mexico, or the United States traveled the desert trails, Native Americans traveled on foot across the deserts, traveling to and from their homes, hunting areas, and gathering sites. Along the desert trails, Native American individuals and families often stopped to pray for a successful journey, leaving offerings of stones, sticks, feathers, and foods at cairns. In this way, they asked for protection as they

ventured across the desert, often singing "map songs" to help them navigate the arid desert environments. Along the way, the people built geoglyphs and ground figures, often called intaglios and rock alignments. Some intaglios and rock formations commemorated events in tribal history. Contemporary tribal elders say intaglios were (and are) tied to song, story, and personal advancement toward sacred sites.

Early travelers passed by rock art, including pictographs and petroglyphs that served as road signs suggesting maps, animals, plants, sun, moon, stars, songs, stories, geometric figures, and spiritual entities. Generations of desert dwellers and travelers also created cleared circles, rock-lined circles, and indentations in the ground once used as pit houses. Travelers visited village sites where they found fire hearths and rock shelters. Nearby villages and camps, they encountered bedrock mortars, grinding slicks, grinding stones,

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pestles, stone hammers, chisels, prys, spear-arrowheads, and utensils made of stone, bone, wood, and clay. These artifacts exist today within the area of the proposed monuments, and these fragile items are in jeopardy of destruction and theft and would thus benefit from the additional protection that national monument status would afford.

We use these trails today and have labeled them Route 66 and Interstates 10, 40, and 15, as well as the smaller roads we travel today in southeastern California. At one time, only Native Americans used trails that took them in all directions across the desert and mountain landscapes. The Old Spanish Trail, Mojave River Trail, Salt Song Trail, and many others crisscross the Mojave and Colorado deserts. During the 1850s, the Corps of Engineers opened new routes in the California Desert based on old Indian trails, including Lieutenant Edward Beale who in 1858 led the U.S. Camel Corps across the Mojave Desert from the Colorado River to Fort Tejon, California.

Contemporary Native Americans enjoy rich creation narratives in song and stories.

American Indians know these accounts through tribal oral traditions and practical experiences, traveling ancient trails and visiting cultural sites. Tribal scholars and elders can point to particular desert mountains and identify particular spirits that live there. The Mojave and Colorado deserts contain specific sites where spirits live. They also recognize sites where young people sought their visions and female elders performed puberty rites for young women that they placed in warming pits for coming of age ceremonies and pre and post-natal care. Contemporary tribal scholars know the sites of former villages, human burials, and cremations. Former generations placed funeral items with the dead, including beads, shells, stone objects, often worked by humans.

The Mojave and Colorado deserts, and specifically sites in the proposed monuments, also contain features and objects related to the spiritual life of Native Americans. These sites have great value to contemporary Native Americans and scholars interested in learning more about the first peoples of the California deserts. The deserts contain the sites of ceremonial houses that served the people like modern churches and decision-making areas. People built structures they considered to be alive with spirit. They also used astrological sites to study the universe and schedule yearly events. Dance Circles exist in the proposed monument areas, sites where people tamped down the earth in circles to sing, dance, and pray. Native Americans left crystals, stone figurines, pottery images, medicine bundles, and smoking pipes that they used in ceremony. Medicine men and women, often called shaman, used sucking tubes as part of their medicine ways to heal afflicted individuals. The deserts contain these medicine items and "dream trails" that people followed physically and spiritually to learn about their purpose on earth. Contemporary Native Americans say that these dream trails provide an avenue the people used to connect with the creative forces that brought the world into being and made the first life on earth. Today, indigenous people visit these areas to gain knowledge or seek power to help others in need of healing.

Additionally, the areas encompassed in the proposed monuments contain many objects associated with the gathering and preparation of food that should be protected through the

Antiquities Act. These objects provide great insight into early life in the California deserts. Native Americans left hunting and butchering tools, bone, flakes, scraping knives, agave roasting pits, garden spots, and food processing areas. Indigenous people often placed their villages and camps near springs, streams, and tinajas (natural water tanks). Evidence shows that Native Americans improved access to natural springs, created small dams, and constructed other water features.

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Over time, clans owned and used specific desert areas. These areas produced mesquite, chia, ironwood seeds, yucca, agave, cacti, and other edible and medicinal plants; Clans also owned specific hunting areas where they took bighorn sheep, deer, rabbits, game birds, fish, and freshwater mussels (depositing mussel-shell middens on the shores of ancient Lake Cahuilla. Nearby this lake, indigenous people created hundreds of fish traps, still visible on the desert floor.

Native Americans stored their foods in baskets. In certain areas, which have meaning to contemporary American Indian people since their ancestors used these areas and walked trails to conduct their seasonal rounds and trading ventures. At former village and camping sites, people left arrow shafts, atlatl darts, bows, arrows, processing tools, jewelry, dolls, cradleboards, leadership staffs, lances, baskets and other items made of fiber.

Many objects and features exist that scholars still do not understand. Archaeologists, ethnographers, historians, scientists, and others interested in the rich treasures of the Mojave and Colorado deserts need time to legally collect and analyze objects and examine features that will bring us new knowledge. The proposed monument areas contain many earth surfaces undisturbed by development and contain rich deposits of artifacts and features important for our understanding of the past. Unfortunately, the areas found within

the proposed monuments contain objects that have not been covered over by the alluvium and thus are vulnerable to destruction and theft. Physical evidence of the human record is fragile and visible to pot hunters, eager to exploit national treasures on public lands; Archaeological artifacts found in the proposed areas hold secrets to generations of Native Americans who coped successfully with climate change, the gradual warming and aridity of the desert. Knowledge gained by preserving and studying features and objects may help humanity and our citizenry cope with our present environmental warming trend.

Mr. President, you have thoughtfully and carefully used the Antiquities Act of 1906 over the last four years to designate national monuments to protect and perpetuate our diverse national heritage. We hope that, through the same careful consideration, you will also, act to protect and preserve numerous significant cultural features and archaeological artifacts in the Mojave and Colorado deserts. We fully support you acting to establish the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains National Monuments for the benefit of all citizens of the United States and the world.

(Affiliations of the undersigned are listed for identification purposes and do not imply institutional endorsement.)

Sincerely,

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## President Obama Designates Browns Canyon National Monument

We applaud President Obama for using his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate Browns Canyon National Monument. This proclamation preserves 22,000 acres of Forest Service and BLM land

in Colorado, and provides outstanding opportunities for fishing, whitewater boating, hiking and many other outdoor activities. It is one of the most popular whitewater destinations in the country; attracting roughly 150,000 visitors annually who contribute \$60 million to the local economy. The area provides critical habitat for bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer and mountain lions.

The Conservation Alliance funded two organizations working to protect this special place: [Conservation Colorado](#) and [Conservation Lands Foundation](#). We are proud to share this conservation victory with all of our members and grantees.

Read more about Browns Canyon on our [blog](#).

Celebrate this exciting news and show your support by **[sharing the announcement](#)**.

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## February eNewsletter: Browns Canyon, Muir Valley and Pickin' on the Middle Fork

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**22,000 Acres Protected!**  
**Browns Canyon National Monument**





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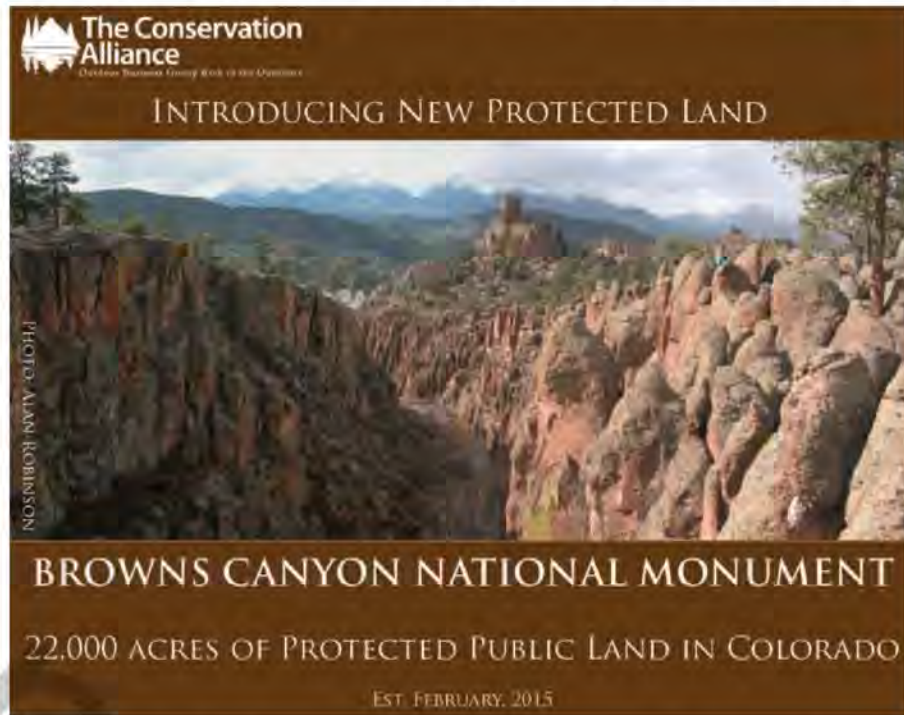
Nothing is more important to us than sharing good news when our grantees succeed. Each year, we keep track of grantee accomplishments, measured in acres and river miles protected, climbing areas acquires, dams halted or removed, marine reserves designated. Each of our members pays annual dues into a central fund, and we give 100 percent of those contributions away. It is important to us -- and to our members -- that we deliver a clear return on that investment. Already in 2015, we have two successes to share. Last week, President Obama designated Browns Canyon National Monument, permanently protecting 22,000 acres of federal land in Colorado. This designation preserves one of the most popular whitewater paddling destinations in the US. The Conservation Alliance first put funding into this effort back in 2006 when the area was proposed for protection by Congress. More recently, we supported organizations working on the National Monument designation. We are thrilled with this new success!

We also learned from the Access Fund that their effort to acquire the 300-acre Muir Valley climbing area in Kentucky has crossed the finish line.

As the year progresses, we look forward to sharing more success stories with you all. Until then, please enjoy this great news, and celebrate that our members played a role in protecting these special places.

John Sterling  
Executive Director

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On February 19, President Obama used his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate Browns Canyon National Monument near Salida, CO. This proclamation preserves 22,000 acres of Forest Service and BLM land in Colorado and provides outstanding opportunities for fishing, whitewater boating, hiking and many other outdoor activities. It is one of the most popular whitewater destinations in the country; attracting roughly 150,000 visitors annually who contribute \$60 million to the local economy. The area provides critical habitat for bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer and mountain lions.

The Conservation Alliance funded two organizations working to protect Browns Canyon: [Conservation Colorado](#) and [Conservation Lands Foundation](#). We funded Conservation Colorado in 2006 for their effort to designate Browns Canyon as wilderness. After working for more than fifteen years to secure protection of Browns Canyon via legislation, the strategy shifted to a national monument campaign. Conservation Lands Foundation worked with the Obama Administration to bring this national monument campaign across the finish line. [Read more on our blog.](#)

### Climbing Area Protected! Muir Valley Acquisition Secured





Photo: Jennifer Morgan

[Access Fund](#) secured funding to acquire Muir Valley, a world-class climbing destination in the Red River Gorge of Kentucky. The Conservation Alliance awarded them with a grant in 2014, contributing to the total fundraising goal of \$200,000.

40,000 people visit this 300-acre forested valley every year, so it is no surprise that individual donations account for 85% of the total money raised.

Ownership of Muir Valley will be transferred to Friends of Muir Valley in March 2015 to ensure the long-term stewardship of this popular crag.

### **Idaho River Adventures Launch Unique Fundraising Campaign for the Alliance Pickin' on the Middle Fork**



Conservation Alliance member company, [Idaho River Adventures](#), is partnering with American Roots Music artists [Fruition](#), [Hot Buttered Rum](#)



and [Cabinet](#) to offer three all-inclusive rafting trips aimed at raising awareness for wildemess conservation. All proceeds from these trips will benefit The Conservation Alliance.

Pickin' on the Middle Fork is the opportunity to experience this special place like few others have: with a live acoustic soundtrack, professional guides, good company and all for a great cause. [Learn more and reserve your seat today!](#)

**Winter 2015 Grant Update  
Ballot Deadline Friday, March 6th**



26 conservation projects from all corners of North America are included in the Winter 2015 Ballot. Each member company votes for the ten projects they'd like us to fund in this grant cycle. We will disburse \$800,000 to the projects with the most votes from our members. These conservation projects are all deserving of funding, and we wish them all luck in the process.

If you are a member and have questions about the voting process, please email Josie at [josie@conservationalliance.com](mailto:josie@conservationalliance.com).

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### Mountain Equipment Co-op Hosts Conservation Alliance Board in Vancouver, BC



Earlier this month, The Conservation Alliance Board of Directors and staff met in Vancouver, B.C for our annual planning retreat. Conservation Alliance member, [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) was a gracious host and shared their [state-of-the art space](#) with us.



We were fortunate to have Canadian grantees, [Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society](#), [Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society – NWT](#), [Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative](#), [Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition](#), and [Sierra Club of BC](#) share their expertise of Canadian conservation policy and project updates. If you think conservation in the United State is complicated, think again!

After two days of meetings and planning for the upcoming year, we were craving fresh air and headed to Vancouver's North Shore for a brilliant hike along the Baden-Powell Trail, a 48-kilometer trail stretching from Horseshoe Bay to Deep Cove. Needless to say, we didn't cover the entire distance but had a very nice walk in the woods. The retreat ended with a ceremonial dinner of sushi and donuts, preparing us well for more good work in 2016!

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## Clif Bar, Keen, Patagonia, Wild Places and The Conservation Alliance Prepare for 2016



Representatives from The Conservation Alliance staff and member companies Patagonia, KEEN Footwear, Clif Bar & Company, and Wild Places traveled to Washington, DC in November to learn about the conservation opportunities that lie ahead in 2016. We were part of a group of funders that gathered to hear from Obama Administration representatives, policy experts, and each other how to make the most of



President Obama's last 14 months in office. The conversation focused on opportunities to secure new National Monuments, efforts to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, protect large landscapes in Alaska, designate new Wilderness areas, and defend our bedrock environmental laws from Congressional attempts to undermine them.

From the collective wisdom of the group, we confirmed that we have made grants to organizations working on viable campaigns that could yet protect millions of acres of public land throughout the US. We also gained insights into where we might direct our funding in 2016 to have the greatest impact on the ground. It was great to see such a large turnout of outdoor industry representatives at this meeting. We came away encourage about the prospects for more protected wild places next year!

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## Grantee Progress Reports



In October 2014, The Conservation Alliance invested \$800,000 in grassroots conservation organizations. Each grant went to a project working to secure permanent protection for a specific threatened wild place. We direct organizations to use our funding over the course of a 12-month period. At the end of the grant period, we ask each group for a 12-month final report. These reports play a key role in helping us determine the return on our investment.

Conservation Alliance grantees reported many conservation victories in the last 12 months. These victories include:



- Climbing areas acquired in Maine and Kentucky
- 22,000-acre Browns Canyon National Monument designated in Colorado
- 22,100-acre Alpine Lakes Wilderness additions and 51 river miles protected in Washington
- 430,000 acres protected from future mining, and oil and gas development in Montana
- 43 acres acquired in Maine
- Two dams removed in Oregon
- 330,000-acre Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument designated in California
- 275,665-acre Boulder-White Clouds Wilderness designated in Idaho
- 18 acres acquired in New York

[Visit our blog](#) to learn more about the progress our grantees have made with our funding.



### **Save the Date!**

The Conservation Alliance  
Breakfast

*Featuring...*

**The Emerald Mile: Grand  
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*A presentation by [Kevin Fedarko](#)*

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***Arrive tired, leave inspired!***

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**Coming Soon to a Booth Near You**



### Member Signs

Back by popular demand, we produced signs for our member companies to display in their booths at the Outdoor Retailer trade shows. Conservation Alliance staff and ambassadors will deliver signs to every member company exhibiting at the upcoming Outdoor Retailer show on Thursday morning, January 7th.

### Host a Conservation Alliance Fundraiser at the OR Show!

100 percent of our members' annual dues go directly to our grant fund. We cover our operating expenses through separate fundraising efforts, including product sales and happy hours at Outdoor Retailer. If you would like to hold a Conservation Alliance Fundraising Event at your booth during ORWM, please contact [Serena](#) for details.



### Project Spotlight

The campaign to protect Colorado's Thompson Divide advanced this week



### Winter 2016 Grant Cycle Update

We circulated the Winter 2016 RFP to a record 74 organizations earlier this



when the BLM released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for previously issued oil and gas leases in the White River National Forest. The draft calls for the cancellation of 18 oil and gas leases in the heart of Colorado's Thompson Divide. This is a significant milestone in the campaign to protect 220,000 acres near Carbondale, CO from oil and gas development. [Learn more](#)

month. Thank you to all of our members who nominated organizations to apply for funding in this grant cycle, we rely on you to help us find important conservation opportunities. The Conservation Alliance staff and board will start reading proposals on December 1 to determine which 25 projects will be on the Winter 2016 Ballot.

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## Ambassador Profile: Caroleigh Pierce

*Outreach Manager at Klean Kanteen*



Conservation Alliance Ambassadors are key influencers and leaders in the outdoor industry, and they serve as a conduit for spreading the word about Conservation Alliance programs and grantee activities within their respective companies. Today, we'd like you to meet Caroleigh Pierce, Outreach Manager at Klean Kanteen in Chico, CA. Caroleigh was one of the first ambassadors to join our ambassador program. In addition to being an internal advocate for The Conservation Alliance, she demonstrates her commitment by organizing fundraising events at Outdoor Retailer. She will also be joining us for lobby training in Washington, DC in April, 2016. [Learn more](#) about what

inspired Caroleigh to become a conservation activist on our [blog](#).

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## Out of Office: Invitation: A Celebration of the New Honouliuli National Monument

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**Greg**

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Friends:

We wanted to make sure you were aware of next week's community event with Secretary Sally Jewell celebrating the new Honouliuli National Monument.

The celebration will be on Tuesday, March 31 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Please see the attached invitation for more information on time and location.

Additionally, please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding tomorrow's celebration. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to [oiea@ios.doi.gov](mailto:oiea@ios.doi.gov).


Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
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Attached is the statement of the Japanese American Citizens League.

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Councilmember Ann Kobayashi regrets that she is unable to attend due to a conflict. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Faith Sodetani

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Aloha,

This is Senator Will Espero.

I want to make sure you have me on your list to attend tomorrow's event.

Please confirm.

Thank you.

Will Espero

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## JACL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ATTEND DEDICATION OF HONOULIULI NATIONAL MONUMENT

JACL Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida will attend a dedication ceremony for the newly-designated Honouliulu National Monument on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. She will join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, Deputy Director of the National Park Service Peggy O'Dell, U. S. Senators Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz, Hawaii Governor David Ige, President of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii Carole Hayashino, the Monsanto Company, University of Hawaii President David Lassner, and other community leaders to celebrate the designation of the historic site as a national park.

**“The imprisonment of our families at these ‘camps’ has created a strong emotional tie to these spaces. Even though these were prisons, they were also the places of births, deaths, and marriages – sacred sites of personal milestones. The preservation of Honouliuli as a national treasure, and as a center for education to prevent future injustices, is irreplaceable and priceless. The Japanese American Citizens League is grateful for the foresight of the President and his Administration for protecting Honouliuli,” said Priscilla Ouchida.**

Located approximately 25 miles northwest of Honolulu, Honouliuli is the site of the largest and longest used World War II internment and prisoner of war camp in Hawaii. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Japanese American community leaders were selectively targeted and detained throughout Hawaii. Over 2,200 people of Japanese descent were incarcerated in Hawaii over the course of the war and more than 320 went to Honouliuli. Many of these people were detained for the duration of the war – a period of over three years – and none were charged with a crime.

The site and its history were largely forgotten until the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH) began to research and document the camp’s history in the 1990’s, leading to the re-discovery the site in 2002. A number of organizations, including the JACL, JACL Honolulu Chapter, JCCH, the University of Hawaii, and Monsanto Hawaii, worked to preserve and interpret the site in an effort to educate the public about a largely unknown chapter of Hawaiian and American history.

JACL is dedicated to securing the civil and human rights of all Americans and preserving the historical and cultural legacy of the Japanese American community. The preservation and interpretation of the Japanese American World War II confinement sites ensures that their important and unique place in American history will continue to educate future generations against repeating injustices of the past.



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## JACL-Honolulu Press Release on Honouliuli

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March 30, 2015

HONOLULU, HAWAII - The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) – Honolulu Chapter is honored to welcome Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and JACL national director Priscilla Ouchida to Hawaii for the dedication of the newly created Honouliuli National Monument. The JACL-Honolulu Chapter was proud to join Secretary Jewell in the Oval Office on February 25, 2015 when President Barack Obama signed the official executive memorandum establishing Honouliuli as a national monument.

The JACL–Honolulu Chapter has been a strong supporter of local efforts, led by the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH), to bring the story of Honouliuli to light.

JACL’s efforts helped:

- Collect thousands of signatures in support of establishing the Honouliuli National Monument;
- Pass Hawaii state Senate Bill 2678 (2012) establishing the Honouliuli park site advisory group to develop recommendations to leverage county, state, federal, and private funding of an educational resource center at the location;
- Bring together local community leaders to support the establishment of the monument.

“The story of Honouliuli is critical to understanding the political and cultural landscapes of Hawaii and the U.S. mainland following Pearl Harbor. It’s a reminder of the sacrifices people made but it is also a reminder of why we cannot allow racial prejudice and discrimination to guide our public policy and decision making,” said JACL-Honolulu Vice-President Alison Kunishige.

JACL is the nation’s oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization dedicated to addressing social and racial injustice and inequality. Locally, JACL has been at the forefront of efforts to secure redress for incarcerated Japanese Americans during WWII, supporting marriage equality, and seeking fair and compassionate treatment of our COFA community.

“The story of Honouliuli is not just a story of past injustice – it’s a story that speaks to the injustice faced by minorities today. The story of Honouliuli is about Ferguson, Missouri; it’s about thousands of immigrant families seeking a safe and secure place to live; it’s about members of our community who simply want the chance to marry the person they love,” said Jacce Mikulanec JACL-Honolulu President.

JACL-Honolulu thanks past board members and volunteers who were instrumental in the establishment of the Honouliuli National Monument, and recognizes the tremendous courage and perseverance demonstrated by those who were incarcerated at Honouliuli and the other 16 internment sites around Hawaii.

Please contact JACL-Honolulu at [jaclhon@gmail.com](mailto:jaclhon@gmail.com) or 808-386-7332 for further information or comment.

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## NPCA Press Release on Waco Mammoth

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## Titus Statement on Designation of Basin & Range National Monument

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## Titus Statement on Designation of Basin & Range National Monument

Washington, D.C. – Today Congresswoman Dina Titus of Nevada's First District released the following statement regarding the designation of Basin & Range National Monument, by President Obama:

"The Basin and Range National Monument stands as a showcase of Nevada's wondrous desert habitat," said Congresswoman Titus. "Home to flora and fauna native only to our state, this monument preserves and protects the unique natural, cultural, and historical resources of this significant region for generations to come. I am proud to stand with President Obama, Senator Reid, and all the Nevadans who have advocated for establishing this lasting symbol of the region's natural beauty and rich history."

Congresswoman Titus has long advocated for conservation of Nevada's open spaces and is the sponsor of H.R. 857, the *Garden Valley Withdrawal Act* to protect this region for generations.

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**BRC news release.....RE: Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Monument Designations**

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Terri,

BRC will be posting this news release this am on our website.

Congrats on Monument designations.

Best regards,

Don Amador, BRC

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Friends: we want to share the exciting news that later today President Obama will designate three new national monuments – Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California, and Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas.

Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

Please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's actions. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to [oiea@ios.doi.gov](mailto:oiea@ios.doi.gov).

Please let us know if you have any questions. Have a great day!



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Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada

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## **Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Designation of Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada**

*President's Action Preserves Sweeping Landscapes & Ancient Rock Art, Protects Existing Ranching & Military Uses*

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today joined members of Congress, state elected officials, and local business and community leaders in applauding the President's designation of the Basin and Range National Monument on public lands in southeastern Nevada. This national monument – located in one of the most remote and undeveloped areas of the state – exemplifies the rich cultural history, varied wildlife and vast open spaces with stunning views for which the state is known.

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"Our National Parks inspire and teach us about our nation's natural history – in this case, about the prehistoric animals that walked our Earth tens of thousands of years ago," Jewell said. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will share the wonder of these incredible mammoths with visitors from around the world and help introduce a new generation to the thrill of scientific discovery that only a special site like this can demonstrate first-hand."



"Today is a special day for Texas! President Bush and I are thrilled that the Waco Mammoth Site is America's newest national monument. I applaud President Obama, the City of Waco, Baylor University, and now the National Park Service, who worked to develop, preserve, and champion the Waco Mammoth Site," said former First Lady Laura Bush. "The Waco Mammoth Site takes visitors back in time nearly 65,000 years, and reminds us of our country's connection to the history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great time to celebrate our nation's parks."our country's connection to the natural history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great way to celebrate our national parks and kick off a second century of stewardship."

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The site was discovered in 1978, when Waco residents Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin were looking for arrowheads and fossils along the Bosque River and found a large bone protruding from the earth. Realizing the possible significance of this discovery, Mr. Barron and Mr. Bufkin immediately took the bone to the Strecker Museum at Baylor University where the bone was identified as the upper leg bone of a Columbian Mammoth.

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The City of Waco has operated the Waco Mammoth Site as a park since 2009, in partnership with Baylor University and with support from the nonprofit Waco Mammoth Foundation, Inc. The city donated to the United States approximately five acres, which includes the excavation site and the dig shelter, making it possible to establish the monument. Nearly the entire Waco Mammoth Site will be included within the boundary of the National Monument.

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Don Amador, Western Representative for the BlueRibbon Coalition, states, "I believe this particular instance creates a unique opportunity to create a "win-win" Monument that will embody the principles espoused by even the staunchest opponents of Presidential authority. This proposal has been formed with meaningful input from diverse local stakeholders, and is supported by them."

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Please let us know if you have any questions. Have a great day!

Thank you,

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**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell welcomed President Obama's designation of the Waco Mammoth Site as one of the nation's newest national monuments, permanently protecting the site where the extremely well-preserved fossils of a herd of Columbian Mammoths and other Ice Age animals have been found.

The Waco Mammoth National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.



The area in Texas provides a rare chance to understand and interpret the behavior and ecology of the extinct Columbian Mammoth. The oldest fossils identified at the site are thought to be more than 65,000 years old. In addition, both the excavation area and the land around it offer an excellent opportunity for further exploration and paleontological and geological research.

“Our National Parks inspire and teach us about our nation’s natural history – in this case, about the prehistoric animals that walked our Earth tens of thousands of years ago,” Jewell said. “The Waco Mammoth National Monument will share the wonder of these incredible mammoths with visitors from around the world and help introduce a new generation to the thrill of scientific discovery that only a special site like this can demonstrate first-hand.”

"Today is a special day for Texas! President Bush and I are thrilled that the Waco Mammoth Site is America's newest national monument. I applaud President Obama, the City of Waco, Baylor University, and now the National Park Service, who worked to develop, preserve, and champion the Waco Mammoth Site," said former First Lady Laura Bush. "The Waco Mammoth Site takes visitors back in time nearly 65,000 years, and reminds us of our country's connection to the history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great time to celebrate our nation's parks." "our country's connection to the natural history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great way to celebrate our national parks and kick off a second century of stewardship."

The site will be managed by the National Park Service in cooperation with the City of Waco and Baylor University. The National Park Service will conduct a management planning process, working closely with these partners, community residents, and other groups that have devoted themselves to preserving the site for many years.

“The National Park Service is proud to work in partnership with the City of Waco and Baylor University to protect, preserve, and most importantly share the remarkable Waco Mammoth National Monument with the American people and visitors from around the world,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “The Waco Mammoth National Monument will engage students, visitors, and scientists alike with the story of these extinct mammoths. As the National Park Service prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2016, this new addition to our Park Service family will help more Americans develop lifelong relationships with parks as places where they can discover amazing things.”

The site was discovered in 1978, when Waco residents Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin were looking for arrowheads and fossils along the Bosque River and found a large bone protruding from the earth. Realizing the possible significance of this discovery, Mr. Barron and Mr. Bufkin immediately took the bone to the Strecker Museum at Baylor University where the bone was identified as the upper leg bone of a Columbian Mammoth.

Over the next 20 years, Baylor University oversaw the excavation of the site, where they found the remains of 24 Columbian Mammoths, including both adults and juveniles, as well as a Western Camel, saber-toothed cat, dwarf antelope, American Alligator, and giant tortoise. The Columbian Mammoths are the largest mammoth species – larger than



its relative, the Woolly mammoth – and stood 12 to 14 feet tall and weighed seven to eight tons. Their tusks grew as long as 16 feet. Many of the discovered bones, including the remains of four Columbian Mammoths as well as the skeleton of the camel, remain in place, providing visitors an opportunity to view them.

Congress directed the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of the Waco Mammoth Site, which was completed in 2008. That study confirmed that the Waco Mammoth resources are nationally significant, worthy of permanent preservation and suitable and feasible for inclusion in the national park system. In April 2015, Director Jarvis participated in a public meeting at the Waco Mammoth Site to hear from the community about the potential inclusion of the site in the National Park System. A large crowd participated in the public meeting and voiced strong support for the proposal.

The City of Waco has operated the Waco Mammoth Site as a park since 2009, in partnership with Baylor University and with support from the nonprofit Waco Mammoth Foundation, Inc. The city donated to the United States approximately five acres, which includes the excavation site and the dig shelter, making it possible to establish the monument. Nearly the entire Waco Mammoth Site will be included within the boundary of the National Monument.


The site remains the nation's first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd, including females and their offspring, of mammoths from the Ice Age, an era defined as 2.5 million to 10,000 years ago. Of the 24 mammoths uncovered to date, at least 18 were part of the nursery herd. As a result of an unknown natural catastrophic event, the entire nursery herd died at the same moment in time, which left the skeletons relatively intact. The site offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to examine the matriarchal herd structure and behavior of this extinct species. For example, the herd apparently formed a circular defensive position before death, and juvenile mammoth skeletons rest atop the long tusks of adults, suggesting that the adults were trying to save their offspring from the rising waters and sucking mud.

The Antiquities Act was first used by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 to designate Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming. Since then, 16 presidents have used this authority to protect unique natural and historic features in America, such as the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients.

With these new designations, President Obama will have used the Antiquities Act to establish or expand 19 national monuments. Altogether, he has protected more than 260 million acres of public lands and waters – more than any other President – as well as preserved sites that help tell the story of significant people or extraordinary events in American history, such as César E. Chávez National Monument in California, Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument in Maryland, and Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Ohio.



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## **OUTSIDE LAS VEGAS FOUNDATION PRAISES PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PROTECTION OF BASIN AND RANGE NATIONAL MONUMENT**

LAS VEGAS – The nonprofit Outside Las Vegas Foundation today praised President Barack Obama, U.S. Senator Harry Reid and U.S. Rep. Dina Titus for protecting Basin and Range National Monument.

“This new national monument offers a slew of marvelous outdoor recreation activities – just two hours from Vegas,” said Mauricia Baca, Executive Director of the Outside Las Vegas Foundation. “The President, Senator Reid and Congresswoman Titus have protected Nevada’s history and heritage for residents and tourists alike to explore.”

Basin and Range National Monument defends Native American trails, rock shelters, lithic scatters, and thousands of ancient rock art carvings, as well as 19th-century settlement sites, pioneer ranching and mining locales. Also contained within the boundary of the new monument, on private land, is *City* -- modern landscape art by renowned American artist Michael Heizer. Recreational opportunities include hiking, mountain biking, camping and hunting.

“We are pleased that increased attention is being focused on encouraging tourism on Nevada’s public lands. The future of Las Vegas is vested in the entire experience a visitor finds here. This new National Monument will be attractive to environmentally-conscious international customers while also enhancing the quality of life for Southern Nevada residents,” said Thomas Tait, Chair of the Board of the Outside Las Vegas Foundation and former Secretary of Tourism for Nevada for the Nevada Commission on Tourism.

The National Monument designation retains public access for recreation as well as grazing rights for local ranchers while development such as oil and gas drilling and mining will be prohibited. Senator Reid and Rep. Titus had introduced the Garden Valley Withdrawal Act to protect these public lands in both the 113th and 114th Congress, and hosted a town hall meeting to garner public input about the Basin and Range proposal in February 2015.

The new Basin and Range National Monument has been praised by Nevada tourism organizations as well as local youth and conservation groups. The designation is also receiving accolades from the arts community and environmental groups.

*Outside Las Vegas Foundation envisions a community that enjoys, values, and protects Southern Nevada’s special outdoor places, and thus works to connect people to the regions various outdoor resources. Specific organizational goals are to enhance the public’s appreciation, understanding, and stewardship of these resources.*

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## SUCCESS! Introducing Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument

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**SUCCESS!**

**President Obama Permanently Protects 330,780  
Acres in California**



Photo by Ivan Sohrakoff 

Today, President Obama protected 330,780 acres in Northern California by designating Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. This designation is a significant conservation victory worth celebrating!

#### **Our Collective Contribution**

The Conservation Alliance awarded [Tuleyome](#) with two grants in 2012 and 2014, totaling \$55,000, for their effort to protect Berryessa Snow Mountain. In addition to financial support, our members stepped up in other ways to advocate for the designation of this monument. In July 2014, Kevin Cleary, CEO of Clif Bar, [wrote this op-ed](#) about the importance of protecting California's public lands, including Berryessa Snow Mountain. In December 2014, 14 Conservation Alliance member companies based in California [signed this letter](#) addressed to President Obama asking him to designate Berryessa Snow-Mountain National Monument. In April 2015, Sacramento news station CBC13 highlighted the biologically diverse landscape in a [feature about the unique partnership](#) between member company Juniper Ridge and Tuleyome.



**About Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument**

This 330,780 acre monument is less than 100 miles from Sacramento and the Bay Area, and covers portions of Lake, Napa, Mendocino, Solano and Yolo counties. Recreation opportunities include hiking, mountain biking, paddling down the wild and scenic Cache Creek, hunting and horse-back riding. This region provides critical habitat for California's second-largest population of wintering bald eagles, and wild Tule elk.

A bill to protect Berryessa Snow Mountain was introduced into Congress in February 2015. Like most monuments designated by President Obama, he took action when Congress failed to act. We applaud President Obama for using his authority under the Antiquities Act to create Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

**Celebrating this Conservation Victory**

Victories like this are worth celebrating! We hope you will share the exciting news with your audience by sharing our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts.

Thank you all for your contribution to this victory. This is an exciting day and we are proud to share it with you.

**CELEBRATE THE VICTORY!**

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## NEWSLETTER July 2015

### This Land is *Our* Land

*We oppose transferring our federal lands to the states*

PUBLIC LANDS: WHERE YOUR ADVENTURES HAPPEN

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| <br><b>43%</b> of paddling is on public lands | <br><b>193,500</b> miles of hiking trails are on public lands | <br><b>71%</b> of climbing is on public lands | <br><b>12,659</b> miles of mountain biking trails are on public lands |
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RECREATION AT RISK IN MY STATE

If outdoor recreation is a big part of your life, you likely spend a lot of time on public lands. For many of us, lands managed by the National Park Service, Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management are the setting for the most important moments in our lives.

A growing coalition of outdoor businesses, recreation and recreation user groups has come together to stand up for our federal lands. The Conservation Alliance is proud to partner with our peers in raising awareness about this threat, and telling our elected officials to stand strong in the belief that federal lands are best managed by the federal government, not individual states with their unpredictable budgets and perspectives on



the best use of those lands. [Read more on our blog.](#)



## Outdoor Retailer Summer Market, August 5-8, 2015

Mark your calendar for these

[Conservation Alliance events:](#)

8/5 - Celebrate Our Public Lands Party with OIA and Outdoor Alliance

8/6 - [The Conservation Alliance Breakfast with Eric Larsen](#)

8/6 - Live Monumental Party

Our members are offering [great deals](#) on gear at the show. Best of all, proceeds from each sale will benefit The Conservation Alliance.

## SUCCESS! Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument

*330,780 Acres Protected*



On July 10th, 2015, President Obama protected 330,780 acres in Northern California by designating Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. The Conservation

Alliance awarded [Tuleyome](#) two grants in 2012 and 2014, totaling \$55,000, for their effort to protect Berryessa Snow Mountain. The new national monument is less than 100 miles from Sacramento and the Bay Area, and covers portions of Lake, Napa, Mendocino, Solano and Yolo counties. Recreation opportunities include hiking, mountain biking, hunting, horse-back riding, and paddling down the wild and scenic Cache Creek. This region provides critical habitat for California's second-largest population of wintering bald eagles, and wild Tule elk. We applaud President Obama for using his authority under the Antiquities Act to create Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

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## **SUCCESS! Anothony's Nose**

*18 Acres Protected*



[The Lake George Land Conservancy](#) (LGLC) acquired 18 acres at the base of Anthony's Nose, an iconic peninsula at the north end of Lake George, NY. This acquisition provides public access to the 2,200-foot summit of Record Hill, and is adjacent to a 189-acre parcel acquired by LGLC in 2000. The Conservation Alliance awarded LGLC a \$35,000 grant to acquire this property, and we are proud to announce that the project is complete.

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## **Ambassador Profile: Kate Larramendy**

*Design and Sustainability Director at Toad&Co.*





Today, we'd like you to meet Kate Larramendy, Design & Sustainability Director at [Toad&Co](#) in Santa Barbara, CA. She has been an active volunteer for The Conservation Alliance since Toad&Co (formerly Horny Toad) joined The Conservation Alliance in 2005.

**Q: What local conservation projects are you involved in?**

A: About 15 years ago a group of locals caught wind of backroom dealings to approve a major development in the hills that are the backdrop to Ventura. We were appalled by what this would mean for traffic, sprawl and loss of open space and habitat. This was my first hands-on experience helping to start a grassroots movement. From there it got political and after defeating a ballot measure we were able to shift the focus to conservation efforts by forming a land trust. I learned a lot about fundraising – sadly, so much of conservation comes down to money. The upside is I know how to produce a concert. Learn more about Kate on our [blog](#).

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[Outreach Events Calendar](#)

**Backyard Collective:**

Portland 8/20

Boulder 9/11

**Wild Drinks:**

Bay Area 9/10

Portland 9/17

Seattle 9/24

Boulder 10/8

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**Secretaries Jewell, Vilsack Applaud President Obama's Designation of Three New National Monuments in California Desert**



## *President's Action Follows Decades-Long Local Campaign to Preserve Spectacular Desert Landscapes, and Recreational Uses*

**WASHINGTON** – Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack today joined members of Congress, state and local officials, and local business and community leaders in applauding the President's designation of the [Sand to Snow National Monument](#), [Mojave Trails National Monument](#), and [Castle Mountains National Monument](#) in southern California.

The new monuments, located in San Bernardino and Riverside counties about one hour from the Los Angeles metropolitan area and one hour from the Las Vegas metropolitan area, protect approximately 1.8 million acres of spectacular landscapes, fragile wildlife habitat, unique historic resources, and important cultural sites. The three designations connect Mojave National Preserve, Joshua Tree National Park, San Bernardino National Forest, and fifteen wilderness areas previously designated by Congress, creating a series of protected lands stretching hundreds of miles. The monuments protect current uses of the land, including military training operations, off-highway vehicle recreation, transportation, utility corridors, and existing mining operations.

The monuments announced today are the result of nearly two decades of leadership by U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein to craft legislation to protect the special places of the California desert. In October, senior Administration officials visited Palm Springs, California, at the Senator's invitation to hear from the community about its vision for conservation in the California desert. Supporters of protecting these areas include local counties and cities, area business groups, tribes, hunters, anglers, faith-based organizations, recreationists, local land trusts and conservation groups, and students from local schools.

"The California desert is a cherished and irreplaceable resource for the people of southern California," said Secretary Jewell. "It is an oasis of nature's quiet beauty just outside two of our nation's largest metropolitan areas. Its historic and cultural resources tell the stories of armies, travelers, ranchers, and miners, and of the original caretakers of this land. Today's designation by the President furthers the longstanding work of public land managers and local communities to ensure these areas will remain preserved and accessible to the public for future generations."

"Sand to Snow's peaks and valleys have long provided physical and spiritual sustenance to native people," said Secretary Vilsack. "Today, they are also an inspiration and recreational beacon to millions. We are honored to ensure the permanent protection of these cherished places."

The national monuments, comprised exclusively of existing federal lands, will be managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service and by the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. The proclamations direct the agencies to engage the public in comprehensive planning for the management of these areas, building upon the provisions outlined in the proclamations. The three designations all honor valid existing rights, and provide for continued use for training activities of the U.S. military.

The [Sand to Snow National Monument](#) encompasses approximately 154,000 acres of federal lands, including just over 100,000 acres of already Congressionally-designated wilderness, east of Los Angeles, California, and will be managed jointly by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Rising from the floor of the Sonoran Desert to San Gorgonio Peak, the tallest in southern California, the monument includes lush desert oases, significant archeological sites, and thirty miles of the world-famous Pacific Crest Trail. The area is a favorite for camping, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, photography, wildlife viewing, and even skiing. The area is renowned for



its rich diversity of rare and fragile wildlife and is one of the most biodiverse areas in southern California.

The Mojave Trails National Monument spans 1.6 million acres of federal lands, including more than 350,000 acres of already Congressionally-designated wilderness, managed by the Bureau of Land Management between Barstow and Needles, California. It is a stunning mosaic of rugged mountain ranges, ancient lava flows, and spectacular sand dunes. The monument contains the longest remaining undeveloped stretch of Route 66 and some of the best preserved sites from the World War II-era Desert Training Center. Connecting the Mojave National Preserve with Joshua Tree National Park, the Mojave Trails National Monument ensures the biological connectivity of this landscape while preserving traditional uses such hunting and off-highway vehicle recreation.

The [Castle Mountains National Monument](#) consists of approximately 21,000 acres of federal land surrounded by the existing Mojave National Preserve and will be managed by the National Park Service. An integral piece of the Mojave Desert, the area has important flora, fauna, water, and historic resources, and its designation as a national monument helps to preserve related resources set aside for protection in the Preserve. The monument has some of the finest Joshua tree forest and native desert grassland in the Mojave Desert and contains important cultural resources including Native American archeological sites and vestiges of mining, ranching, and the railroad from the period of western expansion.

Today's announcement brings to twenty-two the number of national monuments established by President Obama under the Antiquities Act, an authority exercised by sixteen presidents starting with President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and used to protect treasures such as the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients. Altogether, President Obama has protected more than 265 million acres of public lands and waters – more than any other President – and has preserved sites that help tell the story of significant people and extraordinary events in American history.

A list of Q&As on the three new national monuments can be found [HERE](#).

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Thanks,  
Barbara Boyle

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Hello. I'll be away from work until 2/16/16. I'll get back to you when I return. Thanks.

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My apologies; I'm in Yosemite visiting our NatureBridge programs and won't return until Tuesday, February 16. If you need to reach someone immediately, please email [athompson@naturebridge.org](mailto:athompson@naturebridge.org).

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- Christian Communities Rejoice over Establishment of California Desert Monuments (Creation Justice Ministries)
- Joshua Tree Chamber Applauds the Designation of Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails & Castle Mountains National Monuments
- Latin Business Association Applauds Establishment of New California Desert Monuments
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- Pew Applauds Plan to Create National Monuments in California Desert
- Por La Creación Faith-based Alliance: Latinos Celebrate New Monuments Protecting the California Desert
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Friends:

We wanted to share with you exciting news that today President Obama designated three new national monuments in the California desert.

Below is a press release and attached is a fact sheet on the designation of Sand to Snow National Monument, Mojave Trails National Monument, and Castle Mountains National Monument in southern California.

We encourage you to share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's news. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to [oiea@ios.doi.gov](mailto:oiea@ios.doi.gov). Please let us know if you have any questions.

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**Defenders of Wildlife's statement on CA monuments**

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Good morning - What an exciting day for the California desert! Thank you to Secretary Jewell and DOI for making these important monuments a reality.

Please see Defenders of Wildlife's statement on the newly announced monuments

Thank you,

Catalina Tresky

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****February 12, 2015****Contact: Catalina Tresky; [ctresky@defenders.org](mailto:ctresky@defenders.org), (202) 772-0253****The California desert is home to three newly announced monuments**

WASHINGTON – Today, as one of his first public lands initiatives of his final year in office, President Obama announced the designation of the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains as the nation's newest national monuments. This act will conserve 1.8 million acres of California's most ecologically important and scenic areas for generations to come.

*Jamie Rappaport Clark, CEO and President of Defenders of Wildlife, issued the following statement:*

“President Obama’s announcement of new national monuments is especially welcome news at the start of the New Year. National monument status guarantees the conservation of unique ecological, recreational and economic benefits of landscapes far into the future. This protective status safeguards wildlife as they adapt to climate change, protects fragile water sources, encourages tourism, supports local businesses, and provides outdoor recreation access to suitable public lands.

“President Obama’s inclusion of the California desert is particularly important since this desert is the most intact, undisturbed landscape left unprotected in the Lower-48. The California desert provides a home to fragile wildlife, such as the state-listed Mohave ground squirrel and the federally listed desert tortoise, and includes spectacular scenic areas, such as the biologically significant Pisgah Valley, the scenic Owens Valley and the remote Springs Valley.

“We look forward to the official designation of The Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains National Monuments in the near future and are encouraged to see that President Obama is making conservation a priority in his final year in office.”

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National Parks Conservation Association's press release is below, and up at: <https://www.npca.org/articles/1136-president-obama-designates-three-national-monuments-in-the-california>

We are thrilled to celebrate this monumental victory – and welcome our 410<sup>th</sup> national park site!



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**RELEASE** **President Obama Designates Three National Monuments in the California Desert**

*Castle Mountains National Monument is Country's Newest National Park Site*

Palm Springs, CA – Building on the conservation legacy, dynamic public support, and thriving tourism economy of the California desert, President Obama today **designated three new national monuments**: Castle Mountains, Mojave Trails, and

Sand to Snow. These monuments create one of the world's largest desert reserves, protecting vital wildlife connectivity corridors and habitat, and preserving the historic and cultural resources of the region.

In time for the National Park Service's centennial, Castle Mountains National Monument is America's newest national park site. Managed by the National Park Service and surrounded on three sides by Mojave National Preserve, Castle Mountains National Monument protects a stunning landscape rich in Native American and Western history, wildlife including bighorn sheep and mountain lions, and vast Joshua tree forests.

Together, the three new monuments complete landscape connections between existing national park sites in the region: Mojave National Preserve, Joshua Tree National Park and Lake Mead National Recreation Area. When considered as a whole, and inclusive of Death Valley National Park, this vast and connected network represents one of the greatest desert conservation reserves in the world.

President Obama's monument designation represents the most significant California desert conservation move in more than 20 years, since the passage of the California Desert Protection Act, (CDPA) authored by Senator Dianne Feinstein.

"National Parks Conservation Association and our more than one million members, supporters, and partners commend President Obama, his administration, and longtime desert champion Senator Feinstein for this powerful, landscape-level conservation action," said the organization's President and CEO Theresa Pierno. "For more than two decades, local communities and park visitors and supporters across the country have called for the protection of this landscape, which connects important wildlife corridors and critical habitat surrounding our desert national parks. These national monuments will play a vital role in the long-term sustainability and health of the region, and the protection of our beautiful, diverse deserts. The Castle Mountains National Monument designation is also historic, marking the first time President Obama has used his authority to preserve a large landscape national monument within our National Park System."

Together, the Castle Mountains, Mojave Trails, and Sand to Snow National Monuments preserve Native American spiritual and archaeological sites, WWII General Patton training camps, abandoned ghost towns, historic Route 66, pioneer trails, stunning vistas, iconic desert wildlife species, critical wildlife corridors, diverse desert mountain ranges, and unusual geologic formations.

"The visionary designation of three beautiful, important, and diverse desert lands surrounding national parks in the California desert will forever protect and connect the greater landscape, for the benefit of all," said Thomas E. Lovejoy, professor of environmental science and policy at George Mason University.



Since their creation, Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks and the Mojave National Preserve have become significant economic drivers in the California desert. In 2014, the three national park sites welcomed more than three million visitors, adding \$194 million to the region's economy and supporting more than 2,700 jobs. Adding Castle Mountains National Monument to the National Park System will continue to support a robust tourism economy in the California desert and surrounding communities.

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*Click here for [additional comments](#) by elected official in the California desert, business and community leaders, and other supporters.*

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Friends:

We wanted to share with you exciting news that today President Obama designated three new national monuments in the California desert.

Below is a press release and attached is a fact sheet on the designation of Sand to Snow National Monument, Mojave Trails National Monument, and Castle Mountains National Monument in southern California.

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks and the Mojave National Preserve to create the second largest protected landscape in the world. With this action, Obama has now preserved more acres of land and water than any other President.

The largest of the three is Mojave Trails National Monument, a 1.6-million-acre matrix of land along 100 miles of historic Route 66 that protects wildlife corridors between Death Valley and Joshua Tree. Sand to Snow National Monument preserves 154,000 acres between Joshua Tree National Park and the San Bernardino National Forest, and includes 24 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. The 20,920-acre Castle Mountains National Monument preserves a ridge of desert peaks and rare grasslands roughly 100 miles south of Las Vegas, Nevada.

After years of trying to move legislation through a dysfunctional Congress, California Senator Dianne Feinstein asked President Obama to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to protect the desert landscapes. Since 2008, The Conservation Alliance made a total of seven grants to [California Wilderness Coalition](#) and [Conservation Lands Foundation](#) for their efforts to secure protection for these lands. Both organizations played a key role in building local support for the protections, and guiding the project to success. ***We thank Senator Feinstein and President Obama for their leadership in protecting this important landscape.***

President Obama has indicated his interest in protecting additional landscapes before he leaves office. The Conservation Alliance and our grantees will work hard throughout the year to demonstrate outdoor business support for saving these special places. We will keep you posted!

Meanwhile, please check out good stories in the [Los Angeles Times](#) and [Washington Post](#) for full details on our newest national monuments.

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Contact: Ileene Anderson, (323) 654-5943 [ianderson@biologicaldiversity.org](mailto:ianderson@biologicaldiversity.org)**President Obama Designates Three New California Desert National Monuments**

LOS ANGELES— The Center for Biological Diversity today celebrates the announcement of President Obama's designation of three national monuments in the Southern California desert as envisioned for more than a decade by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. Obama used the Antiquities Act to designate the Mojave Trails, the Sand to Snow and the Castle Mountains national monuments. National monument designation means these special places will be forever protected and accessible to the public.

"California's deserts include some of the most spectacular scenery in the nation, and serve as a refuge for some of the most rare and endangered plants and animals," said Ileene Anderson with the Center. "The Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains national monuments offer enduring protections for these places and allow future generations of all species to enjoy them. Thank you, President Obama."

This designation culminates Sen. Feinstein's legislative efforts to protect the California desert. These new monuments help to link Mojave National Preserve and Joshua Tree National Park, allowing wildlife to migrate in a changing climate. In permanently protecting these special places, the president follows in the footsteps of nearly every president since 1906 — eight Republicans and eight Democrats — who have used the Antiquities Act to leave a legacy of national monuments more than 140 times.

**About the National Monuments**



The **Mojave Trails National Monument** preserves 1.6 million acres of diverse and striking desert lands and helps to link Joshua Tree National Park and the Mojave National Preserve. Named for the most pristine stretch of historic Route 66, with wide-open desert vistas, the lands in the national monument are habitat for threatened [desert tortoises](#), iconic desert bighorn sheep and many other desert dwellers. National monument status protects the existing uses of these lands for outdoor enjoyment and maintains key wildlife connections between Joshua Tree and the Mojave National Preserve and wilderness areas.

The **Sand to Snow National Monument** rises from the Sonoran Desert floor up to Southern California's tallest mountain, Mount San Geronio. It contains extraordinarily over 154,000 acres of diverse landscapes and habitats, including alpine peaks, Joshua tree woodlands, mountain vistas, rivers and wetlands, and desert. This area includes 25 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail and the headwaters of Southern California's longest river, the Santa Ana, as well as the headwaters of the Whitewater River. World-class hiking, backpacking, wildlife and bird-watching are readily available throughout the seasons.

The **Castle Mountains National Monument** conserves a 20,000-acre missing piece in the northern part of the Mojave National Preserve and provides vital habitat for golden eagles, bighorn sheep, mountain lions and bobcats. Castle Mountains offers unparalleled opportunities to study wildlife movements; it is home to sensitive bat species, and it is a target location for the reintroduction of pronghorn—the second-fastest land mammal in the world.

The Castle Mountains were originally left out of the Mojave National Preserve when it was established because of a large operational gold mine. The mine has since been reclaimed, and the Castle Mountains take their correct place as a rugged addition to the conserved landscape.

*The Center for Biological Diversity is a national, nonprofit conservation organization with more than 990,000 members and online activists dedicated to the protection of endangered species and wild places.*

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**Latinos Celebrate New Monuments Protecting the California Desert**

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**WASHINGTON, DC – Latinos are celebrating the announcement that President Barack Obama will sign proclamations this week establishing three new national monuments in the California desert – Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains. Latinos account for nearly half of the population throughout the California desert region and value that the new monuments will protect the cultural heritage, economic viability and natural resources of the region for future generations.**



**“Thanks to President Obama’s actions and the tireless efforts of Senator Dianne Feinstein, the California desert’s wildlife habitat, cultural treasures and public lands are protected and preserved for future generations. The President’s actions help us fulfill our moral responsibility to care for our desert land, water, and wildlife,” said Pastor Frank Ruiz of the Indio Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Coachella Valley and co-founder of Por La Creación Faith-based Alliance.**

**This effort to protect the California desert has strong local support from a [diverse coalition](#) of community leaders, organizations, and constituents. Latinos throughout the region have been active in the coalition by educating their communities about protecting this region. In the past two years, members of [Por la Creación](#), which unites Latino faith leaders to develop stewards of God’s creation, have led hikes, events and camping trips for Latino community leaders, youth and families at Joshua Tree National Park, Mojave National Preserve, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, San Jacinto**



## Mountains, The Living Desert and Amboy Crater.

Additionally, Latino faith leaders and youth from the Coachella Valley and High Desert region attended Sen. Dianne Feinstein's public meeting last October with the U.S. Departments of Interior and Agriculture to express their support for national monument designations. Then in December, 100 Latino faith leaders from Assemblies of God Southern Pacific District jointly signed a letter to President Obama urging him to take action.

“Latinos have such an important voice in the protection of our public lands, and a critical role to play in encouraging stewardship of our outdoor and cultural heritage,” said Maite Arce, president and CEO of Hispanic Access Foundation (HAF).

“Today's historic action not only ensures continued public access to these places and enhances the local tourism and outdoor economies, but it also strengthens the diverse social fabric of the region.”



Each of the new national monuments will greatly benefit the region. Mojave Trails provides vital habitat for a variety of wildlife. It is also steeped in historical significance as it includes irreplaceable archeological and cultural sites. Sand to Snow features one of the most diverse habitats in the country, which includes stunning cultural sites and rare species. The Castle Mountains feature the ghost town of Hart, rare intact desert grasslands, and stunning vistas of California and Nevada desert mountain ranges.

“Protecting the California desert is crucial not only to the majority of local economies in the area, but also to the spiritual well-being of our community,” said Pastor Raul Velázquez of New Beginnings Christian Center in Victorville and a Por La Creación member. “We thank President Obama for designating these new monuments and his faith in preserving these resources for future generations, as well as Sen. Feinstein for her years of leadership on this issue and for understanding why protecting the California desert is important to



# the Latino community.”

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## Por La Creacion Faith Based Alliance Press Release Rebutting Congress Cook's Statement

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# Latino Faith Leaders Rebut Criticisms of California Desert Monuments

Feb 12, 2016



Leaders applaud protecting outdoor heritage for future generations



WASHINGTON, DC – Members and supporters of Por la Creación: Faith Based Alliance (PLC), which unites Latino faith leaders to develop stewards of God's creation, are applauding the news that President Obama is designating three new national monuments in the California desert today: Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains.

However, the group also expressed dismay over criticisms from Rep. Paul Cook regarding the President's action. While we appreciate Rep. Cook's commitment to preserving public lands, he raises several objections that warrant a thoughtful response.

Rep. Cook claims that the new national monuments lack broad public support. In fact, [the breadth and depth of public support](#) for the President to designate the new California desert national monuments demonstrates overwhelmingly that Rep. Cook is incorrect. Calls for President Obama to act came from chambers of commerce, over 200 desert business operators, local elected officials, veterans, Native Americans, Latino organizations, historians, artists, archaeologists, sportsmen, biologists, and community members. In addition, [a recent poll](#) from Vet Voice Foundation showed that 75 percent of California voters support the President designating three National Monuments in the California desert, with comparable levels of support—70 percent—among residents in the desert region. Rep. Cook himself built a huge amount of public support for permanent protection of most of the public lands in the new national monuments.

But Rep. Cook is opposed to Presidents creating any national monuments through the Antiquities Act. This is befuddling since Joshua Tree National Park – an economic engine that supports over 1,000 private sector jobs through \$74 million in visitor spending (based on 2014 data) in surrounding communities, including Rep. Cook's hometown of Yucca Valley – was originally protected through the Antiquities Act in 1936. Other American icons protected through the Antiquities Act include the Statue of Liberty, Grand Canyon, Death Valley, and Mount Lassen. Furthermore, [a poll released by Colorado College](#) in January showed that 80 percent of Westerners favor Presidents continuing to protect public lands as national monuments.

"We have a moral responsibility to future generations to protect God's creation — preserving the mountains, rivers, deserts and other breathtaking landscapes of our nation," said Pastor Jesse Villarreal of Templo La Hermosa in Coachella and member of Por La Creación. "Protecting the California desert is crucial not only to the majority of local economies in the area, but also to the spiritual well-being of our community."

Rep. Cook claims that the President should give the legislative process a chance to work. While legislative protection is desirable, many desert residents and organizations have expressed great concern with Rep. Cook's California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation, and Conservation Act (CMORCA). PLC leaders met with Paul Cook's office to share community concerns about CMORCA, including its provision to designate Mojave Trails as a "Special Management Area," which would allow up to 150 square miles (96,500 acres) of the area to be mined, an expansion of nine times over current levels. The reality is that passage of California desert public lands legislation through the 114th Congress is slim at best, mainly because the objectionable provisions in CMORCA are incompatible with Senator Feinstein's California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act (CDCRA). As a result, President Obama heeded the call from Senator Feinstein and business and community leaders to use the Antiquities Act.

"We feel that Senator Feinstein's request to have President Obama designate Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and the Castle Mountains as national monuments is a more balanced approach. It safeguards the region's natural and cultural treasures and will help expand the region's tourism economy without impeding existing mining



claims or operations," said **Pastor Frank Ruiz of the Indio Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Coachella Valley and co-founder of PLC**, in response to Rep. Cook's criticisms. "For these and many other reasons — from opportunities to hike, watch wildlife, and learn about historical sites, to the protection of groundwater aquifers and clean air — I have joined over 100 faith leaders from PLC and the [Assemblies of God Southern Pacific District](#) in signing letters in support of the monuments."

Rep, Cook also inaccurately criticizes the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, established in 2014, saying that the area has experienced increased strain and the US Forest has been unable to provide additional resources. The truth is that designating San Gabriel Mountains National Monument has resulted in a \$3 million increase in federal funds for the area as well as \$4 million in donations of private funding for the National Monument and areas connected to it. [Since the monument's designation](#), the USFS has improved recreation sites and natural resource conditions, hired additional staff, and funded youth work crews.

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## LCV & California LCV Statement on the Designation of Three National Monuments in the California Desert

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### LCV & California LCV Statement on the Designation of Three National Monuments in the California Desert

**Washington, DC** – Today, President Obama has designated the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains National Monuments in the California desert.

#### **League of Conservation Voters (LCV) President Gene Karpinski released this statement:**

"President Obama's historic action will buffer the California desert, its wildlife and its communities from the greatest long-term challenge they face: climate change. Future generations will have President Obama to thank for their ability to access and explore the scenic, historic, and cultural treasures found in the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains National Monuments. We celebrate the designation of these national monuments along with the nearby communities who strongly support protecting these spectacular landscapes to boost tourism and quality of life in the California desert."

#### **California League of Conservation Voters Chief Executive Officer Sarah Rose released this statement:**

"We thank President Obama for his leadership in permanently protecting these important sites in the California desert. The California desert is one of the most unique and pristine places in the country. Californians and visitors from all over our country and the world over have long been drawn to its stark beauty, painted mountains, iconic Route 66, fascinating wildlife, Native American petroglyphs, inspirational vistas and storied history. The Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and the Castle Mountains feature unparalleled scenery, making tourism and recreation an essential part of the region's economy, and providing critical habitat for a healthy desert ecosystem. In addition to protecting recreation opportunities for generations to come, the National Monument designation by President Obama will safeguard sensitive water resources and help the desert cope with climate change by conserving and connecting habitat needed by plants and animals to survive, migrate, and adapt."

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**For your files re: CA Desert National Monuments**

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Hello,

Attached please find our press release re: today's announcement regarding California Desert national monuments.

thank you,  
-Patrick Donnelly

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**AMARGOSA CONSERVANCY APPLAUDS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PLAN TO  
DESIGNATE CALIFORNIA DESERT NATIONAL MONUMENTS**  
**Historic Move Will Protect Public Lands for Wildlife, Historic Resources, Communities**

*Shoshone, CA* - The Amargosa Conservancy joins residents and community leaders across the California desert today in celebrating the news that President Obama plans to designate three new national monuments in the California desert on Friday. The establishment of Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains National Monuments will provide permanent and lasting protection for these nationally significant landscapes, and contribute to sustainable economic development for rural desert communities. Amargosa Conservancy is also grateful to Senator Dianne Feinstein for her leadership, on behalf of Californians, in asking the President to take this action.

The Conservancy joins a wide array of supporters from the desert region and across California in supporting President Obama's designation of these new national monuments. Local businesses such as Tecopa Hot Springs Resort and China Ranch Date Farm, community groups such as the Old Spanish Trail Association and Shoshone Museum Association, and academics such as Professor Dustin Mulvaney of San Jose State University and Professor Ruth Nolan of College of the Desert, all support the designations for the preservation of the desert's environmental and cultural heritage and for the economic benefits which will accompany the increased tourism that these designations will bring.

"President Obama's bold conservation action will ensure that desert communities have a sustainable economic future, as future generations of Americans can continue to access our amazing desert public lands," said Patrick Donnelly, executive director of Amargosa Conservancy. "These irreplaceable lands are the connective tissue which binds the wildlands of the Mojave Desert together. The President and Senator Feinstein have created an enduring conservation legacy in the California desert which will combat climate change, support communities, and promote economic development."

The Amargosa Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) based in Shoshone, California, "standing up for the wilds, waters, and communities of the scenic Amargosa Basin and Eastern Mojave." Founded in 2004, the Conservancy has worked with desert community members to advocate for the protection of Mojave Desert landscapes and species for a decade.

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**NEWSLETTER** March 2016

# Historic Opportunity to Protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge



This is a potentially historic year for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This 20-million-



acre landscape, which stretches from the Brooks Range north to the Arctic Ocean, has for decades been the subject of countless battles between the conservation community and proponents of oil drilling. In 1980, Congress designated nearly half of the Arctic Refuge as Wilderness. Left unprotected was a crucial strip of land known as the Coastal Plain, the 1.5-million-acre area where the refuge meets the Beaufort Sea. The State of Alaska and the oil industry have long sought to drill for the known oil deposits under the Coastal Plain, but needs Congress to pass a bill allowing access. At the same time, the conservation community has fought to pass bills through Congress designating the Coastal Plain as Wilderness. The effort to protect the Coastal Plain has never been as close to success as it is today, as a cascade of events over the past two years have moved the effort closer to the finish line.

In January 2015, President Obama formally recommended that Congress designate the Coastal Plain as Wilderness. Shortly thereafter, Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA) introduced legislation in the House that would secure those protections. In December 2015, Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO) introduced similar legislation into the Senate. Last month, the [House voted on Rep. Huffman's bill](#), the first time Congress has ever voted on a Wilderness bill for the Arctic Refuge. (The bill did not pass). Meanwhile, oil prices are so low that oil companies are abandoning plans to drill existing leases in the Arctic Ocean. Read more on our [blog](#).

## Conservation Alliance Members Thank President Obama for Protecting 1.8-Million Acres

**PROTECTED!**  
Recreation Access & Wildlife Habitat

Introducing  
**Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and  
Castle Mountains National Monuments**  
**1,800,000 acres protected**

EST FEBRUARY 2016

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Outdoor Business Giving Back to the Outdoors

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In February President Obama designated three new national monuments, protecting



roughly 1.8 million acres of BLM land in the California Desert. The three monuments—Mojave Trails National Monument, Sand to Snow National Monument and Castle Mountains National Monument—connect Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks and the Mojave National Preserve to create the second largest protected landscape in the world. With this action, President Obama has now preserved more acres of land and water than any other President.

Forty-two Conservation Alliance members [signed this letter](#) addressed to President Obama, thanking him for using his authority specified in the Antiquities Act to protect the California desert. Immediately expressing gratitude and appreciation for these national monuments demonstrates our industry's support for national monument designations. We hope it will encourage President Obama to protect more iconic landscapes before he leaves office in January, 2017. The Conservation Alliance will hand-deliver this letter to the Administration in Washington, DC on April 27th.

Visit our [blog](#) for more details about this exciting conservation victory.



### Welcome New Members!

[New Belgium Brewery](#)

[Cascade Designs](#)

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### Four Things You Need to Know About the Public Land Heist

Across the west, millions of acres of public land are at risk of being sold off and locked up. [Here are the 4 most important things](#) to know right now about this public land heist.

## #WeKeptItWild Promotions Launch April 1, 2016



This April, 12 Conservation Alliance member companies are taking part in the *We Keep It Wild* campaign, donating a portion of online sales to The Conservation Alliance, and providing meaningful support to our efforts to protect the places we love to play.

You too can get involved by supporting the the brands hosting Conservation Alliance promotions. Participating member companies are: Merrell; Ibex; Toad&Co; Kelty; Arc'teryx; Nau; Avex; STM Bags; Chaco; Backpacker's Pantry; Garmont and Boco Gear. Check out the lineup of We Keep It Wild promotions [here](#).

It's not too late to add your brand to the list of participating member companies. Contact [Serena](#) for more information.

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## Grantee Update: The Year of Bears Ears

*By Tim Peterson, Utah Wildlands Program Director, Grand Canyon Trust*





If you're looking to hike, bike, raft, boat, or climb, there's no better place than Utah. You may be familiar with Arches, Canyonlands, and Capitol Reef, but around and between Utah's iconic National Parks are millions of acres of wilderness-quality lands – mountains and badlands, cliffs and canyons, rivers and streams, sandstone towers and wild mesas.

Unfortunately, the majority of Utah's iconic landscape is still open to fossil fuel and mineral development. These extractive industries always boom and bust, inflicting lasting scars on the landscape, leaving taxpayers to clean up the mess when the money dries up. Many in Utah are now looking to recreation for a more sustainable future. After all, the recreation economy brings Utah \$12 billion annually in spending and more than 122,000 jobs.

It seemed, for a time, that even Utah's pro-fossil fuels politicians were concerned about protecting the recreation economy. The 2013 Utah Public Lands Initiative (PLI), spearheaded by Representative Rob Bishop (R, UT), offered hope. Bishop claimed the PLI sought "to build consensus" over which areas in seven eastern Utah counties should be preserved and which should be developed.

We at the Grand Canyon Trust, along with our partners in the conservation and recreation communities, were inspired by the promise of the PLI. Read more on our [blog](#).



## Grant Program Update



### Winter 2016 Funding Cycle

Our Winter 2016 funding cycle came to a close last week when [we awarded \\$790,000 to 20 organizations](#) working to protect our favorite wild places. Seven out of the 20 organizations received funding from The Conservation Alliance for the first time: Backcountry Hunters & Anglers; Connecticut River Watershed Council; Hawaiian Islands Land Trust; Lake Champlain Land Trust; Methow Valley Citizens Council; Utah Diné Bikéyah and Wallowa Land Trust. We are proud to fund these important projects and we look forward to reporting on their progress in the coming year. For a complete list of projects funded in our Winter 2016 grant cycle, please visit our [blog](#).

### Summer 2016 Funding Cycle

Nominations for our Summer 2016 Funding Cycle will open on Monday, April 4. Every Conservation Alliance member company may nominate two organizations to submit a grant request in this funding cycle. Organizations must be nominated before they may apply for Conservation Alliance funding. We accept grant requests up to \$50,000 and we plan to disburse \$800,000 in the Summer 2016 Funding Cycle. Members will receive an email with a link to the nomination form on April 4, and the form must be submitted by May 1, 2016. Member companies that know of a project in their area that meets our [funding criteria](#) should consider nominating them to apply for a Conservation Alliance grant.

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### This Land is *Our* Land

*We oppose transferring our federal lands to the states*

PUBLIC LANDS: WHERE YOUR ADVENTURES HAPPEN

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| <br><b>43%</b> of paddling is on public lands | <br><b>193,500</b> miles of hiking trails are on public lands | <br><b>71%</b> of climbing is on public lands | <br><b>12,659</b> miles of mountain biking trails are on public lands |
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RECREATION AT RISK IN MY STATE

If outdoor recreation is a big part of your life, you likely spend a lot of time on public lands. For many of us, lands managed by the National Park Service, Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management are the setting for the most important moments in our lives.

A growing coalition of outdoor businesses, recreation and recreation user groups has come together to stand up for our federal lands. The Conservation Alliance is proud to partner with our peers in raising awareness about this threat, and telling our elected officials to stand strong in the belief that federal lands are best managed by the federal government, not individual states with their unpredictable budgets and perspectives on



the best use of those lands. [Read more on our blog.](#)

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## Outdoor Retailer Summer Market, August 5-8, 2015

Mark your calendar for these

[Conservation Alliance events:](#)

8/5 - Celebrate Our Public Lands Party with OIA and Outdoor Alliance

8/6 - [The Conservation Alliance Breakfast with Eric Larsen](#)

8/6 - Live Monumental Party

Our members are offering [great deals](#) on gear at the show. Best of all, proceeds from each sale will benefit The Conservation Alliance.

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## SUCCESS! Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument

*330,780 Acres Protected*



On July 10th, 2015, President Obama protected 330,780 acres in Northern California by designating Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. The Conservation

Alliance awarded [Tuleyome](#) two grants in 2012 and 2014, totaling \$55,000, for their effort to protect Berryessa Snow Mountain. The new national monument is less than 100 miles from Sacramento and the Bay Area, and covers portions of Lake, Napa, Mendocino, Solano and Yolo counties. Recreation opportunities include hiking, mountain biking, hunting, horse-back riding, and paddling down the wild and scenic Cache Creek. This region provides critical habitat for California's second-largest population of wintering bald eagles, and wild Tule elk. We applaud President Obama for using his authority under the Antiquities Act to create Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

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## **SUCCESS! Anthony's Nose**

*18 Acres Protected*



[The Lake George Land Conservancy](#) (LGLC) acquired 18 acres at the base of Anthony's Nose, an iconic peninsula at the north end of Lake George, NY. This acquisition provides public access to the 2,200-foot summit of Record Hill, and is adjacent to a 189-acre parcel acquired by LGLC in 2000. The Conservation Alliance awarded LGLC a \$35,000 grant to acquire this property, and we are proud to announce that the project is complete.

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## **Ambassador Profile: Kate Larramendy**

*Design and Sustainability Director at Toad&Co.*





Today, we'd like you to meet Kate Larramendy, Design & Sustainability Director at [Toad&Co](#) in Santa Barbara, CA. She has been an active volunteer for The Conservation Alliance since Toad&Co (formerly Horny Toad) joined The Conservation Alliance in 2005.

**Q: What local conservation projects are you involved in?**

A: About 15 years ago a group of locals caught wind of backroom dealings to approve a major development in the hills that are the backdrop to Ventura. We were appalled by what this would mean for traffic, sprawl and loss of open space and habitat. This was my first hands-on experience helping to start a grassroots movement. From there it got political and after defeating a ballot measure we were able to shift the focus to conservation efforts by forming a land trust. I learned a lot about fundraising – sadly, so much of conservation comes down to money. The upside is I know how to produce a concert. Learn more about Kate on our [blog](#).

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[Outreach Events Calendar](#)

**Backyard Collective:**

Portland 8/20

Boulder 9/11

**Wild Drinks:**

Bay Area 9/10

Portland 9/17

Seattle 9/24

Boulder 10/8

**The Conservation Alliance Welcomes Five New Members in July:**

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## Mountain Equipment Co-op Hosts Conservation Alliance Board in Vancouver, BC



Earlier this month, The Conservation Alliance Board of Directors and staff met in Vancouver, B.C for our annual planning retreat. Conservation Alliance member, [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) was a gracious host and shared their [state-of-the art space](#) with us.



We were fortunate to have Canadian grantees, [Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society](#), [Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society – NWT](#), [Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative](#), [Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition](#), and [Sierra Club of BC](#) share their expertise of Canadian conservation policy and project updates. If you think conservation in the United State is complicated, think again!

After two days of meetings and planning for the upcoming year, we were craving fresh air and headed to Vancouver's North Shore for a brilliant hike along the Baden-Powell Trail, a 48-kilometer trail stretching from Horseshoe Bay to Deep Cove. Needless to say, we didn't cover the entire distance but had a very nice walk in the woods. The retreat ended with a ceremonial dinner of sushi and donuts, preparing us well for more good work in 2016!

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## Clif Bar, Keen, Patagonia, Wild Places and The Conservation Alliance Prepare for 2016



Representatives from The Conservation Alliance staff and member companies Patagonia, KEEN Footwear, Clif Bar & Company, and Wild Places traveled to Washington, DC in November to learn about the conservation opportunities that lie ahead in 2016. We were part of a group of funders that gathered to hear from Obama Administration representatives, policy experts, and each other how to make the most of



President Obama's last 14 months in office. The conversation focused on opportunities to secure new National Monuments, efforts to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund, protect large landscapes in Alaska, designate new Wilderness areas, and defend our bedrock environmental laws from Congressional attempts to undermine them.

From the collective wisdom of the group, we confirmed that we have made grants to organizations working on viable campaigns that could yet protect millions of acres of public land throughout the US. We also gained insights into where we might direct our funding in 2016 to have the greatest impact on the ground. It was great to see such a large turnout of outdoor industry representatives at this meeting. We came away encourage about the prospects for more protected wild places next year!

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## Grantee Progress Reports



In October 2014, The Conservation Alliance invested \$800,000 in grassroots conservation organizations. Each grant went to a project working to secure permanent protection for a specific threatened wild place. We direct organizations to use our funding over the course of a 12-month period. At the end of the grant period, we ask each group for a 12-month final report. These reports play a key role in helping us determine the return on our investment.

Conservation Alliance grantees reported many conservation victories in the last 12 months. These victories include:



- Climbing areas acquired in Maine and Kentucky
- 22,000-acre Browns Canyon National Monument designated in Colorado
- 22,100-acre Alpine Lakes Wilderness additions and 51 river miles protected in Washington
- 430,000 acres protected from future mining, and oil and gas development in Montana
- 43 acres acquired in Maine
- Two dams removed in Oregon
- 330,000-acre Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument designated in California
- 275,665-acre Boulder-White Clouds Wilderness designated in Idaho
- 18 acres acquired in New York

[Visit our blog](#) to learn more about the progress our grantees have made with our funding.



### **Save the Date!**

The Conservation Alliance  
Breakfast

*Featuring...*

**The Emerald Mile: Grand  
Canyon, Adventure, and  
Threats to Our National Parks**

*A presentation by [Kevin Fedarko](#)*

7AM-9AM, Friday, January 8, 2016

The Marriott Downtown, Salons F-I  
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***Arrive tired, leave inspired!***

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## **Coming Soon to a Booth Near You**



### Member Signs

Back by popular demand, we produced signs for our member companies to display in their booths at the Outdoor Retailer trade shows. Conservation Alliance staff and ambassadors will deliver signs to every member company exhibiting at the upcoming Outdoor Retailer show on Thursday morning, January 7th.

### Host a Conservation Alliance Fundraiser at the OR Show!

100 percent of our members' annual dues go directly to our grant fund. We cover our operating expenses through separate fundraising efforts, including product sales and happy hours at Outdoor Retailer. If you would like to hold a Conservation Alliance Fundraising Event at your booth during ORWM, please contact [Serena](#) for details.



### Project Spotlight

The campaign to protect Colorado's Thompson Divide advanced this week



### Winter 2016 Grant Cycle Update

We circulated the Winter 2016 RFP to a record 74 organizations earlier this



when the BLM released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for previously issued oil and gas leases in the White River National Forest. The draft calls for the cancellation of 18 oil and gas leases in the heart of Colorado's Thompson Divide. This is a significant milestone in the campaign to protect 220,000 acres near Carbondale, CO from oil and gas development. [Learn more](#)

month. Thank you to all of our members who nominated organizations to apply for funding in this grant cycle, we rely on you to help us find important conservation opportunities. The Conservation Alliance staff and board will start reading proposals on December 1 to determine which 25 projects will be on the Winter 2016 Ballot.

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## Ambassador Profile: Caroleigh Pierce

*Outreach Manager at Klean Kanteen*



Conservation Alliance Ambassadors are key influencers and leaders in the outdoor industry, and they serve as a conduit for spreading the word about Conservation Alliance programs and grantee activities within their respective companies. Today, we'd like you to meet Caroleigh Pierce, Outreach Manager at Klean Kanteen in Chico, CA. Caroleigh was one of the first ambassadors to join our ambassador program. In addition to being an internal advocate for The Conservation Alliance, she demonstrates her commitment by organizing fundraising events at Outdoor Retailer. She will also be joining us for lobby training in Washington, DC in April, 2016. [Learn more](#) about what

inspired Caroleigh to become a conservation activist on our [blog](#).

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### Remembering Doug Tompkins



Learning that Doug Tompkins died tragically after his kayak capsized in the frigid waters of a lake in Chile took the wind out of me. I was not close to Doug. We met several times when I worked at Patagonia, Inc. Doug was a regular visitor to Patagonia's Ventura campus along with his wife, Kris, who enjoyed a storied run as the company's CEO. Doug's passing is a blow because we have lost a pioneer whose values helped define what it meant to be a responsible leader in business.

Like his pal Yvon Chouinard, Doug took the skills and attributes he developed in the mountains and applied them to business. And like Yvon, Doug was not satisfied to merely do well in business. He wanted to make a much bigger mark on the world by protecting what's left of our special wild places. Though he found most of his business success at Esprit, Doug's influence is found on two of the outdoor industry's most important brands, and incidentally, two of The Conservation Alliance's founding members: The North Face and Patagonia. Doug founded The North Face as a Bay Area retail operation, setting in motion an iconic brand that has helped bring outdoor values to core athletes and the masses alike. Through his friendship with Yvon and Malinda Chouinard, and marriage to Kris, Doug had a meaningful though less direct impact on Patagonia. He was part of the legendary road trip to Patagonia (the region) that inspired the name for the clothing brand, and he surely played a role in Yvon's thinking about the environment. [Continue reading on our blog.](#)

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## REI & Patagonia Team Up for the Wild Olympics



Conservation Alliance founding member companies [REI](#) and [Patagonia](#) have banded together to call attention to the effort to protect wilderness and wild rivers on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. The two companies are working with The Conservation Alliance to highlight their shared commitment to protecting wild places. In 1989, the brands teamed up with The North Face and Kelty to launch The Conservation Alliance as a vehicle for outdoor industry companies to work collectively to protect wild places for their recreation and habitat values. Both companies have supported the [Wild Olympics](#) campaign on their own, and are now doing so together.



The effort went live last week at an event at the REI flagship retail store in Seattle. Patagonia has a "shop-in-shop" in that store, which now has Wild Olympics imagery and messages integrated throughout the space. Customers can learn more about the campaign and sign post cards in support of the proposed protections. A highlight of the space is a map artfully painted onto the floor that shows the rivers and mountain ranges of the Olympic Peninsula.

The Wild Olympics Campaign seeks to protect 126,000 acres of Wilderness and 19 rivers adjacent to Olympic National Park. Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Derek Kilmer have introduced legislation into both the House and Senate to secure the protections. The measure is broadly supported on the peninsula, and throughout Washington State. Check out the [online story map](#) that highlights some of the places proposed for protection. [And REI wrote a beautiful piece on their blog about the effort.](#)



Big thanks to REI and Patagonia for calling attention to this important campaign!

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## Land and Water Conservation Fund Reauthorized for 3 Years!



Congress passed an omnibus spending bill that includes a provision to reauthorize the popular Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for three years. For the past 50 years, the LWCF has provided a reliable source of funding to purchase lands important for outdoor recreation and habitat conservation. The spending bill also guarantees \$450 million in funding for LWCF in 2016, a significant increase over the past several years' appropriations.

President Lyndon Johnson signed the LWCF into law in 1964, creating a fund that would take royalties from oil and gas drilling and put those dollars into land acquisition for recreation and conservation. The fund cost taxpayers nothing. The fund expired in October when Congress failed to reauthorize it despite broad and deep bipartisan support. Though LWCF advocates had hoped for permanent reauthorization, the three-year renewal is an important lifeline for the conservation program.

"LWCF is a critical tool to protect our open spaces in Washington and around the country: The increase in real funding and a three year reauthorization will allow us to do important work in our state. I will continue to push for permanent reauthorization," said Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash. [Continue reading on our blog.](#)

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## 2015 Year in Review





The Conservation Alliance closes 2015 with much to celebrate. Thanks to our members, we contributed a record \$1.6 million to 43 organizations working to protect special wild lands and waters throughout North America. More important, our grantees delivered 11 important conservation victories that: protected 1,179,695 acres of land; acquired one climbing area; removed two dams; protected 13 river miles; and supported the designation of three National Monuments. To supplement our funding, our members lent their business voices to help conservation campaigns. In 2015, we organized three trips to Washington, DC during which our members met with Congressional offices and the Obama Administration about the importance of protecting specific wild places.

We organized six Backyard Collective events and four Wild Drinks events, all designed to bring our member employees together with our grantees for stewardship, advocacy, and fun. We welcomed five new board members, bringing important fresh blood to the organization. We are proud of the work we did in 2015, bringing the outdoor industry's resources and voices to bear on efforts to protect wild places throughout North America.

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The Conservation Alliance  
Breakfast Presents:





## The Emerald Mile: Grand Canyon, Adventure, and Threats to Our National Parks

A presentation by [Kevin Fedarko](#)

7AM-9AM, Friday, January 8, 2016  
The Marriott Downtown, Salons F-I  
Salt Lake City, UT

***Arrive tired, leave inspired!***

Visit our [events page](#) for a complete list of Conservation Alliance events and fundraisers at Outdoor Retailer Winter Market.



### Project Update: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Bill Introduced

On December 2nd, Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Senator Edward J. Markey (D-MA) introduced legislation to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's Coastal Plain as Wilderness. Wilderness legislation for the coastal plain has been introduced in every Congress for nearly three decades. The Wilderness bill introduced in the 114th Congress has a record 34 co-sponsors. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the last remaining intact Arctic



Welcome to the Conservation Alliance

### 28 Companies Join The Conservation Alliance in 2015

As the year comes to a close, we'd like to acknowledge our new members. 28 brands joined The Conservation Alliance this year, including: Allied Feather and Down Corp; Avex / Ignite; Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine; Boco Gear; Cairn; Garmont; GoPro; Hipcamp; Indigitous, LLC; Kiitella, Inc.; Leatherman; Nahanni River Adventures; Nau; New Normal Consulting, LLC; Nuu Muu; OLUKAI; Onya Baby; Outdoor Industries Women's Coalition; Picky



ecosystems, and it is home to caribou, polar bears, foxes and over 200 species of birds.

Bars; Press Forward PR; SAXX Underwear; Seaview Outfitters; Shift Advantage; Superfeet Worldwide; Ursack; Yeti Coolers; Yonder; and Zappos. Welcome to the Alliance!

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## Ambassador Profile: Obi Kaufmann

*Chief Storyteller at Juniper Ridge*



Conservation Alliance Ambassadors are key influencers and leaders in the outdoor industry, and they serve as a conduit for spreading the word about Conservation Alliance programs and grantee activities within their respective companies. Today, we'd like you to meet Obi Kaufmann, Chief Storyteller at Juniper Ridge. Obi is an activist, a wilderness perfumer and a [watercolor cartographer](#). Juniper Ridge received an [Outstanding Partnership Award](#) in 2015 for their commitment to protecting the Berryessa Snow Mountain region. Learn more about what inspired Obi to become a conservation activist on our [blog](#).

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OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Wendy Adams - (b) (6)

Mon, Feb 23, 2015 at 2:27 PM

Hi Wendy,

Stephenne Harding passed along your contact info and we would be thrilled if Senator Udall could join us for this event. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Steven Avila



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**Priscilla Ouchida** <pouchida@jacl.org>

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To: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

I will not be able to attend, but may I send a member of our national board to represent JAACL?

Thank you,

Priscilla Ouchida  
Executive Director  
Japanese American Citizens League  
1629 K Street N.W., Suite 400  
Washington, D.C. 20006  
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To: Priscilla Ouchida <pouchida@jacl.org>

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President Obama designated Browns Canyon and Honouliuli Internment Camp as national monuments using his authority under the Antiquities Act. Browns Canyon spans approximately 21,500 acres of rugged cliffs, colorful rock outcroppings and stunning mountain vistas. Honouliuli national monument permanently protects a site where Japanese American citizens, resident immigrants, and prisoners of war were held captive during World War II.

We also anticipate holding local events celebrating these monuments in the coming weeks.

Please RSVP by clicking [HERE](#).

**Celebration of the Browns Canyon and Honouliuli National Monuments**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**5:30PM – 7:00PM**

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Fri, Feb 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM



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**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**5:30PM – 7:00PM**

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Thu, Jul 2, 2015 at 11:22 AM



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Dear Friends,

Please join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, Bureau of Land



Management Director Neil Kornze, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, Governor John Hickenlooper, Former U.S. Senator Mark Udall, State and Local Officials, and other community leaders on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. to celebrate the designation of Browns Canyon National Monument.

**Saturday, July 18, 2015**

2:45 p.m. – Check-in  
3:00 p.m. – Celebration

Buena Vista River Park  
Located at the intersection of East Main St. and South Main Street  
Buena Vista, CO 81211

We hope you are able to join us and ask that you RSVP at your earliest convenience by clicking [HERE](#). Casual attire is appropriate.

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Former Secretary Salazar sends his regards and thanks for the invitation. Due to travel conflicts, he will be unable to attend.

Best wishes,

**Velina Wallick | WilmerHale**  
Executive Assistant to Ken Salazar

1225 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1660

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Mon, Jul 13, 2015 at 11:18 AM



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*Fisherman's Bridge Recreation Site  
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Buena Vista, Co 81211*

**\*Directions to Fisherman's Bridge Recreational Site:** The exit for Fisherman's Bridge is located south of Buena Vista on U.S. Highway 285, between mile markers 144 and 145. Turn east (towards the river) on Chaffee County Road 301, which can be identified by the large, yellow River Runners signs. Go across the river to the end of the pavement and the parking lot is on the right.

Please note that lunch will be provided for \$12. Please bring cash.

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Mon, Jul 13, 2015 at 1:23 PM



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**INVITE: Join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell on a rafting trip into Browns Canyon National Monument.**

1 message

OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Bcc: Wendy Adams - (b) (6) Jill Ozarski <jill.ozarski@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 14, 2015 at 4:14 PM



Dear Friends:

Please join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. on a rafting trip into Browns Canyon National Monument.

**Rafting Trip into Browns Canyon National Monument**

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OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 11:31 AM

Bcc: alex.zipp@state.co.us, DvorakB@nwf.org, jim.dickson@salidaelected.com, james.pribyl@state.co.us, mayor@buenavistaco.gov, kbaker6474@me.com, madeleine.west@state.co.us, vlacayo@blm.gov



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OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Bcc: swilloughby@denverpost.com

Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 3:51 PM



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## INVITATION: Join Secretary Sally Jewell on Tuesday, March 31 at a Dedication Ceremony for the Newly Designated Honouliuli National Monument

5 messages

OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov> Tue, Mar 24, 2015 at 6:07 PM

Bcc: Terri Johnson <terri\_johnson@ios.doi.gov>, John Blair <john\_blair@ios.doi.gov>, Francisco Carrillo <francisco\_carrillo@ios.doi.gov>, Francis Iacobucci <francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov>, Erin Frautschy Barrows <erin\_frautschybarrows@ios.doi.gov>, Kerry McNellis <kerry\_mcnellis@ios.doi.gov>, Blake Androff <blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov>, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>, Emily Beyer <emily\_beyer@ios.doi.gov>, "Gabriella (Janou) Gordon" <gabriella\_gordon@ios.doi.gov>, Jeremy Bratt <jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov>, Nicole Buffa <nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov>, paul deprey@nps.gov, Maureen Foster <maureen\_foster@nps.gov>, patty\_neubacher@nps.gov, Brennon Morioka - (b) (6) cak@hawaiiattorney.com,

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Ryan K - (b) (6) Maria Najera <maria\_najera@ios.doi.gov>



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Tue, Mar 24, 2015 at 10:18 PM

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Tue, Mar 24, 2015 at 10:25 PM

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**Betsy Young** (b) (6)

Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 3:47 PM

To: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

ALOHA,  
THANK YOU FOR HE UP-DATE. I'M GLAD YOU ARE INFORMING THE FOLKS ON THE  
POSSIBLE RAIN FORECAST AND THE GEAR TO BRING FOR THE GULCH.  
I HAVE SENT IN MY RSVP SOON AFTER THE INVITATION ARRIVED.  
HEFE'S TO A MEMORABLE CEREMONY.

Mahalo,  
Betsy Young, JCCH

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**INVITATION: Join Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary Tom Vilsack on Tuesday, February 24, to Celebrate Browns Canyon and Honouliuli National Monuments**

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OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Steven Avila <steven\_avila@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Feb 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM



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**Celebration of the Browns Canyon and Honouliuli National Monuments**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015**

**5:30PM – 7:00PM**



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Fri, Feb 20, 2015 at 6:04 PM

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**OS, Office of the Secretary** <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
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Fri, Feb 20, 2015 at 6:08 PM

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To: Steven Avila <steven\_avila@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Jul 2, 2015 at 11:22 AM





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OS, Office of the Secretary &lt;officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov&gt; Tue, Mar 24, 2015 at 6:07 PM

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Wed, Mar 25, 2015 at 10:50 AM



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## Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Monument Designations

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Friends: we want to share the exciting news that later today President Obama will designate three new national monuments – Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California, and Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas.

Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

Please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's actions. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to [oiea@ios.doi.gov](mailto:oiea@ios.doi.gov).

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[Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada](#)



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### **Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Designation of Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada**

*President's Action Preserves Sweeping Landscapes & Ancient Rock Art, Protects Existing Ranching & Military Uses*



**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today joined members of Congress, state elected officials, and local business and community leaders in applauding the President's designation of the Basin and Range National Monument on public lands in southeastern Nevada. This national monument – located in one of the most remote and undeveloped areas of the state – exemplifies the rich cultural history, varied wildlife and vast open spaces with stunning views for which the state is known.

The Basin and Range National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique cultural and natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

“This area is a spectacular expanse of rugged public lands that tell the proud story of the West, from the ancient rock art of our First Americans to the early homesteaders looking for opportunity on the open range,” said Secretary Jewell. “Today's action builds on local efforts to preserve and protect this special place, while also allowing traditional ranching practices, recreational opportunities, future scientific study and national security exercises. The President's action ensures that this area will remain a beloved resource for generations to come.”

Basin and Range National Monument, located in Lincoln and Nye counties about two hours from downtown Las Vegas, spans approximately 704,000 acres of rugged mountains and sweeping valleys. The monument tells the story of the area's native peoples as well as the history of more recent settlers and mining communities. The designation also preserves current uses of the land, including traditional ranching practices and ongoing military training operations, while ensuring that the land remains unspoiled for future generations.

In February, Interior Deputy Secretary Mike Connor and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Neil Kornze visited Las Vegas at the request of Senator Harry Reid and Congresswoman Dina Titus to hear from the community about its vision for conservation in southern Nevada. Legislation to withdraw the Basin and Range area from mining and other uses had been introduced by Senator Reid and Congresswoman Titus. Nevada businesses have also supported protection of the area, including MGM Resorts International, the state's largest employer; Wynn Resorts, Barrick Gold Corporation, and Rockwood Lithium North America, as well as the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

The national monument, comprised of existing federal lands, will continue to be managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It is the newest addition to the **National Conservation Lands**, a system managed by the BLM that contains some of the West's most spectacular and unique landscapes, including Red Rock Canyon outside Las Vegas. The national monument includes Garden Valley and Coal Valley; the Worthington Mountains, the Golden Gate Range, the Seaman Mountains, and the Mount Irish Range; the Hiko Narrows and the White River Narrows; and the Shooting Gallery rock art site.

The proclamation allows for continued historic uses of the area, including hunting and fishing, which will continue to be managed under existing rules and regulations. Both Garden Valley and Coal Valley have long traditions of responsible ranching operations and careful stewardship of the land. The proclamation will not affect grazing operations in the monument, including use of motorized vehicles, construction and maintenance of water infrastructure, and construction of fences and other range improvements relating to grazing operations. Additionally, the designation does not affect U.S. military uses of the airspace and allows continued military access for emergency response and training activities.

The Basin and Range area has been threatened by various proposed development projects over many



decades, including various railroad lines, solar energy development, oil and gas development, and major electrical transmission lines. Interest in mineral development within the area has been minor in recent years, with more attractive prospects to the north and east of the area while the BLM's Western Solar Plan established areas for focused solar energy development elsewhere in southeastern Nevada.

The Basin and Range National Monument contains a wealth of scientifically significant geological, ecological, cultural, and historical resources and is an important area for studies of paleoecology, seismology, archaeology, and paleoclimatology. The area's vast unbroken expanses on the transition between the Mojave Desert and the sage brush steppe of the Great Basin region makes it home to a wide diversity of plants and wildlife, including desert bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and a host of bat, lizard, and snake species.

The national monument designation will protect outstanding opportunities to recreate such as hiking, hunting, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing and rock climbing.

Located on private lands within the monument boundary is the landscape sculpture *City* by Michael Heizer. Comparable in size to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the work explores contemporary and ancient American influences in the context of the stark and open landscape.

Protection of the work and its surroundings has been supported by major American art institutions such as the Nevada Museum of Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Art. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art currently holds a conservation easement that ensures public access once the artwork is completed, no later than five years from now, and ensures the protection of *City*. The Museum intends to donate the conservation easement to the United States. Upon acquisition by the United States, the easement will be managed by the BLM as part of the monument.

"The Basin and Range National Monument is quintessential Nevada," said BLM Director Neil Kornze. "The monument honors and supports the proud traditions of the ranchers and sheepherders who have taken care of this land for generations while also providing a backdrop to spectacular ancient rock art and an important contemporary artwork. Its designation is a great win for Nevada."

The BLM will prepare a management plan for the monument in formal cooperation with the State of Nevada, local governments, and tribes. The plan will be developed in an open process with maximum public involvement.

"Collaborative management of this area is a key priority for the BLM in Nevada," said BLM Acting Nevada State Director John Ruhs. "This designation represents an opportunity for new businesses in the communities of Lincoln and Nye counties while also supporting the traditional ranching economy. We look forward to working closely with local partners on this effort."

The Antiquities Act was first used by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 to designate Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming. Since then, 16 presidents have used this authority to protect unique natural and historic features on public lands in America, such as the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients.

With these new designations, President Obama will have used the Antiquities Act to establish or expand 19 national monuments. Altogether, he has protected more than 260 million acres of public lands and waters – more than any other President – as well as preserved sites that help tell the story of significant people or extraordinary events in American history, such as Cèsar E. Chàvez National Monument in California, Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument in Maryland, and Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Ohio.



Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California

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Martha Maciel (BLM), 916-078-4616**Secretaries Vilsack and Jewell Laud President Obama's Designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument***President's Action Protects, Connects Northern California Area Known for Natural Beauty, Recreational Opportunities*

**WASHINGTON** – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell joined members of Congress, California State and local elected officials, and community members across Northern California today in praising the President's designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique cultural and natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

"The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument strikes a unique balance between Northern California's urban environments of Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area and the wild, remote landscapes that surround the farms, ranches, orchards, and vineyards that nourish our nation," said Secretary Vilsack. "The President's proclamation today will ensure that these lands will continue to be a sustainable, working landscape that supports local economies and critical resources like fresh water, grazing lands, and habitat for important plant, fish and wildlife species."

"Today's action honors more than a decade of work by the local community to protect this beautiful landscape," said Secretary Jewell. "The Berryessa Snow Mountain region draws families and outdoor enthusiasts seeking adventure, recreation, and the solitude that only nature can provide. The President's action will help boost local economies and ensure that the area's unique natural, cultural, and recreational resources are protected for generations to come."

The new 330,780-acre monument is comprised of existing federal lands, extending from Berryessa Peak and other lands in the vicinity of Lake Berryessa in Napa, Yolo, and Solano counties through the spectacular lands of Lake, Colusa, and Glenn Counties to the eastern boundary of the Yuki Wilderness in Mendocino County. It is now the second largest national monument in California, after the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The monument does not include Lake Berryessa itself, which will continue to be managed as a recreation area by the Bureau of Reclamation.



In December, Secretary Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, and USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Robert Bonnie visited the Berryessa Snow Mountain area at the request of Congressman Mike Thompson to hear from the community about their vision for conservation in the region. Since 2012, Congressman Thompson and Senator Barbara Boxer have been introducing legislation to protect this area. The boundary declared by the President's designation follows the approach adopted by legislation introduced in February of this year following extensive public outreach and engagement by the Congressman.

The region's proximity to population centers such as Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Rosa make the area an important setting for recreation for millions of Northern California residents. Studies estimate an increase in visitors could bring up to \$26 million in new economic activity and \$500,000 in tax revenue to local economies during the five year period post designation.

Miles of hiking, horseback riding, and designated off-road vehicle trails offer visitors views of the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east and the Coastal Mountains to the west, as well as panoramic vistas overlooking Clear Lake, Lake Berryessa, and the steep canyon of Cache Creek. Hunting and angling are popular activities year-round. The Cache Creek, Cedar Rough, and Snow Mountain wilderness areas provide opportunities for remote backcountry travel and Cache Creek provides the closest commercial whitewater rafting to San Francisco.

The area contains one of the greatest concentrations of biodiversity in California and is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted owls, marten, and fisher. California Coastal Chinook salmon and Northern California steelhead spawn in the area's waterways.

"This is an amazing area for the public to get outside and connect with their public lands and the natural environment," said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "Visitors can get a truly wild experience on this landscape, spending days and even weeks exploring the rugged terrain and finding something new around every corner. From the smallest insects and flowers, the largest mammals and trees, to the sweeping vistas of the Monument's mountains and valleys across the Sacramento Valley to the High Sierra – this is a breathtaking area with so much to see and explore."

#### Waco Mammoth National Monument



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### **Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Action to Establish Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas**

*New National Park to Showcase Rare Mammoth Fossils, Includes First and Only  
Recorded Discovery of a Nursery Herd*



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**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell welcomed President Obama's designation of the Waco Mammoth Site as one of the nation's newest national monuments, permanently protecting the site where the extremely well-preserved fossils of a herd of Columbian Mammoths and other Ice Age animals have been found.

The [Waco Mammoth](#) National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

The area in Texas provides a rare chance to understand and interpret the behavior and ecology of the extinct Columbian Mammoth. The oldest fossils identified at the site are thought to be more than 65,000 years old. In addition, both the excavation area and the land around it offer an excellent opportunity for further exploration and paleontological and geological research.

"Our National Parks inspire and teach us about our nation's natural history – in this case, about the prehistoric animals that walked our Earth tens of thousands of years ago," Jewell said. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will share the wonder of these incredible mammoths with visitors from around the world and help introduce a new generation to the thrill of scientific discovery that only a special site like this can demonstrate first-hand."

"Today is a special day for Texas! President Bush and I are thrilled that the Waco Mammoth Site is America's newest national monument. I applaud President Obama, the City of Waco, Baylor University, and now the National Park Service, who worked to develop, preserve, and champion the Waco Mammoth Site," said former First Lady Laura Bush. "The Waco Mammoth Site takes visitors back in time nearly 65,000 years, and reminds us of our country's connection to the history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great time to celebrate our nation's parks." "our country's connection to the natural history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great way to celebrate our national parks and kick off a second century of stewardship."

The site will be managed by the National Park Service in cooperation with the City of Waco and Baylor University. The National Park Service will conduct a [management planning process](#), working closely with these partners, community residents, and other groups that have devoted themselves to preserving the site for many years.

"The National Park Service is proud to work in partnership with the City of Waco and Baylor University to protect, preserve, and most importantly share the remarkable Waco Mammoth National Monument with the American people and visitors from around the world," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will engage students, visitors, and scientists alike with the story of these extinct mammoths. As the National Park Service prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2016, this new addition to our Park Service family will help more Americans develop lifelong relationships with parks as places where they can discover amazing things."

The site was discovered in 1978, when Waco residents Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin were looking



for arrowheads and fossils along the Bosque River and found a large bone protruding from the earth. Realizing the possible significance of this discovery, Mr. Barron and Mr. Bufkin immediately took the bone to the Strecker Museum at Baylor University where the bone was identified as the upper leg bone of a Columbian Mammoth.

Over the next 20 years, Baylor University oversaw the excavation of the site, where they found the remains of 24 Columbian Mammoths, including both adults and juveniles, as well as a Western Camel, saber-toothed cat, dwarf antelope, American Alligator, and giant tortoise. The Columbian Mammoths are the largest mammoth species – larger than its relative, the Woolly mammoth – and stood 12 to 14 feet tall and weighed seven to eight tons. Their tusks grew as long as 16 feet. Many of the discovered bones, including the remains of four Columbian Mammoths as well as the skeleton of the camel, remain in place, providing visitors an opportunity to view them.

Congress directed the National Park Service to conduct a [special resource study of the Waco Mammoth Site](#), which was completed in 2008. That study confirmed that the Waco Mammoth resources are nationally significant, worthy of permanent preservation and suitable and feasible for inclusion in the national park system. In April 2015, Director Jarvis participated in a public meeting at the Waco Mammoth Site to hear from the community about the potential inclusion of the site in the National Park System. A large crowd participated in the public meeting and voiced strong support for the proposal.

The City of Waco has operated the Waco Mammoth Site as a park since 2009, in partnership with Baylor University and with support from the nonprofit Waco Mammoth Foundation, Inc. The city donated to the United States approximately five acres, which includes the excavation site and the dig shelter, making it possible to establish the monument. Nearly the entire Waco Mammoth Site will be included within the boundary of the National Monument.

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“The Basin and Range National Monument is quintessential Nevada,” said BLM Director Neil Kornze. “The monument honors and supports the proud traditions of the ranchers and shepherders who have taken care of this land for generations while also providing a backdrop to spectacular ancient rock art and an important contemporary artwork. Its designation is a great win for Nevada.”

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“Collaborative management of this area is a key priority for the BLM in Nevada,” said BLM Acting Nevada State Director John Ruhs. “This designation represents an opportunity for new businesses in the communities of Lincoln and Nye counties while also supporting the traditional ranching economy. We look forward to working closely with local partners on this effort.”

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ensure that the area's unique natural, cultural, and recreational resources are protected for generations to come."

The new 330,780-acre monument is comprised of existing federal lands, extending from Berryessa Peak and other lands in the vicinity of Lake Berryessa in Napa, Yolo, and Solano counties through the spectacular lands of Lake, Colusa, and Glenn Counties to the eastern boundary of the Yuki Wilderness in Mendocino County. It is now the second largest national monument in California, after the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The monument does not include Lake Berryessa itself, which will continue to be managed as a recreation area by the Bureau of Reclamation.

In December, Secretary Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, and USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Robert Bonnie visited the Berryessa Snow Mountain area at the request of Congressman Mike Thompson to hear from the community about their vision for conservation in the region. Since 2012, Congressman Thompson and Senator Barbara Boxer have been introducing legislation to protect this area. The boundary declared by the President's designation follows the approach adopted by legislation introduced in February of this year following extensive public outreach and engagement by the Congressman.

The region's proximity to population centers such as Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Rosa make the area an important setting for recreation for millions of Northern California residents. Studies estimate an increase in visitors could bring up to \$26 million in new economic activity and \$500,000 in tax revenue to local economies during the five year period post designation.

Miles of hiking, horseback riding, and designated off-road vehicle trails offer visitors views of the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east and the Coastal Mountains to the west, as well as panoramic vistas overlooking Clear Lake, Lake Berryessa, and the steep canyon of Cache Creek. Hunting and angling are popular activities year-round. The Cache Creek, Cedar Rough, and Snow Mountain wilderness areas provide opportunities for remote backcountry travel and Cache Creek provides the closest commercial whitewater rafting to San Francisco.

The area contains one of the greatest concentrations of biodiversity in California and is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted owls, marten, and fisher. California Coastal Chinook salmon and Northern California steelhead spawn in the area's waterways.

"This is an amazing area for the public to get outside and connect with their public lands and the natural environment," said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "Visitors can get a truly wild experience on this landscape, spending days and even weeks exploring the rugged terrain and finding something new around every corner. From the smallest insects and flowers, the largest mammals and trees, to the sweeping vistas of the Monument's mountains and valleys across the Sacramento Valley to the High Sierra – this is a breathtaking area with so much to see and explore."



The proclamation allows for continued historic uses of the area, including hunting, fishing, and livestock grazing, which will be managed under existing rules and regulations. The designation does not alter or affect valid water rights, rights of way, or existing special use permits or commercial activities, as long as they are consistent with the care and management of the objects and resources protected by the designation.

“The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is an incredible resource for the people of north-central California,” said BLM Director Neil Kornze. “The BLM is proud to play a role managing these lands for the public's enjoyment and preserving them for future generations.”

The Forest Service and BLM will jointly prepare a management plan that will address the actions necessary to protect the resources identified in the monument proclamation. The plan will be developed with public involvement including tribal, state and local governments, ranchers, permit holders, and other interested stakeholders.

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Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

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"The Basin and Range National Monument is quintessential Nevada," said BLM Director Neil Kornze. "The monument honors and supports the proud traditions of the ranchers and sheepherders who have taken care of this land for generations while also providing a backdrop to spectacular ancient rock art and an important contemporary artwork. Its designation is a great win for Nevada."

The BLM will prepare a management plan for the monument in formal cooperation with the State of Nevada, local governments, and tribes. The plan will be developed in an open process with maximum public involvement.

"Collaborative management of this area is a key priority for the BLM in Nevada," said BLM Acting Nevada State Director John Ruhs. "This designation represents an opportunity for new businesses in the communities of Lincoln and Nye counties while also supporting the traditional ranching economy. We look forward to working closely with local partners on this effort."

The Antiquities Act was first used by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 to designate Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming. Since then, 16 presidents have used this authority to protect unique natural and historic features on public lands in America, such as the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients.



With these new designations, President Obama will have used the Antiquities Act to establish or expand 19 national monuments. Altogether, he has protected more than 260 million acres of public lands and waters – more than any other President – as well as preserved sites that help tell the story of significant people or extraordinary events in American history, such as Cèsar E. Chàvez National Monument in California, Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument in Maryland, and Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Ohio.

Beryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California



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**Secretaries Vilsack and Jewell Laud President Obama's Designation of Beryessa  
Snow Mountain National Monument**

*President's Action Protects, Connects Northern California Area Known for Natural  
Beauty, Recreational Opportunities*

**WASHINGTON** – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell joined members of Congress, California State and local elected officials, and community members across Northern California today in praising the President's designation of the Beryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

The Beryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique cultural and natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

"The Beryessa Snow Mountain National Monument strikes a unique balance between Northern California's urban environments of Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area and the wild, remote landscapes that surround the farms, ranches, orchards, and vineyards that nourish our nation," said Secretary Vilsack. "The President's proclamation today will ensure that these lands will continue to be a sustainable, working landscape that supports local economies and critical resources like fresh water, grazing lands, and habitat for important plant, fish and wildlife species."

"Today's action honors more than a decade of work by the local community to protect this beautiful landscape," said Secretary Jewell. "The Beryessa Snow Mountain region draws families and outdoor



enthusiasts seeking adventure, recreation, and the solitude that only nature can provide. The President's action will help boost local economies and ensure that the area's unique natural, cultural, and recreational resources are protected for generations to come."

The new 330,780-acre monument is comprised of existing federal lands, extending from Berryessa Peak and other lands in the vicinity of Lake Berryessa in Napa, Yolo, and Solano counties through the spectacular lands of Lake, Colusa, and Glenn Counties to the eastern boundary of the Yuki Wilderness in Mendocino County. It is now the second largest national monument in California, after the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The monument does not include Lake Berryessa itself, which will continue to be managed as a recreation area by the Bureau of Reclamation.

In December, Secretary Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, and USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Robert Bonnie visited the Berryessa Snow Mountain area at the request of Congressman Mike Thompson to hear from the community about their vision for conservation in the region. Since 2012, Congressman Thompson and Senator Barbara Boxer have been introducing legislation to protect this area. The boundary declared by the President's designation follows the approach adopted by legislation introduced in February of this year following extensive public outreach and engagement by the Congressman.

The region's proximity to population centers such as Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Rosa make the area an important setting for recreation for millions of Northern California residents. Studies estimate an increase in visitors could bring up to \$26 million in new economic activity and \$500,000 in tax revenue to local economies during the five year period post designation.

Miles of hiking, horseback riding, and designated off-road vehicle trails offer visitors views of the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east and the Coastal Mountains to the west, as well as panoramic vistas overlooking Clear Lake, Lake Berryessa, and the steep canyon of Cache Creek. Hunting and angling are popular activities year-round. The Cache Creek, Cedar Rough, and Snow Mountain wilderness areas provide opportunities for remote backcountry travel and Cache Creek provides the closest commercial whitewater rafting to San Francisco.

The area contains one of the greatest concentrations of biodiversity in California and is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted owls, marten, and fisher. California Coastal Chinook salmon and Northern California steelhead spawn in the area's waterways.

"This is an amazing area for the public to get outside and connect with their public lands and the natural environment," said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "Visitors can get a truly wild experience on this landscape, spending days and even weeks exploring the rugged terrain and finding something new around every corner. From the smallest insects and flowers, the largest mammals and trees, to the sweeping vistas of the Monument's mountains and valleys across the Sacramento Valley to the High Sierra – this is a breathtaking area with so much to see and explore."

#### Waco Mammoth National Monument





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## News Release

### **Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Action to Establish Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas**

*New National Park to Showcase Rare Mammoth Fossils, Includes First and Only  
Recorded Discovery of a Nursery Herd*

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**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell welcomed President Obama's designation of the Waco Mammoth Site as one of the nation's newest national monuments, permanently protecting the site where the extremely well-preserved fossils of a herd of Columbian Mammoths and other Ice Age animals have been found.

The Waco Mammoth National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

The area in Texas provides a rare chance to understand and interpret the behavior and ecology of the extinct Columbian Mammoth. The oldest fossils identified at the site are thought to be more than 65,000 years old. In addition, both the excavation area and the land around it offer an excellent opportunity for further exploration and paleontological and geological research.

"Our National Parks inspire and teach us about our nation's natural history – in this case, about the prehistoric animals that walked our Earth tens of thousands of years ago," Jewell said. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will share the wonder of these incredible mammoths with visitors from around the world and help introduce a new generation to the thrill of scientific discovery that only a special site like this can demonstrate first-hand."

"Today is a special day for Texas! President Bush and I are thrilled that the Waco Mammoth Site is America's newest national monument. I applaud President Obama, the City of Waco, Baylor University, and now the National Park Service, who worked to develop, preserve, and champion the Waco Mammoth Site," said former First Lady Laura Bush. "The Waco Mammoth Site takes visitors back in time nearly 65,000 years, and reminds us of our country's connection to the history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great time to celebrate our nation's parks." our country's connection to the natural history of our planet. As we



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The site will be managed by the National Park Service in cooperation with the City of Waco and Baylor University. The National Park Service will conduct a management planning process, working closely with these partners, community residents, and other groups that have devoted themselves to preserving the site for many years.

“The National Park Service is proud to work in partnership with the City of Waco and Baylor University to protect, preserve, and most importantly share the remarkable Waco Mammoth National Monument with the American people and visitors from around the world,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “The Waco Mammoth National Monument will engage students, visitors, and scientists alike with the story of these extinct mammoths. As the National Park Service prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2016, this new addition to our Park Service family will help more Americans develop lifelong relationships with parks as places where they can discover amazing things.”

The site was discovered in 1978, when Waco residents Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin were looking for arrowheads and fossils along the Bosque River and found a large bone protruding from the earth. Realizing the possible significance of this discovery, Mr. Barron and Mr. Bufkin immediately took the bone to the Strecker Museum at Baylor University where the bone was identified as the upper leg bone of a Columbian Mammoth.

Over the next 20 years, Baylor University oversaw the excavation of the site, where they found the remains of 24 Columbian Mammoths, including both adults and juveniles, as well as a Western Camel, saber-toothed cat, dwarf antelope, American Alligator, and giant tortoise. The Columbian Mammoths are the largest mammoth species – larger than its relative, the Woolly mammoth – and stood 12 to 14 feet tall and weighed seven to eight tons. Their tusks grew as long as 16 feet. Many of the discovered bones, including the remains of four Columbian Mammoths as well as the skeleton of the camel, remain in place, providing visitors an opportunity to view them.

Congress directed the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of the Waco Mammoth Site, which was completed in 2008. That study confirmed that the Waco Mammoth resources are nationally significant, worthy of permanent preservation and suitable and feasible for inclusion in the national park system. In April 2015, Director Jarvis participated in a public meeting at the Waco Mammoth Site to hear from the community about the potential inclusion of the site in the National Park System. A large crowd participated in the public meeting and voiced strong support for the proposal.

The City of Waco has operated the Waco Mammoth Site as a park since 2009, in partnership with Baylor University and with support from the nonprofit Waco Mammoth Foundation, Inc. The city donated to the United States approximately five acres, which includes the excavation site and the dig shelter, making it possible to establish the monument. Nearly the entire Waco Mammoth Site will be included within the boundary of the National Monument.

The site remains the nation's first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd, including females and their offspring, of mammoths from the Ice Age, an era defined as 2.5 million to 10,000 years ago. Of the 24 mammoths uncovered to date, at least 18 were part of the nursery herd. As a result of an unknown natural catastrophic event, the entire nursery herd died at the same moment in time, which left the skeletons relatively intact. The site offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to examine the



matriarchal herd structure and behavior of this extinct species. For example, the herd apparently formed a circular defensive position before death, and juvenile mammoth skeletons rest atop the long tusks of adults, suggesting that the adults were trying to save their offspring from the rising waters and sucking mud.

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Friends: we want to share the exciting news that later today President Obama will designate three new national monuments – Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California, and Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas.



Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

Please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's actions. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to [oiea@ios.doi.gov](mailto:oiea@ios.doi.gov).

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## **Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Designation of Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada**

*President's Action Preserves Sweeping Landscapes & Ancient Rock Art, Protects Existing Ranching & Military Uses*

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today joined members of Congress, state elected officials, and local business and community leaders in applauding the President's designation of the Basin and Range National Monument on public lands in southeastern Nevada. This national monument – located in one of the most remote and undeveloped areas of the state – exemplifies the rich cultural history, varied wildlife and vast open spaces with stunning views for which the state is known.

The Basin and Range National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique cultural and natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

“This area is a spectacular expanse of rugged public lands that tell the proud story of the West, from the ancient rock art of our First Americans to the early homesteaders looking for opportunity on the open range,” said Secretary Jewell. “Today's action builds on local efforts to preserve and protect this



special place, while also allowing traditional ranching practices, recreational opportunities, future scientific study and national security exercises. The President's action ensures that this area will remain a beloved resource for generations to come."

Basin and Range National Monument, located in Lincoln and Nye counties about two hours from downtown Las Vegas, spans approximately 704,000 acres of rugged mountains and sweeping valleys. The monument tells the story of the area's native peoples as well as the history of more recent settlers and mining communities. The designation also preserves current uses of the land, including traditional ranching practices and ongoing military training operations, while ensuring that the land remains unspoiled for future generations.

In February, Interior Deputy Secretary Mike Connor and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Neil Kornze visited Las Vegas at the request of Senator Harry Reid and Congresswoman Dina Titus to hear from the community about its vision for conservation in southern Nevada. Legislation to withdraw the Basin and Range area from mining and other uses had been introduced by Senator Reid and Congresswoman Titus. Nevada businesses have also supported protection of the area, including MGM Resorts International, the state's largest employer; Wynn Resorts, Barrick Gold Corporation, and Rockwood Lithium North America, as well as the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

The national monument, comprised of existing federal lands, will continue to be managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It is the newest addition to the **National Conservation Lands**, a system managed by the BLM that contains some of the West's most spectacular and unique landscapes, including Red Rock Canyon outside Las Vegas. The national monument includes Garden Valley and Coal Valley; the Worthington Mountains, the Golden Gate Range, the Seaman Mountains, and the Mount Irish Range; the Hiko Narrows and the White River Narrows; and the Shooting Gallery rock art site.

The proclamation allows for continued historic uses of the area, including hunting and fishing, which will continue to be managed under existing rules and regulations. Both Garden Valley and Coal Valley have long traditions of responsible ranching operations and careful stewardship of the land. The proclamation will not affect grazing operations in the monument, including use of motorized vehicles, construction and maintenance of water infrastructure, and construction of fences and other range improvements relating to grazing operations. Additionally, the designation does not affect U.S. military uses of the airspace and allows continued military access for emergency response and training activities.

The Basin and Range area has been threatened by various proposed development projects over many decades, including various railroad lines, solar energy development, oil and gas development, and major electrical transmission lines. Interest in mineral development within the area has been minor in recent years, with more attractive prospects to the north and east of the area while the BLM's Western Solar Plan established areas for focused solar energy development elsewhere in southeastern Nevada.

The Basin and Range National Monument contains a wealth of scientifically significant geological, ecological, cultural, and historical resources and is an important area for studies of paleoecology, seismology, archaeology, and paleoclimatology. The area's vast unbroken expanses on the transition between the Mojave Desert and the sage brush steppe of the Great Basin region makes it home to a wide diversity of plants and wildlife, including desert bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and a host of bat, lizard, and snake species.

The national monument designation will protect outstanding opportunities to recreate such as hiking, hunting, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing and rock climbing.



Located on private lands within the monument boundary is the landscape sculpture City by Michael Heizer. Comparable in size to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the work explores contemporary and ancient American influences in the context of the stark and open landscape.

Protection of the work and its surroundings has been supported by major American art institutions such as the Nevada Museum of Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Art. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art currently holds a conservation easement that ensures public access once the artwork is completed, no later than five years from now, and ensures the protection of City. The Museum intends to donate the conservation easement to the United States. Upon acquisition by the United States, the easement will be managed by the BLM as part of the monument.

“The Basin and Range National Monument is quintessential Nevada,” said BLM Director Neil Kornze. “The monument honors and supports the proud traditions of the ranchers and shepherders who have taken care of this land for generations while also providing a backdrop to spectacular ancient rock art and an important contemporary artwork. Its designation is a great win for Nevada.”

The BLM will prepare a management plan for the monument in formal cooperation with the State of Nevada, local governments, and tribes. The plan will be developed in an open process with maximum public involvement.

“Collaborative management of this area is a key priority for the BLM in Nevada,” said BLM Acting Nevada State Director John Ruhs. “This designation represents an opportunity for new businesses in the communities of Lincoln and Nye counties while also supporting the traditional ranching economy. We look forward to working closely with local partners on this effort.”

The Antiquities Act was first used by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 to designate Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming. Since then, 16 presidents have used this authority to protect unique natural and historic features on public lands in America, such as the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients.

With these new designations, President Obama will have used the Antiquities Act to establish or expand 19 national monuments. Altogether, he has protected more than 260 million acres of public lands and waters – more than any other President – as well as preserved sites that help tell the story of significant people or extraordinary events in American history, such as César E. Chávez National Monument in California, Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument in Maryland, and Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Ohio.

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Martha Maciel (BLM), 916-078-4616**Secretaries Vilsack and Jewell Laud President Obama's Designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument***President's Action Protects, Connects Northern California Area Known for Natural Beauty, Recreational Opportunities*

**WASHINGTON** – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell joined members of Congress, California State and local elected officials, and community members across Northern California today in praising the President's designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique cultural and natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

"The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument strikes a unique balance between Northern California's urban environments of Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area and the wild, remote landscapes that surround the farms, ranches, orchards, and vineyards that nourish our nation," said Secretary Vilsack. "The President's proclamation today will ensure that these lands will continue to be a sustainable, working landscape that supports local economies and critical resources like fresh water, grazing lands, and habitat for important plant, fish and wildlife species."

"Today's action honors more than a decade of work by the local community to protect this beautiful landscape," said Secretary Jewell. "The Berryessa Snow Mountain region draws families and outdoor enthusiasts seeking adventure, recreation, and the solitude that only nature can provide. The President's action will help boost local economies and ensure that the area's unique natural, cultural, and recreational resources are protected for generations to come."

The new 330,780-acre monument is comprised of existing federal lands, extending from Berryessa Peak and other lands in the vicinity of Lake Berryessa in Napa, Yolo, and Solano counties through the spectacular lands of Lake, Colusa, and Glenn Counties to the eastern boundary of the Yuki Wilderness in Mendocino County. It is now the second largest national monument in California, after the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The monument does not include Lake Berryessa itself, which will continue to be managed as a recreation area by the Bureau of Reclamation.



In December, Secretary Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, and USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Robert Bonnie visited the Berryessa Snow Mountain area at the request of Congressman Mike Thompson to hear from the community about their vision for conservation in the region. Since 2012, Congressman Thompson and Senator Barbara Boxer have been introducing legislation to protect this area. The boundary declared by the President's designation follows the approach adopted by legislation introduced in February of this year following extensive public outreach and engagement by the Congressman.

The region's proximity to population centers such as Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Rosa make the area an important setting for recreation for millions of Northern California residents. Studies estimate an increase in visitors could bring up to \$26 million in new economic activity and \$500,000 in tax revenue to local economies during the five year period post designation.

Miles of hiking, horseback riding, and designated off-road vehicle trails offer visitors views of the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east and the Coastal Mountains to the west, as well as panoramic vistas overlooking Clear Lake, Lake Berryessa, and the steep canyon of Cache Creek. Hunting and angling are popular activities year-round. The Cache Creek, Cedar Rough, and Snow Mountain wilderness areas provide opportunities for remote backcountry travel and Cache Creek provides the closest commercial whitewater rafting to San Francisco.

The area contains one of the greatest concentrations of biodiversity in California and is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted owls, marten, and fisher. California Coastal Chinook salmon and Northern California steelhead spawn in the area's waterways.

"This is an amazing area for the public to get outside and connect with their public lands and the natural environment," said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "Visitors can get a truly wild experience on this landscape, spending days and even weeks exploring the rugged terrain and finding something new around every corner. From the smallest insects and flowers, the largest mammals and trees, to the sweeping vistas of the Monument's mountains and valleys across the Sacramento Valley to the High Sierra – this is a breathtaking area with so much to see and explore."

[Waco Mammoth National Monument](#)



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## News Release

### **Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Action to Establish Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas**



*New National Park to Showcase Rare Mammoth Fossils, Includes First and Only Recorded Discovery of a Nursery Herd*

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**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell welcomed President Obama's designation of the Waco Mammoth Site as one of the nation's newest national monuments, permanently protecting the site where the extremely well-preserved fossils of a herd of Columbian Mammoths and other Ice Age animals have been found.

The Waco Mammoth National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

The area in Texas provides a rare chance to understand and interpret the behavior and ecology of the extinct Columbian Mammoth. The oldest fossils identified at the site are thought to be more than 65,000 years old. In addition, both the excavation area and the land around it offer an excellent opportunity for further exploration and paleontological and geological research.

"Our National Parks inspire and teach us about our nation's natural history – in this case, about the prehistoric animals that walked our Earth tens of thousands of years ago," Jewell said. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will share the wonder of these incredible mammoths with visitors from around the world and help introduce a new generation to the thrill of scientific discovery that only a special site like this can demonstrate first-hand."

"Today is a special day for Texas! President Bush and I are thrilled that the Waco Mammoth Site is America's newest national monument. I applaud President Obama, the City of Waco, Baylor University, and now the National Park Service, who worked to develop, preserve, and champion the Waco Mammoth Site," said former First Lady Laura Bush. "The Waco Mammoth Site takes visitors back in time nearly 65,000 years, and reminds us of our country's connection to the history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great time to celebrate our nation's parks."our country's connection to the natural history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great way to celebrate our national parks and kick off a second century of stewardship."

The site will be managed by the National Park Service in cooperation with the City of Waco and Baylor University. The National Park Service will conduct a management planning process, working closely with these partners, community residents, and other groups that have devoted themselves to preserving the site for many years.

"The National Park Service is proud to work in partnership with the City of Waco and Baylor University to protect, preserve, and most importantly share the remarkable Waco Mammoth National Monument with the American people and visitors from around the world," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will engage students, visitors, and scientists alike with the story of these extinct mammoths. As the National Park Service prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2016, this new addition to our Park Service family will help more Americans develop lifelong relationships with parks as places where they can discover amazing things."



The site was discovered in 1978, when Waco residents Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin were looking for arrowheads and fossils along the Bosque River and found a large bone protruding from the earth. Realizing the possible significance of this discovery, Mr. Barron and Mr. Bufkin immediately took the bone to the Strecker Museum at Baylor University where the bone was identified as the upper leg bone of a Columbian Mammoth.

Over the next 20 years, Baylor University oversaw the excavation of the site, where they found the remains of 24 Columbian Mammoths, including both adults and juveniles, as well as a Western Camel, saber-toothed cat, dwarf antelope, American Alligator, and giant tortoise. The Columbian Mammoths are the largest mammoth species – larger than its relative, the Woolly mammoth – and stood 12 to 14 feet tall and weighed seven to eight tons. Their tusks grew as long as 16 feet. Many of the discovered bones, including the remains of four Columbian Mammoths as well as the skeleton of the camel, remain in place, providing visitors an opportunity to view them.

Congress directed the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of the Waco Mammoth Site, which was completed in 2008. That study confirmed that the Waco Mammoth resources are nationally significant, worthy of permanent preservation and suitable and feasible for inclusion in the national park system. In April 2015, Director Jarvis participated in a public meeting at the Waco Mammoth Site to hear from the community about the potential inclusion of the site in the National Park System. A large crowd participated in the public meeting and voiced strong support for the proposal.

The City of Waco has operated the Waco Mammoth Site as a park since 2009, in partnership with Baylor University and with support from the nonprofit Waco Mammoth Foundation, Inc. The city donated to the United States approximately five acres, which includes the excavation site and the dig shelter, making it possible to establish the monument. Nearly the entire Waco Mammoth Site will be included within the boundary of the National Monument.

The site remains the nation's first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd, including females and their offspring, of mammoths from the Ice Age, an era defined as 2.5 million to 10,000 years ago. Of the 24 mammoths uncovered to date, at least 18 were part of the nursery herd. As a result of an unknown natural catastrophic event, the entire nursery herd died at the same moment in time, which left the skeletons relatively intact. The site offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to examine the matriarchal herd structure and behavior of this extinct species. For example, the herd apparently formed a circular defensive position before death, and juvenile mammoth skeletons rest atop the long tusks of adults, suggesting that the adults were trying to save their offspring from the rising waters and sucking mud.

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Friends: we want to share the exciting news that later today President Obama will designate three new national monuments – Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California, and Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas.

Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

Please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's actions. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to oiea@ios.doi.gov.

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**Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Designation of Basin and Range**



## National Monument in Nevada

### *President's Action Preserves Sweeping Landscapes & Ancient Rock Art, Protects Existing Ranching & Military Uses*

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today joined members of Congress, state elected officials, and local business and community leaders in applauding the President's designation of the Basin and Range National Monument on public lands in southeastern Nevada. This national monument – located in one of the most remote and undeveloped areas of the state – exemplifies the rich cultural history, varied wildlife and vast open spaces with stunning views for which the state is known.

The Basin and Range National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique cultural and natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

“This area is a spectacular expanse of rugged public lands that tell the proud story of the West, from the ancient rock art of our First Americans to the early homesteaders looking for opportunity on the open range,” said Secretary Jewell. “Today's action builds on local efforts to preserve and protect this special place, while also allowing traditional ranching practices, recreational opportunities, future scientific study and national security exercises. The President's action ensures that this area will remain a beloved resource for generations to come.”

Basin and Range National Monument, located in Lincoln and Nye counties about two hours from downtown Las Vegas, spans approximately 704,000 acres of rugged mountains and sweeping valleys. The monument tells the story of the area's native peoples as well as the history of more recent settlers and mining communities. The designation also preserves current uses of the land, including traditional ranching practices and ongoing military training operations, while ensuring that the land remains unspoiled for future generations.

In February, Interior Deputy Secretary Mike Connor and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Neil Kornze visited Las Vegas at the request of Senator Harry Reid and Congresswoman Dina Titus to hear from the community about its vision for conservation in southern Nevada. Legislation to withdraw the Basin and Range area from mining and other uses had been introduced by Senator Reid and Congresswoman Titus. Nevada businesses have also supported protection of the area, including MGM Resorts International, the state's largest employer; Wynn Resorts, Barrick Gold Corporation, and Rockwood Lithium North America, as well as the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

The national monument, comprised of existing federal lands, will continue to be managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It is the newest addition to the **National Conservation Lands**, a system managed by the BLM that contains some of the West's most spectacular and unique landscapes, including Red Rock Canyon outside Las Vegas. The national monument includes Garden Valley and Coal Valley; the Worthington Mountains, the Golden Gate Range, the Seaman Mountains, and the Mount Irish Range; the Hiko Narrows and the White River Narrows; and the Shooting Gallery rock art site.

The proclamation allows for continued historic uses of the area, including hunting and fishing, which will continue to be managed under existing rules and regulations. Both Garden Valley and Coal Valley have long traditions of responsible ranching operations and careful stewardship of the land. The proclamation will not affect grazing operations in the monument, including use of motorized vehicles, construction and maintenance of water infrastructure, and construction of fences and other range improvements relating to grazing operations. Additionally, the designation does not affect U.S.



military uses of the airspace and allows continued military access for emergency response and training activities.

The Basin and Range area has been threatened by various proposed development projects over many decades, including various railroad lines, solar energy development, oil and gas development, and major electrical transmission lines. Interest in mineral development within the area has been minor in recent years, with more attractive prospects to the north and east of the area while the BLM's Western Solar Plan established areas for focused solar energy development elsewhere in southeastern Nevada.

The Basin and Range National Monument contains a wealth of scientifically significant geological, ecological, cultural, and historical resources and is an important area for studies of paleoecology, seismology, archaeology, and paleoclimatology. The area's vast unbroken expanses on the transition between the Mojave Desert and the sage brush steppe of the Great Basin region makes it home to a wide diversity of plants and wildlife, including desert bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and a host of bat, lizard, and snake species.

The national monument designation will protect outstanding opportunities to recreate such as hiking, hunting, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing and rock climbing.

Located on private lands within the monument boundary is the landscape sculpture *City* by Michael Heizer. Comparable in size to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the work explores contemporary and ancient American influences in the context of the stark and open landscape.

Protection of the work and its surroundings has been supported by major American art institutions such as the Nevada Museum of Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Art. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art currently holds a conservation easement that ensures public access once the artwork is completed, no later than five years from now, and ensures the protection of *City*. The Museum intends to donate the conservation easement to the United States. Upon acquisition by the United States, the easement will be managed by the BLM as part of the monument.

"The Basin and Range National Monument is quintessential Nevada," said BLM Director Neil Kornze. "The monument honors and supports the proud traditions of the ranchers and sheepherders who have taken care of this land for generations while also providing a backdrop to spectacular ancient rock art and an important contemporary artwork. Its designation is a great win for Nevada."

The BLM will prepare a management plan for the monument in formal cooperation with the State of Nevada, local governments, and tribes. The plan will be developed in an open process with maximum public involvement.

"Collaborative management of this area is a key priority for the BLM in Nevada," said BLM Acting Nevada State Director John Ruhs. "This designation represents an opportunity for new businesses in the communities of Lincoln and Nye counties while also supporting the traditional ranching economy. We look forward to working closely with local partners on this effort."

The Antiquities Act was first used by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 to designate Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming. Since then, 16 presidents have used this authority to protect unique natural and historic features on public lands in America, such as the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients.

With these new designations, President Obama will have used the Antiquities Act to establish or expand 19 national monuments. Altogether, he has protected more than 260 million acres of public lands and waters – more than any other President – as well as preserved sites that help tell the story of



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Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California



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**Secretaries Vilsack and Jewell Laud President Obama's Designation of Berryessa  
Snow Mountain National Monument**

*President's Action Protects, Connects Northern California Area Known for Natural  
Beauty, Recreational Opportunities*

**WASHINGTON** – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell joined members of Congress, California State and local elected officials, and community members across Northern California today in praising the President's designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique cultural and natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

"The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument strikes a unique balance between Northern California's urban environments of Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area and the wild, remote landscapes that surround the farms, ranches, orchards, and vineyards that nourish our nation," said Secretary Vilsack. "The President's proclamation today will ensure that these lands will continue to be a sustainable, working landscape that supports local economies and critical resources like fresh water, grazing lands, and habitat for important plant, fish and wildlife species."

"Today's action honors more than a decade of work by the local community to protect this beautiful landscape," said Secretary Jewell. "The Berryessa Snow Mountain region draws families and outdoor enthusiasts seeking adventure, recreation, and the solitude that only nature can provide. The President's action will help boost local economies and ensure that the area's unique natural, cultural, and recreational resources are protected for generations to come."



The new 330,780-acre monument is comprised of existing federal lands, extending from Berryessa Peak and other lands in the vicinity of Lake Berryessa in Napa, Yolo, and Solano counties through the spectacular lands of Lake, Colusa, and Glenn Counties to the eastern boundary of the Yuki Wilderness in Mendocino County. It is now the second largest national monument in California, after the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The monument does not include Lake Berryessa itself, which will continue to be managed as a recreation area by the Bureau of Reclamation.

In December, Secretary Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, and USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Robert Bonnie visited the Berryessa Snow Mountain area at the request of Congressman Mike Thompson to hear from the community about their vision for conservation in the region. Since 2012, Congressman Thompson and Senator Barbara Boxer have been introducing legislation to protect this area. The boundary declared by the President's designation follows the approach adopted by legislation introduced in February of this year following extensive public outreach and engagement by the Congressman.

The region's proximity to population centers such as Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Rosa make the area an important setting for recreation for millions of Northern California residents. Studies estimate an increase in visitors could bring up to \$26 million in new economic activity and \$500,000 in tax revenue to local economies during the five year period post designation.

Miles of hiking, horseback riding, and designated off-road vehicle trails offer visitors views of the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east and the Coastal Mountains to the west, as well as panoramic vistas overlooking Clear Lake, Lake Berryessa, and the steep canyon of Cache Creek. Hunting and angling are popular activities year-round. The Cache Creek, Cedar Rough, and Snow Mountain wilderness areas provide opportunities for remote backcountry travel and Cache Creek provides the closest commercial whitewater rafting to San Francisco.

The area contains one of the greatest concentrations of biodiversity in California and is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted owls, marten, and fisher. California Coastal Chinook salmon and Northern California steelhead spawn in the area's waterways.

"This is an amazing area for the public to get outside and connect with their public lands and the natural environment," said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "Visitors can get a truly wild experience on this landscape, spending days and even weeks exploring the rugged terrain and finding something new around every corner. From the smallest insects and flowers, the largest mammals and trees, to the sweeping vistas of the Monument's mountains and valleys across the Sacramento Valley to the High Sierra – this is a breathtaking area with so much to see and explore."

#### Waco Mammoth National Monument



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## Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Action to Establish Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas

*New National Park to Showcase Rare Mammoth Fossils, Includes First and Only  
Recorded Discovery of a Nursery Herd*

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**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell welcomed President Obama's designation of the Waco Mammoth Site as one of the nation's newest national monuments, permanently protecting the site where the extremely well-preserved fossils of a herd of Columbian Mammoths and other Ice Age animals have been found.

The Waco Mammoth National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

The area in Texas provides a rare chance to understand and interpret the behavior and ecology of the extinct Columbian Mammoth. The oldest fossils identified at the site are thought to be more than 65,000 years old. In addition, both the excavation area and the land around it offer an excellent opportunity for further exploration and paleontological and geological research.

"Our National Parks inspire and teach us about our nation's natural history – in this case, about the prehistoric animals that walked our Earth tens of thousands of years ago," Jewell said. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will share the wonder of these incredible mammoths with visitors from around the world and help introduce a new generation to the thrill of scientific discovery that only a special site like this can demonstrate first-hand."

"Today is a special day for Texas! President Bush and I are thrilled that the Waco Mammoth Site is America's newest national monument. I applaud President Obama, the City of Waco, Baylor University, and now the National Park Service, who worked to develop, preserve, and champion the Waco Mammoth Site," said former First Lady Laura Bush. "The Waco Mammoth Site takes visitors back in time nearly 65,000 years, and reminds us of our country's connection to the history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great time to celebrate our nation's parks." our country's connection to the natural history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great way to celebrate our national parks and kick off a second century of stewardship."

The site will be managed by the National Park Service in cooperation with the City of Waco and Baylor University. The National Park Service will conduct a management planning process, working closely with these partners, community residents, and other groups that have devoted themselves to preserving the site for many years.

"The National Park Service is proud to work in partnership with the City of Waco and Baylor



University to protect, preserve, and most importantly share the remarkable Waco Mammoth National Monument with the American people and visitors from around the world,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “The Waco Mammoth National Monument will engage students, visitors, and scientists alike with the story of these extinct mammoths. As the National Park Service prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2016, this new addition to our Park Service family will help more Americans develop lifelong relationships with parks as places where they can discover amazing things.”

The site was discovered in 1978, when Waco residents Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin were looking for arrowheads and fossils along the Bosque River and found a large bone protruding from the earth. Realizing the possible significance of this discovery, Mr. Barron and Mr. Bufkin immediately took the bone to the Strecker Museum at Baylor University where the bone was identified as the upper leg bone of a Columbian Mammoth.

Over the next 20 years, Baylor University oversaw the excavation of the site, where they found the remains of 24 Columbian Mammoths, including both adults and juveniles, as well as a Western Camel, saber-toothed cat, dwarf antelope, American Alligator, and giant tortoise. The Columbian Mammoths are the largest mammoth species – larger than its relative, the Woolly mammoth – and stood 12 to 14 feet tall and weighed seven to eight tons. Their tusks grew as long as 16 feet. Many of the discovered bones, including the remains of four Columbian Mammoths as well as the skeleton of the camel, remain in place, providing visitors an opportunity to view them.

Congress directed the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of the Waco Mammoth Site, which was completed in 2008. That study confirmed that the Waco Mammoth resources are nationally significant, worthy of permanent preservation and suitable and feasible for inclusion in the national park system. In April 2015, Director Jarvis participated in a public meeting at the Waco Mammoth Site to hear from the community about the potential inclusion of the site in the National Park System. A large crowd participated in the public meeting and voiced strong support for the proposal.

The City of Waco has operated the Waco Mammoth Site as a park since 2009, in partnership with Baylor University and with support from the nonprofit Waco Mammoth Foundation, Inc. The city donated to the United States approximately five acres, which includes the excavation site and the dig shelter, making it possible to establish the monument. Nearly the entire Waco Mammoth Site will be included within the boundary of the National Monument.

The site remains the nation's first and only recorded discovery of a nursery herd, including females and their offspring, of mammoths from the Ice Age, an era defined as 2.5 million to 10,000 years ago. Of the 24 mammoths uncovered to date, at least 18 were part of the nursery herd. As a result of an unknown natural catastrophic event, the entire nursery herd died at the same moment in time, which left the skeletons relatively intact. The site offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to examine the matriarchal herd structure and behavior of this extinct species. For example, the herd apparently formed a circular defensive position before death, and juvenile mammoth skeletons rest atop the long tusks of adults, suggesting that the adults were trying to save their offspring from the rising waters and sucking mud.

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Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

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The area in Texas provides a rare chance to understand and interpret the behavior and ecology of the extinct Columbian Mammoth. The oldest fossils identified at the site are thought to be more than 65,000 years old. In addition, both the excavation area and the land around it offer an excellent opportunity for further exploration and paleontological and geological research.

"Our National Parks inspire and teach us about our nation's natural history – in this case, about the prehistoric animals that walked our Earth tens of thousands of years ago," Jewell said. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will share the wonder of these incredible mammoths with visitors from around the world and help introduce a new generation to the thrill of scientific discovery that only a special site like this can demonstrate first-hand."

"Today is a special day for Texas! President Bush and I are thrilled that the Waco Mammoth Site is America's newest national monument. I applaud President Obama, the City of Waco, Baylor University, and now the National Park Service, who worked to develop, preserve, and champion the Waco Mammoth Site," said former First Lady Laura Bush. "The Waco Mammoth Site takes visitors back in time nearly 65,000 years, and reminds us of our country's connection to the history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great time to celebrate our nation's parks." our country's connection to the natural history of our planet. As we



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The site will be managed by the National Park Service in cooperation with the City of Waco and Baylor University. The National Park Service will conduct a management planning process, working closely with these partners, community residents, and other groups that have devoted themselves to preserving the site for many years.

“The National Park Service is proud to work in partnership with the City of Waco and Baylor University to protect, preserve, and most importantly share the remarkable Waco Mammoth National Monument with the American people and visitors from around the world,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “The Waco Mammoth National Monument will engage students, visitors, and scientists alike with the story of these extinct mammoths. As the National Park Service prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2016, this new addition to our Park Service family will help more Americans develop lifelong relationships with parks as places where they can discover amazing things.”

The site was discovered in 1978, when Waco residents Paul Barron and Eddie Bufkin were looking for arrowheads and fossils along the Bosque River and found a large bone protruding from the earth. Realizing the possible significance of this discovery, Mr. Barron and Mr. Bufkin immediately took the bone to the Strecker Museum at Baylor University where the bone was identified as the upper leg bone of a Columbian Mammoth.

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Congress directed the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of the Waco Mammoth Site, which was completed in 2008. That study confirmed that the Waco Mammoth resources are nationally significant, worthy of permanent preservation and suitable and feasible for inclusion in the national park system. In April 2015, Director Jarvis participated in a public meeting at the Waco Mammoth Site to hear from the community about the potential inclusion of the site in the National Park System. A large crowd participated in the public meeting and voiced strong support for the proposal.

The City of Waco has operated the Waco Mammoth Site as a park since 2009, in partnership with Baylor University and with support from the nonprofit Waco Mammoth Foundation, Inc. The city donated to the United States approximately five acres, which includes the excavation site and the dig shelter, making it possible to establish the monument. Nearly the entire Waco Mammoth Site will be included within the boundary of the National Monument.

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## Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Monument Designations

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Friends: we want to share the exciting news that later today President Obama will designate three new national monuments – Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California, and Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas.

Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

Please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's actions. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to oiea@ios.doi.gov.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Have a great day!

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[Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada](#)





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"The Basin and Range National Monument is quintessential Nevada," said BLM Director Neil Kornze. "The monument honors and supports the proud traditions of the ranchers and sheepherders who have taken care of this land for generations while also providing a backdrop to spectacular



ancient rock art and an important contemporary artwork. Its designation is a great win for Nevada.”

The BLM will prepare a management plan for the monument in formal cooperation with the State of Nevada, local governments, and tribes. The plan will be developed in an open process with maximum public involvement.

“Collaborative management of this area is a key priority for the BLM in Nevada,” said BLM Acting Nevada State Director John Ruhs. “This designation represents an opportunity for new businesses in the communities of Lincoln and Nye counties while also supporting the traditional ranching economy. We look forward to working closely with local partners on this effort.”

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Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California



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**Secretaries Vilsack and Jewell Laud President Obama's Designation of Berryessa  
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*President's Action Protects, Connects Northern California Area Known for Natural  
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**WASHINGTON** – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell joined members of Congress, California State and local elected officials, and community members across



Northern California today in praising the President's designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is one of three new national monuments announced by President Obama today that help tell the story of significant events in American history and protect unique cultural and natural resources for the benefit of all Americans.

"The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument strikes a unique balance between Northern California's urban environments of Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area and the wild, remote landscapes that surround the farms, ranches, orchards, and vineyards that nourish our nation," said Secretary Vilsack. "The President's proclamation today will ensure that these lands will continue to be a sustainable, working landscape that supports local economies and critical resources like fresh water, grazing lands, and habitat for important plant, fish and wildlife species."

"Today's action honors more than a decade of work by the local community to protect this beautiful landscape," said Secretary Jewell. "The Berryessa Snow Mountain region draws families and outdoor enthusiasts seeking adventure, recreation, and the solitude that only nature can provide. The President's action will help boost local economies and ensure that the area's unique natural, cultural, and recreational resources are protected for generations to come."

The new 330,780-acre monument is comprised of existing federal lands, extending from Berryessa Peak and other lands in the vicinity of Lake Berryessa in Napa, Yolo, and Solano counties through the spectacular lands of Lake, Colusa, and Glenn Counties to the eastern boundary of the Yuki Wilderness in Mendocino County. It is now the second largest national monument in California, after the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. The monument does not include Lake Berryessa itself, which will continue to be managed as a recreation area by the Bureau of Reclamation.

In December, Secretary Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, and USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Robert Bonnie visited the Berryessa Snow Mountain area at the request of Congressman Mike Thompson to hear from the community about their vision for conservation in the region. Since 2012, Congressman Thompson and Senator Barbara Boxer have been introducing legislation to protect this area. The boundary declared by the President's designation follows the approach adopted by legislation introduced in February of this year following extensive public outreach and engagement by the Congressman.

The region's proximity to population centers such as Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Rosa make the area an important setting for recreation for millions of Northern California residents. Studies estimate an increase in visitors could bring up to \$26 million in new economic activity and \$500,000 in tax revenue to local economies during the five year period post designation.

Miles of hiking, horseback riding, and designated off-road vehicle trails offer visitors views of the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east and the Coastal Mountains to the west, as well as panoramic vistas overlooking Clear Lake, Lake Berryessa, and the steep canyon of Cache Creek. Hunting and angling are popular activities year-round. The Cache Creek, Cedar Rough, and Snow Mountain wilderness areas provide opportunities for remote backcountry travel and Cache Creek provides the closest commercial whitewater rafting to San Francisco.

The area contains one of the greatest concentrations of biodiversity in California and is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted owls, marten, and fisher. California Coastal Chinook salmon and Northern California steelhead spawn in the area's waterways.



“This is an amazing area for the public to get outside and connect with their public lands and the natural environment,” said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. “Visitors can get a truly wild experience on this landscape, spending days and even weeks exploring the rugged terrain and finding something new around every corner. From the smallest insects and flowers, the largest mammals and trees, to the sweeping vistas of the Monument’s mountains and valleys across the Sacramento Valley to the High Sierra – this is a breathtaking area with so much to see and explore.”

Waco Mammoth National Monument

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*New National Park to Showcase Rare Mammoth Fossils, Includes First and Only  
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Friends: we want to share the exciting news that later today President Obama will designate three new national monuments – Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California, and Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas.

Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

Please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's actions. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to oiea@ios.doi.gov.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Have a great day!

Thank you,

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*President's Action Preserves Sweeping Landscapes & Ancient Rock Art, Protects Existing Ranching & Military Uses*



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Basin and Range National Monument, located in Lincoln and Nye counties about two hours from downtown Las Vegas, spans approximately 704,000 acres of rugged mountains and sweeping valleys. The monument tells the story of the area's native peoples as well as the history of more recent settlers and mining communities. The designation also preserves current uses of the land, including traditional ranching practices and ongoing military training operations, while ensuring that the land remains unspoiled for future generations.

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The area in Texas provides a rare chance to understand and interpret the behavior and ecology of the extinct Columbian Mammoth. The oldest fossils identified at the site are thought to be more than 65,000 years old. In addition, both the excavation area and the land around it offer an excellent opportunity for further exploration and paleontological and geological research.

"Our National Parks inspire and teach us about our nation's natural history – in this case, about the prehistoric animals that walked our Earth tens of thousands of years ago," Jewell said. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will share the wonder of these incredible mammoths with visitors from around the world and help introduce a new generation to the thrill of scientific discovery that only a special site like this can demonstrate first-hand."

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Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

Please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's actions. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to oiea@ios.doi.gov.

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In February, Interior Deputy Secretary Mike Connor and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Neil Kornze visited Las Vegas at the request of Senator Harry Reid and Congresswoman Dina Titus to hear from the community about its vision for conservation in southern Nevada. Legislation to withdraw the Basin and Range area from mining and other uses had been introduced by Senator Reid and Congresswoman Titus. Nevada businesses have also supported protection of the area, including MGM Resorts International, the state's largest employer; Wynn Resorts, Barrick Gold Corporation, and Rockwood Lithium North America, as well as the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

The national monument, comprised of existing federal lands, will continue to be managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It is the newest addition to the [National Conservation Lands](#), a system managed by the BLM that contains some of the West's most spectacular and unique landscapes, including Red Rock Canyon outside Las Vegas. The national monument includes Garden Valley and Coal Valley; the Worthington Mountains, the Golden Gate Range, the Seaman Mountains, and the Mount Irish Range; the Hiko Narrows and the White River Narrows; and the Shooting Gallery rock art site.

The proclamation allows for continued historic uses of the area, including hunting and fishing, which will continue to be managed under existing rules and regulations. Both Garden Valley and Coal Valley have long traditions of responsible ranching operations and careful stewardship of the land. The proclamation will not affect grazing operations in the monument, including use of motorized vehicles, construction and maintenance of water infrastructure, and construction of fences and other range improvements relating to grazing operations. Additionally, the designation does not affect U.S. military uses of the airspace and allows continued military access for emergency response and training activities.

The Basin and Range area has been threatened by various proposed development projects over many decades, including various railroad lines, solar energy development, oil and gas development, and major electrical transmission lines. Interest in mineral development within the area has been minor in recent years, with more attractive prospects to the north and east of the area while the BLM's Western Solar Plan established areas for focused solar energy development elsewhere in southeastern Nevada.

The Basin and Range National Monument contains a wealth of scientifically significant geological, ecological, cultural, and historical resources and is an important area for studies of paleoecology, seismology, archaeology, and paleoclimatology. The area's vast unbroken expanses on the transition between the Mojave Desert and the sage brush steppe of the Great Basin region makes it home to a wide diversity of plants and wildlife, including desert bighorn sheep, golden eagles, and a host of bat, lizard, and snake species.



The national monument designation will protect outstanding opportunities to recreate such as hiking, hunting, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing and rock climbing. Located on private lands within the monument boundary is the landscape sculpture City by Michael Heizer. Comparable in size to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the work explores contemporary and ancient American influences in the context of the stark and open landscape.

Protection of the work and its surroundings has been supported by major American art institutions such as the Nevada Museum of Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Art. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art currently holds a conservation easement that ensures public access once the artwork is completed, no later than five years from now, and ensures the protection of City. The Museum intends to donate the conservation easement to the United States. Upon acquisition by the United States, the easement will be managed by the BLM as part of the monument.

“The Basin and Range National Monument is quintessential Nevada,” said BLM Director Neil Kornze. “The monument honors and supports the proud traditions of the ranchers and shepherders who have taken care of this land for generations while also providing a backdrop to spectacular ancient rock art and an important contemporary artwork. Its designation is a great win for Nevada.”

The BLM will prepare a management plan for the monument in formal cooperation with the State of Nevada, local governments, and tribes. The plan will be developed in an open process with maximum public involvement.

“Collaborative management of this area is a key priority for the BLM in Nevada,” said BLM Acting Nevada State Director John Ruhs. “This designation represents an opportunity for new businesses in the communities of Lincoln and Nye counties while also supporting the traditional ranching economy. We look forward to working closely with local partners on this effort.”

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BRC will be posting this news release this am on our website.

Congrats on Monument designations.

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Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

Please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's actions. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to [oiea@ios.doi.gov](mailto:oiea@ios.doi.gov).

Please let us know if you have any questions. Have a great day!



Thank you,

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### Waco Mammoth National Monument



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The area in Texas provides a rare chance to understand and interpret the behavior and ecology of the extinct Columbian Mammoth. The oldest fossils identified at the site are thought to be more than 65,000 years old. In addition, both the excavation area and the land around it offer an excellent opportunity for further exploration and paleontological and geological research.

"Our National Parks inspire and teach us about our nation's natural history – in this case, about the prehistoric animals that walked our Earth tens of thousands of years ago," Jewell said. "The Waco Mammoth National Monument will share the wonder of these incredible mammoths with visitors from around the world and help introduce a new generation to the thrill of scientific discovery that only a special site like this can demonstrate first-hand."



"Today is a special day for Texas! President Bush and I are thrilled that the Waco Mammoth Site is America's newest national monument. I applaud President Obama, the City of Waco, Baylor University, and now the National Park Service, who worked to develop, preserve, and champion the Waco Mammoth Site," said former First Lady Laura Bush. "The Waco Mammoth Site takes visitors back in time nearly 65,000 years, and reminds us of our country's connection to the history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great time to celebrate our nation's parks."our country's connection to the natural history of our planet. As we approach the Centennial of the National Park Service in 2016, this is a great way to celebrate our national parks and kick off a second century of stewardship."

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The City of Waco has operated the Waco Mammoth Site as a park since 2009, in partnership with Baylor University and with support from the nonprofit Waco Mammoth Foundation, Inc. The city donated to the United States approximately five acres, which includes the excavation site and the dig shelter, making it possible to establish the monument. Nearly the entire Waco Mammoth Site will be included within the boundary of the National Monument.

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Don Amador, Western Representative for the BlueRibbon Coalition, states, "I believe this particular instance creates a unique opportunity to create a "win-win" Monument that will embody the principles espoused by even the staunchest opponents of Presidential authority. This proposal has been formed with meaningful input from diverse local stakeholders, and is supported by them."

"I believe this monument designation will improve economic opportunities for the local economies; increase coordination between federal agencies; provide well-managed recreation opportunities including casual and permitted off road vehicle activity on designated roads, trails and areas; safeguard the area's natural beauty, sensitive areas, wildlife and rare plants; and ensure the continued use and enjoyment of these lands for future generations, Amador concludes.

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## Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Monument Designations

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Friends: we want to share the exciting news that later today President Obama will designate three new national monuments – Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada, Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in California, and Waco Mammoth National Monument in Texas.

Below you'll find Secretary Sally Jewell's statements in support of President Obama's actions to permanently protect these American treasures.

Please share any statements or press releases that your office might put out regarding today's actions. You can either reply to this email or send it directly to oiea@ios.doi.gov.

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“The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument strikes a unique balance between Northern California's urban environments of Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area and the wild, remote landscapes that surround the farms, ranches, orchards, and vineyards that nourish our nation,” said Secretary Vilsack. “The President's proclamation today will ensure that these lands will continue to be a sustainable, working landscape that supports local economies and critical resources like fresh water, grazing lands, and habitat for important plant, fish and wildlife species.”

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### **Secretary Jewell Applauds President Obama's Designation of Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada**

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**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell today joined members of Congress, state elected officials, and local business and community leaders in applauding the President's designation of the Basin and Range National Monument on public lands in southeastern Nevada. This national monument – located in one of the most remote and undeveloped areas of the state – exemplifies the rich cultural history, varied wildlife and vast open spaces with stunning views for which the state is known.

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Basin and Range National Monument, located in Lincoln and Nye counties about two hours from downtown Las Vegas, spans approximately 704,000 acres of rugged mountains and sweeping valleys. The monument tells the story of the area's native peoples as well as the history of more recent settlers and mining communities. The designation also preserves current uses of the land, including traditional ranching



practices and ongoing military training operations, while ensuring that the land remains unspoiled for future generations.

In February, Interior Deputy Secretary Mike Connor and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Neil Kornze visited Las Vegas at the request of Senator Harry Reid and Congresswoman Dina Titus to hear from the community about its vision for conservation in southern Nevada. Legislation to withdraw the Basin and Range area from mining and other uses had been introduced by Senator Reid and Congresswoman Titus. Nevada businesses have also supported protection of the area, including MGM Resorts International, the state's largest employer; Wynn Resorts, Barrick Gold Corporation, and Rockwood Lithium North America, as well as the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

The national monument, comprised of existing federal lands, will continue to be managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM). It is the newest addition to the [National Conservation Lands](#), a system managed by the BLM that contains some of the West's most spectacular and unique landscapes, including Red Rock Canyon outside Las Vegas. The national monument includes Garden Valley and Coal Valley; the Worthington Mountains, the Golden Gate Range, the Seaman Mountains, and the Mount Irish Range; the Hiko Narrows and the White River Narrows; and the Shooting Gallery rock art site.

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The national monument designation will protect outstanding opportunities to recreate such as hiking, hunting, horseback riding, mountain biking, fishing and rock climbing. Located on private lands within the monument boundary is the landscape sculpture City by Michael Heizer. Comparable in size to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the work explores contemporary and ancient American influences in the context of the stark and open landscape.

Protection of the work and its surroundings has been supported by major American art institutions such as the Nevada Museum of Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Art. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art currently holds a conservation easement that ensures public access once the artwork is completed, no later than five years from now, and ensures the protection of City. The Museum intends to donate the conservation easement to the United States. Upon acquisition by the United States, the easement will be managed by the BLM as part of the monument.

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**Celebration of the Berryessa Snow Mountain, Basin and Range,  
and Waco Mammoth National Monuments**

**Friday, July 10, 2015**

**4:00–6:00PM**

**South Penthouse (located on the top floor near the C Street entrance)**

**Department of the Interior**

**1849 C Street, NW Washington D.C. 20240**

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1 message

OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Steven Avila <steven\_avila@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 1:32 PM



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2 messages

OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
To: "Laura (Liz) Pardue" <liz\_pardue@ios.doi.gov>

Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 5:23 PM



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To: Maria Najera <maria\_najera@ios.doi.gov>, "Laura (Liz) Pardue" <liz\_pardue@ios.doi.gov>



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1 message

OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Maria Najera <maria\_najera@ios.doi.gov>

Thu, Mar 10, 2016 at 11:40 AM



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OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Bcc: Howard Gross <howard@wcfnd.org>

Thu, Mar 10, 2016 at 12:07 PM



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Bcc: rspivak@biologicaldiversity.org, BGeiger@pewtrusts.org, bswift@pewtrusts.org, JFeinberg@pewtrusts.org



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Thu, Mar 10, 2016 at 3:52 PM

To: Office of the Secretary OS &lt;officeoftheseecretary@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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### How to Fix It

The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "**To send this message again, click here.**" Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.1 in Office 365](#), and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting **Send**.

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### More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 554 5.4.6

Typically this error occurs because the recipient email address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. These issues can usually be fixed by the sender. However, sometimes the issue needs to be fixed by the recipient or the recipient's email admin. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

**The email address exists and is correct** - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.



**Synchronize your directories** - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

**Errant forwarding rule** - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. A forwarding rule can be configured by an admin via mail flow rules or SMTP forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.

**Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct** - Misconfigured mail flow settings or MX records can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

**Mail loop detected** - This error also indicates that the receiving organization's email settings are misconfigured, creating a mail loop when a message is sent to an address that isn't found in their directory. This usually won't disrupt mail flow for recipients that actually exist, but the recipient's email admin should fix the misconfiguration to reduce the chance of any other mail flow issues. A common cause for this loop is that the recipient's domain is configured as "Internal Relay" when it should be "Authoritative." Another common cause for the loop is that both the sender and recipient are part of the same organization, but the sender's mailbox is hosted by Office 365, while the recipient's mailbox is hosted on-premises, and an outbound connector from Office 365 to the on-premises email servers is missing or misconfigured. To fix this, the recipient's email admin should create a correctly configured outbound connector in Office 365 to route the message to the on-premises mailbox.

For more information and tips to fix this problem, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.4.6 in Office 365](#).

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### Error Details

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Dear Friends,

Please join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, U.S. Congressman John Garamendi, State and Local Officials, and other community leaders on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

10:45 a.m. – Check-in

11:00 a.m. – Celebration

BLM Cowboy Camp Day Use Area  
West Side of State Highway 16, One Mile South of Highway 20  
Williams, CA 95987  
(Google Maps: 38.997697, -122.353758)

We hope you are able to join us and ask that you RSVP at your earliest convenience by clicking [HERE](#). Casual attire is appropriate.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

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## Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary Tom Vilsack Invite you to Celebrate the Designation of Three New CA Monuments on Monday, March 14th

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Friends:

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack invite you to a reception on **Monday, March 14th, at 5:30pm ET** to celebrate the designation of three new California monuments.

President Obama designated the Mojave Trails National Monument, the Sand to Snow National Monument, and the Castle Mountains National Monument as national monuments using his authority under the Antiquities Act. Spanning 1.6 million acres, the Mojave Trails National Monument is comprised of a stunning mosaic of rugged mountain ranges, ancient lava flows, and spectacular sand dunes. Encompassing 154,000 acres, Sand to Snow National Monument is an ecological and cultural treasure, supporting more than 240 species of birds and twelve threatened and endangered wildlife species. The Castle Mountains National Monument is an integral piece of the Mojave Desert with important natural resources and historic sites, including Native American archaeological sites.

In the coming months, we also anticipate holding an event in California to celebrate these monuments.

We hope you are able to join us on **Monday, March 14th**, and ask that you **RSVP no later than Friday, March 11, by 5pm ET** by clicking [HERE](#).

### Celebration of the Three New California Monuments

**Monday, March 14, 2016**

**5:30pm ET**

**Department of the Interior  
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Bcc: shantha@creationjustice.org, jenny@hispanicaccess.org

Thu, Mar 10, 2016 at 5:36 PM



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**Celebration of the Three New California Monuments**

**Monday, March 14, 2016**

**5:30pm ET**

**Department of the Interior  
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Status: 5.1.1

Diagnostic-Code: smtp;550 5.1.1 User Unknown

Remote-MTA: dns;p-ess-ppmx3.senate.gov

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Cc:

Date: Fri, 11 Mar 2016 11:52:10 -0500

Subject: REMINDER: Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary Tom Vilsack Invite you to Celebrate the Designation of Three New CA Monuments on  
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Friends:



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## Celebration of the Three New California Monuments

Monday, March 14, 2016

5:30pm ET

Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW Washington D.C. 20240

### This invitation is non-transferable

*\*Please note that this is an official event with the U.S. Department of the Interior. As such, no political activity may take place at the announcement, including the distribution of literature, placing signs at the venue or fundraising.*

Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
202-208-5541

Microsoft Outlook <postmaster@doi.gov>  
To: officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 11:52 AM

### Grus.house.gov rejected your message to the following e-mail addresses:

michael.frequer@mail.house.gov

**Grus.house.gov gave this error:**  
**Unable to deliver to <michael.frequer@mail.house.gov>**

Your message wasn't delivered due to a permission or security issue. It may have been rejected by a moderator, the address may only accept e-mail from certain senders, or another restriction may be preventing delivery.

### Diagnostic information for administrators:

Generating server: smtp2.doi.gov

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To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>
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Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
202-208-5541

Mail Delivery System <MAILER-DAEMON@esgeop06.eop.gov>

To: officeoftheseecretary@ios.doi.gov

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 11:43 AM

The following message to **Trenton Bauserman - (b) (6)** was undeliverable.

The reason for the problem:

5.1.1 - Bad destination email address 'reject'

Final-Recipient: rfc822: **Trenton Bauserman - (b) (6)**

Action: failed

Status: 5.0.0 (permanent failure)

Diagnostic-Code: smtp; 5.1.1 - Bad destination email address 'reject' (delivery attempts: 0)

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Date: Fri, 11 Mar 2016 11:52:10 -0500

Subject: REMINDER: Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary Tom Vilsack Invite you to Celebrate the Designation of Three New CA Monuments on Monday, March 14th

postmaster@tpl.org <postmaster@tpl.org>

To: officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 11:53 AM



Your message to [willrogers@tpl.org](mailto:willrogers@tpl.org) couldn't be delivered.

[willrogers](mailto:willrogers@tpl.org) wasn't found at [tpl.org](http://tpl.org).

officeofthesecretary

Action Required

Unknown To address

Office 365

willrogers

Recipient

## How to Fix It

The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "**To send this message again, click here.**" Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.1 in Office 365](#), and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting **Send**.

*Was this helpful? Send feedback to Microsoft.*

## More Info for Email Admins

Status code 554 5.4.14

Typically this error occurs because the recipient email address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. This can usually be fixed by the sender. However, sometimes the issue needs to be fixed by the recipient or the recipient's email admin. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

**The email address exists and is correct** - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.



**Synchronize your directories** - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

**Errant forwarding rule** - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. A forwarding rule can be configured by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.

**Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct** - Misconfigured mail flow settings or MX records can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

**Mail loop detected** - This error also indicates that the receiving organization's email settings are misconfigured, creating a mail loop when a message is sent to an address that isn't found in their directory. This usually won't disrupt mail flow for recipients that actually exist, but the recipient's email admin should fix the misconfiguration to reduce the chance of any other mail flow issues. A common cause for this loop is that the recipient's domain is configured as "Internal Relay" when it should be "Authoritative." Another common cause for the loop is that both the sender and recipient are part of the same organization, but the sender's mailbox is hosted by Office 365, while the recipient's mailbox is hosted on-premises, and an outbound connector from Office 365 to the on-premises email servers is missing or misconfigured. To fix this, the recipient's email admin should create a correctly configured outbound connector in Office 365 to route the message to the on-premises mailbox.

For more information and tips to fix this problem, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.4.14 in Office 365](#).

### Original Message Details

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**Recipient Address:** [willrogers@tpl.org](mailto:willrogers@tpl.org)  
**Subject:** REMINDER: Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary Tom Vilsack Invite you to Celebrate the Designation of Three New CA Monuments on Monday, March 14th

### Error Details

**Reported error:** 554 5.4.14 Hop count exceeded - possible mail loop ATTR34  
**DSN generated by:** [CO1PR05MB378.namprd05.prod.outlook.com](mailto:CO1PR05MB378.namprd05.prod.outlook.com)  
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### Message Hops

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We look forward to seeing you on Monday, March 14th, at 5:30pm ET. **Please RSVP no later than 5pm today if you haven't already done so.**

Thank you!



Friends:

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack invite you to a reception on **Monday, March 14th, at 5:30pm ET** to celebrate the designation of three new California monuments.

President Obama designated the Mojave Trails National Monument, the Sand to Snow National Monument, and the Castle Mountains National Monument as national monuments using his authority under the Antiquities Act. Spanning 1.6 million acres, the Mojave Trails National Monument is comprised of a stunning mosaic of rugged mountain ranges, ancient lava flows, and spectacular sand dunes. Encompassing 154,000 acres, Sand to Snow National Monument is an ecological and cultural treasure, supporting more than 240 species of birds and twelve threatened and endangered wildlife species. The Castle Mountains National Monument is an integral piece of the Mojave Desert with important natural resources and historic sites, including Native American archaeological sites.

In the coming months, we also anticipate holding an event in California to celebrate these monuments.



We hope you are able to join us on **Monday, March 14th**, and ask that you **RSVP no later than Friday, March 11, by 5pm ET** by clicking [HERE](#).

**Celebration of the Three New California Monuments**

**Monday, March 14, 2016**

**5:30pm ET**

**Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW Washington D.C. 20240**

**This invitation is non-transferable**

*\*Please note that this is an official event with the U.S. Department of the Interior. As such, no political activity may take place at the announcement, including the distribution of literature, placing signs at the venue or fundraising.*

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Thank you very much for the invite. I regret that I will be unable to attend on Monday but really appreciate you thinking of me.

Best,

Ryan

**From:** kimberly\_jensen@ios.doi.gov [mailto:kimberly\_jensen@ios.doi.gov] **On Behalf Of** OS, Office of the Secretary  
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2016 11:52 AM  
**To:** Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
**Subject:** REMINDER: Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary Tom Vilsack Invite you to Celebrate the Designation of Three New CA Monuments on Monday, March 14th

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April Sall (b) (6)  
To: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 12:12 PM

Hello,  
Thank you for the invitation and for your support of the monuments. Unfortunately it is too last minute to join and get reasonable flights (\$1200 is lowest for the most reasonable schedule and upwards of 2000). I hope if there are any future events there will be more notice given to those outside of DC and esp. those who were critical to the monuments campaign and designation.  
I look forward to celebrating with the Secretary in Ca.

Best-  
April Sall  
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Pat Gardner <patgardner2012@gmail.com>  
To: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeoftheseecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 12:38 PM

So sorry I can not be present for the celebration. This is a significant contribution to the High Desert Region. It is our council day so I can not attend.  
Pat Gardner, Bishop City Council.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Celebration of the Three New California Monuments**

**Monday, March 14, 2016**

**5:30pm ET**

**Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW Washington D.C. 20240**

**This invitation is non-transferable**

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U.S. Department of the Interior  
202-208-5541

Branch, Katherine Y. EOP/WHO (b) (6)  
To: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeoftheseecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 12:38 PM

Is this for Ms. Jarrett?

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Frazier <frazier@mojavedesertlandtrust.org>  
To: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 4:38 PM

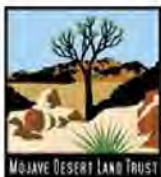
I would like to RSVP for Frazier Haney, Mojave Desert Land Trust for the Celebration of the three new CA monuments on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please confirm receipt.

Thank you,

Frazier

Frazier Haney  
Conservation Director  
Office: (760) 366-5440  
Cell: (760) 464-5430



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**Ferrara, Todd@CNRA** <Todd.Ferrara@resources.ca.gov>  
To: "officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Cc: "Esquivel, Joaquin@CNRA" <Joaquin.Esquivel@resources.ca.gov>

Fri, Mar 11, 2016 at 8:25 PM

Secretary John Laird is unable to join you in Washington this evening, but he would like Joaquin Esquivel, our representative in Washington DC, to join you.

Sent from my iPhone

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## REMINDER: Join Secretary Sally Jewell and Chief Tom Tidwell on Saturday, March 19, to Celebrate the Designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument

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Thu, Mar 17, 2016 at 2:15 PM

To: Office of the Secretary OS &lt;officeoftheseecretary@ios.doi.gov&gt;

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Dear Friends,

Please join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, U.S. Congressman John Garamendi, State and Local Officials, and other community leaders on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

Saturday, March 19, 2016

10:45 a.m. – Check-in  
11:00 a.m. – Celebration

BLM Cowboy Camp Day Use Area  
West Side of State Highway 16, One Mile South of Highway 20  
Williams, CA 95987  
(Google Maps: 38.997697, -122.353758)

We hope you are able to join us and ask that you RSVP at your earliest convenience by clicking [HERE](#). Casual attire is appropriate.

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BLM Cowboy Camp Day Use Area  
West Side of State Highway 16, One Mile South of Highway 20  
Williams, CA 95987  
(Google Maps: 38.997697, -122.353758)

We hope you are able to join us and ask that you [RSVP](#) at your earliest convenience by clicking [HERE](#). Casual attire is appropriate.  
Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

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Subject: REMINDER: Join Secretary Sally Jewell and Chief Tom Tidwell on  
Saturday, March 19, to Celebrate the Designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain  
National Monument

From: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

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BCC: <dparker@napalandtrust.org>

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Final-Recipient: rfc822:dparker@napalandtrust.org

Action: failed

Status: 5.7.1

Diagnostic-Code: smtp;550 5.7.1 Recipient rejected (R4)

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Cc:

Date: Thu, 17 Mar 2016 14:15:06 -0400

Subject: REMINDER: Join Secretary Sally Jewell and Chief Tom Tidwell on Saturday, March 19, to Celebrate the Designation of Berryessa Snow  
Mountain National Monument



Dear Friends,

Please join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, U.S. Congressman John Garamendi, State and Local Officials, and other community leaders on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

10:45 a.m. – Check-in  
11:00 a.m. – Celebration



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BLM Cowboy Camp Day Use Area  
West Side of State Highway 16, One Mile South of Highway 20  
Williams, CA 95987  
(Google Maps: 38.997697, -122.353758)

We hope you are able to join us and ask that you [RSVP](#) at your earliest convenience by clicking [HERE](#). Casual attire is appropriate.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs  
Office of the Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
202-208-1923

postmaster@tws.org <postmaster@tws.org>  
To: officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov

Thu, Mar 17, 2016 at 2:31 PM



Your message to [dan\\_smutts@tws.org](mailto:dan_smutts@tws.org) couldn't be delivered.

[dan\\_smutts](mailto:dan_smutts@tws.org) wasn't found at [tws.org](http://tws.org).

officeofthesecretary  
**Action Required**

Office 365

dan\_smutts  
Recipient

Unknown To address

## How to Fix It

The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- Send the message again following these steps: In Outlook, open this non-delivery report (NDR) and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "**To send this message again, click here.**" Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click **Send**.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.1 in Office 365](#), and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting **Send**.

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## More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 554 5.4.6

Typically this error occurs because the recipient email address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. These issues can usually be fixed by the sender. However, sometimes the issue needs to be fixed by the recipient or the recipient's email admin. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

**The email address exists and is correct** - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.

**Synchronize your directories** - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

**Errant forwarding rule** - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. A forwarding rule can be configured by an admin via mail flow rules or SMTP forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.

**Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct** - Misconfigured mail flow settings or MX records can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

**Mail loop detected** - This error also indicates that the receiving organization's email settings are misconfigured, creating a mail loop when a message is sent to an address that isn't found in their directory. This usually won't disrupt mail flow for recipients that actually exist, but the recipient's email admin should fix the misconfiguration to reduce the chance of any other mail flow issues. A common cause for this loop is that the recipient's domain is configured as "Internal Relay" when it should be "Authoritative." Another common cause for the loop is that both the sender and recipient are part of the same organization, but the sender's mailbox is hosted by Office 365, while the recipient's mailbox is hosted on-premises, and an outbound connector from Office 365 to the on-premises email servers is missing or misconfigured. To fix this, the recipient's email admin should create a correctly configured outbound connector in Office 365 to route the message to the on-premises mailbox.

For more information and tips to fix this problem, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.4.6 in Office 365](#).

### Original Message Details

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**Recipient Address:** [dan\\_smutts@tw.org](mailto:dan_smutts@tw.org)  
**Subject:** REMINDER: Join Secretary Sally Jewell and Chief Tom Tidwell on Saturday, March 19, to Celebrate the Designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument

### Error Details

**Reported error:** 554 5.4.6 Hop count exceeded - possible mail loop  
**DSN generated by:** BN3PR0601MB1400.namprd06.prod.outlook.com  
**Remote server:** twsexch12k13.tw.org

### Message Hops

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Cc:  
Date: Thu, 17 Mar 2016 14:15:06 -0400  
Subject: REMINDER: Join Secretary Sally Jewell and Chief Tom Tidwell on Saturday, March 19, to Celebrate the Designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument



Dear Friends,

Please join U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, U.S. Congressman Mike Thompson, U.S. Congressman John Garamendi, State and Local Officials, and other community leaders on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

10:45 a.m. – Check-in  
11:00 a.m. – Celebration

BLM Cowboy Camp Day Use Area  
West Side of State Highway 16, One Mile South of Highway 20  
Williams, CA 95987  
(Google Maps: 38.997697, -122.353758)

We hope you are able to join us and ask that you [RSVP](#) at your earliest convenience by clicking [HERE](#). Casual attire is appropriate.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

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**JAMES KENNA (b) (6)**

To: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Sun, Mar 20, 2016 at 10:15 AM

Thank you for the invitation. I really enjoyed the event and was able to talk with quite a few people. nicw job.

Jim

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Thu, Jul 9, 2015 at 11:37 AM

To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

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**Friday, July 10, 2015**

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**Hellmann, Donald** <don\_hellmann@nps.gov>  
To: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 1:48 PM

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Bcc: Lisa.Pike@patagonia.com

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Bcc: Jake@asaslv.org, mjones@hilltoppublicsolutions.com

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Bcc: pmoradkhan@lvchamber.com

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To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Bcc: Christopher McAlear <cmcalear@blm.gov>, Linda Lance <llance@blm.gov>

Thu, Jul 9, 2015 at 12:09 PM



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OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Bcc: Bret Birdsong <Bret.Birdsong@sol.doi.gov>

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To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Bcc: sig@lasvegaspr.com, Shannon\_Raborn@reid.senate.gov, jenna@morton-group.com



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OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Bcc: christopher\_holmes@baylor.edu

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**OS, Office of the Secretary** <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Bcc: rachel.l.jacobson5.civ@mail.mil, JOHN.CONGER@osd.mil

Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 5:07 PM



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OS, Office of the Secretary <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Bcc: **gyoung3025 - (b) (6)**

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suedue53@hotmail.com, Melanie Sheedy - (b) (6) leannelhowell@aol.com



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**melanie sheedy** (b) (6)

Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 6:18 PM

To: "OS, Office of the Secretary" <officeoftheseecretary@ios.doi.gov>

I am absolutely thrilled about this announcement, however, I will be unable to attend.

Melanie Sheedy

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Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 4:36 PM

To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

Bcc: dpuskar@appl.org, Meghan Kissell <meghan@conservationlands.org>, Sam Goldman <sam@conservationlands.org>, angel@conservationlands.org



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To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeofthesecretary@ios.doi.gov>

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**Bulletin Intelligence** <Interior@bulletinintelligence.com>

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**OREGON GOV. BROWN CALLS ON FEDS TO END MILITIA OCCUPATION STANDOFF.** The [AP](#) (1/20, Hansen Terrence Petty |, Ap, 7.78M) reports that Oregon Gov. Kate Brown "expressed frustration with federal authorities' handling of the continuing occupation of a national wildlife refuge in southeastern Oregon by an armed group and said it's time to end it." She said, "The residents of Harney County have been overlooked and underserved by federal officials' response thus far. I have conveyed these very grave concerns directly to our leaders at the highest levels of our government: the U.S. Department of Justice and the White House."



According to the article, “exasperated by a tense situation that has caused fear among local residents since it began Jan. 2, Brown said federal officials ‘must move quickly to end the occupation and hold all of the wrongdoers accountable.’”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/21, Wang, 7.78M), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/20, 263K), [TIME](#) (1/20, 19.1M), and the [Huffington Post](#) (1/20, 251K).

**Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Workers Post Statement On Facebook.** The [Washington Times](#) (1/20, Chasmar, 283K) reports that “employees of the Oregon refuge that was taken over this month by armed anti-government protesters have broken their silence on the occupation in an open letter to the local community.” In a Facebook post Wednesday, staff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge “explained that they have refrained from commenting on the occupation so as not to ‘inflare an already heated situation,’ but felt they owed it to the community to finally take a position.” Refuge staff wrote that “they hope to return to work soon, and thanked the community for its support.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Oregonian](#) (1/20, 769K).

**Oregon Cattlemen, BLM In Talks To Restore Jailed Ranchers’ Grazing Rights.** The [Greenwire](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication) reports that “cattlemen in southeast Oregon are quietly negotiating with the Bureau of Land Management to restore grazing privileges to a pair of ranchers serving five-year prison sentences for setting fires on federal lands.” The negotiations are being held “as armed militants led by Ammon Bundy continue to occupy the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to protest the imprisonment of Dwight and Steven Hammond and the federal government’s ownership of lands in the West.”

**Legal Experts Skeptical Of Oregon Militants’ Land Claims.** The [Greenwire](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication) reports that “it’s becoming clear the armed occupants don’t have a legal leg to stand on.” According to legal experts, “there appears to be virtually nothing in any law, the Constitution or Supreme Court jurisprudence that supports Bundy’s constitutional claims, legal experts said.”

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/20, 7.78M), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (1/20, Schaub, 3.6M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/20, 496K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/20, Petty, 283K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/20, 2.15M), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (1/20, 10K), the [Oregonian](#) (1/20, 769K), the [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (1/20, 73K), the [Eugene \(OR\) Register-Guard](#) (1/21, 209K), the [Indianapolis \(IN\) Star](#) (1/20, 570K), the [Idaho Statesman](#) (1/20, 218K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/20, Levin, 3.48M), and [Gawker](#) (1/20, 1.76M).

**REPUBLICANS TO TARGET COAL MORATORIUM DURING FLOOR DEBATE.** [E&E Publishing](#) (1/20, 705) reports that Sen. John Barrasso said Wednesday that “Republicans plan to offer amendments during the upcoming energy floor debate to stymie the Obama administration’s moratorium on new coal leasing on federal lands.”

Meanwhile, [The Atlantic](#) (1/20, 2.66M) reports that “analysts say the coal market is generally so bad that the Obama rule change can’t make things any worse, at least in the short term.”

Additional coverage was provided by [E&E Daily](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication).

**NRDC President Supports Coal Moratorium.** In an op-ed for the [Seattle Times](#) (1/20, 1.17M), Rhea Suh, president of the Natural Resources Defense Council, writes that “when he named Seattle resident Sally Jewell to lead the U.S. Department of the Interior three years ago, President Obama cited her expertise on climate, energy and stewardship of our public lands. All three came together Friday when Jewell announced a badly needed overhaul of the program through which we make millions of acres of federal lands available for lease to private coal companies.” Suh argues that “at a time when we’re grappling with the growing dangers of climate change, the last thing we should be doing is using taxpayer money to encourage the production of a dirty fossil fuel that is warming the planet and imperiling our future.”

**WTimes: Coal Lease Moratorium Good For Green “Crony Capitalists.”** The [Washington Times](#) (1/20, 283K) editorializes that President Obama’s three-year moratorium on most new coal leases on federal land “would gradually reduce production of America’s most plentiful and affordable fuels.” Sen. John Barrasso said, “There seems to be no limit to the number of job-crushing regulations, executive orders and insults Secretary Jewell and President Obama will throw at America’s middle class.” US efforts are expected to reduce global warming only 0.3°F by 2100, and will “cripple the fossil fuel industry and enable crony capitalists to cash in on the green



revolution.”

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by the [Wyoming Business Report](#) (1/20, 24K), the [Wyoming Tribune Eagle](#) (1/20, 44K), the [Douglas \(WY\) Budget](#) (1/20, 80), [The East Oregonian](#) (1/20, 24K), [Platts](#) (1/20, 1K), the [Pacific Standard](#) (1/20, 3K), [Newsweek](#) (1/29, 164K), the [Daily Caller](#) (1/20, Linder, 366K), [SteelGuru](#) (1/20, 105), [Public News Service](#) (1/21, 306), and [Yahoo! News](#) (1/21, Eggert, 6.43M).

**WHITE HOUSE TO CRACK DOWN ON METHANE LEAKS AT GAS WELLS.** [Bloomberg News](#) (1/20, Dlouhy, 3.4M) reports that the natural gas spill in October at the Aliso Canyon storage field in southern California is “giving momentum to the Obama administration’s plan to clamp down on methane emissions from oil and natural gas wells.” A proposal from the Interior Department concerning methane leaks at wells on federal and tribal lands is expected to be released in coming days, “with the goal of plugging [unintentional leaks] and stopping energy companies from intentionally flaring or venting the gas.” The proposal “is expected to specify when energy companies can use natural gas captured from wells on public land to power equipment at the site. The agency also may dictate when – and how much – energy companies should pay in royalties for natural gas that’s vented or flared.”

Also providing coverage is [Politico](#) (1/20, 1.19M).

**Wasting Of Natural Gas Resources On Tribal Lands Criticized.** In an op-ed for the [Dickinson \(ND\) Press](#) (1/20, 1K), Joletta Bird Bear raises concerns about the “more than \$76 million worth of natural gas” that is “flared, vented or leaked on tribal and federal lands...in North Dakota” each year. Bear says since “oil and gas companies are short-term renters of tribal lands,” she argues that “we need to change that dynamic and get them to think about preserving our lands and to be true long-term stewards of our lands.” Bear concludes that “the Three Affiliated Tribes, the BLM, the BIA, and the oil and gas industry should all work together to stop wasting natural gas resources on our tribal lands.”

**SENATE PANEL APPROVES SPORTSMEN’S BILL.** [E&E Publishing](#) (1/20, 705) reports that the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee “approved a bipartisan bill today aimed at increasing access to public lands but carrying a number of contentious amendments on species protection, pesticide permitting and wildlife refuge management.” According to the article, “in a 12-8 vote, the panel passed a substitute amendment to S. 659, making only technical fixes.” The legislation “contains provisions from the broader ‘Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015’ that are within the Environment Committee’s jurisdiction.”

[E&E Daily](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication) reports that Sen. John Barrasso planned “to offer an amendment to a sportsmen’s package that would remove gray wolves in Wyoming from listing under the Endangered Species Act.”

The [Fairbanks \(AK\) News-Miner](#) (1/21, 42K) reports that Sen. Dan Sullivan “acted Wednesday to head off a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service move to ban some types of Alaska-legal bear, wolf and coyote hunts on federal wildlife refuges in the state.” An amendment to the Sullivan’s “Bipartisan Sportsmen’s Act of 2015” would “specifically prohibit the Fish and Wildlife Service from implementing hunting restrictions the agency introduced earlier this month.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Big Horn Radio Network](#) (1/20).

**SENATE REPUBLICANS TRY TO OVERRIDE VETO OF RESOLUTION TO BLOCK CLEAN WATER RULE.** [E&E Publishing](#) (1/20, 705) reports that the Senate will “seek to override President Obama’s veto of a resolution to block his administration’s contentious Clean Water Act jurisdiction rule tomorrow morning.” S.J. Res. 22 would “prevent U.S. EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers from implementing the so-called Clean Water Rule, better known as the Waters of the U.S. rule or WOTUS.”

Additional coverage was provided by [E&E Daily](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication), the [Grand Island \(NE\) Independent](#) (1/21, 54K), and the [Charleston \(WV\) State Journal](#) (1/20, 1K).

**REP. BISHOP RELEASES UTAH PUBLIC LANDS BILL.** The [Greenwire](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication) reports that House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop on Wednesday “released a long-awaited draft bill for 18 million acres of public lands in eastern Utah, drawing praise from state and energy industry officials but strong opposition from conservation groups and skepticism from a top House Democrat.” Kathleen Sgamma, vice president for government and public affairs at the Western Energy Alliance, said “the legislation is an ‘important milestone’ in a ‘bottom-up’ approach to settle the area’s decades of conflicts over public lands.”



However, “key national conservation groups including the Wilderness Society, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Grand Canyon Trust, Natural Resources Defense Council and Sierra Club today blasted the bill, arguing it falls short of protections needed for the ‘world-renowned redrock scenery of the national public lands in Utah.’”

Additional coverage was provided by [E&E Daily](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/20, 339K), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/20, 339K), the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (1/20, 476K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/20, 2.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/20, Price, 283K), the [Oklahoman](#) (1/20, 470K), the [Provo \(UT\) Daily Herald](#) (1/20, 155K), the [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (1/20, 22K), the [National Parks Traveler](#) (1/20, 989), [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (1/20, 464K), and [KSTU-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (1/20, 148K).

**Salt Lake Tribune: Lands Bill Still A Work In Progress.** In an editorial, the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/21, 339K) says that “Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz are to be commended for their long effort to bring forth the most comprehensive public lands bill ever crafted for Utah, but if they think they’re done now, they probably won’t succeed.” The editorial details several of the proposals contained in the bill that will impact current and future Federal lands in the state. The editorial explains that “the most uncertainty can be found in the bill’s unabashed encouragement of oil and gas development, which today looks more like a dream than a strategy,” thanks to low oil prices and fears of long-term environmental degradation. The Tribune says that the bill’s sponsors “have invested years, but now it is the time for the rest of Congress to study it and act in the best interests of all Americans, who are the owners of this land.”

**DRAFT MINE CLEANUP BILL RELEASED.** [E&E Daily](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication) reports that “a bipartisan group of Colorado lawmakers released draft legislation yesterday to encourage mining companies, governments and other groups to help clean up thousands of abandoned mines and improve water quality in and around them.” According to the article, “the discussion draft of the ‘Good Samaritan Cleanup of Orphan Mines Act’ comes from Colorado Sens. Cory Gardner (R) and Michael Bennet (D) and Rep. Scott Tipton (R-Colo).” The legislation would “allow state, local governments or groups to apply for U.S. EPA permits for helping clean up mine sites long abandoned by unknown or defunct individuals and companies.”

**NASA, NOAA: 2015 WAS HOTTEST YEAR ON RECORD.** In what the [Washington Post](#) (1/20, A1, Mooney, Warrick, 7.78M) calls “yet another sign that the planet is heating up,” NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Wednesday that 2015 “shattered 2014’s record to become the hottest year since reliable record-keeping began.” According to NASA, “2015 was officially 0.23 degrees Fahrenheit (0.13 degrees Celsius) hotter than 2014.” NOAA “showed slightly greater warming, of about 0.29 degrees Fahrenheit (0.16 degrees C) hotter than 2014.” The Post says the new numbers “could fuel debate over climate change in an election year in which the two main political parties remain divided over what to do about global warming and, indeed, whether it exists.”

The [New York Times](#) (1/20, Gillis, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) says that while it will “take a few more years to know for certain,” the “back-to-back records of 2014 and 2015 may have put the world back onto a trajectory of rapid global warming, after a period of relatively slow warming dating to the last powerful El Niño, in 1998.” [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/20, story 11, 0:25, Holt, 7.86M) said 15 of the 16 warmest years on record have occurred since 2001. [ABC World News](#) (1/20, story 10, 0:10, Muir, 5.84M) also briefly reported the story.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SECRETARY JEWELL PREPARES FOR AFRICA TRIP.** Additional coverage of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell’s press briefing ahead of her upcoming trip to Gabon, Kenya and South Africa was provided by the [Nigeria Teller](#) (1/21) and the [Standard Digital](#) (1/21, 4K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ISLETA PUEBLO REGAINS ANCESTRAL LAND.** Additional coverage of the 90,000 acres of ancestral land returned to the Isleta Pueblo was provided by the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (1/20, 47K) and the [Valencia County \(NM\) News-Bulletin](#) (1/20, 20K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: \$40 MILLION IN FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR NEVADA PROJECTS.** Additional coverage of the \$40 million in funding announced for projects around Nevada was provided by the [South Tahoe \(CA\) Now](#) (1/20).

**PENNSYLVANIA ADVOCATE CALLS FOR PERMANENT LWCF REAUTHORIZATION.** Ed Perry, the Pennsylvania outreach coordinator for the National Wildlife Federation Climate Change Campaign, writes at the [Erie \(PA\) Reader](#) (1/20) that the omnibus appropriations bill passed in December included a three-year reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund “with \$450 million set aside for conservation and



recreation projects.” However, Perry points out, “Congress also lifted the oil export ban, which could potentially lead to the loss of over a million acres of wildlife habitat to meet the new demand for oil production.” He says that “this makes the need to permanently reauthorize and fully fund LWCF at its \$900 million funding level even more important.”

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**BIA CLOSES SETTLEMENT ON TRIBAL CONTRACTS CASE.** The [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (1/20, 2K) reports that “the enormous \$940 million class-action lawsuit against the BIA on behalf of tribes cleared the last court hurdle today in New Mexico.” According to the article, “the case stems from decades of short-funding tribal contracts.” The article notes that “the settlement is similar to one reached with the Indian Health Service last year, that also found tribes had agreed to contract amounts for tribal services but were then shorted the funds, or in some cases, not awarded any money at all for the signed contracts with the federal government.”

**LAND NEAR WOUNDED KNEE MAY BE USED FOR NATIVE AMERICAN HOLOCAUST MUSEUM.** [Think Progress](#) (1/20, Townes, 293K) reports that 125 “years after hundreds of men, women, and children were executed at Wounded Knee,” Tim Giago, “a member of the Lakota tribe is getting ready to buy the adjacent land, with the intention of turning it into a Native American holocaust museum.” Think Progress explains that Giago recently signed an agreement to purchase the land for \$3.9 million. Think Progress also points out that “tribes across the country are in the process of procuring land that was divided over generations and undermined their integrity.” The report explains that “the Department of the Interior launched a massive land buy-back program for tribes across the country” and that, “over the span of 10 years, the department will use \$1.9 billion to purchase some of the fractioned land from willing sellers, consolidate it, and turn it into tribal trusts.”

## Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**NEW PLAN PROPOSED FOR MANAGEMENT OF GLEN CANYON DAM.** [KNAU-FM Flagstaff, AZ](#) (1/20, 1K) reports that “federal officials have proposed a sweeping new plan to manage Glen Canyon Dam for the next two decades.” According to the article, “they want to be more proactive in their efforts to restore fish and animal habitat as well as beaches that have degraded in the Grand Canyon since the dam became operational in the 1960s.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Vail \(CO\) Daily](#) (1/20, 46K).

**DRAFT PLAN FOR SHASTA DAM FISH PASSAGE EVALUATION RELEASED.** The [Red Bluff \(CA\) Daily News](#) (1/20, 578) reports that the BOR, National Marine Fisheries Service and “other partnering agencies have released a draft of the Pilot Implementation Plan for the Shasta Dam Fish Passage Evaluation for public review.” The plan “provides a general overview of winter-run Chinook Salmon reintroduction to historical habitats in the Study Area, including the recovery priorities for salmon and viable salmonid populations, and the benefits, opportunities and constraints associated with the reintroduction.”

**COFFERDAM LEAK AT FOLSOM LAKE SPILLWAY PROJECT STABILIZED.** The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/20, 515K) reports that “a temporary cofferdam that kept crews and construction areas dry during the construction of a new spillway at Folsom Dam began leaking Wednesday, forcing crews to evacuate.” Late Wednesday afternoon, Tyler Stalker, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said “workers had stabilized the cofferdam and would have all their equipment moved out Wednesday night.” According to the article, “the work using the cofferdam was to be completed by Feb. 8 and can be done under wet conditions that don’t require the cofferdam.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KCRA-TV Sacramento \(CA\)](#) Sacramento, CA (1/20, 227K).

**PACIFICORP PURSUES DAM REMOVAL AFTER COLLAPSE OF KLAMATH AGREEMENT.** [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (1/20, 10K) reports that PacifiCorp is “now trying to reach a quick deal with federal and state regulators to remove four aged dams on the Klamath River.” According to the article, “the aggressive action by the big western utility follows the failure of Congress over the last four years to pass sweeping legislation aimed at ending the water wars in the Klamath Basin that straddles the states of Oregon and California.” PacifiCorp is “talking with officials from Oregon, California and the federal government on modifications to one of the key pacts – the Klamath Hydropower Settlement Agreement – aimed at ending the pitched fights over the river’s future.”



**NRDC ANALYSTS URGES CALIFORNIA NOT TO EASE UP ON WATER CONSERVATION.** Tracy Quinn, a senior water policy analyst at the Natural Resources Defense Council office in Santa Monica, writes at the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/21, 515K) that, in response to California's drought, "the Department of Water Resources and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's 2016 Drought Contingency Plan, released Friday, painted a grim picture, but that same day, the State Water Resources Control Board staff proposed to relax emergency drought regulations." She says that the Board is responding to pressure from groups such as the Association for California Water Agencies that say "that regions that spent their money on expensive new local supplies such as desalination should be allowed to waste more water from both local and non-local sources than other parts of the state." However, Quinn argues that "our best strategy is to pursue more cost-effective conservation opportunities before considering expensive new local projects such as desalination."

## Securing America's Energy Future:

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**FIRM ASKS JUDGE TO BLOCK CANCELLATION OF FEDERAL ENERGY LEASE.** The AP (1/20) reports that Louisiana-based Solenex LLC has asked a Federal judge to block a Interior Department's plan to cancel a "long-stalled federal energy lease on land considered sacred to American Indians" in Montana's Glacier National Park the agency says was improperly issued in 1982. Solenex sued the government in 2013 over repeated delays.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/20, 283K), the [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (1/20, 118K), [Law360](#) (1/20, 30K), and [KECI-TV Missoula \(MT\)](#) Missoula, MT (1/20, 1K).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSURES ON PROPOSED MINING WITHDRAWAL.** The [Greenwire](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication) reports that "conservation groups and the mining industry want significant changes to the Obama administration's proposal to remove 10 million acres of federal lands within prime greater sage grouse habitat from new mining claims." According to the article, "their comments are among more than 5,000 submitted to the Bureau of Land Management by last Friday's deadline regarding what would be the largest-ever federal mining withdrawal covering BLM and Forest Service lands in six states." The article notes that "the proposed withdrawals, which target the most critical sage grouse habitat in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming, were recommended in the sweeping federal sage grouse plans finalized last September that were instrumental in persuading the Fish and Wildlife Service not to list the greater sage grouse for protection under the Endangered Species Act."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/20, 2.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/20, Brown, 283K), the [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (1/20, 81K), the [St. Joseph \(MO\) News-Press](#) (1/20, 12K), the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/20, 200K), the [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (1/20, 76K), the [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (1/20, 38K), [Montana Public Radio](#) (1/20), and [YubaNet \(CA\)](#) (1/20, 6K).

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR COLOWYO COAL PROPOSAL RELEASED.** The AP (1/20, 2.15M) reports that "federal regulators have given the initial go-ahead to more coal extraction at a western Colorado site under a plan that calls for the mining company to donate 4,500 acres for the greater sage grouse." On Wednesday, the BLM and the OSMRE "released their assessment of the environmental impact of a proposal by Colowyo Coal to continue working reserves in Moffat and Rio Blanco counties for which the first BLM leases were made in 1982." The agencies concluded "the project would have no significant impact."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/20, Bryson, 283K), the [Colorado Springs \(CO\) Gazette](#) (1/20, 150K), and [KCNC-TV Denver \(CO\)](#) Denver (1/20, 57K).

**CONSERVATION GROUPS SUE FOR STREAM RULE DOCUMENTS.** The [Greenwire](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication) reports that "conservative advocacy groups sued the Obama administration yesterday for internal communications regarding how the Interior Department developed a proposal to increase protections for streams near coal mines." The Energy & Environment Legal Institute and Free Market Environmental Law Clinic are "seeking all email and text message correspondence during certain time periods about the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's stream protection rule."

**IDAHO HAS ESTIMATED 5,000 ABANDONED MINES.** The [Boise \(ID\) Weekly](#) (1/20, Muri, 103K) reports that there are an estimated 5,000 abandoned mines in Idaho. According to Jonathan Oppenheimer, senior conservation associate with the Idaho Conservation League, "The mines are from the mid-1800s through the



1950s," Oppenheimer said. "There is more work to do out there in buttoning these up than there is capacity to do it. It's a big, gaping hole—no pun intended—in the federal budget, but the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service do take it seriously." The Weekly says that "BLM's Idaho office hired Cheryl Seath in 2013 as the full-time Abandoned Mine Lands Hazardous Materials coordinator." The Weekly details Seath's work as well as the work done by her counterparts in other states.

#### **SANDRIDGE AGREES TO SHUT DOWN SEVEN OKLAHOMA WELLS FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKES.**

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/20, Ailworth, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) reports Sandridge Energy agreed to shut down three wells located near sites of recent earthquakes, and to give five wells, one of which was previously unused, to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission for research. Sandridge also said it would reduce wastewater injections into its wells in the area. The [AP](#) (1/21) paraphrases Oklahoma Corporation Commission oil and gas conservation division director Tim Baker as asserting "the plan allows for quick action in seismically active areas."

Additional coverage of earthquakes was provided by the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/20, 496K) and [KWTW-TV Oklahoma City \(OK\)](#) Oklahoma City (1/20, 75K).

#### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**NORTH CAROLINA TOWN 100TH MUNICIPALITY TO OPPOSE OFFSHORE DRILLING.** The [AP](#) (1/20) reports that "Kure Beach town council voted Tuesday to oppose both offshore drilling for oil, as well as seismic testing to find oil and gas." Anti-drilling group Oceana says Kure Beach is the 100th municipality on the East Coast to oppose offshore drilling or seismic testing.

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: GAO WARNS ABOUT COSTS FROM OIL, GAS DECOMMISSIONING.**

Additional coverage that the "Government Accountability Office (GAO) is recommending that the Department of Interior take steps to improve oversight of idled and terminated offshore oil and gas lease infrastructure to better protect against billions of dollars in federal exposure to decommissioning liabilities" was provided by [Natural Gas Intelligence](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication).

### **America's Great Outdoors:**

#### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**APPEALS COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS IN UTAH ROADS CASE.** The [Greenwire](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication) reports that "federal appeals court judges yesterday appeared sympathetic to a conservation group's push to sue in a state court to block Utah's claims over thousands of roads crisscrossing federal lands." According to the article, "if the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance prevails here in the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, it could bring a swift end to dozens of federal lawsuits filed by the state claiming desert roads whose mileage would stretch around the Earth." The article notes that "many of the roads Utah claims are on lands SUWA wants preserved as wilderness, so the Salt Lake City-based group is trying multiple legal avenues to stop the state from gaining title to them."

**BLM SEEKING INPUT ON WILD HORSE OFF-RANGE PASTURE.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (1/20, 476K) reports that the BLM's Richfield field office is "seeking comment on an environmental assessment analyzing a proposed wild horse off-range pasture on the Tate Farms property, located on both sides of state Route 132 near Fountain Green, totaling approximately 3,900 acres." Scott Noll, "who manages the family-owned farm, is proposing the BLM fund a contract for the pasture, which has an estimated capacity for 700 horses."

**CREW FINDS DINOSAUR FOOTPRINT IN MONTANA.** Mark Jacobsen, of the Bureau of Land Management, writes at the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/20, 200K) that "in the summer of 2013 a Saint Louis Science Center field crew found a 66-million-year-old juvenile hadrosaur track on BLM-administered land in Garfield County's Hell Creek Formation." Jacobsen explains that it's rare to find a dinosaur footprint. "The Saint Louis crew is to be commended for recognizing and preserving a resource that, in less experienced hands, would likely have been destroyed," said Doug Melton, the BLM's Miles City Field Office lead archaeologist and paleontology permit coordinator. "The Miles City Field Office sees between 10 and 15 paleontological permittees working on public lands each year," Melton said. "It is always amazing at what they report to us at the end of the year."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: MOHAVE COUNTY LOOKS FOR BURRO SOLUTION.** Additional coverage that



Mohave County officials are looking to control the local burro population was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/20, 2.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/20, 283K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/20, 263K), and the [New Orleans \(LA\) Times-Picayune](#) (1/20, 661K).

**BLM URGED TO MANAGE WILD HORSES WITH FERTILITY CONTROL VACCINE.** In an op-ed for the [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (1/20, 22K), Patience Dowd writes that “the recent news that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management sold a Colorado rancher nearly 1,800 wild horses that illegally went to slaughter highlights the fact that our nation is doing a poor job by these animals at the taxpayers’ expense.” Dowd argues that “slaughter is neither a legal nor feasible management solution,” and asserts that “it’s also not supported by most Americans.” Dowd suggests that “a more humane and economical approach is managing horses in the field with already available fertility control vaccine: native PZP (Porcine Zona Pellucida) vaccine.”

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**MEAD, ASHE: “ANGRY TALK WON’T SOLVE WOLF, GRIZ ISSUES.”** Gov. Matt Mead (R-WY) and Dan Ashe, the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, write at the [Jackson Hole \(WY\) News & Guide](#) (1/20, 1K) in response to an opinion piece written by Todd Wilkinson (“Mead can’t deny the bear, lobo economics”) that they say “ascribes to us thinking, motivations, philosophies and disagreements on wildlife conservation that do not exist.” They acknowledge that “it is true that we differ in some regards about the management of wolves, grizzly bears and other wildlife protected by the Endangered Species Act.” However, Mead and Ashe state, “We have made progress on wolves and grizzly bears by focusing on areas where we can agree and on finding solutions that work for both people and wildlife.”

**FWS PROPOSES WEAKENING PROTECTIONS FOR SOME PARAKEETS.** [The Hill](#) (1/20, Devaney, 654K) reports that the FWS is “considering weakening the protections for certain parakeets.” The agency “proposed removing the scarlet-chested parakeet and turquoise parakeet from the list of endangered or threatened species back in 2003, but the changes fell to the wayside.” The FWS is “now reopening the comment period on the proposal.”

**AERIAL OPERATIONS FOR MEXICAN WOLF POPULATION SURVEY BEGINS.** The AP (1/20, 2.15M) reports that “aerial operations for the annual Mexican gray wolf population survey have begun in Arizona and New Mexico.” The aerial operation began “Tuesday and is scheduled to run until Feb. 3, weather permitting.” According to the article, “survey flights will occur on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation, the Apache and Gila national forests in eastern Arizona and western New Mexico and possibly on some areas outside the forests.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/20, 263K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/20, 283K), and the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/20, 960K).

**WESTERN GOVERNORS’ ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP DISCUSSES SPECIES PROTECTION IDEAS.** The AP (1/20, 767K) reports that “federal agencies need to do a better job considering state and local ideas when it comes to making decisions about species facing possible extinction, Idaho Gov. C.L. ‘Butch’ Otter said Tuesday.” at a Western Governors’ Association workshop, Otter said, “Being part of the process, being part of the solution, and being seriously considered with our ideas is what matters and will continue to matter.” Panelists at the Species Conservation and Endangered Species Act Initiative “discussed voluntary conservation efforts, incentives for private land owners, best available science and critical habitat designation.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Boise \(ID\) State Public Radio](#) (1/20).

**CLOSING OF POWER PLANTS MIGHT IMPACT MANATEES.** [WTSP-TV](#) St. Petersburg, FL (1/20, Cumley, 118K) reports that “experts say 60 percent of the manatee population uses power plants for refuge when temperatures drop” but “there’s talk of those plants shutting down.” Ivan Vicente, with the Fish and Wildlife Service, said that King’s Bay is the manatee capital of the world. WTSP explains that “the constant 74-degree water in the natural spring resting areas for manatees could become real crowded real quick.” Vicente said, “We expect a big influx of manatees moving into the springs” because, as WTSP explains, “indicators lean toward coal-powered power plants could be shutting down in the next 10 to 20 years.”

**NEW YORK REPORTS SUCCESS IN BATTLING LAKE CHAMPLAIN SEA LAMPREY.** The AP (1/21, 2.15M) reports that “New York environmental protection officials are reporting success in efforts to control sea lamprey populations in Lake Champlain.” The state Department of Environmental Conservation announced Wednesday that “lamprey-killing chemical treatments conducted last year on several of the lake’s tributaries in



New York and Vermont have improved conditions for landlocked Atlantic salmon and lake trout." The treatments by the DEC, in coordination with the FWS and the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife, are "meant to kill lamprey that attach themselves to other fish, often killing the host fish."

**ANALYSIS COMPARES GREATER SAGE GROUSE LISTING DECISION TO OTHER UPLAND GAME BIRDS.** Brooke M. Wahlberg, of Nossaman LLP, writes at [Lexology](#) (1/20, 3K) reports that "the greater sage grouse was perhaps the most hotly anticipated species determination arising out of the 2011 court-approved listing settlements." She explains that "with much of the western U.S. impacted by its decision, on October 2, 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published its determination that listing the greater sage grouse under the Endangered Species Act was not warranted." Wahlberg says that "the Service's determination was based largely on the collective conservation efforts of the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, state agencies, and private landowners." She goes on to examine how other upland game birds fared in comparison, finding that "at the heart of the disputes regarding the upland game bird species is the extent and efficacy of the conservation efforts in place prior to listing."

**ALASKA URGED TO RETHINK MANAGEMENT OF GAME ANIMALS.** In an op-ed for the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (1/20, 203K), Rick Sinnott, a former Alaska Department of Fish and Game wildlife biologist, writes about recent NPS and FWS "regulations that will pre-empt state hunting regulations on national preserves and refuges, lands managed by the federal agencies." He says that "we're losing control over the management of game animals on national preserves and wildlife refuges" because "if Alaskan hunters would have accommodated some of the demands of other Americans, we might have retained more control over marine mammals, subsistence and hunting on federal lands." Sinnott urges the Alaska Legislature "to acknowledge that most Alaskans are not hunters and address the egregious and longstanding unbalance by repealing the intensive management law and allowing the governor to appoint nonhunters to the Board of Game."

#### **National Park Service:**

**HIGH COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS IN HOVERBOARD CASE.** [E&E Publishing](#) (1/20, 705) reports that "Supreme Court justices appeared skeptical today of the Obama administration's argument that it could exercise 'limited authority' to regulate state and private lands." According to the article, "that issue is central to the case of John Sturgeon, an Alaskan who's suing the government, arguing that the National Park Service improperly banned him from using his hovercraft on a river that lies within a national preserve."

The [Greenwire](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication) reports that "as the case was argued before the high court today, several of the nine justices appeared inclined to uphold the government's ban on hovercrafts in the Alaskan waters." According to the article, "they questioned how rules from other agencies could apply to those waters, but Park Service rules wouldn't apply."

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (1/21, Wheeler, 654K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/20, Barnes, 7.78M), [Reuters](#) (1/21, Hurley), the [Vancouver \(CAN\) Sun](#) (1/20, 539K), [Voice of America](#) (1/20, 64K), and [KFGO-AM Fargo \(ND\)](#) Fargo, ND (1/20, 3K).

**PULLMAN NATIONAL MONUMENT PREPARES FOR FIRST ANNIVERSARY.** The [Chicago Tribune](#) (1/20, Briscoe, 2.33M) reports that "as Chicago nears the first anniversary of Pullman's designation as the city's first national monument, officials say restoration plans will start picking up speed soon." According to the article, "plans to rejuvenate the former luxury rail car manufacturing neighborhood on the Far South Side are gradually materializing, including one of the first steps toward restoring arguably the park's most identifiable landmark — the administration building — and a couple of major exhibits." On Feb. 19, "the monument's one-year anniversary, the National Park Service and several of its partners will gather in the visitors center to elaborate on what's to come in Pullman's renaissance."

**NPS OVERSEEING REPAIRS ON ROUTES IN DC AREA.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/20, Thomson, 7.78M) reports that the NPS is overseeing "repairs on key commuter routes" in the DC area this year. According to the article, "the park service project with the greatest effect on local travel is likely to be the overhaul of Beach Drive, which is planned to start this year and continue for more than two years."

**NPS SET TO REMOVE ASPHALT AT GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE.** The [Pensacola \(FL\) News Journal](#) (1/20, 124K) reports that the NPS will "begin its Gulf Islands National Seashore Beach Enhancement Project at Opal Beach in the Santa Rosa area of the park." According to the article, "the project involves removing asphalt fragments and road base materials from about 1,200 acres in the Perdido Key, Fort Pickens



and Santa Rosa areas of the park.”

**GROUP RAISES MONEY TO STUDY FLETCHER’S COVE.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/19, 7.78M) reports that Friends of Fletcher’s Cove,” a nonprofit group, is raising \$150,000 to fund a soil sample study to determine how to deal with sediment at Fletcher’s Cove.” The cove, “part of the C&O Canal National Historical Park, serves as the main public access point for the Potomac River northwest of Georgetown.” Although the NPS “repaired and reopened the dock in April, a variety of sediment-related problems remain.”

**COYOTE TRACKED BY RESEARCHERS DROWNS IN LOS ANGELES PARK.** The [AP](#) (1/20, 2.15M) reports that “a coyote researchers were tracking to see how the animals live in extremely urbanized areas has drowned in a popular Los Angeles park.” The NPS says “the coyote drowned last month in the lake at MacArthur Park.” NPS biologist Justin Brown says “the coyote may have been chasing a duck or fallen into the lake while trying to drink and couldn’t climb the steep concrete walls.”

**FEATURE EXAMINES LAST DAYS OF MORGAN HORSE RANCH.** In a feature, the [Marin \(CA\) Pacific Sun](#) (1/20, Templeton, 106K) reports on the Morgan Horse Ranch in Point Reyes. According to Phil Straub, the manager and chief horse handler at the historic ranch at the edge of Point Reyes National Seashore, “There were 80 horses up here at one point, and now there are five left. ... So when these horses are gone, that’s kind of the end of it.” The Pacific Sun says that horses bred at the ranch were once the favorite among national park rangers, but “horses in the parks have been replaced by motorized vehicles.” The feature goes on to detail the operations of the ranch and some of the efforts to ensure its continued operation.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK ENTANGLED IN TRADEMARK DISPUTE OVER LANDMARK NAMES.** Additional coverage of the dispute over landmark names at Yosemite National Park was provided by the [Idaho Mountain Express](#) (1/20, 1K), the [Sonora \(CA\) Union Democrat](#) (1/20, 28K), and [WAMU-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (1/20, 30K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: REPORT DETAILS HISTORY OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT GRAND CANYON.** Additional coverage of the “alcohol-fueled incidents of sexual abuse and harassment by National Park Service river guides and other employees” at the Grand Canyon was provided by the [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (1/20, 35K), [Men’s Journal](#) (1/20, 2.66M), and [Men’s Journal](#) (1/20, 2.66M).

### ***US Geological Survey:***

**KIMBALL SWORN IN AS USGS DIRECTOR.** The [College of William & Mary \(VA\)](#) (1/20, 11K) says that Suzette Kimball was “sworn in on Jan. 8 as the director of the United States Geological Survey, the chief science agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior.” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, “I am pleased the Senate voted to confirm Dr. Suzette Kimball to this important leadership post in the Administration. As a geophysicist and veteran of decades in public service, Dr. Kimball is eminently qualified to lead the USGS.”

**USGS REPORT: INVASIVE AMPHIBIAN FUNGUS COULD THREATEN SALAMANDER POPULATIONS.** [Phys \(UK\)](#) (1/21, 74K) reports that “a deadly fungus causing population crashes in wild European salamanders could emerge in the United States and threaten already declining amphibians here, according to a report released today by the U.S. Geological Survey.” The report “highlights cooperative research and management efforts needed to develop and implement effective pre-invasion and post-invasion disease-management strategies if *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* (Bsal) enters and affects salamanders within the United States.”

**MESILLA BASIN MICROGRAVITY SURVEY TO MEASURE AQUIFER CHANGES.** [KRWG-FM Las Cruces, NM](#) (1/20, 1K) reports that scientists with the USGS and the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources will “determine changes in the amount of groundwater stored in the Mesilla Basin aquifer in and around Las Cruces by precisely measuring differences in the acceleration of gravity at several locations the week of January 18.” Andrew Robertson, USGS scientist, said, “The objective of this study is to measure the effects of surface water from rivers and streams on aquifer storage and to increase our understanding of local aquifer properties. This information may help water managers make informed choices about this finite resource.”

### **Top National News:**

**OBAMA HIGHLIGHTS AUTO INDUSTRY’S RESURGENCE, BRIEFLY ADDRESSES FLINT CRISIS.** President Obama on Wednesday spent the day in Detroit, including a stop at the North American International



Auto Show, for a visit that was meant to highlight the auto industry and city's recovery. Media reports note Obama spoke only briefly about the Flint water crisis, but it was that issue – not the auto industry recovery – that was the main focus in the coverage.

The [AP](#) (1/20, Freking) reports Obama's praise of the auto industry's turnaround came while he "acknowledg[ed] the water crisis in nearby Flint, Michigan...as a reminder that the government can't shortchange basic services." The President said he met with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver on Tuesday and promised additional federal aid. According to [The Hill](#) (1/20, Henry, 654K), Obama said he told Weaver that "we are going to have her back and all the people of Flint's back as they work their way through this terrible tragedy."

[ABC World News](#) (1/20, story 6, 2:00, Muir, 5.84M) reported Obama said "he would be beside himself if he were a parent in Flint." The [Detroit News](#) (1/20, Burke, 545K) quotes Obama as saying, "I know if I were a parent (in Flint) I know I would be beside myself." The President added, "It is a reminder of why you can't shortchange basic services that we provide to people."

The [CBS Evening News](#) (1/20, story 2, 0:55, Pelley, 5.08M) showed Obama saying, "What is inexplicable and inexcusable is, once people figured out that there was a problem and there was lead in the water, the notion that immediately families weren't notified, things weren't shut down, that shouldn't happen anywhere. It's also an indication that sometimes we downplay the role that an effective government has to play in protecting the public health and safety of people and, clearly, the system here broke down."

Both the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) and [Washington Post](#) (1/20, 7.78M) editorialize that a number of entities and individuals deserve blame for the situation in Flint. The Journal says that while Hillary Clinton and the media are portraying the crisis as the result of a Republican neglect for a poor city, the situation is actually the result of a wider government failure that includes the Environmental Protection Agency. The Journal says the EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality were discussing the water system as early as February and the federal government should have taken action earlier. The Post, likewise, says "what is crystal clear in this murky mess is that federal and Michigan officials utterly failed to safeguard the health and welfare of their citizens."

In what [Bloomberg Politics](#) (1/20, Keane, 303K) calls "a victory lap for righting the US auto industry," [USA Today](#) (1/20, Gray, Gardner, 5.56M) and the [Washington Post](#) (1/20, Eilperin, Mufson, 7.78M) report Obama was in Detroit to highlight "the resurgence" of both the auto industry and the city. [Reuters](#) (1/20, Mason) reports Obama has highlighted the bailout of General Motors and Chrysler during the recession as evidence of difficult decisions that resulted in positive results for the economy and environment. While speaking at the United Auto Workers Union center for GM workers, Obama said, "The auto industry here in the United States has figured out that we can make more fuel-efficient cars that reduce the carbon pollution that is causing climate change, and make a profit – and put more people to work." The [Washington Times](#) (1/20, Boyer, Wolfgang, 283K) reports Obama told the automakers in attendance, "I placed my bet on you. I'd make that same bet any day of the week."

The [Toledo \(OH\) Blade](#) (1/20, Troy, 248K) reports Obama "said political opponents are ignoring the country's economic success" that occurred during his presidency. Obama said the US has added 14 million new jobs and is "10 percent bigger than it was at its peak before the crisis." The President said people arguing the US is in decline "don't know what they're talking about." Obama added, "They're peddling fiction during political season. It's strange to watch people trying to out-do each other saying how bad things are. They're racing to see who can talk down America the most. These are the same folks who would have let this industry go under."

***Snyder Appeals Denial Of Disaster Declaration, Releases Emails.*** [Politico](#) (1/20, Collins, 1.19M) says Obama did not say he will "upgrade Flint's crisis to a 'major disaster,'" and the [AP](#) (1/20, Eggert) reports Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder on Wednesday appealed the federal government's denial of a federal disaster declaration, saying the situation presents an "imminent and long-term threat" to residents. The AP notes the government "concluded that the high lead levels are not a disaster based on the legal requirement that disaster money is intended for natural events." In his appeal letter, Snyder "called the decision a 'narrow reading' and likened the crisis to a flood, 'given that qualities within the water, over a long term, damaged the city's infrastructure in ways that were not immediately or easily detectable.'"

In what Kevin Tibbles reported on [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/20, story 6, 2:40, Holt, 7.86M) is "an attempt to show what he knew and when he knew it," [USA Today](#) (1/20, Hinkley, 5.56M) reports Snyder on Wednesday released 274 pages of his emails related to the crisis. According to USA Today, "Normally, the emails would not be disclosed publicly, but Snyder agreed to release them after pressure from the Detroit Free Press and others to make his communications public in the wake of the public health emergency."



The [Detroit News](#) (1/20, Livengood, 545K) reports the emails show Snyder "was advised in late September that the state bears responsibility for Flint's water contamination problems because former state Treasurer Andy Dillon made 'the ultimate decision' to let the city join a new regional water system that led to the use of corrosive Flint River water." An email from then-Chief of Staff Dennis Muchmore said, "I can't figure out why the state is responsible except that Dillon did make the ultimate decision so we're not able to avoid the subject."

However, Adriana Diaz reported on the [CBS Evening News](#) (1/20, story 3, 2:15, Pelley, 5.08M) that Snyder "took responsibility" for the crisis during his State of the State address on Tuesday night. Snyder is shown saying, "I am sorry, and I will fix it."

The [New York Times](#) (1/20, Bosman, Davey, Smith, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports Weaver on Wednesday "added her voice to a growing chorus arguing that officials found it too easy to disregard the concerns of an already disenfranchised community after the city started drawing its drinking water from the Flint River." Weaver said the current situation would not have been allowed to reach this point in a rich suburb. According to Weaver, "It's a minority community, it's a poor community, and voices were not being heard."

The [CBS Evening News](#) (1/20, story 4, 3:15, Pelley, 5.08M) reported Snyder on Wednesday said there is extensive testing ongoing on the Flint water supply's lead level. Snyder is shown saying, "We don't want to consider it safe" yet, adding, "I think we've seen progress in terms of improvements in the water test, but until it's been thoroughly tested, including third-party verification, we want people to assume that they should be using filters or bottled waters on an interim measure."

**Obama Visits Domestic Manufacturer Shinola.** [MLive \(MI\)](#) (1/20, Thibodeau, 698K) reports that after eating lunch at Jolly Pumpkin Pizzeria and Brewery in Detroit, Obama "stopped by" goods and watch manufacturer Shinola. The area "new comers," according to [MLive](#), "are pegged as a vital part of the resurgence – and rebranding – in the once rough" Cass Corridor area of Detroit. The [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/20, Gray, Gardner, 921K) reports the lunch was attended by Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, Shinola founder Tom Kartsois, physician Tolulope Sonuyi, and GM autoworker Teana Dowdell.

**White House Official Tours Detroit With Mayor.** The [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/20, Helms, 921K) reports Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan took Cecilia Munoz, a Detroit native and White House chief of domestic policy, "on a quick tour of Detroit's neighborhoods" on Wednesday morning "to show off the city's efforts to revitalize itself." Munoz said, "We visited some neighborhoods where very good things are happening, and you're starting [to] see people rehabbing homes and neighborhoods coming back to life."

**Judge: Detroit Bondholders Fairly Treated.** Retired US bankruptcy judge Steven Rhodes, who handled the Detroit bankruptcy case, writes in a [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) letter to the editor that bondholders in the city "did not get 'stiffed.'" Rhodes says the high percentage of bondholders who voted in favor of the agreement "affirm that the bondholders in the Detroit case felt fairly treated."

**Detroit Teachers Staging "Sick-Out" Protest Outside Auto Show.** The [CBS Evening News](#) (1/20, lead story, 2:20, Pelley, 5.08M) said in its lead story that Detroit's public schools closed on Wednesday after "teachers staged a sick-out to protest what they say are dangerous buildings." Omar Villafranca reported "hundreds" of those teachers were "protesting outside" the auto show that Obama attended.

**OBAMA CONSIDERING EXECUTIVE ACTION ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE.** The [Hill](#) (1/21, Swan, 654K) says President Obama "is weighing the possibility of issuing an executive order to force companies doing business with the federal government to reveal their political spending." The Hill says such an action "would be a rare offering from a president who came to office promising major changes to campaign finance law but who has disappointed activists" who say little action has followed.

The [Huffington Post](#) (1/20, McAuliff, 251K) reports that Senate Majority Leader McConnell said such an action "would be illegal, and he used that point to launch a wide-ranging denunciation of Obama and the president's intentions to do as much as he can in the final year of his presidency." McConnell said, "My goodness. I mean, does the President not have any respect for the process?"

**CLINTON CAMP ACCUSES INTELLIGENCE IG, GOP OF "COORDINATED LEAK" ON EMAILS.**

[McClatchy](#) (1/20, Kumar, 27K) reports that Brian Fallon, a spokesman for Hillary Clinton's campaign, "accused the Intelligence Community Inspector General Wednesday of working with Republicans to attack the" former secretary of state. Inspector General Charles McCullough III recently sent Senate lawmakers a letter, in which



he said "he believes at least several dozen of emails Clinton sent and received while she was secretary of state contained classified material at the highest levels." Appearing on CNN, Fallon said of the letter becoming public, "I think this was a very coordinated leak." McClatchy adds that McCullough "was nominated by President Barack Obama in August 2011 to be the first inspector general for the 16 intelligence agencies and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence."

[Politico](#) (1/20, Gass, 1.19M) further quoted Fallon as saying on CNN that "two months ago, there was a political report that directly challenged the finding of this inspector general, and I don't think he liked that very much. So I think that he put two Republican senators up to sending him a letter so that he would have an excuse to resurface the same allegations he made back in the summer that have been discredited." [Fox News' Special Report](#) (1/20, 1.53M) reported that Fallon, a former Justice Department official, "charged that McCullough is colluding with Republicans to try to force Mrs. Clinton out of the race."

**Clinton Disputes IG Report On SAP Intelligence On Her Email Server.** [CNN's Situation Room](#) (1/20, 554K) reported that Clinton's campaign is "disputing" McCullough's assessment that her private email server contained "dozens" of emails with Special Access Program (SAP) intelligence, which are "rated beyond top secret." CNN's Evan Perez said it's unclear what information the emails contained, explaining that it's possible Clinton received a public newspaper article in which classified information was reported. Wolf Blitzer quoted Clinton as saying in a Wednesday interview with NPR, "How a New York Times public article that goes around the world could be in any way viewed as classified, or the fact that it would be sent to other people off the New York Times site, I think, is one of the difficulties that people have in understanding what this is about."

Ed Henry reported on [Fox News' The O'Reilly Factor](#) (1/20, 767K) that the IG's report is a "big deal" because some of the emails contained "need-to-know" information, and former intelligence officials he's spoken to say that kind of information is only shared in person. Henry added, "You certainly would not put it in an email...where the Chinese, the Russians, or others could hack in."

**WSJournal: Clinton Camp's Criticism Of IG Signals Email Woes Growing Worse.** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) criticizes the Clinton camp for accusing McCullough of trying to undermine the former secretary of state's campaign, saying that the move signals that Clinton's email woes are growing worse.

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES. "Kentucky's Bizarre Attack On Health Reform."** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (1/21, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) criticizes Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin (R) for moving forward with his plan to dismantle "the state's highly successful exchange." The Times condemns this "shortsighted and pointless show of defiance against the Obama administration's health care reforms," saying it could "harm thousands of people in Kentucky, who may fall between the cracks as the state shifts their coverage from its own exchange, known as Kynect, to the federally run exchange."

**"An Important Win In The Supreme Court For Class Actions."** The [New York Times](#) (1/21, Board, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) in an editorial praises the US Supreme Court 6-3 decision in the case *Campbell-Ewald Co. v. Gomez*, as "an important victory to regular Americans," and "a surprising break from a long line of extremely pro-business and anti-class-action rulings." The court, in an opinion authored by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, ruled that a plaintiff, by rejecting a settlement by a defendant, retains "her interest in the lawsuit," and "the court's ability to grant her relief," thus preserving "what remains of the class action from the unrelenting efforts of business to undermine it."

**WASHINGTON POST. "The Presidential Candidates Have One Thing in Common – A Disregard For Our Debt Predicament."** A [Washington Post](#) (1/20, 7.78M) editorial argues that neither the Republican nor the Democratic presidential candidates have offered "serious plans to address" the nation's "log-term fiscal predicament," which the CBO says is "worsening markedly." Instead, the Post says, the Republicans offer "vague rhetoric about the federal debt, while proposing few if any specific spending cuts – and backing immense new tax cuts," and the Democrats "propose to expand existing entitlement programs and otherwise increase social spending, while treating deficits and the debt as yesterday's problems, if at all."

**"How Government Officials Failed The People Of Flint, Mich."** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (1/20, 7.78M) says blame for the situation in Flint, Michigan can be attributed to several entities and individuals, adding that "what is crystal clear in this murky mess is that federal and Michigan officials utterly failed to safeguard the



health and welfare of their citizens.”

**“China’s Communist Regime Could Learn From Taiwan’s Democratic Election.”** The [Washington Post](#) (1/20, 7.78M) editorializes that “the gulf between” Chinese President Xi Jinping’s “Stalinist-style humiliation of critics...and Taiwan’s burgeoning liberalism does a lot to explain” Tsai Ing-wen’s victory in the recent Taiwanese elections. The Post says “by crushing domestic dissent and violating legal guarantees to Hong Kong,” Xi “is ensuring that pro-independence forces in democratic Taiwan will steadily grow.” The Post also calls on the White House to urge Beijing to “take up the president-elect’s offer to find a new formula for coexistence” and “make clear that it will respond to any attempt by China to intimidate the incoming government.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. “Through Hell And Flint Water.”** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorializes that there is a number of entities and individuals deserve blame for the situation in Flint, Michigan. The Journal says that while Hillary Clinton and the media are portraying the crisis as the result of a Republican neglect for a poor city, the situation is actually the result of a wider government failure that includes the Environmental Protection Agency. The Journal says the EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality were discussing the water system as early as February and the Federal government should have taken action earlier.

**“Illinois Union Showdown.”** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorializes that if the Illinois labor relations board rules that contract negotiations between Gov. Bruce Rauner and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) are at an impasse, Rauner will make a final offer to the union after several efforts. The Journal says AFSCME, which prefers the status quo, may reject the deal in an effort to get Rauner to break or else wait him out until a Democratic governor is elected. However, Rauner doesn’t appear to be wavering, nor can he afford to if he wants to keep his promise to taxpayers who elected him in 2014.

**“Hillary’s ‘Special Access’ Server.”** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/20, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) criticizes the Clinton camp for accusing intelligence community inspector general Charles McCullough of trying to undermine the former secretary of state’s campaign, saying that the move signals that Clinton’s email woes are growing worse.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

[Global Stocks Sink On Fresh Growth Fears](#)  
[Markets’ Panic Incongruent With Economic Reality—For Now](#)  
[Red-Hot Property Markets Cool As Rich Investors Retrench](#)  
[Islamic State Uses Huge Syrian Dam As Refuge](#)

#### **New York Times:**

[Taliban Attack Pakistan School, Renewing Fears](#)  
[Dire Conditions In Public Schools Threaten Detroit’s Recovery](#)  
[As Water Problems Grew, Officials Belittled Complaints From Flint](#)  
[2015 Far Eclipsed 2014 As World’s Hottest Year, Climate Scientists Say](#)  
[There May Be Ninth Planet \(Not You, Pluto\)](#)  
[New York Is Set For A New Tack On Little Crimes](#)  
[Trump Force Cruz’s Playbook To Be Rewritten](#)

#### **Washington Post:**

[New Yorkers Sour On De Blasio, A Progressive Hero](#)  
[New Evidence Suggests A Ninth Planet Lurking At The Edge Of The Solar System](#)  
[Tech Sector Faces A Freeze](#)  
[2015 Is Hottest Year On Record 2015: So Hot, And May Still Be Rising](#)  
[Terrorists Take New Aim In Pakistan](#)

#### **Financial Times:**

[Stock Exchanges Across The World Plunge Into Bear Market Territory](#)  
[Apple Steers Flagship For India As Tide Turns On Smartphone Sales In China](#)



**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** Winter Storm Jonas; Winter Storm Jonas Forecast; Stock Market Decline; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Michigan Water Crisis; Pakistan Terror Attack; West Coast-Deadly Avalanches; Oscar-Diversity Boycott; 2015-Warmest Year Recorded; New Planet Discovered; Florida-Attempted Carjacking Video.

**CBS:** Detroit-Teacher Protest; Michigan Water Crisis-Obama; Michigan Water Crisis; Governor Snyder-Water Crisis/Teacher Protest; Winter Storm Jonas Forecast; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Pakistan-Terror Attack; Kabul-Suicide Bombing; Stock Market Decline; California-Methane Gas Leak; New Planet Discovered.

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**Network TV At A Glance:**

2016 Politics – 12 minutes, 20 seconds

Michigan Water Crisis – 10 minutes, 50 seconds

Winter Storm Jonas – 7 minutes, 50 seconds

Stock Market Decline – 3 minutes, 50 seconds

Pakistan-Terror Attack – 2 minutes, 5 seconds

New Planet Discovered – 1 minute, 15 seconds

2015-Warmest Year Recorded – 1 minute, 15 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** Extreme Weather-DC Highway Crashes; Michigan Water Crisis; Stock Market Decline.

**CBS:** Stock Market Decline; Winter Storm Jonas; Congress-American SAFE Act Vote; Michigan Water Crisis-Obama; Detroit-Teachers Protest; Las Vegas-Taxi Industry Controversy.

**FOX:** Stock Market Decline; Winter Storm Jonas; 2016 Politics-Trump Versus Clinton; Clinton Email Scandal; Obama-Detroit Visit; Texas-Death Row Inmate Executed; Congress-American SAFE Act Vote; US Navy-Biofuel Friendly Ships Launched; New Planet Discovered.

**NPR:** Michigan Water Crisis-Obama; California-Exxon Mobile Investigated; Defense Secretary-ISIL; Congress-Martin Shkreli Requested To Testify; Winter Storm Jonas; Walmart-US Employee Wages Increased; Census Bureau-Centenarians.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.****White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — President Obama hosts reception for mayors at the White House.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — The Vice President will hold a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. There will be a pool spray at the top of this meeting at the Intercontinental Hotel. The Vice President will hold a trilateral meeting with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan and President Ashraf Ghani of Afghanistan. There will be a pool spray at the top of this meeting at the Intercontinental Hotel. The Vice President will hold a bilateral meeting with President Nicos Anastasiades of Cyprus. There will be a pool spray at the top of this meeting at the Intercontinental Hotel. The Vice President will hold a bilateral meeting with President Mauricio Macri of Argentina. There will be a pool spray at the top of this meeting at the Intercontinental Hotel. The Vice President will hold a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Haider.

**US Senate:** 9:30 AM Nominations hearing considers Eric Fanning to be Secretary of the Army. Location: Rm G50, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://armed-services.senate.gov/> Contacts: Senate Armed Services Committee 1 202 224 3871.

9:30 AM Senate Finance Committee hearing on health insurance cooperatives – Hearing on 'Healthcare Co-Ops: A Review of the Financial and Oversight Controls', with testimony from Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Acting Administrator Andy Slavitt. Location: Rm 219, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://finance.senate.gov>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Finance communications 1 202 224 4515.

9:30 AM Senate Energy Committee hearing on innovative technologies in the automotive industry – Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing on the status of innovative technologies within the



automotive industry, with testimony from Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy David Friedman; Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers President and CEO Mitch Bainwol; Electric Drive Transportation Association President Genevieve Cullen; National Renewable Energy Laboratory Transportation and Hydrogen Systems Center Director Dr. Chris Gearhart; and Boston Consulting Group Senior Partner and Managing Director Xavier Mosquet. Location: Rm 366, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC [www.energy.senate.gov](http://www.energy.senate.gov). Contacts: Senate Energy Committee 1 202 224 4971.

9:30 AM Senate Governmental Affairs Committee hearing on the USPS – Hearing on 'Laying Out the Reality of the United States Postal Service', with testimony from Postmaster General and USPS CEO Megan Brennan, and Inspector General David Williams; Postal Regulatory Commission Acting Chairman Robert Taub; Government Accountability Office Director of Physical Infrastructure Lori Rectanus; former Department of the Treasury Chief Restructuring Officer James Millstein; National Association of Letter Carriers President Fredric Rolando; National Newspaper Association President Chip Hutcheson III; and Domtar Paper Company Rothschild Mill General Manager Kathy Collins. Location: Rm 342, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://hsgac.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SenateHSGAC>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Homeland Security 1 202 224 2627.

10:00 AM VA Secretary McDonald testifies to Senate committee hearing on department modernization – Hearing on 'VA's Transformation Strategy: Examining the Plan to Modernize VA', with testimony from Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald, Under Secretary for Health David Shulkin, and Interim Under Secretary for Benefits Danny Pummill. Location: Rm 418, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://veterans.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/VACHair>. Contacts: Senate Veterans Affairs Committee 1 202 224 9126.

10:00 AM Senate Judiciary Committee Executive Business Meeting – Executive Business Meeting, with agenda including consideration of nominations of Mary McElroy to be US District Judge for the District of Rhode Island; and Susan Paradise Baxter and Marilyn Jean Horan to be US District Judges for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Location: Rm 226, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://judiciary.senate.gov/> Contacts: Senate Judiciary Committee press 1 202 224 7703.

10:30 AM Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on opportunities for US engagement in Latin America – Hearing on 'Political and Economic Developments in Latin America and Opportunities for US Engagement', with testimony from former White House Chief of Staff / former US Special Envoy to the Americas Thomas McLarty III; Council on Foreign Relations Senior Fellow for Latin America Dr. Shannon O'Neil; and Americas Society and Council of the Americas Vice President Eric Farnsworth. Location: Rm 419, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://foreign.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations 1 202 224 4651.

11:30 AM Democrat senators speak on the 'need to fund gun violence research at the CDC' – Democratic Sens. Ed Markey, Charles Schumer, Chris Murphy, Ron Wyden and Ben Cardin speak on 'the need to fund gun violence research at the Centers for Disease and Control. The senators are joined at press conference by University of California at Davis Violence Prevention Research Program Director Garen Wintemute, Michigan State University Associate Professor April Zeoli, and Duke University School of Medicine Professor Jeffrey Swanson. Location: Rm S-120, US Capitol, Washington, DC [www.markey.senate.gov](http://www.markey.senate.gov) <https://twitter.com/MarkeyMemo>. Contacts: Giselle Barry Sen. Markey Communications Director Giselle. [Barry@mail.house.gov](mailto:Barry@mail.house.gov) 1 202 224 2742.

11:45 AM Democratic senators call on SEC to 'shed light on dark money' – Democratic Sens. Jeff Merkley, Robert Menendez, Charles Schumer, and Elizabeth Warren call on the Securities and Exchange Commission 'to shed light on dark money and help address the growing crisis of out-of-control political spending', via press conference call with Harvard Law Professor John Coates and Public Citizen Congress Watch Division Director Lisa Gilbert \* Call coincides with the 6th anniversary of the US Supreme Court decision in 'Citizens United v. FEC'. Location: TBD [www.citizen.org](http://www.citizen.org) [https://twitter.com/public\\_citizen](https://twitter.com/public_citizen). Contacts: Angela Bradbery Public Citizen Communications Director [abradbery@citizen.org](mailto:abradbery@citizen.org) 1 202 588 7741. CALL-IN: 1-800-875-3456, passcode BRAD71543.

2:30 PM Closed Briefing: Intelligence Matters. Location: Rm 219, Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://intelligence.senate.gov>. Contacts: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence 1 202 224 1700.

**US House:** 9:00 AM IFES event on 'Women in the Military: Lessons on Leading' – Democratic Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems hold latest installment of bi-monthly 'Women, Peace and Security' breakfast series, featuring a panel discussion on 'Women in the Military: Lessons on Leading', featuring Women in International Security Senior Fellow Ellen Haring, Reserve Officers Association



Legislative and Military Policy Director Susan Lukas, and Col. (Ret.) Carolyn Washington. Location: Rm B-340, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC [www.ifes.org](http://www.ifes.org) <https://twitter.com/IFES1987>. Contacts: IFES media [media@ifes.org](mailto:media@ifes.org) 1 202 350 6700.

House of Representatives on recess from Jan. 15 – Jan. 25.

**Other:** Thursday, Jan. 21 – Saturday, Jan. 23 – World Economic Forum Annual Meeting continues in Switzerland – World Economic Forum Annual Meeting continues in Davos, with representatives of business, govt., academia, and civil society gathering in the Swiss ski resort to discuss economic and global issues such as poverty and climate change. This year's theme is 'Mastering the Fourth Industrial Revolution' \* Secretary of State John Kerry, Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew, and US Trade Representative Amb. Mike Froman all attend today and tomorrow \* Vice President Joe Biden today holds trilateral meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, bilateral meeting with Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades, and bilateral meeting with Iraqi PM Haider Al-Abadi, while Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden attends WEF sessions today, before they depart en route for Istanbul \* Other speakers today include United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and UK PM David Cameron. Location: Davos <http://www.weforum.org> <https://twitter.com/wef>. Contacts: World Economic Forum press [public.affairs@weforum.org](mailto:public.affairs@weforum.org) + 41 2 2869 1212.

8:00 AM Washington Auto Show Public Policy Preview Days continue – Washington Auto Show Public Policy Preview Days continue, with Industry/Media Day, concluding with a VIP Sneak Peek Reception. Includes keynotes from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Administrator Mark Rosekind and American Honda Motor Executive Vice President John Mendel, with Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz also speaking. Press conferences also held with the Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association, FCA Group-Chrysler, Alfa Romeo, General Motors, Hyundai, and the National Safety Council. Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC <http://www.washingtonautoshow.com/> [#WAS16](https://twitter.com/WashAutoShow). Contacts: Bonnie Moret Washington Auto Show Director of Programs [bonnie@pomeranceassociates.com](mailto:bonnie@pomeranceassociates.com).

9:30 AM Kaiser Family Foundation survey findings on Medicaid and CHIP released – Kaiser Family Foundation presents findings from 'Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility, Enrollment, Renewal, and Cost-Sharing Policies as of January 2016: Findings from a 50-State Survey' – its 14th annual report on the topic, conducted by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured (KCMU) and Georgetown University Center for Children and Families – via public briefing. Co-authors KCMU Associate Director Samantha Artiga and Center for Children and Families Senior Fellow Tricia Brooks present key findings, and a panel of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Director Vikki Wachino, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Office of Medicaid Business and Policy Associate Commissioner and Medicaid Director Kathleen Dunn, Alabama Medicaid Agency Deputy Commissioner for Beneficiary Services Gretel Felton, and Colorado Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing Health Information Office Director Chris Underwood offer their perspectives. Location: KFF, 1330 G St NW, Washington, DC [www.kff.org](http://www.kff.org) <https://twitter.com/KaiserFamFound>. Contacts: Chris Lee Kaiser Family Foundation [clee@kff.org](mailto:clee@kff.org) 1 202 347 5270.

11:00 AM Joint Chiefs vice chairman discusses military technology at Brookings – 'Trends in Military Technology and the Future Force' Brookings Institution Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence event, with Joint Chiefs of Staff Vice Chairman Gen. Paul Selva speaking on the future of military technology and the efforts being made to keep the Armed Forces at the forefront of innovation. Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.brookings.edu> <https://twitter.com/BrookingsInst>. Contacts: Brookings Institution communications [events@brookings.edu](mailto:events@brookings.edu) 1 202 797 6105.

11:30 AM Abortion providers urge House Select Investigative Panel to focus on anti-abortion violence – Abortion providers and clinic escorts hold press conference at the National Press Club to describe their personal experiences of harassment, intimidation, and threats on the ground, and urge the House Select Investigative Committee investigating 'big abortion providers' to redirect its focus to anti-abortion violence, or to disband. Attendees include Democratic Rep. Donna Edwards, Jackson Women's Health Organization Clinic Director Shannon Brewer, clinic escort and advocate Michelle Kinsey Bruns, volunteer clinic escort Shana Broders, Feminist Majority Foundation President Eleanor Smeal, National Organization for Women Vice President Bonnie Grabenhoffer, In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda Deputy Director Michelle Batchelor, and Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, DC, President and CEO Laura Meyers. Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC [www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org) <https://twitter.com/feministnews>. Contacts: Beth Rader Feminist Majority Foundation [brader@feminist.org](mailto:brader@feminist.org) 1 908 656 1753.



12:00 PM Families USA and ICER unveil 'Proven Best Choices' program – 'Proven Best Choices' unveiled by Families USA and the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review via teleconference with Families USA Executive Director Ron Pollack, Institute for Clinical and Economic Review President Steven Pearson, University of Washington Associate Professor of Radiology Dr. Janie Lee, and Harvard Medical School Professor of Radiology Oncology Dr. Anthony Zietman. The program presents a new framework through which 'patients, families, and clinicians can understand information on effectiveness and value and integrate that information into clinical decisions'. Location: TBD <http://www.familiesusa.org> <https://twitter.com/FamiliesUSA>. Contacts: Dave Lemmon Families USA media [dlemmon@familiesusa.org](mailto:dlemmon@familiesusa.org) 1 202 628 3030. Dial in toll-free: 800-896-8445; Confirmation code: 534378.

12:30 PM 'The Campaign Finance Crisis in America and How to Fix It' Brookings summit – 'The Campaign Finance Crisis in America and How to Fix It: A Solutions Summit' hosted by Brookings Institution Governance Studies program on the sixth anniversary of the 'Citizens United v. FEC' US Supreme Court decision, with current and former gov. officials, lobbyists, donors, advocates, and other experts focusing on innovative reform efforts at the federal, state, and local levels which 'offer the hope of addressing the problem of big money in politics'. Panelists include Democratic Rep. John Sarbanes, former Federal Election Commission Chairs Trevor Potter and Ann Ravel, former Sens. Claudine Schneider and Tim Wirth, former Reps. Dan Glickman, Norman Mineta, Connie Morella, and Timothy Roemer, Maine State Sen. Roger Katz, Massachusetts State Sen. Dan Wolf, North Carolina Supreme Court Associate Justice Cheri Beasley, Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia Justice Allen Loughry, lobbyists Chuck Merin and Jeffrey Peck, and Mayday PAC CEO Zephyr Teachout. Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.brookings.edu> <https://twitter.com/BrookingsInst>. Contacts: Brookings Institution communications [events@brookings.edu](mailto:events@brookings.edu) 1 202 797 6105. Lunch: 12:00 pm, Panels: 12:30 pm, Reception: 5:15 pm.

1:00 PM NOAA News Conference on Winter Storm – National Weather Service Director, Louis Uccellini, Ph.D., will host a news conference to announce the latest winter storm forecast and preparations taking place for the impending winter storm for the Eastern US He also will discuss the state of forecasting and weather modeling, followed by a Q&A session. Audio only also available at: Domestic: 800-475-0381. International: 212-519-0807. Passcode: snow. Media contact: Susan Buchanan, [susan.buchanan@noaa.gov](mailto:susan.buchanan@noaa.gov), 301-427-9000 (office), 202-834-5235 (cell). Location: NOAA's, 4th Floor Media Briefing, 5830 University Research Court, College Park, MD 20740. Contacts: TBD. Media arrival 12 pm. RSVP with name, affiliation, and citizenship of the crew to: [nws.pa@noaa.gov](mailto:nws.pa@noaa.gov) by 10 am. on Jan. 21, 2016. Members of news crews may use government credentials (i.e., Capitol Hill) for entry into the building. All others will require full security screening, so please arrive at noon to get screened and set up. Arrivals after 12:30 are not guaranteed entry. Directions: <http://www.arl.noaa.gov/documents/Directions%20to%20the%20NCWCP.pdf>.

2:00 PM SCOTUS Justice Stephen Breyer discusses new book at Brookings – US Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer in conversation on his new book 'The Court and the World: American Law and the New Global Realities', hosted by Brookings Institution Governance Studies, joining Slate Senior Editor Dahlia Lithwick to discuss the book and 'other important issues related to the new global realities of an ever-expanding world'. Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.brookings.edu> <https://twitter.com/BrookingsInst> #JusticeBreyer. Contacts: Brookings Institution communications [events@brookings.edu](mailto:events@brookings.edu) 1 202 797 6105.

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "According to a new report, emails on the private server Hillary [Clinton] used when she was secretary of state did indeed have classified information on them. This was described as above top secret stuff, which I didn't know there was an above top secret. You think top would be top. But I guess it's like 'America's Top Model,' they're not really top."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "But the lesson here I think is the secretary of state needed a better secretary because, you know, if you told me a Clinton was going to have a scandal involving email, Hillary would not have been my first guess as to who it would have been."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Meanwhile, Bernie Sanders is having a very good week. He doesn't even know how to use email, so that's not a problem"



**Jimmy Kimmel:** "He's now leading Hillary Clinton in New Hampshire by 27 points. Bernie is very well-liked among Democratic voters. Among those likely to vote in the primary, his favorability rating is 91 percent. That is incredibly high, as are many of his supporters."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "That means there's a chance, a slim chance, but it could be Bernie Sanders versus Donald Trump in the general election. The old yellers, if you will. Can you imagine that, Sanders versus Trump? Look at these guys. Every debate would look like a commercial for the Flowbee."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Happy Hump Day, first of all. I love Hump Day. It's a nice reminder that no matter how bad things get, the end is in sight. Unless you're talking about Donald Trump. Because nothing, but nothing will ever stop this guy."

**James Corden:** "The Iowa caucuses are a mere two weeks away and there was a huge development yesterday, because Donald Trump received a critical endorsement from former governor of Alaska Sarah Palin, ... I mean, you just know that John McCain is on his couch at home watching the TV like, 'Donald, dude. This is a bad idea.'"

**James Corden:** "One person who is not getting such a ringing endorsement is Ted Cruz, whose old college roommate, Craig Mazin, has taken to Twitter to inform the world that Ted Cruz is the worst. Now, Craig Mazin wrote the movies 'The Hangover 2' and '3,' and if there is anyone on earth who can identify something as the worst, it is the guy who wrote 'The Hangover 3.'"

**Trevor Noah:** "You know when I first got the job to host 'The Daily Show,' people told me, 'Trevor, this is going to be hard. You'll have to study every day, because there's a presidential election going on and you can't be involved in the American political process and know nothing about it.' In fact, their exact words were, 'As an outsider, I don't know if you'll survive.' But it turns out it wasn't true. See, it turns out a lot of the presidential candidates are in the same position as I am. I feel like every day I read something in the news and I go, 'Huh, I didn't know that about the government.' And at the same time, Donald Trump is reading the same newspaper going, 'Huh, neither did I.'"

**Larry Wilmore:** "Tonightly, the governor of Michigan apologizes to Flint residents for the city's poisonous water supply. Oh, and speaking of IQ-lowering toxic [bull-crap], did you hear that Sarah Palin is now endorsing Donald Trump? The cover of today's 'New York Daily News' features Trump, Palin, and the headline, 'I'm With Stupid'. But hold on, guys. I'm confused. Which one isn't stupid?"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Obviously, the big story is that, yesterday in Iowa, Sarah Palin gave a 20-minute speech to endorse Donald Trump for president, while Trump stood off to the side. Palin described Trump as a great leader, while Trump described being quiet for 20 minutes the most painful experience of his life."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Meanwhile, at a recent town hall event in New Hampshire, Jeb Bush said he loves his mother more than his dad. While his dad says he loves winners more than people at four percent in the race for president."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Over on the Democratic side, Bill Clinton has begun making solo appearances to campaign for Hillary. And a lot of people are wondering if he will help or hurt the campaign. I could see both sides to the issue. Check this out. Bill Clinton could help Hillary's chances by passing along Hillary's message. He could hurt Hillary's chances by passing along thousands of messages Hillary thought she deleted."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Well, here's another one. Bill Clinton could help Hillary's chances by helping the party. He could hurt Hillary's chances by not realizing what kind of party it is and throwing his keys into a bowl."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Bill Clinton could help Hillary's chances by reminding Americans of the success of his presidency. He could hurt Hillary's chances by reminding Americans of his sex excess of his presidency."

**Seth Meyers:** "Jeb Bush misspoke during a campaign event yesterday and mistakenly called [President] Obama's daughter Malala instead of Malia. And then when he tried to say Sasha's name, it came out, 'I don't want to run for president anymore. It's harder than I thought it would be and I don't like it.'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Sen. Lindsey Graham said this week that Donald Trump is the most unelectable Republican he's seen in his lifetime. Then he walked by a mirror and said, 'Whoops, never mind! I forgot about that fellow named

me.”

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**INTERIOR ANNOUNCES PROPOSAL TO LIMIT METHANE EMISSIONS.** The Interior Department on Friday announced proposed regulations to reduce methane emissions, drawing praise from environmental groups but condemnation from Republicans and the industry. Media reporting – which included little depth – placed the proposal in the greater context of President Obama's efforts to combat climate change and highlights it comes one week after the Obama Administration announced a moratorium on coal leases on Federal land.

The [Washington Post](#) (1/22, Warrick, 7.78M) reports the Obama Administration “took a step Friday toward plugging thousands of small methane leaks from oil and gas operations around the country, saying the escaping gas is contributing to climate change.” The Interior Department announced proposed regulations “that would require energy companies to reduce methane leaks in order to drill anywhere on land owned” by the Federal government or Native American tribes – about 100,000 oil wells that supply 10 percent of the country's natural gas. The [AP](#) (1/22, Daly) reports the measures “would require oil and gas producers to limit the rate of flaring at oil wells,” conduct regular inspections for leaks, and “replace outdated equipment that vents large quantities of gas into the air.”

[Vice](#) (1/22, Ankrom, 1.88M) reports Interior Secretary Jewell said in a statement, “I think most people would agree that we should be using our nation's natural gas to power our economy – not wasting it by venting and flaring it into the atmosphere.” Jewell added, “We need to modernize decades-old standards to reflect existing technologies so that we can cut down on harmful methane emissions and use this captured natural gas to generate power and provide a return to taxpayers, tribes, and states for this public resource.” [Newsweek](#) (1/22, 164K) reports on its website that the Bureau Of Land Management estimates the new rules will “prevent the loss of up to 56 billion cubic feet of gas a year...which could supply around 760,000 households annually.” The BLM also said it will “avoid methane emissions that would be equivalent to up to 4.2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions per year.”

The [New York Times](#) (1/22, Davenport, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) says the move is the “latest step by President Obama to use his executive authority to clamp down on the fossil fuel emissions that contribute to climate change, and make it more expensive for oil, gas and coal companies to mine and drill on public land.” [Bloomberg News](#) (1/22, Dlouhy, 3.4M) reports the rules “are seen as a precursor for restrictions that could be imposed on existing oil and gas wells on private lands and come as the industry suffers through a contraction caused by plummeting crude prices.” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/22, Harder, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) reports the rules are expected to be completed later this year following a public comment period and the implementation would be phased in over three years. According to the Interior Department, the measures are expected to cost the industry \$125 million to \$161 million per year.

The [Washington Times](#) (1/22, Boyer, 283K) reports Assistant Interior Secretary Janice Schneider said the regulations are “commonsense and cost-effective” and stem “from several government studies and feedback from stakeholders and native American tribes.” However, according to [The Hill](#) (1/22, Cama, 654K), “Republicans and the oil and gas industry dismissed the standards as an unnecessary attack on fossil fuels” only a week after the White House issued a three-year moratorium on new coal mining leases on Federal land.



House Speaker Ryan said, "This will stymie oil and natural gas development on federal lands, which is the president's real goal: to keep it in the ground." Ryan added, "As the markets drop, and America's saving and retirement portfolios suffer, it's astonishing that this president would seek to further cripple America's energy industry. The American people's welfare should not have to compete with the president's desire to cement his climate legacy."

The [Daily Caller](#) (1/22, Bastasch, 366K) reports the industry contends companies already have the necessary incentive to capture as much methane as possible, because letting product vent into the atmosphere means less is available to sell. According to the Caller, "Oil and gas operations are already cutting the amount of methane flared, vented or leaked despite huge increases in hydrocarbon production" and the EPA's latest data shows methane emissions dropped 13 percent between 2011 and 2014. [US News & World Report](#) (1/22, Neuhauser, 996K) reports on its website that some environmental groups "take the opposite view" and "argue that the industry's high level of compliance indicates the regulations could have been made even stricter."

Additional coverage was provided by [CNBC](#) (1/22, 2.08M), the [Financial Times](#) (1/22, Jopson, Subscription Publication, 1.37M), [PBS NewsHour](#) (1/24, 168K), [MarketWatch](#) (1/24, 758K), [Reuters](#) (1/22), [Reuters](#) (1/24), [Bloomberg Research](#) (1/24, 3.4M), the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (1/24, 476K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/24, 263K), the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (1/24, 1.15M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/22, Daly, Press, 2.15M), the [Rutland \(VT\) Herald](#) (1/23, 38K), the [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#) (1/22, 158K), the [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (1/23, 87K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (1/24, Subscription Publication, 3.44M), the [Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#) (1/23, 54K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (1/23, Dlouhy, 825K), the [Glenwood Springs \(CO\) Post Independent](#) (1/24, 32K), [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (1/24, 73K), the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/24, 270K), the [Farmington \(NM\) Daily Times](#) (1/22, 44K), the [Grand Forks \(ND\) Herald](#) (1/24, 102K), the [Orange County \(CA\) Breeze](#) (1/23, 85), the [Wheeling \(WV\) Intelligencer](#) (1/24, 55K), the [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (1/24, 81K), the [Barre Montpelier \(VT\) Times Argus](#) (1/23, 20K), the [Cortez \(CO\) Journal](#) (1/22, 4K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/24, 5.31M), [La Repubblica \(ITA\)](#) (1/24, 1K), the [Big Horn Radio Network](#) (1/24), the [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (1/22, 2K), the [Montana Public Radio](#) (1/24), [Fortune](#) (1/22, 4.24M), [The Blaze](#) (1/22, 1.89M), [Think Progress](#) (1/22, 293K), [Rigzone](#) (1/24, 11K), [ENews Park Forest](#) (1/22, 2K), [Inside Climate News](#) (1/24), the [Scientific American](#) (1/24, 3M), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/22, Volcovici, 6.43M), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/22, Volcovici, 6.43M), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/22, Daly, Press, 6.43M), [Yahoo! Finance](#) (1/24, 6.15M), [KWYB-TV Butte \(MT\) Butte](#), MT (1/24), [WJAX-TV Jacksonville \(FL\) Jacksonville](#), FL (1/24, 74K), and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\) Washington](#) (1/24, 276K).

**LOCAL OFFICIALS GROW IMPATIENT WITH OREGON STANDOFF.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/24, Carlton, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) reports that local and state officials are losing patience with Federal law enforcement officials as they allow the standoff at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to continue. The Journal says that residents of Harney County are concerned about a possible outbreak of violence. Meanwhile, Burns Paiute Tribal members expressed outrage after Finicum was shown rummaging through boxes of artifacts in a Facebook video. Finicum said that it was the Fish and Wildlife Service that had damaged artifacts. Meanwhile, Fish and Wildlife officials said the artifacts are supposed to be left untouched, and that the occupiers were inflicting damage. "Some of these are 8,000 to 9,000 years old," said Jason Holm, an agency spokesman, said of the artifacts. "If you are not trained in this world, which they are not, the opportunity to do damage is absolutely there."

**New "Players" Demand End To Oregon Occupation.** In a 1,700-word article, the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/22, Jonsson, 496K) reports "the number of players" involved in the occupation of Oregon's Malheur National Wildlife Refuge "has unexpectedly enlarged," as "local residents, environmentalists, hikers, birders, and even a science-fiction legend have" begun calling for Ammon and Ryan Bundy's antigovernment militia to end their "tense standoff" with law enforcement. According to the article, while "many in the rural West actually appreciate Mr. Bundy's political message," many others believe the armed protesters "are putting on political theater that paints their fellow Westerners in a poor light and disregards – and even undermines – the approach favored by many who seek to reshape the West's future without a revolution."

**Rancher Renounces Federal Grazing Contract At Bundy Event.** The [AP](#) (1/24, Ridler, 2.15M) reports that "a rancher from New Mexico renounced his U.S. Forest Service grazing contract at an event held by an armed group occupying a national wildlife refuge in Oregon to protest federal land use policies." According to the article, "Adrian Sewell of Grant County, New Mexico, took the action at the event attended by about 120 people at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge."

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (1/24, Kamisar, 654K), the [Oregonian](#) (1/24, 769K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/24, Press, 7.78M), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (1/24, 629K), and [US News & World](#)



[Report](#) (1/23, 996K).

**Forum On Oregon Standoff Canceled Over Safety Concerns.** The [AP](#) (1/24, 2.15M) reports that “a judge who planned to host a community meeting Monday over the standoff at an Oregon wildlife refuge has canceled it due to safety concerns.” Harney County Judge Steve Grasty said in a news release that “authorities had become aware of plans to protest the meeting and block the entrance to the county senior center, where it was to be held.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/24, 283K) and the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/24, Press, 7.78M).

**Leader Of Militia Group Balks At FBI Talks Without Media.** The [AP](#) (1/24, 629K) reports that Ammon Bundy, the leader of an armed group, “met briefly with a federal agent Friday, but left because the agent wouldn’t talk with him in front of the media.” According to the article, “Bundy wants face-to-face conversations in front of reporters.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Boston \(MA\) Globe](#) (1/22, Ridler, 1M), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/24, 263K), and the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (1/23, 2.33M).

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/24, Sonner), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/24, Scott Sonner |, Ap, 7.78M), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (1/24, Press, 825K), [USA Today](#) (1/23, Anglen, 5.56M), the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/23, 960K), the [Oregonian](#) (1/24, 769K), the [Willamette \(OR\) Week](#) (1/23, 120K), the [New York \(NY\) Daily News](#) (1/24, 3.59M), the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/24, 200K), [TIME](#) (1/24, 19.1M), [Esquire Magazine](#) (1/24, 3.88M), and the [Huffington Post](#) (1/22, 251K).

**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITING AFRICA TO DISCUSS ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING.** The [Oklahoman](#) (1/24, 470K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is “on a visit to Africa including Gabon, Kenya, South Africa to discuss illegal trafficking of wild live with NGO ‘s and other government officials.”

[Modern Ghana](#) (1/24, 2K) reports that Jewell’s trip, “which begins Thursday, January 21, and runs through the following week, follows her recent participation at the 21st Conference of Parties(COP21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris, where she met with senior officials from the countries of Gabon, Kenya and Namibiato discuss methods to combat wildlife trafficking in partnership with other consumer, transit and source countries.”

In an interview with the [East African \(KEN\)](#) (1/24, 287), Jewell explained her mission. She said: “African countries are often the source of elephant ivory, rhino horn, pangolin and illegally taken wildlife destined for markets in Asia and the US. The Obama administration is particularly concerned about the rise in cases of wildlife trafficking from Africa to Asia, Europe and the US. ... In each of the three countries I will be visiting — Gabon, Kenya and South Africa — I will hold meetings with top government officials and nongovernmental organisations that are active in wildlife conservation.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Star Africa](#) (1/24), the [Blasting News \(CHE\)](#) (1/24),, and the [Standard \(ZWE\)](#) (1/24, 102K).

**INTERIOR RAISES AWARENESS OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.** [FedScoop](#) (1/24) reports that the Interior Department is “mixing in policy messages with its beautiful pictures on Instagram to spread awareness of conservation efforts.” The department has “almost 1.5 million followers between Instagram and Twitter alone — it also posts on Vine, Facebook, Tumblr and Snapchat — and by slipping in posts about policy and conservation, Rebecca Matulka, senior digital media strategist for Interior, said she is able to reach a much bigger audience than traditional mediums to spread awareness.” Matulka said, “It’s the photos that draw people to our accounts and allows us to share all the other great work the Department is doing. The result is our policy-related content reaches a much larger audience than most other federal government agencies.”

Meanwhile, [KSDK-TV St. Louis](#) (1/22, 281K) announced “a new content partnership” with the Interior Department. Starting January 22, the site will “begin posting amazing photographs taken of some of the most breathtaking places our nation has to offer.” It’s part of a federal project called Share The Experience, which is a federal Recreation Lands photo contest.

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION-ENERGY INDUSTRY TENSIONS COULD HEAD HIGHER DURING OBAMA’S LAST YEAR.** [Bloomberg BNA](#) (1/23, Kovski, 7K) reported that tensions between the energy



industry and the Obama Administration are high and could head higher during Obama's final year in office. Industry representatives "suggest the difficulties are not a matter of bureaucracies but rather of policies stemming from the White House, and the policies may be driven in 2016 by concerns about climate change and an activist campaign to keep fossil fuels in the ground."

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SHIFTS STORAGE OF RECORDS OF BACKGROUND CHECKS.** The [New York Times](#) (1/22, Davis, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports that the Obama Administration on Friday said that the Defense Department would "take over the storage of records from federal background checks, part of an overhaul prompted by a colossal cybersecurity breach at the Office of Personnel Management." According to the article, "a major component of the overhaul will be the creation of a new agency that will process federal background checks." The agency, called the National Background Investigations Bureau, will be "part of the personnel office but will be led by a presidential appointee."

**SENATORS INTRODUCE BILL CUTTING FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/22, Davidson, 7.78M) reports Sens. Chuck Grassley, Ron Johnson, Tom Carper, and Jon Tester introduced the Administrative Leave Act of 2016. A statement by Grassley explained the legislation "is designed to 'cut down on excessive, abusive, expensive leave and protect whistle-blower employees who are put on leave in retaliation for their actions.'" The Post says the "Senior Executives Association, the Federal Managers Association and the National Border Patrol Council, which is part of the American Federation of Government Employees, have endorsed the legislation."

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSIONERS OPPOSE GRAND CANYON MONUMENT DESIGNATION.** The [Mohave Valley \(AZ\) Daily News](#) (1/24, 23K) reports that "the five-member Arizona Game and Fish Commission and 10 former commissioners have sent a letter to President Barack Obama, urging that he not designate 1.7 million acres in northern Arizona as a new Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument." Calling the proposed monument "a solution to a non-existing problem," the commissioners said "designating this large swath of land as a national monument could impose unnecessary rules and regulations, negatively impact outdoor recreation, and compromise the Arizona Game and Fish Department's ability to manage and conserve the public's wildlife." They "support the multiple-use concept on public land, as that approach provides the most wildlife-related recreational opportunities for the public and allows the commission and department to work closely with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management on sustainable resource management."

**POLL: UTAH RESIDENTS DIVIDED ON PUBLIC-LANDS LAW SUIT.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/24, Maffly, 339K) reports that, according to a survey by the Salt Lake Tribune and the University of Utah, "Utahns are divided over whether the state should sue the federal government to gain title to 31 million acres of federal land." The Tribune says that "by a 13-point margin, Utah voters favor filing a suit, estimated to cost taxpayers \$14 million, aimed at transferring title of public lands." The report goes on to say that "support was strongest among Republicans and conservatives, 62 percent and 68 percent, respectively; men, 53 percent; and Mormons at 55 percent."

**TRUMP WOULD NOT LET STATES TAKE OVER FEDERAL LANDS.** [CBS News](#) (1/24, 4.1M) reports that Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump "would not let states take control of federal lands, the Republican presidential candidate said in a recent interview." Trump said, "I don't like the idea because I want to keep the lands great, and you don't know what the state is going to do."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/22, 921K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: \$40 MILLION IN FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR NEVADA PROJECTS.** Additional coverage of the \$40 million in funding announced for projects around Nevada was provided by the [Sierra \(CA\) Sun Times](#) (1/24).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ISLETA PUEBLO REGAINS ANCESTRAL LAND.** Additional coverage of the 90,000 acres of ancestral land returned to the Isleta Pueblo was provided by [El Defensor Chieftain \(NM\)](#) (1/24, 10K).

**WSJOURNAL: NEW LEASE MORATORIUM A SERIOUS THREAT TO COAL INDUSTRY.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/22, A12, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorializes the Interior Department's new three-year moratorium on issuing coal leases for mining on Federal lands may kill the industry in western states – particularly Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.

Additional coverage was provided by the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (1/22, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), the



[Huffington Post](#) (1/24, 251K), the [Indiana \(PA\) Gazette](#) (1/24, 42K), the [Wyoming Tribune Eagle](#) (1/24, 44K), the [Sheridan \(WY\) Media](#) (1/24), the [Houston \(TX\) Community Newspapers](#) (1/25, 524K) and the [Bonham \(TX\) Journal](#) (1/23, 13K).

**JAY EVENSEN: END FIGHTING OVER STATE PUBLIC LANDS.** In an opinion for the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (1/25, 476K) Jay Evensen states the compromise by Utah Reps. Rob Bishop and Jason Chaffetz "to end all the fighting over public lands in the state" means "we are now certain public lands issues never will be solved."

**GUY W. FARMER: WESTERN STATES CLASH WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVER FEDERALLY OWNED LANDS.** In an opinion in the [Nevada Appeal](#) (1/24, 51K) Guy W. Farmer stated that in a Republic, states should not "accept federal control of state lands in perpetuity." However, states should not clash with the federal government over land and water issues. Rather states should negotiate turnovers of federal lands by recovering unproductive federal lands.

**GOVERNOR OTTER BECOMES A RELUCTANT COLLABORATOR.** The [Idaho Statesman](#) (1/24, 218K) reported that "Idaho Gov. Butch Otter has enthusiastically embraced the collaborative process" after being "intransigent." Otter was tasked with developing a plan for Idaho to protect sage grouse without need for invoking the Endangered Species Act. However, the Bureau of Land Management added "new Sagebrush Focal Areas, which set up a process to withdraw 12 million acres across 11 Western states from mineral and oil and gas development." This was done in lieu of listing sage grouse as a threatened species. Otter sued Interior Secretary Sally Jewell only after his plan was not adopted.

**"NOTIONAL STOCKS" RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT INACCURATE SUPPLY, DEMAND OIL DATA.** A 1,406-word [Reuters](#) (1/22, Kemp) analysis examines the problems associated with generating statistical data and forecasting about oil production, consumption and reserves, highlighting how the ability to do this has improved in the US since the oil crisis of the 1970s. However, Reuters also points out how data on international markets is far less comprehensive and accurate, particularly in emerging markets. The article explores some of the issues with missing barrels of oil, or notional stocks, which it claims is a problem now with the current situation of global oversupply given that not all of these barrels of oil are visible.

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**INTERIOR BOARD TOSSES APPEAL OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL.** [Law360](#) (1/24, 30K) reports that the Interior Department's Interior Board of Indian Appeals on Thursday "tossed four consolidated appeals filed in opposition to a Bureau of Indian Affairs decision recognizing an interim tribal council for the purposes of negotiating a contract with a California Native American tribe." The IBIA "rejected the challenges to the BIA's pacific regional director's 2014 decision to recognize the Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians' 2010 council over other tribal factions in order to negotiate an Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act contract."

**BILL WOULD FUND MONEY FOR SAFE HOUSES.** [Wyoming Public Radio](#) (1/24) reports that "for victims of violent crime on the Wind River Indian Reservation, finding help and safety after an attack can be hard. A lack of funding means there are very few services for crime victims there." According to the article, "recently, the only safe house for victims of sexual assault on Wind River closed down when its funding went dry, forcing victims to risk traveling to nearby towns to shelters off the reservation." However "a new bill recently introduced in Congress would make it easier for tribes to get money to run their own safe house." Sen. John Barasso, chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, recently introduced the SURVIVE Act or the Securing Urgent Resources Vital to Indian Victim Empowerment Act.

**FAMILY OF MISSING MAN CRITICIZES BIA'S HANDLING OF CASE.** The [Rapid City \(SD\) Journal](#) (1/24, 171K) reports that "the family of a 24-year-old former Kyle man missing for 12 weeks says Bureau of Indian Affairs agents have been indifferent to his disappearance amid rumors that he was murdered and buried somewhere on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation." Alex "Tank" Gay, also known as Alejandro "Tank" Vazquez, was last seen Oct. 29 near Kyle. His cousin Misty Hernandez said, "It's been more than two months and still not a word from him or help from anyone. We've been asking for help, and no one seems to care."

**NIGA CHAIRMAN TO ADDRESS NAVAJO LAWMAKERS.** The [Farmington \(NM\) Daily Times](#) (1/24, 44K) reports that "the chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association is set to address the Navajo Nation Council prior to Monday's start of the winter session." Emie Stevens Jr. will "talk to tribal lawmakers about the benefits of Indian gaming and the role it plays in strengthening tribal sovereignty."



Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/24, 283K), the [Arizona Daily Star](#) (1/24, 270K), [KOB-TV Albuquerque \(NM\)](#) Albuquerque, NM (1/24, 78K), and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (1/24, 464K).

## Office of Insular Affairs:

**INTERIOR RELEASES \$6.2M IN COMPACT FUNDS TO FSM.** The [Marianas Variety](#) (1/24) reports that "in Dec. 2015, the Federated States of Micronesia Department of Finance received Compact grant assistance payments from the United States government totaling \$6.2 million." According to the article, "Compact grant payments included funding for an after-school sports pilot project being implemented at ten elementary schools across Pohnpei to encourage physical activity and create healthy lifestyle interests in elementary school students."

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY KIA'AINA WORKING TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN HAWAII.** The [Honolulu Civil Beat](#) (1/24, 41) reported on Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell's "trip to the nation's capital this week." Caldwell said that Esther Kia'aina, who heads the Office of Insular Affairs, "is working on creating a strategic group of leaders to ensure better housing opportunities for families who travel to Hawaii from Micronesia."

## Tackling America's Water Challenges:

**BOR: CALIFORNIA RESERVOIRS ONLY HALF FULL AFTER RECENT STORMS.** The AP (1/22, 174K) reports that "the recent onslaught of El Nino storms only slightly increased the levels of California reservoirs that now stand at half of historic depths for this time of year, federal officials said Friday while releasing an initial water outlook for 2016." The BOR said that "the federally operated reservoirs that supply farms and cities throughout the agriculture-rich Central Valley are now 49 percent full, compared with 47 percent on Oct. 1." BOR spokesman Shane Hunt said that "much of the heavy rainfall in recent weeks has soaked into the landscape left parched by four years of drought, and the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada has grown but hasn't started to melt off and replenish the critically low reservoirs."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/22, 2.15M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (1/22, Press, 1.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/22, Scott Smith |, Ap, 7.78M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/22, Smith, 283K), [Fox News](#) (1/22, 9.42M), [CNBC](#) (1/22, 2.08M), the [Napa Valley \(CA\) Register](#) (1/24, 73K), the [Salem \(OR\) Capital Press](#) (1/23, 113K), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (1/22, Xia, Lin, 3.6M), the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/24, 270K), the [Montrose \(CO\) Press](#) (1/24, 17K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (1/24, Subscription Publication, 3.44M), the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/24, 515K), the [Log Cabin \(AR\) Democrat](#), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/22, 3.48M), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/24, 5.31M), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/22, Smith, 6.43M), [KTXL-TV Sacramento \(CA\)](#) Sacramento, CA (1/22, 89K), [KPIX-TV San Francisco \(CA\)](#) San Francisco (1/22, 89K), [KXJZ-FM Sacramento \(CA\)](#) Sacramento, CA (1/22, 6K), and [KFSN-TV Fresno \(CA\)](#) Fresno, CA (1/24, 114K).

**LAWMAKERS WANT TO PUT DELTA TUNNELS PLAN BEFORE VOTERS.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/22, Mason, 3.6M) reports that "lawmakers representing the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta, the heart of California's water system, have introduced a bill that would make Gov. Jerry Brown's controversial twin tunnels project subject to statewide voter approval." The article notes that "the tunnels already face one challenge at the ballot box: an initiative slated for November 2016 would require voter approval for many public works projects, including the delta plan." Now, "delta-area lawmakers of both parties want to explicitly single out the tunnels project for a statewide vote."

**CALIFORNIA FISH SPECIES PLUMMET TO RECORD LOW LEVELS.** [EcoWatch](#) (1/22, 23K) reports that "fish species ranging from endangered Delta Smelt to Striped Bass continued to plummet to record low population levels in 2015 in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, according to the annual fall survey report released on Dec. 18, 2015 by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife." Meanwhile, "as fish populations continue to collapse, the California Department of Water Resources and Bureau of Reclamation are going forward with permit petitions to the State Water Resources Control Board to change the point of diversion on the Sacramento River to implement Gov. Jerry Brown's Delta Tunnels Plan."

**BOR OUTLINES WATER YEAR 2016 CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT WATER SUPPLY CONDITIONS.** The [Imperial Valley \(CA\) News](#) (1/24, 1K) reports that "in preparation for the initial 2016 water supply allocation announcement later this winter, the Bureau of Reclamation is providing an update on water supply conditions for the federal Central Valley Project (CVP)." Mid-Pacific Regional Director David Murillo said, "On December 30,



the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) held their first manual snow survey of the year and found the water content to be 16.3 inches, or 136 percent of the January 1 average. With this promising news and El Niño storms beginning to materialize, we are feeling encouraged. However, storage in our reservoirs remains low, and we must be prudent as we develop initial operation plans and allocations for CVP water contractors."

#### **BOR SEEKS INPUT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR DAM AT BOX BUTTE STATE**

**RECREATION AREA.** The [North Platte \(NE\) Telegraph](#) (1/24, 30K) reports that the BOR is "seeking comment regarding an environmental assessment document for the dam at Box Butte State Recreation Area north of Hemingford." According to the article, "engineers have identified problems with sedimentation through the dam's toe drain — a perforated pipe that runs along the base of the earthen dam to collect water from the reservoir's seepage and move it to the downstream side of the embankment."

**DAMS AND RESERVOIRS ALLOW YUMA TO THRIVE.** The [Yuma \(AZ\) Sun](#) (1/24, Lobeck, 70K) reported how the Boulder Canyon Act of 1928, authorizing construction of several dams, including the Hoover Dam, is now preventing flooding of Yuma while simultaneously storing reservoir water that is still providing water to farmland and cities after 16 years of drought.

**GOVERNMENT FAILED THE KLAMATH.** Jason Atkinson wrote in the [Huffington Post](#) (1/22, 251K) blog that the Government failed the Klamath by not endorsing a settlement that "took 46 groups 15 years to craft." According to Atkinson, the "tribes start the year fighting each other for money under the concept of 'tribal parity,'" and "settlement parties are back to their corners with new people...whose incentives are to start over and try to get a better deal."

## **Securing America's Energy Future:**

### ***Renewable Energy:***

**WIND PROJECT PLEADS GUILTY TO BIRD DEATHS.** The AP (1/22) reports that wind power generation plant AES Laurel Mountain "has pleaded guilty to two federal misdemeanors in the deaths of hundreds of migratory birds at its Barbour County facility." The birds had been confused by the lighting of the complex. The filing cites noncompliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**JUDGE TELLS INTERIOR TO REEXAMINE CLOUD PEAK ENERGY'S SPRING CREEK COAL MINE.** The AP (1/22, Brown, Press, 2.15M) reports that "federal officials must re-examine a 117 million-ton expansion of an eastern Montana coal mine after a judge sided with environmentalists who sued over the project's potential to make climate change worse and cause other environmental damage." U.S. District Judge Susan Watters gave the Interior Department nine months to reexamine "the proposal for the Cloud Peak Energy's Spring Creek mine near Decker, Montana, along the Wyoming border." Watters wrote Thursday that "in its prior review, the agency 'failed to take a hard look' at the expansion."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/22, Brown, 283K), the [Gillette \(WY\) News Record](#) (1/24, 19K), the [Raleigh \(NC\) News & Observer](#) (1/24, 356K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/22, Matthew Brown |, Ap, 7.78M), [ABC News](#) (1/24, 3.35M), [Daily Mail](#) (1/24, 5.31M), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/22, Brown, 6.43M), and [KECI-TV Missoula \(MT\)](#) Missoula, MT (1/24, NBCMontana, 1K).

**OSMRE QUESTIONS WYOMING REGULATORS ABOUT COAL MINE BOND DECISIONS.** The AP (1/22, Gruver, Press, 2.15M) reports that "federal regulators have told Wyoming to provide more justification for allowing less than full bonding for four coal mines while the mine owners go through bankruptcy reorganization." According to the article, "bonding for the mines owned by Arch Coal and Alpha Natural Resources is insufficient under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, groups including the Powder River Basin Resource Council told the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality last year." The article says that "citing the groups' complaints," the OSMRE "on Thursday gave the state agency 10 days to further justify why it's not seeking full bonding from the companies."

Additional coverage was provided by [Reuters](#) (1/24, Rucker), the [Gillette \(WY\) News Record](#) (1/24, 19K), the [Miami \(FL\) Herald](#) (1/24, 620K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/22, Gruver, 283K), the [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (1/24, 81K), and [Yahoo! News](#) (1/22, Gruver, Press, 6.43M).



**COAL COMPANY BANKRUPTCIES JEOPARDIZE RECLAMATION.** The [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (1/25, 74K) reports that “instead of setting aside cash or getting a financial institution to guarantee that land will be reclaimed...several of the biggest coal companies, including Peabody, took advantage of a provision of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 that allows them to self-bond.” However, “recently, after decades as industry stalwarts, some of those companies, including Peabody, have seen their finances nosedive, and fears about whether they will be able to meet their growing financial obligations to restore the land have reached a crescendo.” According to the article, “if those self-bonded companies go bankrupt without adequate assets to back their reclamation liability, state and federal taxpayers could find themselves responsible for filling in those massive pits, reseeding grasslands and trying to restore damaged streams, springs and aquifers.”

**INTERIOR TAKES ISSUE WITH BANKRUPT SWIFT ENERGY'S \$49M SALE.** [Law360](#) (1/24, 30K) reports that “the U.S. government took issue Friday with bankrupt Swift Energy's proposed \$49 million sale of some of its Louisiana oil and gas assets, arguing that it could wind up transferring federal contract rights without first seeking Uncle Sam's consent.” In a motion before the Delaware bankruptcy court, the BLM and ONRR “contended that the proposed sale was not filed with enough lead time for the government to investigate what interests it has in the assets.”

**COMMUNITY MEETING TO HELD TO DISCUSS TRAPPER, COLOWYO MINES.** The [Craig \(CO\) Daily Press](#) (1/22, 10K) reports that “a community meeting on coal will take place at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Moffat County High School's auditorium.” According to the article, “at the meeting, representatives of local government, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and Trapper Mining Inc. will discuss the ongoing environmental assessments for operations at Trapper and Colowyo mines.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Rio Blanco \(CO\) Herald Times](#) (1/24) and [SweetwaterNOW \(WY\)](#) (1/24).

**BLM AGREES TO REMOVE LAND FROM OIL, GAS LEASE SALE.** The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (1/24, 81K) reports that the BLM has “granted the City of Casper's request that two parcels of land be removed from an oil and gas lease sale in the Cole Creek Road area.” The City Council “last week sent a letter to the BLM asking for the withdrawal of two of 12 parcels in the sale scheduled for Feb. 2.” In a notice Thursday, the BLM said it “will defer lands within the annexation area from leasing until the City of Casper makes its final decision on the application for annexation, or it is determined that an application for annexation is no longer anticipated.”

**LOW COAL PRODUCTION IMPACTS RESOURCES FOR ABANDONED MINE CLEAN-UP.** [Wyoming Public Radio](#) (1/24) reported on Pennsylvania's abandoned mine lands which include waste coal piles, abandoned highwall mines, underground fires and mines that leach acid drainage into rivers and streams. Out of all that states, Pennsylvania has the most abandoned mine project sites. According to Eric Cavazza, director of the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation in the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), many sites are not being cleaned up due to lack of funds and a shrinking budget.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COALITION TO SUE OVER FOUR CORNERS PLANT, NAVAJO MINE.** The [Farmington \(NM\) Daily Times](#) (1/24, 44K) reports that “last month, a coalition of environmental groups gave legal notice of plans to oppose several federal agencies' approval of operations at Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine.” According to the article, “the groups on Dec. 21 filed a 60-day notice of intent to sue the Office of Surface Mining, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal agencies for approving the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project last summer.” The coalition “includes the environmental groups Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment, San Juan Citizens Alliance, Amigos Bravos, Center for Biological Diversity and Sierra Club.”

**FATE OF CONTESTED WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST LEASES LIKELY TO BE DECIDED BY COURTS.** The [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (1/24, 73K) editorializes that until the BLM “issues a record of decision on 65 contested oil and gas leases in the White River National Forest, the future of energy development in the Thompson Divide remains the object of a semantic war.” Rep. Scott Tipton, Mesa County commissioners and “energy industry representatives view any attempts to cancel leases as an ‘illegal taking’ — a violation of contractual law and private-property rights.” However, “conservation and citizen groups that want to preserve the divide from oil and gas development say the leases were issued illegally and that the BLM is well within the law to take corrective action.” Although the paper agrees with “Tipton that canceling any leases is tantamount to a taking, we don't think he should be drawing additional lines in the sand.” It says that “the courts will determine the taking's question and the congressman shouldn't complicate the possibility of a compromise



— especially one that has strong and diverse grassroots support among his constituents.”

**WYOMING'S POWER RIVER BASIN REPORTS DECLINING COAL PRODUCTION.** The AP (1/24) reports that coal production in Wyoming's Powder River Basin declined by 4.8 percent in 2015, representing “a drop of nearly one-fifth in eight years.” The AP notes, “the coal industry is being hurt by increased federal regulation and restrictions as well as low prices for competing natural gas.”

**FISH HABITAT FILES SUIT AGAINST FOUR ENERGY COMPANIES FOR FISH DEATHS.** Drawing on coverage from the Durango Herald, the AP (1/25) reported that the Little Fishes Wildlife Habitat has filed a lawsuit against four oil and gas companies it “blames for a 2014 fish die off.” The fish habitat “says contaminated runoff from nearby well pads seeped into ponds and killed the rainbow trout,” and named Catamount Energy Partners, ConocoPhillips Company, Williams Four Corners and SG Interests in the suit.

**EARTHQUAKE BILLS AMONG 3,400 MEASURES TO BE CONSIDERED BY OKLAHOMA LAWMAKERS.** The AP (1/23, Murphy) reported that Oklahoma lawmakers will “have more than 3,400 measures to consider when the 2016 session begins on Feb. 1.” Several bills “have been introduced to address the growing number of earthquakes that have been rattling Oklahoma and been linked to the disposal of wastewater from oil and natural gas production.” House Speaker Jeff Hickman “said he believes the Oklahoma Corporation Commission has all of the statutory authority it needs to regulate wastewater disposal.” However, Hickman also “said priorities for the Legislature will include ensuring a seismologist is hired by the Oklahoma Geological Survey and that the commission has funding to update its data collection for wastewater disposal wells.”

**EXXONMOBIL DEVELOPS MAP OF NORTH TEXAS FAULT LINES.** The [Dallas Morning News](#) (1/22, 1.26M) reported on a new map, developed by ExxonMobil Corp, which “provides new information about the existence of underground features that could be contributing to the earthquakes that have been jolting North Texas for the last several years.” While energy companies may see that the map “shows that at least some of the temblors are probably natural and unrelated to oil and gas activity,” for scientists studying the quakes “the map is merely a tantalizing glimpse of the kind of information they need to understand where earthquakes may strike and how strongly they could shake the ground.”

**TEXAS SEISMIC MONITORING PROGRAM GETS UNDERWAY.** The [Austin \(TX\) American Statesman](#) (1/25, Schwartz, Subscription Publication, 405K) reported that the TexNet Seismic Monitoring Program, which is funded by \$4.5 million set aside by state lawmakers and overseen by the University of Texas, is “getting off the ground” after an increase in earthquakes in North Texas prompted lawmakers to further seismic studies in the state. The project’s findings “could have long-term consequences for the oil and gas industry.”

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**VIRGINIA GOV. MCAULIFFE URGED TO OPPOSE OFFSHORE DRILLING.** The [Hampton Roads \(VA\) Virginian-Pilot](#) (1/24, 374K) reports that “in a hotel conference room overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, a delegation of more than a dozen business and environmental leaders tried this week to convince Gov. Terry McAuliffe to join them in opposing oil and gas drilling off Virginia’s coast.” According to the article, “they won a pledge that he’d take a hard look at their concerns – but no indication that the governor will switch from the pro-drilling side.” McAuliffe “reiterated in the meeting that his main reason for pursuing drilling was its potential to create jobs and stressed that he wants to protect the environment, said those who attended.”

**Florida Officials Issue Notice To Permit Oil-related Testing.** The [Panama City \(FL\) News Herald](#) (1/24, 93K) reports that “state officials plan to issue a permit for seismic testing for oil and gas on land in Gulf and Calhoun counties, according to a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) notice of intent.”

In an op-ed for the [Carteret County \(NC\) News-Times](#) (1/24, 28K), Donald R. van der Vaart, the secretary of the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, argues in support of seismic surveying.

In an o-ed for the [Greenville \(SC\) News](#) (1/25, 173K), David Holt, President of the Consumer Energy Alliance, supports offshore drilling. He asserts that “offshore energy producers must not only comply with a throng of requirements that Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell called ‘the most aggressive and comprehensive offshore oil and gas regulatory reforms in the nation’s history,’ but they’ve also taken deep-pocketed voluntary measures to improve their operations.”



The [Island Gazette \(NC\)](#) (1/24, 23K) editorializes that “the important question now is, will officials in Washington listen to the 100 communities that oppose drilling in the Atlantic?”

**NEW RULES WORRISOME TO OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY.** The [Opelousas \(LA\) Daily World](#) (1/23, Stickney, 26K) reported that Dale Bradford, vice president, worldwide drilling and completions for Murphy Exploration & Productions, disagreed with proposed new federal regulations governing oil wells. According to Bradford, the rules are too broad and would prevent some wells from drilling. However, a spokesman for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement stated the rules were developed with full input the oil and gas industry.

## America’s Great Outdoors:

### *Bureau of Land Management:*

**CONGRESSIONAL LANDS PANEL HOLDS HEARING ON SOUTHWEST UTAH BLM PLAN.** The [AP](#) (1/22, 2.15M) reports that “members of a congressional subcommittee said Friday that federal land managers ignored concerns from locals that a southwestern Utah land management proposal will unfairly restrict grazing, water access and transportation.” The House Subcommittee on Federal Lands “took the unusual step of holding a hearing in St. George on Friday to air concerns about the plan.” According to the article, “state and local officials said the plan from the Bureau of Land Management violates terms negotiated under a 2009 law that established two conservation areas.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/22, 283K), the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (1/24, 476K), the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (1/24, 476K), and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (1/24, 464K).

**BLM URGED TO ADDRESS THE OVERPOPULATION OF BURROS IN ARIZONA.** The [AP](#) (1/24, 64K) reports that the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has called on the BLM “to address the overpopulation of burros in the state.” The commission “passed a resolution Thursday recognizing that the Bureau of Land Management needs to address the burros.” According to BLM spokesman Jayson Barangan, “the bureau needs to conduct an environmental analysis before taking any action.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/22, 2.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/22, 283K), and the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/22, 960K).

**TWO BLM MASCOTS ANALYZED.** The [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (1/25, 74K) reports on the BLM mascots Johnny Horizon and Seymour. According to the article, “forty years ago, then-BLM mascot Johnny Horizon was a fairly well-known presence; With his cowboy hat and rugged good looks, Johnny inspired a nationwide litter-cleanup campaign and all manner of consumer goods before quietly retiring in the late ‘70s.” Then, “Seymour emerged in 2008, when BLM New Mexico adopted him as a local mascot,” and “in 2010, the agency made the ungulate the face of its youth programs nationwide — the closest thing to a mascot that it now has.”

**RESIDENTS FLOAT PLAN TO REOPEN SPRING CLOSED BY BLM.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (1/24, 403K) reports that “more than two years have passed since the Bureau of Land Management closed the popular, spring-fed pools at the Ash Springs Recreation Site amid concerns about visitor safety and environmental damage.” Now, “a group of area residents is floating a detailed plan — complete with 3-D renderings — to develop and reopen the site as public park and swimming area.” The Friends of Pahrangat Valley “met monthly for more than a year to develop their proposal, which includes four man-made soaking pools next to a fenced natural area where swimming would be prohibited to protect native plants and endangered fish 100 miles north of Las Vegas near the town of Alamo.”

**COURT TO HEAR ARGUMENTS IN WISTERIA CASE.** The [Florida Keys Citizen](#) (1/24, 33K) reports that “attorneys will return to federal court Wednesday to make arguments on who owns Wisteria Island.” F.E.B. Corp., “which had been trying to develop Wisteria Island off Key West for years, appealed a federal judge’s ruling in 2015 that dismissed the group’s lawsuit filed to establish ownership.” Judge Jose Martinez “did not rule on ownership of the roughly 22-acre island in Key West Harbor, but instead dismissed the case citing that the statute of limitations had run out in 1963 and the court no longer had jurisdiction in the case.” The holding meant that the BLM’s “2011 claim the federal government owns the land remains in place.”

**BLM TWIN FALLS DISTRICT TO HOST OPEN HOUSE.** The [Twin Falls \(ID\) Times-News](#) (1/24, 81K) reports that the Twin Falls District BLM is “hosting an open house from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at its new office building, 2878 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.” The article notes that “last fall, 60 BLM staff members from the Jarbidge



Field Office, Twin Falls Fire and Twin Falls District moved into the new building.”

### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FWS DIRECTOR ASHE SIGNS UPDATED NATIVE AMERICAN POLICY.** [AmmoLand](#) (1/24, 7K) reports that Native American leaders and FWS officials “gathered on Wednesday, January 20th, to recognize new measures to strengthen the agency’s 20-year-old policy guiding government-to-government relations between tribes and the agency.” FWS Director Dan Ashe signed the updated Native American Policy (NAP) during a Washington, D.C., ceremony attended by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Michael Bean and numerous tribal representatives.” Ashe said, “To be good stewards of our planet and its remarkable natural history for future generations, we must work effectively across shared landscapes. We can only do that as a nation by working collaboratively with Native American Tribes. The Fish and Wildlife Service’s newly updated Native American Policy will foster and nurture relationships with Tribes and honor the mutual trust of guardianship we hold for decades to come.”

**FWS TO END ULTRALIGHT-LED WHOOPING CRANE MIGRATION.** The [AP](#) (1/24, 2.15M) reports that the FWS said “it will stop supporting the use of ultralight aircraft to help young whooping cranes migrate from Wisconsin to Florida each fall.” Officials announced Friday that “this season’s ultralight-guided flights to the birds’ winter home will be the last.” Pete Fasbender, a field office supervisor of the FWS, said, “The real short answer is that we felt that this was in the best interest of the birds.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/24, Press, 7.78M), the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (1/24, 1.15M), the [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (1/24, 844K), the [Milwaukee \(WI\) Journal Sentinel](#) (1/23, Bergquist, 691K), [ABC News](#) (1/24, 3.35M), [Fox News](#) (1/24, 9.42M), and the [Daily Mail](#) (1/24, 5.31M).

**RECOVERY PLAN FOR MEXICAN WOLVES MARKED BY CONTROVERSY.** The [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (1/24, 35K) reports that “the purely scientific focus of the annual Mexican gray wolf count stands in contrast to the longstanding, constantly churning and politically charged debate about the effort to recover the species.” In recent months, the FWS has “restarted work on a recovery plan for the Mexican wolves that it expects to finish by the end of 2017.” The agency is “starting to hold workshops for scientists and representatives of local, state, federal and tribal agencies to restart work on a Mexican wolf recovery plan, but environmental groups have railed against what they say are the ‘closed door meetings.’”

Meanwhile, [KNAU-FM](#) Flagstaff, AZ (1/24, 1K) reports that “four endangered Mexican gray wolves were found dead last December in Arizona and New Mexico.”

In an op-ed for the [Pueblo \(CO\) Chieftain](#) (1/24, 87K), Jonathan Proctor, the Rockies and Plains program director in Denver for Defenders of Wildlife, writes that “too much time has passed since any productive steps toward Mexican gray wolf recovery have been taken, and time is not on the Mexican gray wolf’s side.” He criticizes the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission for opposing “any possible move by the federal government to introduce endangered Mexican gray wolves to the state.”

**THREE ZOOS RECEIVE PERMISSION IMPORT NEW ELEPHANTS FROM AFRICA.** The [AP](#) (1/22, 2.15M) reports that “zoos in Kansas, Nebraska and Texas have received federal approval to bring in new elephants from Africa.” According to the article, “the Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas, the Dallas Zoo in Texas and the Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium in Omaha, Nebraska, were part of the joint application.”

The [AP](#) (1/23, 2.15M) reports that “legal challenges from animal rights groups could delay plans to bring elephants from southern Africa to the Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium in Omaha.” Animal-rights groups claim “the exchange is a commercial transaction forbidden by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Wichita \(KS\) Eagle](#) (1/24, 257K).

**CRITICAL HABITAT IDENTIFIED FOR TWO ENDANGERED FLORIDA CACTI.** The [AP](#) (1/25, 620K) reports that “federal officials have designated over 7,800 acres as critical habitat for two endangered Florida cacti.” Cindy Dohner of the FWS says “identifying critical habitat in six counties is essential to conserving the Florida semaphore cactus and the aboriginal prickly-apple.”

**MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT TO SURVEY SPOTTED OWLS BEFORE CHOPPING DOWN**



**DISEASED OAKS.** The [Marin \(CA\) Independent Journal](#) (1/24, 66K) reports that “as the Marin Municipal Water District looks to fell trees afflicted with sudden oak death, it will seek to protect federally-endangered northern spotted owls that dot its watershed.” According to the article, “a large die-off of native tanoak and live oak trees in water district lands has increased fire danger as the vegetation with the disease dies and dries.” The district “plans to remove diseased trees near the Bolinas Ridge, but it is mindful of the endangered avian neighbors that might be in the area.”

**STUDY SHOWS CLIMATE CHANGE THREATENS SNOWSHOE HARES.** [Science Daily](#) (1/24, 59K) reports that “snowshoe hares that camouflage themselves by changing their coats from brown in summer to white in winter face serious threats from climate change, and it’s uncertain whether hare populations will be able to adapt in time, according to a North Carolina State University study.” According to the article, “based on field research with radio-collared snowshoe hares in Montana, mismatched snowshoe hares suffer a 7 percent drop in their weekly survival rate when snow comes late or leaves early and white hares stand out to predators like ‘light bulbs’ against their snowless backgrounds.”

**FLORIDA WILDLIFE OFFICIALS URGE PUBLIC TO STAY AWAY FROM MIGRATING BIRDS.** The [AP](#) (1/23, 2.15M) reports that “Florida wildlife officials are calling on boaters and pet owners to keep their distance from migratory birds roosting at Cedar Key National Wildlife Refuge and other coastal areas.” The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said “boaters and others should stay at least 300 feet away from roosting birds, and should not anchor near them.”

**WSJOURNAL: OBAMA ADMINISTRATION WILLING TO BREAK ESA RULES TO FURTHER CLIMATE PROGRAM.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/24, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorializes that the EPA and the Obama Administration seem willing to skirt the Endangers Species Act plan to close down two coal power plants that are the primary warm-water refuges for manatees without consulting the Fish & Wildlife or the National Marine Fisheries Service, which are required by the Endangers Species Act. The Journal says the Administration is willing to risk a legal rebuke on manatees on the assumption that the proper climate policies will be in place by the time a court can dismantle this move.

#### ***National Park Service:***

**NPS CELEBRATING CENTENNIAL THIS YEAR.** [NBC News](#) (1/24, 3.32M) reports that the NPS’ “official birthday is Aug. 25, but the festivities already are underway in many of the nation’s 407 parks.” The article provides “a round-up of some events that may be worth building a vacation or side-trip around.”

The [Montgomery \(PA\) News](#) (1/24, 111K) reports that “America the Beautiful will take center stage at the Philadelphia Horticultural Society’s 2016 Philadelphia Flower Show, celebrating the centennial of the National Park Service with this year’s theme, ‘Explore America.’”

Additional coverage of the Centennial was provided by the [Sierra \(CA\) Sun Times](#) (1/24) and [KDLG-AM](#) Dillingham, AK (1/24).

**RESTORATION PLANS FOR PULLMAN NATIONAL MONUMENT TO RAMP UP.** The [AP](#) (1/23, 2.15M) reports that “officials say restoration plans will soon pick up speed at Chicago’s Pullman neighborhood, which is approaching the anniversary of its designation as a national monument.” The NPS and “several partners will gather in Pullman National Monument’s temporary visitor center to talk about its future Feb. 19, the monument’s anniversary.” For now, the NPS has “put its banner on the visitor center it shares with the Historic Pullman Foundation, and a cafe has opened in the historic district.” Lynn McClure, Midwest regional director of the National Parks Conservation Association, said, “The real action or change will start in the spring, and that change is happening over the next one to five years.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/23, 283K), the [Chicago \(IL\) Sun-Times](#) (1/24, 758K), and the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (1/24, 1.15M).

**NPS CLOSING NATIONAL MALL AHEAD OF BIG STORM.** The [AP](#) (1/22, 2.15M) reports that the NPS says “the National Mall in Washington will be closed all weekend due to an approaching winter storm.” The NPS said in a statement that “the mall and related memorials will be closed from noon Friday at least through Sunday.” The NPS says “crews will work around the clock throughout the storm to clear roads, parking lots and walkways around the memorials, and sidewalks.”



Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/22, Press, 7.78M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/22, 283K), and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (1/24, 276K).

**NPS SAYS S.S. BADGER HISTORIC DESIGNATION STILL PENDING.** The [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/22, 921K) reports that "National Historic Landmark status is actually still under review for the S.S. Badger car ferry, the National Park Service said Friday." The NPS said "inaccurate information related to the S.S. Badger was mistakenly posted to the National Historic Landmarks Program Facebook page on Thursday."

Additional coverage was provided by the [MLive \(MI\)](#) (1/24, 698K).

**PATERSON MAYOR DENIES REQUEST BY NPS TO HALT CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS NEAR GREAT FALLS.** The [North Jersey \(NJ\) Media Group](#) (1/24, 77K) reports that Paterson Mayor Joey Torres on Friday rejected a request by the NPS "to stop construction of the Vista condominium project overlooking the Great Falls, choosing to move forward with development of high-density housing that many fear will destroy of the view of the centerpiece of the national park." Torres said "he has neither the authority nor the desire to stop the project, given that housing has always surrounded the Great Falls and the city is starved for ratables." The NPS, "in a letter sent to Torres on Thursday, said the 156-unit condo project being built on a cliff overlooking the Great Falls poses a 'significant threat' to the national park and the surrounding historic district, but the mayor wasn't swayed."

**OFFICIALS LOOK INTO CHINOOK BURIAL SITE DIG.** The [AP](#) (1/22, 283K) reports that "Washington State and tribal officials are investigating after the Pacific County Public Utilities District dug in an area that is known as a Chinook Indian burial site." According to the article, "the utility district replaced two failing power poles inside Lewis and Clark National Historical Park." Park Superintendent Scott Tucker says "the utility district did not contact the Chinook Indian Nation or the National Park Service before doing the work."

**FORMER SITKA PARK SUPERINTENDENT FILES DISCRIMINATION SUIT.** The [Juneau \(AK\) Empire](#) (1/24, 16K) reports that "Mary Miller, former superintendent of Sitka National Historical Park, filed a lawsuit last week in U.S. District Court, alleging gender and race discrimination in the federal government workplace." The lawsuit arrives "in the wake of Miller's termination by the National Park Service, effective Dec. 31, 2015, in accordance with a Sept. 2 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals." According to the article, "Miller was head of the park from 2008 until 2010 when the National Park Service reassigned her to a new position as Alaska Native Affairs Liaison in Anchorage." But "Miller refused to accept the new assignment and was fired."

**OP-ED: MYSTIC SEAPORT IGNORES THE SABINO.** In an op-ed for the [New London \(CT\) Day](#) (1/24, 77K) Dick Lotz stated the needs of the Sabino, "the country's last and only wood, coal-fired certified passenger steamer in regular service," will be ignored and the ship will be docked. According to Lotz, this will be a great loss of what Steve White, Mystic Seaport president, called "a unique technological artifact of maritime history and culture."

**NORTHBOUND LANES OF GEORGE WASHINGTON PARKWAY CLOSED.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/24, Weil, 7.78M) reports that "the northbound lanes of the George Washington Parkway were closed from Spout Run to Interstate 495 in Virginia, the National Park Service said." The NPS said "the closures would last at least through noon."

**MISSING HIKER FOUND DEAD IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK.** The [AP](#) (1/22, 283K) reports that "searchers have found the body of a hiker who was reported overdue from a mountaineering trek in the area of Longs Peak in Rocky Mountain National Park." According to park spokeswoman Kyle Patterson, "58-year-old Ronald Webber, of Maitland, Florida, was found dead at the bottom of a cliff Friday."

**OPINION: THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PRESERVE OUR PAST AND FUTURE.** An opinion for the [Lake Tahoe \(CA\) News](#) (1/24) stated that the National Park Service is important because it "there to remind us of our past and future." According to the opinion, the National Park Service preserves "monuments, battlefields, military parks, historical parks, historic sites, lakeshores, seashores, recreation areas, scenic rivers and trails, and the White House."

**OP-ED: SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AT GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK RAISES CONCERN.** An op-ed for the [Charlottesville \(VA\) Daily Progress](#) (1/24, 89K) discussed a Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General report accusing "male employees at Grand Canyon National Park of sexual harassing female colleagues on river trips." Since 2013, "a dozen employees have been reprimanded or punished for sexual misconduct since 2003 — including one person who was terminated." According to the op-ed, the National Park



Service officially has a zero tolerance policy toward sexual misconduct, but unofficially, it is indifferent.

**PROTECTING HISTORIC VIEWSHED ON WASHINGTON AVENUE MALL IS ESSENTIAL.** The [Fredericksburg \(VA\) Free Lance-Star](#) (1/24, Gaske, 93K) reported that tree planting will “obstruct the public views of historic monuments and homes” of the Washington Avenue historic district in Fredericksburg which was added to the National Register of Historic places by the US Department of Interior and described as “a series of grassy medians” and memorials that are “sited to take advantage of sight lines and topography.”

**YOSEMITE CONCESSIONAIRE CLAIMS TRADEMARKS.** Len Boselovic writes at the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) (1/25, 552K) that “Delaware North, the \$3 billion family-owned company that runs concessions at Yosemite National Park, wants to make one thing clear: it takes its stewardship of one of America’s most popular national parks very seriously. So seriously that it trademarked the phrase, ‘Yosemite National Park.’” Meanwhile, he says that the National Park Service “recently announced it was changing the names of five Yosemite facilities in order to prevent Aramark, the company that will succeed Delaware North as concessionaire on March 1, from being hit with potential trademark infringement lawsuits after it takes over.” Boselovic says that there is an ongoing legal dispute between Delaware North and NPS. He concludes by pointing out that “the park service seems to have learned one lesson,” because “its Jan. 4 filing indicates Aramark’s contract requires Yosemite’s new concessionaire to turn over all trademarks it acquired from Delaware North when the contract expires or is terminated.”

## Top National News:

**IN TV INTERVIEW, OBAMA REFLECTS ON PRESIDENCY.** Media coverage of the President’s interview with CBS, which aired Sunday morning, is notably light. The three network news broadcasts did not cover the interview, and print and online coverage are limited. Most reports focus on quotes from the President and provide little characterization of his tone. One exception is the [New York Daily News](#) (1/24, Greene, 3.59M), which describes the President as “reflective.” A transcript of the interview is posted on the [CBS News](#) website.

The AP (1/24) reports the President said he “wouldn’t run for a third term even if he could,” adding the “presidency takes a toll on family life, and the office ‘should be continually renewed by new energy and new ideas.’” The President said, “This is a big sacrifice and a great privilege but it takes a toll on family life. This is a process in which the office should be continually renewed by new energy and new ideas and new insights. And although I think I am as good of a president as I have ever been right now, I also think that there comes a point where you don’t have fresh legs. And, you know, that’s when you start making mistakes. Or that’s when you start thinking that you are what’s important as opposed to the mission being more important.”

The President “said he will be content with his tenure as president when he leaves office next year,” [The Hill](#) (1/24, Laing, 654K) reported, noting that he told CBS, “When I turn over the keys to the next occupant – one thing I’m confident about, and maybe why I don’t feel obliged to yearn for a third term, is I’m very confident I’ll be able to say that things are a lot better now than they were when I came into office. ... And, you know, that’s a pretty good eight years’ worth of work.” The President, [The Hill](#) added, “is not worried about Republicans undoing things he accomplished during his eight years in office if they win the White House later this year.” The President said, “Well, you think about that. But...what you discover when you’re president is that the institutions and programs and things that you have put in place and built– if you’ve done a good job and you’ve done them sensibly– you know, in some cases may need tinkering with. Can be improved. But if they’re good things, they’re harder to undo than you think.”

**Obama Touts Success Of Auto Industry Bailout.** The [New York Daily News](#) (1/24, Greene, 3.59M) describes the President as “reflective,” as he “spoke to CBS in Detroit, on one of the first legs of a yearlong victory lap last week.” [CBS’ Sunday Morning](#) (1/24, 4.62M) reported the President “has been struggling to communicate his successes heading into his last year in office, and the US auto industry is one example” as both GM and Chrysler “had record sales last year, a resurgence Mr. Obama says was the result of the government bailout during the first year of his administration.” CBS added the bailout “wasn’t a popular idea. Critics thought the new president was over reaching, even cocky. But in hindsight, he says, that’s just what the economic crisis demanded.” Obama: “I might have benefited from being young and a little brash and not being as scared as I probably should have been. You know, there was probably some benefit to me thinking, we can fix this. And, you know, we’ll figure it out.”

**Obama Laments “Continued Polarization” In Washington.** [The Hill](#) (1/24, Laing, 654K) noted the President cited “his inability to reduce polarization between the political parties in Washington” as something that “gnaws”



on him as he settles into his final year in office." The Hill quoted the President as [saying](#) (1/24, 4.62M), "The one thing that gnaws on me – is the degree of – continued polarization. ... It's gotten worse – over the last several years. ... And I think that in those early months my expectation was is that – we could pull – the parties together a little more effectively." [ABC News](#) (1/24, 3.35M) reported on its website the President [said](#) (1/24, 4.62M) "there 'absolutely' are days when he wonders why he ever ran for the presidency, saying there are times when he gets 'tired' and 'frustrated,'" adding, "And yet, there has not been a day that I have not walked into the Oval Office and understood that at no point in my life will I ever have the chance to do as much good and make as much of a difference in the lives of people as I do right now."

**Obama Says His View Of Anti-Terror Fight Has Changed.** The [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (1/24, 740K) reports the President "acknowledges that his view of fighting terrorism has changed." While as a candidate he criticized the Administration of President George W. Bush, he said "he sees things differently after serving as president," [telling](#) (1/24, 4.62M) CBS, "There are a bunch of things that we do to fight terrorism that before I was president I might have questioned, that when I look at it really carefully I say, you know, 'On balance this is – this is something that we need to do – to keep us safe.'"

**Obama: Race Relations Better Now Than After Rodney King Verdict.** The [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (1/24, 740K) also says the President took issue with critics who say "race relations are worse now after seven years of his presidency." The President [told](#) (1/24, 4.62M) CBS, "When I hear people say, for example, in the aftermath of Ferguson and some of the other cases, that race relations have deteriorated, they're terrible, I have to say – well, maybe it's just 'cause I'm gettin' older – but they're not worse than they were after the Rodney King incident in L.A. ... They're certainly not worse than they were back in the '50s or the '60s. But we forget."

**WSJOURNAL ANALYSIS: TOO SOON FOR NBER TO DECLARE US HEADING TO RECESSION.** A [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/24, Zumbun, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) analysis considers whether declines in industrial production, corporate profits, and the stock market are warning signs of a coming recession, as they were with every previous recession since World War II. The National Bureau of Economic Research will make the determination on whether the US has entered a recession, and the Journal says it is too soon for the Bureau to make a declaration. In his [Washington Post](#) (1/24, Samuelson, 7.78M) column, Robert Samuelson writes that despite the "severity" of the sell-off, "many economists doubt it heralds a recession," adding, however, that there is "a less reassuring interpretation: The global stock sell-off may reflect gloomy prospects for 'emerging-market' economies," which would mean "the worldwide sell-off of stocks represents a logical response to reduced economic prospects."

**Analysts Predict Lower Fourth-Quarter Adjusted Earnings.** Meanwhile, [USA Today](#) (1/24, Krantz, 5.56M) reports that with more than 130 companies on the S&P 500 set to report their fourth-quarter earnings this week, investors are bracing for "a disappointing quarter for profit." According to S&P Capital IQ, analysts predict S&P 500 companies will report "5.9% lower fourth-quarter adjusted earnings," which would mark "the second straight quarterly profit decline since adjusted profit fell 1.4% in the third quarter." As stocks "are off to one of their worst starts in history," this earnings season "will be one of the first chances for investors to get corporate data on whether the recent stock market woes are rooted in earnings and revenue problems, or if it's just speculators causing noise."

A separate [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/24, Eisen, Strumpf, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) analysis says that while there are signs the bull market for US stocks is coming to an end, some investors believe this is the time to buy stocks impacted by the recent sell off and some portfolio managers believe the rebound from lows Wednesday were the bottom of the current round of losses. That said, few anticipate the Dow and S&P 500 will soon return to the records set in May, even if the US and global economies do not fall into recession. [USA Today](#) (1/24, Shell, 5.56M) says the rally at the end of last week was "welcomed and much-needed," it "wasn't enough for still-shaken bulls to go out on a limb and send a definitive all-clear signal." Professional investors "expressed relief that the bloodletting had finally stopped," but "cautious optimism was the message of the market at the upbeat end to another volatile week on Wall Street."

**HOUSE POSTPONES VOTES DUE TO SNOWSTORM.** The AP (1/24) reports that in the wake of the snowstorm that has "socked in the nation's capital," the House has postponed votes this week, "including one on overriding President Barack Obama's health care veto." According to Majority Leader McCarthy's office, the House "won't be holding votes on Tuesday or Wednesday because of the storm and how it's affected travel." The override vote of the President's veto on the GOP-backed ACA Repeal legislation "is now expected during the week of Feb. 1."

**Climatologist: Extreme Weather Not Evidence Of Global Warming.** In a [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/24,



Subscription Publication, 6.23M) op-ed, Patrick Michaels, a climatologist and director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute, dismisses claims the East Coast blizzard, rising global temperatures, flooding in the desert Southwest, and California's drought are evidence of the effects of global warming. Michaels says 2015 posted the highest average surface temperature on record due to the large El Niño which emerged early in the year, causing releasing large amounts of heat and causing spikes in the surface temperature.

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES. "Drug Deaths Reach White America."** The [New York Times](#) (1/25, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) in an editorial says that "drug overdose deaths currently ravaging white populations in cities and towns across the country" have led political leaders to conclude addiction "can be best addressed with treatment," and that realization "is driving bipartisan support in Washington for saner, less punitive drug policies." The paper endorses the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, which it calls "a rational approach to drug policy."

**"Ending The Horror Of Myanmar's Abuse Of Muslims."** The [New York Times](#) (1/25, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), in an editorial says that Burma's president, Thein Sein, "oversaw the systematic persecution of the country's Rohingya Muslim minority," while Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has "remained stubbornly silent on the fate of the Rohingya." The Times says that "Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi and her party must move swiftly to redress discrimination against Myanmar's Muslims and to end the Rohingya's terrible plight."

**"New York City's Promising Step On Criminal Justice."** The [New York Times](#) (1/25, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) editorializes in favor of "a package of bills" to be considered by the New York City Council which it says "could be a step toward a fairer and smarter criminal justice system." One change would be to make "quality of life offenses" subject to "civil summonses, not criminal charges." Another would be "new public data-reporting requirements."

**WASHINGTON POST. "Immigration In Reverse."** A [Washington Post](#) (1/24, 7.78M) editorial says new surveys from the Pew Research Center and the Center for Migration Studies show that the number of illegal immigrants in the US has declined by nearly one million from 2014 to 2007. The latter organization estimates only 10.9 illegal immigrants remain, the lowest level since 2003. The Post says Republican rhetoric "consumed by alarmist rhetoric about border security" has not yet "caught up to those numbers, nor to the reality that the U.S. economy, like other Western economies, cannot function without low-wage, low-skill labor, which Mexico has supplied."

**"Iran's Appalling Treatment Of Journalists Has Not Ended."** A [Washington Post](#) (1/24, 7.78M) editorial cautions that even after the nuclear deal, Iran "remains a world leader in the imprisonment and abuse of journalists," noting that "at least 19 other reporters, cartoonists and editors are still being held." The Post argues, "We'll know that Iran has really begun to change when the brave journalists still in prison are freed."

**"Traffic Hypocrisy In Richmond."** The [Washington Post](#) (1/24, 7.78M) reports the Northern Virginia lawmakers would be ill-advised to eliminate tolls on I-66 because it would "deprive the state of tens or hundreds of millions of dollars in projected revenue" to pay for building more lanes inside and outside the beltway, while also killing funding "for an array of other transit improvements designed to divert traffic by enhancing commuters' options."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "The Bloomberg View."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/24, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) says in an editorial that Michael Bloomberg decided against independent bids in both 2008 and 2012 after deciding he could not win, so he would not be exploring the race if he did not see a chance at victory. The Journal says that in this most unpredictable political year, his candidacy could gain traction, though it is not clear if he could win 270 electoral votes.

**"Obama vs. Manatees."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/24, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorializes that the EPA and the Obama Administration plan to close down two coal power plants that are the primary warm-water refuges for manatees without consulting the Fish & Wildlife or the National Marine Fisheries Service, a requirement of the Endangered Species Act. The Journal says the Administration is willing to risk a legal rebuke on manatees on the assumption that the proper climate policies will be in place by the time a court can dismantle this move.

**"West Virginia's Right To Work."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/24, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorializes that the West Virginia state House is likely to pass a right-to-work law, and though Democratic Gov. Earl Ray



Tomblin may veto the bill, the veto can be overridden by a simple majority of both houses. Republicans got help on Friday when the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals ruled that the GOP could fill a vacant seat in the closely-contested Senate. The Journal says that with the Administration's attempts to kill the coal industry, right-to-work would help the desperate state.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Los Angeles Times:***

Flood Of GOP Money Wasted On Ads  
 3 Still On Run After OC Jail Escape  
 All Is Not Well  
 A Place Stranger Than Crime Fiction  
 India Reins In Surrogacy Services For Foreigners

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

Johnson Controls In Advanced Talks To Combine With Tyco  
 Behind Donald Trump's Attack Strategy  
 Time To Say Goodbye To Long Bull Market?  
 Russian Oil: Output Grows As Prospects Shrink

#### ***New York Times:***

Hillary Clinton And Bernie Sanders Battle For Party's Future  
 Italy Divided Over Effort To Legalize Civil Unions For Gays  
 East Coast Blizzard Ends But A Long Cleanup Begins  
 Donald Trump Means Business In Iowa: Night In Motel, And A Day In Church  
 Massachusetts Chief's Tack In Drug War: Steer Addicts To Rehab, Not Jail  
 Match-Fixing Suspicions Raised At Australian Open After Site Stops Bets On Match  
 Broncos' Defense Bruises Tom Brady, Lifting Peyton Manning To Super Bowl

#### ***Washington Post:***

Voter-ID Law Goes To Trial In N. Carolina  
 Korean Web Addicts Are Shipped To Reboot Camp  
 Marco Rubio's Cold War  
 'Extremely Limited' Service For Metro  
 Snowzilla Is Done With Us, But Now The Shoveling Begins

#### ***Washington Times:***

"Jihadi John" Leaves Lessons For Western Intelligence  
 Winter Wallop  
 Federal Overhaul Of Background Checks Still Leaves Out Social Media  
 Clinton Solidifies Her Position On Abortion  
 Social Conservatives Warn Against Kasich

#### ***Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:***

**ABC:** Winter Storm Jonas; Winter Storm Jonas-Travel; Winter Storm Jonas-Driving; Winter Storm Jonas-Flooding; Weather Forecast; 2016 Politics-Poll Numbers; California-Escaped Prisoners Manhunt; Professional Fraud Victim Profile; Alaska Earthquake; NFL-AFC Championship Game.

**CBS:** Winter Storm Jonas; Winter Storm Jonas-Snow Totals; Winter Storm Jonas-Flooding; 2016 Politics; 2016 Politics-Poll Numbers; Canada-Public Shooting; Alaska Earthquake; California-Escaped Prisoners Manhunt; Airline Pricing.

**NBC:** Winter Storm Jonas; Winter Storm Jonas-Flooding; Winter Storm Jonas-Travel; Weather Forecast; 2016 Politics-Iowa Caucus; California-Escaped Prisoners Manhunt; Sweden-Cash Free Goals; Alaska Earthquake.

#### ***Network TV At A Glance:***

Winter Storm Jonas – 23 minutes, 00 seconds  
 2016 Politics – 9 minutes, 20 seconds  
 California-Escaped Prisoners Manhunt – 3 minutes, 50 seconds  
 Alaska Earthquake – 1 minutes, 20 seconds



**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** Winter Storm Jonas-Cleanup; Winter Storm Jonas-Air Travel; NFL Playoffs-Conference Results; HPV-Cancer Rates; International Markets.  
**CBS:** Winter Storm Jonas-Cleanup; Winter Storm Jonas-Snow Totals; 2016 Politics-Poll Numbers; California-Escaped Prisoners Manhunt; NFL Playoffs-Conference Results; Asian Financial Markets.  
**NPR:** Winter Storm Jonas-Air Travel; Winter Storm Jonas-Power Outages; Alaska Earthquake-Gas Explosion; Asian Stocks; Greek Islands-Syrian Refugees; Oil Prices; NFL Playoffs-Conference Results.  
**FOX:** NFL Playoff-NFC Championships Game; Winter Storm Jonas-DC Mayor; Winter Storm Jonas-Deaths; American Airlines Flight-Severe Turbulence; 2016 Politics-Potential Bloomberg Run.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.****White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Visits Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and wounded service members being treated at the facility.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — No scheduled public events.

**US Senate:** 10:30 AM POSTPONED: Senate Special Committee on Aging field hearing on opioid abuse among older Americans – POSTPONED: Field hearing on 'Fighting Against a Growing Epidemic: Opioid Misuse and Abuse Among Older Americans', with witnesses including Attorney General of Virginia Mark Herring, Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Family Medicine and Population Health Assistant Professor Katherine Neuhausen, Virginia Change Addiction Now Acting State Director Lisa Wilkins, National Safety Counsel Director of Jane Terry, and Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Office of Substance Abuse Services Director Mellie Randall Location: 21170 Ashby Ponds Blvd., Ashburn, VA  
<http://aging.senate.gov/>

3:30 PM Pew Charitable Trust / C-TAC Congressional briefing on end-of-life care – Pew Charitable Trusts / Coalition to Transform Advanced Care Congressional briefing on 'Improving Serious Illness and End-of-Life Care: Opportunities for Congressional Action', with speakers including Democratic Sen. Mark Warner, Republican Rep. Phil Roe, AARP President-elect Eric Schneiderman, Priority Health Managed Benefits Chief Medical Officer Jay LaBine, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Chief Medical Officer Joe Rotella, Pew Charitable Trusts Senior Director of Health Programs Allan Coukell and Improving End-of-Life Care Project Director Lee Goldberg, Marian Grant (University of Maryland Medical Center Palliative Care Service), and Tom Koutsoumpas (C-TAC) Location: Rm 485 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC  
[www.pewtrusts.org](http://www.pewtrusts.org) <https://twitter.com/pewtrusts>

**US House:** :00 PM House meets for pro forma session – House of Representatives meets for pro forma session, with no votes expected due to inclement weather \* First votes of the week are expected tomorrow as the House returns after Martin Luther King Day District Work Period Location: Washington, DC  
<http://www.house.gov/>

2:00 PM POSTPONED: House Commerce Committee holds roundtable on concussions – POSTPONED: House Energy and Commerce Committee commences its review of the causes, effects, and treatments of concussions and other head trauma with a roundtable discussion, bringing together experts from the medical, military, athletic, and research communities Location: Rm 2123, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC  
<http://energycommerce.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseCommerce>

POSTPONED: Hearing on 'H.R. 3442, the Debt Management and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2015' Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://www.rules.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/RulesReps>

**Other:** 8:00 AM WGR Congressional Breakfast Series event with Senate Leadership Energy and Environment Staff – Women in Government Relations (WGR) Energy, Environment & Agriculture Task Force Congressional Breakfast Series event with Policy Advisor for Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell, Neil Chatterjee and Senior Policy Advisor for Democratic Sen. Harry Reid Location: Office of the American Gas Association, 400 N Capitol St., NW, Washington, DC <http://www.wgr.org> <https://twitter.com/WGRDC>

9:00 AM Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee State of the Net 2016 conference – Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee State of the Net 2016 conference. Speakers include Attorney General Loretta Lynch, Democratic Sen. Al Franken, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Director Michelle Lee, Deputy



Secretary of Labor Christopher Lu, Federal Trade Commission Commissioner Terrell McSweeney, House Committee on the Judiciary Chairman Bob Goodlatte, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information Larry Strickling, Engine Advocacy's Julie Samuels, Access Now's Amie Stepanovich, Cisco Systems' Alissa Cooper, Georgetown University Center on Privacy & Technology's Alvaro Bedoya, Internet Jurisdiction Project Bertrand de la Chappelle, Etsy CEO Chad Dickerson, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation's Jeffrey Farrah, Fusion's Kashmir Hill, Freedom House's Sanja Kelly, and ICANN's Greg Shatan Location: Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC [www.stateofthenet.org](http://www.stateofthenet.org)  
<https://twitter.com/NetCaucusAC>

9:30 AM USAID Administrator hosts discussion on the 'The Future and Potential of African Energy and Power' – U.S. Agency for International Development Administrator Gayle Smith hosts a discussion on 'The Future and Potential of African Energy and Power Africa Road Map Launch', with United States National Security Advisor Ambassador Susan Rice, Deputy Secretary of Energy Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim, African Development Bank Group President Akinwumi Adesina and Power Africa Coordinator Andrew Herscowitz Location: White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC  
<http://www.usaid.gov> <https://twitter.com/USAID>

11:00 AM EESI briefing series on the Clean Power Plan begins – Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) briefing on 'Environmental Justice in the Clean Power Plan' – the first in a series on the topic – featuring Environmental Protection Agency Administrator's Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice Mustafa Ali, GreenLatinos President Mark Magana, and Skeo Solutions Senior Associate Vernice Miller-Travis Location: Rm 2168, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.eesi.org](http://www.eesi.org) <https://twitter.com/eesionline> #eesitalk

2:00 PM NSF Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences lecture series continues – National Science Foundation Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences 2015-2016 distinguished lecture series continues with University of Michigan's Susan Murphy discussing 'Sequential Decision Making and Personalized Interventions: The Future is Now' \* Lecture co-sponsored by NSF Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering and NSF Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Location: NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA Arlington <http://www.nsf.gov/> <https://twitter.com/NSF>

3:00 PM U.S. Chamber CCMC co-hosts 'Capitalism in the 21st Century' event – 'Capitalism in the 21st Century' event, hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness, K&L Gates and The Washington Times Insights Club, featuring panels on the emerging role of corporate officers and directors as well as financial regulatory reforms. Speakers include Republican Rep. Bill Huizenga, CCMC Senior Vice President Tom Quaadman, CCMC Director Andres Gil, Dimont President and CEO Denis Brosnan, and Better Markets President and CEO Dennis Kelleher Location: K&L Gates, 1601 K St. NW, Washington, DC  
[www.uschamber.com](http://www.uschamber.com) <https://twitter.com/USChamber>

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Yesterday, Lindsey Graham criticized Donald Trump and Ted Cruz and said choosing between them is like having to choose between being shot or poisoned. Graham is supporting Jeb Bush, which he said is like choosing to be slowly suffocated by an expensive pillow."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Someone found lyrics to a song written about Donald Trump's father, and Donald was like, 'Big deal. Pink Floyd did an entire album about me called "The Wall," and I made them pay for it.'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "In a People magazine profile, Bernie Sanders revealed he proposed to his wife in a Friendly's parking lot. A lot of the other candidates have come up with interesting stories about how they got engaged as well. Donald Trump said, 'I got down on one knee and told Melania, "You're hot, I'm rich. Let's do this.'"

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## DOI in the News:

**HOUSE PANEL ISSUES SUBPOENAS ON GOLD KING MINE SPILL.** The AP (2/18, Daly, Press, 1.99M) reports that Rep. Rob Bishop, chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee, has issued subpoenas to the Obama Administration “seeking documents related to a review of 3-million-gallon wastewater spill from a Colorado mine last summer.” Bishop is “seeking documents from the Interior Department and the Army Corps of Engineers related to the Army Corps’ peer review of Interior’s investigation into the spill.” Bishop claimed “Interior has interfered with the committee’s review of the spill and blocked release of important information.” Interior Department spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said “the agency has been responsive to the committee’s requests, including testimony by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, briefings for committee staff and release of thousands of pages of documents.” Kershaw said Thursday, “Interior is willing to continue to work to accommodate the committee’s oversight interest but given our level of cooperation to date, we believe that a subpoena is premature.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/19, Paul, 881K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/18, 31K), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/18, 388K), the [Seattle \(WA\) Post-Intelligencer](#) (2/18, 663K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/18, Matthew Daly |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, Daly, 285K), [Utah Policy](#) (2/18), [Inside Bay Area \(CA\)](#) (2/18, 243K), the [Daily Mail](#) (2/18, 4.92M), [Law360](#) (2/18, 22K), [Yahoo! News](#) (2/19, Daly, 6.31M), and [KCNC-TV Denver \(CO\)](#) Denver (2/18, 78K).

**GRAND JURY INDICTS BUNDYS, ASSOCIATES FOR NEVADA STANDOFF.** [E&E Publishing](#) (2/18, Taylor, Subscription Publication, 705) reports a federal grand jury indicted Cliven Bundy and four others Wednesday on 16 felony charges for their participation in Bundy’s armed standoff with the BLM at his Bunkerville, Nevada ranch in April 2014. The four others, which include Bundy’s sons Ammon and Ryan, “already face a felony charge for their roles in the 40-day Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation that ended last week.” The indictment could keep all five men in prison for decades and force Cliven Bundy to “forfeit his hundreds of illegally roaming cows.” According to the Department of Justice, the defendants recruited, organized and led hundreds in support of armed rebellion against the federal government.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/18, Press, Subscription Publication, 6.74M), [PBS NewsHour](#) (2/18, 154K), the [Bonham \(TX\) Journal](#) (2/18, 13K), [Newser](#) (2/18, 234K), the [Business Insider](#) (2/18, 2.64M), the [Inquisitr](#) (2/18, 193K), [The Blaze](#) (2/18, 1.68M), and [WTIC-TV Hartford \(CT\)](#) Hartford, CT (2/18, 62K).

**Federal Prosecutors Say Cliven Bundy’s “Bizarre” Ranching Practices Include Neglecting Cattle.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/18, Duara, 4.1M) reports that Cliven Bundy “has been called many things since he emerged victorious in a monthlong standoff with armed federal agents in the Nevada desert,” but “never was he called a bad rancher. Until now. “His ranching operation – to the extent it can be called that – is unconventional if not bizarre,” Assistant U.S. Atty. Charles Gorder wrote of Bundy in a government memo seeking to deny bail to the rancher, now jailed in Oregon.” The memo, “and arguments in federal court in Portland, Ore., on Tuesday, seemed to convince Magistrate Judge Janice Stewart, who ordered Bundy to be kept behind bars until he goes to trial on six felony counts stemming from his 2014 armed standoff with federal agents over grazing fees he refused to pay to the Bureau of Land Management.”

**Connection Drawn Between Oregon, Nevada Standoffs.** The AP (2/18) explains the connections between the recent armed standoff in Oregon and the 2014 showdown in Nevada. Both incidents involved the Bundy family and originate from when BLM agents attempted to corral Bundy’s cattle that were illegally grazing on government land in Las Vegas before they were a “picket line of Bundy supporters took over a freeway 15 bridge, pointing military-style weapons down at them.” Federal officials “are widely viewed as having backed down from Bundy” in this standoff, “emboldening this year’s occupation of the Oregon refuge.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/18, 290K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/18, Press, 1.99M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/18, Press, 8.98M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, Press, 285K).

**Oregon Occupier Files \$666 Billion Countersuit Against US Government.** The [NPR](#) (2/18, Chappell, 1.81M) “Two-Way” blog reports Shawna Cox, one of the last people to be arrested for occupying an Oregon wildlife refuge last month, filed a countersuit against the US government for “damages from the works of the devil in



excess of 666,666,666,66.66." She said she plans to ask a jury to deliver "civil and criminal penalties" against a variety of people, including judges, prosecutors, Oregon officials, FBI agents, and more, for subverting the constitutional government and imposing "socialism, communism and imperialism types of government onto the people of the United States of America."

Additional coverage was provided by the [New York Daily News](#) (2/18, Silverstein, 3.7M).

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/18, Ingraham, 8.98M), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Review-Journal](#) (2/18, 479K), [Newsmax](#) (2/18, 580K), the [New York Daily News](#) (2/18, 3.7M), and [NYSE Post](#) (2/18).

**PLAN TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL MONUMENT ON 1.7 MILLION ACRES OF LAND NEAR GRAND CANYON GAINS SUPPORT.** The [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (2/19, Weber, 37K) reports supporters of a bill that would establish the Greater Grand Canyon Heritage National Monument on 1.7 million acres of federal land near Grand Canyon boasted of a new telephone survey that found 80 percent respondents that they "somewhat supported or strongly supported" monument. Critics of the measure "were not impressed," pointing out the poll comes a week after President Obama "used his authority under the Antiquities Act to make national monuments out of \$1.8 million acres of federal land in California." US Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) said the bill would protect the land from uranium mining and preserve sacred tribal lands.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/19, 975K).

**REMOVING DAM ON YELLOWSTONE RIVER TO FREE TRAPPED, PRIMEVAL FISH COULD BE COSTLY.** The AP (2/18, Brown, Press, 1.99M) reports that "a proposal to remove a rock weir from Montana's Yellowstone River so an endangered, primeval fish species can reach its spawning grounds could cost far more than government plans to construct a new dam and fish bypass at the site for \$59 million." Environmentalists who support "the no-dam proposal say it would be worth the added expense to ensure the recovery of a small population of endangered pallid sturgeon on the lower Yellowstone." Federal officials on Thursday said "they would review the proposal in coming months to determine if it's feasible."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Miami \(FL\) Herald](#) (2/18, 803K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, Brown, 285K), and the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (2/18, 131K).

**INTERIOR RELEASE REPORTS ON INVASIVE SPECIES.** [WaterOnline](#) (2/19) reports that "in response to the harmful impacts invasive species have on the Nation's natural and cultural resources, recently the Department of the Interior released an interdepartmental report, Safeguarding America's Lands and Waters from Invasive Species: A National Framework for Early Detection and Rapid Response." The report "proposes to stop their spread through early detection and rapid response (EDRR) actions—a coordinated set of actions to find and eradicate potential invasive species before they spread and cause harm." Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Kristen J. Sarri said, "Invasive species pose one of the most significant ecological threats to America's lands and waters. Early detection and rapid response actions can reduce the long-term costs, economic burden, and ecological harm that they have on communities. Strong partnerships and a shared commitment to preventing the spread of invasive species can lay the foundation for more effective and cost-efficient strategies to stop their spread."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SECRETARY JEWELL TO MEET WITH HAWAII GOV. IGE.** Additional coverage that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will meet with Hawaii Gov. David Ige "regarding the International Union for Conservation of Nature's World Conservation Congress, which Hawaii will be hosting in September," was provided by the [Honolulu Star-Advertiser](#) (2/18, 340K).

**NEW NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN CALIFORNIA PRAISED.** For the "Pundits" blog of [The Hill](#) (2/19, Reichert, Contributor, 862K), Joshua Reichert, who leads the environmental work at the Pew Charitable Trusts, writes that President Obama "took a critical step toward buttressing" California's "legacy of environmental protection and resilience by designating three new national monuments in the California desert, adding to a corridor of protected land that now stretches north from Joshua Tree National Park to the edge of Death Valley National Park." According to Reichert, "these new monuments are an important part of a broader approach by federal, state and local agencies to integrate land and wildlife conservation with the development of renewable energy sources in the California desert." He also says that "the monuments will complement the administration's Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, which identifies lands for potential renewable energy development and conservation."



For the "Congress" blog of [The Hill](#) (2/19, Duncan, Dunwoody, Trafzer, 862K), Glen Duncan, president of California Historic Route 66 Association, Steve Dunwoody, California director for Vet Voice Foundation, and Cliff Trafzer, the Rupert Costo chair of American Indian Affairs and a professor of history at the University of California, Riverside, gives much of the credit to Sen. Dianne Feinstein's "tireless work to conserve and protect these lands." They "commend Obama for his commitment to protecting the historic California desert" and "thank Sen. Feinstein for her years of leadership in California desert conservation." They also extend their "gratitude to U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack for their support of these national monuments."

Additional coverage was provided by [Southern Utah News](#) (2/18), the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (2/18, 48K), and the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (2/18, 173K).

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**INTERIOR PRESSES COURT TO REJECT ONEIDA TRUST LAND SUITS.** [Law360](#) (2/18, 22K) reports that the Interior Department "continued Wednesday to push the Second Circuit to shoot down two cases challenging its decision to take land into trust for the Oneida Indian Nation of New York's casino, saying the appeals failed in their attempt to narrow the government's broad authority." The Interior Department "pressed the circuit court to affirm a New York federal judge's ruling that the department acted reasonably in reaching its decision to take more than 13,000 acres of land in central New York."

## Office of Insular Affairs:

**US SHOULD RENEW COMPACT WITH THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.** Lieutenant Colonel Tom Matelski, a US Army War College Fellow at the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, writes [Diplomat](#) (2/19) that the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia passed a resolution in December "signifying the intent to end the Compact of Free Association with the United States of America in 2018." There is some concern that if Washington "fails to renew the sometimes troubled Compact relationship," it will spur the Micronesians to align with China "and simultaneously leave a gaping hole in" America's strategic access to the Pacific region. Matelski mentions Department of the Interior manages the Compact relationship through the mechanisms of the Joint Economic Management Committee.

## Tackling America's Water Challenges:

**FEDERAL AGENTS RAID NEVADA OFFICE, HOME OF US RECLAMATION BUREAU OFFICIAL.** The [AP](#) (2/18) reports from Las Vegas that federal investigators "raided a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation office, an accounting firm and the home of a regional finance chief for the water management agency on Thursday in what officials called a public corruption probe." A reclamation office in Boulder City, NV "was among the locations where search warrants were served, bureau spokeswoman Rose Davis said," adding that the agency "is cooperating in the investigation." Federal agents "also searched the Henderson home of Rick Leavitt, a bureau official for more than 20 years who became regional financial management director in 2010, and the southwest Las Vegas offices of the accounting firm LL Bradford & Co."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, 285K), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Review-Journal](#) (2/18, 479K), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Sun](#) (2/18, 196K), the [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (2/18, 22K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/18), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, 285K), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Review-Journal](#) (2/18, 479K), the [Reno \(NV\) Gazette-Journal](#) (2/18, 160K), [KVVU-TV Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (2/18, 104K), [KDWN-AM Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (2/18), [KTNV-TV Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (2/18, 27K), [KXNT-AM Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (2/18, 10K), [KSNV-TV Las Vegas \(NV\)](#) Las Vegas (2/19, 12K).

**BOR PREDICTS SHRINKING LAKE MEAD'S WATER LEVELS.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (2/18, 479K) reports that the BOR's "latest forecast calls for Lake Mead to continue to shrink in fits and starts over the next two years, with new record lows projected for May and June of this year and April, May and June of next year." According to the article, "despite the overall decline, bureau forecasters still expect the water level in Lake Mead to stay just above the line at just the right time in 2017 and 2018 to avoid a first-ever federal shortage declaration and force Nevada and Arizona to cut back on how much water they pull from the Colorado."

**WORKERS SPREAD GRAVEL IN SACRAMENTO RIVER TO AID SALMON.** The [Redding \(CA\) Record-Searchlight](#) (2/18, 65K) reports that "within a couple of weeks, workers hope to have about 8,500 cubic yards of



gravel spread halfway across" the Sacramento River and "downstream about 1,200 feet," said Harmony Gugino, a project manager for the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District. BOR officials "regularly dump a large pile of gravel into the Sacramento River just below Keswick Dam." The article notes that "the thousands of tons of gravel that wash downstream from the dam to Redding and areas farther south is used by salmon for spawning." According to John Hannan, a fisheries biologist for the bureau, "the gravel project is just one of several planned in the Sacramento River this winter and spring to aid the winter-run salmon."

## Securing America's Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**COURT HEARS LEGAL CHALLENGES AGAINST CAPE WIND PROJECT.** The [Windpower Engineering & Development](#) (2/18, Bravender) reports a panel of judges on the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit today "heard oral arguments in the latest legal challenges" over the Cape Wind project, the "long-stalled offshore wind project planned for the coastal waters off Massachusetts." The court heard arguments on the project's impact on wildlife and how it will affect navigational safety. Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) and other groups contend that the Fish and Wildlife Services failed to consider the "best scientific and commercial data available" when considering how to minimize the project's impact on migratory birds.

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**ANALYSIS: BLM HAS SLOWED NEW ENERGY LEASE SALES.** A [TIME](#) (2/18, Worland, 18.01M) analysis found that the Bureau of Land Management has recently "postponed or canceled a series of lease sales that would have opened additional public territory to oil and gas drilling." While official explanations for the delays "have ranged from needing to find a larger venue for the sales to finishing a consultation process with tribes," environmental protesters believe their efforts have had an effect. The BLM "says the lease postponements are routine and unconnected from politic," but the "energy industry is skeptical."

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP FILES COMPLAINT WITH OSMRE AGAINST PEABODY ENERGY.** The [Craig \(CO\) Daily Press](#) (2/18, 10K) reports that an environmental group has "filed a complaint with regulators alleging Peabody Energy is not following federal laws at its mines in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming, including Twentymile Mine in Routt County." In its complaint filed with the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, WildEarth Guardians "contends Peabody is violating the U.S. Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, or SMCRA." According to the article, "the complaint was prompted by Peabody's grim financial performance."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Steamboat \(CO\) Pilot & Today](#) (2/18, 30K) and the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/18, 388K).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON COLOWYO EXPANSION CLOSES.** The [Craig \(CO\) Daily Press](#) (2/18, 10K) reports that the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's "final public comment period on its environmental assessment of Colowyo Mine's Collom Area Development Project drew to a close on Thursday." After reviewing the comments, the federal agency will "issue a recommendation on whether or not the mining operations should be approved."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Steamboat \(CO\) Pilot & Today](#) (2/18, 30K).

**BLM HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED METHANE RULES IN OKLAHOMA CITY.** The [Oklahoman](#) (2/19, 421K) reports that "too much natural gas is wasted during production on federal and tribal lands, representatives of the federal Bureau of Land Management said Thursday in Oklahoma City as the agency held a public meeting on proposed methane reduction rules." The bureau "wants to reduce flaring, venting and leaks from production, and said doing so would increase royalties from mineral leasing on federal and tribal lands." Tim Spisak, a senior adviser for conventional energy at BLM, said, "A lot of gas is being lost, and it's a wasted resource and a loss of royalty revenue. For some of the environmental impacts, we're trying to bring in modern technologies and practices that have developed over the last three or four decades. I think it's clear our existing regulations need to be updated."

**LAND WITHDRAWN FROM BLM AUCTION.** The [Flower Mound \(TX\) Leader Star](#) (2/18, 14K) reports that the U.S. Forest Service on Thursday "withdrew 31,169 acres of national forest lands in Texas from a Bureau of Land



Management fossil fuel auction slated for April 20 in Santa Fe, N.M." The action "responds to concerns raised by environmental groups and local governments about fracking impacts, and comes one day before the Friday public protest deadline on the lease-sale plan."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BLM LAUNCHES PLAN TO CLEAN UP LEGACY WELLS.** Additional coverage of the \$50 million effort clean up wells in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska was provided by the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (2/18, 211K).

**COAL REFORMS CALLED GOOD FOR COLORADO'S OUTDOOR ECONOMY.** In the [Boulder \(CO\) Daily Camera](#) (2/19, 122K), Lester Binegar, general manager of University Bicycles in Boulder, applauds Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and President Obama for announcing reforms for the federal coal program. The reforms, according to Binegar, indicate that the White House "is responding to calls from Colorado communities, landowners, taxpayer advocates, government watchdogs, and outdoor recreation advocates." A pause in new mines will "have almost no impact on jobs, coal production, energy prices, or grid reliability." Over 60 percent of western voters, per a recent Colorado College poll, "want to encourage the use of solar and wind energy." Binegar says that "reform is long overdue" and believes it is "time to address coal's environmental costs."

**COLUMN QUESTIONS WHY TEXAS IS NOT RESPONDING TO EARTHQUAKES LIKE OKLAHOMA.** In a piece for the [Dallas Morning News](#) (2/18, 1.24M), staff writer Jim Mitchell asks why the Texas Railroad Commission is considering the connections between injection wells and earthquakes in Texas "are tenuous at best" when in neighboring Oklahoma regulators are mounting a response. Mitchell praises Oklahoma for acting on the earthquakes and says while he'd "like to think that Texas would be as proactive and do the same...history tells me that is unlikely."

**FEDERAL COAL LEASING MORATORIUM CRITICIZED.** In an op-ed for the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (2/18, Young, 131K), Dr. Courtney Young, the department head and professor of metallurgical and materials engineering at Montana Tech in Butte, argues that "President Obama's energy policies make no economic or political sense." Young criticizes the "plans to temporarily suspend all new coal leases on federal public lands." According to Young, "it will have devastating consequences for jobs throughout the coal supply chain."

#### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**BOEM ANNOUNCES GULF OF MEXICO LEASE SALE.** [Fuel Fix \(TX\)](#) (2/18, 28K) reports that "close to 45 million acres of oil and gas leases in the Gulf of Mexico will go up for sale next month, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management announced Thursday." The article notes that "almost of those leases will be in the Central Gulf, as little as three miles off the coasts of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, with depths ranging from nine feet to more than 11,000 feet. Also up for auction are almost 600,000 acres in the Eastern Gulf, which the government has only allowed limited development in so far." According to a bureau spokesman, "all the leases, which will be up for auction in New Orleans March 23, have been put up for sale in the past."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (2/18, 279K), the [Miami \(FL\) Herald](#) (2/18, 803K), the [Oil and Gas Investor](#) (2/18, Subscription Publication), the [New Orleans \(LA\) CityBusiness](#) (2/18, 28K), the [Maritime Executive](#) (2/18, 21), the [Sputnik News](#) (2/18, 46K), [Yahoo! Finance](#) (2/18, 4.91M), and [Yahoo! News](#) (2/19, Kennedy, 6.31M).

**DECISION NEARS ON OFFSHORE DRILLING IN ATLANTIC.** The [Charleston \(SC\) Post and Courier](#) (2/18, 301K) reports that "federal regulators are expected to announce in March whether they will propose leasing more offshore oil and natural gas exploration and drilling in the Atlantic, including off South Carolina, say environmental attorneys who are monitoring the decision." According to the article, "the "'best information' given to Southern Environmental Law Center attorneys is to expect a decision between March 14 and March 18, said center spokesman Mike Mather late Thursday."

**RIG SUPERVISORS TESTIFY AT BP OIL SPILL TRIAL.** The AP (2/18) reported that on Thursday at the trial of Robert Kaluza, the day supervisor on BP's Deepwater Horizon during the 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the night supervisor, Donald Vidrine testified "about a test meant to show whether drilling mud below the ocean floor was heavy enough to stand up to the pressure of oil and gas farther down." Vidrine "said Kaluza never told him several specific pieces of information about the test." Vidrine "pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge on which Kaluza is being tried: violating the Clean Water Act."

**MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON, FINE AFTER PLEADING GUILTY IN BP FRAUD CASE.** Drawing



coverage from the Times-Picayune, the [AP](#) (2/18) reported that 44-year-old Hardell Mack was sentenced Wednesday to one year and one day in prison "after pleading guilty to conspiracy to defraud BP following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill." Mack was also "ordered to pay \$65,300 in restitution."

## America's Great Outdoors:

### *Bureau of Land Management:*

**TENSION BETWEEN RANCHERS, FEDERAL OFFICIALS RUNNING HIGH.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/19, Maffly, 388K) reports on the strain between federal officials and Western livestock ranchers, especially in Utah, about the "fickle administration of federal land policies." The Malheur Wildlife Refuge occupation "brought many long-simmering tensions to the surface over the way grazing allotments are managed." BLM and Forest Service supervisors were "pulled" from speaking at grazing conference at the Utah Farm Bureau Federation because of the current tension. Ranchers claim that federal "overreach" is putting them out of business. Nevertheless, Tony Rampton, assistant attorney general and section chief of public lands, "cautioned ranchers to stay on the correct side of the law."

**FEDERAL AGENCIES SEEK COMMENTS ON VOLCANO AREA MINERALS EXPLORATION.** The [Daily News \(WA\)](#) (2/18, 72K) reports that "the federal government is seeking public comment on a revised plan to do exploratory drilling for copper and other minerals north of Mount St. Helens." The article notes that "this is the second time that Ascot USA has attempted to get federal approval for exploratory drilling on 900 acres in the Goat Mountain area, which is at the northern boundary of the 110,000-acre Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument." The BLM and the U.S. Forest Service announced Thursday "they will decide whether to issue an exploratory permit in part based on public comment they get on an environmental assessment submitted by Ascot."

**CRAIG RANCH DONATED TO BLM.** The [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (2/18, 279K) reports that the Save the Redwoods League and Sequoia Riverlands Trust announced "the donation of the 66-acre Craig Ranch to the Bureau of Land Management for conservation and recreational use." According to the article, "the Craig Ranch land will improve visitor access to the Case Mountain giant sequoia grove about 7.5 miles southeast of Three Rivers." The property is "adjacent to the 18,530-acre Kaweah Area of Critical Environmental Concern, and the Bureau of Land Management will add them to the Case Mountain Extensive Recreation Management Area, which will get better parking and trailhead access."

**JEEP PULLS UTAH ARCH SWINGING SHOT FROM AD AFTER COMPLAINTS.** The [AP](#) (2/18, 285K) reports that "Jeep officials are removing a shot in one of their advertisements that showed people swinging from ropes at one of Utah's iconic arches." The commercial, "which premiered during the Super Bowl, features a montage of Jeep vehicles mixed with video clips of people engaging in outdoor activities, including swinging from Corona Arch, which is banned." The BLM "instituted a two-year ban on rope activities at Corona Arch in May and officials are considering making the ban permanent." According to the article, "viewers complained to Jeep that the company was promoting illegal activities."

### *Fish and Wildlife Service:*

**FEDERAL OFFICIALS DEFEND MEXICAN GRAY WOLF PLAN AFTER POPULATION DECLINES.** The [AP](#) (2/18, Bryan, Press, 1.99M) reports that "federal wildlife officials on Thursday defended their strategy for reintroducing Mexican gray wolves to the American Southwest despite recording the first decline in the population in four years." The annual survey released Thursday by the FWS "shows at least 97 wolves are spread among forested lands in southwestern New Mexico and southeast Arizona." The article notes that "the population had been on the upswing since 2010, with 2014 marking a banner year when the predators topped 110 after seeing an increase of nearly a third in their numbers." According to the article, "federal officials conceded that the latest ground and aerial surveys show more work needs to be done to stabilize the long-struggling population."

Additional coverage was provided by [Reuters](#) (2/19, Zuckerman), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/18, 31K), the [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#) (2/18, 47K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, Bryan, 285K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/18, 975K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/18, 290K), and [KRQE-TV Albuquerque \(NM\)](#) Albuquerque, NM (2/18, 69K).



**FWS DOWNGRADES STATUS OF SANTA CRUZ CYPRESS.** [The Hill](#) (2/19, Devaney, 862K) reports that the FWS is "loosening the protections for certain plants found in California." The Santa Cruz cypress will be "listed as a threatened species, down from its current status as an endangered species."

**FWS CONTINUES INVESTIGATION OF WALRUS DEATHS ON ALASKA SHORE.** The [AP](#) (2/18, 51K) reports that a spokeswoman for the FWS says "the agency continues to investigate the deaths of 25 Pacific walrus found dead five months ago in northwest Alaska." According to Andrea Medeiros, "the investigation is ongoing and the agency's law enforcement officials may have information to share in the next couple of months."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/18, Joling, Press, 1.99M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, Joling, 285K), and [KTOO-FM Juneau \(AK\)](#) Juneau, AK (2/18).

**REWARD OFFERED IN KILLING OF THREE WOLVES IN MINNESOTA.** The [AP](#) (2/18, 1.99M) reports that "federal authorities are offering a \$2,500 reward for information on the killing of three wolves in northeastern Minnesota." The FWS says "the frozen carcasses were discovered Jan. 22 in a ditch along Minnesota Highway 8 near Floodwood, about 45 miles west of Duluth." According to the article, "officials think the wolves were killed elsewhere, then dumped the night before they were found."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (2/18, 1.25M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, 285K), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (2/18, 1.25M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (2/18, 1.25M), [Bring Me The News \(MN\)](#) (2/18), [KFGO-AM Fargo \(ND\)](#) Fargo, ND (2/18, 3K), [KSJR-FM Collegeville \(MN\)](#) Collegeville, MN (2/18, 45K), and [KSTP-TV Minneapolis-St. Paul \(MN\)](#) Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN (2/18, 135K).

**BATS CHANGE LINCOLN BREWERY'S CAVE PLANS.** The [AP](#) (2/18, 285K) reports that "owners of a brewery that's being built around a cave in Lincoln have altered plans after finding federally protected bats in the tunnels." Blue Blood Brewing still plans "to offer tours and hold events inside Robbers Cave, but that a section will be off-limits because of the northern long-eared bat's presence." Bob Hams, a biologist with the FWS, said that "it's hard to estimate how many of the bats are in the cave, but that one is enough of a concern to the agency."

**EFFORT TO RESTORE THE SALTON SEA MOVING FORWARD.** [KESQ-TV](#) Palm Springs, CA (2/19, 15K) reports that "an effort to renovate a small corner of the Salton Sea is moving forward near Calipatria at the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge." The Red Hill Bay project was "started in November, a cooperative effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, along with the state Department of Water Resources, Imperial County and state and local agencies." According to the article, "if successful, this 420 acre wetlands restoration project at the Salton Sea may lead to more similar projects at California's largest and most troubled body of water."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF CONTROVERSY OVER ZOOS' IMPORT OF ELEPHANTS FROM AFRICA.** Additional coverage of the controversy surrounding the FWS' approval of "a permit allowing three U.S. zoos to import 18 wild elephants from Swaziland" was provided by [National Geographic](#) (2/18, 30.99M).

**ARIZONA GOP "HOSTILE" TO WOLF RESTORATION.** Columnist Linda Valdez writes in the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/18, 975K) reports that the annual population count released Thursday by the Fish and Wildlife Services shows there are 97 wolves in Arizona and New Mexico at the end of 2015, down from 110 at the end of 2014. The decrease is "significant because wolf numbers had been on the increase for years." Wildlife advocates want the US Fish and Wildlife Service to help save wolves from extinction, but proposed Arizona Senate bill "requires the Arizona Game and Fish Commission to approve any wolf release, restricts where wolves can be released and requires a full DNA profile of each released wolf." The state's lawmakers have been "hostile" to the wolf recovery program despite public support. Valdez says "species restoration is in the interest of biodiversity" and opposes the bill.

**REDUCING FLORIDA MANATEE'S PROTECTION STATUS TO THREATENED SHOULD TAKE AMPLE TIME.** The [Naples \(FL\) Daily News](#) (2/18, 131K) editorializes that there is no rush to enact the US Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to lower the West Indian manatee's protection status from endangered to threatened. The decision to change the status "dates to a 2007 five-year review of the federal agency of the manatee population." While the federal review is underway, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission "is updating rules adopted in 2007 to create manatee protection zones to ensure the sea cow's long-term survival." The Daily News understands the reasons why these organizations want lower the manatee's status, but



recommends moving "as slowly as we can when it comes to reducing any protections for Florida's beloved sea cow."

**ALASKA WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST PRAISES FEDERAL OVERSIGHT OF "CONTROVERSIAL" PREDATOR CONTROL.** In the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (2/18, 211K), wildlife biologist Vic Van Ballenberghe applauds the US Fish and Wildlife Service for proposing a rule "restricting certain controversial predator control measures on federal wildlife refuges, measured promoted by state wildlife managers." Ballenberghe recalls his past experience participating in the "regulation-making process that guided wildlife management in the state." During his time, the "carefully crafted protective measures were designed that wolves and bears remained" viable components of the state's environment. In the past 12 years, "there has been an incremental effort" in favor of wolf and bear hunting. Ballenberghe dismisses critics' concerns about "federal overreach," going as far as calling state efforts to "apply extreme predator reduction measures" as "state overreach."

#### ***National Park Service:***

**HISTORIANS SUGGEST POSSIBLE HISTORIC RECONSTRUCTION SITES.** [USA Today](#) (2/18, Toppo, 5.45M) asked historians which places they would like to see preserved when the National Park Service announces "what could be a lengthy list of historic Reconstruction sites" this spring. Highlighted sites include the Sea Islands of Georgia; Shockoe Bottom in Richmond, Virginia; The Penn Center in St. Helena Island, South Carolina; North Carolina's Piedmont region; as well as the cities of Memphis; New Orleans; Washington, DC; Beaufort, South Carolina; Natchez, Mississippi, and Colfax, Louisiana.

[USA Today](#) (2/18, Toppo, 5.45M) provides further detail about the NPS' plans to commemorate Reconstruction, "which currently has not a single site devoted to it." Last year, NPS commissioned a "wide-ranging study to identify key places in the story of Reconstruction, an era" that historians say is "almost entirely absent from the record of important places." The park service and others "are hoping to help Americans understand that the often-derided period actually gave us important rights and privileges." NPS' effort is led by two historians: Northwestern University history professor Kate Masur and historian Gregory Downs.

**Organization Documents Locations Of Buried Slaves Sites.** [USA Today](#) (2/18, Roberts, 5.45M) reports on the Periwinkle Initiative, an organization that maintains a database of burial grounds of slaves throughout the country. Led by founding director Sarah Arnold, the organization "finds burial grounds, documents their history and advocates to protect the sites." Those who discover burial artifacts can "go to their state's historic preservation service, then to the National Park Services for help," according to Turkiya Lowe, chief historian for the park service.

**Black Professional Group To Hold Scholarship Luncheon.** [Atomic City Underground](#) (2/18) reports that the Oak Ridge chapter of Blacks In Government will hold its annual scholarship luncheon on February 25. Will Minter, a retired manager at UT-Battelle and former vice mayor of Oak Ridge, will be the keynote speaker. According to the article, "the event will use the theme of Black History Month — 'Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African-American Memories' — to bring attention to the Centennial celebration of the National Park Service and sites where African Americans made history."

The [Knoxville \(TN\) News Sentinel](#) (2/18, 228K) also reports.

**SS BADGER FERRY DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.** The AP (2/18, 1.25M) reports that the Interior Department on Thursday announced the designation for the SS Badger as a national historic landmark. NPS Director Jonathan Jarvin "says the Badger is 'a unique example of American ingenuity in transportation' that helped fuel 20th century economic growth."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, 285K), the [Detroit \(MI\) Free Press](#) (2/18, 989K), the [Eau Claire \(WI\) Leader-Telegram](#) (2/18, 71K), the [MLive \(MI\)](#) (2/18, Kloosterman, 617K), the [Escanaba \(MI\) Daily Press](#) (2/18, 357), the [Manitowoc \(WI\) Herald Times Reporter](#) (2/18, 31K), the [Shoreline Media Group \(MI\)](#) (2/18), the [Holland \(MI\) Sentinel](#) (2/18, 57K), [WITI-TV Milwaukee \(WI\)](#) Milwaukee (2/18, 232K), and [WILX-TV Lansing \(MI\)](#) Lansing, MI (2/18, 52K).

**GRAND CANYON OFFICIALS FACE DISCIPLINE AFTER REPORT ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT.** The AP (2/18, 4M) reports that "the top two officials at Grand Canyon National Park are among those facing disciplinary action following a federal report that found they violated policies on reporting and investigating allegations of sexual harassment in the park's river district." The NPS' Intermountain Region director, Sue Masica, "declined



Thursday to say what specifics actions would be taken against Superintendent Dave Uberuaga, and his deputy Diane Chalfant." She said, "You kind of have to match the severity of the action by the individual with the previous records to what's appropriate for the particular circumstance. I'll be looking at all of that."

Additional coverage was provided by [Fox News](#) (2/18, 9.42M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (2/18, 442K), the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (2/18), the [Pekin \(IL\) Daily Times](#) (2/18, 31K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/18, 290K), the [New Orleans \(LA\) Times-Picayune](#) (2/18, 625K), the [Imperial \(CA\) Valley Press](#) (2/18, 46K), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Sun](#) (2/18, 196K), the [Daily Caller](#) (2/18, White, 443K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/18, 975K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/19, Press, 881K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/18, Fonseca, Press, 1.99M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/18, Fonseca, 285K), [Outside](#) (2/19, 126K), and [Yahoo! News](#) (2/19, Hinckley, 6.31M).

**NPS TO COMMEMORATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The [Chicago Tribune](#) (2/18, Briscoe, 2.17M) reports that the NPS and "several of its partners will gather Friday in the visitors center of the Pullman National Monument to commemorate the monument's first anniversary and elaborate on what's next for the site." According to the article, "as Chicago nears the first anniversary of Pullman's designation as the city's first national monument, officials say restoration plans will start picking up speed soon."

**INITIAL STEPS UNDERWAY FOR PERMANENT FLIGHT 93 CRASH SITE VOLUNTEER SUPPORT CENTER.** The [Johnstown \(PA\) Tribune-Democrat](#) (2/19, Bal) reports that "plans are in motion" to create a permanent volunteer support center near the Flight 93 crash site. In the past 14 years, volunteers and National Park Service staff have been operating out of temporary headquarters. National Parks of Western Pennsylvania Superintendent Steve Clark said Thursday, "We're looking at a structure with space for volunteers, partners of Flight 93 and National Park staff." The project is in its initial phase, and it would require final approval from the park service before plans for funding can start. Clark said it would likely be five years before construction begins.

**NPS RELEASES VIDEO OF THREE-LEGGED BOBCAT.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/18, Rocha, 4.1M) reports on a three-legged bobcat known as B-337 that was caught by National Park Service biologist in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The article includes a new video taking by the park service that shows B-337 "gracefully" move through the brush in the Santa Monica Mountains. When she was caught, B-337 was "collared, and will be tracked and studied along with 336 other bobcats in the area."

**NPS ASKS DC METRO DRIVERS TO USE CAUTION ON PARKWAYS.** [WTOP-FM](#) Washington (2/18, 255K) reports the National Park Service is asking drivers in the Washington metro area to slow down or take public transportation to "lighten the burden on the scenic roadway system." Spokeswoman Jenny Anzelmo-Sarles said, "We're out in force filling potholes and patching potholes." She calls the potholes "pretty treacherous right now" and says there is an "increased risk for drivers" traveling at high speeds that they will "hit a pothole and damage their vehicle or get hurt themselves." NPS will eventually begin a three-year overhaul of the George Washington Parkway and Beach Drive.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS TRY TO CAPTURE YOSEMITE "FIREFALL" FALLS PHENOMENON.** [TIME](#) (2/18, McCluskey, 18.01M) reports that every February, photographers from around the globe rush to Yosemite Valley in hopes of capturing a picture of the national park's "firefall" phenomenon. It is the "result of the setting sun shining on Horsetail Fall in such a way" during two weeks in February "that the waterfall appears to be aflame."

**CARLSBAD CAVERNS' MAINTENANCE BACKLOG TOPS \$44M.** The [AP](#) (2/17, 1.99M) reports that "officials at Carlsbad Caverns National Park say the southern New Mexico tourist attraction has a maintenance backlog of more than \$44 million and about half of that is related to elevator renovations." Carlsbad Superintendent Doug Neighbor said Wednesday that "funding provided by Congress for this fiscal year will help with the work."

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK IS THIRD-MOST VISITED PARK.** The [AP](#) (2/18, 1.99M) reports that Rocky Mountain National Park has "become the third-most visited national park in the country after topping 4 million visitors for the first time in 2015." According to the article, "the park was the fifth-most visited national park for 2014, but it jumped to the third-place spot after surpassing Yellowstone and Yosemite national parks last year."

**HELICOPTER SINKS NEAR PEARL HARBOR VISITOR CENTER.** The [AP](#) (2/19, Kelleher, Press, 881K) reports that a helicopter "sank near the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center Thursday morning, U.S. Navy spokeswoman Agnes Tauyan said." The NPS said that "partial operations at the visitor center will resume Friday." Meanwhile,



"the theater and boat trips to the Arizona Memorial were suspended."

**TIME PUBLISHING "AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS—A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION."** [TIME](#) (2/18, 18.01M) notes that the NPS "celebrates its 100th birthday in 2016," and says it is "marking the milestone by publishing America's National Parks—A Centennial Celebration."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NPS AND GOOGLE.** Additional coverage of the partnership between the NPS and Google on the Google Cultural Institute was provided by [Tap Into New Jersey](#) (2/18).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NPS' FIND YOUR PARKS CENTENNIAL PROJECT CONTEST.** Additional coverage of the NPS' Find Your Parks Centennial Project contest was provided by [WSB-TV Atlanta](#) (2/18, 585K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: DEATH VALLEY EXPECTED TO BE COVERED IN "SUPER BLOOM" OF WILDFLOWERS.** Additional coverage of the "Super Bloom" of flowers at Death Valley was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/18, 975K) and the [Independent \(UK\)](#) (2/18, Fritz, 929K).

**CONTINUING DIALOGUE NECESSARY TO DEBATE OVER PROPOSED NATIONAL STATE PARK IN MAINE.** The [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (2/18, 173K) editorializes that "despite polls showing broad public support" in favor of creation a national monument near Baxter State Park, three members of Maine's congressional delegation "continue to emphasize opposition to the plan in their communications with federal officials." According to the Daily News, the recent statement from NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis that encourages an "open dialogue about how best to protect important resources within your communities, while recognizing the economic needs in the region" offers a "sensible way forward." The paper advocates for Maine's elected officials, including Gov. LePage, "to engage with the issue seriously."

#### ***US Geological Survey:***

**USGS, NPS, WEST BRANCH PLAN \$73K FLOODING MODEL.** The [West Branch \(IA\) Times](#) (2/18) reports that the NPS and "the city of West Branch prepare to take a major step forward in their partnership by contracting with the U.S. Geologic Survey to create a 'flood inundation model' for stormwater moving through the city's watershed."

**USGS: ROAD SALT IS CONTAMINATING WATERWAYS.** [WRTV-TV Indianapolis](#) (2/18, 85K) reports that the USGS says "road salt is contaminating drinking water." The agency says "their data shows Fall Creek, Eagle Creek, Little Eagle Creek and even the White River all have elevated levels of chloride." According to the article, "that's what is found in road salt and those are some of the waterways drinking water is pulled from. "

#### **Top National News:**

**OBAMA SAYS HE WILL PRESS CUBA ON HUMAN RIGHTS DURING VISIT NEXT MONTH.** The White House on Thursday announced President Obama will visit Havana in late March as part of efforts to advance the rapprochement process and press Cuba to move forward with human rights reforms. Media coverage highlighted the historic nature of the trip and statements from Obama and Administration officials that explain the reasoning behind the visit.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/18, Eilperin, DeYoung, 8.98M) reports Obama "will make a historic trip to Cuba" on March 21-22, becoming the first sitting US president in 88 years to visit the country. [Roll Call](#) (2/18, Bennett, 126K) reports Obama's two-day visit will include a meeting with Cuban President Raul Castro, but he is not expected to meet with Fidel Castro. Roll Call says the White House "intends to take along some unspecified members of Congress." [The Hill](#) (2/18, Fabian, 862K) reports the White House said in a statement that Obama will also "engage members of civil society, entrepreneurs and Cubans from different walks of life."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/18, Lee, Schwartz, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) reports Obama's trip is intended to demonstrate progress in his strategy of engaging the country's adversaries at a time of increasing tensions throughout the world. The Journal says both the White House and critics are not satisfied with the pace of political, economic, and human rights change in Cuba. According to the Journal, the President's two days in Havana are designed with the hope that Obama can use the visit to persuade the Cuban government to implement specific changes, including increasing commercial ties with the US. Deputy National Security



Adviser Ben Rhodes said, according to the [New York Times](#) (2/18, Davis, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), the Administration “believe[s] the best way to try to push this forward is for the president to go.” Rhodes said, “The way to carry this policy forward is to keep leaning forward,” adding, “It’s not a quid pro quo, but we would like the trip to show concrete progress in normalization, so it’s an opportunity to demonstrate results.” The [Miami Herald](#) (2/18, Whitefield, 803K) reports the head of the US section in Cuba’s Foreign Relations Ministry, Josefina Vidal, said Obama will be welcomed “with our traditional hospitality.” Vidal added, “This visit will be one more step toward an improvement in relations between Cuba and the United States.”

[McClatchy](#) (2/18, Ordoñez, 22K) says the Administration is “resigned to the fact that the embargo against trade with Cuba will not be lifted” before Obama leaves office and is seeking to “make it impossible for a future president to reverse warming relations.” Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Alex Lee said, “The reality is we’re very much stuck with the embargo.” Lee added, “The embargo has required us to be involved in this regulatory change process. It’s almost like a Rubik’s Cube to figure out what we can do that meets the president’s goals.” The [Washington Post](#) (2/18, Eilperin, Miroff, 8.98M) quotes Rhodes as making a similar statement, saying the Administration’s “objective here is to do as much as we can with the time we have remaining to make this an irreversible policy.” Rhodes added, “We want links between Cubans and Americans and the links between our businesses and the engagement between our countries to gain such momentum that there’s an inevitability to the opening that is taking place.”

The [Washington Post](#) (2/18, Mufson, 8.98M) reports US business leaders “are still waiting for a breakthrough on the economic front.” The Post says “sealing deals in Cuba has proven difficult for American businesses” due to US “trade and financial restrictions” and the Cuban government’s apparent “ambivalen[ce] about the wave of investment poised to crash onto its shores – and how that might affect its tightly controlled political system there.”

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/18, Memoli, 4.1M) reports Obama will use the visit to “press Castro on human rights and meet with other Cubans as well.” [Reuters](#) (2/18, Rampton, Acosta) reports Obama wrote on [Twitter](#), “Next month, I’ll travel to Cuba to advance our progress and efforts that can improve the lives of the Cuban people.” [USA Today](#) (2/18, Korte, Gomez, 5.45M) says Obama added, “We still have differences with the Cuban government that I will raise directly. America will always stand for human rights around the world.”

[ABC World News](#) (2/18, story 7, 0:45, Muir, 5.84M) showed a previous interview with President Obama in which he said he did not have plans to visit Cuba, but was not ruling out the possibility. However, the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (2/18, Grier, 442K) says the trip “is a logical extension of Mr. Obama’s Cuban outreach.” [Voice of America](#) (2/18, Pande, 60K), on its website, quotes Rhodes as saying the US “will be in a better position to support human rights and to support a better life for the Cuban people by engaging them and raising these issues directly.” [Yahoo! Politics](#) (2/18, Knox, 791K) reports Rhodes said Obama will meet with dissidents and the White House had already informed the Cuban government the interactions will take place. Rhodes said, “That doesn’t mean that we’re seeking to overthrow the Cuban government,” adding, “It means that we’re seeking to support basic universal values that we would care about in any country.”

However, [Bloomberg Politics](#) (2/18, Jenkins, 289K) reports “even some supporters” of Obama’s Cuba policy “are questioning the timing” of the visit “after arrests of dissidents by Raul Castro’s government reached a five-year high.” Ric Herrero, who heads the #CubaNow advocacy group that seeks an end to the embargo, said “it would have been ideal” for Obama to make the visit later but voiced confidence in his ability to advocate for human rights on the trip.” The head of Cuban affairs toward the US, Josefina Vidal, said her country “is open to talks with the US government on any issue, including human rights, which, of course, we have different views on, as there are different ideas and views on other issues such as democracy, political models and international relations.”

In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (2/18, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says Obama “spoke passionately” about “the importance of term limits” when he visited Africa, but “has been more muted on this issue in Latin America.” The Times says the President “will have an opportunity to make that point closer to home” during his Cuba visit. The Times argues that because Obama “is wildly popular in Cuba, his message about democratic traditions, leadership and power stands to resonate powerfully.”

The [Washington Times](#) (2/18, Weissenstein, Rodriguez, 285K) reports Cubans “hailed” the visit, “saying that just like the American leader, they want the historic visit to spur faster change in their lives.” However, the [AP](#) (2/18, Lederman, Freking) reports while the announcement of the trip “drew hopeful cheers in Havana on Thursday,” it received “equally emphatic condemnation from many US lawmakers and Republican presidential candidates.” The critics accused Obama of rewarding the Cuban dictatorship.



The [Washington Times](#) (2/18, Boyer, 285K) quotes Sen. Robert Menendez as saying, "The President is – again – prioritizing short-term economic interests over long-term and enduring American values." Menendez added, "He will rue this decision, just as he will ultimately rue giving a lifeline to the ayatollah [in Iran]." [NBC Nightly News](#) (2/18, story 4, 0:25, Holt, 7.86M) reported Ted Cruz "said he would never visit [Cuba] as long as Castro is in power." [The Hill](#) (2/18, Carney, 862K) reports Sen. Marco Rubio is urging Obama to cancel the trip. Rubio said in a letter to Obama, "I urge you to reconsider visiting Cuba and instead insist that the Castro regime finally make some serious concessions that have so far not been prioritized in negotiations." Rubio added, "A presidential visit to Cuba absent of any concessions from its government is a dangerous idea."

**Rhodes: Guantanamo Bay Not On Agenda.** [USA Today](#) (2/18, Korte, 5.45M) reports the issue of the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base is not on Obama's agenda for the trip. Rhodes said, "That's not a part of this trip." However, [USA Today](#) says, while "the issue is far down the list of US priorities...it ranks closer to the top for Cuba." Rhodes said, "I'm sure that will be part of the discussion," adding, "I know that, because I've had that discussion many times with my Cuban counterparts. You know, they are insistent, obviously, that our presence there is not legitimate and that the facility be returned to them."

**BIDEN SAYS OBAMA SEEKING SCOTUS NOMINEE WITH PAST GOP SUPPORT.** For the first time since the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia last weekend, the election year fight over the court vacancy was not covered by any of the broadcast network newscasts. The White House signaled Thursday that President Obama plans to act promptly, and in an [interview](#) with Minnesota Public Radio, Vice President Biden said Obama is looking for a nominee who can be confirmed, and not a liberal ideologue whose nomination would fail.

The [AP](#) (2/18, Lederman) reports Biden said that the President "is looking for a Supreme Court nominee with past Republican support." Biden said, "In order to get this done, the President is not going to be able to go out – nor would it be his instinct, anyway – to pick the most liberal jurist in the nation and put them on the court. There are plenty of judges [who] are on high courts already who have had unanimous support of the Republicans."

[Reuters](#) (2/18, Rascoe) highlights Biden's remark that Obama cannot choose the most liberal contender, while the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/18, Lee, Hughes, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says Biden's remarks were a signal from the White House about Obama's intentions. [Politico](#) (2/18, Gass, 1.07M) says that "one judge thought to be on the administration's short list" who would meet Biden's description is Sri Srinivasan, who was confirmed by the Senate 97-0 for a seat on the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals in 2013.

The [Washington Times](#) (2/18, Richardson, 285K) reports that "top online oddsmaker" BookMaker.eu lists Srinivasan as the most likely nominee. [The Hill](#) (2/18, Fabian, 862K) also reports on Biden's comments. Meanwhile, [Reuters](#) (2/18, Heavey, Mason) reports White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said during his regular briefing, "The President certainly wants to move promptly so that the United States Senate can do the same."

**Obama Appointee Could Usher In Biggest Court Shift Since 1991.** The [New York Times](#) (2/18, Liptak, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) writes that "there is a reason Republican senators are so adamant in their refusal" to accept an Obama appointment, since it would bring about "the most consequential ideological shift on the court since 1991, creating a liberal majority that would almost certainly reshape American law and American life." The confirmation of Clarence Thomas as Thurgood Marshall's successor that year shifted the court to a narrow conservative majority that has endured for 25 years.

Following on other reports about the impact of Scalia's death on particular issues, the [Washington Post](#) (2/18, DePillis, 8.98M) reports Scalia's successor will have a major impact on gay rights, while [Reuters](#) (2/18, Davies) reports that Puerto Rico's bid to reinstate the Recovery Act as part of its debt restructuring program may face better odds in the Supreme Court with Scalia absent.

**Polls Show Sharp National Divide Over Whether Obama Should Make Pick.** [Politico](#) (2/18, Everett, 1.07M) reports that "a pair of national polls from CBS and NBC showed Americans are sharply divided" over how to fill the seat, "with roughly half" saying the President should do so, "and the other half backing [Senate] Majority Leader McConnell's plans to punt for a year." The "split decision in each poll offers an early validation of McConnell's decision to quickly kill off a potential nomination, rather than stringing out the process with hearings and debate, only to reach the same outcome." The [New York Times](#) (2/18, Russonello, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that in the CBS poll, 47% says the President should make the pick, while 46% say he should not.



James Downie writes in the [Washington Post](#) (2/18, Downie, 8.98M) "Post Partisan" blog that "the debate over whether Republicans can delay the nomination for a year obscures how the Scalia fight could change the balance of power between the executive and legislative branches," since setting that precedent may invite the party controlling the Senate to delay nominations indefinitely.

**McConnell And Grassley Say Voters Should Get To Weigh In.** In a [Washington Post](#) (2/18, 8.98M) op-ed, McConnell and Senate Judiciary Chairman Charles Grassley write, "Rarely does a Supreme Court vacancy occur in the final year of a presidential term, and the Senate has not confirmed a nominee to fill a vacancy arising in such circumstances for the better part of a century. So the American people have a particular opportunity now to make their voice heard in the selection of Scalia's successor as they participate in the process to select their next president."

**LePage Says Obama Should Make Selection.** [Politico](#) (2/18, Gass, 1.07M) reports Maine Republican Gov. Paul LePage, elected as a Tea Party candidate, said "in a break from Republicans running for the White House" that Obama should make the pick. He said, "I'm a big constitutionalist. If it's in the Constitution, I think it means something."

**Conservative Group Airing Ads To Keep Pressure On GOP Senators.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/18, Viebeck, 8.98M) reports that the Judicial Crisis Network, "a conservative legal group," has "announced a seven-figure advertising campaign aimed at pressuring McConnell" and six other targeted senators "to hold off on any aspect of considering a replacement for Scalia until after President Obama leaves office."

**Senators Parse Each Others' Past Remarks.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/18, DeBonis, 8.98M) reports senators have been using each others' past remarks on judicial appointments to make their cases, with a 2007 speech by Sen. Charles Schumer making the case against Senate action on a hypothetical George W. Bush Supreme Court nominee with 18 months left in Bush's term getting a lot of attention.

**White House Responds To Criticism Over Obama's Decision Not To Attend Scalia Funeral.** The [New York Times](#) (2/18, Harris, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports the White House tried Thursday "to fend off criticism of President Obama's decision not to attend" Scalia's funeral, "but even some administration allies lamented the move as a missed opportunity to ease the partisan warfare that has followed the justice's death." The Times says Administration officials "were stung by what they saw as an unfair attack on what they viewed as Mr. Obama's dignified and respectful reaction to Justice Scalia's death, a reaction they thought contrasted sharply with that of others in Washington who quickly politicized the loss."

[The Hill](#) (2/18, Fabian, 862K) reports Earnest said "it makes sense to send Vice President Biden to the funeral instead because his 'security footprint is a little bit lighter' and he has a longtime relationship with Scalia's family." [Politico](#) (2/18, McCaskill, 1.07M) says the President's decision "to skip the funeral puzzled both allies and critics," though "people close to the Scalia family said Obama was making the right choice and that the Friday ceremony at the Supreme Court was the better place for Obama to pay his respects."

**Some Support 18-Year Limit On SCOTUS Tenure.** The [AP](#) (2/18, Sherman) reports that Scalia's death "and the potential impasse over replacing him is giving new impetus to an old idea: Limiting the service of Supreme Court justices. ... The most talked-about idea," a "single 18-year-term," has "support among both liberals and conservatives."

**WPost Wonkblog: Obama Has Appointed Few "White Dudes" To Federal Bench.** Max Ehrenfreund writes in the [Washington Post](#) (2/18, 8.98M) "Wonkblog" that "the number of white dudes becoming federal judges has plummeted under Obama." He adds, "Until the Democrats lost control of the Senate, Obama was able to give unprecedented numbers of women and people of color seats on the federal bench."

**Scalia's Son Calls Conspiracy Theories A "Hurtful Distraction."** The [Washington Post](#) (2/18, Bever, 8.98M) reports Scalia's son Eugene told radio host Laura Ingraham Wednesday that conspiracy theories about his father's death are "a hurtful distraction for a family that's mourning." He also said, "I think it's a distraction from a great man and his legacy."

**FIRST-TIME JOBLESS CLAIMS REACH THREE-MONTH LOW.** The Labor Department reported Thursday that initial jobless claims fell 7,000 to 262,000 last week, the lowest level in three months. Economists had expected about 275,000 new claims, [Bloomberg News](#) (2/18, Stilwell, 2.92M) reports. The four week moving average, which eliminates some volatility, fell 8,000 to 273,250. The number of people receiving unemployment



benefits rose from 2.25 million to 2.26 million. Bloomberg News adds the reports signals “stability in the labor market,” which has “exhibited persistent strength despite softer foreign sales, a sign domestic demand is helping the US weather a global slowdown.” The AP (2/18, Rugaber) says the unemployment report is “evidence that stock market turmoil and slow growth overseas haven’t caused US businesses to cut jobs.” Dow Jones Newswires (2/18, Morath) says the four week moving average was the lowest this year. Reuters (2/18) also reports the story.

**Leading Economic Indicators Down For Second Month.** The Conference Board’s index of leading economic indicators fell for the second consecutive month in January, down 0.2% to 123.2, in line with economists’ expectations, Bloomberg News (2/18, Darie, 2.92M) reports. Conference Board economist Ataman Ozyildirim said, “The US LEI fell slightly in January, driven primarily by large declines in stock prices and further weakness in initial claims for unemployment insurance. Despite back-to-back monthly declines, the index doesn’t signal a significant increase in the risk of recession, and its six-month growth rate remains consistent with a modest economic expansion through early 2016.” CNBC (2/18, Balakrishnan, 2.3M) said in spite “of the decline in LEI, the economy is still on pace for moderate expansion, Ozyildirim said.”

**WSJournal A1: IPO Market Slipping Amid Investor Anxiety.** The Wall Street Journal (2/18, A1, Driebusch, Gage, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says the IPO market is sinking amid investor anxiety. The US saw no IPOs in January and there have been only four so far this month. Jill Ford, who runs the group at Credit Suisse that oversees trading in US stock offerings, said, “There are a lot of private companies who might have thought they were going public in the next six months, but now that will likely be several months later. ... Everyone’s timeline has likely been pushed back a bit.”

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES. “An American President In Cuba.”** In an editorial, the New York Times (2/18, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says Obama “spoke passionately” about “the importance of term limits” when he visited Africa, but “has been more muted on this issue in Latin America.” The Times says the President “will have an opportunity to make that point closer to home” during his Cuba visit. The Times argues that because Obama “is wildly popular in Cuba, his message about democratic traditions, leadership and power stands to resonate powerfully.”

**“Why Apple Is Right To Challenge An Order To Help The FBI.”** A New York Times (2/18, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorial argues Apple “is doing the right thing in challenging the federal court ruling” requiring it to help the FBI access the iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino shooters. Citing a 1977 case in which the Supreme Court said “the government could not compel a third party that is not involved in a crime to assist law enforcement if doing so would place ‘unreasonable burdens’ on it,” the Times says the court’s order “places just such a burden on the company.” The Times also opposes requiring tech firms to maintain a “back door” to encrypted data, arguing, “criminals and domestic and foreign intelligence agencies could exploit such features to conduct mass surveillance and steal national and trade secrets.”

**“When States Fight To Overturn Good Local Labor Laws.”** A New York Times (2/19, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorial says lawmakers in a number of states have launched efforts to block “an increasing number of pro-labor laws passed by cities and counties.” The Times argues that the “real needs of real people are driving pro-labor legislation on the local level,” and the “question in some states is whether those needs and those people will prevail over the interests of low-wage employers and the lawmakers who do their bidding.”

**WASHINGTON POST. “Pope Francis’s Ill-Advised Remarks About Trump Offers A Moment Of Clarity.”** The Washington Post (2/18, 8.98M) says in an editorial that the Pope “should have been savvier...than to be drawn into the mud of a presidential election,” but if his “unusually frank assessment of [Donald] Trump’s policy was ill-advised, it also provided a moment of clarity.” It is “easy to lose sight of the underlying issue – the moral obligation to treat migrants humanely.”

**“Apple Should Not Be Forced By The Government To Decrypt Users’ Data.”** In an editorial on the federal court ruling requiring Apple to help the FBI access an iPhone used by one the San Bernardino shooters, the Washington Post (2/18, 8.98M) says the FBI “is attempting to explore and establish the limits of its legal powers to combat terrorism...in the absence of action by Congress and the White House,” which is “the wrong call.” Arguing that the “more government-ordered hacking techniques are developed and used, the more likely they eventually will fall into the hands of malicious actors,” the Post expresses hope that “Apple will fight as hard to



safeguard its users' privacy from authoritarian abuse.”

**“Victims Of Forced Sterilization Deserve A Gesture Of Justice From Virginia.”** The [Washington Post](#) (2/18, 8.98M) editorializes that North Carolina “set a bold example of justice in 2013 by establishing a \$10 million fund to locate and compensate surviving victims of the state’s barbaric, decades-long program of forced sterilization,” and now Virginia, “which ran a similarly aggressive campaign to deprive as many as 8,000 mentally ill, epileptic or otherwise ‘feebleminded’ citizens of the ability to conceive children, has an opportunity to follow suit. It should.” The Post argues that the “financial stakes are modest – no more than a couple hundred of the state’s victims are likely still alive – but the principle is not.” Contending that “compensation can’t make up for the deprivation of the right to reproduce, perhaps the most fundamental human right of all, with no due process or informed consent,” the Post adds that “as a symbolic gesture, it is the right thing to do.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. “The FBI v. Apple.”** In an editorial on the federal court ruling requiring Apple to help the FBI access an iPhone used by one the San Bernardino shooters, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/18, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) faults the Administration for allowing the situation to get this far, arguing it should have been resolved quietly before it reached this point, but the Administration never gave Congress statutory language concerning backdoors.

**“The Pope And Donald Trump.”** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/18, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) criticizes the Pope for questioning Donald Trump’s personal faith, and said it belies Francis’ reputation as a man who does not judge.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

[Pope And Trump Spar Over Immigration And Candidate’s Faith](#)  
[Lengthy Hospice Care Boosts Medicare Bills](#)  
[IPO Market Dries Up As Investors Retreat](#)  
[US Clash With Apple Was Months In The Making](#)

#### **New York Times:**

[Court Nominee Could Reshape American Life](#)  
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#### **Washington Post:**

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[Culling Time In GOP Race](#)  
[Pope: Contraceptives Could Be Permissible To Avoid Zika](#)  
[Francis Joins A Global Chorus, Taking A Jab At Trump’s Faith](#)

#### **Financial Times:**

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[Walesa Was Paid Spy For Communist Authorities Say Polish Investigators](#)

#### **Washington Times:**

[Antonin Scalia’s Candor, Humor Recalled Ahead Of Justice’s Funeral](#)  
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[Government Eyes Crackdown On ‘Troublesome Problem’ Of Malt Liquor](#)

#### **Story Lineup From Last Night’s Network News:**

**ABC:** [Hawaii-Helicopter Crash](#); [Pope Francis Comments](#); [Pope Francis Comments-Republicans Respond](#);



2016 Politics-Democrats; FBI-Apple Privacy Dispute; Hollywood Medical Center-Ransomware Case; Obama-Upcoming Cuba Trip; Bridges Report; Zika Virus-Pope Francis; California-Methane Gas Leak Ends; Bill Cosby Case.

**CBS:** Pope Francis Comments-Trump Responds; 2016 Politics-John Kasich; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Hollywood Medical Center-Ransomware Case; Hillary Clinton Interview; California-Methane Gas Leak Capped; Zika Virus; Hawaii-Helicopter Crash; Hillary Clinton Interview.

**NBC:** Pope Francis Comments-Trump Responds; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Obama-Upcoming Cuba Visit; Zika Virus-Pope Francis; FBI-Apple Privacy Dispute; Hollywood Medical Center-Ransomware Case; California-Methane Gas Leak Capped; High Cholesterol-Stress; Hawaii-Helicopter Crash.

#### **Network TV At A Glance:**

2016 Politics – 11 minutes, 5 seconds

Pope Francis Comments – 10 minutes, 20 seconds

Hollywood Medical Center-Ransomware Case – 5 minutes, 40 seconds

Zika Virus – 4 minutes, 25 seconds

FBI-Apple Privacy Dispute – 3 minutes, 45 seconds

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Obama-Upcoming Cuba Trip – 1 minute, 10 seconds

California-Methane Gas Leak Capped – 1 minute, 5 seconds

#### **Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Obama-Upcoming Cuba Visit; North Korea-US Sanctions; Zika Virus Travel Alert Expands; Wall Street.

**CBS:** 2016 Politics-Democrats; Pope Francis Comments-Trump Responds; Zika Virus-Pope Francis; Justice Scalia Funeral; Scalia Replacement Debate; Obama-Upcoming Cuba Visit; Wall Street.

**FOX:** Pope Francis Comments-Trump Responds; 2016 Politics-GOP Poll; 2016 Politics-Democrats; North Korea-US Sanctions; Washington DC-Military Veteran Attacked; FBI-Apple Privacy Dispute; California-Methane Gas Leak Capped; Chicago Blackhawks-White House Appearance.

**NPR:** Hillary Clinton-Congressman Clyburn Endorsement; Pope Francis Comments-Trump Responds; Zika Virus-Pope Francis; Obama-Upcoming Cuba Visit; Wall Street; Texas-Bland Wrongful Death Suit; California-Methane Gas Leak Capped; Justice Scalia Funeral.

## **Washington Schedule:**

### **TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

#### **White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama travel to the Court to pay their respects to Associate Justice Antonin Scalia; attends the Democratic Governors Association Meeting, pool spray at the top.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — The Vice President attends the Democratic Governors Association Meeting, pool spray at the top.

**US Senate:** Senate on recess from Feb. 12 – Feb. 22.

**US House:** 11:30 AM 'Ask Me About DC' tourism and hospitality event on Capitol Hill – 'Ask Me About DC' – 6th annual trade show-style event that familiarizes legislative assistants with the tours, hotels, restaurants, museums, attractions, sports teams, and business improvement districts in Washington, DC, hosted by Democratic Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton in partnership with Destination DC and this year themed 'DC Cool'. Over 50 hospitality industry businesses participate, with special guests including representatives from Air China, DC United, and Richard Sandoval Restaurants. Location: Rm 345, Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, DC [www.washington.org](http://www.washington.org). Contacts: Kate Gibbs Destination DC [kate.gibbs@destinationdc.com](mailto:kate.gibbs@destinationdc.com) 1 202 297 2431.

House of Representatives on recess from Feb. 12 – Feb. 22.

**Other:** Friday, Feb. 19 – Monday, Feb. 22 10:00 AM National Governors Association Winter Meeting – National Governors Association Winter Meeting. Today's agenda includes a NGA Executive Committee and Center for Best Practices board meeting and a reception honoring the nation's governors at the British Embassy. Location: JW Marriott, Washington, DC <http://www.nga.org> <https://twitter.com/NatlGovsAssoc>. Contacts: Elena Waskey NGA [ewaskey@nga.org](mailto:ewaskey@nga.org) 1 202 624 7787.



7:00 AM Annual Nuclear Deterrence Summit continues – Annual Nuclear Deterrence Summit continues. Day four speakers include former US Strategic Command Former Commander Air Force Gen. (Ret.) Robert Kehler and US Navy Vice Adm. (Ret.) Robert Monroe. Location: Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA Arlington <http://deterrencesummit.com/>. Contacts: ExchangeMonitor Forum Services [forums@exchangemonitor.com](mailto:forums@exchangemonitor.com) 1 877 303 7367 x 109.

8:00 AM Premier of Quebec speaks at US Chamber of Commerce / Wilson Center event – Quebec's Premier Philippe Couillard delivers keynote and participates in conversation on 'Quebec and the United States: A Long Standing Partnership for Prosperity', hosted by the US Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Wilson Center Canada Institute, as part of his first official visit to Washington, DC, since his 2014 election. Location: Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC [www.uschamber.com](http://www.uschamber.com) <https://twitter.com/USChamber>. Contacts: Chris Hoyler US Chamber of Commerce [choyler@uschamber.com](mailto:choyler@uschamber.com).

8:00 AM FDA Medical Devices Advisory Committee Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel meeting. Location: Hilton Washington, DC/North, 620 Perry Pkwy, Gaithersburg, MD Gaithersburg [federalregister.gov/a/2015-29768](http://federalregister.gov/a/2015-29768) [https://twitter.com/US\\_FDA](https://twitter.com/US_FDA). Contacts: James Swink FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health James. [Swink@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Swink@fda.hhs.gov) 1 301 796 6313.

8:30 AM Briefing on state health initiatives at NPC – Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson discusses his experience with the state's program to move newly-eligible Medicaid beneficiaries to qualified health plans, and his intentions for future changes, at the National Press Club. Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC [www.allhealth.org](http://www.allhealth.org) <https://twitter.com/AllHealthReform>. Contacts: Samantha Feller Alliance for Health Reform [sfeller@allhealth.org](mailto:sfeller@allhealth.org) 1 202 789 2300.

11:00 AM OAS Permanent Council meetings – Organization of American States Permanent Council meetings: special meeting to receive Dominican Foreign Affairs Minister Andres Navarro Garcia, who presents the theme of the upcoming (13-15 Jun) 46th regular session of the OAS General Assembly, with OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro and Permanent Council Chair Amb. Sir Ronald Sanders also delivering remarks (11:00 AM EST) \* Regular meeting with agenda including presentation on the Zika virus by the Pan American Health Organization, and presentation of the verbal report on the OAS Electoral Observation Mission in Guatemala by Mission Chief Juan Pablo Corlazzoli (2:00 PM EST) \* Ahead of the first meeting, Minister Garcia and Secretary General Almagro sign agreement that signals the final phase of preparations for the Assembly. Location: OAS, 17th St and Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.oas.org> [https://twitter.com/OAS\\_official](https://twitter.com/OAS_official). Contacts: Mónica Reyes OAS media [MReyes@oas.org](mailto:MReyes@oas.org).

11:00 AM 'Climate and Clean Energy' discussion at CAP – Center for American Progress Action Fund and NextGen Climate discussion on 'Climate and Clean Energy: Why Young Americans Are Taking Notice and Taking Action', featuring Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo, NextGen Climate Founder Tom Steyer, and EDF New Climate Partnerships Campaign Manager Lucia Oliva Hennelly. Location: 1333 H St. NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC [www.americanprogressaction.org](http://www.americanprogressaction.org) <https://twitter.com/CAPaction>. Contacts: Marlene Cooper Vasilic CAP Action Fund [events@americanprogressaction.org](mailto:events@americanprogressaction.org) 1 202 682 1611.

11:00 AM Vermont Gov. Shumlin speaks on opioid and heroin addiction crisis – Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin speaks at Pew Charitable Trusts on 'Confronting America's Opioid and Heroin Addiction Crisis', discussing Vermont's plan to prevent and treat opioid and heroin addiction. Location: Pew Charitable Trusts, 901 E St., Washington, DC [www.pewtrusts.org](http://www.pewtrusts.org) <https://twitter.com/pewtrusts> #StopOpioidAbuse. Contacts: Christina Nyquist Pew Charitable Trusts [cnyquist@pewtrusts.org](mailto:cnyquist@pewtrusts.org) 1 202 552 2069.

11:45 AM POLITICO State Solutions Conference – POLITICO Fourth Annual State Solutions Conference, featuring conversations with governors from across the nation. Speakers include Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, Delaware Governor Jack Markell, Wyoming Governor Matt Mead, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant, and Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin. Location: Microsoft Innovation & Policy Center, 901 K St NW, Washington, DC [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com) <https://twitter.com/POLITICOEvents> #POLGovs. Contacts: Alexis Williams POLITICO Events [awilliams@politico.com](mailto:awilliams@politico.com) 1 703 341 4620.

## **Last Laughs:**

### **LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**



**Jimmy Kimmel:** "In South Carolina, things are looking up for Ted Cruz. Ted Cruz, for the first time, is ahead of Donald Trump in a national poll. Of course, Trump is suing the poll, so we'll see how that goes."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "The Pope is in Mexico. On his way home, he was asked about Donald Trump – which is funny on its own, really – and the Pope said, 'A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not building bridges, is not a Christian.' Which, of course, is nonsense. Donald Trump made it very clear that his favorite book is the Bible, so he's definitely a Christian."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Last night Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and Ben Carson got a chance to make an impression on the South Carolina voters. The primary there is on Saturday. Anderson Cooper asked personal questions. ... He asked [Sen. Marco Rubio] what kind of music he liked. He said he liked electronic dance music – EDM. Why do we need to know this? Are we electing a President or an Uber driver?"

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Rubio also said he's a big fan of '90s West Coast hip-hop, which I think probably means he liked the 'Fresh Prince of Bel Air' theme song."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Meanwhile, Hillary Clinton revealed that her favorite type of music is whatever type of music you like."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "During the town hall, Ben Carson touted his experience as a surgeon. He said he's had to take more 2:00 am phone calls than anybody else in the race, which must be why he looks like he's falling asleep all the time."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Shocking news tonight. I got to get straight to the big celebrity feud everyone is talking about: Donald Trump versus the Pope. ... As America's foremost Catholic, let me explain what happened. The Pope is in Mexico right now, where he was asked about Donald Trump's plan to build a border wall. And his Holiness said, quote, 'A person who thinks only about building walls, wherever they may be, and not of building bridges, is not Christian. This man is not Christian, if he has said things like that.' Then Trump is okay because he has not said things like that. He has said exactly that, okay."

**Stephen Colbert:** "I want to try to broker a peace. Mr. Trump, Mr. Pope – is it possible that you guys are fighting because you have so much in common? After all, you both think you're infallible. You both sit on golden thrones and you both wear very silly things on your heads."

**James Corden:** "While visiting Mexico yesterday, Pope Francis stated that he did not think that Donald Trump is a true Christian because of Trump's belief on immigration. I know you're thinking, 'There goes the Pope's chances on being the next season of 'Celebrity Apprentice.'"

**James Corden:** "Do you know how wrong you have to be for a Pope to dislike you. I mean, the Pope's entire thing is literally forgiveness. Pope John Paul hung out with the guy who tried to assassinate him, and now Pope Francis is like, 'I can't with this Trump guy. I can't.'"

**James Corden:** "Trump fired back saying the Pope will wish Donald Trump were president if the Vatican is ever attacked. I have to say, the only time I think people will wish Trump was president is if Ted Cruz is president."

**James Corden:** "In a historic move, he also suggested that it might be acceptable to use contraception in order to prevent the spread of the Zika virus. And that's not surprising to me because once you start debating with Donald Trump, birth control starts to seem like a pretty good idea."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Speaking of the Pope, when asked about Donald Trump, Pope Francis said that people who build walls are not Christians. And Donald said, 'Of course I'm a Christian. Do you know how many carpenters named Jesus I have working for me?'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Over on the Democratic side, Bernie Sanders is getting support of students at Hillary Clinton's alma mater, Wellesley College. Yeah. So now Hillary Clinton is trying to get the support of Bernie's alma mater, Jurassic Park."

**Seth Meyers:** "During last night's Republican town hall, Ted Cruz confirmed that he sometimes calls his wife and sings to her, to which his wife always replies, 'Oh, no, I'm entering a tunnel.'"



**Seth Meyers:** "Ben Carson said during last night's town hall that he shoots pool to relax. Oh, he shoots pool. Because based on his energy level, I would have guessed heroin."

**Seth Meyers:** "Donald Trump responded to criticism from Pope Francis today and said the pontiff will wish Trump was president if, and when, the Vatican is attacked by ISIS. Though I think what he meant to say was, 'It's a nice Vatican you got there. Be a shame if something was to happen to it.'"

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### **DOI in the News:**

**SECRETARY JEWELL PRAISES PEACEFUL END TO OREGON STANDOFF.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/21, 388K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said Saturday that "the lack of local support for the armed takeover of an Oregon wildlife refuge helped curtail a more dangerous outcome and the spread of another 'Sagebrush Rebellion.'" Jewell also "praised a strong relationship between the federal government and local leaders for helping to tamp down what could have been a more explosive incident." At the National Governors Association conference in Washington, Jewell said, "We did get a peaceful end to that, which could have gone very, very differently."

**Oregon Occupier Granted Conditional Pretrial Release From Jail.** [Reuters](#) (2/22) reports Sandra Anderson, one of the final four militants arrested in the armed occupation at the Oregon wildlife refuge, was granted a pretrial release from jail on Friday. Under the terms of her release, Anderson must avoid contact with co-defendants, including her husband, and must maintain full-time employment or schooling. She also is prohibited from possessing firearms or traveling outside of Oregon or her home state of Idaho without prior approval.

**Arrested Refuge Occupier Insists He Was There As Journalist.** In an 1,894-word article, the [Washington Post](#) (2/20, Sottile, 8.98M) reports that despite Pete Santilli's insistence that he was at the Oregon wildlife refuge as a journalist, a judge has kept him in jail after hearing clips from his right-wing YouTube show, in which he "discusses burying illegal guns, dying a free man and shooting federal agents if they came through his door uninvited." His attorney says those comments shouldn't be taken seriously, and that he never encouraged violence when at the refuge. His case has attracted the interest of the ACLU of Oregon.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/19, Pearce, 4.1M) reports on the controversy over Santilli's arrest and a separate indictment against for voicing his support of the refuge occupiers as well as those involved with an armed standoff against federal agents outside Las Vegas in 2014. Santilli and his supporters say the government is punishing him for his constitutionally protected viewpoints. The Times writes that Santilli is among a "new wave of activist-journalists" who use the tools of journalism but don't abide by the "the traditional restrictions of journalism, and who have courted danger as a result."

**Grand Jury Indicts Bundys, Associates For Nevada Standoff.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/18, Subscription Publication) reports that a federal grand jury last week "indicted Cliven Bundy and four others on 16 felony charges for their roles in Bundy's armed standoff with the Bureau of Land Management at his Bunkerville, Nev., ranch in April 2014." According to the article, "the other four – Ammon Bundy, 40, of Idaho; Ryan Bundy, 43, of Nevada; Ryan



Payne, 32, of Montana; and Pete Santilli, 50, of Ohio – are all behind bars in Portland, Ore., and already face a felony charge for their roles in the 40-day Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation that ended last week.” BLM Director Neil Komze said, “Today marks a tremendous step toward ending more than 20 years of law breaking. The nation’s public lands belong to all Americans.”

**Papers Show BLM Made Tactical Errors In 2014 Bunkerville Showdown.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (2/21, 479K) reports that “court documents charging the defiant rancher, two of his sons and others in the April 12, 2014, armed showdown near the family’s ranch show that the BLM erred by putting its rangers in a ‘dangerously exposed’ tactical position.” According to the article, “the federal forces made what military tacticians consider classic mistakes in the annals of armed conflict: They gave up the high ground to the opposition while underestimating the strength of Bundy’s 200-strong force.”

**SECRETARY JEWELL CO-HOSTS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR INSULAR AREAS.** The [Pacific \(GUM\) Daily News](#) (2/21, 61K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and White House Intergovernmental Affairs Director Jerry Abramson are co-hosting this year’s White House conference for insular areas. The conference is “meant to provide leaders of the U.S. territories a forum to discuss issues that are important to their island and region.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KUAM-TV](#) Dededo, GUM (2/21, 171).

**SUBPOENAS ISSUED OVER GOLD KING MINE SPILL REVIEW.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/19) reports that House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop has “subpoenaed the Interior Department and the Army Corps of Engineers for documents related to Interior’s technical review of the Gold King mine spill caused last year by EPA employees. Republicans have long criticized the scope of the Interior report, and say Interior has tamped down concerns about the report by the Corps.” Bishop said, “The Department of the Interior has been actively working to withhold information from the Committee that members on both sides of the aisle are seeking.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Denver Post](#) (2/19, Paul, 881K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/18, 31K), the [Miami \(FL\) Herald](#) (2/21, 803K), and the [Wyoming Tribune Eagle](#) (2/21, 44K).

**INTERIOR RELEASES PLAN TO STOP SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/18, Subscription Publication) reports that the Interior Department released a nationwide plan last week “to stop the spread of invasive species, calling on federal agencies to better coordinate their response to a growing threat in a changing climate.” The framework “recommends that federal agencies do more planning.” Kristen Sarri, Interior’s principal deputy assistant secretary, said that “early detection and rapid response are key to battling invasive species, which are notoriously hard to control.”

**BLACK CHURCH LEADERS TARGET REP. PORTMAN OVER ANTIQUITIES ACT.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/19) reports that “fifty-eight black church leaders in Ohio are targeting Sen. Rob Portman over his support for restrictions on the president’s ability to designate national monuments, citing his vote for an unsuccessful energy bill amendment.” In a letter, they wrote, “Our responsibility to care for Creation is coupled with our duty to preserve and honor the story of all Americans, and ensure all of our children have equitable access to healthy recreation and the opportunity to find their own story in our park system.” According to the article, “they highlight two national monuments in Ohio honoring African American labor and national park leaders are reasons to back the Antiquities Act, which provides presidential authority to designate such monuments.”

**Senate’s Blocking Of Proposed Amendment To Antiquities Act Welcomed.** Pueblo of Zuni councilman Carleton R. Bowekaty writes in [The Hill](#) (2/22, Bowekaty, 862K) “Congress Blog” blog that Sen. Mike Lee’s proposed amendment to the Antiquities Act would remove federal protection from public lands and jeopardize places like Bears Ears National Monument, Native American religious and cultural sites, and National Parks. Lee’s proposal was defeated by a Senate majority, ensuring the continued protection of public lands, wildlife, places for outdoor recreation, and historic, cultural and natural sites.

**PROPOSAL WOULD PROTECT LWCF.** The [Danbury \(CT\) News Times](#) (2/18, 138K) reports that “for the first time in decades,” the Land and Water Conservation Fund “could be shielded from Congressional diversions, possibly translating to more money for preservation in Connecticut.” The state “received \$112 million from the fund over the last five decades for projects and preservation efforts.”

In an editorial, the [Tampa \(FL\) Tribune](#) (2/22, 385K) welcomes the recent budget agreement that reauthorized the LWCF.



**IDAHO HOUSE URGES CONGRESS TO BLOCK SAGE GROUSE RULES.** The [Twin Falls \(ID\) Times-News](#) (2/21, 73K) reports that “the Idaho House unanimously passed a joint memorial Wednesday calling on Congress to let states implement their own sage grouse conservation plans and block funding for the federal plan.” Idaho is “suing the federal government over sage grouse conservation plans the Department of the Interior announced in September, saying it would rather go with the one the state devised.”

**UTAH LAWMAKER PUSHES LEGISLATION TO PREPARE WAYS TO MANAGE FEDERAL LANDS.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (2/21, 402K) reports that “critics say Utah’s efforts to gain ownership of 30 million acres of federal land within its borders are an ill-conceived folly, but proponents want to be prepared if or when their efforts prove successful.” To that end, Rep. Mike Noel is “sponsoring the Utah Public Lands Management Act, HB276, which would kick in when at least 100,000 acres of federal lands are transferred to the state.” The measure, “which passed the House Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Committee on Friday on a 9-1 vote, sets up the state Division of Land Management, a director to lead the agency and an 11-member advisory board.”

In an op-ed for the [Ogden \(UT\) Standard-Examiner](#) (2/21, 105K), attorney E. Kent Winward criticizes the effort.

**Utah Ranchers, Farm Officials Criticize BLM Policies.** The [AP](#) (2/19, 285K) reports that “Utah ranchers and farm bureau officials say the federal government’s heavy hand on public land policies is hurting the ranching business in the West.” Utah Farm Bureau Federation CEO Randy Parker says “public lands livestock ranchers face a number of uncertainties, largely because of a fickle administration of federal land policies.”

**FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AN ISSUE FOR WESTERN STATES IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE.** The [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (2/18, 22K) editorializes that “in the next few days Nevadans will add their voices to the presidential nomination mix.” The paper runs through remaining candidates’ positions on federal land issues.

Additional coverage of the issue was provided by the [Financial Times](#) (2/22, Jopson, Subscription Publication, 1.36M), the [Idaho Falls \(ID\) Post Register](#) (2/20), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/21, 290K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/20, Riccardi, Thomas, Press, 1.99M), the [Miami \(FL\) Herald](#) (2/21, 803K), [US News & World Report](#) (2/19, 853K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/20, Lerer Ken Thomas |, Ap, 8.98M), and the [Daily Mail](#) (2/21, 4.92M).

**Cruz Ad On Public Lands Targets Trump.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication) reports that “Ted Cruz’s campaign on Thursday released an ad aimed at front-runner Donald Trump in Nevada, drawing a plain contrast between the Texas senator and the billionaire on a potent topic in the Mountain West: federal land use.” In an ad titled “Nevada Land,” Cruz says, “Eighty-five percent of Nevada is owned and regulated by the federal government, and Donald Trump wants to keep big government in charge. That’s ridiculous.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Greenwire](#) (2/19, Subscription Publication), the [Daily Caller](#) (2/19, White, 443K), [Huffington Post](#) (2/20, 518K), and [Think Progress](#) (2/19, 329K).

**NEW NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN CALIFORNIA PRAISED.** For the “Pundits” blog of [The Hill](#) (2/19, Reichert, Contributor, 862K), Joshua Reichert, who leads the environmental work at the Pew Charitable Trusts, writes that President Obama “took a critical step toward buttressing” California’s “legacy of environmental protection and resilience by designating three new national monuments in the California desert, adding to a corridor of protected land that now stretches north from Joshua Tree National Park to the edge of Death Valley National Park.” According to Reichert, “these new monuments are an important part of a broader approach by federal, state and local agencies to integrate land and wildlife conservation with the development of renewable energy sources in the California desert.” He also says that “the monuments will complement the administration’s Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, which identifies lands for potential renewable energy development and conservation.”

For the “Congress” blog of [The Hill](#) (2/19, Duncan, Dunwoody, Trafzer, 862K), Glen Duncan, president of California Historic Route 66 Association, Steve Dunwoody, California director for Vet Voice Foundation, and Cliff Trafzer, the Rupert Costo chair of American Indian Affairs and a professor of history at the University of California, Riverside, gives much of the credit to Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s “tireless work to conserve and protect these lands.” They “commend Obama for his commitment to protecting the historic California desert” and “thank Sen. Feinstein for her years of leadership in California desert conservation.” They also extend their “gratitude to U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack for their support of these national monuments.”



**CONGRESS URGED TO TREAT WILDFIRES AS DISASTERS.** In an op-ed for the [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/18, Feinstein, Pimlott, 4.1M), Sen. Dianne Feinstein, and Ken Pimlott, the director of Cal Fire and California's state forester, write that the U.S. Forest Service "must be allowed to pay for fighting extraordinary wildfires similarly to how FEMA and other agencies pay for disaster responses." They argue that the Forest Service's "firefighting costs should not come at the expense of routine brush clearance and maintenance that help prevent future wildfires." They conclude that "wildfires are deadly disasters, and Congress needs to treat them as such."

The [Walla Walla \(WA\) Union-Bulletin](#) (2/21, 38K) editorializes that "it's critical government learn from the wildfire disaster of 2015." It notes that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell supports wildfires being "funded as disasters."

**INTERIOR PRAISED FOR SUPPORT OF ORGAN MOUNTAINS-DESERT PEAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT.** In a piece for the [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#) (2/22, 47K), Carrie Hamblen, the executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, is thankful for the "support and recognition from the Department of Interior, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and a host of other agencies in Washington DC for the activities surrounding" the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

**PROPOSAL TO CREATE GRAND CANYON WATERSHED NATIONAL MONUMENT OPPOSED.** In an op-ed for the [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (2/21, 37K), Glenn Hamer, the president and CEO of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, writes that the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument proposal is "one that should be permanently shelved, and we in the West must send that message to the administration." He argues that "federalizing land doesn't necessarily preserve an area's flora and fauna." Hamer concludes that "bureaucrats in Washington already hold sway over 70 percent of the land in Arizona" and "they don't need any more."

**IDAHO LEGISLATURE CRITICIZED FOR EYEING FEDERAL LANDS.** In her column for the [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (2/21, 77K), Joan Barron writes that "some members of the Wyoming Legislature continue to cling to the idea of sagebrush rebellion, round two, where the state would take over management of the federal lands within its borders." According to Barron, "give the dismal state of commodity prices, the idea seems almost quaint at this juncture with the Legislature scrambling to find a way to plug big holes in the budget." She asks: "How is the state going to pay to manage the vast acres of federal lands when —as former legislator Frank Prevedel of Rock Springs pointed out recently —it cannot find enough dollars to maintain the state parks properly?"

**OP-ED: INTERIOR'S CONSERVATIONIST LIST SKEWED.** In an op-ed for the [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (2/21, 73K) Natural Resources Group president Greg Walcher criticizes the Interior Department for its list of "Eight presidents who shaped America's public lands," stating that the list only mentioned three Republicans "who served over a century ago," and ignored Richard Nixon altogether, even though he "signed into law more environmental laws than any other president: the Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Ocean Dumping Act, and others — all of which earned bipartisan support in a Democratic Congress." Instead, the Interior Department focused on Democratic presidents responsible for changing the bipartisan approach to the issue of public land conservation into a "bitterly divisive" one.

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**INUPIAT WOMAN CAMPAIGNS TO STOP BEING IDENTIFIED AS AN ESKIMO.** The [Arctic \(AK\) Sounder](#) (2/21, 6K) reports that Blossom Twitchell, an Inupiat woman from Kotzebue, is campaigning to have the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) remove the term, "Eskimo," from its official paperwork because it fails to properly identify her. Twitchell said "we're coming to a point where we're getting tired of being generalized and it's important to own up to our cultural ties because we're losing our languages and our identity and it's a great time to anchor ourselves in the truth." Therefore, she started "I am not an Eskimo," a petition on [change.org](#), saying the time has come for people to realize that Alaska is diverse in land, culture, and people. However, some Alaskan natives believe the issue unimportant in light of larger problems.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Bristol Bay \(AK\) Times](#) (2/21, 4K).

**BIA'S HESITANCE ON INTERVENING ON TRIBAL LEADERSHIP CAUSES COURT HEADACHES.** [Law360](#) (2/17, 22K) reports that the BIA's "reluctance to get involved in tribal leadership disputes may allow those conflicts to fester, leaving federal judges to figure out how best to apply the government's limited and confusing guidance in their attempts to resolve related court battles." According to the article, "both federal courts and the BIA tend to avoid wading into tribal leadership tussles, which frequently center on a tribe's efforts



to pursue gambling or other businesses, out of a recognition that tribes have the right to govern themselves.”

**PLAINS TRIBES THWART BIE REORGANIZATION.** The [Lakota Country \(SD\) Times](#) (2/18) reports that “a recent effort by the federal government to centralize the Bureau of Indian Education and closure of several reservation based tribal education offices has been thwarted by a coalition of Lakota stakeholders.”

**REPORT ON BARSTOW CASINO AIR EMISSIONS RELEASED.** The [Barstow \(CA\) Desert Dispatch](#) (2/19, 279) reports that “a proposed \$160 million casino and resort off Lenwood Road near Interstate 15 would require the acquisition of costly emission credits, according to a draft reported released Friday by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.” According to a BIA notice, “the draft Conformity Determination was prepared for the proposed fee-to-trust acquisition of 23 acres of land on which the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians propose to construct a gaming facility, hotel, parking areas and other facilities.”

**OP-ED: HUFFMAN TRIBE BILL HIDES SPECIAL INTEREST.** In an op-ed for the [Santa Rosa \(CA\) Press Democrat](#) (2/21, 165K) co-directors of Citizens for Windsor Eric Wee and Michael Robison write that Rep. Jared Huffman’s bill HR 2538 does not protect the town of Windsor and Sonoma County. According to Wee and Robison, the bill allows the building of “a 200,000 case-a-year mega-winery, a 200-room resort hotel and more than 360 luxury homes” that “would destroy forever the quiet bucolic setting of western Windsor by creating a sovereign nation one-third the size of Windsor.” Wee and Robison dispute Huffman’s claim that the BIA would move land for the Lytton Band of Pomo Indians into a federal trust, stating the BIA is precluded from doing so under a 2009 US Supreme Court Carceri decision baring “land from going into trust for tribes not under federal jurisdiction in 1934.” They also write that Huffman’s bill cannot confer rights onto the Lytton tribe, which operates under Indian Gaming Regulatory Act prohibitions against gaming on lands not acquired prior to 1988.

### Office of Insular Affairs:

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY KIA’AINA TO HOST SELF-DETERMINATION CONFERENCE.** The [Pacific \(GUM\) Daily News](#) (2/21, 61K) reports that “education officials from Guam and other U.S. territories will meet in the nation’s capital, where they will participate as panelists in a self-determination conference on Tuesday.” Assistant Secretary Esther Kia’aina, “who will host the event, says both federal officials and the public need to be updated on self-determination policy.” She said, “I believe it is important to provide an updated context for federal policymakers and a new generation to learn about the status of self-determination in the respective territories as well as to understand what their rights are to self-determination under federal and international law.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KUAM-TV](#) Dededo, GUM (2/18, 171).

### Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**INTERIOR ASSESSES CALIFORNIA WATER.** In an interview with [California Ag Today](#) (2/21), Tom Iseman, deputy assistant secretary for water and science at the U.S. Department of the Interior, “assessed how California is faring given the drought.” He said: “First of all, I think California is obviously on the leading edge for a lot of reasons, but the state is in the midst of an extended drought. So it is really forcing us to be smarter about how we address these water scarcity challenges. I have been very impressed with the way we have been able to really work together—the Bureau of Reclamation working with the state, the water users and the conservation groups—to think about how we can stretch our limited water supplies to meet these different purposes.”

**WATER EXPERTS DISCUSS COLORADO RIVER ISSUES AT CONFERENCE..** The [Western Farm Press](#) (2/21, 2K) reports that Terry Fulp, director of the BOR’s Lower Colorado Region, “discussed Colorado River water issues during a panel discussion at the Yuma County Agriculture Water Conference held in Yuma, Ariz. in January.” According to the article, “Fulp shares an overall upbeat message on how the reservoir system on the Colorado River is working at lakes Mead and Powell (both storage reservoirs).”

**NATRONA COUNTY TO CONTINUE MANAGING RESERVOIR RECREATION AREAS.** The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (2/21, 77K) reports that Natrona County will “manage the recreation areas at Alcova, Pathfinder and Grey Reef reservoirs for another 25 years, under a new agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.” According to the article, “while there was little question the arrangement would be renewed, the agreement locks in a grandfather clause allowing privately owned trailers and cabins at two sites managed by the county.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KTWO-AM](#) Casper, WY (2/21, 576).



**BOR CONSIDERS INITIAL CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT WATER ALLOCATION FOR FARMS, CITIES.**

The [Salem \(OR\) Capital Press](#) (2/21, 113K) reports that BOR officials are "still formulating data to determine their initial allocation of Central Valley Project water for 2016." Louis Moore, deputy public affairs officer in the BOR's Mid-Pacific Region office in Sacramento, and "others say it could be one to two weeks before the formulations are complete, at which point they'll determine whether many Central Valley farms will get federal water for the first time in three years."

**BOR REJECTS LATEST BIDS FOR BERRYESSA RESORT REJUVENATION.**

The [Napa Valley \(CA\) Register](#) (2/21, 73K) reports that the BOR announced Friday that "it received three bids from California companies" to "rebuild and operate five of the seven Lake Berryessa resorts." However, "the agency deemed each bid failed to comply with at least one of the bid requirements concerning price, quality and other topics."

**KACHESS HOMEOWNERS CRITICIZE STATE'S APPRAISAL ESTIMATES.**

The [Yakima \(WA\) Herald-Republic](#) (2/21, 91K) reports that if the BOR "moves forward with plans to pump more water out of the Kachess Reservoir during drought years, area homeowners could see property values decline 5 to 10 percent, according to a new study." The article says that "homeowners who oppose the project — part of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan for improved water management in the region — criticized the study, saying that it doesn't account for how a further draw down of the lake could dry up private wells, limit recreational access, and raise fire risks."

**WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATION HITS HOME.**

The [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (2/21, Cowan, 37K) reports the Department of Water Resources notified Fort Valley residents that it completed a hydrographic study of the Hopi Tribe's water claims and has calculated how much water, in acre feet, the tribe is to have to "support everything from agriculture to resource extraction to recreation." Those involved in the decades long adjudication process will be affected in different ways, depending on whether they use surface or ground water. Affecting the process will be tribal water claims. According to Arizona State University Kyl Center for Water Policy director Sarah Porter, the only certainty is "a resolution will likely mean some parties won't have enough water to support future development and growth plans without augmenting their supplies, while other users may be told they don't have the right to water they thought they had been using legally for years."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FEDERAL AGENTS RAID NEVADA OFFICE, HOME OF BOR OFFICIAL.**

Additional coverage that "dozens of federal agents led by the FBI executed search warrants in Boulder City and in the Las Vegas Valley on Thursday in an investigation of corruption in the award of a \$1 million government contract for a financial audit of Hoover Dam" was provided by the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (2/21, 479K).

## Securing America's Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**BLM WORKING ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF CHOKECHERRY SIERRA MADRE WIND FARM.**

[reNews](#) (2/21) reports that "federal regulators expect to issue key rulings by March for the 3GW Chokecherry Sierra Madre (CCSM) wind farm in Wyoming." The Power Company of Wyoming "proposes to build the \$5bn, 1000-turbine project on a mix of private and public land in Carbon County, including federal land administered" by the BLM. The bureau said "it expects to complete an environmental assessment and issue a decision on a 500-turbine first phase in the first quarter of this year."

**TRIBE IN MINNESOTA BEGINS SOLAR ENERGY INITIATIVE.**

The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (2/21, Brooks, 1.25M) reports that the Red Lake Band of Chippewa in northern Minnesota last week launched a solar energy initiative to install between \$10 million and \$30 million in solar panels on "some of the largest structures in the reservation." The Star Tribune also says that the tribe plans to begin constructing a solar energy farm by the end of the year, and eventually build a solar energy plant and solar panel production facility.

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**WYOMING GOV. MEAD LOOKING TO FIGHT COAL MORATORIUM.**

[Politico Pro](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication) reports that Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead said that "he is looking at a possible 'legal avenue' to fight the pause on new coal leases on federal lands that President Barack Obama rolled out last month." Mead said that "his administration 'started looking at [a potential court challenge] the day we learned' about the leasing halt



that Interior Department unveiled days after the president made a surprise reference to management of federal fossil-fuel resources during his State of the Union address.”

In an op-ed for the [Aurora \(CO\) Sentinel](#) (2/21, 64K), José González, founder of Latino Outdoors, writes that “the Obama Administration’s recent decision to suspend new coal leasing on public lands while it undertakes a top-to-bottom review of the program is a right move for our communities.” He argues that “public lands need to be managed through a balanced approach, not solely for resource and energy extraction—they need to be available as playgrounds for our kids, accessible to all our communities, and as a space that provides for clean air, water, healthy wildlife, and in turn, healthy lifestyles.”

Additional coverage of the federal coal leasing moratorium was provided by [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (2/21, 2K), [Ashland \(OR\) Jefferson Public Radio](#) (2/21), and [Investor’s Business Daily](#) (2/21, 717K).

**FIGHT BOILS OVER CANCELLATION OF DRILLING LEASE IN MONTANA.** [E&E Publishing](#) (2/19, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that the issue of whether the government can “cancel an oil and gas lease when the driller has done nothing wrong” has “fueled a protracted legal squabble in Montana, where the Department of the Interior has signaled it may cancel a long-disputed lease near tribal land, citing inadequate environmental review.” The driller’s claim that “federal officials don’t have the power.” But “Interior lawyers counter that the secretary has the final say, and the agency must always consider environmental impacts and prioritize the public interest.”

**BLM TO HOLD SALE OF OIL, GAS LEASES IN SOUTH DAKOTA.** The [AP](#) (2/21, 285K) reports that “oil and gas leases are set to go up for sale on three parcels of private land in southwestern South Dakota.” According to Russ Pigors, a physical scientist with the Belle Fourche BLM office, “a lease sale will be held July 12 for the parcels west of Edgemont in Fall River County.” The BLM is “asking for public comment on what sort of environmental impact there might be in allowing oil and gas exploration on the parcels.”

**CONOCOPHILLIPS SEES PROMISING RESULTS IN NPR-A.** The [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (2/21, 211K) reports that “in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, ConocoPhillips is enjoying better-than-expected success with a small field that recently began producing the reserve’s first commercial oil.” According to the article, “CD5, as it’s called, is a stepping stone to larger prospects the company wants to develop in the NPR-A.” However, “the promise of a huge oil discovery in the reserve, one that could reverse long sagging oil production and begin to refill the trans-Alaska pipeline, seems unlikely, experts say.”

**STATES DIRECTED TO DECIDE ON PEABODY SELF BONDING.** [Reuters](#) (2/22) reports the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement says that Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Illinois, and Indiana regulators must decide within days whether Peabody Energy Corp can continue self bonding its mine clean up in those states. If the company is dropped from the program, it may need to find private financing to underwrite about \$1.38 billion in liabilities.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (2/21, 131K).

**GROSSMAN: EPA’S DRAFT METHANE RULES “MISS THE MARK.”** Dan Grossman of the Environmental Defense Fund writes in the [Denver Post](#) (2/22, 881K) that in recent weeks Pennsylvania and California have both launched efforts similar to Colorado’s to regulate oil and gas methane emissions. Both states are “requiring companies to find and fix methane leaks at the thousands of oil and gas wells and other equipment that are already up and running, not just facilities that will be deployed in the future.” Grossman writes that the EPA’s draft rules however “misses the mark on the greenhouse gas reductions” because they exclude existing facilities. He urges the EPA to follow the example set by Colorado.

**OP-ED: TIPTON OPPOSES CONSTITUENTS OVER THOMPSON DIVIDE.** In an op-ed for the [Glenwood Springs \(CO\) Post Independent](#) (2/21, 32K) Carbondale town trustee, Wildemess Workshop board member and Roaring Fork Valley native Allyn Harvey criticizes Congressman Scott Tipton for being on the opposite side of his constituents over cancelling leases and protecting the Thompson Divide. According to Harvey, Tipton is motivated by the desire to win votes and placate campaign contributors, even when 55,000 comments were submitted in support of the Bureau of Land Management’s cancellation of “illegal natural gas leases.”

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**BOEM SCHEDULES TWO SALES FOR MARCH.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/19) reports that “about 45 million acres of



drillable ocean floor will go up for auction in March, according to a statement from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management." Director Abigail Ross Hopper said, "As an important component of the U.S. energy portfolio, the Gulf of Mexico holds vast energy resources that can continue to spur economic opportunities for Gulf producing states as well as further reduce the Nation's dependence on foreign oil."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Idaho Statesman](#) (2/19, 198K), [Rigzone](#) (2/21, 8K), [PennEnergy](#) (2/21, 128), the [Oil & Gas Financial Journal](#) (2/21, 425), the [Natural Gas Daily](#) (2/21), the [Oil and Gas Investor](#) (2/18, Subscription Publication), [Sputnik News](#) (2/20, 46K), and [UPI](#) (2/19).

**Despite Low Oil Prices, EIA Expects Gulf Of Mexico To See Record Production.** [Fuel Fix \(TX\)](#) (2/19, Blum, 28K) reported that despite current low oil prices, the US Energy Information Administration is projecting that Gulf of Mexico crude production will hit record levels in 2017. Due to the time and cost investments required by deep water projects, many of the expensive projects were authorized before oil prices began to fall, and "in general, Gulf production is less sensitive to short-term crude pricing movement than onshore shale production." Royal Dutch Shell's Perdido and Mars B projects are among those already in operation, while Shell's Stones project, which will use the Gulf's first floating production, storage, and offload vessel, has yet to come online.

The [New Orleans Times-Picayune](#) (2/19, Larino, 625K) reported that despite historic production in the Gulf, Louisiana continues to lose jobs. The EIA "said the downturn has prompted many oil and gas companies to pull back future spending in the Gulf of Mexico." The changes have "added uncertainty to the timeline of many Gulf of Mexico projects," according to the report.

**RESTORATION PLAN FOR GULF OF MEXICO FINALIZED.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/19, Subscription Publication) reports that "federal officials finalized a restoration plan for the Gulf of Mexico today, laying out a framework for repairing the damage done in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill." According to the article, "the settlement dictates that BP will pay nearly \$20 billion, of which \$8.1 billion will go to ecosystem restoration projects." The final plan "recommends that restoration focus on five goals: Restore and conserve habitat; restore water quality; replenish and protect living resources; enhance recreational opportunities; and provide monitoring of the restoration efforts."

**OFFSHORE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE AIMS TO ATTRACT STUDENTS TO STEM.** [Rigzone](#) (2/21, 8K) reports that "groups of high school students will tackle offshore challenges during the High School Offshore Science and Technology Stars Challenge, a daylong competition created to draw in future STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) professionals." The competition, which will be held March 4 at the University of Houston's (UH) TDECU Stadium, is sponsored by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the Ocean Energy Safety Institute (OESI). BSEE Director Brian Salerno said that the challenge "is an important part of BSEE's overall efforts to promote STEM programs as part of Secretary [Sally] Jewell's youth engagement initiative."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Cypress Creek \(TX\) Mirror](#) (2/21, 243) and the [Tomball \(TX\) Potpourri](#) (2/21, 121K).

**BSEE UPDATES ARCTIC SPILL RESPONSE DATABASE PROJECT.** [Offshore Engineer](#) (2/21) reports that BSEE "staff recently participated in the Alaska Regional Response Team (RRT) meeting to update attendees on BSEE's Arctic spill response database project." According to the article, "the RRT members and public attendees received an overview of the project, including requirements, development, discussion on Arctic Nation involvement, and timeline."

Additional coverage was provided by [Offshore Magazine](#) (2/21, 129K).

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY COUNCIL.** The [Twin Falls \(ID\) Times-News](#) (2/21, 73K) reports that the BLM has "announced new appointments or re-appointments of members to Idaho's Twin Falls District citizen-based Resource Advisory Council." Tim Murphy, Idaho State Director said, "By working with federal, state, local and tribal governments, as well as leaders from industry and the conservation community, the Resource Advisory Councils exemplify the BLM's collaborative approach to public land issues. I want to welcome our newly appointed RAC members and salute them for their commitment



to public service.”

**BLM CONCLUDES EAGLE-CALIENTE COMPLEX EMERGENCY WILD HORSE GATHER.** The [Ely \(NV\) Daily Times](#) (2/19, 776) reports that the BLM Ely District has “concluded the Eagle-Caliente Complex Emergency Wild Horse Gather.” The bureau “gathered 122 wild horses from public and private lands adjacent to U.S. Highway 93 and State Route 322 in and outside the Caliente Herd Areas (HA) Complex, and Eagle and Silver King Herd Management Areas (HMA) in eastern Nevada.” It “removed 120 wild horses” and “two wild horses were euthanized due to pre-existing conditions with a hopeless prognosis for recovery.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: COMPANY SEEKS PERMITS TO DRILL IN GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST.** Additional coverage that Ascot Resources is “seeking permits for exploratory drilling in Gifford Pinchot National Forest” was provided by the [Sunnyside \(WA\) Daily Sun-News](#) (2/19).

**OP-ED: BURNING MAN REAPS BENEFITS OF HIGH PRICED TICKETS.** In an op-ed for [Nevada Appeal](#) (2/21, 86K) critic Guy W. Farmer examines the Burning Man festival, which raised attendance fees and stands to earn over \$40 million and criticizes the BLM for sharing in the profits of “an x-rated event featuring drugs and widespread nudity” attended by sex offenders and parents to bring along their kids. Farmer also criticizes BLM officials who “wanted the Burners to build them a separate compound with amenities like flush toilets, washers and dryers, and 24-hour ice cream service.”

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FEDERAL AGENCIES UPDATE POLICY ON STATE ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING ESA.** [Bloomberg Research](#) (2/21, 2.92M) reports that the FWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service have “updated a long-standing policy on the role of state fish and wildlife agencies in implementing the Endangered Species Act (ESA).” FWS Director Dan Ashe said, “State fish and wildlife agencies are essential partners in implementing the Endangered Species Act to protect our most at-risk species across the country. We look forward to continuing our work together on conservation successes that all Americans can be proud of.”

**FWS PROPOSES TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR GREAT THICKET NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The [Boston Globe](#) (2/19, Conti, 1.05M) reports that “a new federal wildlife refuge is being proposed in Massachusetts that could include acquisition of 2,000 acres of unprotected land in Plymouth and Mashpee.” The proposal from the FWS “involves six states — a first in the Northeast — and would encompass about 300,000 acres in 10 areas in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island.” The FWS “wants to acquire 15,000 acres of unprotected land for the proposed Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge, including 500 acres in Plymouth and 1,500 in Mashpee.”

In an editorial, the [Foster's Daily Democrat](#) (NH) (2/19, 5K) supports the proposal because “it will only involve willing landowners and because a healthy mix of land uses is in all of our interests.”

**FWS TO ASSESS IMPACTS OF TWO COMMON HERBICIDES.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/19, Subscription Publication) reports that the FWS will “study the effects of two common weed killers on endangered species, as part of a legal settlement with the Center for Biological Diversity.” The FWS “must complete the review by December 2022, and the study is likely to lead to restrictions on the chemicals’ use, the CBD said.” According to the article, “at issue are glyphosate, sold under the brand name Roundup, and atrazine, among the most frequently used herbicides in large-scale agriculture.”

Additional coverage was provided by [ENews Park Forest](#) (2/19, 2K) and [Common Dreams](#) (2/19, 10K).

**FWS ESTABLISHES CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN EVERGLADES HEADWATERS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND CONSERVATION AREA.** According to a press release distributed by the [PRNewswire](#) (2/21), “more than 5,300 acres of critical ranch, farming, wildlife habitat, flood protection area and water storage lands have been added to the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area south of Orlando, thanks to several recent conservation partnerships formed by Florida ranchers, sportsmen, state and federal agencies and non-profits.” Using \$12.5 million in LWCF dollars, the FWS has “secured 4,214.99 acres in conservation easements and acquired 1,502.26 acres.” Bill Miller, Project Leader for the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge Complex, said, “The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is deeply committed to partnering in a collaborative effort to deliver conservation of rural working lands that promotes environmental connectivity, species protection, and increases opportunities to deliver appropriate and compatible public uses.”



**FWS MULLS RED WOLF STATUS.** The [Charleston \(SC\) Post and Courier](#) (2/19, 301K) reports that “the number of known red wolves in the wild has dropped to 45 while federal managers delay a decision on what to do about the controversial, barely successful program reintroducing the species to the wild.” The FWS is “on track to have the decision by summer, said spokesman Tom MacKenzie.” He said, “The actual number of wolves has always been difficult to ascertain.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Examiner](#) (2/21, 825K).

**PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON MANATEES’ STATUS.** The [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (2/21, 824K) reports that “a dispute more than a decade in the making over whether Florida’s manatees should still be considered ‘endangered’ continued Saturday in a hotel ballroom in Orlando.” The FWS “sponsored its one and only public hearing on changing their status from endangered to threatened after 49 years, drawing more than 100 people, of whom 53 rose to speak.” According to the article, “by a wide margin, the crowd opposed the change.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (2/21, 824K).

**PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON PROPOSAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RULE.** The [Juneau \(AK\) Empire](#) (2/21, 15K) reports that “a proposed wildlife management rule puts the federal Fish and Wildlife Service’s ecosystem conservation priorities in conflict with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game’s game management priorities,” according to “several speakers at a hearing of the rule on Tuesday at the Kenai Wildlife Refuge visitor center.” The rules proposed by the FWS would “prohibit certain methods of predator hunting on refuge land, as well as changing conditions for game closures.”

**DELAWARE SNOW GEESE CHANGE MIGRATION PATTERN.** The [AP](#) (2/20, Murray) examines the reasons why snow geese, known for wintering in Delaware for over 30 years, failed to migrate in October as usual, and finally arrived in much smaller numbers at the end of January. Northeast Region FWS migratory game bird biologist Chris Dwyer said it was one of those cases where “the pendulum swings from the rare to the abundant,” adding that “their strategy seems to be to wait out the bad weather,” since the controlling factor in bird migrations is availability of food and the amount of energy required for accessing the food. The birds are likely somewhere in New York or Pennsylvania.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Lebanon \(PA\) Daily News](#) (2/19, 30K).

**WATER WEED TAKES ROOT IN COLORADO RIVER.** The [Havasup \(AZ\) News-Herald](#) (2/21, 27K) reports that “the salvinia molesta, also known as Kariba weed, has already taken root in the Colorado River near Yuma.” According to FWS Southwest Region external affairs representative Craig Springer, “the weed hasn’t yet been reported north of Blythe, California – and prevention of the weed’s spread is necessary to keep it that way.”

**FWS INVESTIGATING DEATHS OF 13 BALD EAGLES.** The [AP](#) (2/22) reports that “federal officials are investigating the death of 13 bald eagles.” According to the article, “investigators were called to a farm in Federalsburg Saturday afternoon after a man discovered some of the birds.”

**FEDERAL AGENCIES INVESTING MORE THAN \$40M TO RESTORE FORESTS.** The [AP](#) (2/20, 1.99M) reports that “the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service have announced an investment of over \$40 million for restoration of forests to reduce wildfire threats, protect water supplies, improve wildlife habitat and support rural economies.” According to the article, “more than 40 partners are contributing to the project, including the NRCS, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arkansas Association of Conservation District, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.”

**STUDENTS PERFORM EXPERIMENTS ON CAMPOUT AT NECHES RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The [Gilmer \(TX\) Mirror](#) (2/21, 12K) reports that “students from the Vertebrate Natural History class at the University of Texas at Tyler recently performed environmental science experiments on a campout at the Neches River National Wildlife Refuge in Cherokee County.”

**DESOTO WILDLIFE REFUGE TO OPEN FOR ARCHERY TURKEY HUNTING.** The [AP](#) (2/20, 1.99M) reports that “the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge will open to the public for archery turkey hunting later this year.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FEDERAL OFFICIALS DEFEND MEXICAN GRAY WOLF PLAN AFTER POPULATION DECLINES.** Additional coverage that that an annual survey showed at least 97 Mexican gray



wolves in the American Southwest was provided by the [Huffington Post](#) (2/22, 518K) and [KRQE-TV Albuquerque, NM](#) (2/18, 69K). Also providing coverage of Mexican gray wolves is the [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (2/21, 37K).

#### **National Park Service:**

**NPS DIRECTOR VISITS COX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** The [Xenia \(OH\) Daily Gazette](#) (2/21, 243) reports that NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis "visited Cox Elementary School Thursday afternoon." Jarvis' "visit coincided with Black History Month and the park service turning 100 years old." He also said "his visit was commissioned by President Obama, who created the Every Kid in a Park Pass."

Additional coverage of the Centennial was provided by the [Cleveland \(OH\) Plain Dealer](#) (2/21, 910K).

**Commentary: Make National Parks A Priority.** In a commentary for the [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#) (2/20, 157K) Robert Manning calls for "Congress and the federal government simply must make investing in the national parks \_ which writer and conservationist Wallace Stegner famously called "America's best idea" – a priority," stating that lack of funding "places too high a burden" on Park Service rangers and other personnel.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fayetteville \(NC\) Observer](#) (2/22, 148K), the [West Hawaii Today](#) (2/21, 25K) and the [Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal](#) (2/21, 99K).

**GROUP: MAINTAIN CURRENT NATIONAL PARKS INSTEAD OF CREATING NEW ONES.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (2/21, O'Donoghue, 402K) reports the Property and Environmental Research Center issued a report called "Breaking the Backlog," which shows the national park system needs repairs that will cost five times the National Park Service's budget. The group recommends the Land and Water Conservation Fund be put to use maintaining current parks rather than adding public lands which will make the problem worse. However, if the federal government insists on creating new parks, the group states "Congress should implement a franchising system in which the parks could be established without requiring full federal management or funding."

**History Shows Shortsightedness Of Angst Over New National Parks.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (2/21, O'Donoghue, 402K) reports policy director for the Center for Western Priorities Greg Zimmerman said "as history has proven time and again, our newest national monuments will be good for California's economy, good for local communities and good for future generations," following President Obama's establishment of three new national monuments in California and in support of establishing new national monuments in Utah and Arizona. Rep. Rob Bishop, sees the move as usurping local authority. The News reports historical opposition to the creation of some of the nation's most valued national parks.

**RESIDENTS PURSUE NATIONAL PARK STATUS TO SAVE IDAHO TOWN.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (2/21, Ramseth, 131K) reports the declining economy of Arco has prompted residents to pursue changing the name of Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve to Craters of the Moon National Park in an effort to revitalize a dying community by attracting tourists and other visitors.

**NPS TO CONDUCT HISTORIC LANDMARK STUDY ON MEDGAR EVERS.** [WDBD-TV Jackson, MS](#) (2/21, 143K) reports that Sens. Thad Cochran and Roger Wicker announced that the NPS will "conduct a special resource study on the home of slain civil rights leader Medgar Wiley Evers to determine its potential for designation as a National Historic Landmark." The study will "evaluate the national significance of the Medgar Wiley and Myrlie Evers House in Jackson and determine the suitability and feasibility of designating it as a National Historic Landmark."

**LAWSUIT RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT CATTLE RANCHING ON FEDERAL LAND.** The [AP](#) (2/21, 1.99M) reports that a "lawsuit filed this month by three environmental groups says that the roughly 20 private dairy and beef operations in the federally run Point Reyes National Seashore are receiving priority treatment from the government at the expense of a treasured landscape." The suit filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco by the Resource Renewal Institute, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Western Watersheds Project claims the NPS is "violating the law by renewing ranching leases without first looking out for the park's preservation." The lawsuit calls for the NPS "to stop renewing ranch leases and void recent extensions, at least until the impacts of beef and dairy businesses are addressed."

In an op-ed for the [Marin \(CA\) Independent Journal](#) (2/20, 68K), rancher Dominic Grossi defends ranchers. He claims that "ranchers do the maintenance," ranchers "ensure water quality and protect the environment," and



"ranchers in the park have many limitations placed on them, such as the number of animals, types of farm implements, and other customary farm practices in use outside of the park."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/21, 285K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (2/21, 3.37M), and the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (2/21, 591K).

**WASHINGTON MONUMENT CLOSED FOR ELEVATOR CONTROL BOX REPAIR.** The [AP](#) (2/19, 285K) reports that the NPS says the Washington Monument will be "closed until next week to repair an elevator control box." The agency "says in an email Friday that the control box was inadvertently damage by a contractor working in the structure on an unrelated issue." According to the article "the reopening date will be determined as repairs are made over the weekend."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/19, Press, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/19, Martin, 8.98M), the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (2/21, 337K), the [Constitution Daily](#) (2/10), [Yahoo! News](#) (2/22, Staff, 6.31M), and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (2/21, 352K).

**FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS ARRIVE AT SCENE OF HAWAII HELICOPTER CRASH.** In continuing coverage of the crash of a Bell 206B helicopter in Pearl Harbor on Thursday, [ABC World News](#) (2/19, story 4, 1:25, Muir, 5.84M) broadcast on the "rescue" that followed, showing "new images of the desperate effort to save passengers trapped after that helicopter crash." The sightseeing helicopter crashed in water that was "just 10 feet deep, but murky," and nearby witnesses immediately jumped in the water to help recover passengers, including a teenage boy, who "was entangled in his seat belt" and required "bystanders using a knife and taking turns" to cut him loose. NTSB is leading the Federal investigation.

The [AP](#) (2/20, Kelleher, McAvoy) reports that "All five people on board made it out, but one passenger — a 16-year-old boy who was trapped underwater and had to be cut free from his seat, according to witnesses — was hospitalized in critical condition." According to the story, the craft is registered with Jeffrey Gebhard of Kailua, Hawaii, while the Navy says the helicopter was in the service of Genesis Aviation, the tour company. FAA and NTSB investigators arrived on Friday at the crash site, which has become "the second major crash this year involving helicopters on Oahu," following the death of 12 marines in a midair collision of two military helicopters.

The [Honolulu Star-Advertiser](#) (2/20, Nakaso, Kakesako, 340K) reports that a local company hauled the helicopter out of the harbor on Thursday and took it "to a Genesis Aviation hangar at the airport where the National Transportation Safety Board will conduct an investigation."

[WALA-TV Mobile, AL](#) (2/20, 32K) also reports.

**FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT BUILDINGS NOMINATED AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE.** The [Great Lakes \(MI\) Echo](#) (2/21, 441) reports that "ten of the most significant buildings designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, including four in Illinois and Wisconsin, have a chance to become a UNESCO World Heritage Site this summer." According to Joel Hoglund, communication and events manager for the Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy in Chicago, "the buildings were on the list for seven years until the National Park Service submitted a 426- page nomination to the World Heritage Centre in early 2015." He said that "they are now being considered for designation — technically known as inscription — by the World Heritage Committee."

**ROGUE BISON POSE CHALLENGE FOR GRAND CANYON.** [USA Today](#) (2/20, 5.45M) reports on "the challenge facing federal and state agencies in northwestern Arizona, where a herd of bison on the northern side of Grand Canyon National Park has become a problem." According to the article, "the bison, which are probably not native to the canyon and have been crossbred with cattle, trample local water sources and vegetation and can also damage archaeological sites." The article says that "nobody can agree on how to solve the problem — trapping and moving them, culling the herd or a combination of both."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/19, 975K).

**NPS ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAMS, NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR D.C. Public Boathouses On Potomac.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/20, Weil, 8.98M) reports that "all three of the popular public boathouses on the Potomac River in the District will come under a single management this year, the National Park Service announced last week." According to the article, "under the new 10-year arrangement, the Park Service said, visitors will be able to rent equipment, including boats, and apparently bikes, at any boathouse and drop it off at any of the others." Also, "a principal aim of the new contract is to provide recreational services in an 'environmentally responsible manner,' the Park Service said."



**NPS APPROVES PERMIT FOR NC 12 PROJECT IN BUXTON.** The [AP Greenville, NC](#) (2/22, 64K) reports that “a project to pump sand along an area of eroding beach on Hatteras Island is one permit closer to being a reality.” The NPS says “it has approved a special use permit to Dare County for the project in Buxton to protect N.C. Highway 12 from flooding.”

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED FOR NEW TULE SPRINGS NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (2/21, 479K) reports that “a diverse group of residents and stakeholders, including two paleontologists, has been appointed to guide the development of Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument.” The NPS announced Interior Secretary Sally Jewell’s “selections to the 10-member advisory council Friday.” Monument superintendent Jon Burpee said he is “thrilled to get to work with such a talented group of people.”

**FRIENDS OF THE SMOKIES RECEIVES \$21,500 FOR EDUCATION, BACKCOUNTRY SHELTERS.** The [Knoxville \(TN\) Focus](#) (2/21) reports that Friends of the Smokies has “received a \$21,500 grant from the Richard Haiman National Parks Foundation to support the Parks As Classrooms program and to resupply backcountry shelters in Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP).” As part of the NPS’ “100th anniversary in 2016, Every Kid in a Park and the A Class Act are two key Centennial initiatives to get all children to visit a national park and develop an understanding the relevance of parks in their lives.” GSMNP will “utilize its Parks As Classrooms program as the primary vehicle for implementing these Centennial initiatives.”

**CALUMET HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP TO STUDY PROPOSED HERITAGE AREA.** The [Times of Northwest Indiana](#) (2/18, 283K) reports that “a leader in the effort to create a Calumet National Heritage Area told board members of the Northwestern Indiana Planning Commission on Thursday that 2016 could be a big year for the effort.” According to Mark Bouman, Chicago region program director for The Field Museum, the Calumet Heritage Partnership is “continuing work on a feasibility study for a heritage area, which must be designated by the U.S. Congress.” The article notes that “the area would be anchored by the Pullman National Monument on the west and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore on the east.”

**NPS SEEKS INPUT ON LONG-TERM EFFIGY MOUNDS PLAN.** The [Cedar Rapids \(IA\) Gazette](#) (2/21, 147K) reports that the NPS will “begin seeking public comments next week on a long-term plan for the care and preservation of Effigy Mounds National Monument.”

**12 ILLINOIS SITES ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** The [AP](#) (2/19, 1.99M) reports that the Thompson Brothers Rock Art site is “among 12 sites in Illinois that have been added to the National Register of Historic Places over the past year.” The article notes that “other sites added include the Jackson County Courthouse and Belleville’s Blair Historic District.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF RECORD ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL PARKS.** Additional coverage of the record attendance at national parks in 2015 was provided by the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (2/19, Forgiore, 4.1M), the [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (2/21, 78K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/22, 881K), the [Knoxville \(TN\) News Sentinel](#) (2/21, 228K), and the [Maryville \(TN\) Daily Times](#) (2/21, 74K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF MAINTENANCE BACKLOG AT NATIONAL PARKS.** Additional coverage of the maintenance backlog at national parks was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/19, 975K), the [Staunton \(VA\) News Leader](#) (2/21, 2K), the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (2/22, 337K), the [Roanoke \(VA\) Times](#) (2/22, 252K), the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (2/19, 98K), the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (2/19, 98K), and [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (2/21, 1.23M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SS BADGER FERRY DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.** Additional coverage that the S.S. Badger car ferry has been designated a National Historic Landmark was provided by [MLive \(MI\)](#) (2/18, Kloosteman, 617K), [Maritime Executive](#) (2/21, 21), [WILX-TV Lansing \(MI\)](#) Lansing, MI (2/21, 52K), and [WXMI-TV Grand Rapids \(MI\)](#) Grand Rapids, MI (2/19, 32K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NPS AND GOOGLE.** Additional coverage of the partnership between the NPS and Google on the Google Cultural Institute was provided by the [Scranton \(PA\) Times Tribune](#) (2/20, 168K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ACADIA PART OF PILOT PROGRAM FOR DIGITAL PASSES.** Additional coverage that Acadia National Park has “become the first of five national parks to participate in the ‘Your Pass Now’ website initiative” was provided by the [Mainebiz](#) (2/17, 34K).



**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION'S FIELD TRIP GRANTS.** Additional coverage of the field trip grants awarded by the National Park Foundation was provided by the [Artesia \(NM\) News](#) (2/21, 10K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS MONITORING THREE-LEGGED BOBCAT IN LOS ANGELES.** Additional coverage that the NPS is monitoring a Three-Legged Bobcat in Los Angeles was provided by [Breitbart](#) (2/21, 2.1M), [My News LA \(CA\)](#) (2/19), and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (2/21, 352K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: DEATH VALLEY EXPECTED TO BE COVERED IN "SUPER BLOOM" OF WILDFLOWERS.** Additional coverage of the "Super Bloom" of flowers at Death Valley was provided by [USA Today](#) (2/20, Samoy, 5.45M) and the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (2/21, 1.1M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF YOSEMITE "FIREFALL" FALLS PHENOMENON.** Additional coverage of the "firefall" phenomenon at Yosemite was provided by [USA Today](#) (2/19, Durando, 5.45M), the [Huffington Post](#) (2/21, 518K), and the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (2/19, Staff, Reports, 4.1M).

### ***US Geological Survey:***

**USGS DEMONSTRATES HOW IT MEASURES STREAM FLOW.** The [Santa Cruz \(CA\) Sentinel](#) (2/20, 100K) reports that the USGS "gave a behind-the-scenes public tour on Saturday of how it measures stream flow in the San Lorenzo River, which is a major drinking water source for Santa Cruz and home to a number of struggling species." Anthony Guerriero, field office chief for the USGS in Santa Cruz, and "his team demonstrated how they calculate the water flow using both trusty technology from the 1930s and modern equipment."

### **Top National News:**

**KERRY ANNOUNCES "PROVISIONAL" TRUCE IN SYRIA AS BOMBS ROCK HOMS, DAMASCUS.** Secretary of State Kerry's announcement Sunday during a trip to Jordan that he and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov had reached a "provisional agreement in principle" for a temporary truce in Syria is being met with some skepticism. Media reports highlight the lack of specifics revealed by the Secretary and note he made a similar announcement earlier this month only to see the violence continue. The announcement – which was not covered by any of the networks last night – also came on the same day as a series of bombings in Syria, casting further doubt on whether a ceasefire would take hold.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Morello, 8.98M) reports Kerry said he and Lavrov had reached a "provisional agreement in principle" for a temporary truce that could start within days. Kerry, who spoke Sunday to Lavrov "for the second day in a row," said the final details will be discussed during a phone call between President Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin. While he "did not elaborate on the parameters of a cease-fire," Kerry said he believes it "could begin in the coming days." According to the [CBS Evening News](#) (2/21, story 5, 1:45, Glor, 5.08M), the President and Putin are expected to speak "in the coming days to try and hammer out details of some kind of pause in this war."

The [New York Times](#) (2/21, Sanger, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says Sunday's declaration marked "the second time in 10 days that Mr. Kerry had announced a 'cessation of hostilities' that would go into effect in days – a phrase that was carefully chosen to avoid all the connotations of a full cease-fire." In what the Times says was a possible sign of caution, Kerry "was vague about the timing" of the latest truce, saying only that it "could begin in the coming days." [Al Jazeera America](#) (2/21, 209K), however, reports on its website that the Russian Foreign Ministry "seemed to stop short of Kerry's announcement," saying only that Lavrov and Kerry discussed "the modality and conditions" for a ceasefire. [Voice of America](#) (2/21, 60K) too says Russia issued a "more reserved statement."

The AP (2/21, Mroue, Riechmann) says Kerry "acknowledged that it's not finalized and all parties might not automatically comply." Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, meanwhile, told Spain's [El Pais](#) newspaper in remarks published Sunday that Syria is "ready" to take part in a truce "as long as it is not used by militants to reinforce their positions." Kerry, [Reuters](#) (2/21, Zengerle, Davison) reports, on Sunday also reiterated the Administration's position that Assad must step down, saying, "With Assad there, this war cannot and will not end." The [Jordan Times](#) (2/21, Malkawi, 153) reports Kerry said the path to peace is "isolating, degrading and destroying Daesh, 'giving the people of Syria a real choice to their future is actually right in front of us now.'"

The [Jerusalem Post](#) (2/21, Wilner, 27K), meanwhile, reports State Department officials say the Administration is



seeking “a cease-fire that is long enough to engage in a serious negotiation toward a political transition in the country – ideally away from Assad.”

**Bloomberg News** (2/21, Syeed, 2.92M) says Kerry’s announcement “drew skeptical reactions” from those who “questioned the parties’ commitment to a pause in fighting,” especially with Assad’s forces making progress in the north. The **Los Angeles Times** (2/21, Bulos, 4.1M) says a “wave of suicide bombings” on Sunday that killed dozens in Damascus and Homs also cast doubt on Kerry’s claim that “the parties were closer to a ceasefire than ever before.” Also noting Sunday’s bombings, **AFP** (2/21, Al-Mounes, Revise) reports Kerry announced a provisional deal had been reached on a truce “only for the bloodshed to intensify on the ground.”

ISIL has claimed responsibility for the bombings in both cities, which killed nearly 130 people, **USA Today** (2/21, Zoroya, 5.45M) reports. At least 83 people were killed and “more than 170 others were wounded” in blasts in a Damascus suburb, while an earlier double-car bombing in Homs killed “at least 46 people and wounded dozens.” According to the **Los Angeles Times** (2/21, Bulos, 4.1M), “pro-government outlets” and online activists “said the bombings occurred in a coordinated fashion,” and the **Washington Post** (2/21, Naylor, 8.98M) says ISIL “appears to be shifting its tactics and targeting areas controlled by Assad’s government, raising speculation that it is responding to the loss of ground in both Syria and Iraq to US-backed Arab and Kurdish opponents.”

The **AP** (2/21, Mroue, Riechmann) says the blasts “may strengthen the government’s argument that it should press ahead with a major offensive in the north,” where its troops, backed by Russian airstrikes, “are close to sealing off Aleppo.”

**Rouhani: Crisis Can Only Be Resolved Through Political Negotiations.** **AFP** (2/21) reports Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu on Sunday made a surprise visit to Tehran “with the conflict in Syria high on his agenda,” Iranian state media reported. Shoigu met President Hassan Rouhani to deliver a “special message” from Russian President Vladimir Putin. After the meeting, Rouhani said, “Resolving the crisis in Syria can only be achieved through political negotiations and respect for the rights of the Syrian people who must ultimately decide their country’s future.”

**Experts Warn US-Backed Rebels Suffering Under Russian Airstrikes, Kurdish Attacks.** **The Hill** (2/21, Wong, 862K) reports military experts are warning the Administration is “allowing moderate Syrian rebels, which the Pentagon spent hundreds of millions training, to be slowly destroyed” by Russian airstrikes and attacks from the Kurdish militia known as the YPG “that’s also backed by the US.” According to **The Hill**, the attacks “have led to criticism that the administration is standing by while its allies are killed.”

**Russia Accused Of Dropping “Dumb” Bombs.** The **Washington Times** (2/21, Scarborough, 285K) reports the US military is accusing Russia of dropping “mostly gravity ‘dumb’ bombs” in Syria, “indiscriminately killing rebels and civilians alike around strategic cities such as Aleppo.” Russian media, however, “contend that gravity bombs, guided by computerized systems, can be just as accurate as those directed by a GPS system,” but the US military and human rights groups “scoff at the assertion.”

**MEDIA ANALYSES: CLINTON MOMENTUM GROWS AFTER NEVADA CAUCUSES.** **ABC World News** (2/21, story 3, 2:10, Llamas, 5.84M) reported that Hillary Clinton’s victory in Nevada “was a slim one, but included big support from African-American voters.” ABC added that with “momentum back on her side, her campaign is confident they see a clear path to the nomination.” However, ABC said that Sen. Bernie Sanders had “a strong second finish.” **NBC Nightly News** (2/21, story 4, 2:40, Snow, 7.86M) reported that Clinton’s victory “puts her in a stronger position going into the Democratic primary in South Carolina next Saturday,” especially among African-American voters, who supported her “by a whopping 76% to 22% after she aggressively engaged them.” However, NBC added that “Latinos chose Sanders by single digits and younger voters picked the Vermont senator by 72%.” The **CBS Evening News** (2/21, story 3, 2:30, Glor, 5.08M) reported that Clinton won Nevada’s “most populous county by ten points.” CBS said that while African-Americans, women, and older voters were critical to Clinton’s win, “younger voters once again went overwhelmingly for Sanders.”

**Bloomberg Politics** (2/21, Talev, 289K) reports that Clinton’s victory in Nevada “came with cautionary signs about the difficulty of putting away Bernie Sanders for good.” Despite being “expected to have run the tables” and having better organization and better recognition in the state, “for a few hours on Saturday it looked just as nip-and-tuck as Iowa.” **Bloomberg Politics** says Clinton has had difficulty in overcoming the “durable appeal” of Sanders’ economic message, although it adds that Sanders must “prove he has appeal in more ethnically and geographically diverse states” in upcoming contests.



**Clinton Developing Stronger Lead In Delegate Count.** The [New York Times](#) (2/21, Healy, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that Clinton's 502 delegates to Sanders' 70 following the Nevada contest shows Sanders is "slipping significantly behind" Clinton, "and the odds against him overtaking her growing increasingly remote." The Times says Clinton will probably benefit significantly among predominantly minority districts on Super Tuesday, as well as from districts with more delegates. The Times also examines Clinton's positioning "to create the sort of mathematical quandary for Mr. Sanders that she faced in 2008," in which she could develop an insurmountable lead.

**WPost Analysis: Sanders Likely To Draw Out Campaign.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Tumulty, 8.98M) reports in depth on Sanders' probability of winning the Democratic nomination, highlighting that despite Clinton's victory in Nevada, "Sanders has the ability to remain in the race for the distance, thanks to his fundraising abilities" and due to the Democrats' delegate allocation system. The Post examines the likelihood of a Sanders victory in five Super Tuesday states that he said he has a "good shot" of winning; while the caucus system in Minnesota and Colorado could favor Clinton, who has been campaigning in the states since last fall, the Post says Oklahoma, Massachusetts, and Vermont could favor Sanders given the "liberal leanings" of Democrats there.

[The Hill](#) (2/21, Balluck, 862K) reports that Sanders said Sunday that he has a "good shot" of winning primaries in Colorado, Massachusetts, and Minnesota. Speaking on NBC's "Meet The Press," Sanders also said his campaign is "looking pretty good in Oklahoma," and that the most recent poll in Vermont "had us at 80 percent, so I think we've got a shot to win there." Sanders told Chuck Todd that he will stay in the race "to the convention," and said "we have come a very, very long way. I think the first time I was on your show, we were probably at 5 percent in the polls."

**Slate Columnist: Clinton Victory All But Guaranteed.** Writing for [Slate](#) (2/21, 1.48M), Jamelle Bouie says that Clinton's victory in Nevada "proves its theory of the race," that Sanders' performances in Iowa and New Hampshire are reflections of those states' demographics rather than "any pro-Bernie tide in the Democratic Party." Bouie argues that Clinton still maintains an advantage with the broader electorate and "barring a catastrophic decline with black voters she'll march steadily to the nomination."

**Clinton Details Strategy To Fix Standing Among Independent Voters.** On [CNN's State Of The Union](#) (2/21, Tapper, 420K), Clinton also detailed her strategy for connecting more with independent voters. Clinton said, "I'm going to do what I have always done. I'm going to keep, you know, reaching out to voters. I understand that voters have questions. I'm going to do my very best to answer those questions. I think there's an underlying question that maybe is really in the back of people's minds. And that is, you know, is she in it for us or is she in it for herself? I think that's, you know, a question that people are trying to sort through and I'm going to demonstrate that I have always been the same person, fighting for the same values, fighting to make a real difference in people's lives long before I was ever in elected office, even before my husband was in the presidency."

**Ralston Portrays Reid As Central To Clinton's Victory.** In an op-ed for [USA Today](#) (2/21, 5.45M), Nevada political journalist Jon Ralston discusses Senate Minority Leader Reid's role in helping Clinton secure a victory in Nevada. Ralston describes "a remarkable bit of backroom maneuvering" between Reid and D. Taylor, the head of a local chapter of the Culinary Union in Las Vegas, in which Reid convinced Taylor and other casino executives to ensure that "workers would be allowed time off from work to caucus," ensuring that Clinton won Hispanic and African-American votes in Clark County. Ultimately Ralston portrays Reid as "a man Machiavelli would have bowed to, a man who with one eye who still sees the field better and is still more dangerous, effective and cunning than any pol the state (the country?) has ever seen."

**NYTimes Welcomes Increased Turnout By Younger Voters.** The [New York Times](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorializes on the participation of young voters in the 2016 election cycle, calling it "one of the more pleasant surprises" of this year's contests. With voter turnout for those aged 18 to 29 for both parties nearing 2008 levels, the Times points out that the youth vote was the only group not won by Donald Trump in South Carolina, and that the youth vote has been critical for Sanders' success so far. Pointing out the importance of the youth vote for Democrats, the Times says that the turnout among younger voters "suggest growing engagement by the nation's newest voters," which is always good but is "particularly welcome now."

**Democratic Primary Race Spurs "Passionate Debate" On Facebook.** [The Hill](#) (2/21, McCabe, 862K) reports on the "passionate debate" between supporters of Clinton and Sanders on Facebook, with data indicating "Sanders may have a home-field advantage over Clinton on Facebook." According to [The Hill](#), Facebook said recently that Sanders "has about three times the number of 'likes' as Clinton" on the network, although the



company's data also indicates "the primary fight is heating up online." The Hill illustrates that comments and messages about both candidates "has at times turned ugly," with "aggressive" tactics by Sanders supporters especially prevalent.

**MEDIA ANALYSES: TRUMP UNDISPUTED GOP FRONTRUNNER, WITH RUBIO EMERGING AS MAIN RIVAL.** With Donald Trump following his big win in New Hampshire earlier this month with another easy win in South Carolina on Saturday, there is a growing media consensus that Trump is the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination. Though Sen. Marco Rubio bested Sen. Ted Cruz by less than 1,100 out of more than 730,000 votes cast to run second, media analysts say that gives him momentum and sets back Cruz, who had hoped to do well in the socially conservative state. But while Rubio is seen as the emerging chief rival to Trump – especially with Jeb Bush out of the race – Cruz is expected to remain in the running. In addition, Gov. John Kasich's likely presence in the race through at least mid-March is seen as a potential complication for Rubio

[ABC World News](#) (2/21, lead story, 2:40, Llamas, 5.84M) reported that "the fight for second place came down to just over 1,000 votes," with Rubio "edging out" Cruz. ABC's Jonathan Karl said, "Donald Trump is now unmistakably on top. ... With Jeb Bush calling it quits, now to become the Trump alternative it's the two Cuban-American freshman senators against each other." [NBC Nightly News](#) (2/21, lead story, 3:10, Snow, 7.86M) reported that with Trump "still riding high off a big victory" in South Carolina and Bush "out of the race, the question tonight: Does Trump have the Republican nomination locked up or can he, will he be stopped? ... Since 1980, no Republican presidential candidate has won both the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries...gone on to lose the nomination." The [CBS Evening News](#) (2/21, story 2, 2:50, Glor, 5.08M) reported that Trump's South Carolina victory "gives him a commanding lead in the early delegate count, but with more than 1,200 delegates need for the Republican nomination, there is a long way to go."

[USA Today](#) (2/21, Jackson, 5.45M) writes that "depending on which campaign is talking, the Republican presidential race is either a three-person, two-person, or one-person affair." Rubio, riding his "razor-thin margin over Cruz, pronounced it a 'three-person race,'" while Cruz "noted he is the only candidate to have beaten Trump" and "said he is the only 'consistent conservative' who can prevail down the line." Still, the [New York Times](#) (2/21, Rappeport, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that Trump's rivals are "struggling to gain momentum" as Trump continues to win primaries.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Rucker, Costa, 8.98M) says that "in a clear admission of Trump's dominant standing," Rubio and Cruz "are not even pretending they can best the billionaire mogul on March 1, or 'Super Tuesday,' when 11 states hold primaries or caucuses." Cruz hopes for a win in Texas, but Rubio and the other remaining candidates "are charting strategies to accrue convention delegates by surgically targeting slivers of the states."

[McClatchy](#) (2/21, Lightman, 22K) writes that "the biggest hope for stopping Trump is for a single strong challenger to emerge, and so far that hasn't happened." A CNN/ORC poll in Nevada, which holds its GOP caucuses on Tuesday, "showed Trump with a huge lead" of 45% to Rubio's 19% and Cruz's 17% – and that survey was conducted before South Carolina. The [Washington Times](#) (2/21, Dinan, McLaughlin, 285K) says a Nevada win would give Trump "the prospect of entering the big March contests with momentum and a massive lead over his opponents in delegates." The [AP](#) (2/21, Bykowicz, Gillum) reports Trump has a robust and broad campaign operation beyond the early states, and "has vowed to spend 'whatever it takes.'"

The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (2/21, Feldmann, 442K) writes, "Three contests into primary season, a simple truth is self-evident: Donald Trump is on track to become the Republican Party's 2016 presidential nominee." But Rubio "has momentum" and Cruz "has money and organization, and can still do well in the Southern states that will vote on Super Tuesday." Kasich hopes to hold out until Ohio and other large Midwestern states vote on March 15, while Ben Carson "is building his personal brand as he campaigns" but seems to have no likely wins in sight.

The [New York Times](#) (2/21, Confessore, Cohen, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that Trump and Cruz "appear to be in the best position financially" going into the March contests. Cruz began February with \$13.6 million in cash on hand, while Trump "has raised millions of dollars from small donors and lent himself millions more."

Chris Cillizza of the [Washington Post](#) (2/21, 8.98M) writes, "Substitute any other Republican in the race into Trump's current position. There is a 100 percent chance that that person would be touted as the prohibitive favorite or the odds-on nominee." Trump is not "getting the credit and coverage he deserves" because "there is



still a belief within the party establishment and the ranks of the media that he will somehow implode or that voters will 'wise up' or 'get real' – or something." On [ABC World News](#) (2/21, story 2, 0:40, Llamas, 5.84M), political analyst Matt Dowd said, "I think Donald Trump had a better insight into the GOP this year than the dynastic Bush family. Now he needs to keep winning, because winning begets winning, and momentum at this point is more important than anything else."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says in an editorial that Trump is now the favorite for the nomination, and he can only be defeated if non-Trump voters consolidate behind one other candidate. That is unlikely, the Journal says, and even if it happens, it would not necessarily ensure Trump's defeat. Gerald Seib writes in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) that so far, there has been no sign of consolidation behind one alternative, with five candidates expected to remain in the race at least through the March 1 states.

**Trump Says He Is Not Unstoppable.** [AFP](#) (2/21, Couronne) reports Trump "made the rounds of the Sunday political talk shows," where he said "he could be the consensus candidate" and could be competitive in traditionally Democratic states like New York in the general election. But Trump said on [CNN's State Of The Union](#) (2/21, Tapper, 420K), that he is not unstoppable, saying Cruz is "very talented and certainly he could beat me and so could Marco and so could the other ones."

**Trump Clarifies Comments On ACA Mandate.** Trump, appearing on [Fox News Sunday](#) (2/21, Wallace), clarified his stance on the Affordable Care Act mandate. Trump said that he doesn't "want mandates for anything," despite his comments on CNN's Anderson Cooper. Trump said, "I want people to be covered that cannot afford to be covered. I don't want people dying in the streets and that's not mandate. That's me. That's having a heart. I don't want people dying in the streets."

**Trump Camp Tried To Hire Americans For Prosperity Staffers.** [BuzzFeed](#) (2/21, Parti, 8.95M) reports that in late 2015, Trump's campaign "aggressively courted top current and former staffers" from the "Koch-backed" Americans For Prosperity. Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski is the former New Hampshire state director of the group. While "in some states, Lewandowski was successful," in "many key states...his recruitment efforts failed. At least half a dozen current Koch network staffers in states with upcoming primaries turned down offers."

**Marlene Ricketts Funding Anti-Trump Super PAC.** Fredreka Schouten writes in [USA Today](#) (2/21, Schouten, 5.45M) that "new campaign-finance reports show that Marlene Ricketts, the wife of billionaire T.D. Ameritrade founder J. Joe Ricketts, contributed \$3 million to Our Principles PAC, a super PAC that blistered Trump with negative ads, voter guides and mailers" in Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina. Former Romney campaign official Katie Packer runs the PAC.

**Will: Trump's Tax Records Should Be Scrutinized.** George Will writes in his [Washington Post](#) (2/21, 8.98M) column that Trump's tax returns "might illuminate unsavory business practices and exaggerations of his wealth. He thrives by determining the campaign's conversation. It is time to talk about his tax records."

**WPost's Allen Urges GOP And Even Democrats To Bolster Rubio.** [Washington Post](#) (2/21, 8.98M) contributing columnist Danielle Allen, a political theorist at Harvard, writes that Trump "is rising by taking advantage of a divided country. The truth is that the vast majority of voting Americans think that Trump is unacceptable as a presidential candidate, but we are split by strong partisan ideologies and cannot coordinate a solution to stop him." She calls on the candidates other than Rubio to leave the race, for all ex-candidates to endorse Rubio, and for Democrats to change their party registration and vote for Rubio in their state's primaries.

## Big Picture:

### HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

[Clinton Hits A Pothole In Money Race](#)

[Gas Leak Is Sealed; Now What?](#)

[Murder And Torture: Not Her El Chapo](#)

[Showing Their Hands In Nevada](#)

[More Nations Killing By Remote Control](#)



**Wall Street Journal:**

Toys 'R' Us Poses A Test For Junk-Bond Markets  
 Trump, Clinton Seize Leads  
 US Fights Encryption—And Also Helps Develop It  
 London Mayor Splits With Cameron Over EU Exit

**New York Times:**

Delegate Count Leaving Bernie Sanders With Steep Climb  
 Donald Trump's Victory Spurs Renewed Scrambling Among Republicans  
 US Scrambles To Contain Growing ISIS Threat In Libya  
 Pivotal Nursing Home Suit Raises A Simple Question: Who Signed the Contract?  
 Reporting On Life, Death And Corruption In Southeast Asia

**Washington Post:**

As GOP Race Goes National, Candidates Hit Different Trails  
 Two Last Names — Bush And Trump — Led To Jeb's Demise  
 Zika's Scary New Turn  
 Driver For Uber Held In 6 Deaths  
 Convicted Of CIA Leak, But He's Not Losing Hope

**Financial Times:**

Republican Race On Verge Of Narrowing  
 Business Backs Cameron Bid To Halt Brexit

**Washington Times:**

Clinton, Sanders Claim Hispanic Vote  
 So Far, No Spat's Too Big For Trump To Fail  
 Lawmakers Hear 76 Pleas To Make Assisted Suicide Legal  
 US Slams Russia's "Dumb" Bombs  
 Thais Get Russian Military Sales Pitch As US Steps Away  
 Critics Say City's Spring Break Crackdown Has Racial Undertone

**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-South Carolina Primary; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump; 2016 Politics-Nevada Caucuses; Michigan Shooting Spree; Fiji Cyclone; Pope Francis-Death Penalty Suspension Request.  
**CBS:** Michigan Shooting Spree; 2016 Politics- Republicans; 2016 Politics- Democrats; Fiji Cyclone; Syria-Civilians Bombed; Dalai Lama-Health; Catholic Church-Girl Scout Troops; Beyonce Half Time Performance-Police Forces; Gun Shot Wound Technology.  
**NBC:** 2016 Politics-South Carolina Primary; 2016 Politics-Marco Rubio; 2016 Politics-Jeb Bush; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Michigan Shooting Spree; Bill Cosby-Deposition Postpone Request; Fiji-Cyclone; US Drug Epidemic; International Space Station Photos.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

2016 Politics – 20 minutes, 20 seconds  
 Michigan Shooting Spree – 8 minutes, 50 seconds  
 Fiji Cyclone – 1 minutes, 20 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** Michigan Shooting Spree-Suspect Detained; 2016 Politics-Hillary Clinton Victory; 2016 Politics-Republicans; Dalai Lama-Health.  
**CBS:** 2016 Politics-Republican Primaries; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump; 2016 Politics-Hillary Clinton Victory; Michigan Shooting Spree; Gas Prices Decrease; Daytona 500 Results.  
**NPR:** Michigan Shooting Spree-Suspect Detained; 2016 Politics-Republican Primaries; 2016 Politics-Marco Rubio Campaign; 2016 Politics-Democratic Primaries; Fiji-Cyclone Damage; London Mayor-British European Union Exit; US Air Force-Ballistic Missile Test; Box Office.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**



**White House:**

PRESIDENT OBAMA — Attends the National Governors Association Winter Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — No scheduled public events.

**US Senate:** 3:00 PM Senate holds procedural vote on FDA commissioner nominee – Senate convenes, with agenda including reading of Washington's Farewell Address in the Senate, followed by an executive session to consider the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf to be Food and Drug Administration Commissioner, including a roll call vote on a motion to invoke cloture Location: Washington, DC <http://www.senate.gov/>

4:00 PM Dem Sen. Bob Casey honors former Philadelphia mayor at Black History Month tribute – Democratic Sen. Bob Casey annual Black History Month tribute on Capitol Hill, honoring former Philadelphia Mayor Rev. Dr W. Wilson Goode. Includes remarks on the Senate floor (4:00 PM EST), press availability, Russell Rotunda (4:45 PM EST), and Symposium with Cozen O'Connor Real Estate Practice Group Co-Chair Bernard Lee, Howard University Minister and Professor of Applied Theology Harold Dean Trulear, America's Promise Alliance President and CEO Josh Gomperts, and Stefan Johnson – a 24-year-old mentee of Dr Goode, Rm 325, Russell Senate Office Bldg (5:00 PM EST) Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://casey.senate.gov/>  
<https://twitter.com/SenBobCasey>

Congress returns from Presidents Day recess – Congress returns after Presidents Day District Work Period (aka State Work Period), including a reading of Washington's Farewell Address in the Senate \* No votes in the House of Representatives today Location: Washington, DC

**US House:** 10:00 AM House Small Business Committee field hearing on creating manufacturing opportunities in New York – Field hearing on 'The Empire (State) Strikes Back: Creating 21st Century Manufacturing Opportunities in New York City'. Witnesses include Democratic Rep. Nydia Velazquez, Republican Rep. Steve Chabot, Linda Tool Owner Michael DiMarino, Pratt Center for Community Development Director Adam Friedman, Early Bird Foods & Co. Founder and Owner Nekisia Davis, and IceStone USA President Jana Milcikova Location: City Hall, New York, NY New York City <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

2:00 PM Agriculture, Energy and Trade Subcommittee field hearing on 'Overcoming Challenges to Exporting for Small Businesses'

Location: Bramson Ort College, 69-30 Austin St, Forest Hills, NY <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/>  
<https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

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**Other:** 7:30 AM National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session – National Congress of American Indians 2016 Executive Council Winter Session (aka Tribal Nations Legislative Summit). Speakers include Secretary of Veteran Affairs Robert McDonald, Acting Secretary of Education John King, Small Business Administration Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education Executive Director William Mendoza, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services Mary Wakefield, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior Lawrence Roberts, President's Special Assistant Karen Diver, bipartisan Sens. Al Franken, John Barrasso, Steve Daines, and James Lankford, and bipartisan Reps. Dan Kildee, Jon Tester, Norma Torres, Betty McCollum, Mike Honda, Gwen Moore, Mark Pocan, Don Young, Lisa Murkowski, and Mike Crapo Location: Capital Hilton, Washington, DC <http://www.ncai.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/NCAI1944>

7:30 AM National Association of Counties Legislative Conference continues – National Association of Counties Legislative Conference. Day three speakers include Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli, National Science Foundation Director Dr France Cordova, USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez, Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Utah Governor Gary Herbert, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, HHS Administration for Children and Families Office of Refugee Resettlement Director Bob Carey, and 'Fox News Sunday' host Chris Wallace Location: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC  
[www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) <https://twitter.com/NACoTweets>

2:00 PM DHS Secretary Johnson hosts 'Leadership in Times of Crisis' panel discussion – Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson hosts panel discussion on 'Leadership in Times of Crisis', bringing together



current and former state and city chief executives to discuss the challenges of leading during incidents that range from terrorist attacks to natural disasters. Participants include Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, and former Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, while topics include decision making, lessons learned from governing, and communication strategies during times of crisis Location: Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) <https://twitter.com/DHSgov>

3:00 PM EESI briefing series on the Clean Power Plan begins – Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) briefing on 'Environmental Justice in the Clean Power Plan' – the first in a series on the topic – featuring Environmental Protection Agency Administrator's Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice Mustafa Ali, GreenLatinos President Mark Magana, and Skeo Solutions Senior Associate Vernice Miller-Travis \* Earlier this month, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay against the Plan Location: Rm 2168, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.eesi.org](http://www.eesi.org) <https://twitter.com/eesionline> #eesitalk

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Of course, tomorrow is the South Carolina primary, and this week Donald Trump has been telling supporters that if he wins South Carolina he thinks he could, quote, 'Run the table.' And if he doesn't win, he'll flip over the table like an angry New Jersey housewife."

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**Pullman Historic District, Browns Canyon, Honouliuli National Monuments  
and Every Kid in a Park**

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## Pullman National Monument, IL

### Elected Officials

#### Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL)

##### **Statement on Pullman**

"As Chicago's first national park, Pullman's 135 years of civil rights and industrial history will be protected and enjoyed for generations to come," Kirk said in a statement. "This new national park will breathe new economic life into this community, bringing up to 30,000 visitors and more than \$40 million each year." ([Star Tribune](#))

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#### Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL), Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL), Congressman Robin Kelly (D-IL)

##### **Durbin, Kirk, Kelly Applaud President Obama's Announcement That Pullman Historical District Will Become Part Of The National Park System**

[CHICAGO, IL] — U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Mark Kirk (R-IL) and U.S. Representative Robin Kelly (D-IL) today applauded President Obama's announcement that a portion of Chicago's Pullman Historic District will be designated as a National Monument, making it a unit of the National Park System. Durbin, Kirk, and Kelly have worked to secure national park status for the architecturally unique neighborhood which played important roles in America's railroad, industrial and labor history.

"The future of America's next great urban national landmark lies in the Pullman community's storied past. As an Illinoisan, I am proud to represent this community, which has come together to share its proud legacy of labor and civil rights. And as an American, I look forward to joining visitors from across the country in exploring a new monument to this critical chapter in our national history," **Durbin** said. "I thank Senator Kirk and Representative Kelly for being my partners in this effort, and congratulate the many members of this community who have worked so hard to restore and preserve this unique landmark."

"I fought for this designation with Senator Durbin and Rep. Kelly because regardless of party, it was the right thing to do for our state. As Chicago's first national monument, the Pullman District will bring thousands of tourists to Chicagoland every year, which will help to breathe new life into our local economies," **Kirk** said. "Today I am proud that America's first industrial town founded by George Pullman is receiving the recognition it deserves as a national monument."

"Pullman National Monument will be a crown jewel of the community, a remarkable achievement made possible only through the cooperation and collaboration of leaders from the public and private sectors and the residents of the neighborhood. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of many, the history and legacy of Pullman will endure for generations to come and people from all over the country will be

encouraged to visit and learn more about the vital role Pullman played in our nation’s labor and civil rights history,” said **Kelly**.

Under this announcement, the Pullman Historic District will become a national monument bounded by 103rd Street to the north, 115th Street to the south, Cottage Grove Avenue to the west, and the Norfolk & Western Rail Line to the east. Initially, the National Park Service (NPS), which administers national parks and monuments, will own the Pullman Factory Complex and the land on which it sits, with the option of acquiring additional property or assets should they be made available. Establishing Pullman as a part of the National Park System will allow for greater coordination of preservation and protection efforts by federal, state and local agencies.

In August, Durbin wrote President Obama urging him to use his authority to designate a portion of Chicago’s Pullman Historic District as a unit of the National Park System. Earlier last year, Durbin, Kirk and Kelly introduced legislation to create the Pullman National Historical Park in the neighborhood’s historical district, an architecturally unique neighborhood which played important roles in America’s railroad, industrial and labor history.

In 2014, the NPS released a study which found that Pullman was “conclusively nationally significant” as a historical site. More than 100 different organizations have endorsed the creation of a national park in Pullman, including city, county and state parks officials; preservationist groups; labor organizations; and tourism advocates. The creation of the national park site will increase jobs and boost Pullman’s economy as a result of added tourism dollars: in 2012, national park visitors contributed more than \$30 billion to local economies and supported more than 250,000 jobs. Studies show that every dollar invested in national park operations generates ten dollars of local economic activity.

The Pullman site was originally developed by industrialist George Pullman in 1880 and was the first American industrial town. The Pullman site served as the catalyst for the first industry-wide strike in the United States and played an important role in African American and early Civil Rights history through the legacy of the Pullman Porters as well as the development of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the first black union. Labor Day was established as a federal holiday following the 1894 Pullman labor strike. The neighborhood is also a well-preserved example of 19<sup>th</sup> century urban planning and architecture, especially the work of Solon Spencer Beman. The area has been designated as a registered National Historic Landmark District, an Illinois State Landmark, and a City of Chicago Landmark District.

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**Representative Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ.) NEW**

**Natural Resources Ranking Member Grijalva Statement on President Obama’s Designation of Three New National Monuments**

*Tucson, Ariz.* – House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) released the following statement on today’s presidential designation of three new national monuments.



“Conserving our public lands and recognizing milestones in our nation’s history are among every president’s greatest responsibilities and proudest achievements. President Obama acted in the best spirit of that tradition today when he designated Pullman Historic Chicago District, Browns Canyon, and Honouliuli Internment Camp national monuments.

“Our wide open spaces and our historic sites need just as much protection today as they did the day the Antiquities Act was signed into law in 1906. President Obama, no less than President Roosevelt, understands the great public service presidents perform when they conserve those open spaces and those historic sites for the future. No fewer than nineteen presidents, both Democrats and Republicans, have used the Antiquities Act to protect the national treasures found on our federal lands, and many more will do so in the future. The American people demand nothing less.

“Despite the best efforts of an anti-conservation congressional majority, the American people still see more than dollars and cents when they look across the prairie, or into the Mountain West, or back into the pages of our shared history. They see the same beauty that our forefathers saw – a beauty that we dare not throw away in the name of today’s bottom line. We cannot sustain an economy based on taking everything, leaving nothing and demanding that taxpayers foot the bill for private profits. I share the American people’s vision of protected landscapes, well-preserved historical sites and monuments, and a thriving federal lands system accessible to every American who comes to enjoy rather than exploit. So does President Obama. Today I’m proud to stand with him in welcoming these additions to our public lands and look forward to hearing the many success stories they have ahead of them.”

<http://democrats.naturalresources.house.gov/press-release/natural-resources-ranking-member-grijalva-statement-president-obama-s-designation>

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**Representative Rob Bishop (UT-01) NEW**

**Chairman Bishop Reacts to Obama Administration’s Plans to Unilaterally Proclaim Three New National Monuments**

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 18, 2015 - House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (UT-01) released the following statement after President Obama announced his intentions to unilaterally proclaim three new national monuments using the Antiquities Act of 1906.

“President Obama has sidelined the American public and bulldozed transparency by proclaiming three new national monuments through executive fiat. The Obama Administration claims these designations have public support, but we know that is a complete stretch of the truth. The cost to taxpayers is anyone’s guess and the impacts upon local communities are unknown. Congress has demonstrated that it can work in a collaborative fashion to fully vet and approve designations that have support from the public and their elected representatives. This White House has shown once again its utter and complete disdain for the public process, Congress, and the communities most impacted by these unilateral, unchecked land designations.”

The President's designations include Pullman Historic District in Chicago, Illinois, Browns Canyon in Salida, Colorado, and the site of a World War II-era internment camp in Honouliuli, Hawaii, and will be formally announced on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

<http://naturalresources.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=398049>

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**City Council, City of Chicago - Anthony Beale, Alderman, Ninth Ward NEW**

"Steeped in the history of American industry, labor, urban planning and the African-American civil rights movement, few locations preserve these stories as evocatively as the Pullman community. Pullman's narrative is America's story. In addition, a national park would create the opportunity to access much needed federal investment in transportation and business growth, shops, stores and restaurants for visitors and residents alike. Once there is a national park at Pullman you're going to see more great things happening in the Roseland and Pullman communities."

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**External Stakeholders**

**Historic Pullman Foundation | Michael A. Shymanski, AIA, President NEW**

"The designation of Pullman as a national monument culminates a five decade grassroots effort of the Pullman Civic Organization and the Historic Pullman Foundation to preserve and restore the community's place in American history and to attract the national and international attention that this important landmark deserves. We are thrilled that President Obama will designate Pullman as part of the National Park System and we look forward to working with the National Park Service and others in creating a great urban national park in Chicago."

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**Illinois Labor History Society - Larry Spivak, President NEW**

"President Obama's historic action in authorizing national monument status for the Pullman District comes at a time when honoring the struggles of all working people to keep a vibrant middle class is needed more than ever. The history of the Pullman Porters, the workers who built the Pullman Palace cars and the courageous actions taken to improve their working conditions for themselves, their families and their community will now be honored as part of our national heritage. Thank you Mr. President for helping us remember."

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**Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives - David Doig, President NEW**

"Designating Pullman a national park will be a huge boost for the economy of the neighborhood. It will bring tourism spending, the opportunity to access federal infrastructure dollars, and private investment,



all of which are much needed here. A lot of work is already underway including new investment in retail, industrial and residential development. The national park will build on this progress and further bolster and encourage new investment.”

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**The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) - Sylvia Cyrus, Executive Director NEW**

“The recognition of the Pullman National Monument is another important step in honoring the lives those diverse groups of working people, labor unions, and political activists who fought diligently to demonstrate that there is dignity of work. In doing such their legacies have strengthened the narrative of our national history. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History applauds President Obama on the creation of this monument. Its presence will insure that the stories of people like A. Philip Randolph, Milton P. Webster, the men and women of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and its auxiliaries, and the countless others who worked tirelessly to integrate the missions of the labor and civil rights movements of so many years ago will now have an opportunity to forever remain part of our national discourse on race and political activism in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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**PullmanArts - Ann Alspaugh, Chair NEW**

Thank you President Obama for bringing the National Park Service to Pullman and your support of the important work many residents have been doing for decades. We in the community have worked countless hours to restore Pullman's unique architecture, to educate the public, and to enhance and develop community assets such as the landscape gardens, arts programming and pride of place look forward to sharing this rich history with all the new visitors when Pullman becomes a national monument.”

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**Pullman Civic Organization - Tom McMahon, President NEW**

“The Pullman Civic Organization and its members are elated over the news that Pullman will become a National Park. This represents the hard work of number of community residents, local and national political leaders and many other organizations who see the development and preservation of this location as an important facet of our history.”

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**Pullman Wheelworks Residents - Marie Robinson, President NEW**

“Thanks to President Obama, the stories of our Pullman community will be shared with the world in a way they haven’t been before. Pullman as a national park will be important because it will bring revenue to the area and job opportunities for the people of the community, and this could be life-changing for

many of our neighbors. I'm excited to see a Pullman National Monument because of the new-found pride that people will have in their neighborhood."

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**National Parks Conservation Association - Lynn McClure, Midwest Senior Director NEW**

"The people who are part of the Pullman legacy helped to shape America as we know it today. Pullman workers fought for fair labor conditions in the late 19th century and the Pullman porters helped advance America's Civil Rights movement. The designation of Pullman as a national monument will further showcase the commitment of President Obama to diversify our national parks and preserve the places that define who we are as a nation. Thanks to the President, Pullman's story will soon be remembered and recounted for the millions of people that visit America's national parks each year."

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**National Trust for Historic Preservation - Stephanie Meeks, President and CEO NEW**

"We applaud President Obama for this decisive action on behalf of one of America's most important historic places. From industrialization to the labor and civil rights movements, Pullman played a significant role in American history during the late 19th and early 20th centuries."

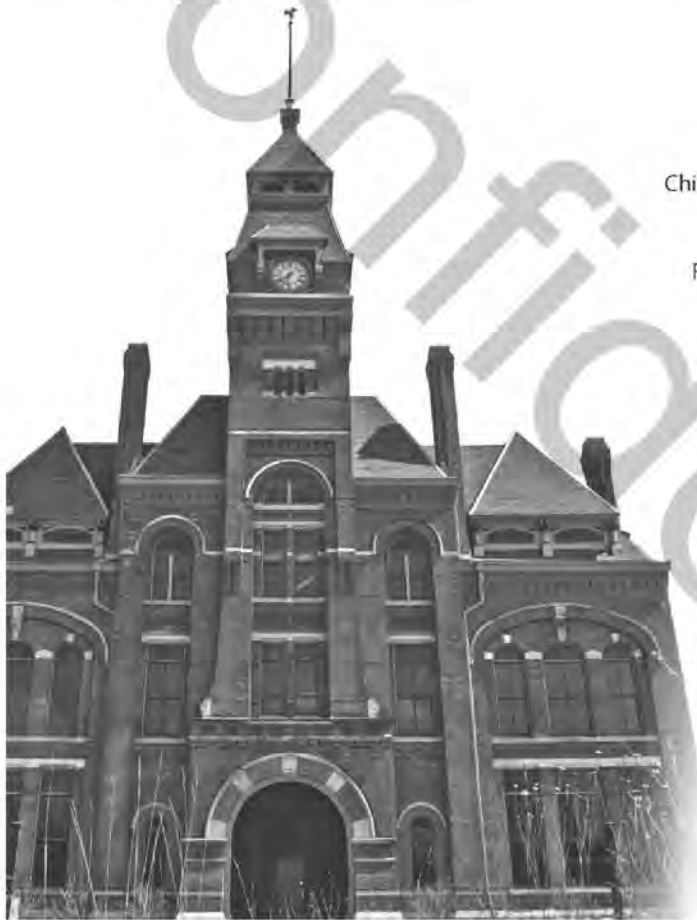
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The National Trust for Historic Preservation **NEW**

**Thank you President Obama  
Secretary Jewell and Director Jarvis  
for protecting our American history at Pullman**

The Pullman National Monument will boost our local economy and provide permanent protection for an irreplaceable part of our cultural heritage. Thanks to your efforts, the important Civil Rights, labor, and industrial history of Pullman will continue to inspire the children and grandchildren of Chicago and the nation.



Bielenberg Historic Pullman House Foundation  
Bronzeville Historical Society  
Calumet Area Industrial Commission  
Chatham Business Association  
Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation  
Chicago Urban League  
Developing Communities Project, Inc.  
Far South Side Community Development Corporation  
Friends of the Pullman State Historic Site  
Greater Roseland Chamber of Commerce  
Historic Pullman Foundation  
Historic Pullman Garden Club  
Landmarks Illinois  
Mercy Housing Lakefront  
NAACP Chicago Southside Branch  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Neighborhood Housing Services  
Preservation Chicago  
PullmanArts  
Pullman Civic Organization  
Pullman Urban Gardeners  
Pullman Wheelworks Residents  
Rosemoor Community Association  
Salem Baptist Church of Chicago  
Southeast Environmental Task Force  
South Suburban Mayors & Managers Association

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**Conservation Lands Foundation**

**President Obama's Browns Canyon National Monument designation applauded  
*President's action will expand our National Conservation Lands***

Durango, CO (February 18, 2015) – The Conservation Lands Foundation praised the announcement that President Obama would use his authority to permanently protect Browns Canyon in Colorado, along with the Honouliuli Internment Camp in Hawaii and Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood as national

monuments. These national monuments will permanently protect a diversity of lands and waters that honor our country's history and conserve open space important for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation for future generations.

"Today's action builds on steps the Administration has taken over the last six years to expand access to our public lands for outdoor recreation by permanently protecting areas significant to our nation's rich history and America's outdoor heritage," said **Ryan Bidwell, Campaign Director with the Conservation Lands Foundation**. "There are places among America's public lands that represent vital parts of our country's history, and places that provide opportunities for our kids and grandkids to explore and experience the outdoors."

**Browns Canyon**, located two hours from Denver, Colorado will become part of our nation's National Conservation Lands. The national monument will protect wildlife habitat and attract new generations of visitors to enjoy the hunting, fishing and whitewater rafting that define Colorado's outdoor lifestyle. The rugged granite cliffs and backcountry provide high quality wildlife habitat for a variety of birds and animals including golden eagles, bighorn sheep and elk.

The stretch of the Arkansas River that runs through Browns Canyon is an outstanding wild trout fishery as well as one of the most popular whitewater rafting destinations in the country. Commercial rafting on the Arkansas River which runs through Browns Canyon brings in \$60 million to the local economy. The permanent protection of this area will support the economic vitality of the region, supporting local businesses, river outfitters and surrounding communities.

For more than 10 years, efforts to protect Browns Canyon have been championed by members of both political parties. The designation is based on recent legislation developed as result of extensive community involvement, including public meetings and thousands of public comments.

**Honouliuli and Pullman** both represent distinct and important aspects of our country's history. The Honouliuli Internment Camp, located on the island of O'ahu was Hawai'i's largest and longest operating World War II prison camp. Nearly 4,000 individuals were incarcerated there solely on the basis of ancestry or country of origin.

Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood is closely linked to the history of the American labor movement. Pullman was the site of one of the bloodiest labor battles in American history – the Pullman Strike of 1894 –in which many workers were wounded or lost their lives at the hands of federal and state troops. Shortly after the deadly strike, Congress passed legislation creating a national Labor Day holiday.

With each of these designations, there was strong recognition among elected officials, local business, veterans, sportsmen, youth groups and Hispanic, African American and Japanese American leaders that some places are so important to our shared culture and heritage that they deserve to be protected for all time.



“These monument designations protect important historic and natural sites. They are a profound way to recognize our diverse national mosaic by honoring our American heritage and broadening public appeal to our public lands to an increasingly diverse American public,” stated said **Brian O’Donnell, Executive Director of the Conservation Lands Foundation**. “We look forward to President Obama’s continued leadership in protecting our nation’s most significant natural treasures, and protecting the laws that have allowed sixteen Presidents—eight from each party—to enact these important protections when Congress is unable to do so.”

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### Creation Justice Ministries

#### **The Antiquities Act Used To Create Three National Monuments**

##### Diverse Faith Community Applauds Diversity of Protected Places

Washington, DC – President Obama is set to designate three new national monuments Thursday, and Christian communities are applauding this act of stewardship. Pullman in Chicago, Browns Canyon in Colorado, and Honouliuli in Hawaii, will all be protected as monuments upon the President’s announcement in Chicago.

“Pullman Historic Site in Chicago is home to the first African American union in the country,” stated Tricia Bruckbauer, Program Director for Creation Justice Ministries. “As a Christian community that represents the stewardship policies of many historically African American churches, we are pleased with the President’s use of the Antiquities Act to preserve important stories of all Americans.”

Browns Canyon is widely lauded for its trout fishing and outdoor recreation and provides a vital habitat for many of God’s creatures. Honouliuli is the site of a World War II internment camp, and will be preserved as an important reminder of American struggles with civil liberties in times of conflict.

“As Americans, we have a stewardship tool that is able to preserve wonderful pieces of God’s creation as well as important artifacts of history and stories of our diverse nation,” Bruckbauer continued. “The Antiquities Act has been a blessing to many communities looking to safeguard their national treasures for future generations and for the benefit of Americans everywhere. We look forward to working with decision-makers to protect more of the places in which we pray and play.”

The Antiquities Act was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and has been used to protect places that are significant naturally, historically, or culturally. It has been used by 16 presidents.

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### League of Conservation Voters

#### **LCV Statement on Reports that President Obama Will Create Three New National Monuments**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – League of Conservation Voters (LCV) President Gene Karpinski released this statement on reports that President Obama will protect Chicago's Pullman Historic District, Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp, and Colorado's Browns Canyon as national monuments:

"We are thrilled that the president continues to take steps to protect America's treasured historic, cultural and natural resources for future generations. The designation of Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp and Chicago's Pullman Historic District add to the president's strong record of ensuring that our parks and monuments tell the stories of our increasingly diverse nation. And after over a decade of local support, the new Browns Canyon National Monument will bolster Colorado's outdoor recreation economy for years to come. President Obama continues to take bold steps to protect America's special places and we can't wait to see what's next."

<http://www.lcv.org/media/press-releases/LCV-Statement-on-Reports-that-President-Obama-Will-Create-Three-New-National-Monuments.html>

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#### **Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)**

##### **Praising Pullman: NRDC Supports New National Monument Designations**

CHICAGO (February 18, 2015) – President Obama will be in Chicago tomorrow to sign an order designating the city's Pullman District as a national monument. He is also expected to announce two other new monuments, Browns Canyon in Colorado and Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp.

Following is reaction from NRDC Executive Director Peter Lehner:

"The rich history of the Pullman District makes for a significant national monument; memorializing a moment in history that remains rich with meaning around race relations, the labor movement, technological innovation and urban planning. The Pullman story represents the struggle for a better life and should be preserved for generations to come.

"We appreciate the President's continued investment in developing national monuments that memorialize not only our most important wild places, but also essential historical sites that illuminate the American experience. Certainly Pullman, Brown's Canyon in Colorado and the Honouliuli Internment Camp site in Hawaii represent the amazingly diverse breadth of special places that require protection and interpretation."

NRDC Midwest Director Henry Henderson blogged on the importance of the Pullman District national monument designation at:

[http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/hhenderson/pullman\\_national\\_monument\\_a\\_re.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/hhenderson/pullman_national_monument_a_re.html)

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#### **Sierra Club**



## Sierra Club Praises National Monument Designations

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- President Obama Thursday is expected to designate three new national monuments-- Pullman Historic Site in Illinois, birthplace of the first African-American union in America; Honouliuli Internment Camp in Hawai'i, the largest prisoner-of-war camp and longest-used World War II internment camp in Hawai'i; and Browns Canyon in Colorado, a premier trout fishing and outdoor recreation destination.

In expectation, Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune issued the following statement.

"We applaud President Obama for taking steps to expand our nation's outdoor heritage by ensuring our public lands and national monuments tell the full story of the country's rich cultural and natural history.

"These monuments embody the span of historic, cultural, and natural wonders that make up our nation's outdoor legacy. President Obama's action is both recognition of their importance and assurance that they will remain as places of remembrance, historic contributions, and inspiration for our children.

"It's heartening to see President Obama once again help local communities protect valuable pieces of America. We look forward to more progress in making America's public lands better serve the diversity and interests of the American people."

<http://content.sierraclub.org/press-releases/2015/02/sierra-club-praises-national-monument-designations>

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### The Wilderness Society

#### **The Wilderness Society Statement on the Creation of Browns Canyon, Honouliuli and Pullman National Monuments**

***Antiquities Act preserves a storied neighborhood, World War II internment site and a premier river canyon***

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** (February 18, 2015) — The Wilderness Society issued the following statement today regarding President Obama's plans this week to designate Browns Canyon National Monument in Colorado, Honouliuli National Monument in Hawaii and Pullman National Monument in Chicago.

"These proclamations remind us that the spaces commemorating our nation's heritage come in a rich variety of shapes and sizes," said **Matt Keller, national monuments campaign director with The Wilderness Society**. "They include sites where people stood up for their rights for freedom and fair wages, places where thousands experienced the injustices of war, and landscapes that provide habitat for wildlife and heart-stopping adventure on whitewater rivers. We are proud of the Administration for

listening to local communities and using the Antiquities Act to preserve these irreplaceable sites for all Americans to visit.”

Browns Canyon is a scenic 22,000-acre stretch of public lands along the Arkansas River in Chaffee County, between Buena Vista and Salida, Colorado. These lands are managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The Wilderness Society has been working to protect the natural values of the Browns Canyon landscape since the early 1970s.

The Honouliuli camp on the island of O’ahu was the last, largest and longest operating internment camp during World War II. By acknowledging past injustices, this site honors the experiences of those interned and allows us to enlighten future generations.

The historic Pullman district in Chicago honors a unique, shared legacy that is integrally connected to the push for fair labor conditions and civil rights. The community represents the first model industrial town in America.

President Theodore Roosevelt pushed for passage of the Antiquities Act, which has since been used by 16 presidents –eight Republicans and eight Democrats – to protect many of America’s most treasured places from Alaska to the Florida Keys, including the Grand Canyon, Acadia, Muir Woods, Grand Teton and Olympic national parks.

For more on the history and bipartisan use of the Antiquities Act, click [here](#).

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## **Twitter**

### **Natural Resources Defense Council**

#Chicago’s historic Pullman neighborhood set to become the nation’s next national monument.  
<http://on.nrdc.org/19oPTxS>

### **The Wilderness Society**

ICYMI: Obama will designate a new national monument in #Chicago <http://wapo.st/1DAGVJh>

### **Sierra Club**

On Thursday President Obama is expected to designate three new national #monuments. Our statement: <http://sc.org/M2xkQ>

### **The Wilderness Society**

**Wilderness Society** @Wilderness

News: President Obama to protect Browns Canyon and 2 other monuments <http://bit.ly/1CI54Md>



**Outdoor Afro**

Outdoor Afro thanks President Barack Obama for declaring Chicago's Pullman district a national monument. <http://fb.me/1AYnTbnE1>

<https://twitter.com/outdoorafro/status/565206688467525632>

**Senator Dick Durbin**

The @White\_House is announcing #NPforPullman today in Chicago. Big moment for America's history, our city & the Pullman community

<https://twitter.com/SenatorDurbin/status/568423535044993024>

**Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth**

I'm excited that President Obama is designating Chicago's Pullman factory as a national monument today: <http://ow.ly/JklOX>

<https://twitter.com/Tammy4Congress/status/568439673317666816>

**Natl Park Foundation**

So grateful to everyone who made it possible for #Pullman to become a #NationalPark! Pic: @ILhistory #TBT

<https://twitter.com/GoParks/status/568502670652264448>

**Robin Kelly (IL-02)**

So proud to have the #Pullman Historic District become a National Monument! #IL02

<https://twitter.com/RepRobinKelly/status/568515620033003520>

**Trust for Public Land**

"Together we can do great things that we can't do alone. That's why I am designating #Pullman as America's newest monument." - @BarackObama

[https://twitter.com/tpl\\_org/status/568506656650186752](https://twitter.com/tpl_org/status/568506656650186752)

**Illinois History**

On big day for #Pullman, @ArgusBrewery releases "Monumental Lager." Details here: <http://ow.ly/Jl2jZ>  
<http://ow.ly/i/8HWc9>

**Pullman Foundation**

Congratulations to the #Pullman historic district of #Chicago on becoming a #nationalmonument!  
<http://bit.ly/1AadcVV> It's OFFICIAL!

<https://twitter.com/pullmanfdn/status/568507207953883136>

Confidential



## Browns Canyon National Monument, CO

### Elected Officials

#### Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)

##### **Statement on Browns Canyon**

"Coloradans have been very clear they wanted this protection, along with assurances that existing uses will be protected. We're glad the administration heard those voices and provided those assurances," ([Star Tribune](#))

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#### Joel Benson, Mayor of Buena Vista, President, BV Roastery & Bongo Billy's Coffees

"Browns Canyon is intricately connected to the fabric of our communities and is key to our quality of life. The Browns Canyon National Monument will also boost local economic vitality via increased visitation and awareness of Buena Vista and Chaffee County. As a father and a business owner, I welcome this monument designation because it ensures that this irreplaceable location will be permanently protected for the well-being of our community, our local economy, and our children."

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#### Thomas Yerkey, Salida City Council Member

"For over a decade, local citizens and lawmakers from both parties have worked tirelessly to protect this unique and untrammled landscape. Although legislation has been introduced with the support of multiple diverse groups, including Chaffee County Commissioners, Arkansas River Outfitters Association, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, roughly 150 local businesses, and 150 more from throughout the state, this area still remains one of the state's most appreciated yet unprotected areas."

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#### Eric Gibb, MD, Town of Buena Vista Trustee and business owner

"Protecting Browns Canyon is important to the local and state economy. The Browns Canyon National Monument will also protect wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation opportunities and opportunities that define Colorado's outdoor legacy today and for future generations. Because of these reasons, I strongly support the designation of the Browns Canyon National Monument."

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Joel Hefley, former U.S. Representative (Represented Colorado's 5th Congressional District, which includes Chaffee County, from 1987 to 2007)

“The people of Chaffee County have been working together for many years to protect this scenic landscape and the important river corridor that runs through Browns Canyon. This new National Monument will mean a lot to Chaffee County and also for future generations as they enjoy this special place. I am thrilled that after all these years it is finally happening.”

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**Representative Dough Lamborn (CO-5)**

**Statement on Browns Canyon**

Today, Congressman Doug Lamborn released a statement following President Obama's decision to designate Browns Canyon as a National Monument.

“I am outraged; this is the type of executive order that upsets Americans. This is a top-down, big government land grab by the President that disenfranchises the concerned citizens in the Browns Canyon region. I’ve heard from multitudes of local citizens whose concerns about grazing rights, water rights, outdoor recreation, and the inability of first responders to manage and fight wildfires in the area have never been addressed. It is also important for people to note that national monuments created by Presidential executive order under the Antiquities Act almost always become underfunded, neglected properties. This is because they are created without normal Congressional and local consensus, robbing the people of a fair and open process that stifles the input of the community. And they become orphans once the Administration changes. Does Browns Canyon really deserve this kind of second-class status?”

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**Representative Ken Buck (CO-4)**

**Statement to the Washington Times**

“He is not king. No more acting like King Barack,” Mr. Buck said. “That is not how we do things in the U.S. Actions like this lead the American people to view Mr. Obama’s presidency as an imperial presidency.”

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/feb/18/colo-gop-blasts-obamas-latest-national-monument/#ixzz3S8NoLBXB>

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**Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO)**

**Gardner Statement on Browns Canyon Designation**

**Washington, D.C.** – Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) released the following statement on President Obama’s planned designation of Browns Canyon as a National Monument:



“Browns Canyon is a national treasure with a long history of bipartisan support in Colorado. Senator Udall in particular was a champion of this beautiful site, and his legacy of protecting Colorado’s landscapes is to be commended. This monument will stand in lasting tribute to his public service. My preference is always to work through the legislative process, and in the coming days I will be introducing legislation to ensure that Colorado’s state and local interests have a seat at the table in discussions about Browns Canyon.”

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**Representative Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ.) NEW**

**Natural Resources Ranking Member Grijalva Statement on President Obama’s Designation of Three New National Monuments**

*Tucson, Ariz.* – House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) released the following statement on today’s presidential designation of three new national monuments.

“Conserving our public lands and recognizing milestones in our nation’s history are among every president’s greatest responsibilities and proudest achievements. President Obama acted in the best spirit of that tradition today when he designated Pullman Historic Chicago District, Browns Canyon, and Honouliuli Internment Camp national monuments.

“Our wide open spaces and our historic sites need just as much protection today as they did the day the Antiquities Act was signed into law in 1906. President Obama, no less than President Roosevelt, understands the great public service presidents perform when they conserve those open spaces and those historic sites for the future. No fewer than nineteen presidents, both Democrats and Republicans, have used the Antiquities Act to protect the national treasures found on our federal lands, and many more will do so in the future. The American people demand nothing less.

“Despite the best efforts of an anti-conservation congressional majority, the American people still see more than dollars and cents when they look across the prairie, or into the Mountain West, or back into the pages of our shared history. They see the same beauty that our forefathers saw – a beauty that we dare not throw away in the name of today’s bottom line. We cannot sustain an economy based on taking everything, leaving nothing and demanding that taxpayers foot the bill for private profits. I share the American people’s vision of protected landscapes, well-preserved historical sites and monuments, and a thriving federal lands system accessible to every American who comes to enjoy rather than exploit. So does President Obama. Today I’m proud to stand with him in welcoming these additions to our public lands and look forward to hearing the many success stories they have ahead of them.”

<http://democrats.naturalresources.house.gov/press-release/natural-resources-ranking-member-grijalva-statement-president-obama-s-designation>

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**Representative Rob Bishop (UT-01) NEW**

## **Chairman Bishop Reacts to Obama Administration's Plans to Unilaterally Proclaim Three New National Monuments**

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 18, 2015 - House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (UT-01) released the following statement after President Obama announced his intentions to unilaterally proclaim three new national monuments using the Antiquities Act of 1906.

"President Obama has sidelined the American public and bulldozed transparency by proclaiming three new national monuments through executive fiat. The Obama Administration claims these designations have public support, but we know that is a complete stretch of the truth. The cost to taxpayers is anyone's guess and the impacts upon local communities are unknown. Congress has demonstrated that it can work in a collaborative fashion to fully vet and approve designations that have support from the public and their elected representatives. This White House has shown once again its utter and complete disdain for the public process, Congress, and the communities most impacted by these unilateral, unchecked land designations."

The President's designations include Pullman Historic District in Chicago, Illinois, Browns Canyon in Salida, Colorado, and the site of a World War II-era internment camp in Honouliuli, Hawaii, and will be formally announced on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

<http://naturalresources.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=398049>

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## **External Stakeholders**

### **Healing Waters Family Center - Joseito Velasquez, Pastor NEW**

"Colorado's clean water, wildlife habitat, cultural treasures and public lands are entrusted to us to be protected and preserved for the next generation. It is our moral responsibility to care for our land, water, and wildlife. The support of Browns Canyon demonstrates just how important stewardship of our outdoor and cultural heritage is to the Latino community."

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### **Conservation Colorado - Pete Maysmith, Executive Director NEW**

"We thank President Obama for acting now to protect Browns Canyon, and honoring the work of so many to protect this striking place. This new national monument is a culmination of former Senator Mark Udall's work and so many others to protect this gem of the Arkansas River," said Pete Maysmith, Conservation Colorado's Executive Director. "All Coloradans can be proud of what we have accomplished together."

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**Sierra Club - David Scott, President, and John Stansfield, Volunteer, Sierra Club Rocky Mountain Chapter NEW**

"We applaud President Obama for using his authority to protect this national treasure. The unique combination of water, wild landscape and lower elevation ridges at Browns Canyon provide four-season opportunities for people to get outside, as well as important wildlife habitat. Browns Canyon is a wonderful addition to our nation's conservation legacy; we look forward to President Obama's continued work to secure our outdoor heritage.

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**Center for Western Priorities**

DENVER-- The Denver Post reported this morning that President Barack Obama will designate Colorado's Browns Canyon as a new national monument. But two members of Colorado's Congressional delegation immediately criticized the decision and distorted the facts about the monument designation.

Jessica Goad, Advocacy Director at the Center for Western Priorities, issued the following statement in response:

"Today's comments by Congressmen Lamborn and Buck are hypocritical, offensive, and out of touch with Coloradans. This monument designation was discussed and refined extensively, and enjoyed support from both Republicans and Democrats over the years. But Congress has failed to take action for over two decades. Instead of playing politics, these representatives should join in Colorado's bipartisan tradition of protecting lands. If Congress won't take action to protect these deserving public lands, then the president should."

Here are three ways that Rep. Lamborn and Rep. Buck misfired in their statements:

1) Rep. Lamborn has supported the designation of national monuments during previous presidential terms.

Lamborn stated that he was "outraged" by the Browns Canyon monument, but in 2007, when President George W. Bush was in office, Rep. Lamborn called for the creation of a Pikes Peak National Monument. "It would promote tourism," Lamborn said at the time. "There are people who love to go around and visit the national monuments around the country and the national parks."

2) Rep. Lamborn has had every opportunity to pass a bill in Congress.

While Rep. Lamborn today criticized the president for a "top-down, big-government land grab," bipartisan legislation to protect Browns Canyon has been promoted by the local community but has languished in Congress since 1991. Rep. Lamborn's predecessor—Representative Joel Hefley (R-CO)—and Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) both called for the protection of the area. In fact, Rep. Hefley this morning said, "the people of Chaffee County have been working together for many years to protect this scenic landscape."

3) Rep. Buck's comments about the president—calling him “King Barack”—are offensive and wrong.

Rep. Buck's inappropriate comments today of “no more acting like King Barack” also fail to note that 16 presidents have used the Antiquities Act, including Republican President George W. Bush. Notably, Rep. Buck did not refer to President Bush as “King George” when Bush designated national monuments.

<http://westernpriorities.org/2015/02/18/statement-colorado-members-of-congress-wildly-misfire-with-criticism-of-new-browns-canyon-national-monumen/>

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### **Colorado Sportsmen Group**

**Trout Unlimited  
Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
National Wildlife Federation**

### **Sportsmen groups praise creation of Browns Canyon national monument**

*Call monument designation ‘historic victory’ for Colorado conservation*

**SALIDA (Feb. 18)**—Colorado sportsmen today praised President Obama's designation of Browns Canyon as a new national monument, the culmination of years of effort to protect a Colorado backcountry treasure beloved by generations of anglers, hunters, rafters, and hikers.

Gov. John Hickenlooper and Sen. Michael Bennet recently asked President Obama to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to establish the 22,000-acre Browns Canyon National Monument, after legislation sponsored by Sen. Mark Udall stalled in Congress despite broad local support.

Sportsmen and wildlife enthusiasts called the monument action a historic victory for Colorado conservation.

“I'm thrilled,” said Jim Impara, vice president of the Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited in Salida. “Browns Canyon is one of those special places that draws rafters, hunters and anglers from all over the world. This action ensures that Browns' wildness and rare beauty will be there for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.”

“Browns is one of the most popular whitewater rafting destinations in the country,” said Bill Dvorak, rafting guide and public lands organizer for the National Wildlife Federation. “It's also a great hunting and fishing area and the foundation of our local recreation-based economy. With this designation, Coloradans can be confident that the wildlife and economic benefits that Browns Canyon provides will be around for a long time to come.”

“This is a great day for Colorado and for sportsmen,” said Tim Brass, Southern Rockies Coordinator for Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. “Browns Canyon is the gold standard for backcountry hunting and fishing habitat. Protecting this last bastion of wild country along the Arkansas River ensures that herds of



elk and deer have high-quality winter range and anglers can pursue wily trout in an outstanding Gold Medal fishery.”

For years, sportsmen’s groups have been pushing for monument status for Browns Canyon. TU, NWF and BHA organized local hunters and anglers to voice their support and attend numerous local meetings and public forums. The groups cited Brown’s important fish and wildlife habitat, as well as its role as an economic driver for Colorado’s \$1.2 billion fishing economy and \$500 million hunting economy. Browns Canyon is also the single largest contributor to Colorado’s \$140 million whitewater rafting industry.

“Sportsmen can be proud that they helped deliver this victory for Browns,” said David Nickum, executive director of Colorado Trout Unlimited. “Our local roots and deep knowledge of these places carry weight with lawmakers and federal officials. Hunters and anglers understand the value of our public lands and wild backcountry, and we’re committed to protecting these magnificent resources and our outdoor way of life.”

He added, “We especially thank Sen. Udall for his dedication and persistence in pushing for a Browns Canyon monument. He has been a valued voice for sportsmen and for commonsense conservation.”

For more information about Browns, go to [www.sportsmenforbrowns.com](http://www.sportsmenforbrowns.com).

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### **Conservation Lands Foundation**

#### **President Obama’s Browns Canyon National Monument designation applauded *President’s action will expand our National Conservation Lands***

Durango, CO (February 18, 2015) – The Conservation Lands Foundation praised the announcement that President Obama would use his authority to permanently protect Browns Canyon in Colorado, along with the Honouliuli Internment Camp in Hawaii and Chicago’s historic Pullman neighborhood as national monuments. These national monuments will permanently protect a diversity of lands and waters that honor our country’s history and conserve open space important for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation for future generations.

“Today’s action builds on steps the Administration has taken over the last six years to expand access to our public lands for outdoor recreation by permanently protecting areas significant to our nation’s rich history and America’s outdoor heritage,” said **Ryan Bidwell, Campaign Director with the Conservation Lands Foundation**. “There are places among America’s public lands that represent vital parts of our country’s history, and places that provide opportunities for our kids and grandkids to explore and experience the outdoors.”

**Browns Canyon**, located two hours from Denver, Colorado will become part of our nation’s National Conservation Lands. The national monument will protect wildlife habitat and attract new generations of visitors to enjoy the hunting, fishing and whitewater rafting that define Colorado’s outdoor lifestyle. The

rugged granite cliffs and backcountry provide high quality wildlife habitat for a variety of birds and animals including golden eagles, bighorn sheep and elk.

The stretch of the Arkansas River that runs through Browns Canyon is an outstanding wild trout fishery as well as one of the most popular whitewater rafting destinations in the country. Commercial rafting on the Arkansas River which runs through Browns Canyon brings in \$60 million to the local economy. The permanent protection of this area will support the economic vitality of the region, supporting local businesses, river outfitters and surrounding communities.

For more than 10 years, efforts to protect Browns Canyon have been championed by members of both political parties. The designation is based on recent legislation developed as result of extensive community involvement, including public meetings and thousands of public comments.

**Honouliuli and Pullman** both represent distinct and important aspects of our country's history. The Honouliuli Internment Camp, located on the island of O'ahu was Hawai'i's largest and longest operating World War II prison camp. Nearly 4,000 individuals were incarcerated there solely on the basis of ancestry or country of origin.

Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood is closely linked to the history of the American labor movement. Pullman was the site of one of the bloodiest labor battles in American history – the Pullman Strike of 1894 –in which many workers were wounded or lost their lives at the hands of federal and state troops. Shortly after the deadly strike, Congress passed legislation creating a national Labor Day holiday.

With each of these designations, there was strong recognition among elected officials, local business, veterans, sportsmen, youth groups and Hispanic, African American and Japanese American leaders that some places are so important to our shared culture and heritage that they deserve to be protected for all time.

"These monument designations protect important historic and natural sites. They are a profound way to recognize our diverse national mosaic by honoring our American heritage and broadening public appeal to our public lands to an increasingly diverse American public," stated said **Brian O'Donnell, Executive Director of the Conservation Lands Foundation**. "We look forward to President Obama's continued leadership in protecting our nation's most significant natural treasures, and protecting the laws that have allowed sixteen Presidents—eight from each party—to enact these important protections when Congress is unable to do so."

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### **Creation Justice Ministries**

#### **The Antiquities Act Used To Create Three National Monuments**

Diverse Faith Community Applauds Diversity of Protected Places



Washington, DC – President Obama is set to designate three new national monuments Thursday, and Christian communities are applauding this act of stewardship. Pullman in Chicago, Browns Canyon in Colorado, and Honouliuli in Hawaii, will all be protected as monuments upon the President’s announcement in Chicago.

“Pullman Historic Site in Chicago is home to the first African American union in the country,” stated Tricia Bruckbauer, Program Director for Creation Justice Ministries. “As a Christian community that represents the stewardship policies of many historically African American churches, we are pleased with the President’s use of the Antiquities Act to preserve important stories of all Americans.”

Browns Canyon is widely lauded for its trout fishing and outdoor recreation and provides a vital habitat for many of God’s creatures. Honouliuli is the site of a World War II internment camp, and will be preserved as an important reminder of American struggles with civil liberties in times of conflict.

“As Americans, we have a stewardship tool that is able to preserve wonderful pieces of God’s creation as well as important artifacts of history and stories of our diverse nation,” Bruckbauer continued. “The Antiquities Act has been a blessing to many communities looking to safeguard their national treasures for future generations and for the benefit of Americans everywhere. We look forward to working with decision-makers to protect more of the places in which we pray and play.”

The Antiquities Act was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and has been used to protect places that are significant naturally, historically, or culturally. It has been used by 16 presidents.

[http://www.creationjustice.org/uploads/2/5/4/6/25465131/creation\\_justice\\_ministries\\_feb\\_monuments\\_statement.pdf](http://www.creationjustice.org/uploads/2/5/4/6/25465131/creation_justice_ministries_feb_monuments_statement.pdf)

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### **Environmental Learning for Kids**

#### **Inner City Kids Group Praises Browns Canyon National Monument Status**

*Environmental Learning for Kids depends on protected lands to take urban kids outdoors*

DENVER – Today President Obama announced that Browns Canyon will become a national monument – and Environmental Learning for Kids is singing his praises.

“Environmental Learning for Kids depends on protected places like Browns Canyon to introduce urban kids to the majestic beauty and solitude of Colorado’s wild lands – places none of them have ever visited before,” said Amy Wright, Education Coordinator at Environmental Learning for Kids. “On behalf of Denver’s inner city youth, we want to thank the President for his leadership on making Browns Canyon a national monument.”

Browns Canyon’s ruggedness and lower elevation provides excellent habitat for birds of prey, bighorn sheep, elk and other wildlife, as well as offers high quality hiking, camping, fishing and climbing

opportunities. Environmental Learning for Kids depends on Browns Canyon and other public lands to introduce multicultural, low-income youth and their families to the great outdoors in Colorado.

"I feel so lucky I was able to visit Browns Canyon. It was my first trip out of the city," said Melissa Sotelo of Environmental Learning for Kids. "And I really like knowing that now it's a protected area so other urban kids can come and experience it like I did."

Congress has considered multiple bipartisan bills to designate Browns Canyon as national monument over two decades but failed to pass one.

ELK (Environmental Learning for Kids) is an inclusive non-profit organization that develops inspired and responsible leaders through science education and outdoor experiences for underserved, urban youth ages 5-25.

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### **Friends of Brown Canyon**

#### **Colorado leaders, sportsmen, businesses applaud Browns Canyon National Monument announcement**

Salida, CO (February 18, 2015) – The Friends of Browns Canyon and community leaders applauded the news that President Obama plans to designate the Browns Canyon National Monument in Colorado on Thursday.

"This designation will provide permanent protection that is long overdue for this incredible area. Residents and visitors to Chaffee County have always understood that Browns Canyon is a national treasure," commented Keith Baker, Executive Director of Friends of Browns Canyon. "The national monument designation is supported by hunters and anglers, businesses and conservation groups, veterans and youth groups."

A broad cross-section of local groups and businesses have supported the national monument designation for Browns Canyon, including the Colorado and Arkansas River Outfitters Associations, Chaffee County Visitors Bureau, the Salida Business Alliance, sportsmen, youth, faith, veterans and Hispanic groups, local businesses and county commissioners. Recent polling from the Colorado College showed that 96% of Coloradans support the protection and conservation of natural areas.

"Browns Canyon is intricately connected to the fabric of our communities and is key to our quality of life. The Browns Canyon National Monument will also boost local economic vitality via increased visitation and awareness of Buena Vista and Chaffee County," stated Joel Benson, Mayor of Buena Vista. "As a father and a business owner, I welcome this monument designation because it ensures that this irreplaceable location will be permanently protected for the well-being of our community, our local economy, and our children."

"The people of Chaffee County have been working together for many years to protect this scenic landscape and the important river corridor that runs through Browns Canyon," stated former U.S.



Representative Joel Hefley, who represented Colorado's 5th Congressional District, which includes Chaffee County, from 1987 to 2007. "This new National Monument will mean a lot to Chaffee County and also for future generations as they enjoy this special place. I am thrilled that after all these years it is finally happening."

"As a retired Air Force Officer, outdoor business owner and dedicated backcountry enthusiast, I've long felt that Browns Canyon is one area that's clearly worth protecting," stated Eric Lynn, owner of Mountain Ridge Gear in Payton, CO. "Whether you're casting on the gold medal waters of the Arkansas during the Caddis hatch, or hiking the rugged ridges in pursuit of mule deer, it is landscapes like Browns Canyon that I've fought for and more than anything, it's an area that I am glad to be able to pass down to my kids."

Browns Canyon is the most popular whitewater rafting destination in the country. According to the Colorado River Outfitters Association (CROA), commercial rafting on the Arkansas River which runs through Browns Canyon brings in roughly \$60 million to the economy. The stretch of the Arkansas River that runs through Browns Canyon was awarded "Gold Medal" status for having the highest quality cold-water fish habitats accessible to the public and great potential for trophy trout fishing.

"Browns Canyon is a stunning and rugged stretch of the Arkansas River which supports a multi-million dollar local outdoor industry. The monument designation guarantees that the backcountry, fishing, wildlife and economic benefits that Browns Canyon provides will be around for a long time to come," said Bill Dvorak, owner of Dvorak Expeditions and President of the Friends of Browns Canyon. "This is why we appreciate the leadership of the President and Senators Bennet and Udall for working with our community to finally give Browns Canyon the recognition it deserves."

[www.BrownsCanyon.org](http://www.BrownsCanyon.org)

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### **Hispanic Access Foundation**

#### **Latinos Applaud Browns Canyon National Monument Designation**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

This week, President Barack Obama will protect the national public lands of Browns Canyon by designating it as the nation's newest national monument. Latinos, which account for more than 21 percent of the state's population, celebrated the decision that will help preserve and increase access to the Colorado treasure, safeguard critical clean water supplies for southern Colorado families and protect wildlife habitat prized by generations of hunters.

"Browns Canyon is significant to people across many cultures and communities," said Maite Arce, president and CEO of Hispanic Access Foundation. "Protecting these public lands will strengthen the diverse social fabric of the region and unite our hopes that future generations will be able to experience Browns Canyon as we do today."

While Hispano settlers helped develop the Sante Fe Trail trading corridor in the 19th century spawning settlements from the lower Arkansas Valley to San Luis Valley and beyond, Browns Canyon has continued to be a destination for Latinos. In August 2014, Hispanic Access Foundation led a Browns Canyon rafting and hiking trip with 60 Latino youth from Denver's Healing Waters Family Center and New Hope Christian Fellowship in Greeley.

"Colorado's clean water, wildlife habitat, cultural treasures and public lands are entrusted to us to be protected and preserved for the next generation. It is our moral responsibility to care for our land, water, and wildlife," said Joseito Velasquez, a pastor with Healing Waters Family Center. "The support of Browns Canyon demonstrates just how important stewardship of our outdoor and cultural heritage is to the Latino community."

Latinos played a visible and vocal role in the effort to protect Browns Canyon. For example, several Latino youth from St. Cajetan Catholic Church traveled to Salida, Colo. to share their support for a national monument. In 2012, youth from the church held their own weekend rafting and camping trip in Browns Canyon. These youth then raised money to travel to Washington, D.C. to share their experience with Sens. Mark Udall and Michael Bennet, the director of the National Park Service, representatives from Department of Interior and the White House Council for Environmental Quality.

"Whitewater rafting the Arkansas River through Browns Canyon was the best experience of my life," said Paola Soto, a Community College of Denver student who spoke at the public meeting in Salida. "Protecting this area will make sure that everyone has this opportunity. A Browns Canyon National Monument is good for our economy, our environment and our community. I can't wait to return."

The national monument designation will help permanently protect watersheds and water quality, conserve fish and wildlife, enhance air quality and increase access to healthy outdoor recreation. Additionally, areas surrounding national monuments often experience an economic boost from increased tourism.

"There is a misperception that Latinos are solely focused on only a few issues, like immigration reform or the economy," said Arce. "As we've seen from the Colorado Latino community's active support for Browns Canyon, environmental issues, such as public lands protection, are equally important to our community. Latinos are making their voices heard as a community that enjoys spending time in the outdoors and enthusiastically support protecting public lands for future generations."

"We appreciate the leadership of Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewel, Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze and U.S. Forest Service Chief Thomas Tidwell, and their efforts to listen to the concerns of the Latino community," said Arce.

<http://hispanicaccess.org/news/latinos-applaud-browns-canyon-national-monument-designation/feb-2015>

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**League of Conservation Voters**



## LCV Statement on Reports that President Obama Will Create Three New National Monuments

WASHINGTON, DC – League of Conservation Voters (LCV) President Gene Karpinski released this statement on reports that President Obama will protect Chicago's Pullman Historic District, Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp, and Colorado's Browns Canyon as national monuments:

"We are thrilled that the president continues to take steps to protect America's treasured historic, cultural and natural resources for future generations. The designation of Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp and Chicago's Pullman Historic District add to the president's strong record of ensuring that our parks and monuments tell the stories of our increasingly diverse nation. And after over a decade of local support, the new Browns Canyon National Monument will bolster Colorado's outdoor recreation economy for years to come. President Obama continues to take bold steps to protect America's special places and we can't wait to see what's next."

<http://www.lcv.org/media/press-releases/LCV-Statement-on-Reports-that-President-Obama-Will-Create-Three-New-National-Monuments.html>

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### National Wildlife Federation

#### **NWF celebrates a new national monument: Colorado's Browns Canyon**

DENVER (Feb. 28, 2015) – President Barack Obama's plan to declare Colorado's Browns Canyon a national monument means sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts will be able to enjoy its spectacular landscapes, world-class whitewater rafting and hunting and fishing for generations to come.

"Browns Canyon is widely revered for its rafting, fishing, hunting, hiking, wildlife watching, and rugged backcountry," said Collin O'Mara, the National Wildlife Federation's CEO and president, "This is why folks from all walks of life, lawmakers from both parties, and conservation leaders across Colorado, including our state affiliate the Colorado Wildlife Federation, have worked for more than two decades to protect it. On behalf of the entire National Wildlife Federation, we are grateful to the president for supporting wildlife and amazing outdoor experiences by permanently protecting this conservation jewel."

Browns Canyon, about 140 miles southwest of Denver, is known nationwide for whitewater rafting on the Arkansas River. The Colorado River Outfitters Association said recreation on the river generated nearly \$56 million in economic benefits in 2013. The area's gulches, rocky cliffs, forests and meadows provide habitat for mule deer, elk, black bears, bighorn sheep, mountain lions, eagles and falcons. A 102-mile stretch of the Arkansas is classified as Gold Medal trout waters, based on the quality and quantity of fish. Hikers in Browns have great views of some of Colorado's most dramatic Fourteeners – mountains more than 14,000 feet in elevation.

"We've been waiting a long time for this. Making Browns Canyon a national monument has overwhelming support from the public, especially from people who live the closest to it. We know what

we have and we don't want to lose it," said Bill Dvorak, NWF's public lands organizer in Colorado and a longtime rafting and fishing guide on the Arkansas River.

News that Obama will proclaim Browns Canyon a national monument this week follows a recent public meeting in Salida that drew about 700 people. Former Sen. Mark Udall hosted the meeting in December so federal officials could gauge support for protecting Browns. Udall, Sen. Michael Bennet and Gov. John Hickenlooper asked Obama to use his executive authority after Udall's bill to establish a monument stalled in Congress.

"Presidents since Teddy Roosevelt have used the Antiquities Act to conserve some of our country's most stunning landscapes and important ecosystems. The Grand Canyon, Chaco Canyon and Muir Woods are just a few of the places set aside by presidents. We can add Browns Canyon to the list of American treasures that showcase the best of the natural resources that make us the envy of other countries around the world," said Kent Ingram, Colorado Wildlife Federation president.

<http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/News-by-Topic/Wildlife/2015/02-18-15-NWF-celebrates-a-new-national-monument-Colorados-Browns-Canyon.aspx>

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#### **Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)**

##### **Praising Pullman: NRDC Supports New National Monument Designations**

CHICAGO (February 18, 2015) – President Obama will be in Chicago tomorrow to sign an order designating the city's Pullman District as a national monument. He is also expected to announce two other new monuments, Browns Canyon in Colorado and Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp.

Following is reaction from NRDC Executive Director Peter Lehner:

"The rich history of the Pullman District makes for a significant national monument; memorializing a moment in history that remains rich with meaning around race relations, the labor movement, technological innovation and urban planning. The Pullman story represents the struggle for a better life and should be preserved for generations to come.

"We appreciate the President's continued investment in developing national monuments that memorialize not only our most important wild places, but also essential historical sites that illuminate the American experience. Certainly Pullman, Brown's Canyon in Colorado and the Honouliuli Internment Camp site in Hawaii represent the amazingly diverse breadth of special places that require protection and interpretation."

NRDC Midwest Director Henry Henderson blogged on the importance of the Pullman District national monument designation at

[http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/hhenderson/pullman\\_national\\_monument\\_a\\_re.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/hhenderson/pullman_national_monument_a_re.html)

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**PEW**

**Pew Applauds Expected Browns Canyon National Monument Designation**

Washington, DC—The Pew Charitable Trusts today applauded the expected designation of the Browns Canyon National Monument in Colorado.

Mike Matz, Pew's director of U.S. public lands, issued the following statement:

"Browns Canyon and the stretch of the Arkansas River that runs through it are economic powerhouses in central Colorado, drawing people from all over the country for outdoor recreation. For years, visitors have enjoyed the river's white waters and the canyon's wild features. Those destinations now have a well-deserved monument designation.

"In addition to being one of the most popular rafting destinations in the country, the area that is now Browns Canyon National Monument attracts visitors for hiking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, skiing, and bird-watching. The rugged cliffs and spectacular backcountry are home to a variety of wildlife, including bighorn sheep, peregrine falcons, and golden eagles. And the Arkansas River has an outstanding wild-trout fishery.

"This designation was made possible by the Antiquities Act of 1906, which gives the president the power to conserve for future generations natural, historical, and cultural treasures. The act is one of our nation's most critical preservation tools. Republican and Democratic presidents alike—Theodore Roosevelt, Harry Truman, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama, to name a few—have relied on it to safeguard our nation's heritage.

"The protection of Browns Canyon gives 2015 a rousing start for conservation as we look to preserve more lands, such as Boulder-White Clouds in Idaho and the Birthplace of Rivers in West Virginia."

Last year, congressional and presidential actions were taken to conserve a number of America's wild places, including Sleeping Bear Dunes in Michigan, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks in New Mexico, and Nevada's Pine Forest Range.

**Sierra Club**

**Sierra Club Praises National Monument Designations**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- President Obama Thursday is expected to designate three new national monuments-- Pullman Historic Site in Illinois, birthplace of the first African-American union in America; Honouliuli Internment Camp in Hawai'i, the largest prisoner-of-war camp and longest-used World War II internment camp in Hawai'i; and Browns Canyon in Colorado, a premier trout fishing and outdoor recreation destination.

In expectation, Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune issued the following statement.

"We applaud President Obama for taking steps to expand our nation's outdoor heritage by ensuring our public lands and national monuments tell the full story of the country's rich cultural and natural history.

"These monuments embody the span of historic, cultural, and natural wonders that make up our nation's outdoor legacy. President Obama's action is both recognition of their importance and assurance that they will remain as places of remembrance, historic contributions, and inspiration for our children.

"It's heartening to see President Obama once again help local communities protect valuable pieces of America. We look forward to more progress in making America's public lands better serve the diversity and interests of the American people."

<http://content.sierraclub.org/press-releases/2015/02/sierra-club-praises-national-monument-designations>

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### **The Wilderness Society**

#### **The Wilderness Society Statement on the Creation of Browns Canyon, Honouliuli and Pullman National Monuments**

##### ***Antiquities Act preserves a storied neighborhood, World War II internment site and a premier river canyon***

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** (February 18, 2015) — The Wilderness Society issued the following statement today regarding President Obama's plans this week to designate Browns Canyon National Monument in Colorado, Honouliuli National Monument in Hawaii and Pullman National Monument in Chicago.

"These proclamations remind us that the spaces commemorating our nation's heritage come in a rich variety of shapes and sizes," said **Matt Keller, national monuments campaign director with The Wilderness Society**. "They include sites where people stood up for their rights for freedom and fair wages, places where thousands experienced the injustices of war, and landscapes that provide habitat for wildlife and heart-stopping adventure on whitewater rivers. We are proud of the Administration for listening to local communities and using the Antiquities Act to preserve these irreplaceable sites for all Americans to visit."

Browns Canyon is a scenic 22,000-acre stretch of public lands along the Arkansas River in Chaffee County, between Buena Vista and Salida, Colorado. These lands are managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The Wilderness Society has been working to protect the natural values of the Browns Canyon landscape since the early 1970s.

The Honouliuli camp on the island of O'ahu was the last, largest and longest operating internment camp during World War II. By acknowledging past injustices, this site honors the experiences of those interned and allows us to enlighten future generations.



The historic Pullman district in Chicago honors a unique, shared legacy that is integrally connected to the push for fair labor conditions and civil rights. The community represents the first model industrial town in America.

President Theodore Roosevelt pushed for passage of the Antiquities Act, which has since been used by 16 presidents –eight Republicans and eight Democrats – to protect many of America’s most treasured places from Alaska to the Florida Keys, including the Grand Canyon, Acadia, Muir Woods, Grand Teton and Olympic national parks.

For more on the history and bipartisan use of the Antiquities Act, click [here](#).

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**Joe Greiner, Owner of Wilderness Aware Rafting, Buena Vista, CO**

“I take tourists and residents whitewater rafting and fishing through Browns Canyon, exposing them to the natural beauty that is at the heart of Colorado’s outdoor heritage. A lot of people put national monuments on their bucket list. This national monument designation will put Browns Canyon on the map and have an even bigger impact on our local economy.”

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**Bill Dvorak, Owner of Dvorak Raft, Kayak & Fishing Expeditions**

“I’ve been guiding river trips through Browns Canyon since the early ‘80s and it’s undeniably one of the top whitewater destinations in the country, supporting a multi-million dollar local outdoor industry. The monument designation guarantees that the backcountry, fishing, wildlife and economic benefits that Browns Canyon provides will be around for a long time to come. This is why we appreciate the leadership of the President and Senators Bennet and Udall for working with our community to finally give Browns Canyon the recognition it deserves.”

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**Eric Lynn, Owner of Mountain Ridge Gear, Peyton, CO**

"As a retired Air Force Officer, outdoor business owner and dedicated backcountry enthusiast, I've long felt that Browns Canyon is one area that's clearly worth protecting. Whether you're casting on the gold medal waters of the Arkansas during the Caddis hatch, or hiking the rugged ridges in pursuit of mule deer, it is landscapes like Browns Canyon that I've fought for and more than anything, it's an area that I want to pass down to my kids. I'm encouraged by the prospect that Browns Canyon will be protected as it currently is."

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**Dick Ziminski, Owner San Isabel Bed & Breakfast, Army veteran, Colorado Springs, CO**

“My wife and I moved to Colorado because we enjoy the outdoors and like to experience all that Colorado has to offer. The same is true of the guests who stay with us from around the country. A Browns Canyon National Monument will provide an opportunity to enhance our regional economy by

offering Americans a unique landscape surrounded by magnificent views preserved for wildlife and outdoor activities – hunting, fishing, rafting and wildlife viewing.”

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**Nick Morgan, US Army OIF veteran and local business owner**

“Just as millions of Veterans like me have committed to defending our country for future generations, Congress and the President have a duty to protect our most cherished places for all the Americans that they are expected to represent. Being in Browns Canyon not only helped me to heal emotionally, but also reconnected me with the land I swore an oath to protect.”

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**Garrett Reppenhagen, Army veteran and Rocky Mountain West coordinator for the Vet Voice Foundation**

"Browns Canyon is located near several U.S. military bases, including Fort Carson and the U.S. Air Force Academy. Its protection as a national monument would ensure that service members and veterans could have access to the outdoors, can heal from the trauma of war, and reconnect with family. This is why Vet Voice Foundation strongly supports President Obama using his authority to make this protection a reality through use of the Antiquities Act."

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**Alfonso Abeyta, Abeyta Ranch, Alamosa, Colorado**

“As a third-generation rancher and farmer who grazes livestock on public lands in southern Colorado, I have an almost daily appreciation for the importance of our public lands to our way of life here. In part, that's why I support a national monument for Browns Canyon. It would better protect the area and ensure continued sustainable grazing.”

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**Rich Kaup, Troublesome Creek Farm, Golden Colorado**

“I am all in favor of protecting our public lands, wildlife and the sustainable use of our shared natural resources in Colorado. As such, I believe the Browns Canyon National Monument will be great not only for natural resources, wildlife and multiple uses, but for the rural economies.”

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**Connie Harvey, Harvey Ranch, Aspen, Colorado**

“The national monument designation for Browns Canyon will protect the area against threats while continuing multiple uses like grazing, hunting and recreation. I believe a national monument for Chaffee County would be a win-win for all involved - generating needed tourism revenues for local economies and conserving water, lands and wildlife for future generations.”



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**Bill Eikenberry, Eikenberry Ranch, Lakewood, Colorado**

“As a lifelong rancher, I fully support the national monument designation for Browns Canyon. I count on strong protections for our public lands in Colorado for grazing my cattle, hunting and fishing, and for outfitting. The Browns Canyon National Monument will ensure the continued multiple uses of this special place for many generations to come.”

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**Vets Voice Foundation**

**Veterans: Thank you for Making Browns Canyon a National Monument**

***Vet Voice Foundation values national monument for veterans' reintegration***

**DENVER** – Colorado veterans today expressed gratitude for President Obama’s protection of Browns Canyon as a national monument via the Antiquities Act, and asserted the importance of the site to America’s veterans and military families.

“Spending time in Browns Canyon and other public lands was a critical part of my transition back to civilian life after the stress of serving in Iraq,” said Garrett Reppenhagen, a former U.S. Army sniper and Rocky Mountain Coordinator for Vet Voice Foundation. “Veterans in central Colorado depend on Browns Canyon for the solitude and experiences that help us recover from what we endured abroad and reintegrate into our lives at home.”

Since it is located near several U.S. military bases, including Ft. Carson and the U.S. Air Force Academy, permanently protecting Browns Canyon as a National Monument ensures that service members and veterans have access to the outdoors, can heal from the trauma of war, and reconnect with family. The area is a national treasure, providing critical wildlife habitat, premiere trout fishing and year-round opportunities for outdoor recreation.

“Today the president fulfilled his duty to protect our most cherished places for all the Americans, just as millions of veterans like me fulfilled our duty to defending our country,” said Lee Hunnicutt, a Chaffee County veteran. “We are grateful that President Obama heard local veterans and other community members advocating for national monument status for Browns Canyon, an important place of healing and growth.”

Legislation to protect Browns Canyon on the Arkansas River had been introduced in Congress by members of both political parties for more than a decade but failed to move despite extensive community involvement, including public meetings and thousands of public comments from a broad cross-section of veteran groups, local businesses, elected officials, outdoor outfitters and sportsmen.

The Vet Voice Foundation sent emails and contacted elected officials to express their support for the proposal to make the designation.

"I am proud to see the President respond directly to our local elected leaders, vets, and other community leaders who have been calling for action to protect Browns Canyon for years," said Reppenhagen. "Ideologues in Congress would have preferred to stall the conservation of our heritage for another decade – but local veterans, sportsmen, small business owners and our families would have paid the price."

*Founded in 2009, the mission of Vet Voice Foundation is to mobilize veterans to become leaders in our nation's democracy through participation in the civic and democratic process. VVF seeks to harness the energy and drive of the dedicated men and women who have fought for their country, and put it to work at home and in their communities on the important issues they face, such as health care, jobs, the environment, and housing.*

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### **Outdoor Recreation Supports Browns Canyon National Monument**

*Statements from Outdoor Recreation member groups and industry leaders*

"For thousands of Americans, Browns Canyon of the Arkansas River is a special place to experience whitewater for the first time and for many years after. Whether its on a commercial raft with the whole family, or in a kayak class learning how to control your own boat, the experience of paddling through the canyon and taking in the beauty of the landscape, wildlife, and the quality whitewater rapids, sticks in peoples minds forever and keeps them coming back for more. That's why we need the canyon protected, so that future generations can experience it as we have, and become stewards of the Canyon."

- **American Whitewater**/Nathan Fey

"The Colorado Mountain Club is pleased to finally see protection for the incredible natural resources and recreational opportunities in the newly designated Browns Canyon National Monument. CMC members have been traveling to Chaffee County for decades to enjoy the rugged hiking and the incredible scenery in Browns Canyon. We are grateful for the volunteers, congressional delegates and the White House who have worked to ensure this landscape will remain intact for generations of Coloradans to enjoy in the future."

- **Colorado Mountain Club**/Heather MacSclarrow, CMC Lands Director/Scott Robson, CMC CEO.

"We are delighted with the designation of Browns Canyon, and grateful that the administration thoughtfully incorporated local perspectives and sensibilities as to the best way to protect it. It's a place that's meaningful to many people, and it's an exciting gateway to our public lands and the experiences they offer."

- **Outdoor Alliance**/Adam Cramer, Executive Director



“Browns Canyon is among the most popular whitewater rafting destinations in the US. With this proclamation, President Obama continues his legacy of protecting special wild places with designations that enjoy strong local support.”

**The Conservation Alliance/John Sterling, Executive Director**

“OIA and the outdoor industry looks forward to working with Congress and the administration to help implement the president’s vision for outdoor recreation and to highlight the importance of the outdoors at the national level. Please join us in exploring these newly protected parks and monuments, as well as other parks, forests, rivers and urban green spaces, in the coming year. Better yet – bring a young person so they too can grow up enjoying what we know as America’s Great Outdoors.”

- **Outdoor Industry Association**

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**American Whitewater**

**President Obama Designates Browns Canyon National Monument – Colorado**

Salida, CO – On February 19th, President Obama used his authority under the US Antiquities Act to protect over 21,000 acres of public lands surrounding Colorado’s Browns Canyon of the Arkansas River. American Whitewater and community leaders applaud the news that President Obama plans to designate the Browns Canyon National Monument on Thursday.

“We thank President Obama for acting today, and honoring the decades of work so many of Coloradoans have invested to protect Browns Canyon”, said Nathan Fey, Regional Director at American Whitewater. “If it were up to Coloradoans we would have protected Browns Canyon years ago, so we should all be proud that the president has acted when congress couldn’t”

Recent polling from the Colorado College showed that 96% of Coloradans support the protection and conservation of natural areas. Along with American Whitewater and our members, local groups and businesses have supported the national monument designation for Browns Canyon, including the Colorado and Arkansas River Outfitters Associations, Chaffee County Visitors Bureau, the Salida Business Alliance, sportsmen, youth, faith, veterans and Hispanic groups, and county commissioners. .

Browns Canyon is the most popular whitewater rafting destination in the country. According to the Colorado River Outfitters Association (CROA), commercial rafting on the Arkansas River which runs through Browns Canyon brings in roughly \$60 million to the economy. The stretch of the Arkansas River that runs through Browns Canyon was awarded “Gold Medal” status for having the highest quality cold-water fish habitats accessible to the public and great potential for trophy trout fishing.

The president is using his authority under the Antiquities Act to protect Browns Canyon and two other new national monuments in Illinois and Hawaii this week. The Antiquities Act has been used to protect other landscapes important to paddlers, like the Grand Canyon and Dinosaur National Monument, but

under the monument proposal introduced by former Senator Mark Udall, Browns Canyon will not be managed by the National Parks Service and paddling will continue to be managed by the Colorado State Parks as it is today. The president's proclamation of Browns Canyon National Monument honors the spirit of Udall's legislation that followed a multi-year process of input from local residents, paddlers, ranchers, and businesses.

Today, after years of work, you can join us in thanking President Obama and Colorado's leaders, for Protecting Browns Canyon!

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Article/view/articleid/32185/>

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### **The Conservation Alliance**

#### **Introducing Browns Canyon National Monument**

On February 19, President Obama used his authority under the Antiquities Act to designate Browns Canyon National Monument near Salida, CO. This proclamation preserves 22,000 acres of Forest Service and BLM land in Colorado and provides outstanding opportunities for fishing, whitewater boating, hiking and many other outdoor activities. It is one of the most popular whitewater destinations in the country; attracting roughly 150,000 visitors annually who contribute \$60 million to the local economy. The area provides critical habitat for bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer and mountain lions.

The Conservation Alliance funded two organizations working to protect Browns Canyon: Conservation Colorado and Conservation Lands Foundation. We funded Conservation Colorado in 2006 for their effort to designate Browns Canyon as wilderness. After more than fifteen years of attempts to protect Browns Canyon via legislation, the strategy shifted to a national monument campaign. Conservation Lands Foundation, a 2014 grantee, worked with the Obama Administration to bring this national monument campaign across the finish line.

Senator Mark Udall introduced legislation last year to designate Browns Canyon as a National Monument, but Congress failed to move the bill. Udall's legislation specified that paddling on the Arkansas would continue to be managed by the Colorado State Parks as it is today. The president's proclamation of Browns Canyon National Monument honors the spirit of Udall's legislation, which followed a multi-year process of input from local residents, paddlers, ranchers, and businesses.

The Conservation Alliance applauds President Obama for designating the Browns Canyon National Monument. With this proclamation, President Obama continues his legacy of protecting special wild places with designations that enjoy strong local support. We thank President Obama for recognizing this special place, and protecting Browns Canyon forever.

100% of our membership dues support conservation opportunities like Browns Canyon. Together, we are making a measurable impact toward protecting threatened wild places in North America.



<http://www.conservationalliance.com/introducing-browns-canyon-national-monument/>

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## **HECHO**

### **Public Process Leads to Browns Canyon National Monument Designation**

HECHO joins many grateful organizations and communities in thanking President Obama for taking action to designate Browns Canyon as the newest National Monument in Colorado.

Latino families and our communities have been using and enjoying the Browns Canyon area for generations. For too long, we have witnessed extractive industries such as oil, gas, and mineral development, as well as urban growth, mar the landscapes, pollute watersheds and affect the wildlife that have sustained us for generations.

The lands and waters in Browns Canyon are part of our heritage and are as treasured to us as are the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River, the Rio Grande del Norte in New Mexico and other areas throughout the West. Its permanent protection will be a great addition to our National Monument system and will be a place that we can continue to fish, hunt, camp, and hike. As in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, traditional uses will continue and will remain part of the fabric of our culture and traditions.

This designation under the 1906 Antiquities Act is especially fulfilling for the communities that have been engaged in the extensive public input process involving diverse stakeholders such as local businesses and communities, sportsmen, faith communities, youth groups, and elected officials. Although bipartisan legislative attempts to add greater protections to the area had been unsuccessful, strong and consistent public support in partnership with the President's executive action has resulted in greater protection for the region, which is valued for its wildlife, natural beauty, and recreational opportunities on the Arkansas River.

"It was exciting to see that the final public hearing drew hundreds of people, including a large number of Latinos from Denver," said Rod Torrez of HECHO. Browns Canyon is within easy reach of large communities along the Front Range, and as a national monument, will provide continued access for outdoor recreation, as well as protect the natural surroundings that we all enjoy.

<http://www.hechoonline.com/president-obama-protects-browns-canyon-as-a-national-monument/>

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## **Small Business Majority**

### **Designation of New Monument at Browns Canyon Good for Colorado Small Businesses, Economy**

Statement by Tim Gaudette, Colorado Outreach Manager for Small Business Majority, on President Obama's designation of Browns Canyon in the Arkansas River Valley as a national monument, which can provide increased opportunities for entrepreneurs and local economies

President Obama will announce today that he'll be designating a new national monument at Browns Canyon in the Arkansas River Valley. This is great news for small businesses, because entrepreneurs know protecting our natural assets is one way we can enhance the financial success of small businesses and local economies. In fact, two-thirds of Colorado small businesses supported a proposal to designate Browns Canyon as a national monument. Small business owners in Colorado strongly believe the designation of additional national parks and monuments enhances local jobs and the economy.

Public lands are not only important to businesses associated with the outdoor or the tourist trade. Small Business Majority's opinion polling found a majority of non-recreation businesses point to parks and public lands as a key reason for relocating to the area. What's more, nearly two-thirds of Colorado entrepreneurs choose to live and do business in the state because of opportunities tied to public lands.

America's parks and public lands matter to local economies and small businesses. Protecting our national heritage is important to our economic sustainability, and our legacy to future generations. The president's designation of Browns Canyon as a national monument is a step forward to supporting public lands, small businesses and the economy.

<http://www.smallbusinessmajority.org/news-and-events/press-room-view.php?id=496>

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### **Trout Unlimited**

#### **Trout Unlimited praises creation of Browns Canyon National Monument**

Calls monument designation 'historic victory' for Colorado conservation

SALIDA (Feb. 18)—Trout Unlimited today praised President Obama's designation of Browns Canyon as a new national monument, the culmination of years of effort to protect a Colorado backcountry treasure beloved by generations of anglers, hunters, rafters, and other recreational users.

Gov. John Hickenlooper and Sen. Michael Bennet recently asked President Obama to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to establish the 22,000-acre Browns Canyon National Monument, after legislation sponsored by Sen. Mark Udall stalled in Congress despite broad local support.

Trout Unlimited leaders called the monument action a "historic victory" for public lands conservation.

"TU members are proud to have played a leading role in protecting this Colorado crown jewel and preserving fishing and hunting opportunity for future generations," said Chris Wood, CEO and president of Trout Unlimited. "This is a big bipartisan win for our outdoors heritage, and it sends a strong and clear message that hunters and anglers want to keep our public lands public."



“I’m thrilled,” said Jim Impara, vice president of the Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited in Salida. “Browns Canyon is one of those special places that draws rafters, hunters and anglers from all over the world. This action ensures that Browns’ wildness and rare beauty will be there for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.”

For years, sportsmen’s groups have been pushing for monument status for Browns Canyon, which includes prime backcountry habitat for mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep as well as miles of outstanding Gold Medal wild trout waters in the Arkansas River.

TU and other sportsmen’s groups, including the National Wildlife Federation and Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, organized local anglers and hunters to voice their support and attend numerous local meetings and public forums. The groups cited Brown’s important fish and wildlife habitat, as well as its role as an economic driver for Colorado’s \$1.2 billion fishing economy and \$500 million hunting economy. Browns Canyon is also the single largest contributor to Colorado’s \$140 million whitewater rafting industry.

“Sportsmen helped deliver this victory for Browns,” said David Nickum, executive director of Colorado Trout Unlimited. “Our local roots and deep knowledge of this place carried weight with lawmakers and federal officials. Hunters and anglers understand the value of our public lands and wild backcountry, and we’re committed to protecting these magnificent resources and our outdoor way of life.”

He added, “We especially thank Sen. Udall for his dedication and persistence in pushing for a Browns Canyon monument. He has been a valued voice for sportsmen and for commonsense conservation.”

For more information about Browns, go to [www.sportsmenforbrowns.com](http://www.sportsmenforbrowns.com).

<http://www.tu.org/press-releases/trout-unlimited-praises-creation-of-browns-canyon-national-monument>

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**John Gale, Director, backcountry Hunters & Anglers Conservation NEW**

“Backcountry Hunters & Anglers tip our hats to the administration for recognizing the incredible backcountry values of Browns Canyon by designating it a national monument. We likewise appreciate the efforts of former Senator Mark Udall to ensure that his proposal for Browns Canyon incorporated local input from all stakeholders so that traditional land uses like hunting, fishing and ranching would be elevated and maintained. Their foresighted actions will benefit not just Coloradans but all Americans who come to Browns Canyon to hunt, fish, boat and make cherished outdoor memories with their families.”

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**Colorado Come to Life – Officials Colorado Tourism Site NEW**

**Quick Guide to Colorado's National Monuments**

If you want to create lifelong memories, look no further than Colorado's eight National Monuments. Whether you're interested in fossils, geology, ancient peoples or the lore of the gold rush, the National Parks Service in Colorado has set aside areas of national interest you simply can't miss.

**Browns Canyon National Monument**

**Why Go?** One of the nation's most popular locations for whitewater rafting, Browns Canyon was just named a national monument in 2015. This Arkansas River-carved beauty also hosts fishers, wildlife watchers, hikers and more throughout the year.

**Don't Miss:** The canyon is a great place to see bighorn sheep (Colorado's state mammal), elk, deer, eagles, falcons and many other wildlife species.

**Around the Monument:** Part of the [Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area](#), the region around Browns Canyon offers up spectacular opportunities for camping, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, hiking, OHV riding, rockclimbing and many more activities. The [Catalpa Peak's Scenic & Historic Byways](#) is a great way to explore the area, including many scenic vistas amid the state's densest concentration of [sagebrush](#).

**Nearby Cities:** [Buena Vista](#), [Salida](#)

**Colorado National Monument**

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[View](#)

<http://www.colorado.com/articles/quick-guide-colorados-national-monuments>

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**Environment America NEW**

**Environment Colorado lauds protecting fishing, rafting in Browns Canyon**

Browns Canyon, a popular spot for trout fishing and whitewater rafting here in central Colorado, will gain permanent protection tomorrow as a National Monument, following decades of campaigning by outdoor enthusiasts, the tourism industry, and some of the state's most prominent political leaders.

President Obama's expected action, revealed this morning in the *Denver Post*, will preserve more than 20,000 rugged canyon acres surrounding the Arkansas River, a beloved area home to gold medal trout, black bears, and stunning vistas. Kim Stevens, Environment Colorado issued the following statement in response:

"Places like Browns Canyon are a big part of what makes Colorado so special. That's why tens of thousands of Coloradans from all walks of life called for the permanent protection of this incredible landscape. That's why we're thrilled future generations will have the chance for the same spectacular views and opportunities to raft, hike, and fish that we enjoy [in the canyon] today.

"President Obama, former Senator Mark Udall and Senator Michael Bennet all get credit for safeguarding this special place. Everyone who signed a petition, attended a meeting, or made a phone call to protect Browns Canyon has a lot to be proud of, too.



"Environment Colorado looks forward to continuing to work with the administration and Congress to keep pristine public lands off limits to development, mining, drilling, and pollution. Future generations of Americans and the wildlife that depend on these ecosystems deserve nothing less."

*Kim Stevens, Campaign Director, Environment Colorado*

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## **Twitter**

### **LCV NEW**

It's official: #BrownsCanyon is America's newest #NationalMonument and permanently protected for all to raft, hike, fish, camp and explore

<https://twitter.com/LCVoters/status/568458949441290240>

### **pew environment NEW**

Why our new national monument in Colorado is a big win: <http://ow.ly/JoFx3> #BrownsCanyon

<https://twitter.com/pewenvironment/status/569546020465598464>

### **Sierra Club**

Woohoo! "Obama to declare Browns Canyon in Colorado a national monument" <http://sc.org/qw6r4> #MonumentsForAll

<https://twitter.com/sierraclub/status/568305294524198914>

### **The Wilderness Society**

Thanks @WhiteHouse for protecting #BrownsCanyon & other monuments! <http://bit.ly/1yXg8An> #MonumentsForAll

<https://twitter.com/Wilderness/status/568096462896279552>

### **Hispanic Access Foundation**

Even the bears are celebrating the #BrownsCanyon National Monument designation. #MonumentsforAll

<https://twitter.com/HispanicAccess/status/568084719981559808>

### **Senator Michael Bennet**

Thrilled that Pres. Obama named #BrownsCanyon a national monument today, with assurances that existing uses will be protected.

<https://twitter.com/SenBennetCO/status/568201372304322560>

**Conservation Alliance**

Thank you @whitehouse for designating Browns Canyon National Monument! #BrownsCanyon #monumentsmatter

<https://twitter.com/conservationall/status/568497440166453250>

**Rep Ed Perlmutter**

Glad to see #BrownsCanyon become a #NationalMonument today. TY @MarkUdall, @SenBennetCO & @hickforco for your work

<https://twitter.com/RepPerlmutter/status/568483502930464769>

**Jamie Williams (TWS)**

Check out stunning photos of #BrownsCanyon @Wilderness: <http://bit.ly/1ALFhVL> Thank you @BarackObama for making this place a Monument!

<https://twitter.com/JWilliamsTWS/status/568457816412987392>

**NM Green Chamber**

Thanks @WhiteHouse @forestservice @BLMNational for recognizing the importance of #BrownsCanyon for future generations! #MonumentsforAll

<https://twitter.com/nmgreenchamber/status/568546007333474304>

**ConserveNM**

.@BarackObama announcing #Pullman, #Honouliuli & #BrownsCanyon Nat'l. Monuments. #MonumentsForAll #Inspiring #History

<https://twitter.com/ConserveNM/status/568506630427377664>



## Honouliuli National Monument, HI

### Elected Officials

#### Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI)

#### **Honouliuli Internment Camp Designated As National Historic Monument**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Honolulu, HI – Today, U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i) praised President Obama's announcement that he intends to designate the Honouliuli Internment Camp as a National Historic Monument. This designation will put Honouliuli under the management of the National Park Service (NPS) and help preserve the history of the site where hundreds of Japanese-Americans were wrongly interned during World War II.

"Honouliuli represents a dark period in our history when thousands of Japanese-Americans in Hawai'i and across the country were forced into internment camps during World War II," said Senator Schatz. "This historic site will memorialize the strength and bravery of the many Japanese-Americans who faced discrimination and serve as a reminder to ourselves and future generations that we cannot repeat the mistakes of the past. Our deep gratitude goes to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, the Japanese American Citizens League and others who worked tirelessly for this achievement. It is meaningful and right that Honouliuli has finally received the historic recognition it deserves."

Senator Schatz worked to help facilitate Honouliuli's historic designation. In 2013, Senator Schatz met with NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis to discuss the need to complete the special resource study, which was authorized by Congress in 2009 to review the site for potential inclusion in the National Park System. Following the meeting, Senator Schatz sent Director Jarvis a letter to reiterate his support for the Honouliuli Internment Camp's inclusion in the National Park System.

Last December, Senator Schatz joined Carole Hayashino, the President and Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, and Jace Mikulanec, President of the Honolulu Japanese American Citizens League, to present Interior Department Secretary Sally Jewell with petitions from more than 6,000 Americans requesting the historic designation of Honouliuli.

In 1943, the Honouliuli Internment Camp was constructed on Oahu to intern citizens, resident aliens, and prisoners of war. The camp held approximately 320 internees and 4,000 prisoners of war. Honouliuli was the largest and longest-used World War II internment camp in Hawai'i.

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#### Senator Mazie K. Hirono, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Rep. Mark Takai

**HIRONO, GABBARD, TAKAI: DESIGNATING HONOULIULI INTERNMENT CAMP AS NATIONAL MONUMENT IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN PROTECTING HONOULIULI & STORIES OF THOSE WHO WERE DETAINED**

Hirono, Gabbard, Takai, Japanese Cultural Center Of Hawaii, Honolulu Japanese American Citizens League Commend President Obama's Designation Of Honouliuli Internment Camp As National Monument



Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Washington, D.C. – Today Senator Mazie Hirono, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Rep. Mark Takai commended President Barack Obama’s designation of the Honouliuli Internment Camp site in Kunia, Oahu.

“The detention of more than 1,000 innocent Hawaii civilians during World War II remains a dark chapter in Hawaii and our nation’s history. The stories of those detained at Honouliuli and internment sites like it across the country are sobering reminders of how even leaders of the greatest nation on Earth can succumb to fear and mistrust and perpetuate great injustice,” said Senator Hirono. “The President’s executive action is an important step in protecting Honouliuli and the stories of those who were detained in our state and across the nation, highlighting an important but often forgotten piece of our national history. Preserving the site has long been a priority for our Hawaii delegation -- from Senators Inouye and Akaka to our current delegation. I will continue to work closely with the administration, state and local leaders as well as my delegation colleagues to ensure federal resources are delivered for this important project.”

“The designation of the Honouliuli camp as a National Monument serves as a solemn reminder that in our nation’s history bedrock civil rights have been disregarded in times of conflict as a result of unfounded fear and panic,” said Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. “Honouliuli was a central piece of the brutal and discriminatory internment system created during World War II; today, the structure remains as a memorial that will educate future generations about the precariousness of freedom in wartime. Mahalo to President Obama and Secretary of the Interior Jewell for recognizing the history of Honouliuli and for making this designation a priority.”

“The internment of Japanese American citizens during World War II is a tragic example of what happens when we allow fear and hatred to take the place of rational and just actions,” said Congressman Mark Takai. “Honouliuli will serve as a place where we will be able to educate the coming generations about the importance of civil liberties for all people. Now more than ever, we must learn from the mistakes of the past, and the designation of Honouliuli as a national monument will give Hawaii a chance to shine light on this serious issue. I would like to extend a warm mahalo to President Obama for taking the initiative to preserve this historically significant piece of land.”

Honouliuli Internment Camp’s designation as a national monument comes after years of hard work and collaborative efforts by the public and private community partners including the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii and Honolulu Japanese American Citizens League, who also praised the designation.

“The designation of Honouliuli as a national monument will ensure its future preservation for generations to come. The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai’i applauds President Obama for recognizing the historic significance of the Honouliuli Internment Camp. We thank the President, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and our own congressional delegation for helping us protect Honouliuli as a historic site and as a place to teach the lessons of civil rights, the Constitution and U.S. democracy,” said Carole Hayashino, President and Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

“By using his power under the Antiquities Act to designate Honouliuli as a national park, President Obama honors the thousands of men and women whose civil rights were violated, and is helping to ensure that the Japanese American wartime experience will never be forgotten,” said Jace Mikulanec, President of the Honolulu Japanese American Citizens League.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye included a provision in the Interior Appropriations bill in 2009, requesting the special resource study. A stand-alone bill, (S. 871) the Honouliuli Internment Camp Special Resources



Study Act of 2009, was also introduced by Senator Inouye in the 111th Congress, with then-Congresswoman Hirono introducing the companion bill (H.R. 2079) in the House of Representatives. Senator Daniel Akaka and Congressman Neil Abercrombie were cosponsors of the respective the bills.

The Honouliuli national monument on Oahu permanently protects a site where Japanese American citizens, resident immigrants, and prisoners of war were held captive during World War II. The monument will help tell the story of the internment camp's impact on the Japanese American community and the injustices that occurred there. The Honouliuli Internment Camp was the largest and longest-used confinement site for Japanese and European Americans and resident immigrants in Hawaii, eventually holding 400 civilian internees and 4,000 prisoners of war.

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**Governor David Ige**

"President Obama's action ensures that generations to come will be able to visit the Honouliuli Internment Camp and learn about the experiences of persons of Japanese ancestry who were forced to stay there during the war. The monument will remind all who visit of the terrible injustice these families endured, even while many of their husbands, sons and brothers were fighting for the United States."

**Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell**

"The preservation of the Honouliuli Internment Camp as a National Monument is a proud moment for Honolulu, but also a bittersweet one. World War II internment camps are a dark segment of our nation's history, and the Honouliuli camp still holds memories for Honolulu residents during wartime, life in the camp, and the courage and bravery that internees displayed even as their loyalty to our country was being challenged. It is an important part of history that should always be remembered and learned from, and I want to thank the President for making this possible. As a National Monument, Honouliuli's significance will be forever honored."

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**Representative Raúl M. Grijalva (D-AZ.) NEW**

**Natural Resources Ranking Member Grijalva Statement on President Obama's Designation of Three New National Monuments**

*Tucson, Ariz.* – House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) released the following statement on today's presidential designation of three new national monuments.

"Conserving our public lands and recognizing milestones in our nation's history are among every president's greatest responsibilities and proudest achievements. President Obama acted in the best spirit of that tradition today when he designated Pullman Historic Chicago District, Browns Canyon, and Honouliuli Internment Camp national monuments.

"Our wide open spaces and our historic sites need just as much protection today as they did the day the Antiquities Act was signed into law in 1906. President Obama, no less than President Roosevelt, understands the great public service presidents perform when they conserve those open spaces and those historic sites for the future. No fewer than nineteen presidents, both Democrats and

Republicans, have used the Antiquities Act to protect the national treasures found on our federal lands, and many more will do so in the future. The American people demand nothing less.

“Despite the best efforts of an anti-conservation congressional majority, the American people still see more than dollars and cents when they look across the prairie, or into the Mountain West, or back into the pages of our shared history. They see the same beauty that our forefathers saw – a beauty that we dare not throw away in the name of today’s bottom line. We cannot sustain an economy based on taking everything, leaving nothing and demanding that taxpayers foot the bill for private profits. I share the American people’s vision of protected landscapes, well-preserved historical sites and monuments, and a thriving federal lands system accessible to every American who comes to enjoy rather than exploit. So does President Obama. Today I’m proud to stand with him in welcoming these additions to our public lands and look forward to hearing the many success stories they have ahead of them.”

<http://democrats.naturalresources.house.gov/press-release/natural-resources-ranking-member-grijalva-statement-president-obama-s-designation>

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**Representative Rob Bishop (UT-01) NEW**

### **Chairman Bishop Reacts to Obama Administration’s Plans to Unilaterally Proclaim Three New National Monuments**

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 18, 2015 - House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (UT-01) released the following statement after President Obama announced his intentions to unilaterally proclaim three new national monuments using the Antiquities Act of 1906.

“President Obama has sidelined the American public and bulldozed transparency by proclaiming three new national monuments through executive fiat. The Obama Administration claims these designations have public support, but we know that is a complete stretch of the truth. The cost to taxpayers is anyone’s guess and the impacts upon local communities are unknown. Congress has demonstrated that it can work in a collaborative fashion to fully vet and approve designations that have support from the public and their elected representatives. This White House has shown once again its utter and complete disdain for the public process, Congress, and the communities most impacted by these unilateral, unchecked land designations.”

The President’s designations include Pullman Historic District in Chicago, Illinois, Browns Canyon in Salida, Colorado, and the site of a World War II-era internment camp in Honouliuli, Hawaii, and will be formally announced on Thursday, February 19, 2015.

<http://naturalresources.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=398049>

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## External Stakeholders

### Conservation Lands Foundation

#### **President Obama's Browns Canyon National Monument designation applauded**

##### ***President's action will expand our National Conservation Lands***

Durango, CO (February 18, 2015) – The Conservation Lands Foundation praised the announcement that President Obama would use his authority to permanently protect Browns Canyon in Colorado, along with the Honouliuli Internment Camp in Hawaii and Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood as national monuments. These national monuments will permanently protect a diversity of lands and waters that honor our country's history and conserve open space important for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation for future generations.

"Today's action builds on steps the Administration has taken over the last six years to expand access to our public lands for outdoor recreation by permanently protecting areas significant to our nation's rich history and America's outdoor heritage," said **Ryan Bidwell, Campaign Director with the Conservation Lands Foundation**. "There are places among America's public lands that represent vital parts of our country's history, and places that provide opportunities for our kids and grandkids to explore and experience the outdoors."

**Browns Canyon**, located two hours from Denver, Colorado will become part of our nation's National Conservation Lands. The national monument will protect wildlife habitat and attract new generations of visitors to enjoy the hunting, fishing and whitewater rafting that define Colorado's outdoor lifestyle. The rugged granite cliffs and backcountry provide high quality wildlife habitat for a variety of birds and animals including golden eagles, bighorn sheep and elk.

The stretch of the Arkansas River that runs through Browns Canyon is an outstanding wild trout fishery as well as one of the most popular whitewater rafting destinations in the country. Commercial rafting on the Arkansas River which runs through Browns Canyon brings in \$60 million to the local economy. The permanent protection of this area will support the economic vitality of the region, supporting local businesses, river outfitters and surrounding communities.

For more than 10 years, efforts to protect Browns Canyon have been championed by members of both political parties. The designation is based on recent legislation developed as result of extensive community involvement, including public meetings and thousands of public comments.

**Honouliuli and Pullman** both represent distinct and important aspects of our country's history. The Honouliuli Internment Camp, located on the island of O'ahu was Hawai'i's largest and longest operating World War II prison camp. Nearly 4,000 individuals were incarcerated there solely on the basis of ancestry or country of origin.

Chicago's historic Pullman neighborhood is closely linked to the history of the American labor movement. Pullman was the site of one of the bloodiest labor battles in American history – the Pullman Strike of 1894 –in which many workers were wounded or lost their lives at the hands of federal and

state troops. Shortly after the deadly strike, Congress passed legislation creating a national Labor Day holiday.

With each of these designations, there was strong recognition among elected officials, local business, veterans, sportsmen, youth groups and Hispanic, African American and Japanese American leaders that some places are so important to our shared culture and heritage that they deserve to be protected for all time.

“These monument designations protect important historic and natural sites. They are a profound way to recognize our diverse national mosaic by honoring our American heritage and broadening public appeal to our public lands to an increasingly diverse American public,” stated said **Brian O’Donnell, Executive Director of the Conservation Lands Foundation**. “We look forward to President Obama’s continued leadership in protecting our nation’s most significant natural treasures, and protecting the laws that have allowed sixteen Presidents—eight from each party—to enact these important protections when Congress is unable to do so.”

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### Creation Justice Ministries

#### **The Antiquities Act Used To Create Three National Monuments**

##### Diverse Faith Community Applauds Diversity of Protected Places

Washington, DC – President Obama is set to designate three new national monuments Thursday, and Christian communities are applauding this act of stewardship. Pullman in Chicago, Browns Canyon in Colorado, and Honouliuli in Hawaii, will all be protected as monuments upon the President’s announcement in Chicago.

“Pullman Historic Site in Chicago is home to the first African American union in the country,” stated Tricia Bruckbauer, Program Director for Creation Justice Ministries. “As a Christian community that represents the stewardship policies of many historically African American churches, we are pleased with the President’s use of the Antiquities Act to preserve important stories of all Americans.”

Browns Canyon is widely lauded for its trout fishing and outdoor recreation and provides a vital habitat for many of God’s creatures. Honouliuli is the site of a World War II internment camp, and will be preserved as an important reminder of American struggles with civil liberties in times of conflict.

“As Americans, we have a stewardship tool that is able to preserve wonderful pieces of God’s creation as well as important artifacts of history and stories of our diverse nation,” Bruckbauer continued. “The Antiquities Act has been a blessing to many communities looking to safeguard their national treasures for future generations and for the benefit of Americans everywhere. We look forward to working with decision-makers to protect more of the places in which we pray and play.”



The Antiquities Act was established by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906 and has been used to protect places that are significant naturally, historically, or culturally. It has been used by 16 presidents.

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### The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH) and The Japanese American Citizens League

#### **Japanese American Leaders Applaud Announcement that Former Honouliuli Internment Camp will become a National Monument**

#### ***Announcement comes on the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the executive order enabling mass internment of Americans***

**Honolulu, HI** – Today, leading Japanese American organizations praised the news that President Obama intends to designate the former Honouliuli Internment Camp site on O'ahu as a national monument, ensuring its future preservation. Opened on March 1, 1943, Honouliuli was the longest operating and largest World War II internment and POW camp in Hawai'i. Built on 160 acres in west O'ahu, the camp site was hidden from view in a deep gulch that the internees called *jigoku dani*, or "hell valley." Honouliuli Internment Camp was constructed on O'ahu to intern citizens, resident aliens, and prisoners of war. The camp held approximately 320 internees, mostly second-generation Japanese Americans but also Japanese, German and Italian permanent residents who were living in Hawai'i. Honouliuli was also the largest prisoner of war camp in Hawai'i, incarcerating nearly 4,000 individuals. In total, during World War II, over 2,300 Japanese American men and women from Hawai'i were incarcerated, including many prominent community leaders, teachers, journalists, religious leaders, local politicians and World War I veterans.

"As a new national monument, Honouliuli will be a great gift to our state and nation. On behalf of the Japanese American internees and their families, I want to thank President Obama for vindicating the honor of those who were incarcerated and for recognizing the historic site as a lesson in injustice and forgiveness for all Americans and for future generations," said **Carole Hayashino, the President and Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i**.

Support for the coming designation grew over the spring and summer, when the National Park Service held a series of community meetings throughout Hawai'i to present their initial findings of a federally-funded study of the site, and invited attendees to offer comments and ask questions.

In December, Hayashino, Jace Mikulanec, President of the Honolulu Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, and Hawai'i's congressional leaders including U.S. Senator Brian Schatz [presented](#) petitions to Interior Department Secretary Sally Jewell with signatures of more than 6,000 Americans supporting the inclusion of the Honouliuli Internment Camp in the national park system.

***The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH) is a non-profit organization that strives to share the history, heritage and culture of the Japanese American experience in Hawai'i. The JCCH has researched and documented the internment of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i since 1998 and rediscovered the***

location of Honouliuli in 2002. For more information, please contact Denise Park at [park@jcch.com](mailto:park@jcch.com) or visit [www.jcch.com](http://www.jcch.com).

**The Japanese American Citizens League** is the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil rights organization and was established to challenge racism and bigotry directed against Japanese Americans. Discrimination and intolerance remain the focus of the JACL today and extends to the greater Asian American community and others who are victimized by injustice and prejudice. For more information, please visit [www.jaclhonolulu.org](http://www.jaclhonolulu.org).

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### League of Conservation Voters

#### **LCV Statement on Reports that President Obama Will Create Three New National Monuments**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – League of Conservation Voters (LCV) President Gene Karpinski released this statement on reports that President Obama will protect Chicago's Pullman Historic District, Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp, and Colorado's Browns Canyon as national monuments:

"We are thrilled that the president continues to take steps to protect America's treasured historic, cultural and natural resources for future generations. The designation of Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp and Chicago's Pullman Historic District add to the president's strong record of ensuring that our parks and monuments tell the stories of our increasingly diverse nation. And after over a decade of local support, the new Browns Canyon National Monument will bolster Colorado's outdoor recreation economy for years to come. President Obama continues to take bold steps to protect America's special places and we can't wait to see what's next."

<http://www.lcv.org/media/press-releases/LCV-Statement-on-Reports-that-President-Obama-Will-Create-Three-New-National-Monuments.html>

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### National Parks Conservation Association

#### **Telling Our Stories: President Obama Designates Honouliuli National Monument in Hawai'i**

#### **Statement by Ron Sundergill, Pacific Region Senior Director, National Parks Conservation Association**

"On behalf of our more than one million members and supporters across the country, the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) thanks President Obama for announcing his plans today to designate the Honouliuli National Monument as a new national park site."

"As our country's premiere storyteller and leader in historic preservation, the National Park Service helps millions of Americans and international visitors understand our country's history – both our brightest moments and those like Honouliuli Gulch, with a troubled past for its role as a World War II internment camp. With today's announcement of the Honouliuli National Monument, the National Park



Service will at long last have the opportunity to protect the site's resources as well as share its significance with local and international visitors."

"NPCA has long-supported efforts to share this important piece of our American story within the National Park Service. Last summer, in response to the park service's study of the site, thousands of NPCA supporters joined us in voicing support for preserving Honouliuli under National Park Service management. We are proud to see our support for this national park idea become reality."

"As the National Park Service approaches its centennial celebration in 2016, designation of the Honouliuli National Monument takes our country's 'best idea' a step closer to telling the full story of our shared history."

**Background:**

Located on the island of Oahu, the Honouliuli internment camp was one of five internment camps in Hawai'i used during World War II. The Honouliuli Internment Camp opened in 1943 and was the last, largest, and longest-used World War II confinement site in Hawaii. The Honouliuli internment camp was one of 10 camps where Japanese American citizens and resident Japanese aliens were interned during World War II.

<http://www.npca.org/news/media-center/press-releases/2015/telling-our-stories.html>

**National Trust for Historic Preservation**

**National Trust Applauds President Obama's Designation of Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp as a National Monument**

**Washington (February 18, 2015)** –The National Trust for Historic Preservation commends President Obama's designation of Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp as a National Monument. The following is a statement from Stephanie Meeks, president and chief executive officer of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"As the place where over 300 people, including Japanese-Americans, Japanese, German and Italian Nationals, were incarcerated during World War II, Honouliuli is an enduring reminder of our nation's complex history associated with civil rights," said Stephanie Meeks, president and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "President Obama's designation of this hallowed ground will ensure that these important lessons will be accessible to a wider audience of visitors."

In 2007, the National Trust provided a grant to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i to help conduct an archaeological survey of the 122.5 acre Honouliuli Gulch site. The survey documented 130 features related to the incarceration of American civilians, legal resident aliens and prisoners of war at Honouliuli. The results of the survey were used to prepare the successful nomination and inclusion of Honouliuli Internment Camp to the National Register of Historic Places in February 2012.

The Honouliuli camp opened in 1943 and was the last, largest and longest-used World War II confinement site in Hawai'i. It housed nearly 4,000 individuals including 320 Japanese-Americans, Japanese, German and Italian Nationals. Unlike the internment of Japanese-Americans and Japanese on the American mainland, which was authorized by Executive Order 9066, the internment of American civilians in Hawai'i was authorized by martial law. Now that Honouliuli has been named a unit of the National Park Service, the history of this camp will be accessible to a wider audience of visitors.

<http://www.preservationnation.org/who-we-are/press-center/press-releases/2015/national-trust-applauds.html#.VOUWUfmDmul>

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### **Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)**

#### **Praising Pullman: NRDC Supports New National Monument Designations**

CHICAGO (February 18, 2015) – President Obama will be in Chicago tomorrow to sign an order designating the city's Pullman District as a national monument. He is also expected to announce two other new monuments, Browns Canyon in Colorado and Hawaii's Honouliuli Internment Camp.

Following is reaction from NRDC Executive Director Peter Lehner:

"The rich history of the Pullman District makes for a significant national monument; memorializing a moment in history that remains rich with meaning around race relations, the labor movement, technological innovation and urban planning. The Pullman story represents the struggle for a better life and should be preserved for generations to come.

"We appreciate the President's continued investment in developing national monuments that memorialize not only our most important wild places, but also essential historical sites that illuminate the American experience. Certainly Pullman, Brown's Canyon in Colorado and the Honouliuli Internment Camp site in Hawaii represent the amazingly diverse breadth of special places that require protection and interpretation."

NRDC Midwest Director Henry Henderson blogged on the importance of the Pullman District national monument designation at

[http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/hhenderson/pullman\\_national\\_monument\\_a\\_re.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/hhenderson/pullman_national_monument_a_re.html)

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### **Sierra Club**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**

#### **Sierra Club Praises National Monument Designations**



WASHINGTON, D.C.-- President Obama Thursday is expected to designate three new national monuments-- Pullman Historic Site in Illinois, birthplace of the first African-American union in America; Honouliuli Internment Camp in Hawai'i, the largest prisoner-of-war camp and longest-used World War II internment camp in Hawai'i; and Browns Canyon in Colorado, a premier trout fishing and outdoor recreation destination.

In expectation, Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune issued the following statement.

"We applaud President Obama for taking steps to expand our nation's outdoor heritage by ensuring our public lands and national monuments tell the full story of the country's rich cultural and natural history.

"These monuments embody the span of historic, cultural, and natural wonders that make up our nation's outdoor legacy. President Obama's action is both recognition of their importance and assurance that they will remain as places of remembrance, historic contributions, and inspiration for our children.

"It's heartening to see President Obama once again help local communities protect valuable pieces of America. We look forward to more progress in making America's public lands better serve the diversity and interests of the American people."

<http://content.sierraclub.org/press-releases/2015/02/sierra-club-praises-national-monument-designations>

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### The Wilderness Society

#### **The Wilderness Society Statement on the Creation of Browns Canyon, Honouliuli and Pullman National Monuments**

#### ***Antiquities Act preserves a storied neighborhood, World War II internment site and a premier river canyon***

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** (February 18, 2015) — The Wilderness Society issued the following statement today regarding President Obama's plans this week to designate Browns Canyon National Monument in Colorado, Honouliuli National Monument in Hawaii and Pullman National Monument in Chicago.

"These proclamations remind us that the spaces commemorating our nation's heritage come in a rich variety of shapes and sizes," said **Matt Keller, national monuments campaign director with The Wilderness Society**. "They include sites where people stood up for their rights for freedom and fair wages, places where thousands experienced the injustices of war, and landscapes that provide habitat for wildlife and heart-stopping adventure on whitewater rivers. We are proud of the Administration for listening to local communities and using the Antiquities Act to preserve these irreplaceable sites for all Americans to visit."

Browns Canyon is a scenic 22,000-acre stretch of public lands along the Arkansas River in Chaffee County, between Buena Vista and Salida, Colorado. These lands are managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The Wilderness Society has been working to protect the natural values of the Browns Canyon landscape since the early 1970s.

The Honouliuli camp on the island of O'ahu was the last, largest and longest operating internment camp during World War II. By acknowledging past injustices, this site honors the experiences of those interned and allows us to enlighten future generations.

The historic Pullman district in Chicago honors a unique, shared legacy that is integrally connected to the push for fair labor conditions and civil rights. The community represents the first model industrial town in America.

President Theodore Roosevelt pushed for passage of the Antiquities Act, which has since been used by 16 presidents—eight Republicans and eight Democrats—to protect many of America's most treasured places from Alaska to the Florida Keys, including the Grand Canyon, Acadia, Muir Woods, Grand Teton and Olympic national parks.

For more on the history and bipartisan use of the Antiquities Act, click [here](#).

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### **Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) NEW**

#### **JACL Applauds the Inclusion of Honouliuli into the National Park System**

Washington D.C. – The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) applauds [President Barack Obama's designation of Honouliuli as a National Historic Monument](#). The site, located in a gulch in central Oahu, was used during World War II to imprison Japanese community leaders and their families. The monument will preserve a forgotten but important part of American history about the treatment of thousands of Americans living in Hawaii.

"I am delighted to learn that the Honouliuli incarceration site has been added to the National Park System as a National Historic Monument. We are grateful to the National Park Service for recognizing the significance of the site as a component of World War II and as the site related to the forcible imprisonment of Japanese and other Americans. As the longest operating World War II Japanese American confinement site in Hawaii, Honouliuli represents a unique chapter in American history and a very important lesson in civil liberties and the U.S. Constitution. This inclusion in the National Park System will ensure that the story of what happened to Japanese Americans during World War II will continue to be told and remembered," said JACL National President David Lin.

"Today, the President opened the windows so healing winds can blow on a place that was once called 'hell valley.' Years ago, droves of innocent men were rounded up and placed in prison centers by the military because they were Japanese priests, teachers, and community leaders. Their incarceration remained a secret because of the unwarranted shame they bore for a crime they did not commit. On the



73rd anniversary of the signing of the Executive Order authorizing the internment, the government has acknowledged this story by creating a learning place where discussions about tolerance and diversity can be elevated," stated JACL Executive Director Priscilla Ouchida.

Located approximately 25 miles northwest of Honolulu, Honouliuli is the site of the largest and longest used World War II confinement site in Hawaii. Those of Japanese ancestry made up over a third of the population of Hawaii in 1941. In contrast to the mass incarceration taking place on the mainland, Japanese American community leaders and those with close cultural or economic ties to Japan were selectively targeted and detained throughout Hawaii.

The detentions began immediately following the strike on Pearl Harbor, with estimates of over 350 Issei and Nisei being arrested in the first 48 hours following the attack, and over 2,200 imprisoned by the end of the war. These people were detained at a number of sites across the Hawaiian Islands, with Honouliuli becoming the largest.

Honouliuli was opened in March of 1943 to hold U.S. Citizens and resident aliens of Japanese, German, and Italian descent, as well as Japanese prisoners of war. The area housed over 150 buildings, guard towers, and tents on the 160 acre site, in addition to approximately 320 internees. Many of these people were detained for the duration of the war – a period of more than 3 years – and none were ever charged with a crime.

Honouliuli was closed in 1946 following the last of the prisoner of war repatriations and the site was sold as farmland. The site and its history were largely forgotten until the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH) began to research and document Honouliuli's history in the 1990's, leading to the re-discovery of the site in 2002. Since then, a number of organizations, including the JACL Honolulu Chapter, JCCH, the University of Hawaii, and Monsanto Hawaii, have worked to preserve and interpret the site in an effort to educate the public about a largely unknown chapter of Hawaiian and American history.

In 2009, Congress authorized the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study to review Honouliuli for possible inclusion to the National Park System. In 2011, JACL passed a national resolution supporting these efforts and began meeting with members of Congress and other government officials to inform them of the historic and cultural significance of the site and to garner their support for National Park status. In December 2014, a group of staffers from the JCCH and Honolulu JACL visited officials in Washington D.C. to deliver petitions with over 6,000 signatures supporting the inclusion of Honouliuli into the National Park System.


JACL is dedicated to securing the civil and human rights of all Americans and preserving the historical and cultural legacy of the Japanese American community. The preservation and interpretation of the Japanese American World War II confinement sites ensures that their important and distinct place in American history will continue to educate future generations against repeating injustices of the past.

<http://www.jacl.org/news/>

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**Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii NEW**

Ad in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser



Thank you President Obama,  
Secretary Jewell,  
Senator Schatz, Senator Hirono,  
Rep. Gabbard, and Rep. Takai  
for your work to preserve the  
Honouliuli Internment Camp.

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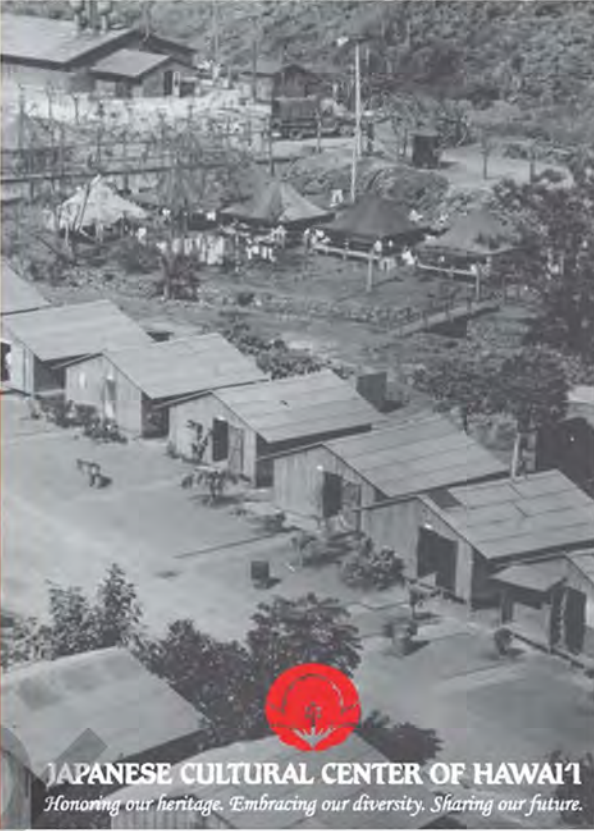
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Americans. By protecting Honouliuli  
through the Antiquities Act, you  
will lead our nation forward –  
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Thank you President Obama  
Secretary Jewell, and  
Director Jarvis

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## Twitter

### **Matt Lee-Ashley (CAP)**

MT @paulsparrow1 #WWII Internment camp in #Hawaii to become national monument. #Honouliuli  
#MonumentsforAll

<https://twitter.com/MLeeAshley/status/568057959680491520>

### **NM Green Chamber**

Mahalo #POTUS and @SecretaryJewell for protecting #Honouliuli Internment Site as unit of the  
@natlparkservice. #MonumentsforAll

<https://twitter.com/nmgreenchamber/status/568543970382315520>

### **Travel Leaders **NEW****

#Obama made #Honouliuli Internment Camp a #nationalmonument. It's a former #POW #WWII  
camp.(Photos:... <http://instagram.com/p/zVa8meBcsi/>

<https://twitter.com/TravelLeaders/status/568854511823015936>

## Every Kid in a Park

### External Stakeholders

#### National Wild Turkey Federation - George Thornton, CEO NEW

"There are so many distractions in our world today stealing the attention of our youth, but we [the NWTf] have a duty to our communities to provide options to help get kids outdoors. We are proud to play a key role in promoting outdoor activities to our youth as they are the generation that we will rely on to help save the future of our wildlife and habitat."

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#### Natural Resources Defense Council - Robert Friedman, Campaigner NEW

"This program couldn't come at a more important time, especially as technology is driving more and more young people indoors, away from the opportunities presented by the natural world. Think of all of these 4th graders seeing the Grand Canyon for the first time, or crocodiles in the Everglades or Half Dome in Yosemite, and the sense of wonder they will feel by seeing such natural magnificence. These experiences will show them what is at stake in our fight to preserve these amazing places, and will make them advocates for a more just and more sustainable future. Every Kid in a Park has the potential to change the landscape of activism in this country in a moment it is desperately needed."

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#### American Hiking Society - Gregory Miller, President NEW

"So many children are spending more time indoors these days, often in front of screens, and if we don't act, there will be severe consequences as they become adults. Getting kids outside will help improve health outcomes, academic success, and also ensure that America's public lands will still have champions when their generation becomes the stewards of these incredible parks and forests."

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#### The Audubon Society - Mike Daulton, VP for Government Relations NEW

"Children and families are inspired by the natural world, and that inspiration has lifelong benefits. We all need clean water, clean air, and healthy natural spaces. Getting kids and families into nature illuminates the connections we share with each other and with the great outdoors. A new generation of conservationists is waiting to emerge as they discover birds, other wildlife, and America's great natural resources. We're glad the White House agrees, and we support this new initiative."

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#### Children & Nature Network - Richard Louv, Co-Founder NEW



“The President's announcement and new initiative may well be a turning point. The initiative will help support the people who have worked so hard, many of them for decades, to connect children to nature. It will encourage new actions by local government, education, religious organizations, the health care professions, and, crucially, by our business communities. The greatest change must happen beyond government, in the daily decisions that all of us, as individuals and members of families, take in our daily lives. Ultimately, only we can make sure that every child receives the gifts of the natural world.”

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**The Student Conservation Association NEW**

“The Student Conservation Association applauds this commitment to connect more young people with our national parks. As the national leader in youth conservation service, SCA has proven that exposure to the great outdoors has a transformative impact on young people, instilling lifelong conservation values and creating healthier, happier kids.”

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**Wilderness Inquiry NEW**

“Wilderness Inquiry is thrilled to support this innovative new program that facilitates full participation in nature. Outdoor exploration is a birthright all children share, regardless of any perceived physical, cultural, or socio-economic barriers. We will continue to do our part to connect thousands of children and their families to educational and inspirational adventures in our national parks, forests, and wilderness areas. Many of our partners including National Park Service, US Forest Service, Department of the Interior, and the Outdoors Alliance for Kids also support this effort, and we will work with them to get Every Kid in a Park!”

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**HECHO NEW**

**HECHO Statement on President's Kids in Parks Initiative**

Las Vegas, NM – Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting, and the Outdoors (HECHO) Outreach Coordinator Max Trujillo released this statement on the President's new Kid in a Park initiative:

“Latino families and our communities have been using and enjoying America's public lands for generations. Increasing access to healthy watersheds, clean air, robust wildlife habitats, and open spaces for our nation's 4th-graders and their families would truly benefit our nation's young Latinos by providing opportunities to connect with and learn about their cultural past and traditional uses of the land. Ensuring that our young Latinos are able to experience and understand this nation's public lands heritage will be an invaluable asset for us all.”

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**The City Project** NEW

**President Obama Every Kid in a Park, Transit to Trails, Honouliuli, Pullman, Browns Canyon National Monuments**

Since President Barack Obama designated the San Gabriel Mountains Monument in October 2014, the White House has demonstrated a renewed commitment to [environmental and green justice](#).

Every child has the right to the simple joy of playing in the park. Under President Obama's Every Kid in a Park initiative, the National Park Service will give all fourth graders and their families free admission to national parks and other federal lands for a full year. The President also designated new national monuments.

President Obama recognizes that too many children, especially children of color, don't have access to parks where they can play, breathe fresh air, experience nature, and learn about their environment. This is an issue of social justice, health, and economic vitality for all. It's not enough to have awesome natural wonders. You have to be able to access them. Green justice is about working with communities to open up parks and our heritage to everybody — young and old, Latino, Asian, Native American, black, white — to make sure everybody can enjoy these rights. Every Kid in a Park will award transportation grants for school children to visit parks, public lands and waters, focusing on schools with the greatest need.

Transit to Trails provides opportunities for park-poor, income-poor communities to learn about water, land, wildlife and cultural history, and engage in healthy physical activity. Transit to Trails increases access to national parks, monuments, and other park lands. Underserved communities lack close-to-home green space, monuments, transportation, and opportunities to reach recreation and natural resources. [Transit to Trails is a best practice to get people to the parks now, and prepare young people to be the stewards of our natural heritage tomorrow. Transit to Trails helps reduce traffic congestion and parking problems, improve air quality, and reduce polluted water run-off into rivers and the ocean by providing accessible public transportation.](#) President Obama agrees with the National Park Service, the California Parks Forward Commission, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and the US Army Corps of Engineers on transit: The Transit to Trails program by Anahuak Youth Sports Association, The City Project, and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is a best practice for taking inner city youth and their families and friends on fun, educational, and healthy park, river, beach, and mountain trips.





*Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell with children from Anahuak Youth Sports Association and The City Project*

We celebrate President Obama designating three new monuments that honor the diverse history of our nation, and promote access to healthy, outdoor recreation for all: Honouliuli, Pullman, and the Browns Canyon landscape and river corridor.

Honouliuli commemorates the fragility of civil rights, and the incarceration of innocent Japanese Americans for three years during World War II. The designation on February 19 comes 73 years to the day after President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed executive order 9066. The order authorized the evacuation of over 100,000 men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry, including U.S. citizens, to isolated, fenced, and guarded internment camps. The United States Supreme Court upheld this intentional discrimination against Japanese Americans in *Korematsu v United States*. A federal district court threw out Fred Korematsu's conviction 40 years later, concluding that "["today the decision inKorematsu lies overruled in the court of history."](#)"

Pullman, on Chicago's Far South Side, honors the formation of the first African-American labor union, development of the first "company town," and the role of railroads in the nation's industrial past.

Honouliuli and Pullman, like Manzanar National Monument, are best practice examples to [celebrate the nation's diversity faithfully, completely, and accurately, and to stimulate and provoke a greater understanding of, and dialogue on, civil rights, democracy, and freedom.](#)

The City Project has been working for 15 years to broaden access to parks and open space for inner-city residents and to fight childhood obesity by guaranteeing that students get enough physical education. We are profoundly grateful to President Barack Obama and the National Park Service for Kid in a Park, and for diversifying national monuments.

—Robert García, Founding Director and Counsel, The City Project

<http://www.cityprojectca.org/blog/archives/35621>



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**Outdoor Industry Association**

**President’s Announcement on “Every Kid in a Park” and New National Monument Designations Support Outdoor Recreation Economy**

**Boulder, Colo., February 19, 2015** – Outdoor Industry Association® (OIA) applauds President Barack Obama’s announcement today promoting the new “Every Kid in a Park” initiative, which recognizes the importance of ensuring that every fourth grader in America spends time outdoors. This announcement comes in advance of the National Park Service Centennial, which will be celebrated in 2016, inspiring people from around the world to visit what has been called America’s “best idea,” our national parks.

OIA, the Outdoor Foundation and our member companies have been working hard to share our love of the outdoors with the next generation. America’s youth are now spending less time outside than ever before, averaging seven hours in front of a screen, but only minutes of outdoor play per day.

We are thrilled by the president’s call to action that will provide meaningful outdoor experiences – from the backyard to the backcountry – for our next generation. With resources behind “Every Kid in a Park,” including free admission on federal lands for all fourth graders and their families for the next year, as well as transportation funding to national parks for fourth graders in Title 1 schools, the outdoor industry is eager to support this endeavor.

“We are all born with the innate desire to explore the outdoors. For the millions of professionals in the outdoor industry, it’s what has shaped our careers. We know that outdoor recreation creates healthy lifestyles, thriving communities and a strong economy, but for those of us in the outdoor industry, it is also a business imperative,” said Steve Barker, Interim Executive Director of OIA. “We accept the president’s challenge to help future generations flourish by getting every fourth grader outside in celebration of the Centennial. I personally helped establish a conservancy in California that helps 500 fourth-graders annually to discover science through outdoor activity. From the Escondido Creek Conservancy in San Diego to Fortune 500 companies in the outdoor industry, we applaud the president for making our children’s interaction with the outdoors a national priority.”

In addition to this announcement, the president also dedicated our country’s newest national monuments - Browns Canyon in Colorado, one of the best whitewater rafting and angler destinations in the country; a plot of land in Oahu, Hawaii, where Japanese-Americans were held in the Honouliuli Internment Camp; and the Pullman Historic District in Chicago, birthplace of the first African-American labor union.

Known for its excellent recreation opportunities including hiking, fishing, kayaking, hunting, and rafting, the Browns Canyon monument designation will include protections for existing access and water rights to the Arkansas River. The Colorado River Outfitters Association (CROA) estimates a \$60 million annual contribution to the local economy via commercial rafting on the Arkansas River. Most recently, former Senator Mark Udall and Senator Michael Bennet worked hard to pass legislation that would have



preserved Browns Canyon for its multiple benefits including boosting the local recreation economy. Although the legislation failed to move in the Senate, both were instrumental in helping with today's designation.

OIA and the outdoor industry look forward to working with Congress and the Obama administration to help implement the president's vision for outdoor recreation and for the opportunity to highlight the importance of the outdoors throughout the nation. We hope all Americans will join us in exploring these newly protected parks and monuments, as well as other parks, forests, rivers and urban green spaces, in the coming year. Better yet – bring a young person so they too can grow up enjoying what we know as America's Great Outdoors.

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### **OAK Praises "Every Kid in a Park" Initiative**

*President Obama to get 4<sup>th</sup> graders across America outdoors*

Washington, DC—President Obama today announced a major new effort to connect children with parks and public lands. The "Every Kid in a Park" initiative will open the doors for fourth graders and their families to visit America's outdoor treasures and historic sites where they'll have opportunities to play, laugh, learn and get active in nature.

For many children, spending time outdoors isn't always easy or safe. Today's youth spend 50 per cent less time outdoors in natural settings than the generation that preceded them. Park deserts, a lack of transportation, stranger danger, screen time and overscheduled families are all factors contributing to an increasingly indoor and sedentary American lifestyle. Lack of physical activity is a factor in the rising rates of childhood type II diabetes, poor cardiovascular health, and obesity. The President's initiative will begin to break down some of these barriers and ensure that kids across America have the opportunity to visit one of our national treasures.

***In response to the President's initiative, members of the Outdoors Alliance for Kids issued the following statements:***

"Every child deserves the opportunity to get outside, regardless of where they live. We welcome the President's commitment to connect more children with America's public lands and look forward to helping make his vision a reality as part of our ongoing work to make sure everyone has a chance to experience the wonder of nature." - **Michael Brune, Executive Director, Sierra Club**

"President Obama's announcement of the Every Kid in a Park initiative supports our work to advance opportunities for children, youth and families to experience and learn from the outdoors. At The North Face, we believe that consistent and frequent exposure to the outdoors early in a child's life is not only great for their physical health, but is vital in developing character, confidence, a sense of adventure and respect for the environment into adulthood. Together with the Outdoors Alliance for Kids and the Every Kid in a Park initiative, we can help every child enjoy our parks and public lands. We're glad the

importance of this issue has been escalated by President Obama in national interest." - **Todd Spaletto, President, The North Face**

"We enthusiastically support the White House initiative to connect all 4th graders to our public lands. Connecting children to nature is critically important to their health and well-being, and to the future of our public lands. We commend the efforts within this initiative to provide transportation support, one of the factors limiting too many children's opportunities to benefit from nature in their everyday lives." - **Sarah Milligan-Toffler, Executive Director, Children & Nature Network**

"Connecting every fourth grader with a chance to learn about and explore America's public lands will improve health, well-being, and academic achievement. Children at that pivotal age are combining their love of nature with the budding wisdom to become future outdoor enthusiasts and public land stewards."

"This is a bold challenge by the President to America's parents, educators and child care providers to give America's 4th graders, year after year, an opportunity to experience our national parks, forests and refuges, we can see a future in which public lands and wildlife are a part of every child's life experience."

- **Collin O'Mara President and CEO, National Wildlife Federation**

"The need to connect children to nature and outdoor recreation has never been more critical. Helping children and families become active on America's public lands is itself an important goal. It is also the first step in raising awareness about the value of conserving our nation's natural resources." - **Scott Kovarovics, Executive Director, Izaak Walton League of America**

"The National Recreation and Park Association applauds the Obama Administration for their efforts to connect every fourth grader to a park in 2015. Our members stand ready to welcome young students in communities across the country to explore the many close-to-home public parks and recreation opportunities, and encourage all children regardless of age, race or background to discover all of our nations parks!" - **Barbara Tulipane, President and CEO, National Recreation and Park Association**

"We applaud the Administration's commitment to the health of American citizens and the health of the American landscape through this initiative, which builds on the work already initiated through support for the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps." - **Harry Bruell, Chair, Public Land's Service Coalition**

"Outdoor experiences are an essential element in Girl Scouts and provide opportunities for girls to discover, connect, and take action out-of-doors in ways that build courage, confidence, and character. According to our research, through an outdoor experience in Girl Scouts, nearly three-quarters of girls improved a skill, and half helped other girls do an outdoor activity. These experiences increase girls' understanding and curiosity about the natural world, and shape girl leaders who are conscientious with regard to the world around them." - **Anna Maria Chávez, CEO, Girl Scouts of the USA**

<http://outdoorsallianceforkids.org/2015/02/19/release-oak-praises-every-kid-in-a-park-initiative/>



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**National Wildlife Foundation**

**Collin O'Mara in response to President Obama's announcement of a new goal to have every 4th grader in America visit a public land park, forest or refuge:**

"We can see a future in which public lands and wildlife are a part of every child's life experience."

The National Wildlife Federation and its 49 state affiliated organizations enthusiastically support the goal put forth by President Obama today to have every 4th grader in America visit a public land park, forest or wildlife refuge in the coming year. Our public lands are an important part of the American story and children receive immense benefit from learning about and directly experiencing nature, wildlife, the outdoors and public land areas.

The need for such a goal has never been higher as America's children now spend so much of their time staying indoors staring at the screens of electronic devices, watching television and playing electronic games. Research shows that the average child today spends a daily eight hours connected to such devices and spends a small fraction of their time engaged in outdoor play and nature study. This results in a lost affinity for nature, our public lands and this unique aspect of American heritage.

"This is a bold challenge by the President to America's parents, educators and child care providers to give America's 4th graders, year after year, an opportunity to experience our national parks, forests and refuges," says Collin O'Mara, NWF's President and CEO, "we can see a future in which public lands and wildlife are a part of every child's life experience."

The National Wildlife Federation provides programming to one third of all of America's 4th graders through its Ranger Rick publications, its Eco Schools USA and Schoolyard Wildlife Habitats, parent education programs and partnerships with park and wildlife agencies—all of which will directly support the President's new goal.

The National Wildlife Federation working with its partner organizations, the Outdoor Alliance for Kids, the National Recreation and Park Association, the American Recreation Coalition, the Federal Interagency Council for Outdoor Recreation (FICOR), and our 49 state and territorial affiliates has developed nature and outdoor programs that offer 5 million children opportunities for weekly and daily nature play. Having this new presidential goal of planning for every fourth grader in America to visit a public land park, forest or refuge will support and expand on our success in reconnecting kids and families with nature and will help children at an impressionable age to actually experience some of our most beautiful and compelling natural and scenic places.

<http://www.nwf.org/News-and-Magazines/Media-Center/News-by-Topic/Get-Outside/2015/02-19-15-Collin-OMara-in-response-to-President-announcement-to-have-every-4th-grader-in-America.aspx>

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**Brian O'Donnell, Executive Director of the Conservation Lands Foundation**

"The sense of wonder and discovery is never more visible in my daughter's eyes than when she is outside experiencing nature," O'Donnell said. "Nature is the best teacher, and our parks provide an ideal classroom for learning and inspiration. This is a fantastic initiative that will have lasting benefits for America's children." – WaPo Story: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2015/02/19/obama-launches-every-kid-in-a-park-initiative/>

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**HECHO**

**Teaching Kids & Getting Them Outdoors: It's Part of Our Heritage**

The following post by Melissa Sotelo of Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK) comes at a timely moment. Today President Obama announces the "Every Kid in a Park Initiative," which aims to bring every child in the nation into the parks and public lands. It includes free admission for one full year for all fourth grade kids and their families into the National Parks. HECHO supports this initiative! (Click on the link to read the blog post)

<http://www.hechoonline.com/teaching-kids-getting-them-outdoors-its-part-of-our-heritage/>

**Twitter**

**MayorMatthewMarchant- City of Carrollton, TX) NEW**

My rising 4th grdr will be pumped! "@johnblairindc: Pres. to announce that 4th graders & families will get in free to public lands for 1 yr!"

<https://twitter.com/MatthewMarchant/status/568439335604731905>

**National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF)**

New "Every Kid in a Park" initiative: All 4th graders & their families free admission to national parks for a year. [http://www.nationalparks.org/ook/every-kid-in-a-park ...](http://www.nationalparks.org/ook/every-kid-in-a-park...)

<https://twitter.com/neefusa/status/568442894576701440>

**Natural Leaders Network**

Every kid in a park! Thanks @BarackObama for using Antiquities Act to improve diversity of our parks an public lands <http://usat.ly/1Boyy3X>

<https://twitter.com/naturalleaders/status/568452600804319233>

**Outdoor Industry**



BREAKING: @BarackObama to announce free entrance to US public lands for 1 year for all 4th graders!  
#EveryKidinaPark

<https://twitter.com/OIA/status/568428622790262784>

**Tommy Caldwell (Athlete)**

Today the President announced the initiative "Every Kid in a Park". My wife and I are passionate about getting... <http://fb.me/1zBTzCqO9>

<https://twitter.com/tommycaldwell1/status/568515545521197056>

**Patagonia**

We agree with the @OIA - The Every Kid in a Park Initiative is good news. Read on:

<http://pat.ag/17hHKtE>

<https://twitter.com/patagonia/status/568501553767657472>

**Trust for Public Land**

Right on! @BarackObama just announced that every 4th grader will receive a pass for free admission to parks. #EveryKidInAPark

[https://twitter.com/tpl\\_org/status/568502484622118912](https://twitter.com/tpl_org/status/568502484622118912)

**Anna Chavez – CEO for Girl Scouts of the USA**

Eagle 1 has landed. I'm thrilled to support the #EveryKidInAPark initiative to get more kids active & outdoors.

<https://twitter.com/AnnaMariaChavez/status/568489434968133632>

**Conrad Anker (Athlete)**

Yeah ~ President [Barack Obama](#). Thanks for recognizing the importance of our wild heritage and the benefit it has to our nation. Free access for a year to public lands for all 4th graders will get the future leaders off the digital rabbit warren and into the wild. [#everykidinapark](#) Add on Browns Canyon and today is a great day for the outdoor community. Thanks!

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Conrad-Anker/143199022383600?sk=info&tab=page\\_info](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Conrad-Anker/143199022383600?sk=info&tab=page_info)

**Kevin Jorgeson (Professional Climber)**

How cool! [@BarackObama](#) announces year of free admission to all Ntl Parks for 4th graders, plus new ntl monuments: <http://usat.ly/1Boyy3X>

<https://twitter.com/kjorgeson/status/568518926037954561>

**Range of Light**

Thanks to President @BarackObama for your leadership in making this happen!  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2015/02/19/obama-free-national-park-admission/23640451/> ... #EveryKidInAPark @WhiteHouse #leadership

<https://twitter.com/rangeoflight/status/568511802432053248>

**Latino Outdoors**

"Launching the Every Kid in a Park Initiative and Designating New National Monuments | The White House" <http://wh.gov/ibeLg> @whitehouse

<https://twitter.com/LatinoOutdoors/status/568512483117305858>

**Outdoor Afro**

Every child deserves to experience the outdoors. Thank you @WhiteHouse for highlighting this as a national priority! #EveryKidInAPark

<https://twitter.com/outdoorafro/status/568478382540898304>

**Girl Scouts**

Thank you @BarackObama for ensuring kids across America can visit a park! Let's get #EveryKidInAPark!  
=> <http://wp.me/p3qC97-i6>

<https://twitter.com/girlscouts/status/568468631367094273>

**Collin O'Mara (NWF)**

Today's a great day to be a 4th grader! Let's get #EveryKidInAPark ! <http://owl.li/Ilmis> Thank you @BarackObama #FindYourPark

[https://twitter.com/Collin\\_OMara/status/568511612438446080](https://twitter.com/Collin_OMara/status/568511612438446080)

**LCV**

Every child deserves to experience the outdoors. Thank you @WhiteHouse for highlighting this as a national priority! #EveryKidInAPark

<https://twitter.com/LCVoters/status/568506626648502272>

**National Park Trust**

Shout out to @BarackObama for #EveryKidInAPark initiative! Tell us what you're doing on 5/16 for #KidstoParks Day! <http://ow.ly/Jlcaf>

<https://twitter.com/NatParkTrust/status/568504259467206656>



**Natl Park Foundation**

.@BarackObama just announced #EveryKidInAPark! Find out how you can take part at <http://prks.org/KidsInParks> !

<https://twitter.com/GoParks/status/568502164345237504>

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change is “one of [her] highest priorities,” and that she is “very proud to work for President Obama, who has taken historic action” on the issue. Jewell explained “no country is immune” to the impact of climate change, and that “no country can solve [it] on its own.” Jewell promoted the concept of “climate resilience,” asserting it is “realistic and acknowledges that climate change impacts are happening,” while also being “hopeful.” The article focuses on how “Jewell highlighted work within Indian country as examples of what the U.S. is doing to improve climate change within communities.”

**JEWELL DISCUSSES REPATRIATION OF TRIBAL OBJECTS WITH FRENCH JUSTICE MINISTER.** The [Cherokee \(OK\) Phoenix](#) (12/4, 442) reports that on Wednesday Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “met with French Minister of Justice Christiane Taubira to express the United States’ concern about tribal sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony that are sold at French auction houses and to seek cooperation in working to repatriate objects to American Indian tribes.” The leaders “agreed to explore pathways that might provide greater protections for U.S. tribes seeking to repatriate their cultural property.” Jewell explained to Taubira the unique relationship the federal government has with federally recognized Native American tribes.

**JEWELL TOUTS EVERY KID IN A PARK INITIATIVE.** The [Tucson \(AZ\) Local Media](#) (12/4, Allen) reported on Interior Secretary Sally Jewell’s trip to Saguaro National Park West, where she gave away free passes to promote the “Every Kid in a Park” initiative. Jewell is quoted as saying, “Today in America, children spend about 56 hours a week in front of some form of a screen during their recreational time, while that same child, on average, spends a mere 30 minutes a week in unstructured outside play.” Jewell told attendees at the picnic ground, “Fourth grade is the right timeframe to capture a child’s interests. There are 4 million fourth graders in the country and our goal is to reach the lion’s share of them. Hopefully every fourth grader in America will take advantage of this program. Over a million passes have already been downloaded from the web and while I don’t know how many were fourth graders, I do know there have been a lot.” To the Santa Rosa school kids, Jewell said: “This is your ancestral land. You should know the richness and beauty of the area’s natural world and we want to provide that introduction in a way that honors and respects tribal culture.”

**REPORT FINDS LCC PROGRAM HAS ACHIEVED SOME EARLY MILESTONES.** [Greenwire](#) (12/3, Streater, Subscription Publication) reports that a committee of experts appointed by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine issued a report on the effectiveness of the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCC) program established in 2009 by former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar. The report found the LCC has “achieved ‘numerous objectives and milestones’ in a short period of time,” including creation of “a network of 22 individual conservation cooperatives covering specific regions across the United States.” However, it also said the LCC “still has work to do, including developing a system that can track whether the program is actually improving wildlife habitat conditions.” The 201-page report emphasized the “ambitious” goals of the program. [Science Daily](#) (12/4, 59K) similarly summarizes the report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS APPEAL SUSPENSION OF NEW OIL, GAS DRILLING RULES FOR FEDERAL LAND.** The [AP](#) (12/4, Gruver) reports that environmental groups including the Sierra Club have appealed US District Judge Scott Skavdahl’s “decision to suspend new rules for oil and gas drilling on federal land across the U.S. pending the outcome of a legal challenge to those rules.” The environmental groups argue the rules should be allowed to take effect to protect the environment from fracking and other industry practices, but Skavdahl “disagreed and blocked the rules from taking effect while the lawsuit contesting them moves ahead.” Skavdahl asserted that the fact that the EPA lacks authority to regulate fracking “doesn’t give the Interior Department leeway to do so.”

This story is also carried in the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (12/4, Gruver, 283K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (12/4, Gruver, 825K), and on the websites of [Yahoo! News](#) (12/4, Gruver, 6.43M) and [ABC News](#) (12/4, Gruver).

**INTERIOR CHARGES NEWTON SEMINARY WITH FAILING TO RETURN NATIVE AMERICAN OBJECTS.** The [Boston Globe](#) (12/4, Gay, 1M) reports that the Department of the Interior wrote to the Andover Newton Theological School, accusing it of failing to comply with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act by neglecting to turn over portions of a collection of Native American and native Hawaiian cultural objects to “their rightful tribal heirs.” The Interior requested that the Newton seminary “make a list of all the Native American cultural items in the collection and submit it to any tribe that may have an interest, as well as to federal officials.” School officials are quoted asserting they will comply with the government’s requests, but they say they “intend to sell those items only to persons and institutions that fully respect the heritage, history and spiritual traditions of Native Americans.”

**CONTINUANCE GRANTED IN LEASING DISPUTE OVER BLACKFOOT TRIBAL LAND.** The [AP](#) (12/4) reports that on Thursday a federal court granted the request of the Interior Department and Louisiana energy



company Solenex to pause court proceedings until January 8 in a dispute over a lease near Montana's Glacier National Park. The AP noted that "the Interior Department last month said it plans to cancel the 6,200-acre lease" on lands considered sacred by the Blackfoot tribes. The parties sought additional time to resolve the case outside of court. This story is also carried in [Fuel Fix \(TX\)](#) (12/3), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (12/4, Brown, 283K), the [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (12/3, 76K), the [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (12/4, 118K), and on the websites of [KECI-TV Missoula, MT](#) (12/4, NBCMontana, 1K) and [KECI-TV Missoula \(MT\)](#) Missoula, MT (12/4, NBCMontana, 1K).

[Greenwire](#) (12/3, Subscription Publication) explains that in 2013 Solenex sued "to lift the now-three-decade hold put on development" by the Interior Department. [Reuters](#) (12/4, Rascoe) reports similarly.

**SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE PROFILES WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT.** [Smithsonian](#) (12/4, Gannon, 336K) reports that the Waco Mammoth National Monument became one of the country's newest national monuments in July. Smithsonian explains that the site discovered by accident in 1978 by two 19-year-olds who alerted paleontologists at Baylor University, sparking an excavation that yielded 22 Columbian mammoths, a camel, and the tooth of a saber-tooth cat. Smithsonian points out that the deposit is unique because it appears to be the result of a mass grave from a natural disaster. Smithsonian says that the mammoths appear to have died during a flood, or two separate flood events around 66,000 years ago. Smithsonian reports that "in the mid-2000s, local advocates formed the Waco Mammoth Foundation and raised over \$4.5 million to build a permanent shelter over the bones" and by the time "Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell visited the site for its official dedication in October, she said it was like being presented 'a national park in a box.'"

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**CONDITION OF OVER HALF OF ARIZONA BIE SCHOOLS CONSIDERED "POOR."** [KJZZ-FM Phoenix](#) (12/4, Jung, 8K) reports online that over half of the 54 schools funded by BIE "in Arizona are considered by the federal government to be in poor condition." KJZZ says that many schools need over \$2 million in repairs and have been waiting on BIE for years to replace facilities. KJZZ profiles the Crystal Boarding School where "large cracks run through the walls of the school's four dormitories," there is a faulty furnace, and a failing electrical system. KJZZ say that 41 schools were put on a BIE replacement list in 2004 but BIE Director Dr. Charles Monty Roessel said at a congressional hearing in May that "money available for school replacement is tight and the agency is only now getting funding to finish replacing schools from the 2004 list."

**NATIVE AMERICAN PARENT CONFRONTS "PERVASIVE NFL SLUR" AT MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL.** Jared Hautamaki, a federal-agency attorney, writes at [Education Week](#) (12/4, Hautamaki, 130K) about dropping off his child a kindergarten at a Montgomery County public school where he "encountered the principal and several staff members celebrating the start of the NFL season and the Washington team's first NFL home game." He says that the word "redskin" is offensive and disparaging. He alerted the principal, board of education and a local reporter with no response from school officials. Hautamaki testified an October board meeting where the interim superintendent said they would "continue to monitor the impact and respond to the issue by benchmarking their actions against those of other Washington-area school districts." He points out that in the Washington region, the BIA, the Department of the Interior, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, the Indian Health Service, tribal lobby offices, and tribal law firms all employ a number of Native Americans.

**CALIFORNIA TRIBE ARGUES FOR RECONSIDERATION OF CASINO CHALLENGE CLAIMS.** [Law360](#) (12/4, Sheehan, 30K) reports that on Wednesday the Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community argued in federal court in California for reconsideration of its suit over a rival tribe's casino plans, asserting the case should not be dismissed. The tribe's arguments against the Interior Department during administrative review did not constitute a waiver of its claims, the tribe contended.

**COLUMBIA RIVER FISHERS PROFILED.** The [New Yorker](#) (12/4, Nijhuis, 4.84M) profiles fishers along the Columbia River who camp "on one of five so-called in-lieu sites, plots of land that are owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and reserved for use by members of the four federally recognized tribes that historically fished this section of the Columbia—the Yakama, the Umatilla, the Warm Springs, and the Nez Perce." The [New Yorker](#) explains that "the sites were authorized by Congress in 1945, after villages and fishing grounds were flooded by federal dam development" and "are an archipelago of jurisdictional complexity that is unique to the area." The [New Yorker](#) says that during "the past half century, the people who live full- or part-time at the in-lieu sites have formed what the historian Andrew Fisher calls a 'shadow tribe'—one identified more closely with their submerged ancestral land than their distant reservations, and intermittently at odds with tribal, state, and federal authorities alike."



**HASKELL SEEKING ABILITY TO ACCEPT PRIVATE DONATIONS.** The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (12/3, Lee, 47K) reports that Haskell Indian Nations University President Venida Chenault says that the university is looking for new resources to educate the tribal leaders of the future and that “a first step is to convince Congress to pass legislation that would allow Haskell to be able to accept donations without losing any part of the university’s federal appropriation and that would provide federal matching funds for contributions.” The Network points out that “the federal government is Haskell’s only source of funding, aside from nominal student fees” and that the school “is currently funded at \$12 million annually.” However, other federally-funded, higher-education institutions do not operated under the same restrictions.

## Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**WESTERN VALUE PROJECT ADS PRESS REPUBLICANS TO HELP RESTORE LWCP.** [Florida Politics](#) (12/4, Perry) reported that The Western Value Project, an environmental group, is airing TV ads calling on four House Republicans “to help restore the federal Land and Water Conservation Program.” House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT) blocked reauthorization for the fund earlier this year, and the advertisement said the “congressman, backed by big oil, is putting up road blocks to end funding for thousands of parks, playgrounds and trails in every state by blocking renewal of the bipartisan land and water fund, which uses no taxpayer money and helped protect the Everglades.”

**DEMOCRATS SEEKING LWCF EXTENSION IN OMNIBUS SPENDING BILL.** [E&E Publishing](#) (12/4, Koss, 705) reports that as congressional budget talks “are kicking into high gear,” Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND) opined that Senate Democrats are asking for “so many different things” in the bill, “citing an extension of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), as well as extensions of the renewable production tax credit and investment tax credit, and a ‘long elimination of riders.’”

**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION OPTIMISTIC ON YAKIMA BASIN FORECAST.** [KNDU-TV Yakima, WA](#) (12/4, 3K) reports on its website that South and Central Washington are “still dealing with severe drought conditions.” Bureau of Reclamation hydrologist Chris Lynch responded optimistically, saying that while the Yakima Basin reservoirs are at 26 percent of average, “There is so much of the story left to unfold, we could get so much precipitation in December, January, and hopefully February, and we just need a couple degrees colder and we’ll get it as snow.” The Bureau of Reclamation “says we will still have a long winter ahead and things could always change, they won’t make an actual predication on a forecast for the summer until later in the spring.”

**LWCF GRANTS WIND CREEK PARK FUNDS TO RENOVATE PLAYGROUND.** The [Alexander City \(AL\) Outlook](#) (12/3, Granger, 12K) reports that the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) granted \$51,000 to Wind Creek State Park for playground renovations to be focused on “erosion control and new equipment.” The article emphasizes the need for the renovations, and notes it is “one of four Alabama state parks and 10 towns and cities in the state that will benefit from more than \$700,000 in grant money aimed at improving recreation in the state.”

## Securing America’s Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**CONTINUING COVERAGE: BOEM CONSIDERS WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OFF SC SHORE.** [JD Supra](#) (12/4, 6K) continues coverage of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s (BOEM) actions to propose lease sites off the coast of South Carolina for wind energy development. The article calls offshore wind an “abundant renewable resource,” that “could be used to produce electricity without many of the impacts of traditional power plant construction and operation.” JD Supra outlines the process for leasing through the BOEM.

**DOE: SOLANA SOLAR PLANT UNAFFECTED BY DEVELOPER’S INSOLVENCY.** The [Arizona Republic](#) (12/3, Randazzo, 960K) reports that the 250-megawatt Solana Generating Station owned by Abengoa Solar and supplying APS is not expected to be affected by Abengoa’s insolvency, according to DOE officials. Revenue generated by the plant is being used to repay a \$1.45 billion Federal loan which supported the project’s construction. “Solana...is repaying its loan with interest,” Energy Department spokesman Bart Jackson said. “We will continue to closely monitor its status throughout the life of the loan guarantees to protect taxpayer interests.” Jackson added that DOE’s \$32 billion loan portfolio is “performing very well, with losses of only approximately 2 percent of the entire loan portfolio.”



**US'S LARGEST UTILITIES HAVE NOT SIGNED OBAMA'S CLIMATE PLEDGE.** [McClatchy](#) (12/4, Pugh, 27K) says the President's "corporate pledge of support for more action on climate change is slowly gathering momentum" as 154 companies "spanning a wide range of industries have signed the American Business Act on Climate Pledge." Signatories include "a variety of energy companies, including Calpine Corp., British-based National Grid, Portland General Electric and Berkshire Hathaway Energy," but "of the nation's 20 largest electric utilities, only Pacific Gas and Electric, California's largest utility company, has signed the pledge." The nation's four largest electric utilities – Duke Energy, Dominion Resources, NextEra Energy, and Southern Company – have not signed.

**MONIZ: CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS NEEDED FOR BETTER FUTURE.** In an online video on [CNN](#) (12/3, 3.54M), Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz discussed the San Bernardino shootings and also said that the Paris climate change talks "are a good example of needing to build a future that will be clean, that will address the risks of climate change, that also will bring prosperity, bring security, and hopefully bring energy services to the poor."

**Poll: Most Americans Want US To Lead Action On Climate Change.** The [Huffington Post](#) (12/4, Edwards-Levy, 251K) reports that according to a set of HuffPost/YouGov polls, "a 52 percent majority of Americans think the U.S. should take a global leadership role in trying to prevent climate change, while 26 percent think it should not, with the rest unsure."

**SCIENTISTS: GLOBAL WARMING TARGETS MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT.** [USA Today](#) (12/4, Lyman, 5.56M) says that while negotiators at the climate talks in Paris "are working to produce a realistic plan to limit global warming to no more than 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) from pre-industrial levels," according to "many scientists" that goal "may still be too warm to avert climate catastrophes." USA Today says more than 100 developing countries "have called for the official goal to be shifted toward a rise of only 1.5 degrees Celsius," but adds that the "lower threshold is unlikely to become the official goal anytime soon because of opposition from industrialized countries, including the United States."

#### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**ADVOCACY GROUPS CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT CHACO CULTURE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.** [EnergyWire](#) (12/3, Gilmer, Subscription Publication) reports that the National Parks Conservation Association, Archaeology Southwest, Park Rangers for Our Lands and Partnership for Responsible Business have launched a campaign to bring awareness to oil and gas development they consider a threat to Chaco Culture National Historical Park and the surrounding area in New Mexico. The report points out that "the national historical park itself is protected from drilling, but the checkerboard of federal, state and tribal lands surrounding the park has seen a quick uptick in wells over the past few years."

The [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (12/3, Fenton, 263K) reports that Paul Reed, a Chaco scholar and a preservation archaeologist with Tucson-based Archaeology Southwest, said the group was spurred into greater action by BLM's efforts to update a 12-year-old plan that manages oil and gas activity in the region. The Journal points out that "one of the group's initiatives is to support and emulate the BLM's Master Leasing Plan approach to negotiating how to balance the divergent interests between the oil and gas industry and Chaco conservationists, and avoid costly lawsuits."

**FORBES: WEALTHY ENVIRONMENTALISTS ARE TARGETING FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY.** In a [Washington Times](#) (12/4, 283K) op-ed, Steve Forbes, chairman and editor in chief of Forbes Media, argues that wealthy "radical environmentalists" like such as Tom Steyer and others are "targeting our traditional energy producers and our manufacturing base while supporting a 'green energy' agenda that cannot survive in a free market without huge government subsidies." For many of them, Forbes writes, the agenda "is to target and eventually take down our fossil fuel industry," which, he argues is "simply a recipe for disaster." Forbes says the "Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, and others," have advanced "a plague of new environmental regulations governing carbon, methane and ozone emissions that will require oil, natural gas and coal producers to pay costly fines or shut down." Forbes calls on the "liberal billionaire's club to stop attacking our energy producers and work with Congress and the White House to develop sensible energy policies that don't shackle our dependable energy resources."

**SPECTRUM LNG, SALIX REMAIN IN RUNNING FOR INTERIOR ALASKA LNG PROJECT.** [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (12/3, DeMarban, 203K) reported that out of an original 13 contenders, only Spectrum LNG and



Salix Inc. now remain in the running in Alaska's "search for a partner to help lower energy prices in the Interior with deliveries of liquefied natural gas." The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority is expected to make a final selected in early 2016. Both finalists "would use state funding and their own capital to pay for the project, according to a summary provided by AIDEA."

#### **HOUSE APPROVES BILL TO LIFT BAN ON OIL EXPORTS, EXPEDITE LNG PERMITTING PROCESS.**

[Reuters](#) (12/4, Gardner) reports the House on Thursday passed the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act on a 249-174 vote. The bill would repeal the ban on exports of crude oil, as well as speeding the permitting process for liquefied natural gas export facilities.

[The Hill](#) (12/3, Henry, 654K) reported the bill was approved despite "a veto threat from President Obama." It includes "provisions to speed up the permitting process for pipelines and energy projects," and "to expand liquefied natural gas exports and hydropower," as well as measures to increase "energy efficiency and maintain security and reliability of the electricity grid." Democrats accused Republicans of having "packed the final version with too many provisions they couldn't support."

The [AP](#) (12/4, Daly) reports that Democrats have criticized the bill, which is the "first major energy legislation in nearly a decade," as "'backward-looking,' saying it promotes fossil fuels such as oil and gas while doing nothing to support renewable forms of energy such as solar and wind power." However, 26 Democrats did join with Republicans to approve the bill, the [National Journal](#) (12/4, Geman, Subscription Publication, 53K) reports. An Senate Democratic leadership aide said that it would take "something big" for Democrats to agree to a lifting of the ban, such as long-term extensions of credit for developing renewable energy projects.

***GOP Prioritizes Lifting Oil Export Ban In Year-End Negotiations.*** [Politico](#) (12/4, Schor, Everett, 1.19M) reports Democrats "seem serious about striking a bargain on lifting oil exports" – one of the GOP's key priorities in year-end negotiations – "despite pressure from greens and resistance from the White House." Politico explains that the House energy reform legislation passed on Thursday is separate from the year-end budgets, and "faces a certain presidential veto as a standalone measure." However, skepticism remains over whether the GOP is willing to shut down the government if Democrats don't acquiesce to Republican demands. Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA), the Energy Committee's top Democrat, lamented, "People are wanting to hold the whole budget process hostage on oil exports."

***Senate Energy Committee Chair Anticipates Bipartisan Agreement On Reform Bill.*** [The Hill](#) (12/4, Henry, 654K) reports that Sen. Energy Committee panel chair Lisa Murkowski stated that she anticipates reconciling her bipartisan energy policy overhaul package with Rep. Fred Upton's reform bill that the House passed on Tuesday. Murkowski said that her bill, which the Senate will address in 2016, "has been a good coming together," but that "there is room to meld" her package with the House version.

**VIRGINIA GROUPS URGING OFFICIALS TO HALT NEW FRACKING OPERATIONS.** The [AP](#) (12/4) reports that several environmental groups are "urging officials to halt any new fracking efforts in Virginia," claiming that the state's safeguards on fracking "are inadequate and outdated."

**MOVEMENT PUSHING BANKS TO QUIT COAL SEES RESULTS.** [Bloomberg News](#) (12/3, Faux, 3.4M) reported that a movement pushing banks to dump coal is "getting results," despite the small size of some of its protests. Banks including Morgan Stanley and Bank of America have been the target of activists and subsequently announced cuts to their ties with coal companies. Ben Collins with Rainforest Action Network said, "New coal mines and new coal-fired power plants can't be built without the behind-the-scenes support of major financial institutions. ... They're aware that they're exposed reputationally on this issue." Other banks announcing plans to reduce coal lending this year include Citigroup, Wells Fargo, ING Group, and the French banks Crédit Agricole, Société Générale, and BNP Paribas.

***Report: Thermal Coal Oversupply To Reach 118 Million Metric Tons.*** [Bloomberg News](#) (12/3, Parker, 3.4M) reported that the seaborne coal market is facing its "biggest glut in at least four years." A Bloomberg Intelligence report, published on Thursday, showed that with demand for carbon-intensive fuels falling in some Asian and European areas, the oversupply of thermal coal will hit 118 million metric tons, nearly triple 2013 numbers. The report also found that China and India may also import less coal, increasing their reliance on domestic supplies instead.

#### ***Offshore Energy Development:***



**DOJ DROPS MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES AGAINST BP DEEPWATER HORIZON SUPERVISORS.** [RT](#) (12/4, 297K) reports that manslaughter charges were dropped against two BP supervisors who were onboard the Deepwater Horizon oil rig that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico. One supervisor pleaded guilty to violating the Clean Water Act and “admitted to negligently causing the massive oil spill that resulted from the disaster,” according to Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr. The other supervisor is fighting the same misdemeanor charge, which “will likely result in 10 months of probation and 100 hours of community service.”

## America's Great Outdoors:

### *Bureau of Land Management:*

**DEMOCRATS SUPPORT DESIGNATING ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AS WILDERNESS.** [E&E Daily](#) (12/3, Hiar, Subscription Publication) reports that a bill seeking “to formally designate the oil-rich coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness” has been co-sponsored by nearly three-fourths of the Senate Democratic caucus. While the 1.56-million-acre area “is believed to contain over 10 billion barrels of oil,” it also supports more than 250 species. The “long-shot” legislation would effectively ban “oil and gas development, new road construction and other activities.”

**STUDY EXAMINES CONNECTION BETWEEN CATTLE GRAZING, SAGE GROUSE.** [Boise \(ID\) State Public Radio](#) (12/4, Barnhill) reports that University of Idaho professor Karen Launchbaugh is “two years into a 10-year study that’s trying to figure out how grazing of perennial grasses affects spring nesting for sage grouse.” BSPR explains that “by the end of the study, she hopes to have results that can help create a sustainable way to keep cattle on the land, while also protecting the sage grouse.” Launchbaugh recently briefed the Idaho Cattle Association, which is helping pay for the study, on her work.

**BALD EAGLE COUNT INCREASES AT LAKE COEUR D’ALENE.** The [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (12/3, Landers, 174K) reports that “bald eagles continue to pour into the Wolf Lodge Bay area of Lake Coeur d’Alene for their annual November-January gathering to feast on spawning kokanee.” According to Carrie Hugo, BLM wildlife biologist, who conducts a weekly eagle survey during the kokanee spawning period, “There were 69 adult eagles (white heads) and 10 juveniles. Last year there were 34 eagles on the Week 3 count.”

**BLM EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD ON SAGE GROUSE PROTECTIONS.** The [AP](#) (12/3, Ridler) reports that BLM has extended the public comment period until January 15 “on the agency’s plan to withdraw 10 million acres of public lands in six western states from potential mineral extraction to protect habitat for the greater sage grouse.” The AP says that public meetings scheduled in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming in December “ahead of creating an Environmental Impact Statement before making a final decision on whether to withdraw the public lands for 20 years.” BLM spokesman Mark Mackiewicz said, “We really want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to comment on the proposed withdrawal.” Meanwhile, “Jack Lyman of the Idaho Mining Association said banning mining on 3 million acres in Idaho would limit future mineral extraction” while “John Robison of the Idaho Conservation League said withdrawing the lands is a good step.”

**BLM MOAB FIELD OFFICE MOVES GROUP CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS ONLINE.** [Lake Powell Life](#) (12/4, Kellar) reports that BLM “Utah Moab Field Office is moving group campsite reservations to Recreation.gov.” The report explains that “visitors who wish to make group site reservations will be able to do so online at [recreation.gov](#) starting at 8 a.m. MST on Dec. 9, 2015.” Meanwhile, “the more than 400 individual campsites in the Moab Field Office will remain available on a first-come, first-served basis.”

**INTEREST HIGH IN MONTANA ELK SHOULDER SEASON HUNTS.** The [Great Falls \(MT\) Tribune](#) (12/3, 76K) reports that “right now, it seems every elk hunter in Montana and beyond who did not get his or her elk in the general season that ended Nov. 29 has focused on four hunting districts between Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs that are taking part in the new elk shoulder season.” Gary Bertellotti, FWS Region Four supervisor, says that their phone lines have jammed up by hunters. The Tribune explains that “a pilot program, the shoulder season for antlerless elk runs Nov. 30 through Feb. 15 in hunting districts 445, 446, 452 and 449” and a “similar antlerless elk season in HD 410 is Jan. 1 to Feb. 15.” The Tribune says that hunting is allowed only on private land, BLM land, and state of Montana school trust land.

**CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVISTS CLAIM FOSSIL FUEL DRILLING AGREEMENTS, LAND AUCTIONS WORSEN CLIMATE.** [TIME](#) (12/4, Worland, 19.1M) reported that climate advocacy group [350.org](#) Jason Kowalski stated that “it’s wrong” for the US to sell fossil fuels. Kowalski also said that President Obama’s recommendation to “keep some fossil fuels in the ground rather than burn them” will not end global warming



unless "30, 50 year decisions to allow drilling" are also terminated. TIME reported that Obama "has maintained consistent support for continued reliance on fossil fuels," and that he is unlikely to make "a dramatic shift" that would mandate the termination of Bureau of Land Management land auctions.

**HOUSE APPROVES BILL TO EXPEDITE ENERGY PROJECTS.** *Politico Pro* (Goode, 12/3) reports the US House voted 255 to 168 to approve an amendment to a HR 8, an energy bill that "authorize[s] oil exports and speed permit reviews for cross-boundary energy projects similar to the Keystone XL pipeline." An amendment was also approved to expedite "cross-boundary oil, natural gas and electricity projects." However, the lawmakers voted against an amendment to block "the repeal of a requirement for new and modified federal buildings to be designed to be free of fossil fuels by 2030," and another Democratic amendment to "requir[e] the Interior Department to tell landowners when federally owned minerals beneath their land have been leased for oil and gas development."

### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**WOLF COUNT IN YELLOWSTONE UP SLIGHTLY IN 2014.** The AP (12/4) reports that on Wednesday figures were released showing Yellowstone National Park supported "at least 104 wolves from 11 packs living in the park at the end of 2014," up from 95 wolves from 10 packs counted in the end of 2013. The AP notes that the wolves' "numbers peaked about a decade ago and have since declined in part because their prey base has dwindled."

This story is also carried in the *New York Times* (12/4, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), the *Washington (DC) Times* (12/4, 283K), the *Houston (TX) Chronicle* (12/4, 2.15M), *Philly (PA)* (12/4, 1.18M), and the *Washington (DC) Post* (12/4, 7.78M).

*The Guardian (UK)* (12/4, Milman, 3.48M) provides background on the presence of wolves in the park, describing how "Gray wolves had been completely wiped out in the vast national park in 1926, leading to a range of negative ecological changes that their reintroduction helped correct." Following the recovery of the species, the article reports that Republican-sponsored legislation would delist the wolves from the Endangered Species Act, and would prohibit "courts from overruling the Department of Interior" on the matter. The Guardian cites opposition to delisting from the Center for Biological Diversity.

**NOAA EXECUTIVE MOVES TO NFWF.** *Greenwire* (12/3, Yehle, Subscription Publication) reports National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) acting assistant secretary for conservation and management Holly Bamford has taken a newly created position as the chief conservation officer of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Bamford is known for her creation of the Marine Debris Program, the Office for Coastal Management, and the agency's recent focus on ecological forests.

**HARTL: REPUBLICANS USING RIDERS TO ATTACK ENDANGERED SPECIES.** Brett Hartl, Endangered Species Policy director at the Center for Biological Diversity, writes at *The Hill* (12/4, Hartl, 654K) in its "Congress Blog" that "just in time for holidays, Congressional Republicans, rankled by the fact that endangered species protection decisions are by law based on science rather than politics, are trying to slip a legislative noose around some of the nation's most needy species." He explains that Republicans are using special "policy riders" attached to spending bills that would reduce or completely disallow Endangered Species Act protections for species such as gray wolves, sage grouse, and lesser prairie chickens. He points out that "according to a recent study, these legislative attacks on the law and specific imperiled species have jumped by more than 600 percent in recent years, with more than 80 such anti-endangered species laws and amendments proposed just this year."

**ANACONDA FOUND IN BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.** The *Daytona Beach (FL) News-Journal* (12/3, Voyles, 162K) reports that that a 9-foot-5-inch green anaconda was found and killed after being found Monday off State Road 50 in Brevard County. The News-Journal says that the snake was only 33 points but is capable of reaching up to 500 pounds and 26 feet, according to the US Geological Survey. The News-Journal points out that "Burmese pythons — which can reach lengths up to 18 feet — are found throughout Everglades National Park and in Big Cypress National Preserve and Collier-Seminole State Park." Federal studies have shown the pythons could be "extremely detrimental to native species because they eat almost every type of land-dwelling vertebrate and have few, if any, natural predators." In addition, the FWS "added the green anaconda and three other species to its list of 'injurious species' in March, prohibiting importation and interstate transportation of the species without a federal permit."



**FEDERAL WILDLIFE OFFICER IN MINNESOTA PROFILED.** Tori J. McCormick writes at the [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (12/4, McCormick, 1.15M) about Scott Pariseau, one of 10 Federal wildlife officers with the FWS stationed throughout Minnesota. McCormick explains that his primary office is the 14,000-acre Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge and his enforcement area includes the surrounding 14-county Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District. She says that “the reach of his work, in physical space and responsibility, defines the everyday life of a wildlife officer: broad areas to monitor and control that extend beyond the boundaries of wildlife enforcement, mixed with an often deep personal connection to the line of work.” McCormick follows Pariseau as he goes about his duties.

**FWS CRITICIZED FOR OFFERING EAGLE TAKE PERMITS TO WIND ENERGY COMPANIES.**

**HEADLINE: COURT CANCELS 30-YEAR FEDERAL PERMITS LETTING WIND COMPANIES KILL**

**EAGLES.** A report in [Mongabay](#) (12/4, DiGirolamo, 6K) criticizes the FWS for exempting wind energy companies from laws making it illegal to kill Bald and Golden Eagles, citing the FWS’ efforts to change the duration of eagle take permits from 5-years to 30-years. Conceding the benefits of wind energy, the report suggests exploration of bladeless wind technology as a possible solution.

**FISHERS REINTRODUCED TO CASCADES IN WASHINGTON STATE.** The [Tacoma \(WA\) News Tribune](#) (12/4, Mayor, 254K) reports that “the seven newest residents of Gifford Pinchot National Forest darted into the rain-soaked, fern-covered forest Thursday morning, the first of multiple releases to reintroduce the fisher to the South Cascades.” The Tribune explains that “the release is part of a multiagency effort to reintroduce the fisher —members of the weasel family, related to otters, badgers and wolverines —in Washington.” The tribune says that each animal was implanted with a radio transmitter that that “researchers have already discovered the animals have a larger home range in Washington, as much as eight times larger than fishers in California,” said Zach Radmer of the FWS.

The [Olympian \(WA\)](#) (12/4, Mayor, 78K) also carries the report from the News Tribune.

**FWS SAYS BLACK-FOOTED FERRET RESTORATION EFFORTS SUCCESSFUL SO FAR.** [KUSA-TV](#)

Denver (12/3, Leary, 559K) reports online that the FWS says “their efforts to restore the most endangered mammal in North America are, so far, successful.” KUSA points out that “30 black-footed ferrets were released onto the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge in northeast Denver on Oct. 5.” FWS officials surveyed the area recently. “I was just happy to see one animal in the wild, that was pretty amazing. But from what I’m told, 30 percent or greater of what was released is a success,” David Lucas, with the FWS, said. “I think what’s exciting is, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is hoping to recover this species. And I think we’re really making great strides toward doing that.”

**NEVADA MINING ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT DEFENDS MULTIPLE USE OF PUBLIC LANDS.** Dana R. Bennett, Nevada Mining Association President, writes at the [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (12/2, Bennett, 22K) that FWS’s decision not to place the Greater Sage-grouse on the endangered species list “not to list the grouse is a positive first step,” but she says that “additional measures that were taken to immediately segregate and even potentially withdraw huge swaths of Nevada land demonstrate that much work remains to be done.” She says that “the implementation of the land use management plan, especially as it relates to withdrawal areas, disturbance caps, and travel restrictions, will require thoughtful and productive discussions.” Bennett concludes that “it is vitally important to Nevada’s future and to the mining industry...that we protect the future of high-tech manufacturing by ensuring that any future management plans continue this country’s tradition of multiple uses on public lands.”

#### ***National Park Service:***

**FORT UNION TRADING POST SOLICITING COMMENTS ON HOUSING PLAN.** The [AP](#) (12/4) reports that the NPS is soliciting public comment on “a critical shortage of employee housing for the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site.” The AP explains that “the Expanded Park Housing/Utilities Plan and Environmental Assessment aims to address the shortage, increase the housing capacity of the park to an adequate number of bedrooms and upgrade the existing wastewater treatment system.” Park superintendent Andy Banta “says the plan analyzes two action alternatives that focus on the immediate need for housing park employees.”

**PARK OFFICIALS TOUR NORTH FIELD NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.** [Marianas Variety](#) (12/4, Zotomayor) reports that National Historic Landmarks Program acting branch chief Elaine Jackson-Retondo and Park Superintendent for Guam and the CNMI James Richardson are visiting Saipan and Tinian to tour the North Field National Historic Landmark. The article notes Interior Secretary Sally Jewell’s signing of the memorandum



of agreement establishing the Manhattan Project National Historic Park last month. The article features excitement for the presence of the high-ranking US officials in the Mariana Islands.

**HOUSE HEARS TESTIMONY ON NATIONAL PARK CENTENNIAL LEGISLATION.** [National Parks Traveler](#) (12/4, Repanshek, 989) reports that that “the bottom-line message delivered during Wednesday’s hearing before the Subcommittee on Federal Lands, Committee on Natural Resources was that the Park Service is falling behind in maintaining the parks and their resources because it isn’t adequately funded.” Park Service Director Jon Jarvis said, “The National Park Service Centennial is focused on connecting with and creating the next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates. To that end, Congress must increase funding – including mandatory appropriations – to improve park infrastructure and to help develop the next generation of park stewards.” The report points out that the subcommittee is considering two proposals for the Park Service centennial: one was the Obama Administration’s proposal that was introduced by Rep. Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), the other a draft “discussion bill” by Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT).

**OLDEST FULL-TIME PARK RANGER TO LIGHT NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE.** [WRC-TV](#) Washington (12/4, Vasquez, Fernandez, 276K) reports online that Betty Reid Soskin, the oldest National Park Service Ranger in the United States, will light the national Christmas tree and introduce President Obama on Thursday. WRC says that “Soskin received her invitation last month while working at her full-time job, giving tours at the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California.” She said the honor was “the greatest! Unquestionably. Nothing else tops this.”

#### *US Geological Survey:*

**USGS REPORTS MAGNITUDE 3.4 EARTHQUAKE NEAR FORT BRAGG.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (12/4, Quakebot, 3.6M) reports that on Thursday morning the USGS reported a magnitude 3.4 earthquake nine miles away from Fort Bragg in California. The article notes there has been no quake activity of magnitude 3.0 or greater centered nearby in the past ten days.

#### Top National News:

**OBAMA SAYS SAN BERNARDINO SHOOTING POSSIBLY “TERRORIST-RELATED.”** As more information became known Thursday about San Bernardino shooters Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik, President Obama said their attack may have been an act of terrorism, but that not enough was yet known to make that conclusion. The FBI said it is investigating the attack as potential terrorism, but also said the motive remains unknown. The President renewed his call for gun control, but the message was ignored on Capitol Hill, where two measures introduced in the Senate were voted down.

[USA Today](#) (12/4, Korte, 5.56M) reports that the President, with Vice President Biden by his side in the Oval Office, “sought to assure Americans that investigators will get to the bottom of the San Bernardino shootings, even as he noted that investigators know little about what motivated the shooting spree.” [Reuters](#) (12/4, Edwards) quotes Obama saying, “It is possible that this was terrorist-related. But we don’t know. It is also possible that this was workplace-related.”

The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, Nakamura, 7.78M) reports Obama “also called on the nation to do some collective soul-searching, making an oblique reference to a push for stricter gun-control laws that his administration has championed, unsuccessfully” since the Sandy Hook shootings three years ago this month. The [Los Angeles Times](#) (12/4, Parsons, 3.6M) says the President “was sober and serious, with bloodshot eyes, as he spoke. For days he had been dreading” the upcoming Sandy Hook anniversary, and now, “aides say he is more intent than ever in conversations with national security advisors and domestic policy advisers as they look for steps the administration can take to combat gun violence.”

[McClatchy](#) (12/4, Kumar, 27K) reports the President said “all Americans, including legislators, needed to figure out how to make it more difficult for some to get access to weapons.” [Roll Call](#) (12/3, Bennett, 139K) reports that Obama “said it is ‘just too easy’ for people who wish to carry out mass shootings to obtain firearms.”

The [Washington Times](#) (12/4, Boyer, 283K) reports that Attorney General Lynch and FBI Director Comey, who briefed the President before he delivered his remarks, were also on hand. [Politico](#) (12/3, Gass, 1.19M) and [The Hill](#) (12/3, Fabian, 654K) also report on the President’s remarks. [Reuters](#) (12/4, Heavey) reports San Bernardino Mayor Carey Davis said via Twitter that he has spoken with Obama, [writing](#), “Thank you for the outpouring of support from around the world and @POTUS for the heartfelt conversation.”



Colby Itkowitz writes in a [Washington Post](#) (12/3, 7.78M) blog post that after the October mass shooting in Oregon, Obama "made an all-too-frequent address to the nation condemning the murderous act. But this time, he also decried the monotony of the reaction to it." Itkowitz writes that "the more exposure a person has to an event, the less remarkable it becomes. That's true for the good and the bad. ... Another term for it is desensitization."

In the wake of the latest mass shooting, the White House and congressional Democrats are again calling for tighter gun control, while Republicans are resisting. The [Los Angeles Times](#) (12/4, Parsons, 3.6M) reports that the Administration is "seeking a way to use executive authority to close the so-called gun show loophole" that permits gun purchases without a background check, "but complicated legal issues have slowed the process." While closing the loophole would not have impacted the San Bernardino incident, "White House officials and their allies continue to see expanding the background check system as the most promising avenue to reduce at least some of the deaths caused by guns."

[Politico](#) (12/3, Everett, Kim, 1.19M) reports that Senate Democrats forced votes on two gun control measures Thursday, but both failed. The first, on legislation "that would deny people on a federal terrorism watch list the ability to purchase guns," was [defeated 45-54](#), while the second, a revival of bipartisan legislation written in the aftermath of Sandy Hook, [failed 48-50](#). The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, Sullivan, Weigel, 7.78M) says the votes "failed amid opposition from the National Rifle Association and Republicans."

The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Board, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) says in an editorial that Republicans and GOP presidential candidates have recently "been trying to outdo each other in describing how they'd crack down on global terrorism. But when a mass shooting at home calls attention to laws that put guns into the hands of suspected terrorists, they ask for a moment of silence, while taking action that speaks volumes."

[USA Today](#) (12/4, Slack, Singer, 5.56M) reports House Republicans said Thursday "that they will not be moving quickly to bring up new gun control legislation." House Speaker Ryan said there are "still too many unknowns about the San Bernardino shootings, but he said one common theme among many mass shootings is mental illness." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/4, Peterson, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) says Republicans said their legislation would focus on reforming the mental health system. [Politico](#) (12/3, Sherman, 1.19M) writes, "The reality is quite plain on Capitol Hill: There's still no appetite among Republicans for new gun laws."

The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Steinhauer, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) says "mass shootings from California to Paris stoked fierce debate Thursday between Republicans who maintained that the killings must intensify the focus of Congress and the nation on Islamist terrorism and Democrats who demanded an end to 'thoughts and prayers' for victims" and immediate gun control.

The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, 7.78M) editorializes, "Yes, the nation needs to pursue Islamist terrorists overseas more aggressively and combat radicalization at home. Yes, we need to offer better mental-health treatment. But we also need to make it more difficult for civilians to obtain weapons of war." However, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/4, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) says in an editorial that the focus must be on radicalization and that if Democrats are serious about gun control, they should seek an outright weapons ban, rather than exploiting each incident for political gain.

David Ignatius writes in his [Washington Post](#) (12/4, 7.78M) column, "Was the San Bernardino shooting an act of terrorism or workplace rage? It doesn't really matter, in terms of the need for better regulation of assault rifles and semiautomatic weapons." Eugene Robinson similarly writes in his [Washington Post](#) (12/4, 7.78M) column, "The common denominator in mass shootings is the use of firearms. Variables such as political ideology, religious fervor and mental illness are motivating factors, but death comes from the gun."

**FBI Investigating Shootings As Potential Terrorism.** The three broadcast networks each devoted between 17 and 19 minutes to the shootings on Thursday evening, but apart from items on ABC and CBS about comments by presidential candidates, the reports did not deal with possible policy ramifications and instead focused on the ongoing investigation and emerging information about shooters Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik. [ABC World News](#) (12/3, lead story, 3:35, Muir, 5.84M) opened by saying that "a chilling portrait is now emerging of that young couple, dressed in tactical gear, who killed so many." Farook "was born here, a US citizen," while his wife, "originally from Pakistan, [was] here on a K1 visa, a fiancé's visa." ABC's Brian Ross said the FBI is treating the investigation "as a case of terrorism. Behind the doors of the young couple's San Bernardino home, police say they found an arsenal of weapons that could have been used to kill thousands of people."



The [CBS Evening News](#) (12/3, lead story, 4:00, Pelley, 5.08M) reported, "It's hard to imagine the massacre in San Bernardino could have been worse," but police said Thursday "that the husband and wife murder team brought [a] bomb to that social services building. It was rigged to a remote control toy car to act as a wireless trigger." They also found a "bag of pipe bombs in the suspects' home, and a stockpile of ammunition." [NBC Nightly News](#) (12/3, lead story, 3:40, Holt, 7.86M) reported that "what was revealed [on Thursday] seems to make it much more likely that attack was an act of terrorism. In great and stunning detail, police describe a picture of a heavily armed group of attackers, two of them backed up by an arsenal of pipe bombs and thousands of rounds of ammo, fully capable of launching a follow-on attack."

The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Medina, Pérez-Peña, Schmidt, Goodstein, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports the FBI "is treating the shooting as a potential terrorist act, though they are far from concluding that it was," two law enforcement officials said. But while "the suspects' extensive arsenal, their recent Middle East travels and evidence that one had been in touch with people with Islamist extremist views, both in the United States and abroad, all contributed to the decision to refocus the investigation," officials "emphasized that they were unclear what set off the attack, and said they were not ready to call it terrorism." The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, Groves, 7.78M) reports officials said they "were looking at social media contacts between one of the suspected attackers and people with ties to terrorism, but said they had not found anything recent or significant so far."

Joel Achenbach of the [Washington Post](#) (12/4, 7.78M) writes, "Without a firmly established motive, no one Thursday quite knew how to categorize the San Bernardino massacre. Terrorism? Workplace violence? A hybrid of the two?" If it was terrorism, "why target co-workers at an obscure holiday party in a small city that many Americans can't even find on a map?" And "if workplace violence, why the enormous arsenal of bullets and the dozen pipe bombs in the rented home?" [NBC Nightly News](#) (12/3, story 2, 2:20, Holt, 7.86M) showed Attorney General Lynch saying, "We don't know whether this is workplace rage or something larger, or a combination of both."

**Clinton, Cruz, Graham, Trump Say Shootings Were Terrorism.** Presidential candidates weighed in on the shootings Thursday. [ABC World News](#) (12/3, story 6, 1:40, Muir, 5.84M) reported that Sen. Ted Cruz was "the first to say this is radical Islamic terrorism," with Donald Trump soon joining him. Trump: "We've got a lot of bad things going on. Radical Islamic terrorism. Take a look. I mean, you look at the names, you look at what's happened. ... I think it was terrorism." ABC (Llamas): "For Hillary Clinton, this tragedy underscores the problem of gun violence. ... But in New Hampshire tonight, she believes this is terror, too." Clinton: "It's becoming clearer that we are dealing with an act of terrorism." Llamas: "Some Republicans are reserving judgment on a motive, both Sen. Rubio and Jeb Bush [are] waiting on more information to come out."

[NBC Nightly News](#) (12/3, story 6, 1:55, Holt, 7.86M) reported the shootings have created "a political firestorm...reigniting a polarized and angry back and forth over guns, religion, and terrorism." NBC's Andrea Mitchell reported that Trump "slammed the President with innuendos." Trump: "Radical Islamic terrorism and, I'll tell you what, we have a president that refuses to use the term. He refuses to say it. There's something going on with him that we don't know about." Mitchell said Trump also "bragged all this is helping him." Trump: "Every single time there's a tragedy, my poll numbers go up."

The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, Weigel, 7.78M) reports Cruz told the Republican Jewish Coalition, "At this point, the details of what happened in San Bernardino are still unclear. But our prayers are with the families of those who were murdered and those who were shot. And all of us are deeply concerned that this is yet another manifestation of terrorism, radical Islamic terrorism here at home. Coming on the wake of a terror attack in Paris, this horrific murder underscores that we are in a time of war."

The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Chozick, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports Clinton, in New Hampshire, "called for gun control measures and reiterated President Obama's statement that terrorism had not been ruled out as a motive." Clinton said, "This terrible shooting in California, I want people to feel safe. If you go to the store, or you go to work, you go to the movies, you go to church, you take your kid to school – you should be safe." The [AP](#) (12/4, Ramer) and [Politico](#) (12/3, Collins, 1.19M) also cover Clinton's remarks.

[Roll Call](#) (12/3, Lesniewski, 139K) reports that another candidate, Sen. Lindsey Graham, said "the way to prevent more mass shootings like the one in San Bernardino...is to 'make ISIL the losers they are.'" Graham said, "The President declared this another example of a lack of gun control. I think the most logical connection here is probably a combination of people with a grudge, but with an agenda. ... The way to prevent this is you make ISIL the losers they are, that you take them down in their backyard so they don't fight you in your backyard."



In a [New York Times](#) (12/4, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) op-ed, Naval Reserve officer Haider Ali Hussein Mullick, who teaches graduate seminars on combating terrorism at the Naval War College, writes that he is "an American Muslim" who has spent his "adult life teaching and advising senior military leaders in the fight against terror. ... I know from my own experience that more Islamophobia would be the worst outcome for American efforts to defeat the Islamic State."

**Early Information Paints Farook And Malik As Unlikely Assailants.** On [ABC World News](#) (12/3, story 5, 0:55, Muir, 5.84M), Pierre Thomas reported, "So far, it does not appear that Farook or his wife were actively being investigated by the FBI before the shooting." On the [CBS Evening News](#) (12/3, story 2, 2:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Jan Crawford reported, "Farook, a US citizen, born in Chicago to Pakistani immigrants, graduated from California State San Bernardino in 2010. He went to work for the local health department, and then turned to online dating sites in search of a wife. He found Tashfeen Malik. They met and became engaged in 2013 when Farook made a trip to Saudi Arabia during the annual Muslim pilgrimage known as the Hajj. Farook returned to Saudi Arabia in July 2014 to bring her to the US, and earlier this year, the couple had a baby."

The AP (12/4, Myers, Pritchard) reports the two "fired as many as 75 rifle rounds in the assault, left behind three rigged-together pipe bombs with a remote-control device that apparently malfunctioned, and had over 1,600 more bullets with them when they were gunned down in their SUV." At their home, "they had 12 pipe bombs, tools for making more such explosives, and over 3,000 more rounds of ammunition." The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, Horwitz, 7.78M) reports the guns they used "were all purchased legally from federally licensed firearms dealers, according to federal law enforcement officials." The [Los Angeles Times](#) (12/4, Queally, Parvini, Serrano, Zarembo, 3.6M) says "the arsenal suggested a level of planning that added to investigators' concern that Wednesday's shootings...were far more than a spontaneous response to a workplace dispute."

[USA Today](#) (12/4, Woodyard, Heath, 5.56M) says that "on the surface, Farook and Malik lived the American dream, the kind of life that be would the envy of many. He had a solid job for a government agency," the family "had a neat house in nearly Redlands. And, of course, there was their darling baby." The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Turkewitz, Mueller, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) writes that "to some, they appeared steeped in the usual routines of work and parenthood. For instance, they had registered online for gifts for their newborn, including a car seat and diapers."

The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, Gibbons-Neff, Brittain, Fisher, 7.78M) says Farook "seemed happy, quiet and devoutly religious both before and after his journey to Saudi Arabia last year." After he returned, his coworkers saw he "was growing a long beard and, after a long search for love, he had a wife, someone he had met online and brought back to California from Saudi Arabia." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/4, A1, Audi, Jordan, Elinson, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) reports that those who knew them were shocked by their actions, and the director of the Islamic Center where Farook once worshiped said Farook never expressed outrage or extremist views. But the [Los Angeles Times](#) (12/4, Hamilton, 3.6M) says he "endured a turbulent home life," with court records on his parents' divorce indicating that his father "was physically and verbally abusive and was 'negligent and an alcoholic.'"

As for Malik, on the [CBS Evening News](#) (12/3, story 3, 2:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Norah O'Donnell called her "the most unlikely accomplice: a 27-year-old mother with an infant at home." [USA Today](#) (12/4, Dorell, 5.56M) reports that Malik "met her American-born husband online and married him after moving from Saudi Arabia to join him" in the US. Little "is known about Malik, but the process she used to enter the country was probably the quickest way to gain an extended-stay US visa," according to immigration attorney Kamal Nawash. The [Washington Times](#) (12/4, Noble, 283K) also reports that Malik "was in the US on a K1 (fiancee) visa and held a Pakistani passport."

The [Washington Post](#) (12/3, Paquette, 7.78M) writes in its "Wonkblog" that "little research has been conducted on women who commit mass shootings. ... Before Malik, Amanda Miller was the last women to fire into crowds with a romantic partner on US soil." In June 2014, Miller and her husband, "both anti-government extremists, killed two police officers in a Las Vegas restaurant and then a man who tried to stop them in a Walmart."

[USA Today](#) (12/4, 5.56M) says in an editorial that "though the number of shooters – including one male and one female who were killed by police – didn't fit the usual pattern, there was otherwise an alarming sameness to the news out of California. People who had survived by hiding under desks and behind locked doors talked about falling back on their 'active shooter' training, as if that's the new normal in US workplaces."

Criminologist and regular contributor James Alan Fox writes in [USA Today](#) (12/4, 5.56M) that "when couples kill – be it a married couple (as appears to be the case in the latest bloodbath), brothers (as in the Boston Marathon



bombing), pseudo father and son (as in the DC sniper murders), the presence of a close confidant, rather than the absence, is enabling, so long as the other participant is of like-minded perspective.”

**Obama Remembers San Bernardino Victims At National Tree Lighting.** [Reuters](#) (12/4, Wise) reports that President Obama and his family led the lighting of the National Christmas Tree on Thursday in a celebration featuring performances by pop singer Aloe Blacc and rock band Fall Out Boy. Obama used the ceremony to remember the San Bernardino shooting victims and their families, saying, “Their loss is our loss, too, for we’re all one American family. We look out for each other in good times, and in bad. And they should know that all of us care about them this holiday season.”

**Comey Says FBI Concerned With “Troubled Souls” Who Might Be Drawn To ISIL.** [NBC Nightly News](#) (12/3, story 7, 2:05, Holt, 7.86M) reported, “The attack in San Bernardino underscores a very big challenge facing US intelligence and law enforcement agencies: trying to find potential extremists here at home – American citizens who may become radicalized through the Internet, flying quietly under the radar while plotting to launch an attack.” NBC’s Tom Costello reported that the FBI is “tracking 900 potential suspects, 50 considered a top concern.” FBI Director Comey: “The threat here focuses primary on troubled souls in America being inspired or enabled online to do something violent for ISIL.”

**Americans Increasingly Afraid Of Attacks.** The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Kleinfield, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports that “America’s populace finds itself engulfed in a collective fear,” though it says that some are “inured and resigned,” while others experience “bewilderment. And anger.” The story is based on comments solicited online by the Times as well as interviews the paper conducted “around the country.”

The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Baker, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports that an FBI official on Wednesday, asked “Is this a terrorist incident?” answered, “We do not know.” The story raises the question of when mass shootings amount to terrorism.

**WPost Wonkblog: Fewer Americans Dying Of Gun Violence Overall.** Max Ehrenfreund writes in the [Washington Post](#) (12/3, 7.78M) “Wonkblog” that “premeditated mass shootings in public places are happening more often,” but “in general...fewer Americans are dying as a result of gun violence – a shift that began about two decades ago.” Researchers “have identified several reasons for the shift,” including “more police officers on the beat,” police use of computers to effectively direct efforts, the “gradual decline in the amount of alcohol that Americans drink,” less childhood exposure to lead that “has been shown to make humans more aggressive,” and the improving economy.

The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (12/3, Jonsson, 496K) also writes that “overall gun violence has declined, along with violent crime, over the past two decades. But the frequency with which mass shootings have been reported this year have led to perceptions that this one, particularly shocking, type of violence may be experiencing a surge.”

**Muslims See Increase In Anti-Muslim Sentiment.** The [CBS Evening News](#) (12/3, story 6, 0:35, Pelley, 5.08M) reported that “Muslims were quick to denounce the massacre,” showing Hussam Ayloush, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, saying, “As soon as we learned that the suspect might be of Muslim background, we started witnessing a lot of the anti-Muslim sentiment and rhetoric on social media and emails, threats. We felt it was important for our fellow Americans to know where we stand. That we stand together in condemning unequivocally such behavior.”

The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, Sullivan, Izadi, Bailey, 7.78M) reports that in the aftermath of “Wednesday’s massacre,” Muslims in the US “say they are living through an intensely painful moment and feel growing anti-Muslim sentiment.” The story, citing “many Muslims,” says that “fear of Islam is being fueled by the heated rhetoric of Republican presidential candidates, particularly businessman Donald Trump.” It also quotes one Muslim saying, “Islamophobia is the accepted form of racism in America.” The Post also says that “anti-Muslim violence in the United States has jumped since the Paris attacks.”

**WHITE HOUSE SAYS OBAMA WON’T SUPPORT SPENDING BILL WITH RIDERS.** The White House on Thursday said the President is “not going to go along” with a GOP-supported measure containing riders for special interests, [Reuters](#) (12/4, Edwards) reports.

**Democrats Deliver Counter-Proposal For Spending Bill.** Meanwhile, a separate [Reuters](#) (12/4, Comwell, Heavey) story reports House Minority Leader Pelosi said Thursday that Democrats have provided Republicans with their counter-proposal for the spending legislation. Speaking to reporters, Pelosi said, “I’m hopeful and look



forward to receiving their counter," adding, "Time is running out." [Politico](#) (12/3, French, 1.19M) says that Pelosi said "the first Republican funding proposal offered by GOP leaders earlier this week was a 'tea party wish list' that starkly departs from what members of the negotiating team... agreed on."

**Pelosi Says Republicans Have Removed Planned Parenthood Language From Bill.** The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, Debonis, 7.78M) reports that the Republican effort to defund Planned Parenthood "appears to have been abandoned in the latest round of congressional spending negotiations." Pelosi said that Republicans "had purposefully taken the Planned Parenthood language out" of their latest proposal, adding, "I think they know it was a loser."

**Ryan Sees Shutdown As Unlikely.** In an appearance on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Thursday, House Speaker Ryan said a government shut down is unlikely, [Reuters](#) (12/4, Heavey) reports. Ryan said, "I have no reason to believe that we'll have a government shutdown. ... The Appropriations Committee, they're working day and night negotiating a government funding bill. Those negotiations are ongoing right now."

**House Conservatives Push For Provision On Refugees.** [Reuters](#) (12/4, Lawder) reports House conservatives on Thursday sought to attach language to make it more difficult for refugees from Syria and Iraq to enter the US. House Republicans said after a closed-door meeting Thursday that there is strong support for a proposal to prevent refugees from entering the country unless government officials certify they do not pose a threat to security.

**Congress Passes Five-Year Transportation Bill.** Congress has approved a five-year, \$305 billion transportation bill. The measure, which cleared the House and Senate on Thursday, has been sent to the President for his signature. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/4, A4, Hughes, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) cites the measure as a rare example of bipartisan cooperation, and the [AP](#) (12/4, Lowy) says the bill, which "boosts highway and transit spending and assures states that federal help will be available for major projects," is "laden with enough industry favors, parochial projects, safety improvements and union demands to gain overwhelming support." The [AP](#) says Republicans "can point to the bill's passage as evidence of their ability to govern," while the President "can claim progress on addressing the nation's aging and congested infrastructure, a major goal since the early days of his administration." In a story posted before the Senate voted on the measure, [Reuters](#) (12/4, Morgan), noting that the measure revives the charter of the Export-Import Bank, said the 65 "no" votes in the House all came from Republicans who opposed the Ex-Im Bank provision.

The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Nixon, Ivory, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports that the bill contains "dozens of policy changes that could affect drivers, riders and anyone else who uses, builds or renovates the nation's roads, bridges, rails and transit systems," and goes on to detail a number of those provisions.

**WPost: Lawmakers Should Have Increased The Gas Tax.** A [Washington Post](#) (12/4, 7.78M) editorial is critical of the bill, saying that while it "is something of an improvement over Congress's recent habits," lawmakers "failed a simple test in how to pay for the bill." The Post argues that "lawmakers resorted to a variety of gimmicks, one-time funding sources and flat-out bad policies" rather than "embrac[ing] the obvious solution" of "rais[ing] the gas tax to a suitable level."

**SENATE APPROVES MEASURE TO REPEAL ACA.** The [AP](#) (12/4, Fram) reports that Republicans "openly welcom[ed] a preordained veto," Thursday as the Senate, in a near party-line vote of 52-47, approved legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act and defund Planned Parenthood. According to Republicans, a presidential veto "will underscore that a GOP triumph in next year's presidential and congressional elections would mean repeal of a statute they blame for surging medical costs and insurers abandoning some markets." The House is expected to pass the measure in the coming days. [McClatchy](#) (12/4, Douglas, 27K) says that passage of the measure is "at best a moral victory and talking point for Republicans in the coming campaigns for president and control of the Congress," adding that "unless and until they win the White House or bigger majorities in Congress," the measure is "the closest [Republicans will] ever get to repealing Obamacare." The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Herszenhom, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) also reports on the vote, noting that Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Mark Kirk joined 45 Democrats in opposing the bill.

A [Politico](#) (12/4, Gass, 1.19M) story published before the Senate vote said Majority Leader McConnell was "close to pulling off a feat that at first seemed impossible: Coax Ted Cruz and antagonistic conservative groups to back his strategy to repeal Obamacare." Cruz, along with Sens. Mike Lee and Marco Rubio, had threatened to vote against the measure "insisting that it didn't go far enough in the Republican quest to finally send a sweeping Obamacare repeal to the White House." However, McConnell "marshaled a secret weapon that ultimately would work in his favor: Anti-abortion groups," and managed to "push the firebrand presidential



contenders toward the 'yes' column on the health care legislation that always had a narrow margin of error." Cruz, Rubio, and Lee all voted for the measure.

[The Hill](#) (12/3, Carney, 654K) reports in its "Floor Action" blog that in a 48-52 vote, the Senate rejected an amendment to the repeal a bill to allow "federal funding for Planned Parenthood." The amendment, sponsored by Kirk, Collins, and Sen. Lisa Murkowski "would have struck the section of the bill that blocks federal funding for Planned Parenthood for one year."

**Ryan: Republicans Will Offer ACA Replacement Next Year.** House Speaker Ryan said Thursday that Republicans will unveil a plan to replace the ACA next year, [Reuters](#) (12/4, Comwell) reports. In a speech at the Library of Congress, Ryan said, "Next year, we are going to unveil a plan to replace every word of Obamacare." [The Hill](#) (12/3, Wong, Ferris, 654K) says Ryan "offer[ed] no specifics" but "hinted that his plan would include tax credits that, like under ObamaCare, help people afford insurance." In addition, it would, "repeal the individual and employer mandates at the heart of the law, which have been heavily criticized by conservatives."

**Puzder: ACA Encourages Hiring Of Undocumented Immigrants.** In a [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/4, A15, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) op-ed, Andy Puzder, chief executive officer of CKE Restaurants, argues that because the Justice Department's petition to the Supreme Court to review a preliminary injunction blocking the implementation of the President's immigration executive order says the order does not "confer any form of legal status in this country," companies will be encouraged to hire undocumented immigrants over American citizens because they would not have to provide healthcare coverage or subsidies under the ACA, which says only "lawful residents" are eligible.

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** "*The Latest Attack On Climate Science.*" The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Board, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) editorializes that earlier this year, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists "published research contradicting earlier reports that global warming had slowed in the past decade." But House Science, Space, and Technology Chairman Lamar Smith "is accusing the agency of rushing data to publication, and is demanding access to the internal communications of its employees. ... Attacks on climate science are nothing new," but what is "especially disturbing about this attack is that it appears based on a fundamental misunderstanding of how science operates: The re-examination of previous conclusions, which Mr. Smith casts as nefarious, is merely an example of the scientific method at work."

**"Tough Talk And A Cowardly Vote On Terrorism."** The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Board, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) editorializes, "Investigators now believe that what initially seemed a workplace shooting in San Bernardino... was a well-planned attack by a married couple with at least some contact with Islamic extremists." Though "while the nation suffered through the shock of another bloody massacre, on Thursday every Senate Republican" except Sen. Mark Kirk "voted against legislation to prevent people on the F.B.I.'s consolidated terrorist watchlist from purchasing guns or explosives." GOP presidential candidates have recently "been trying to outdo each other in describing how they'd crack down on global terrorism. But when a mass shooting at home calls attention to laws that put guns into the hands of suspected terrorists, they ask for a moment of silence, while taking action that speaks volumes."

**"Russia's Fury Over Montenegro And NATO."** The [New York Times](#) (12/4, Board, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) editorializes, "It is a measure of how cold the West's relations with Russia have become that NATO's membership invitation" to the "small, poor Balkan state" of Montenegro "would provoke furious cries of 'provocation' and 'encirclement' from the Kremlin." While Montenegro "poses no threat to Russia," President Vladimir Putin "considers any expansion of NATO an affront to Russian power. A Cold War posture is also seen in Mr. Putin's efforts to prop up the murderous and flailing Syrian government of Bashar al-Assad."

**WASHINGTON POST.** "*A Depressingly Endless Loop Of Mass Shootings.*" The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, 7.78M) editorializes, "Yes, the nation needs to pursue Islamist terrorists overseas more aggressively and combat radicalization at home. Yes, we need to offer better mental-health treatment. But we also need to make it more difficult for civilians to obtain weapons of war."

**"Egypt's State Of Repression."** The [Washington Post](#) (12/4, 7.78M) editorializes that the "harsh repression" of the Egyptian regime "is strengthening rather than weakening terrorist groups and leading to a steady decline in security" and that US military aid to Egypt is ineffective. Journalist Ismail Alexandrani was arrested on Sunday on charges of membership in the Muslim Brotherhood and "disseminating false news," referring to Alexandrani's



work criticizing the Egyptian army's Sinai operations. According to Egypt's Journalists Syndicate last month, 33 writers are being held in prison. The State Department told the Post, "We are closely following his case," but there has been no call for Alexandrani's release. The Post writes, "There should be."

**"Congress Fails A Simple Test On Transportation."** A [Washington Post](#) (12/4, 7.78M) editorial is critical of the highway bill passed by congress on Thursday, saying that while it "is something of an improvement over Congress's recent habits," lawmakers "failed a simple test in how to pay for the bill." The Post argues that "lawmakers resorted to a variety of gimmicks, one-time funding sources and flat-out bad policies" rather than "embrac[ing] the obvious solution" of "rais[ing] the gas tax to a suitable level."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "The Motive In San Bernardino"** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/4, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) says in an editorial that the focus must be on radicalization, and that if Democrats are serious about gun control, they should seek an outright weapons ban, rather than exploiting each incident for political gain.

**"Judging Obamanet's Power Grab."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/4, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorializes on the case of US Telecom Association v. FCC, which will be heard Friday in the DC Circuit Court of Appeals and will challenge the FCC's rule classifying the Internet as a public utility. The Journal cites numerous congressional measures which it says that regulation violated, claiming it is one more example of the Obama Administration over-reaching, and expresses hope that the court will rule against the FCC and allow for an unfettered Internet.

**"Draghi Agonistes."** A [Wall Street Journal](#) (12/4, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorial chides investors for the reaction to the ECB's actions and says a better place for investors to focus their anger would be the politicians and economists who ignore the need for reform of entitlements and economic regulations.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

[ECB Move Crushes Hopeful Markets](#)  
[Acquaintances Shocked That Couple They Knew Are Shooting Suspects](#)  
[US Opening All Military Combat Roles To Women](#)  
[Avon In Talks To Sell North American Business To Cerberus](#)

#### **New York Times:**

[Ams Stockpile Is Found In Home Of Two Suspects](#)  
[Fear In The Air, Americans Look Over Shoulders](#)  
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[Scientists Call For Moratorium On Editing Human Genome](#)  
[Pentagon Opens All Combat Roles To Women: 'No Exceptions'](#)

#### **Washington Post:**

[Combat Units Are Opened To Women](#)  
[Rubio's Clout As Ex-Speaker Enriched Him In Private Firm](#)  
['Where's Syed?': Colleagues Tell How San Bernardino Shooting Unfolded](#)  
[Couple Were Quiet And Withdrawn — Until Puzzling Explosion Of Violence](#)  
[CIA Runs Shadow War Using Afghan Paramilitary Forces](#)

#### **Financial Times:**

[Market Sell-Off As Fresh Draghi Bid To Boost Growth Disappoints](#)  
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#### **Washington Times:**

[San Bernardino Killers Erased Digital Presence Day Before The Attacks](#)  
[Ethiopia Rail System Reflects Growing Ties With China](#)  
[Paul Ryan Promises Conservative Agenda](#)  
[Carter Promises Same Standards For Women In Combat Roles](#)  
[Republicans Fast-track Obamacare Repeal To President's Desk](#)



**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** San Bernardino Shooting; San Bernardino Shooting-Survivor Interviewed; San Bernardino Shooting-Victims; San Bernardino Shooting-Suspects; 2016 Politics-San Bernardino Shooting; Mass Shootings Report; Mass Shooting Survival Tips; Defense Secretary-Women In Combat; Secret Service-Congressional Report; Oscar Pistorius-Murder Verdict.

**CBS:** San Bernardino Shooting; San Bernardino Shooting-Male Suspect; San Bernardino Shooting-Female Suspect; San Bernardino Shooting-Analysis; San Bernardino Shooting-Witness Account; San Bernardino Shooting-Muslim Community; San Bernardino Shooting-Victims; San Bernardino Shooting-Survivor Interviewed; Minneapolis-Police Shooting Protests; Defense Secretary-Women In Combat; Oscar Pistorius-Murder Verdict; Mass Shootings-Children.

**NBC:** San Bernardino Shooting; San Bernardino Shooting-Male Suspect; San Bernardino Shooting-Survivor Interviewed; San Bernardino Shooting-Victims; 2016 Politics-San Bernardino Shooting; Homegrown Terror Threat.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

San Bernardino Shooting – 47 minutes, 20 seconds

2016 Politics-San Bernardino Shooting – 3 minutes, 35 seconds

Mass Shootings – 3 minutes, 50 seconds

Oscar Pistorius-Murder Verdict – 40 seconds

Defense Secretary-Women In Combat – 35 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** San Bernardino Shooting; Gun Control Debate; Chicago-Walmart Shooting; Atlas Rocket Launch Scrubbed.

**CBS:** Scott Weiland Found Dead; San Bernardino Shooting; Defense Secretary-Women In Combat; November Jobs Report; Baltimore-William Porter Trial; Wall Street.

**FOX:** San Bernardino Shooting; Senate-ACA Bill; San Francisco-Police Shooting; Chicago-Police Shooting Protests; New York-Sodium Warning Lawsuit; Army Safety Review.

**NPR:** San Bernardino Shooting; Senate-Gun Control Bills Rejected; Senate-ACA Bill; Baltimore-William Porter Trial; Paris Attacks-Bataclan Owners Interviewed; Washington DC-National Tree Lighting Ceremony.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.****White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — The President and the Vice President receive the Presidential Daily Briefing. Oval Office. Closed Press.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Unavailable.

**US Senate:** 200th anniversary of the 14th Congress convening in emergency quarters after the US Capitol had been burnt down – 200th anniversary of the 14th Congress convening, in a temporary brick structure built on the site of the current US Supreme Court, after the US Capitol had been burnt down by British troops in 1814 \* The Senate remained on the same site until the restoration of the Capitol was completed in 1819. Location: TBD <http://www.senate.gov/> Contacts: Senate 1 202 224 3121.

9:00 AM Senate Small Business Committee field hearing on recovery efforts in South Carolina – Field hearing on "Strategies for Rebuilding: An Examination of Small Business Recovery Efforts in South Carolina." Panelists include Forest Lakes Fabrics Owner Michael Marsha, Web Rawls Galleries Owner Kay Stafford, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Ted Pitts, Cannon Ag Products Owner / Operator Jeremy Cannon, and SBA Head of Disaster Assistance James Riviera. Location: City Hall, 1737 Main St, Columbia, SC Columbia <http://sbc.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship 1 202 224 5175.

**US House:** No votes scheduled in the House of Representatives.

**Other:** DoJ COPS Office director participates in "Looking to the Future of Civilian Oversight" symposium – National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement and University of DC School of Law co-host symposium on "Looking to the Future of Civilian Oversight," with participants including Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Director Ronald Davis. Location: Washington, DC [nacole.org/](http://nacole.org/) [https://twitter.com/NACOLE\\_org](https://twitter.com/NACOLE_org). Contacts: NACOLE 1 317 721 8133.



8:00 AM US Chamber of Commerce US-Israel Business Initiative Annual Meeting – US Chamber of Commerce US-Israel Business Initiative Annual Meeting, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the US-Israel Free Trade Agreement and bringing together hundreds of business leaders and govt officials from both countries. Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, US Trade Representative Amb. Mike Froman, and Israeli Education Minister Naftali Bennet keynote. Location: The Willard Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC [www.uschamber.com](http://www.uschamber.com) <https://twitter.com/USChamber>. Contacts: Chris Hoyler US Chamber of Commerce [choyler@uschamber.com](mailto:choyler@uschamber.com).

8:15 AM Former UK PM Tony Blair speaks at CFR “History Makers” series event – Former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair speaks at Council on Foreign Relations “History Makers” series event, discussing his foreign policy decision-making process and the lessons of his experience. Location: TBD [www.cfr.org](http://www.cfr.org) [https://twitter.com/CFR\\_org](https://twitter.com/CFR_org) #CFRLive. Contacts: Jenny Mallamo Council on Foreign Relations [JMallamo@cfr.org](mailto:JMallamo@cfr.org) 1 202 509 8455. This event is available via live stream only.

10:00 AM CSIS discussion on issues affecting the future scope of missile defense efforts – “Full Spectrum Missile Defense” Center for Strategic and International Studies discussion, on issues affecting the future scope of missile defense efforts, including prospects for countering missiles “left-of-launch,” reengagement decisions, alternate means of engagement, integration with offensive forces, and improving the missile defense cost curve. Speakers include former Missile Defense Agency Deputy Director Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Kenneth Todorov, former Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization Director Rear Adm. (Ret.) Archer Macy, former US Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command Commanding General and Joint Functional Component Command – Integrated Missile Defense Commanding General Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Richard Formica, and former Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Program Executive Rear Adm. (Ret.) Joseph Horn. Location: CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Ave., Washington, DC <http://www.csis.org> <https://twitter.com/CSIS>. Contacts: H. Andrew Schwartz CSIS media [aschwartz@csis.org](mailto:aschwartz@csis.org) 1 202 775 3242 [handrewschwartz](mailto:handrewschwartz). To RSVP, please email [llwilliams@CSIS.org](mailto:llwilliams@CSIS.org). Please provide your name, title and any organizational affiliation.

12:30 PM NPC Luncheon with Prince Ali Al Hussein of Jordan – Prince Ali Al Hussein, FIFA presidential hopeful and son of King Hussein of Jordan, will speak at a National Press Club luncheon on Friday, December 4. Prince Ali will address how FIFA can create a governing body worthy of the “World’s Game” of soccer in the wake of the organization’s recent corruption scandal. Contact: Lori Russo at [lrusso@stantoncomm.com](mailto:lrusso@stantoncomm.com). Location: 529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor. <http://press.org/> <https://twitter.com/PressClubDC>. Contacts: National Press Club 1 202 662 7129. This is a ticketed event. <http://www.press.org/events/npc-luncheon-prince-ali-al-hussein-jordan>.

1:00 PM US-Arab Entrepreneurship & Innovation Forum and Arab-American Day – US-Arab Entrepreneurship & Innovation Forum and annual Arab-American Day, hosted by The League of Arab States and the Council of Arab Ambassadors in Washington, DC. Speakers include Chief Representative of the Arab League in DC Amb. Salah Sarhan, Ambassador of Lebanon in Washington, DC, Amb. Antonie Chedid, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State Amb. David Thome, former presidential candidate Ralph Nader, and National US-Arab Chamber of Commerce President and CEO David Hamod. Location: Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC [www.arableague-us.org](http://www.arableague-us.org). Contacts: Jan Du Plain Ronald Reagan Building Office of Trade Promotion Embassy Liaison [Duplainenterprises@gmail.com](mailto:Duplainenterprises@gmail.com) 1 703 534 3400.

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Daisy Ridley from the new ‘Star Wars’ movie is here. Everyone’s talking about her role. In the movie, she plays a character who tries to salvage massive wreckages, which explains why she’s been hired by Jeb Bush’s campaign. Interesting coincidence.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Things haven’t been going too great for Jeb Bush, but he’s not giving up. In fact, I read that his campaign has spent the most money on TV ads, at \$30 million. I don’t want to say Jeb’s run too many ads, but his new Secret Service code name is ‘Geico.’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Over on the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton recently started following a bunch of new people and organizations on Instagram, including the home improvement channel, HGTV. When asked why, Hillary was



like, 'Oh, I'm getting a new house soon.'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Hillary went on kind of an Instagram binge and followed a bunch of celebrities like Beyoncé, Katy Perry and Lady Gaga. When asked if he follows any women on Instagram, Bill Clinton was like, 'All of them.'"

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**MILITIA MEMBERS REFUSING TO END OCCUPATION OF WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The [AP](#) (1/9, Valdes) reports Ammon Bundy, the leader of the armed Citizens for Constitutional Freedom currently occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge "to protest federal land management policies said Friday he and his followers are not ready to leave even though the sheriff and many locals say the group has overstayed their welcome."

The [AP](#) (1/11, Bowmer) reports "the mother of the group's leader asked supporters to send supplies – everything from warm blankets to coffee creamer." On Saturday, "Ammon Bundy's mother, Carol Bundy, sent an email to supporters asking them to send her son's group supplies from a list of more than 80 items, including sleeping bags, wool socks, cigarettes, toiletries, food, coffee and 'French Vanilla Creamer.'"

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/11, 2.15M), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (1/8, 2.33M), [US News & World Report](#) (1/9, 996K), [USA Today](#) (1/9, Valdes, 5.56M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/9, Press, 7.78M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/9, Valdes, 283K), [MSNBC](#) (1/11, 733K), [New York \(NY\) Daily News](#) (1/8, 3.59M), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (1/11, 629K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/11, 5.31M), [US News & World Report](#) (1/10, 996K), [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/11, Bowmer, 283K), [TIME](#) (1/11, 19.1M), [US News & World Report](#) (1/8, 996K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/8, Valdes, 283K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/9, 960K), the [Fayette Advocate](#) (1/11), the [International Business Times \(UK\)](#) (1/11, 215K), and [Yahoo! News](#) (1/8, Allen, Urquhart, 6.43M).

**Idaho Militia Arrives At Oregon Refuge To Strengthen Occupiers.** The [Washington Times](#) (1/10, Howell, 283K) reports the "3% of Idaho" militia arrived on Friday at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon to provide additional support for the militia led by Ammon Bundy that has occupied the area for a week and "refused to leave." However, the [AP](#) (1/10) reports a separate "group of armed men from" the Pacific Patriot Network militia arrived at the refuge on Saturday but "left several hours later after" Bundy and others involved in the occupation "told them they weren't needed."

The [Oregonian](#) (1/9, Rogoway, 769K) reports that the arrival of the armed men was an example of what some observers say could be a worsening of the situation in wildlife refuge, should the government not act quickly. "Is there the potential that if you do nothing you could make matters tactically worse? Yes," said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino. According to the newspaper, authorities could close the road leading to the compound as a means to prevent further escalation.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/9, 7.78M), the [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (1/9, 87K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/11, 5.31M), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (1/11, 825K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/11, 2.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/9, 283K), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (1/9, 2.33M), and [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/9, Levin, 3.48M).

**FBI Stages At Airport Near Oregon Standoff.** The [Oregonian](#) (1/9, Hammill, 769K) reports that the FBI has set up at the Burns Municipal Airport, some 30 miles away from the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge building currently occupied by armed men. The airport is used by the US Bureau of Land Management to battle wildfires. "Men in FBI gear were posted Saturday in a sport utility vehicle along Airport Road about five miles east of the city, keeping cars and trucks from entering a BLM 'SEAT Base' where another large vehicle sat equipped with FBI signage, numerous antennae, a satellite dish and other gear," the [Oregonian](#) says, noting that the men refused to answer questions. The FBI personnel prevented a reporter from entering the base on foot.

**Locals "Have Mixed Feelings" Over Occupation.** "There is still no resolution in sight" to the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon, the [CBS Evening News](#) (1/9, story 5, 2:00, Axelrod, 5.08M) reported, as John Blackstone explained the "the armed group holding the wildlife refuge insisted they are here to stay." According to Blackstone, while local "residents agreed the federal government exercises too much control here," they "have mixed feelings about the occupation."



**House Not Expected To Take Up Disapproval Resolution On Standoff.** [E&E Publishing](#) (1/11, 705) reports House Republicans leaders are “not expected to bring up a resolution pushed by Democrats that condemns the armed protesters occupying a national wildlife refuge in Oregon.” A spokesman for Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy said “at this point we have nothing scheduled.” According to the article, “Western lawmakers were quick to dismiss the proposal and warn it could inflame tensions.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (1/11, Riccardi, 825K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (1/11, Press, 825K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/11, 2.15M), and the [Daily Mail](#) (1/11, 5.31M).

**Former Officials: Lack Of Action Strengthens Anti-Government Movement.** [Reuters](#) (1/9, Sullivan, Edwards, Rucker) reports some former Federal officials – including former Bureau of Land Management Director Robert Abbey, former BLM Oregon state director Ed Shepard, and former Rep. Steven Horsford – are warning that the Justice Department and FBI’s lack of action against Bundy and his militia has strengthened the anti-government movement.

**Former DHS Analyst: 2009 Report Warned Of Growing Anti-Government Movement.** In a 1,223-word article, the [New York Times](#) (1/9, Nixon, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports Daryl Johnson, a former analyst in the Department of Homeland Security’s Extremism and Radicalization Branch, says a 2009 report he authored “warned of a growing antigovernment movement and the possible recruitment of returning military veterans that could lead to the potential emergence of terrorist groups or lone wolf extremists.” He told the Times, “The Department of Justice looks at these things to make its law enforcement cases [whereas] The mandate for the DHS is broader. It’s supposed to provide the analysis and intelligence to track these kinds of things before it gets to the point of confrontation.”

However, a second [Washington Post](#) (1/9, Rein, 7.78M) article reports Randall Eardley, a spokesman for the Bureau of Land Management, said Thursday that Federal officials began preparing for the occupation days before it began because “A lot of the rhetoric was aimed at the federal government, and we just didn’t know what might happen.” According to Eardley, “It became a serious safety concern for the employees.”

**Growing Efforts By GOP Groups To Seize Federally-Controlled Western Land.** In a 1,321-word article, the [New York Times](#) (1/11, Healy, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports on the growing Republican-led movement seeking for the federal government to relinquish control of Western public land. This includes the American Lands Council, a Utah-based group that has received financial support from Americans for Prosperity, the group backed by the billionaire Koch brothers. The push is one that resonates with the armed group that has taken over a wildlife refuge in Oregon. However, the idea is “derided” by historians and land experts. Douglas Brinkley, a historian and author of a forthcoming book, “Rightful Heritage,” about Franklin Roosevelt and New Deal conservation efforts, says the federal government is the “savior of Western lands.” Furthermore, Martin Nie, the director for the Bolle Center for People and Forests at the University of Montana, says those behind the push “conveniently avoid all the difficult questions” about what would happen once the land was handed over.

**Experts: Turning Over Federal Land Could Have “Ruinous” Results.** According to a nearly 1,400-word [Washington Post](#) (1/9, Harvey, 7.78M) article, “some experts say that if the protesters were to actually get what they want, and the land was turned over for conversion into farmland or rangeland, the results could be ruinous – not just for the wild plants and animals that call the land home, but for the humans living in the area as well.” The Post explains the refuge not only “has a unique cultural significance,” but also offers “the opportunity for learning and recreation by making natural landscapes accessible to anyone.”

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (1/11, Wheeler, 654K), the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (1/10, Feuer, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (1/8, 530K), [Politico Magazine](#) (1/11), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/11, 2.15M), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/11, 5.31M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/7, Kaplan, 7.78M), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (1/11, Duara, 3.6M), [NPR](#) (1/9, 1.78M), [NPR](#) (1/8, 1.78M), the [Huffington Post](#) (1/8, Hanke, 251K), the [Huffington Post](#) (1/8, Clark, 251K), the [Business Insider](#) (1/11, 3M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/10, 496K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/9, 496K), the [Seattle \(WA\) Times](#) (1/10, Bernton, 1.17M), the [Oregonian](#) (1/11, 769K), the [Eugene \(OR\) Register-Guard](#) (1/11, 209K), the [Klamath Falls \(OR\) Herald And News](#) (1/11, 45K), the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/11, 515K), the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (1/11, 94K), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (1/8, 2.33M), the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/11, 200K), the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (1/11, 94K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/9, 960K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/9, 960K), the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (1/11, 1.15M), the [Seattle \(WA\) Times](#) (1/11, 1.17M), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Review-Journal](#) (1/11, 403K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (1/10, 825K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/8, Galbraith, 3.48M), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/9, Levin, 3.48M), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/8, Press, 5.31M), [RT](#) (1/11, 297K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (1/10, 10K), the [Examiner](#) (1/11, 616K), [Reason](#) (1/11, 215K), the [Daily Beast](#) (1/10, 1.26M), [Quartz](#) (1/11, 880K), the [Inquisitr](#)



(1/10, 262K), [New America Media](#) (1/11), [KGW-TV Portland \(OR\)](#) Portland, OR (1/11, 148K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (1/11, 276K), [WBUR-FM Boston \(MA\)](#) Boston (1/8, 104K), [KUOW-FM Seattle \(WA\)](#) Seattle (1/11, 15K), [WTVR-TV Richmond \(VA\)](#) Richmond, VA (1/8, 143K), [WIMS-AM South Shore \(IN\)](#) South Shore, IN (1/8), and [KTVZ-TV Bend \(OR\)](#) Bend, OR (1/11, 32K).

**Additional Commentary.** Additional commentary was provided by [The Hill](#) (1/8, Long, 654K), [The Hill](#) (1/8, Spivak, 654K), [Fortune](#) (1/10, 4.24M), the [Chicago \(IL\) Sun-Times](#) (1/8, 758K), the [Oregonian](#) (1/11, 769K), the [Twin Falls \(ID\) Times-News](#) (1/11, 81K), the [Chattanooga \(TN\) Times Free Press](#) (1/11, 169K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/11, 263K), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/11, 339K), and the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (1/8, 47K).

**INTERIOR RELEASES PROPOSALS FOR MANAGING GLEN CANYON DAM.** The AP (1/11, 64K) reports the Interior Department “released several proposals” last Friday “to manage Glen Canyon Dam over 20 years.” According to the article, “a proposal favored by federal officials would ensure that man-made floods through the Grand Canyon continue.” Its “preferred proposal also establishes trigger points for future floods.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Franklin \(IN\) Daily Journal](#) (1/11, 51K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/11, 263K), the [Bryan College Station \(TX\) Eagle](#) (1/11, 65K), the [St. George \(UT\) News](#) (1/10, 3K), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/9, 283K).

**CABINET MEMBERS TO HIT THE ROAD AND PROMOTE OBAMA PROPOSALS.** The AP (1/11, Freking) reports Cabinet members in the Obama Administration “will be traveling around the country in the coming days to help promote President Barack Obama’s State of the Union proposals.” The “road tour,” according to the White House, “is geared toward highlighting pressing issues facing the country such as climate change, health, criminal justice and access to opportunity.” The “road tour” will take place “after Obama gives his State of the Union address Tuesday night outlining plans for his final year in office.”

**REP. GRIJALVA INTRODUCES ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION SAFETY ACT.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (1/8, 31K) reports “new legislation aimed at preventing toxic waste spills during cleanup efforts at abandoned mines has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives.” The Abandoned Mine Reclamation Safety Act, introduced by Rep. Raúl Grijalva was “drafted in response to recommendations from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s technical review after the August 2015 Gold King Mine spill.” Rep. Scott Tipton “believes that Good Samaritan legislation, which would allow third-party groups to undertake mine cleanup efforts with some legal protections, should remain the priority over seeking to impose further federal regulations.”

**MURKOWSKI, UPTON TO MEET NEXT WEEK IN ENERGY PACKAGE TALKS.** [The Hill](#) (1/11, Bolton, 654K) reported that as oil prices tumble to 12-year lows, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and House Energy and Commerce Chairman Fred Upton (R-MI) “will meet next week to discuss an energy package expected to move in both chambers later this year.” Possible proposals that could be in the package include expediting the LNG export process and upgrading infrastructure to transport energy to market faster and more cost-effectively.

**MURKOWSKI TOUTS BENEFITS OF LIFTING OIL EXPORT BAN.** In commentary carried by the [Houston Chronicle](#) (1/8, 2.15M), Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) wrote that lifting the ban on US oil exports “may well provide the most lasting benefits for our nation” of all the energy-related provisions in the year-end spending bill. Lifting the ban “will not result in an outpouring of oil from the United States overnight. ... But over time, lifting the ban will help create tens of thousands of jobs in our country, incentivizing new production and sending a positive signal across the supply chain.”

**CONGRESS TO CONSIDER OVERHAUL OF OPEN RECORDS PROCESS.** The [New York Times](#) (1/11, Harris, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports that “fifty years after Congress passed a law opening most government records to public scrutiny, the House is expected Tuesday to take up the most important open records overhaul since 2007” with “majorities of both Republicans and Democrats are expected to support the legislation.” The Times points out that “Parker Anderson, a historian from Prescott, Ariz., filed requests with several government agencies, including the State and Interior Departments, for records about Sam Steiger, a former member of Congress.” The Times says that he “never heard back from the Interior Department, while agencies such as the Secret Service said they had no records on Mr. Steiger ‘even though he visited the White House many times,’ Mr. Anderson said.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SECRETARY JEWELL ANNOUNCES \$39M IN FUNDING FOR NEVADA**



**PROJECTS.** Additional coverage of the \$39.1 million in funding announced for 43 projects in Nevada was provided by the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (1/11, 403K).

**COURT FINDS AGAINST COUPLE SEEKING RIGHT TO USE MARIJUANA IN NATIONAL PARK.**

Eugene Volokh writes at the [Washington Post](#) (1/8, Volokh, 7.78M) that in *Armstrong v. Jewell*, decided last month by a federal district court, the court “concluded that the refusal to let plaintiffs Anne Armstrong and Alan Gordon use marijuana in the national park didn’t substantially burden plaintiffs’ religious practice, because plaintiffs didn’t sufficiently show that their religious practice required use of marijuana in that place.” Volokh points out that plaintiffs “argued ‘that the well at the National Memorial was donated by the ‘Hahn’ family, whose family name is another word for ‘hemp,’ and that an early 17th Century land sale deed was signed by Roger Williams and the Native mystic Canonius, whose name means ‘Hempstaff’ in Latin.’”

**BIOLOGIST ARGUES PUBLIC LANDS ARE UNDER THREAT.** Fishery biologist Rich Patterson writes at the [Cedar Rapids \(IA\) Gazette](#) (1/11, 140K) that public lands held and managed by the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Reclamation and the National Park Service “are open for outdoor recreation and sustainable resource production.” He says that “public lands are under political threat” by Senator Ted Cruz, mining companies, and some western states that “advocate selling it to private interests or transferring it to Western states where it will receive less environmental scrutiny.” Patterson concludes that “it’s a bad idea” because “expanded drilling, mining, and livestock grazing will sully water and ‘no hunting or trespassing signs’ could appear.”

**Empowering Native American Communities:**

**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG LANDS DESIGNATED AS RESERVATION.** The AP (1/11, 2.15M) reports “the federal government officially designated Mashpee Wampanoag lands as a reservation on Friday, a move the Cape Cod tribe says paves the way for construction of a resort casino and establishment of a sovereign tribal nation within Massachusetts’ borders.” The announcement comes after the Interior Department “in September accepted the tribe’s application for land in trust status for 170 acres in the town of Mashpee and 151 acres in Taunton.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (1/11, 629K), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (1/11, 629K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/8, Marcelo, 283K), the [Cape Cod \(MA\) Times](#) (1/9, 85K), [Law360](#) (1/11, 30K), and [WBZ-TV Boston \(MA\)](#) Boston (1/8, 98K).

**BIA CONFIRMS AGENT’S STOLEN GUN USED IN BILLINGS KILLING.** The AP (1/11, 2.15M) reports that the BIA has “confirmed that the gun used to fatally shoot a Billings man in 2014 was stolen from a BIA special agent.” BIA spokeswoman Nedra Darling says “the agent left his 9mm Glock 17 in his service vehicle” and “the agent reported the theft to his immediate supervisor and to local law enforcement.” Darling says “leaving a person weapon in a service vehicle is not BIA protocol and that ‘corrective action has taken place.’”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/8, 283K), the [Columbus \(IN\) Republic](#) (1/11, 64K), the [Franklin \(IN\) Daily Journal](#) (1/11, 51K), and the [Montana Kaimin](#) (1/11, 11K).

**BIA ALLOWS TRIBE TO BREW BEER.** [The Hill](#) (1/9, Devaney, 654K) reports the BIA announced last Friday “it has granted authority to the Stillaguamish Tribe to brew, sell and tax beer.”

**BIA SET MEETING FOR PROPOSED SHABBONA BINGO HALL.** The [DeKalb \(IL\) Daily Chronicle](#) (1/8, 24K) reports the BIA has announced that “the federal government will hold a special meeting regarding the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation’s plans to bring gambling to the Shabbona area.” In a public notice, the BIA “indicated that the government will be doing an environmental impact study.”

**COLVILLE TRIBE STARTS OUTREACH FOR \$25 MILLION LAND BUY BACK.** The [Tribal Tribune](#) (1/11) reports in January, Colville Tribal members will “begin to receive pre-offer surveys from the Colville Tribal Cobell Land Buyback team intended to gauge interest in the \$25 million land purchase program that will target fractionated properties on the Colville Reservation.” Janet Nicholson, Colville Tribal Titles & Records, “presented at the Nespelem District meeting, Dec. 16—one of several stops in the program’s outreach to tribal members.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: WASHINGTON FOOTBALL LOOKS TO RELOCATE.** Additional coverage of the Washington Redskins’ plans for a new stadium was provided by [Construction Dive](#) (1/11).



**BARGO ARGUES OBAMA ADMINISTRATION PROMOTING RACE-BASED HAWAIIAN ELECTION.**

Michael Bargo Jr. writes at [American Thinker](#) (1/11, 27K) that the Obama Administration is “working to take advantage of limited access, race-based voting in” Hawaii by supporting an election to take place that would be limited to only indigenous Native Hawaiians in order to “exercise their right to self-determination and discuss Tribal Nation self-governance.” Bargo says this election was challenged in court and that the Department of the Interior “filed an amicus brief in the Appeal, arguing that over 500 Tribal Nations have already been allowed self-rule.” However, “Michael Lilly, who once served as Attorney General of Hawaii, notes that Native Hawaiians were never a Tribe, and that neither the DOI nor the White House has the authority to designate Native Hawaiians as a Tribal Nation.” Bargo argues that “this strategy to empower a minority of Hawaiians to write a new constitution employs old tactics of the Democratic Party” and is concerned that it will be used in other jurisdictions.

**Tackling America’s Water Challenges:**

**KLAMATH PROJECT IRRIGATORS DISCUSS ISSUES.** The [Klamath Falls \(OR\) Herald And News](#) (1/11, 45K) reports “representatives from 18 Klamath Project irrigation entities” met last Friday, and “floated ideas for creating more water certainty and bringing unity to the agricultural community.” According to Klamath Irrigation District Manager Mark Stuntebeck, “many of the longstanding water-related issues facing the Project are compounded by the loss of a settlement package that could have stabilized water deliveries for the next 50 years.” The Klamath Water Recovery and Economic Restoration Act “dissolved on Dec. 31, and with it went much of the hard-won hope for harmony in the Klamath Basin.”

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/11, Boxall, 3.6M) reports “the demise of a deal to end decades of feuding on the Klamath River could rekindle old battles over water use and dams in a remote corner of California.” According to the article, “tribes, farmers, hydropower interests and commercial fishermen all have fought over the 255-mile river.”

**LAWMAKERS INTRODUCE MEASURES TO GET WESTERN STATES MORE WATER.** The [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (1/11, Langlois, 74K) reports that Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Rep. David Valadao (R-CA) “introduced, respectively, the California Emergency Drought Relief Act of 2015 and the Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015.” The News explains that both measures would “seek more federal money for new water storage and infrastructure projects... would expedite environmental review of those projects, and maximize water supply for farms and communities.” In addition, both “contain provisions that could alter the implementation of the Endangered Species Act and, in some cases, potentially set a precedent for how federal agencies address endangered and threatened species.” The News goes on to analyst the chances that these measure have to make it through Congress.

**BOR SAYS YAKIMA BASIN WATER IS 25% ABOVE NORMAL.** The [Houston Chronicle](#) (1/11, 2.15M) reports “the water outlook is good for the arid Yakima Valley this summer.” According to the federal government, “December storms have helped ease drought concerns.” The BOR says “the region’s five reservoirs and mountain snowpack are about 25 percent above normal.”

**BOR SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSES HYDROPOWER PROJECT AT PUEBLO DAM.** The [Pueblo \(CO\) Chieftain](#) (1/11, 87K) reports that “a draft environmental assessment statement has been completed for a proposed 7-megawatt hydroelectric plant at Pueblo Dam.” The BOR is “accepting comments until Jan. 30 on the project.”

**CALIFORNIA BUDGET INCLUDES FUNDS FOR DELTA TUNNELS PLAN.** The [Central Valley \(CA\) Business Times](#) (1/11, 206) reports California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. is “calling in his proposed state budget for \$3.6 million for the Delta Stewardship Council to include the massive water tunnels into the Delta Plan.” The figure, “however minuscule compared to the estimated \$60 billion to build and finance the water tunnels, is seen as just the beginning of an effort to shift the cost to taxpayers, at least in the eyes of Restore the Delta, a vocal opponent of the project.”

Additional coverage of the tunnels was provided by the [Huffington Post](#) (1/11, 251K).

**Securing America’s Energy Future:*****Onshore Energy Development:***



**NEIC: OKLAHOMA EXPERIENCED "MILLENNIUM'S WORTH OF EARTHQUAKES" IN TWO YEARS.**

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/10, 3.48M) reported that "fracking for natural gas is creating alarm and division" as it becomes increasingly tied to earthquakes in the western US. According to data from the National Earthquake Information Center, Oklahoma experienced 585 earthquakes in 2014 and 842 in 2015. NEIC seismologist George Choy told the Guardian Friday, "That's almost a millennium's worth of earthquakes in two years. ... The industry in Oklahoma is producing a tremendous amount of wastewater, more than 200 million barrels a month, which is on the way to a trillion a year. Water is finding its way to the underground faults and there is always that possibility of a big earthquake. We are certainly concerned."

The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/10, Warner, 496K) added that Oklahoma and Colorado are handling the issue differently. In Oklahoma, Gov. Mary Fallin and the State Legislature "have deferred to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission...to broker a way forward." Meanwhile, in Colorado, "the state assembly will begin its 2016 session by considering whether or not to hold energy companies liable for earthquakes caused by drilling."

***Earthquakes Prompt Calls For Changes To Oklahoma Drilling Regulations.*** [Reuters](#) (1/10, Brandes) reported that two strong earthquakes that shook Oklahoma last Wednesday have prompted calls for changes to oil and gas drilling regulations. State Representative Richard Morrisette will host a public forum on Friday at the Capitol to discuss the rise in earthquakes and wants the state to stop injection well operation at earthquake sites.

**TRANSCANADA STARTS TWO LEGAL ACTIONS TO CHALLENGE ADMINISTRATION ON KEYSTONE.**

[The Hill](#) (1/10, Cama, 654K) reports on two actions by Keystone XL's developer, TransCanada Corp., that "could end up being a big headache for President Obama." The first was a "dispute" filed under the North American Free Trade Agreement, and the second was a lawsuit filed in US federal court. Both seek to challenge "Obama's rejection of a cross-border permit." According to "experts," the NAFTA dispute is "more likely...to succeed." In that, TransCanada is seeking \$15 billion "to compensate for losses from the cancellation." TransCanada argues that the decision was "politically-driven, directly contrary to the findings of the administration's own studies, and not based on the merits of Keystone's application."

***WSJournal Thinks Suits May Succeed.*** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/11, A14, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) in an editorial points out that while the Administration decided against Keystone XL, it has supported PowerAfrica, an oil pipeline project in Kenya. The Journal argues that TransCanada may win its NAFTA dispute, because the Administration rejected the pipeline despite US government reviews finding no environmental harm from the project. The Journal also argues that TransCanada's case in federal court, which claims that the President exceeded his authority, is reasonable.

***Scholar: TransCanada Could Win Keystone XL Pipeline Lawsuit Against US.*** In a [Washington Post](#) (1/9, Tucker, 7.78M) op-ed, Todd Tucker, a Gates Scholar at the University of Cambridge, asserts TransCanada "has a decent legal claim" alleging that the US rejection of its application to build the Keystone XL pipeline violates the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) even though the US "has never lost a NAFTA case." However, Tucker acknowledges "The State Department's defense lawyers are widely regarded as the best in the business. ... and can be expected to use every available defense."

**COURT ALLOWED EXTENSION IN BADGER-TWO MEDICINE DRILLING LEASE NEGOTIATIONS.**

[Montana Public Radio](#) (1/11) reports a federal district court has "allowed an extension in a case over energy development in the Badger-Two Medicine area of Lewis and Clark National Forest." According to the article, "the federal district court's most recent time extension gives Solenex and the Department of Interior until January 15 to announce a negotiated settlement."

**COMMENT PERIOD APPROACHING FOR COLOWYO, TRAPPER COAL MINES.**

The [Steamboat \(CO\) Pilot & Today](#) (1/10, 30K) reports the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement is "preparing to publish environmental assessments for mining plans at Colowyo and Trapper mines this month." According to the article "Trapper is still undergoing a court-ordered redo on part of its federal coal leases while Colowyo is taking the next step in its Collom Expansion, which has been under assessment for several years." Officials at the federal agency "would not confirm release times for fear of delays but tentative dates are Thursday for Colowyo and Jan. 25 for Trapper."

**OSMRE HOLDING HEARINGS ON NORTH CUMBERLAND RIDGE LINES.** The [Oak Ridger \(TN\)](#) (1/8, 14K) reports that the "Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement is holding four public hearings next week on the state of Tennessee's petition to have the ridge lines in the North Cumberland Wildlife Management



Area declared as Lands Unsuitable for Mining." A press release from Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowement said that "this could preserve more than 67,000 acres of mountaintops and forests." The release also said, "Written comments and your voice are needed to make sure we get strong protection for the North Cumberland Wildlife Management Area."

**GREEN GROUP ARGUES COAL PERMITTING CLAIMS CAN'T BE SPLIT UP.** [Law360](#) (1/11, 30K) reports WildEarth Guardians "asked a Colorado federal court Thursday to not split a case against the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for allegedly skirting its environmental impact analysis responsibilities for four mines in three states, saying the claims are not mine-specific."

**TAXPAYERS MAY GET STUCK WITH BILL TO CLEAN UP STRIP MINING COAL SITES.** Ken Silverstein writes at [Forbes](#) (1/10, 7.28M) that coal companies have been allowed to use their own balances instead of purchasing surety bonds from insurance companies to "provide the funds to restore strip mines so that the sites can be used again if the producer is unable to meet that responsibility." Silverstein says that now that large coal companies are suffering financially, American taxpayers may have to pay for the cleanup. "In short, if the coal company goes bankrupt, the state or federal governments—that is, we, the people—might have to pay to clean up the company's messes," writes Clark Williams-Derry of [sightline.org](#). He says that the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement "is now reviewing its policy of allowing major conglomerates to self-bond in light of their financial woes."

#### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**OFFSHORE DRILLING IN ATLANTIC OPPOSED.** In an op-ed for the [Lewes \(DE\) Cape Gazette](#) (1/11, 42K), The Board of the Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association opposes offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean. They say "we depend so heavily on tourism, fishing and agriculture that even the smallest leak could destroy our economy and lifestyle for years."

**JUDGE TO HEAR ARGUMENTS IN LAWSUIT OVER BEACH HOTEL IN ALABAMA.** The [AP](#) (1/11) reports US District Judge Charles Butler "will hear arguments this month in a lawsuit challenging Alabama's plans to use oil spill settlement funds to build a beach hotel and conference center." The hearing will take place in Mobile on Jan. 26. The Gulf Restoration Network has "filed a lawsuit against the state and federal trustees who approved the project" and "says a hotel isn't a correct use of funds meant to restore the coast after the largest oil spill in U.S. history." The state contends "that the facility will bring people to the beach, where tourism took a blow during the spill."

#### **America's Great Outdoors:**

##### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BILL WOULD ESTABLISH FEDERAL WILDERNESS ON SUTTON MOUNTAIN.** The [AP](#) (1/9, Urness, 283K) reports "a bill introduced by Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley last May would establish a 58,000-acre federal wilderness on Sutton Mountain and around the Painted Hills, creating what supporters call one large recreation-rich destination." The proposal "includes conveyance of 2,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management property to Wheeler County for economic development." According to the article, "that's a big reason the Wheeler County Board of Commissioners and Mitchell City Council endorsed the wilderness proposal – not something that often happens in rural communities."

**JULY TRIAL LOOMS IN NEVADA SAGE GROUSE FIGHT.** The [AP](#) (1/11, 2.15M) reports "a federal judge has rejected a rural Nevada water district's latest attempt to expedite construction of a storage tank in greater sage grouse habitat near the Utah line in a legal battle now expected to drag into the summer." U.S. District Judge Miranda Du "denied this week the final part of a request for a preliminary injunction that White Pine County officials say is necessary to set aside federal regulations protecting the bird so the town of Baker can replace a leaking water tank near Great Basin National Park." According to the article, "the schedule Du has laid out suggests it will be at least July before a trial begins on the merits of the lawsuit filed in September by nine Nevada counties, ranchers and two mining companies that claim the regulations are illegal, unworkable and could run them out of business."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (1/11, 22K).



**NEVADA RECOMMENDS 14,500 ACRES FOR SALE TO BLM.** The [AP](#) (1/11, 2.15M) reports “more than 14,500 acres of land in Nevada has been recommended for federal purchase.” According to the article, “the area known as Bently land in the Pine Nut Mountains was nominated by Gardnerville firm Legacy Land and Water, which is owned by former Douglas County commissioner Jacques Etchegoyhen.” If acquired by the BLM, “it would consolidate federal management for protection of sage grouse.”

**REP. THORNBERRY, SEN. CORNYN LOOKING TO PASS RED RIVER BILL.** [KPLC-TV](#) Lake Charles, LA (1/11, 41K) reports Rep. Mac Thornberry is working with Sen. John Cornyn “to help protect the rights of Texas landowners who live on a disputed 116-mile stretch along the Red River.” Thornberry was able to help pass the “Red River Private Property Protection Act” (RRPPPA) through the Congressional House, but President Barack Obama “stated that if it does pass the Senate he would veto the bill as a stand alone when it arrived on his desk.” Now, Thornberry and Cornyn are “looking at ways to help pass the bill through the senate as an add on to a bigger bill.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KTRE-TV](#) Lufkin, TX (1/11, 31K).

**WILD HORSES AT CENTER OF BUFFALO TRACT DISPUTE.** [Santa Fe New Mexican](#) (1/11, 67K) reports “horse advocates and members of the San Felipe Pueblo want to turn the Buffalo Tract “into an equine sanctuary.” However, Santa Ana people say “the land cannot be restored if the horses remain.” The BLM “agrees that the horses’ presence has been destructive — and it classifies them as ‘trespass’ or ‘stray’ animals, not official wild herds — but the agency has been hesitant to remove the animals by force and aggravate animal advocates.”

**BLM DEVELOPING TRUFFLE HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM.** [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/11, Wilson, 3.48M) reports that “the most recent initiatives from the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon are a significant step towards ensuring that any truffles gathered on public land will need to be done with dogs, not rakes.” The Guardian explains that “this year, the jovial and enthusiastic Salem BLM officer Jim LeComte developed a pilot scheme offering permits to those able to prove that their dog could detect truffles.” The Guardian says that “if his work setting up permits at the BLM sets the pattern, in the future, anyone who wants to gather truffles will need a dog who can pick out the ripe ones.”

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FWS PROPOSES BAN ON SOME ALASKA PREDATOR HUNTS.** The [Fairbanks \(AK\) News-Miner](#) (1/11, 42K) reports the FWS “wants to ban brown bear baiting and a series of other Alaska-legal predator hunting practices from lands the agency manages in Alaska.” According to the article, “proposed regulations published Friday in the Federal Register would change hunting and trapping rules for national wildlife refuges in Alaska.” They are “similar but not identical to hunting and trapping restrictions that the National Park Service finalized in October for its 20 million-acre national preserves system in Alaska.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (1/10, 203K), the [Alaska Native News](#) (1/11, 245) and the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (1/8, 203K).

**CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING FOR DETROIT RIVER DOCK, FISHING PIER.** The [AP](#) (1/11, 2.15M) reports “construction is taking place on a project that will bring a dock and a fishing pier to the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.” According to officials, “construction started in December and all underwater substructure work for building the breakwater and fishing pier will be completed by March 15 at the Refuge Gateway in Trenton.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/8, 283K) and [WWJ-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (1/9, 34K).

**MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY REACHES CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.** The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/10, 496K) reports the Migratory Bird Treaty will “reach its centennial anniversary this year, leading many wildlife experts and organizations to reflect on its international success.” In a press release, the FWS said, “Celebrating the centennial of the first Treaty allows us to bring together those who have contributed to its success, and to galvanize efforts to protect migratory birds for the generations to come.” However, “the celebration will not be exclusively retrospective as migratory birds still face a number of challenges to survival.”

**PIPING PLOVERS NEST IN NEW YORK.** The [AP](#) (1/11, 2.15M) reports “a pair of piping plovers successfully



nested on New York's Lake Ontario shoreline for the first time in more than 30 years, which bodes well for the recovery of the endangered bird's Great Lakes population, according to biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Audubon New York." The FWS said "three adult plovers were spotted over the summer on New York's Ontario shore, including a breeding pair in Jefferson County that hatched two chicks." According to the article, "one chick survived to migrate south in August."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/8, Mary Esch |, Ap, 7.78M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/8, Esch, 283K), and the [Daily Mail](#) (1/11, 5.31M).

**IVORY IMPORTATION BAN CREATES COMPLICATIONS FOR MUSICIANS.** [Valley News \(VT\)](#) (1/11, 15K) carries a piece that previously ran in the [Washington Post](#) wherein TR Goldman writes at the that that the quarter of a gram of ivory embedded at the bottom tip of many violin bows "has become a major headache for U.S. orchestras and soloists leaving the country for tours overseas." He says that "the Obama administration's widely lauded efforts in the past two years to impose a near-total ban on ivory importation has ensnared not only classical musicians, but also builders of pipe organs, guitar players, cane collectors, antiques dealers and even members of the National Rifle Association who collect, trade and sell weapons with ivory rifle stocks or ivory pistol grips." Goldman points out that the Fish and Wildlife Service has laid of guidelines that "provide adequate assurances" that taking a musical instrument in and out of the country "would not contribute to either the illegal trade in elephant ivory or the illegal killing of elephants." However, he says that following these guidelines can be difficult.

**FWS BIOLOGIST WORKING TO CONSERVE FISH IN KLAMATH PROJECT.** The [Klamath Falls \(OR\) Herald And News](#) (1/11, 45K) provides a report on Darick Weissenfluh, the lead fish biologist for FWS Klamath Falls office. According to Weissenfluh, "his primary responsibility at the Klamath Falls Fish and Wildlife Service office is working with the Bureau of Reclamation to implement Endangered Species Act compliance programs meant to conserve endangered Lost River and shortnose suckers in the Klamath Project."

**BISON AT NEAL SMITH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SURVIVES LIGHTING STRIKE.** [Mashable](#) (1/8, 1.8M) reports that a bison named Sparky at the Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge "survived being struck by lightning in July of 2013." According to the article, "though it looked like Sparky wasn't going to make it after the disaster, he pulled through."

Additional coverage was provided by [AOL \(UK\)](#) (1/10, 64K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/8, Dailymail.com, 5.31M), and [KTLA-TV Los Angeles \(CA\)](#) Los Angeles (1/9, 368K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS MOVES TO DOWNGRADE STATUS OF MANATEE.** Additional coverage that the FWS says the West Indian manatee should be reclassified from "endangered" to the improved status of "threatened" was provided by [NPR](#) (1/8, 1.78M), [CNN](#) (1/8, Grinberg, Couwels, 3.54M), [USA Today](#) (1/8, Waymer, 5.56M), [PBS NewsHour](#) (1/11, 168K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/8, 496K), the [Brevard \(FL\) Times](#) (1/11, 173K), the [Orlando \(FL\) Weekly](#) (1/8, 116K), the [Daily Caller](#) (1/8, Follett, 366K), [ABC Radio Australia](#) (1/8, 769), [Nature World News](#) (1/10), [Good](#) (1/11, 399K), [Independent Florida Alligator](#) (1/11, 104K), [WTVR-TV Richmond \(VA\)](#) Richmond, VA (1/8, 143K), [KRQE-TV Albuquerque \(NM\)](#) Albuquerque, NM (1/9, 34K), [WAMU-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (1/11, 30K), and [WJXT-TV Jacksonville \(FL\)](#) Jacksonville, FL (1/11, 217K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS DECLINES TO LIST ALASKAN GRAY WOLF.** Additional coverage that the FWS agency will not list the Alexander Archipelago wolf as an endangered or threatened species was provided by the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (1/9, Yardley, 3.6M), the [Alaska Native News](#) (1/11, 245), the [Sydney \(AUS\) Morning Herald](#) (1/9, 39K), and the [Inquisitr](#) (1/11, 262K).

**LATIMES: CALIFORNIA CONDORS COMING BACK FROM BRINK OF EXTINCTION.** In an editorial, the [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/7, 3.6M) that by 1983 the loss of habitat and food sources had so crippled California condor that only 22 were left in the wild and "over the following four years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service set out to capture all those birds and bring them into captivity for a breeding program to prevent the species from vanishing." The Times says that three decades later, "there are now 235 free-ranging condors — a few dozen more than remain in the captive breeding program." The Times concludes that helping the birds continue to "flourish should be seen as part of an ecologically smart effort to keep our environment diverse and healthy for animals and for humans."

**STEVE LOHR: WOLVES SHOULD NOT BE RE-INTRODUCED TO COLORADO.** Steve Lohr writes at the [Boulder \(CO\) Daily Camera](#) (1/11, 122K) in response to an opinion piece by Delia G. Malone ("Wolves and



Colorado need each other”) and subsequent guest opinion by Jeff Davis ( “Support wolf restoration”). He says that “indicate both writers are obviously affiliated with the Sierra Club and it is clear that the agenda emanates from the Sierra Club philosophy.” Lohr says that livestock losses “documented by USFWS were reported in a typically biased fashion and failed to offer the caveat that studies have determined these losses could be under-reported and could reflect as little as an eighth of the actual losses.” He concludes that “our Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission has rightly concluded the proposal to bring Mexican Grey Wolves into the state is wrong.”

#### **National Park Service:**

**AS NPS CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL, FOCUS IS CHALLENGES IN SECOND CENTURY.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/11, 339K) reports the NPS “handled a record number of visitors last year and park crowding has achieved epic proportions at some of Utah’s marquee destinations.” However, “crowding can be reduced through smart planning and outreach that spreads use into less busy times and less visited places, according to director Jonathan Jarvis.” But “not so easily fixed, he said, is young adults’ apparent lack of interest in the nation’s natural, historic and cultural treasures that Jarvis’ agency oversees.” As the NPS approaches its second century this August, the Interior Department will “oversee a series of events, programs and initiatives to connect with the millennial generation, whose members range in age from roughly 18 to 35.” Jarvis said, “The goal is not just a celebratory birthday cake, but focuses on what’s the next century of the National Park Service going to be about and how do we engage the next generation in taking care of the parks.”

The [Ogden \(UT\) Standard-Examiner](#) (1/9, 105K) reports Jarvis “visited the Outdoor Retailer Show in Salt Lake City this week to help kick off the centennial celebration.” In an interview, “he also spoke with the Standard-Examiner about the importance of our national parks and how to preserve them for the next 100 years.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Provo \(UT\) Daily Herald](#) (1/11, 155K).

**“Every Kid In A Park” Program Off To Slow Start.** The [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/11, 263K) reports the “Every Kid in a Park” initiative is “off to a slow start.” Elizabeth Jackson, chief of interpretation at Guadalupe Mountains National Park, said “they have been working with Carlsbad Cavems to reach out to fourth-grade classrooms in Carlsbad, giving out at least 200 vouchers for the free passes.” But “Jackson estimated only three to five vouchers had been redeemed at the park so far.”

**NPS Celebrates 100th Year With 16 Free-admission Dates.** The [Seattle Times](#) (1/11, 1.17M) reports the NPS “turns 100 years old this year and is celebrating by offering free admission to parks on 16 occasions.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/11, 339K), the [Huffington Post](#) (1/11, 251K), and the [Examiner](#) (1/11, 616K).

**Tennessee Tourism Officials Tout NPS Centennial.** The [AP](#) (1/11, 2.15M) reports the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development is “highlighting several destinations in the upcoming year.” One is “the 100th birthday celebration in August of the National Park Service at 14 Tennessee locations, including at the Great Smoky Mountains, the country’s most-visited national park.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (1/11), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/8, Press, 7.78M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/8, 283K).

**Additional Coverage Of National Geographic Feature On National Parks.** Additional coverage of photographer Stephan Wilkes’s shots of national parks in National Geographic was provided by [Mashable](#) (1/10, 1.8M).

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage of the NPS Centennial was provided by the [Chattanooga \(TN\)](#) (1/11, 5K).

**OFFICIALS TO MAP OUT WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT’S FUTURE.** The [AP](#) (1/11, 2.15M) reports “officials this week will begin the process of mapping out the future for the Waco Mammoth National Monument, which became part of the national parks system last summer.” According to the article, “by the end of the year the planning process should result in a 10-year plan for development of the site where two dozen Columbian mammoths and other Ice Age creatures have been discovered.” NPS officials say “they hope to get funding later this year for a full-time curator and a paleontologist who could reopen research at the site.”



**CONCESSIONAIRE SAYS NPS “FLIP-FLOPS” ON TRADEMARK ISSUES.** The [National Parks Traveler](#) (1/11, 989) reports “DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite officials quickly responded to the government’s request that their claim for more than \$10 million in damages tied to the loss of the Yosemite National Park concessions contract be dismissed, denying that their valuation of intellectual property was overvalued and accusing the National Park Service of ‘flip-flopping’ when it comes to trademark issues.” On Thursday, “the concessionaire issued a press release ‘to set the record straight on a number of statements’ laid out in the Justice Department’s filing.”

**NPS SURVEYING WATERS AT DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARK.** The [AP](#) (1/9, Staletovich, 283K) reports the NPS has “for the first time started surveying the deep waters within” Dry Tortugas National Park. According to the article, “while no one knows for sure what remains on the sea floor, it could be bountiful: since 1988, federal law has largely blocked treasure hunters armed with new technology that one marine archaeologist says has allowed any ‘half-wit’ to strike gold.” Park officials “hope to preserve what’s left of the historical record of what was once a main thoroughfare between the old world and the new,” and “if possible, the survey could also add sites to an underwater trail of identified shipwrecks that stretches along Florida’s reef between the far islands and Miami.”

**OPEN HOUSE WILL BE HELD TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON HANFORD NATIONAL PARK.** The [Tri-City Herald \(WA\)](#) (1/10, Cary, 100K) reported the Department of Energy and National Park Service will meet in the Tri-Cities next month, at which time they will take public comments on the new Manhattan Project National Historical Park, “which will include Hanford’s historic B Reactor and other historic areas of the nuclear reservation.” According to the Herald, “The park service is interested in what locals think is important to include in the park, the stories that should be told to visitors, what challenges the park may face and what experiences visitors should have.” An open-house will be held on February 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**WORK CONTINUES TO RESTORE “WILDERNESS CHARACTER” TO DRAKES ESTERO.** The [Santa Rosa \(CA\) Press Democrat](#) (1/10, Kovner, 173K) reports on the efforts to restore Drakes Estero following 80 years of commercial oyster cultivation in the waters. The Press Democrat gives an overview of the court battle involving oyster farmer Kevin Lunny as he lost his contract to harvest \$1.5 million in oysters each year.

**DOMINION PROPOSES MITIGATION PLAN FOR SKIFFES CREEK PROJECT.** The [AP](#) (1/8, Szkotak, 7.78M) reported that a draft mitigation plan for Dominion’s Skiffes Creek transmission project indicates that the company will spend at least \$85 million to reduce the impact of the proposal. The plan was submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers as part of their review process. A Dominion statement said that the company’s goal is “to find a solution that meets the electrical requirements, is cost effective, and minimizes or mitigates as much as possible, the impact on the historical, cultural and environmental resources in the region.” Statements from the Chesapeake Conservancy, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Jamestown archaeologist Bill Kelso expressed continued opposition.

The AP article was carried by the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (1/11, 338K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/8, Szkotak, 283K), the [Hampton Roads \(VA\) Virginian-Pilot](#) (1/11, 374K), the [Fredericksburg \(VA\) Free Lance-Star](#) (1/11, 93K), [WCAV-TV Charlottesville, VA](#) (1/11, 4K), and the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/11, 2.15M).

**ROADS AROUND LAKE MOHAVE TO BE IMPROVED.** The [Houston Chronicle](#) (1/11, 2.15M) reports “the roads to Lake Mohave will be paved with a smoother surface.” The NPS says “improvements for roadways leading to the lake and Katherine Landing will begin Monday.” The project is “part of an \$11.3 million construction project for Lake Mead National Recreation Area.”

**OFFICIALS SEEKING FIX FOR FORT PICKENS ROAD CLOSURES.** The [AP](#) (1/11) carries a report based on a story in the [Pensacola \(FL\) News Journal](#) that reports that “Fort Pickens Road provides the only access to one of Pensacola’s most treasured attractions to both visitors and locals alike, many of whom don’t understand the frequent closings on days that appear on the surface to boast clear skies and perfect temperatures.” The News Journal explains that “there have been five road closures this year and according to Cassity Bromley, chief of science and resources stewardship at National Seashore, the increase in shutdowns is due to the receding beach in between the road and the water.” The report explains that a “plan has just been approved to realign the 1.5-mile section of the road most vulnerable to sand coverage and flooding” at a cost of \$2.4 million.

**FORT PICKENS ROAD TO BE REHABBED.** The [Pensacola \(FL\) News Journal](#) (1/8, St. Myer, 124K) reports that the “Federal Department of Transportation is accepting bids for the long-awaited Gulf Islands National Seashore projects” and “will only accept bids from certified Women Owned Small Business contractors.” The News Journal says that “the Fort Pickens portion of the projects consists of rehabilitation of about 4.5 miles of



the road, asphalt overlay of two parking areas and realignment of a 1.5-mile section of the road near the Gulf of Mexico that is susceptible to flooding." Meanwhile, "the other project entails rehabilitation of about 7.25 miles of J. Earle Bowden Way and about one-third of a mile of Opal Beach Road, including nine associated parking areas."

**BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK SEEKS INPUT ON ENTRANCE FEES.** The AP (1/11, 283K) reports that Badlands National Park is "beginning a series of public meetings on Monday to get feedback on a possible entrance fee increase." According to the article, "a proposal that would go into effect in 2017 would raise the per-person walk-in rate to \$12 from \$7, double the motorcycle rate to \$20, raise the vehicle rate to \$25 from \$15 and bump the annual pass to \$50 from \$30." Superintendent Mike Pflaum says "the park wants to balance affordability with visitor experience."

**LONGTIME CHIEF OF DC TRAFFIC SIGNALS RETIRES.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/8, Thomson, 7.78M) reports that "William McGuirk, the chief of the D.C. traffic signals, retired recently after a 43-year career with what's now the District Department of Transportation." The Post says that in April 1973, when "he joined what was then the District's Department of Highways and Traffic... Congress ran the District, and the legislators put a priority on accommodating traffic, preferably on highways." However, more recently, "moving car commuters in and out of the city remains important, but more and more attention is paid to people traveling short distances, and on foot or by bike." The Post says that "one of the intersection changes most obvious to local travelers was the installation of pedestrian countdown signals" and "McGuirk recalled that the first ones in the District were part of a National Park Service project around the Mall."

**C&O CANAL CELEBRATES 45 YEARS AS MEMBER OF NPS.** The [Cumberland \(MD\) Times-News](#) (1/11, 76K) reports the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park "celebrated its 45th year as a member of the National Park Service on Friday at a reception at the Western Maryland Railway Station." The event also honored the NPS Centennial.

**CONVERSION OF WATERLOO BAKERY TO BREWERY ADVANCES.** The AP (1/11, 2.15M) reports "plans are moving forward for a former downtown Waterloo bakery to be converted into a brewery and restaurant." Single Speed Brewing "reached a development agreement with the city in September to renovate the former Hostess Wonder Bread bakery, which shut down in November 2012." It "received the building's deed from the city Monday, clearing the way for some interior demolition." According to the article, "the deed transfer also allows the State Historic Preservation Office and National Park Service to start reviewing construction plans."

**SIX FLORIDA PROPERTIES ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** The AP (1/11, 283K) reports that Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner said "recently that six Florida places had been added to the register." The properties "include the Meyer-Davis House and Hasty Cottage in Ponce Inlet near Daytona Beach, the Hill Crest house in Lake County west of Orlando, the Cabbage Key Historic District near Fort Myers, the Weil-Cassisi House in Gainesville, the Dan Branch House near Gainesville and the Monument of States in Kissimmee."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION FIELD TRIP GRANTS.** Additional coverage of the 2015 field trip grant awarded by the National Park Foundation was provided by the [White Mountain \(AZ\) Independent](#) (1/11, 31K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FEATURE ON NATIONAL PARKS.** Additional coverage of photographer Stephan Wilkes's shots of national parks in National Geographic was provided by [Mashable](#) (1/10, 1.8M).

**JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK BREAKS ATTENDANCE RECORD.** In an editorial, the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (1/8, 98K) notes Joshua Tree National Park "set a record for attendance as its two-millionth visitor checked in during the last week of 2015." According to the paper, "visitors to the park account for a nice piece of our region's tourism pie."

#### ***US Geological Survey:***

**USGS OFFICIALS: "THERE IS NO RELIABLE METHOD FOR PREDICTING EARTHQUAKES."** David Applegate, USGS associate director for natural hazards, and William Leith, USGS senior science adviser for earthquakes and geologic hazards, write at the [Oregonian](#) (1/11, 769K) that "a recent guest column in The Oregonian/OregonLive promoted short-term earthquake prediction techniques based on precursory



electromagnetic (EM) signals” and scolded USGS “for failing to adequately invest in and promote such research.” They explain that “the reality is that researchers at the USGS and elsewhere have studied a variety of potential precursory phenomena, including EM signals, for decades, and there is currently no method that has provided a reliable, advance prediction of the location, magnitude and timing of large earthquakes.” They conclude that “although short-term earthquake prediction remains elusive, there is much that modern earthquake science can provide to improve the resilience of communities to earthquakes” and they describe those efforts in detail.

## Top National News:

**WHITE HOUSE PREVIEWS UPBEAT, “NON-TRADITIONAL” STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.** Media reports are offering largely favorable previews of the President’s State of the Union address, reflecting chief of staff Denis McDonough’s comments on several Sunday news shows. Following up on McDonough’s comments, print and online accounts describe an unconventional speech, expected to forego the usual laundry list of policy goals and seeking instead to put the last eight years in perspective and set the stage for the upcoming presidential race.

[Bloomberg Politics](#) (1/10, Olorunnipa, 303K), for example, expects “an upbeat vision of the US to contrast with Republican presidential candidates,” while [McClatchy](#) (1/10, Clark, Kumar, 27K) says Obama will deliver “a ‘non-traditional’ speech that doesn’t contain the usual list of requests from Congress but rather focuses on themes that have defined his presidency,” touting “his signature legislative accomplishment, the Affordable Care Act, and his handling of the economy, along with unfinished efforts to counter the Islamic State, decrease gun violence and tackle climate change.” As the [AP](#) (1/11, Lederman) notes, McDonough indicated yesterday that Obama’s message will amount to “we’ve brought America back.” [Voice of America](#) (1/10, Bowman, 64K) cautioned, however, that “Republicans have long dismissed Obama’s economic record as underwhelming at best, and will continue to do so.”

On NBC’s “Meet the Press,” [Reuters](#) (1/11, Rampton) reports, McDonough said, “You’ll hear a big, optimistic, generous view of the future of America.” McDonough similarly told ABC’s [This Week](#) (1/10, Stephanopoulos, 2.73M) that the President will avoid the “doom and gloom we hear from the Republican candidates” and will be “very optimistic about [the] future.” According to McDonough, Obama gathered his staff last year and said he didn’t “want this to be the traditional policy speech that outlines a series of proposals. ... Rather, he wanted to step back and take a look at the future of this country, and the challenges we’re going through.”

McDonough said on [Fox News Sunday](#) (1/10, Wallace) that Obama “is going to lay out a picture of the country moving forward, focused on the future – not afraid of it.” Also appearing on [CNN’s State Of The Union](#) (1/10, Tapper, 420K), McDonough stated, “He [Obama] wants to talk about the future of this country. He’s very optimistic about the future of the country. You’ll hear him talk about every American having a shot at the changing economy. ... And importantly...you’ll hear the President talk about making sure every American has a chance to influence this democracy. Not the millionaires and billionaires but every American. The sky is the limit now.”

The President, says the [New York Times](#) (1/11, Baker, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) along similar lines, “plans a thematic message that effectively will be as much a campaign agenda as a governing document.” He will offer “an upbeat, optimistic view of America,” hoping “to generate support for his approach to issues like climate change, gun control, immigration and income inequality that can boost Hillary Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, even if it does not result in further action during his tenure.” As the [Washington Times](#) (1/11, Dinan, Wolfgang, 283K) puts it, Obama will “try to set the agenda for his successor, insisting that if he can’t win now, he will demand that voters keep it in mind as they select the next president.” According to the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/11, Timiraos, Subscription Publication, 6.23M), Obama’s message will implicitly cast Republicans as “afraid” of the future and poorly positioned to prepare the country for it.

[USA Today](#) (1/11, Korte, 5.56M) indicates that “with a Republican-controlled Congress and a presidential campaign in full swing, Obama would be unlikely to get much of his legislative agenda through Congress anyway.” Mara Liasson agreed on [NPR](#) (1/10, 1.78M), concluding that the President’s approach to his last State of the Union “makes sense,” because “with attention turning to the race to succeed him, the window for passing major pieces of legislation through an oppositional Congress is closing fast.” If anything, “the White House is hopeful they can get Congress to approve the big trans-Pacific trade agreement and a bill overhauling the criminal justice system.”



In a piece for [Bloomberg View](#) (1/10, 86K), titled "Obama's Legacy May Hinge On Endurance Of His Achievements," Al Hunt similarly indicates that the President "envision[s]" those two "major legislative achievements" in his final year, in addition to "executive actions, beginning with the one on gun control he announced last week, which he could follow with decisions on controversial issues, such as closing the detention center at Guantánamo Bay." On that last issue, Hunt quotes McDonough as saying of the President, "He feels a responsibility to resolve this."

[Bustle](#) (1/10, Felter, 1.62M) indicated that "there's always room for surprises, and with this being Obama's final SOTU, he may decide to go all out" with "a plan to do a major overhaul of American infrastructure: roads, bridges, ports, rail, you name it." To Bustle, "the best part about the proposal – the one that would get millions of Americans onboard immediately – is all the jobs that would be created as a result."

**Refugee, Vets, Microsoft's CEO Among White House Guests.** [USA Today](#) (1/11, Korte, 5.56M) reports that the White House yesterday unveiled its "complete 2016 list" of guests to the address, which includes "veterans, volunteers, college students, small business people, immigrants, activists and the CEO of Microsoft." A number of news accounts highlight the White House's invitation to Refaai Hamo, a refugee. The [AP](#) (1/11, Freking) describes Hamo as "a Syrian scientist stricken with cancer and seeking a new start for his family in Michigan," where he arrived with "his son and three daughters...in December, anxious to rebuild their lives." Hamo "fled to Turkey from Syria after a missile attack killed his wife and one other daughter."

[AFP](#) (1/11) says Obama's "selection of Hamo is a stinging reply from the Obamas to those Republican members of Congress who, in a preliminary vote, sought to block Syrian refugees from entering the country, for fear that terrorists might slip in among them." AFP notes that "also at Michelle Obama's side will be Naveed Shah, a Muslim and former US soldier, who was a child when his parents immigrated to the country from Pakistan."

The [New York Times](#) (1/11, Fandos, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports Oscar Vazquez, "a former illegal immigrant who went on to serve in the United States Army," will also be a guest, as will Jim Obergefell, "the lead plaintiff in the Supreme Court case last year legalizing same-sex marriage." Also in attendance, notes [Bloomberg Politics](#) (1/10, Talev, 303K), will be "Microsoft Corp. Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella," who "embodies many of Obama's priorities: an immigrant who has contributed significantly to the US technology industry, who has advocated for the inclusion of more women in executive positions, and is committed to environmental initiatives to combat climate change." Among other outlets, stories on Obama's guests also appear in the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/10, Pitzl, 960K), [Dallas Morning News](#) (1/11, Ayala, 1.26M), and [Washington Post](#) (1/11, Lamothe, Eilperin, 7.78M), which headlines its report "Final State Of The Union Guest List Tells The Story Of Obama's Presidency."

**Empty Seat In Guest Box To Honor Victims Of Gun Violence.** [National Journal](#) (1/11, Nelson, Subscription Publication, 53K) notes that "a White House official Friday said that for the address...the president will leave one seat in first lady Michelle Obama's guest box empty to honor the gun-violence victims 'who no longer have a voice.'" This unnamed "official" said, "They need the rest of us to speak for them. ... To tell their stories. To honor their memory. To support the Americans whose lives have been forever changed by the terrible ripple effect of gun violence – survivors who've had to learn to live with a disability, or without the love of their life. To remind every single one of our representatives that it's their responsibility to do something about this."

**Amazon Will Make Speech Available "On-Demand."** [The Verge](#) (1/10, McCormick, 1.13M) reported that "Amazon is partnering with the White House to make...Obama's upcoming State of the Union address viewable on-demand, marking the first time the annual events have been put on an on-demand video service." [Venture Beat](#) (1/10, Yeung, 113K) noted that "for the technologically-savvy Obama Administration, the addition of Amazon to the SOTU media mix shows that the executive branch is looking at other ways people are consuming media." Said Jason Goldman, the White House's chief digital officer, "We'll be reaching people where they are – and making it possible for them to engage, respond, and share the President's speech themselves in new and different ways."

**Trump: Current State Of The Union Is "A Mess."** Donald Trump said on [NBC's Meet the Press](#) (1/10, Todd, 3.08M) that the state of the Union is "a mess. ... Obama will say what he's going to say. But I think right now the state of our Union is a mess. We can't beat ISIS, our military is falling back, it's not being properly taken care of, our vets aren't being properly taken care of, Obamacare as you know is going to fail very soon and probably in '17. We don't have borders, we don't have anything. If I'm there in two years and making a speech, I say we're getting better fast."

**POLL: IN BOTH PARTIES, PRIMARY RACE TIGHTENING IN IOWA, NEW HAMPSHIRE.** [ABC World](#)



[News](#) (1/10, story 4, 1:45, Llamas, 5.84M) reported that the race for the White House is “tightening,” with Ted Cruz “edging past” Donald Trump among likely GOP caucus goers in Iowa, although still within the margin of error. In a “bigger surprise,” Bernie Sanders is “closing in on” Hillary Clinton in Iowa; her campaign admits “they are nervous.” ABC (Dwyer) added that, in New Hampshire, “Hillary Clinton is playing catch-up,” with her campaign “sending panicked emails that the race is seriously tight.” She also “is sharpening her attacks” in Iowa.

The [Huffington Post](#) (1/10, Bobic, 251K) reports that both parties’ primary races “are neck and neck,” according to an NBC/WSJ/Marist early state survey of likely voters released Sunday. In Iowa, Clinton leads Sanders 48 percent to 45 percent, within the margin of error. Similarly, in New Hampshire, Sanders’ lead over Clinton, 50 percent to 46 percent, is within the margin of error. Meanwhile, the poll has Cruz leading Trump 28 percent to 24 percent, followed by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio at 13 percent and Ben Carson at 11 percent. In contrast, Trump leads in New Hampshire at 30 percent over Rubio at 14 percent, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie at 12 percent, and Cruz at 10 percent.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/11, O’Connor, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) reports that the poll, conducted Jan. 2-7 of 422 likely Democratic caucusgoers in Iowa (+ / - 4.8%), 456 likely Republican caucusgoers in Iowa (+ / - 4.6%), 425 likely Democratic primary voters in New Hampshire (4.8%), and 569 likely Republican primary voters in New Hampshire (4.1%), highlights Clinton’s challenges in the two states in spite of her significant lead in most national polls. While winning those states would help Sanders, Clinton’s strength among minority voters could significantly help in next contests. Still, the poll suggests that Sanders would be stronger in the general election for Iowa and New Hampshire than Clinton, with big leads over Cruz, Rubio, and Trump in New Hampshire among registered voters, as well as leading Cruz and Trump in Iowa.

Julianna Goldman reported on the [CBS Evening News](#) (1/10, story 4, 2:05, Glor, 5.08M) that Trump said he wouldn’t drop out if he loses in Iowa, which “has party leaders and even some voters grappling with an scenario where no establishment candidate emerges as a party alternative.” House Speaker Paul Ryan said, “Once you get through the primary, I think we unify as a conservative movement.”

**Clinton, Sanders Step Up Attacks.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/11, Tumulty, Wagner, Gearan, 7.78M) reports that Clinton’s and Sanders’ “intensified” attacks on each other Sunday reflect the tightening race, with each attacking “the other’s political strengths.” Clinton is targeting “the passions of the party’s left-leaning base” by emphasizing gun control “as a testament to her liberalism,” while Sanders is appealing to Democrats’ pragmatism by arguing he is the more electable candidate. The tight race can be seen in “the jujitsu-like manner in which Clinton and Sanders are battling.” Discussing the current state of his campaign and electability on [ABC’s This Week](#) (1/10, Stephanopoulos, 2.73M), Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT) stated, “If people are concerned about electability...Bernie Sanders is the candidate.”

**Cillizza: Iowa Sanders Win Could Upend Democratic Race.** Chris Cillizza writes in his [Washington Post](#) (1/11, 7.78M) column that Sanders winning Iowa and New Hampshire is more likely “than most people – including most establishment Democrats – understand.” Such a situation “would be a total nightmare for Clinton,” as Cillizza argues it has as much plausibility of completely changing the race as the idea that it “wouldn’t affect much of anything in the states that followed.” He concludes that an Iowa loss for Clinton could mean “a longer – and more competitive – race than anyone expects.”

**HIGH COURT TO HEAR TEACHERS’ CHALLENGE TO REQUIRED UNION FEES.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/11, Savage, 3.6M) reports on a case before the US Supreme Court in which California teachers are challenging the “fair share fee” they pay to the California Teachers Association. The teachers challenging the fee say the requirement is unconstitutional, arguing that it is a violation of their First Amendment free speech rights. The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/10, Richey, 496K) reports that Rebecca Friedrichs, the teacher in the case for whom it is named, argues that the required fee means she is forced to pay “to advance causes and policies that she believes are wrong-headed or even immoral.”

The [New York Times](#) (1/11, Scheiber, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports on the case on the front page of its business section, saying that supporters of the union view the challenge as the work of “right-wing donors and their wealthy, special interest allies.” The article examines the funding and intellectual background of the legal organization supporting the teachers’ case. [Politico](#) (1/10, Mahoney, 1.19M) also examines the background, identifying the Bradley Foundation as the major supporter for the plaintiffs, and saying that the foundation “has spent millions over three decades to smash labor unions,” and this case “may bring it closer...than ever before.”

**Riordan Urges Court To Rule For Teachers.** Former Los Angeles Mayor and former California Secretary of



Education Richard Riordan writes in [USA Today](#) (1/11, 5.56M) in favor of the teachers, arguing that the union's activities are political, and its collective bargaining efforts are also political. He argues that by ruling for the teachers, the Court would be declaring that teachers and students matter.

**WPost Urges Court To Defend State Policy.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/11, 7.78M) in an editorial says the teachers "are not all wrong" in their suit, but maintains that "unions have contributed positively in many places," and that any such decision "should be decided politically," and not by a court.

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES. "Iran's Other Scary Weapons Program."** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (1/11, Board, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) says the US "should lift sanctions on Iran; no, it should impose new sanctions on Iran. The short answer is that the Obama administration should do both." The Times argues that sanctions on the nation's nuclear program "should be lifted as promised when the recent nuclear agreement goes into effect, maybe as early as next week." But it says the Administration is "wisely planning a separate set of new sanctions in response to Iran's two recent tests of ballistic missiles, which violated United Nations resolutions."

**"Governors Get Smarter On Medicaid."** A [New York Times](#) (1/11, Board, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) editorial says that "Republican and Democratic governors in several states that have refused to expand their Medicaid programs are now seeking to do so, but will need approval from Republican-dominated legislatures." The Times says "legislators should at least see the folly of rejecting extremely generous matching funds," noting that the federal government "will pay 100 percent of the cost for newly eligible enrollees in 2016 and 95 percent in 2017, phasing down to 90 percent in 2020 and subsequent years."

**"Rwanda's Entrenched President"** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (1/11, Board, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) criticizes a decision by Rwandan President Paul Kagame to seek a third term in office, saying he "seems intent on staying in power indefinitely." The Times notes that Kagame's "international champions include former President Bill Clinton, former Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates," and calls on them to "acknowledge and speak out against the government's continuing abuses."

**WASHINGTON POST. "The State Of The Unions."** The [Washington Post](#) (1/11, 7.78M) in an editorial says the teachers "are not all wrong" in their suit, but maintains that "unions have contributed positively in many places," and that any such decision "should be decided politically," and not by a court.

**"Another Setback For Antibiotics."** The [Washington Post](#) (1/10, 7.78M) in an editorial writes about the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Researchers have found bacteria resistant to colistin to be more widespread than thought and "every bacteria resistant to colistin was also resistant to more modern antibiotics." The Post warns that recent findings suggest that resistance to antibiotics in bacteria affecting animals may spread to humans, and that resistance to "relatively older antibiotics...can lead to resistance that undermines more modern antibiotics." It concludes that antibiotics should be used "more judiciously — everywhere."

**"Mr. Erdogan's Offensive."** The [Washington Post](#) (1/11, 7.78M) in an editorial says that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is "engaged in a full-scale military campaign against ethnic Kurdish militants," arguing that he "will never succeed in eliminating by force the PKK or Turkish Kurds's aspirations for more autonomy," and so he "needs to be pushed toward reopening negotiations with Turkish Kurdish leaders."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "A First Amendment Do-Over."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/11, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) in an editorial argues that the Supreme Court on Monday has a great opportunity to overturn the 1977 ruling in *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* by siding with ten California public school teachers in *Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association*. Those teachers say they shouldn't be forced to pay dues to the union that finances causes they oppose. The Journal says forcing teachers to do so violates their First Amendment free speech rights. While it is understandable the Court is wary of breaking continuity, this case represents a rare obligation to repair damage done by the Court in *Abood*, where a fundamental constitutional right was compromised.

**"Keystone No, Kenya Pipeline Yes."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/11, A14, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) in an editorial points out that while the Administration decided against Keystone XL, it has supported PowerAfrica, an oil pipeline project in Kenya. The Journal argues that TransCanada may win its NAFTA dispute, because the Administration rejected the pipeline despite US government reviews finding no environmental harm from the



project. The Journal also argues that TransCanada's case in federal court, which claims that the President exceeded his authority, is reasonable.

**"The Other Republican Campaign."** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/11, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) discusses the Kemp forum, named after the late Republican Senator Jack Kemp, where on Saturday in South Carolina six GOP presidential candidates discussed conservative solutions to attack poverty and improve economic opportunity for all. The Journal says that unlike progressives, the forum's participants openly acknowledged obstacles resulting from phasing out welfare benefits and tax credits, and they made it clear that any reform would have to deal with those obstacles. The Journal adds that Donald Trump and Ted Cruz were notably absent from the forum, as they appear to have chosen to instead focus on leveraging voter frustration. However, the Journal says if either wins the GOP nomination, they will need more than frustration to attract those who vote outside the GOP primaries.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

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#### **New York Times:**

[Starving Syrians In Madaya Are Denied Aid Amid Political Jockeying](#)  
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[Why Rubio And Cruz Could Use The Latino Vote In A General Election](#)  
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#### **Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** [El Chapo-Sean Penn Meeting](#); [Powerball Lottery-Record Jackpot](#); [2016 Politics](#); [Philadelphia-Attempted Police Execution](#); [Germany-Refugee Violence Allegations](#); [South Korea-US Military Flights](#); [Italy-American](#)



Woman Murder Investigation; Severe Weather; College Football Championship; Jewelry Theft Suspect Arrest; California-Gas Leak; Spanish Princess-Tax Fraud.

**CBS:** El Chapo-Sean Penn Meeting; El Chapo Sean Penn Meeting-Analysis; Powerball Lottery-Record Jackpot; 2016 Politics; Florida-Tornado; South Korea-US Military Flights; Hong Kong-Disappearances; NFL Playoff Game-Record Cold; Jewelry Theft Suspect Arrested; Italy-American Woman Murder Investigation; Syria-Humanitarian Efforts.

**NBC:** Preempted by the Golden Globe Awards.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

El Chapo-Sean Penn Meeting – 9 minutes, 15 seconds

2016 Politics – 3 minutes, 50 seconds

Powerball Lottery-Record Jackpot – 3 minutes, 35 seconds

Jewelry Theft-Suspect Arrested – 3 minutes, 30 seconds

Italy-American Woman Murder Investigation – 2 minutes, 00 seconds

South Korea-US Military Flights – 0 minutes, 30 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** Golden Globe Awards-Winners; Gas Prices-Decrease; Airline Pilots-Government Oversight Investigation; Senate Majority Leader-War Power Request Response.

**CBS:** Golden Globe Award Winners; El Chapo-Sean Penn Interview; Philadelphia-Attempted Police Execution; Powerball Lottery-Record Jackpot; President Obama-Political Endorsement; President Obama-Final State Address.

**NPR:** El Chapo-Sean Penn Interview; Senate Majority Leader-War Power Request Response; Polish Government-German Anti-Polish Remarks; Army Engineer Corp-Mississippi River Overflow; Volkswagen-Emissions Testing Solution Proposal; Golden Globe Award Winners;

**FOX:** Philadelphia-Attempted Police Execution; El Chapo Sean Penn Interview-Responses; Golden Globe Awards; Hillary Clinton-Planned Parenthood Endorsement; President Obama-Final State Address.

**Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

**White House:**

PRESIDENT OBAMA — No scheduled public events.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — No scheduled public events.

**US Senate:** 11:00 AM Dem Sen. Chris Coons media call on Iran nuclear deal and Middle East developments – Democratic Sen. Chris Coons discusses developments in Iran and Saudi Arabia and enforcement of the nuclear deal with Iran as it nears implementation, via media conference call Location: TBD [coons.senate.gov](https://coons.senate.gov)  
<https://twitter.com/SenCoonsOffice>

2:00 PM Senate debates judicial nomination – Senate convenes, with agenda including executive session to consider nomination of Luis Felipe Restrepo to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit Location: Washington, DC <http://www.senate.gov/>

5:00 PM Senate Foreign Relations Committee top secret briefing on North Korea's alleged nuclear test – Closed / Top Secret / Sensitive Compartmented Information briefing on 'Assessing the Recent North Korea Nuclear Event', given by U.S. Special Representative For North Korea Policy Sung Kim; Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation Vann Van Diepen; a senior Department of Defense official; and a senior Office of the Director of National Intelligence official \* Last week, Pyongyang announced that it had successfully tested its first hydrogen bomb – its fourth nuclear test overall – although no full independent confirmation has been made of the test Location: SVC-217, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://foreign.senate.gov/>

**US House:** 4:00 PM House Small Business subcommittee hearing on SBA Office of International Trade – Agriculture, Energy and Trade Subcommittee hearing on 'SBA's Office of International Trade: Good for Business?', with testimony from Small Business Administration Associate Administrator for International Trade Eileen Sanchez Location: Rm 2360, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

4:00 PM Dem lawmakers join coalition to show 'united front against TPP' – Democratic Reps. Rosa DeLauro,



Peter DeFazio, Dan Kildee, Barbara Lee, Jan Schakowsky, Brad Sherman and Louise Slaughter join a coalition of leaders to show a united front against the Trans-Pacific Partnership and what they describe as 'the dangerous effects that it can have on the country', ahead of President Barack Obama's State of the Union tomorrow. Other speakers include Sister Simone Campbell (NETWORK), Owen Hermstadt (International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers), Roger Johnson (National Farmers Union), Thea Lee (AFL-CIO), Christopher Shelton (Communications Workers of America), and Randi Weingarten (American Federation of Teachers) Location: Rm 2168, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/delauro> <https://twitter.com/rosadelauro>

4:00 PM House Ways and Means Democrats continue forum series on the TPP – House Committee on Ways and Means Ranking Member Sander Levin and Democratic members continue 'Trading Views: Real Debates on Key Issues in TPP' – a series of forums on key issues in the Trans-Pacific Partnership – with event on the potential effects of TPP on the automotive manufacturing supply chain, with a particular focus on the auto rules of origin, with testimony from Harvard Law School Assistant Professor Mark Wu, United Auto Workers United Auto Workers Josh Nassar, and Lapham-Hickey Steel CEO Bill Hickey \* Event co-hosted by Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Ranking Member Sherrod Brown Location: SVC-201-200, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://democrats.waysandmeans.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/WaysMeansCrmt>

5:00 PM House Rules Committee hearing – Hearing on 'H.R. 1644, the STREAM Act', 'H.R. 3662, the Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act', and 'S.J. Res. 22, Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of 'waters of the United States' under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act' Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://www.rules.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/RulesReps>

**Other:** 9:00 AM Wilson Center forum on 'Japan-South Korea Relations and Prospects for a U.S. Role in Historical Reconciliation in East Asia' – Wilson Center Asia Program forum on 'Japan-South Korea Relations and Prospects for a U.S. Role in Historical Reconciliation in East Asia', with speakers including Waseda University Professor of Political Science Toyomi Asano, University of Connecticut Professor of History Alexis Dudden, Tufts University Fletcher School Professor in Korean Studies Sung-Yoon Lee, Sejong University Professor Park Yu-ha, Georgetown University Associate Professor of Asian Studies Christine Kim, George Washington University Associate Professor of Political Science Mike Mochizuki, and Waseda University Professor of Political Science Naoyuki Umemori Location: Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/> <https://twitter.com/TheWilsonCenter>

9:00 AM Nurses rally outside SCOTUS over union rights case – Nurses rally outside the U.S. Supreme Court – coinciding with arguments in the 'Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association' case – to warn that the case poses what they describe as 'a significant threat to public health, safety and quality of life' Location: Steps of the Supreme Court, Washington, DC [www.nationalnursesunited.org](http://www.nationalnursesunited.org) <https://twitter.com/NationalNurses>

12:00 PM 'Space Weapons and the Risk of Nuclear Exchange' discussion at Atlantic Council – Atlantic Council South Asia Center discussion on 'Space Weapons and the Risk of Nuclear Exchange', featuring keynote address by State Department Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance Deputy Assistant Secretary for Emerging Security Challenges and Defense Policy Mallory Stewart. Panelists include Atlantic Council South Asia Center Nonresident Senior Fellow Dr Gaurav Kampani, University of Maryland School of Public Policy CISSM Interim Director and Senior Research Scholar Dr Nancy Gallagher, and US Naval War College Professor of National Security Affairs Dr Joan Freese Location: Atlantic Council, 1030 15th St NW, Washington, DC [www.acus.org](http://www.acus.org) <https://twitter.com/AtlanticCouncil>

12:30 PM Chief of naval operations speaks at NPC – NPC Luncheon with Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson, discussing the U.S. Navy's role in the global maritime environment – including the issues and challenges presented by Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, and the Islamic State group – and unveiling his strategic guidance to the fleet Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC <http://press.org/> <https://twitter.com/PressClubDC>

5:00 PM Four former defense secretaries discuss U.S.-China relations – Four former secretaries of defense – Chuck Hagel, William Cohen, William Perry, and Harold Brown – discuss key issues between the U.S. and China, in conversation with National Committee on U.S.-China Relations President Stephen Orin. The secretaries address past security relations with China and emerging issues in the relationship including South China Sea, cross-strait/Taiwan relations, terrorism, and security ramifications of environmental degradation Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St NW, Washington, DC <http://www.ncuscr.org> <https://twitter.com/NCUSCR>



## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR

**Jimmy Fallon:** "At a rally last night in Vermont, Donald Trump refused to let anyone in that wasn't a Trump supporter. But several protesters got in anyway. So keep that in mind next time you listen to the guy whose biggest campaign promise is keeping people from sneaking in."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "And this week in Las Vegas, Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, and Martin O'Malley shared the stage at a DNC fund-raiser. Yeah, I think the three of them might have had a little too much fun in Vegas. 'Hangover 4?'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "I heard an autograph expert has said that Hillary Clinton's autograph is the most valuable of all the candidates. For instance, a Hillary Clinton-signed hat is worth about 1,500 dollars, while a Jeb Bush-signed hat is worth whatever the hat cost originally minus a few bucks for the Jeb Bush signature."

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**IN SOTU, OBAMA PRAISES "ECONOMIC SUCCESS STORY" OF RENEWABLE ENERGY.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Warrick, 7.78M) reports President Obama during his final State of the Union "took credit...for surging growth in solar and wind power during his seven years in office, while hinting of new efforts to limit pollution from oil and gas operations." According to the Post, Obama "framed the expansion of renewable energy as an economic success story, but one that happens to pay dividends for the health of the planet." The Post added Obama also "called for stepping up investment in communities hurt by the decline of fossil fuels, alluding to plans announced last year to expand jobs and training in coal states."

However, [Washington Examiner](#) (1/13, 112K) Energy and Environment Correspondent John Siciliano says that while Obama "lauded" low gasoline prices, he did so "ignoring the fact that it is a global oil glut that is to credit for the drop. A glut that is hurting U.S. jobs in the oil and gas sector." According to Siciliano, "Obama did not address the global situation, but continued by saying that the country should now transition away from 'dirtier' forms of energy to a clean energy future" and calling on Americans "to accelerate the transition away from dirty energy."

Meanwhile, [Reuters](#) (1/13, Rampton) reports President Obama said that the Federal government should charge fossil fuel companies for leases based on their impact on climate change.



[The Hill](#) (1/13, Cama, 654K) reports Obama said he intended “to push to change the way we manage our oil and coal resources, so that they better reflect the costs they impose on taxpayers and our planet.” According to The Hill, “Obama presented the proposal as a way to accelerate the ongoing transition toward clean energy sources like wind and solar and ‘away from old, dirtier energy sources.’” In a statement, Annie Leonard, executive director of Greenpeace USA, hailed the proposal as “encouraging,” while Matt Lee-Ashley, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, praised Obama for having “shined a bright flashlight into the forgotten corners of the federal coal and oil programs, where loopholes and subsidies are costing taxpayers and local communities millions of dollars in lost revenue every year.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/12, 6.23M), [Reuters](#) (1/13, Rampton), [Politico](#) (1/12, Staff, 1.19M), the [Daily Caller](#) (1/12, Bastasch, 366K), the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (1/13, 98K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Goldenberg, 3.48M), the [Huffington Post](#) (1/12, Henn, 251K), [Mother Jones](#) (1/12, 1.05M), and [Grist](#) (1/13, 6K).

**Obama SOTU: Climate Change Deniers To “Be Pretty Lonely.”** Citing prepared remarks released by the White House on President Obama’s State of the Union, [The Hill](#) (1/13, Henry, 654K) reported Obama will “chastise lawmakers who deny the science of climate change, saying they will ‘be pretty lonely’ as the world moves toward cleaner energy in the future.” The Hill reported Obama would say that those who want “to dispute the science around climate change, have at it,” but warn that they will “be debating our military, most of America’s business leaders, the majority of the American people, almost the entire scientific community and 200 nations around the world who agree it’s a problem and intend to solve it.”

**DHS Secretary Johnson Named “Designated Survivor” During State Of The Union.** [Politico](#) (1/12, Mccaskill, 1.19M) reported the White House on Tuesday “confirmed” Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson was selected as “the so-called ‘designated survivor’ for President Barack Obama’s final State of the Union.” Politico added cabinet members selected as “designated survivors” during past addresses “include Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx (2015), Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz (2014), Energy Secretary Steven Chu (2013), Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack (2012), Interior Secretary Ken Salazar (2011), Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan (2010) and Attorney General Eric Holder in 2009.” According to Politico, “Moniz told The Boston Globe that during his time as the designated survivor he was taken to an undisclosed location while accompanied by security. ‘We had a steak dinner,’ he recalled.”

[CBS News](#) (1/13, 4.1M) reports on President Obama’s final State of the Union Address, scheduled for Tuesday at 9 pm. CBS points out that “there’s always a ‘designated survivor,’ who is a member of the cabinet designated to be at an undisclosed location when he delivers the speech, in case something happens to the president, vice president and speaker.” CBS says that Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx filled this role last year.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/12, Shalby, 3.6M) points out Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is among the secretaris “born outside the U.S. and would be ineligible for the role.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Politico](#) (1/12, Mccaskill, 1.19M) and [Mic](#) (1/13, 969K).

**API Criticizes Obama Ahead Of SOTU.** [The Hill](#) (1/12, Henry, 654K) reported American Petroleum Institute President Jack Gerard on Tuesday criticized President Obama over his Administration’s energy policies ahead of the State of the Union, calling on the Federal government “to re-examine its assumptions about energy.” According to the Hill, Gerard also “took aim at several new rules finalized or proposed by the Obama administration, from its climate rule for power plants to the ethanol fuel mandate and a forthcoming methane leak standard,” saying the US “cannot achieve” its “energy revolution” through “over regulating.” The Hill added the coal lobby issued a statement “predict[ing]...Obama will ‘undoubtedly overlook the economic impact that his costly climate plan will have on the nation and American families as they try to make ends meet.’”

**OREGON COMMUNITY WANTS REFUGE OCCUPIERS TO LEAVE.** The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Turkewitz, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports that those occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge announced they would travel to the town of Burns on Friday “to explain to the community why we are here and when we will be leaving.” The Times says that the community “the protesters purport to represent...is begging the protesters to leave.” At a community meeting on Monday, 15-year-old Ashlie Presley “delivered an anguished, tear-filled plea,” saying, “I just want them to go home, so that I can feel safe.” The packed gym “gave her a standing ovation.” Judge Steven Grasty said at the meeting that he would bill the occupiers for the \$60,000-\$70,000 that the county lost during the first week of the occupation.



**Armed Group To Hold Meeting With Oregon Community.** The [AP](#) (1/13) reports that the armed occupiers of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge said Tuesday that they plan to call a community meeting later this week to explain their motives and tell residents when they will leave. "A member of the anti-government group told reporters that the meeting will be held Friday evening in Burns," Oregon, the AP says. The armed men have been under pressure to leave since their occupation began on Jan. 2.

The [Oregonian](#) (1/12, Bernstein, 769K) reports that according to former FBI officials, authorities have refrained from ousting the occupiers from the wildlife refuge as they do not wish to incite violence. "You're going to create confrontations when you do that," said former FBI Oregon Special Agent in Charge Danny Coulson. "We don't have a violent act here. Again, it's just protesters. ... If you deny access and have to put a road block up and set up a perimeter, you know what that costs a day? Millions of dollars. And what do you accomplish? You'll likely raise the tension for something that's not going to help you." Former FBI chief hostage negotiator Clint Van Zandt likened the occupiers to an attention-seeking politician. "They do things so the media pays attention," Van Zandt said.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/13, 263K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, 5.31M), [US News & World Report](#) (1/12, 996K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/13, Press, 7.78M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, 283K).

**Oregon Occupiers To Announce Departure Date Friday.** [CNN](#) (1/13, Ellis, Berlinger, Yan, 3.54M) reports a leader of the armed occupiers who took over a federal wildlife refuge in Oregon said they will reveal their departure date later this week. LaVoy Finicum said Tuesday at a press conference, "Friday at seven, we will be going into town and holding a meeting with the community to explain to the community ... why we are here and when we will be leaving." On Monday, the group "used government equipment to uproot and tear down a fence at the request of a local rancher." The US Fish and Wildlife Service issued a statement in response, saying: "Removing fences, damaging any Refuge property, or unauthorized use of equipment would be additional unlawful actions by the illegal occupiers." Finicum explained to reporters that the fence was making a local ranch "not profitable" and "hard to operate." Prior to the Bureau of Land Management installing the fence last year, Finicum said local ranchers had accessed the range "for many years."

**Armed Occupation Appears "No Closer To A Resolution."** [NPR](#) (1/12, 1.78M) reports in its "Two-Way" blog about the continuing tension between Harney County Sheriff Dave Ward and the leaders of the armed occupiers since they arrived nearly two weeks ago. There has only been one "brief meeting" between the two and it "appears things are no closer to a resolution." There appears to be a "large law enforcement presence" in Burns, Oregon, but 30 miles south to the refuge, "there continues to be no visible law enforcement presence." Additionally, the US Fish & Wildlife Service and local law enforcement officials have not explained "why the government hasn't just turned off the power to the building." It also unclear how much the occupation is costing taxpayers.

**County Judge To Fine Occupiers \$75,000 Daily.** The [New York Daily News](#) (1/13, Bult, 3.59M) reports Harney County Judge Steve Grasty said he will Ammon Bundy and the occupiers "with fines to the tune of \$75,000 a day for their occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge." Grasty told the Daily News that he would "send Mr. Bundy the bill" during a town meeting Monday night in Burns, Oregon. Grasty said the occupiers should compensate the community "for the costly increase in security in addition to the salaries of teachers and public employees who didn't go to work when schools and government buildings closed due to the occupation," the Daily News wrote. Grasty also warned Burns residents against supporting the occupiers, saying, "No matter how you feel, do not bring food and supplies up to the refuge."

**Former Interior Secretary Salazar Says Bundys Are "Out Of Touch" On Land Issues.** [Politico Pro](#) (1/12) reports former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said, "[t]he Bundys and those who sympathize with them are far out of touch with most folks living in the West. By and large Westerners do not agree with the policies or sentiments being advocated in Oregon. Bundy and his ilk are just squeaky wheels getting the grease."

Additional coverage was provided by [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (1/13, 464K).

**Poll: Most Western State Voters Support Federal Land Policy.** [National Parks Traveler](#) (1/13, 989) reports "Western politicians determined to transfer federal lands to the states are out of step with their constituents, who value conservation and see economic returns from national parks, national forests, and national monuments in their states, according to a survey released Monday." The survey "involved 2,800 people across Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, and Montana." But while the Conservation in the West survey by Colorado College "seems to indicate widespread support for maintaining the status quo of land ownership in



the West, and support for full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and preserving the ability of U.S. presidents to use the Antiquities Act to create national monuments, there are politicians who seem deadset against such initiatives.”

Additional coverage was provided by [USA Today](#) (1/12, Loomis, 5.56M), the [Los Alamos \(NM\) Daily Post](#) (1/13), the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/13, 200K), the [Pueblo \(CO\) Chieftain](#) (1/13, 87K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (1/11, 31K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/11, 960K), [Wyoming Public Radio](#) (1/13), and [Vice](#) (1/13, 1.88M).

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/13, 2.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, 283K), the [Medford \(OR\) Mail Tribune](#) (1/12, Times, 84K), the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (1/13, 1.15M), the [Idaho Statesman](#) (1/13, 218K), the [Boston \(MA\) Globe](#) (1/11, 1M), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (1/12, 2.33M), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (1/12, 174K), the [Brainerd \(MN\) Daily Dispatch](#) (1/12, 2K), the [Flathead \(MT\) Beacon](#) (1/12, 15K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (1/13, 10K), the [Moline \(IL\) Dispatch-Argus](#) (1/13, 100K), the [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (1/13, 38K), the [Daily Intelligencer \(NY\)](#) (1/13, 600K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Levin, 3.48M), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Levin, 3.48M), [RT](#) (1/13, 297K), [RT](#) (1/13, 297K), the [Raw Story](#) (1/12, 1.24M), the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (1/12, 47K), the [Huffington Post](#) (1/13, 251K), the [Huffington Post](#) (1/12, Fullerton, 251K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/12, 496K), [Reason](#) (1/12, 215K), [SC Magazine](#) (1/13, 301), [OpEdNews](#) (1/13, 2K), [Think Progress](#) (1/12, 293K), [Truth-Out](#) (1/13, 8K), and [KGMI-AM Bellingham \(WA\)](#) Bellingham, WA (1/13, 3K).

**WESTERN GOVERNORS CHALLENGE LEGITIMACY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWSUITS FILED BY ATTORNEYS GENERAL.** The [Rio Blanco \(CO\) Herald Times](#) (1/13, Shogren) reports that the debate over the Interior Department’s decision that the greater sage grouse would not be listed as endangered is one example of how executives from Western states are challenging federal oversight. Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval supported the department’s announcement that states retained management of the bird, but a few months later, Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt “defied Sandoval” by joining a federal plans to protect grouse habitat. Additionally, Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman is suing to block President Obama’s “signature climate change initiative...despite Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper’s explicit objections.” The governors are “challenging the legitimacy of the lawsuits and the authority of their attorneys general.” According to the Herald Times, public disputes between state executives are not unheard of because governors and attorneys general are elected separately in most states.

**MINING INDUSTRY CRITICIZES WITH BLM PROPOSAL TO PROTECT SAGE GROUSE.** [Utah Public Radio](#) (1/13) reports the Interior Department of Interior, along with the BLM, has “proposed that 10 million acres of federal mining land be withdrawn in order to protect sage grouse populations.” But “critics allege that the measure is unnecessary and will not benefit the bird species.” Katie Sweeney of the National Mining Association said “research shows that invasive species and wildfires present a bigger threat to sage grouse than mining does.” Sweeney also said that “federal agencies are ignoring efforts made by private companies to improve conservation.”

**NEW ENGLAND CLUB WON’T LEAVE FEDERALLY-FUNDED LAND.** The [Daily Caller](#) (1/13, Barton, 366K) reports that a New England motorcycle club is “hogging federally-funded land” by refusing to leave its clubhouse after a lease with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife ended. The division received \$20 million from the US Fish and Wildlife Service through 46 grants in 1999, according to a report by the Department of the Interior Inspector General released Tuesday. The division allowed the Mohawk Ramblers Motorcycle Club to use a clubhouse on the Montague Plains Wildlife Area in 2009. The Ramblers said they have used the clubhouse since the 1960s, and the state agency “allowed them to continue to make yearly payments specified in the 1999 lease” after it expired, according to the IG report. The temporary arrangement ended in 2014, but the bikers have refused to leave. As a result, the state agency drafted a new lease through December 2016, requiring quarterly reports from the Ramblers about their relocation efforts.

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**BATTLE LOOMS OVER MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE’S CASINO PLANS.** The [Boston Globe](#) (1/13, Murphy, 1M) reports that the Mashpee Wampanoag “plan to start work on ‘First Light,’ a \$500 million casino envisioned to be so massive and so opulent that tribal leaders have been referring to it as the Taj Mahal of New England casinos.” However, “the bid is running into resistance on two fronts.” According to the article, “an anticasinogroup has enlisted local landowners to challenge the federal decision awarding the land to the tribe,” and “a second tribe lays claim to that land, saying the Mashpee are interlopers.”



**BIOFUELS FACILITY WOULD TAKEOVER INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ANCESTRAL LANDS.** Contributor Chris Zinda writes in [CounterPunch](#) (1/12, Zinda, 17K) that the Department of Defense is subsidizing Red Rock Biofuels \$75 million to “annually create 18 million gallons of highly volatile jet, naphtha (white gas), and diesel fuel from forest biomass in the town of Lakeview, Oregon.” The project site is located in the 100 year floodplain of Goose Lake, located in south central Oregon into northeastern California. The proposed site contains “hundreds of cultural artifacts dating back thousands of years,” and neither Oregon nor Red Rock have secured agreements with the Klamath, Piute and Pit peoples “who, after consultation, oppose the project.” According to Zinda, “It is morally wrong that indigenous peoples ancestral lands are proposed to be pillaged once again and against their will.”

**FEDERAL JUDGE RULES FORMER ALASKA VILLAGE LEADERS CAN BE REMOVED BY FORCE.** The AP (1/13) reports a federal judge ruled Tuesday that authorities can forcibly remove former leaders of the Yup'ik Eskimo village “who have refused to leave the offices after losing a long-running dispute in one of Alaska’s most eroded villages.” A three-page order by US District Judge Ralph Beistline said new village leaders are “entitled to immediate possession of village equipment and records,” and that the former leaders “can be forced to leave the tribal office,” plus state police can enter their homes to retrieve records and evidence. The ruling represents the “latest legal defeat for the former council,” which was stripped of its recognition as the village’s governors body from the US Bureau of Indian Affairs in 2013.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Lincoln \(NE\) Journal Star](#) (1/13, 283K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, D'oro, 283K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/13, Rachel D'oro |, Ap, 7.78M), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, 5.31M), [CBC News \(CAN\)](#) (1/13, 233K), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/13, D'oro, 6.43M), and [KTUU-TV Anchorage \(AK\)](#) Anchorage, AK (1/13, 62K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: INTERIOR ADDS \$4M TO COBELL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** Additional coverage that the Interior Department “last week announced that it added \$4 million to a scholarship program for American Indian and Alaska Native students” was provided by the [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (1/12, 2K) and [KTOO-FM Juneau \(AK\)](#) Juneau, AK (1/12).

### Office of Insular Affairs:

**DIGNITARIES ATTEND FUNERAL FOR INOS.** The [Saipan \(MNP\) Tribune](#) (1/13, 641) reports that “the late governor Eloy Songao Inos was laid to rest yesterday, Jan. 12, at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery after a day of mourning and final tribute at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.” According to the article, “lawmakers, Cabinet members, and off-island dignitaries,” including Office of Insular Affairs Assistant Secretary Esther Kia-aina, “paid their final respects yesterday afternoon.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fiji Times](#) (1/13, 893).

### Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**CONSERVATION GROUP SUES ON BEHALF OF OREGON SPOTTED FROG.** The AP (1/13, 2.15M) reports that “a new lawsuit argues that state and federal agencies are harming the Deschutes River and its native Oregon spotted frogs.” WaterWatch of Oregon filed the suit Monday. The group says the BOR and “three state irrigation districts are treating a portion of the river as an irrigation ditch rather than a natural resource.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Public News Service](#) (1/13, 306), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, 283K), the [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (1/12, 87K), the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (1/13, 94K), and the [Oregonian](#) (1/13, 769K).

**EIGHT WATER GROUPS PRESS BOR TO UP FOCUS ON REUSE.** The [Desalination & Water Reuse](#) (1/13) reports “the WaterReuse Association has joined seven other water sector organisations in pressing the US Bureau of Reclamation to use some of its US\$ 100 million in new drought funds to invest in water reuse.” According to the article, “under legislation approved by Congress, the bureau will receive a further US\$ 100 million to address the ongoing Western drought.” In a joint letter, the groups “cited a WaterReuse Research Foundation study which quantified the opportunities and economic benefits of widespread water reuse, and asked the bureau of reclamation to use a portion of the funds in support of water reuse research and infrastructure.”

### **BILL WOULD COMPLETE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WESTLANDS**



**WATER DISTRICT.** The [Miami Herald](#) (1/13, Doyle, 620K) reports that legislation proposed by California lawmakers would “implement a sweeping drainage settlement reached between the Obama administration and the Westlands Water District” over the San Joaquin Valley irrigation draining dispute. The bill “essentially matches the terms of a legal settlement announced last September,” which relieves the federal government’s obligation to provide irrigation drainage to Westland farms. The Westland districts will, in return, “retire at least 100,000 acres of farmland” and receive a “potentially advantageous new type of contract and have its own remaining \$375 million debt to the government forgiven.” However, the bill was criticized by Democrats in the US House of Representatives who represent portions of the area and “have long fought Westlands.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/13, 270K), the [State College \(PA\) Centre Daily Times](#) (1/13, 81K), and the [Fresno \(CA\) Business Journal](#) (1/13, 160K).

**INTERIOR TO PUBLISH BRACKISH GROUNDWATER SURVEY IN 2016.** The [Texas Tribune](#) (1/12, Flake, 6K) reports the Department of the Interior’s WaterSMART initiative will publish “a new survey of brackish aquifers” in September. The piece adds that in October, San Antonio “plans to open the first phase of what will be the world’s largest inland desalination facility.”

## Securing America’s Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION SAYS DRECP PROTEST PERIOD INADEQUATE.** The [Lucerne Valley \(CA\) Leader](#) (1/13) reports that “the 30-day review period to protest the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan’s Final Environmental Impact Statement was ill timed and ‘insufficient,’ according to a six-page letter from the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association.” LVEDA members, “who met early last week at the Lucerne Valley Senior Center, discussed the letter and possible ramifications now that the plan has been finalized.” The association’s letter, “which was primarily composed” by the LVEDA president, Chuck Bell, “derided the DRECP leadership team by deciding to ‘dump this on us during the holidays with only a 30-day ‘protest period,’ a ploy that one might consider to be a ‘ram it through with the least amount of resistance.’”

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**WHITE HOUSE THREATENS VETO OF STREAM ACT.** [Politico Pro](#) (1/12, Subscription Publication) reports the White House on Tuesday “threatened to veto a House GOP bill aimed at hobbling the Obama administration’s proposed rewrite of a key coal mining regulation.” H.R. 1644, Rep. Alex Mooney’s STREAM Act, “essentially would block the Interior Department’s Office of Surface Mining from issuing a final stream protection rule for at least three years,” and “in the meantime, the National Academy of Sciences would study the effectiveness of the original 1983 stream rule that Interior says badly needs an update.” The White House said in its Statement of Administration, “Such a needless delay of these important safeguards would impact the communities and economies that depend on clean water and a healthy environment.”

[Politico Pro](#) (1/12) reports Interior says “the updates are necessary to protect Appalachian waterways, but Republicans argue it’s a superfluous job-killer.”

[Politico Pro](#) (1/12) reports the House approved the STREAM Act, 235-188, “largely along party lines.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [The Hill](#) (1/13, Henry, 654K), the [Associated Press](#) (1/13, Daly), [ABC News](#) (1/13, 3.35M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (1/13, Daly, 1.15M), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/13, 339K), the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (1/13), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/13, 2.15M), the [Lincoln \(NE\) Journal Star](#) (1/13, 283K), [US News & World Report](#) (1/12, Daly), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/12, Daly), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, Daly, 283K), the [Charleston \(WV\) State Journal](#) (1/13, Tincher, 1K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, 5.31M), and the [Law360](#) (1/13, 30K).

**ARCH COAL BANKRUPTCY CAUSES REVERBERATIONS FOR ITS PROJECTS.** [Inside Climate News](#) (1/13, Hirji) reports Arch Coal became the largest coal company to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Monday, following Alpha Natural Resources in August and Patriot Coal in May. The bankruptcies are unsurprising, “given that coal production has sunk to its lowest level in nearly three decades.” The announcement by Arch Coal, the nation’s second-largest coal mining companies, has “particular implications for the future of America’s coal



leasing program and critical infrastructure projects, from railroads to coal export terminals." The company's permit for a new Colorado release is under review, and it has "already asked regulators at the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management to put its Wyoming lease on hold, according to Jessica Kershaw, a Interior Department spokeswoman." Additionally, Montana landowners hope the announcement "brings the end of a controversial proposed mine...and a related rail project."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/13, 200K) and [MyTechBits](#) (1/13).

**KOCH-CONTROLLED COAL MINE SET TO RECEIVE FEDERAL REFUND.** [Reuters](#) (1/13, Rucker) reports that Oxbow Mining, a unit of Koch-controlled Oxbow Carbon LLC, is set to receive a refund of as much as \$14 million in royalties following a recommendation by the Interior Department. The rebate would come in the form of a royalty rate reduction going back to 2012 for a mine idled since 2013. The story highlights the connection between the mining firm and William Koch who is less active than his two brothers in conservative politics.

Additional coverage was provided by [Fortune](#) (1/12, 4.24M).

## America's Great Outdoors:

### *Bureau of Land Management:*

**SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER LYMAN TO APPEAL CONVICTION IN ATV PROTEST RIDE.** The [AP](#) (1/13, Mccombs, 283K) reports San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman said Tuesday "he has decided to appeal a conviction for his role in an ATV protest ride through a closed canyon in 2014 that was intended to draw attention to what organizers called federal overreach." Lyman said "he knows winning an appeal is a long shot but he wants to prove he didn't trespass or encourage others to break the law in the May 2014 ride that took place in an idyllic spot called Recapture Canyon in the Four Corners region." Lyman "submitted his notice of appeal Tuesday" and "the full appeal will be filed at a later date."

**BLM URGES PUBLIC TO STAY OUT OF SODA FIRE BURN AREA.** [KTVB-TV](#) Boise, ID (1/12, 131K) reports that the BLM is "urging people to stay off of land burned by the Soda Fire, and may limit access to some popular recreation areas." According to the article, "rehab activities are now underway in the Wilson Creek Recreation Area."

**MAN ARRESTED AFTER POSTING THREATS AGAINST SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BLM.** The [KGET-TV](#) Bakersfield, CA (1/13, 65) reports that law enforcement found explosives in the home of Todd Sloan, a 51-year-old Bakersfield, California resident that used Facebook to post "threats toward the sheriff's office, Bureau of Land Management and federal government buildings." Sloan is being held at he Kern County Jail and is facing "10 felony charges including having a bomb in or near a public place." The website contains a 2-minute and 15-second video report of the matter.

### *Fish and Wildlife Service:*

**FWS RESTRICTS MOVEMENT OF SALAMANDERS.** [The Hill](#) (1/13, Devaney, 654K) reports the FWS announced Tuesday "it will prohibit the importation of more than 200 species of salamanders to prevent the spread of disease." The FWS will "also block people from transporting salamanders between states." The agency is "listing salamanders as 'injurious amphibians,' because of concerns they will spread chytrid fungus *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* around the country."

Additional coverage was provided by the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (1/13, Zimmer, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (1/12, 11.64M), and [Bloomberg Research](#) (1/13, 3.4M).

**FWS TO STUDY GREAT BASIN SILVERSPOT BUTTERFLY.** The [Houston Chronicle](#) (1/13, 2.15M) reports that "federal officials plan to study the status of a butterfly once found across the Southwest to see if it warrants protection under the Endangered Species Act." The FWS on Monday announced "it will conduct a 12-month review of the Great Basin silverspot butterfly." According to the article, "environmentalists had petitioned the agency to consider the butterfly's status, saying it has been losing habitat due to development, grazing, mining and changing hydrological conditions."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, 283K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#)



(1/13, 263K), and the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (1/13, 825K).

**FWS TO DELIST TEXAS SHRUB.** [JD Supra](#) (1/13, 6K) reports that the FWS has announced that “it will remove the Johnston’s frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants under the Endangered Species Act.”

**REPORT SAYS MOST LISTED PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE DECLINING.** [E&E Publishing](#) (1/13, 705) reports that “more than half of the threatened and endangered species in the United States are in decline, according to a new report from a diverse team of scientists.” The article says that “the wide-ranging report published this month in *Issues in Ecology* also recommends improvements, urging federal wildlife agencies to improve how they allocate recovery funds and better leverage partnerships with states and private landowners.”

**CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY THREATENING TO SUE FWS OVER MONARCH BUTTERFLY PROTECTIONS.** The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/12, Schouten, 496K) reports that the Center for Biological Diversity and Center for Food Safety “is threatening to sue the US Fish and Wildlife Service for taking more time than permitted by the Endangered Species Act to decide whether the monarch butterfly warrants protection.” According to Tierra Curry, a senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity, although the center cannot force the USFWS to list the monarch as an endangered species, it can force FWS to set a date for whether to make such a decision.

**ANALYSIS: FWS LISTING OF LION SUBSPECIES UNDER ESA MAY END “CANNED” LION HUNTS.** In an action that may make “importing trophy lions” into the US “a lot tougher,” [CNBC](#) (1/13, Ferris, 2.08M) reports that in December, the FWS announced two additional subspecies of lion would be listed as endangered under the ESA, “making it far more difficult for American shooters to bring body parts back into the United States.” Following the FWS’s announcement, a report from the Humane Society found “the decision will be catastrophic” new industry that breeds lions for “canned” hunts. The FWS “provided information to CNBC saying that it is currently evaluating whether canned lion hunts will meet the criteria, and that in the meantime, all permits are issued on a case-by-case basis.”

**ANALYSIS: BALD EAGLE RECOVER MAY BE TEMPLATE TO HELP CALIFORNIA SPOTTED OWL.** The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/12, Schouten, 496K) reports the successful recovery efforts involving bald eagle have Justin Augustine of the Center for Biological Diversity saying that similarly focused efforts could be used to aid the California Spotted Owl, numbers of which have “been declining” due to habitat and competition from the “invasive barred owl species.” On Monday, the Center “filed an intent to sue” because the FWS “exceeded the 12-month time limit for deciding whether the California Spotted Owl is endangered.” The Monitor touches on how the FWS may handle classifying the California Spotted Owl.

**NISQUALLY WILDLIFE REFUGE RENAMED TO HONOR TRIBAL LEADER BILLY FRANK JR.** [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (1/13, 10K) reports that the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge will be renamed to honor Billy Frank Jr.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF MASSIVE DIE-OFF OF ALASKA SEABIRDS.** Additional coverage of the mass die-off of Alaskan birds was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/13, Warrick, 7.78M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/12, 496K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/13, 263K), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (1/13, 629K), [RT](#) (1/13, 297K), and the [Sydney \(AUS\) Morning Herald](#) (1/12, 39K).

**DECISION TO REMOVE MANATEES FROM ENDANGERED LIST CRITICIZED.** In an op-ed for the [Tampa \(FL\) Suncoast News](#) (1/12, 54K), Katie Tripp, Save the Manatee Club’s director of science and conservation, criticizes the FWS for its “plans to downlist all West Indian manatees from endangered to threatened under the Endangered Species Act.” According to Tripp, the agency “announcement that it believes the risks and threats to manatees are pretty well under control indicates that they’re satisfied with the status quo, which leaves manatees dying of boat strikes, poisoned by red tide exposure, and facing loss of winter habitat.”

Additional coverage of the decision to remove manatees from the endangered list was provided by the [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Milman, 3.48M), [WPBF-TV West Palm Beach, FL](#) (1/13, 59K) and [MSN \(MYS\)](#) (1/13, 376).

**National Park Service:**

**REPORT DOCUMENTS HISTORY OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT GRAND CANYON PARK.** [The Hill](#) (1/13, Cama, 654K) reports “a group of men working at the Grand Canyon National Park sexually harassed



multiple women for years, according to a new watchdog report." The report, released Tuesday, "documented allegations from more than a dozen women going back 15 years, in which four men used weeks-long boating trips on the Colorado River to pressure them to have sex, touch them inappropriately or make sexual comments to them." According to the article, "the men, who were not identified, were rarely punished for their actions, while the women who accused them were punished for other offenses in ways that they said were retaliatory for coming forward."

**Politico Pro** (1/12) reports House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz called the report "another appalling example of how the current civil service system allows the wrong people to be insulated and protected."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Associated Press](#) (1/13, Fonseca), [Reuters](#) (1/13, Dobuzinskis), [CBS News](#) (1/13, 4.1M), [TIME](#) (1/13, 19.1M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (1/13, Fonseca, 1.15M), the [Medina \(OH\) Gazette](#) (1/12, 22K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, Howell, 283K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/13, 2.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/13, Felicia Fonseca |, Ap, 7.78M), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/13, 263K), the [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (1/13, 1.42M), the [Pittsburgh \(PA\) Tribune-Review](#) (1/13, 318K), the [Santa Rosa \(CA\) Press Democrat](#) (1/13, 173K), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (1/12, 2.33M), the [Portage \(WI\) Daily Register](#) (1/13, 16K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/12, 960K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, 5.31M), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, Press, 5.31M), the [Washington \(DC\) Free Beacon](#) (1/13, 70K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, Howell, 283K), the [Columbus \(OH\) Dispatch](#) (1/12, 518K), the [New York Post](#) (1/12, 2.59M), the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (1/13, 589K), the [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (1/13, 844K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/13, 263K), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (1/13, 629K), the [International Business Times](#) (1/13, 624K), [Outside](#) (1/13, 168K), the [Inquisitr](#) (1/13, 262K), the [Stars And Stripes \(DC\)](#) (1/13, 11K), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/13, Fonseca, 6.43M), [KNXV-TV Phoenix \(AZ\)](#) Phoenix (1/13, 184K), and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (1/13, 464K).

**NPS LOOKING TO ATTRACT MILLENNIALS.** The [Lake Powell Life](#) (1/13) reports that "with visitor crowding in national parks reaching epic proportions, National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis says some solutions are obvious." However, "he admits not being sure about how to address young people's seeming disinterest in what many call 'America's Best Idea,' the national park system." Jarvis said, "If the Park Service doesn't build a new constituency, our long-term future is at risk." According to the article, "to that end, a series of programs and events will be staged to hopefully connect with millennials, Americans aged 18 to 35."

**NPS Celebrates Centennial With 16 Fee-free Days In 2016.** The [Examiner](#) (1/12, 616K) reports that there will be "16 fee-free days in 2016" to celebrate the NPS Centennial this year.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/13, 200K) and [WKYC-TV Cleveland \(OH\)](#) Cleveland (1/12, 169K).

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage of the Centennial was provided by the [Paducah \(KY\) Sun](#) (1/13, 61K) and the [Nordonia Hills \(OH\) News-Leader](#) (1/13, 57K).

**FEES INCREASING AT NORTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS IN 2016.** The [Oregonian](#) (1/13, 769K) reports that "fees to enter and camp in seven of the 14 national parks in Oregon Washington are increasing in 2016, or went up already in 2015, as part of a national increases first proposed in 2014." At the time, NPS Director Jon Jarvis wrote, "Additional funds will enable us to enhance visitor facilities and services as we approach our centennial anniversary in 2016. Each park should identify how the additional revenue will be used to improve the park experience."

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SETS VISITATION RECORD.** The [AP Salt Lake City](#) (1/13, 464K) reports Yellowstone National Park has "set a record in 2015 with its total number of visitors surpassing 4 million." The NPS says "the record total of 4,097,710 visitors is up more than 16 percent from 2014, putting last year at the highest visitation year on record." Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk says "the park is making improvements to be able to accommodate the growing number of visitors."

**PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON FUTURE OF PATERSON GREAT FALLS.** The [New Jersey Local News](#) (1/13, 785K) reports that the Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park is "asking the public to weigh in on the direction of the park over the next 20 years." The NPS "on Wednesday released a 238-page draft of a general management plan and environmental assessment of the park." The plan offers "three ways of running the park, each more elaborate—and more expensive—than the next."

**OBSERVATION TOWER IN HOT SPRINGS TO GET NEW OPERATOR.** The [AP](#) (1/13, 283K) reports that "a



new operator has been selected for the Hot Springs Mountain Tower." According to the article, "Ortega National Park LLC of Santa Fe, New Mexico, will operate the tower through a subsidiary." Sandy Poole with the NPS' Midwest Regional Office says "the transition of operations from the commission to Ortega will happen over the next few months and may be completed in early March."

**NPS PLANS TO BURN DEBRIS PILES AT INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE.** The AP (1/13, 64K) reports that the NPS "plans to burn debris piles at a prairie ecosystem that is being restored at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore." According to the article, "approximately 20 piles in a three-acre area are to be burned."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION FIELD TRIP GRANTS.** Additional coverage of the National Park Foundation field trip grants was provided by the [West Kentucky Star](#) (1/13, 715).

**SUGGESTIONS OFFERED FOR WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT PLAN.** The [Waco \(TX\) Tribune-Herald](#) (1/13, 119K) editorializes that "the key to making the Waco Mammoth National Monument a park compelling enough to lure patrons off busy Interstate 35 involves expansion, edification and stimulation." According to the paper, "it must not only highlight how science interprets and makes relevant the Ice Age and the creatures that inhabited it but ensure the monument has amenities such as hiking and picnicking and natural beauty." To begin, the paper suggests that the site should be open on Sundays, since "that's reportedly the second-most-popular day for people to visit monuments."

**COALITION UNJUSTLY BLOCKED BIKE RACE ON COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT DUE TO NPS MANAGEMENT POLICIES.** The [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (1/13, 73K) editorialized that a decision by the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks to deny a special-use permit for a leg of a professional bike race on the Colorado National Monument in 2011 was not consistent with the legal authority authorizing the monument to be used for a different professional cycling race from 1980 to 1988. The difference since then is that in 2006, the National Park Service issued management policies that the coalition "drew upon to deny the race" and "apparently thinks those policies and federal law are on in the same." The NPS's "Management Policies 2006" states it has no legal weight and can't be enforced by anyone. According to the Daily Sentinel, "it sounds as if the coalition is putting NPS management policies ahead of the law that once allowed for these kinds for commercial uses."

## Top National News:

**OBAMA TOUTS ACHIEVEMENTS, TAKES ON GOP IN FINAL STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.** Media coverage of President Obama's final State of the Union address was largely favorable, particularly in print media, highlighting Obama's optimistic tone and his call for easing partisan rancor in Washington. Immediately after the speech, however, some television commentators indicated that despite Obama's calls for a better political atmosphere, his speech was in fact highly partisan. In his comments on [CNN](#) (1/12, 3.54M), for example, John King called the address "a very political speech," while Bret Baier said on [Fox News](#) (1/12, 9.42M) that it "was clearly a political speech, called that from the beginning, aimed at 2016, occasionally taking swipes at GOP candidates, just not by name."

John Dickerson said on [CBS](#) (1/12, 2.86M) that the President "sketched a big historic choice: America can either go the right way or the wrong way. And then he associated the Republicans with every wrong choice. There was not a single insult of the Republicans. It was one, long, sustained" insult. Andrea Mitchell said on [NBC](#) (1/12, 822K), "I thought there were more specific references to Donald Trump and one in particular to Ted Cruz. ... A real rejection of the rhetoric of Republican candidates this year. ... I thought this was his rebuttal of the Republican campaign, and the first Obama [campaign] speech of 2016." Chuck Todd said on [NBC](#) (1/12, 822K) that there were "at least seven references that I found that were rebuttals to Trump's statements. There was the Cruz [rebuttal] and also, even a reference to Chris Christie's slogan, telling it like it is, and he wasn't saying it as praise, it was definitely a dig."

On [NBC](#) (1/12, 822K), Lester Holt said, "It was a speech that could probably be described in terms of part victory lap, talking about the improving economy, part rebuttal for some of the things in the campaigns regarding the weakness of America, and plain of it just a plain old stump speech." On [CBS](#) (1/12, 2.86M), Scott Pelley said Obama is "clearly tired of hearing Republican presidential candidates talking about a faltering economy and weakness abroad." On [CBS](#) (1/12, 2.86M), Norah O'Donnell said Obama "seemed like he was itching to get into the political debate. The White House billed this as an optimistic speech, but it was also combative." Jake Tapper said on [CNN](#) (1/12, 3.54M) that the address was "in many ways, a direct repudiation of some of the



language we're hearing, some of the rhetoric we're hearing on the campaign trail from Republicans." George Stephanopoulos said on [ABC](#) (1/12, 2.2M) the "most impassioned" part of the speech came when Obama "spoke out against the idea that America's gotten weaker on his watch." There was considerable talk about how Obama referred to Trump and other Republicans throughout the speech, even if not doing so by name.

Commentators also referred to the more "subdued" atmosphere at the event, compared to previous State of the Union addresses. Jon Karl said on [ABC](#) (1/12, 2.2M), "It was remarkably subdued in this hall. I've been here for almost all of the President's State of the Union addresses, and this one, by far, seemed the most subdued. There wasn't a lot of tension."

Some reaction placed the speech in the context of the Obama presidency, characterizing it as a wrap-up. David Axelrod said on [CNN](#) (1/12, 3.54M), "This was pure Obama. Really what he was saying is that we live in times of great change, and we are a strong country and with can embrace the change and adapt to it and grab it and make it an opportunity, or we can allow it to be used to tear us apart. We are talking about a transformational president. He is a president in a time of change." Donna Brazile likewise said on [ABC](#) (1/12, 2.2M) that the speech "embodied just the vision that he laid out back in 2004, the determination as a president in 2009, to change our politics, to come to Washington, DC, to actually fix things and the President that decided, you know, there was so much he could do with Congress, but rather, he went ahead and began to fight for the American people."

Dana Bash said on [CNN](#) (1/12, 3.54M), "I have watched the Obama presidency from the perch of Capitol Hill and watched what everybody thought would be potentially a new era in Washington back seven years ago when he came in, unravel slowly but surely and as he said, gotten worse. First, on just a personal level you don't hear this president talk about regrets very much, especially in such a forum like this, but also, because he's right that things got worse." Hugh Hewitt said on [ABC](#) (1/12, 2.2M), "I'm kind of perplexed by this speech, and subdued is probably the reaction you get when a lot of people look at a man who might have been a great president and say so much was not accomplished because he chose the road of division that he himself denounced tonight."

The President's acknowledgment that he is partially to blame for the worsening partisan atmosphere also received attention immediately after the speech. Chris Matthews said on [MSNBC](#) (1/12, 733K), "I thought the part that we're going to remember...was the swan song by this president, the admission of failure by this president, on something he said is a rare case where he does have regrets...his inability to fix the political system. And we all know it's as bad or worse than when he came in. The partisanship is total."

[USA Today](#) (1/13, Page, 5.56M) reports Obama's goal on Tuesday was "defining his legacy, defending his record and framing the debate for those who would succeed him." In a preview of the speech for [NBC Nightly News](#)' (1/12, story 3, 2:20, Holt, 7.86M), Chris Jansing reported that Obama would attempt "to recapture the hope and change of when he first took office." The [AP](#) (1/13, Pace) says Obama "urged Americans Tuesday to rekindle their belief in the promise of change that first carried him to the White House, declaring that the country must not allow election-year fear and division to take hold."

On the [CBS Evening News](#)' (1/12, story 5, 2:35, Pelley, 5.08M) preview of the address, Margaret Brennan reported Obama intended to "strike a very optimistic tone in his speech tonight aimed at burnishing his track record and pushing back against what White House aides describe as an avalanche of negativity from Republicans." According to the [New York Times](#) (1/13, Davis, Shear, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), Obama "tried to reconcile his optimistic assessment of the nation's progress with the anxieties he conceded have gripped Americans during his tenure" as he "tr[ie]d to burnish his record and frame the campaign to succeed him."

The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Eilperin, 7.78M) reports Obama's "conversational, contemplative and backward-looking" speech urged the country to remain united in the face of adversity, even "subtly" indicating the nation "shouldn't pick Donald Trump to take his place." The Post says Obama referred to Trump without using the Republican candidate's name at "several moments," including when he said, "As frustration [with politics] grows, there will be voices urging us to fall back into tribes, to scapegoat fellow citizens who don't look like us, or pray like us, or vote like we do, or share the same background." The President added, as seen in the transcript published by the [Huffington Post](#) (1/12, 251K), "We can't afford to go down that path. It won't deliver the economy we want, or the security we want, but most of all, it contradicts everything that makes us the envy of the world." The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (1/13, Sweet, 758K) reports Obama "used the address to talk about what is right and working in America – even as the GOP 2016 presidential rivals dwell on what is wrong." According to the Sun-Times, Obama's "contrast" to Trump and the "rest of the Republican gang was deliberate, not that Obama mentioned any of the White House contenders by name."



The Washington Post and New York Times praise Obama for his positive view and calls for a better atmosphere of debate. The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) says that while the US "faces serious problems...overstating them only contributes to the likelihood of continuing Washington dysfunction or, worse, electing a demagogue who really would bring disaster." The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), meanwhile, calls the speech "a reminder that the optimism that made him the first African-American president and then the resilience that helped the nation weather economic and global crises over the past seven years are what position it best for the future." In his [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) column, Dana Milbank says the speech was "about one man" and "the fear the activist billionaire is stoking across the land in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination." Milbank praises Obama for the "sermon to the nation," saying the President's willingness to "deliver forceful moral message" illustrates how he has "grown in office."

[USA Today](#) (1/13, Korte, 5.56M) reports Obama said "better politics" is needed to address the country's challenges. Future progress requires, according to Obama, "rational, constructive debates." The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/13, Parsons, Memoli, 3.6M) reports that in "a rare admission of fault," Obama "acknowledged he is not blameless for the hardened, hyper-partisan political atmosphere of his presidency, a responsibility of leadership he has never managed to shoulder despite the aspirations of his historic quest for the White House."

However, a [Politico](#) (1/12, Sherman, 1.19M) analysis implied that Obama was hypocritical when it said despite repeatedly returning to the theme that Americans should overcome political differences and embrace change, the President "repeatedly hit the GOP – overtly and obliquely – for preying on people's fears" about immigrants, Muslims, and the economy. Politico added the President's "implied political message was clear: unless a Democrat succeeds him, the progress made during his two terms could be reversed."

Obama's acceptance of responsibility for some of the partisan divide followed similar statements in an earlier interview on NBC's "Today Show," which [Bloomberg Politics](#) (1/13, Keane, 303K) reports included Obama saying "he regrets that political divisiveness in the US grew during" his presidency. Obama said, "There's no doubt that politics in Washington are so much more divided than the American people are." Obama indicated, according to [Reuters](#) (1/13, Mason), that he could have done a better job of talking to Americans in an effort to address fears and concerns. The President said, "Particularly during times of stress, the American people need to hear from their president in terms of what it is exactly that we're trying to do," adding, "Things that I've done well during the campaign I've not always done well as president."

In an editorial written before the address, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) blames Obama for the US being more divided today than at any time since the 1960s. According to the Journal, Obama's presidential style has contributed to both Democrats and Republicans becoming more extreme in their views.

[ABC World News](#) (1/12, story 6, 2:50, Muir, 5.84M) indicated in its preview that the speech "will not be a list of policy priorities like speeches in the past, but that this will be something much different." Jonathan Karl reported, "This is big themes, this is making the case for his presidency." [Bloomberg Politics](#) (1/13, Sink, 303K) reports the White House "promised a non-traditional speech" and the President "delivered an address he said was designed to illustrate how the nation can progress after his presidency" rather than speaking of specific policies. On [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 6, 0:55, Holt, 7.86M), Chuck Todd described the then-upcoming speech as "the agenda that Barack Obama would be running on if he could run for a third term."

A [New York Times](#) (1/13, Baker, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) analysis says Obama's views will lead Americans to "confront two starkly disparate views of Barack Obama's America that will frame the debate over the future of the country in this election year and beyond." The Times says the country "described by the president...is a global power on the rise again, with more jobs better health care and stunning innovation." However, according to the Times, in Thursday's GOP debate, Republican presidential candidates "will depict...a darker place, a once-great power that has lost ground in a dangerous world, surrendered its authority and leadership and diminished freedom and opportunity at home."

[Reuters](#) (1/13) reports Obama said it is fiction to say the US is moving backwards economically or becoming weaker internationally. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, A1, Lee, Nelson, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) similarly reports Obama argued the US has made great progress on economic and security issues and provided a depiction of the future that the Journal says contrasts with many Americans' feelings. The Journal says that with his presidency approaching its end, Obama chose to not discuss policy and instead ask Americans to subscribe to his vision. [McClatchy](#) (1/12, Clark, Kumar, 27K) reports Obama "spent much of the speech reciting what he said were his accomplishments" that improved Americans' lives and raised US standing in the world.



According to McClatchy, the President "touted" the Affordable Care Act, economic improvement, the global climate change agreement, the nuclear deal with Iran, and rapprochement with Cuba.

The [Washington Times](#) (1/13, Boyer, 283K) reports with "Americans giving Mr. Obama his worst marks ever on handling terrorism...the president also tried to reassure the public that he has an effective strategy for defeating" ISIL, "even as he pushed back against the suggestion of deeper military involvement in the Middle East." Obama said the first priority "is protecting the American people and going after terrorist networks," but added that ISIL does not "threaten our national existence." A [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Jaffe, 7.78M) analysis says Obama "emphatically summed up the lessons he's taken from 15 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, saying that America cannot 'try to take over and rebuild every country that falls into crisis.'" Obama said, "That's not leadership; that's a recipe for quagmire, spilling American blood and treasure that ultimately weakens us."

[AFP](#) (1/13, Beatty) reports Obama "told Americans nervous about terror and the changing economy that they should not fear the future" as the country enters a period of "extraordinary change." According to AFP, Obama "sought to cast himself as an optimistic foil to foes who warn the country is going in the wrong direction." The [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/13, Spangler, 921K) quotes Obama as saying the US "has been through big changes before," adding, "Each time, there have been those who told us to fear the future, who claimed we could slam the brakes on change, promising to restore past glory if we just got some group or idea that was threatening America under control. And each time, we overcame those fears. ... We thought anew, and we acted anew. We made change work for us."

**Obama Places Biden In Charge Of "National Effort" To Cure Cancer.** [USA Today](#) (1/13, Gaudiano, 5.56M) reports Obama announced that Vice President Biden will be in charge of a "new national effort" to carry out the "moonshot" to cure cancer that Biden urged after his son's death. Obama said, "For the loved ones we've all lost, for the family we can still save, let's make America the country that cures cancer once and for all." In his Medium channel on Tuesday night, Biden said "he plans to increase public and private resources to fight cancer and break down 'silos' to help cancer fighters share information and work together."

The [Detroit News](#) (1/13, Livengood, 545K) reports Biden said in his statement that "his personal experience of his son's cancer showed him that the country's researchers 'are on the cusp of incredible breakthroughs.'" Biden added, "And the goal of this initiative – this 'Moonshot' – is to seize this moment. To accelerate our efforts to progress towards a cure, and to unleash new discoveries and breakthroughs for other deadly diseases."

**State Of The Union Sparked Strong Social Media Reaction.** There were nearly two million tweets with the hashtag #SOTU, and the topic was trending on Facebook. According to [Politico](#) (1/13, Gold, 1.19M), "the most engaged states during the State of the Union on Facebook were Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, New York and North Carolina," and "the top social moment on Facebook was when Obama criticized anti-Muslim sentiment."

BuzzFeed News [tweeted](#), "Both Sides Pile On Donald Trump At #SOTU." Fox Nation [called it](#) "Obama's Forgettable Farewell." The Huffington Post [tweeted](#), "Obama believes #BlackLivesMatter but he didn't say it at his final #SOTU." Mashable [noted](#) how the President's reference to a "clear-eyed, big-hearted" America echoed a line from the television series "Friday Night Lights." Mediaite [tweeted](#), "Trump Calls Obama's SOTU 'Boring, Rambling, and Non-Substantive.'"

Several Republican presidential candidates also weighed in on Twitter. Mike Huckabee [tweeted](#), "@BarackObama's speeches are like @TSA pat downs, Arab relations & untreated rashes. Painfully bad. But it will get worse. #SOTU," and Sen. Rand Paul [tweeted](#), "I just yelled, 'you lie' really loud. Good thing I'm not there. #SOTU."

**Clinton, O'Malley Praise Obama On Twitter.** The [Washington Times](#) (1/13, Wolfgang, 283K) reports Hillary Clinton and Martin O'Malley "each took to Twitter to praise" Obama "and make the case that another Democrat must succeed him." Clinton [tweeted](#), "America is better because of @POTUS' leadership. Proud to call him my friend. Let's build on his progress." O'Malley "praised Mr. Obama's economic record," [tweeting](#), "FACT: Thanks to @POTUS' leadership, we have seen 70 straight months of positive job growth. We are stronger today b/c of him."

**Media Analyses: Seizing Of US Sailors Overshadows, Undercuts Message.** [The Hill](#) (1/12, Fabian, 654K) reported that while Obama "offered the nation assurances that his policies would keep American strong and safe...his message was undercut by a diplomatic crisis evolving on the other side of the world" as Iran seized US sailors.



[NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 2, 1:15, Holt, 7.86M) reported prior to the speech that the seizing of American sailors by Iran was overshadowing the address. Andrea Mitchell reported, "Politically this could not have happened at the worst time. Hours before the state of the union address, when the President had planned to talk about the fact that Iran had gotten rid of most of its nuclear fuel under the nuclear deal, lifting the sanctions was only days away from being implemented."

[USA Today](#) (1/13, 5.56M) editorializes that while Obama's "defense of his record and optimistic pitch" on domestic issues "were credible," his admonishment of his critics' positions on his foreign policy "was considerably less convincing." USA Today highlights that as Obama was touting the nuclear deal with Iran, the "awkward pre-speech news" of the seizure "brought home" the fact that the agreement "had scant impact on the Tehran regime's nasty behavior."

***First Lady's Guests Included 12-Year-Old Who Created Food Program For Homeless.*** The [CBS Evening News](#) (1/12, story 12, 2:00, Pelley, 5.08M) highlighted 12-year-old Braeden Mannering from Delaware, who was one of First Lady Michelle Obama's guests. Chip Reid reported that as a nine-year-old, Mannering "entered a recipe in the First Lady's healthy eating contest" and was challenged by the First Lady to "make a difference in his community." After seeing a homeless man, Reid said Mannering "knew he had to feed the hungry, so he created Brae's Brown Bag, which so far has distributed 4,600 bags of healthy food."

***NBC Highlights Obama Speechwriter As "Man Tasked With Translating Images Into Words."*** On [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 13, 2:15, Holt, 7.86M), Peter Alexander highlighted Obama speechwriter Cody Keenan, saying he "is the man tasked with translating images into words." Keenan is shown saying, "It is tense around State of the Union time."

***Haley Calls For More Respectful Immigration Debate.*** [USA Today](#) (1/13, Troyan, 5.56M) reports that in the GOP response to the President, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley drew "on her personal biography as the daughter of Indian immigrants" to ask Americans to "resist that temptation" to follow "the angriest voices" during "anxious times." The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Demirjian, Weigel, 7.78M) says that despite her warning, Haley "was also careful not to stray from the immigration position embraced by the party's mainstream." Haley said, "At the same time, that does not mean we just flat out open our borders." She added, "We can't do that. We cannot continue to allow immigrants to come here illegally. And in this age of terrorism, we must not let in refugees whose intentions cannot be determined."

[Politico](#) (1/12, Bade, 1.19M) reported Haley's speech was a "not-so-subtle rebuke" of Trump's "fiery immigration rhetoric." Haley, according to Politico, "seem[ed] to hit at Trump for his reactionary responses to difficult predicaments." Haley said, "There's a tendency to falsely equate noise with results. Some people think that you have to be the loudest voice in the room to make a difference. That is just not true."

The [Hill](#) (1/12, Yilek, 654K) "Briefing Room" blog reported conservative commentator Ann Coulter on Tuesday "criticized" Haley's response. Coulter [tweeted](#), "Trump should deport Nikki Haley." According to The Hill, Coulter "continued, lambasting Haley for her stance on allowing immigrants into the country." [Politico](#) (1/12, Gold, 1.19M) reported radio host Laura Ingraham also "blasted" Haley for what she "said was more of a rebuttal to Donald Trump" than Obama. Ingraham [tweeted](#), "Too bad @NikkiHaley missed her oppty to stand w/ working ppl who want borders enforced, American workers put first, govt shrunk."

On [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 4, 2:15, Holt, 7.86M), Lester Holt reported that ahead of Obama's address, the field of GOP White House hopefuls unleashed "attacks on what they expect[ed] to hear from the President." For example, Sen. Ted Cruz was shown saying, "Tonight will be no surprise what Barack Obama will say. My prediction is we'll see heights of demagoguery that the President has not reached in his final farewell State of the Union." And Gov. Chris Christie was shown saying, "The State of the Union will not be a call to action tonight. It will be a fantasy wish list by a president who has failed us."

**REID SAYS HE EXPECTS ADMINISTRATION TO HALT DEPORTATION RAIDS.** [Reuters](#) (1/13, Comwell) reports Senate Minority Leader Reid on Tuesday said he expects the Administration to suspend its effort to deport undocumented Central American families. Reid told reporters that Homeland Security Secretary Johnson "understands the concern we have." Reid added, "I think you are going to find a pause in these deportations."

The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Markon, Nakamura, 7.78M) "Federal Eye" blog reported the "escalating tensions between Democrats and the Obama administration" on deportation raids "burst into public view" as, according to the [Huffington Post](#) (1/12, Foley, 251K), "a number of Democrats" in Congress "are outraged" about the recent deportations. According to the Post, 146 of the 188 House Democrats "signed onto a letter Tuesday condemning



the recent efforts to expel certain mothers and children." The letter, according to [Politico](#) (1/12, Kim, 1.19M), "had criticized Obama for welcoming refugees from other parts of the world but treating immigrants from Central America differently." Politico said "Democratic lawmakers have argued that the administration should give them protected status, rather than deporting them – although they are immigrants who have already been ordered deported."

[The Hill](#) (1/12, Lillis, 654K) reported that while Democrats "say they recognize the need" for DHS "to be tough on border enforcement in order to deter the next great migrant wave," they contend the recent effort "backfired and sent shudders of fear through immigrant communities at home instead." Rep. Steny Hoyer said, "The problem with the way they've handled this is they've...sent a message that has terrorized many people in America."

**AP: Clinton "Broke With Obama" Over Raids.** The AP (1/13, Werner) reports the letter comes after Hillary Clinton "broke with Obama on the issue" at a Monday night forum in Iowa, in which she urged an end to the raids. Clinton said, "I do not think the raids are an appropriate tool to enforce the immigration laws. In fact, I think they are divisive, they are sowing discord and fear."

**Administration To Announce New Refugee Resettlement Program Today.** The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Preston, Herszenhom, Shear, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports Administration officials indicated the White House "is turning to the United Nations to help screen migrants fleeing violence in Central America...and to help set up processing centers in several Latin American countries." Secretary of State Kerry on Wednesday will announce the new refugee resettlement program, which is "designed to head off migrants" from the "violence-torn countries" of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras before they begin traveling to the US.

**December Shows "Record Pace" Of Undocumented Central American Immigrants.** The [Washington Times](#) (1/13, Dinan, 283K) reports, "Illegal immigration from Central America is setting a record pace, with nearly 40,000 families and children traveling alone being caught on the southwest border in just the first three months of the fiscal year." According to the Border Patrol, almost 9,000 family members "were caught" in December, which is "a staggering 38 percent increase compared to November" and "by far the highest total ever for the last month of the year." Border Patrol also, according to the Times, " nabbed another 6,000 children traveling alone," which is a 21 percent increase over November.

**OIL PRICES DIP BELOW \$30 A BARREL.** [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 8, 0:20, Holt, 7.86M) reported that oil prices fell "below \$30 dollars a barrel" for the first time "since December of 2003." Now, "many investors are betting that...the price could fall even more." [Bloomberg News](#) (1/12, Shenk, 3.4M) reports that West Texas Intermediate crude prices fell "below \$30 a barrel in New York for the first time in 12 years." Bloomberg credits "volatility in Chinese markets" and high US stockpiles. Morgan Stanley analysts are speculating that Brent crude prices may fall "as low as \$20 a barrel" should the US dollar rise 5%. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, A1, Puko, Scheck, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) reports that oil prices have been falling for 19 months and are down over 70% since June 2014. Despite the fall in prices, production has not been reduced.

**US Crude Exports Expected To Grow Rapidly With Lifting Of Ban.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, C1, Sider, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) reports that two tankers have left from Texas in the past two weeks loaded with US crude for export and more are expected just weeks after the US ban on crude exports was lifted. The first two tankers headed to Europe with the oil bound for refineries in Germany and Switzerland. One company, NuStar, is increasing its capacity for oil loading to 575,000 barrels a day. One expert expects US oil exports to reach up to 2 million barrels per day, which would be one-fifth of current US production.

**US Markets Up On Tech And Healthcare Gains.** The AP (1/13, Press) reports, "US stocks closed higher on Tuesday," due to "gains in technology and health care." The Dow Jones industrial average gained closed up 117.65 points, or 0.7% at 16,516.22, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index also rose 0.8% to 1,938.68, and the Nasdaq closed up 1% at 4,685.92.

**Morgan Stanley Analyst Says Global Economic Slowdown Will Come To US.** Ruchir Sharma, head of emerging markets and global macro at Morgan Stanley Investment Management, writes in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 6.23M), on the question of how much the US economy will be affected by the slow Chinese economy. He argues that while the precedent of 1997-1998 when the US was unaffected by the Asian financial crisis, and talk of "deglobalization" would indicate that it may not be affected, the US share of global GDP has dropped in that period from 32% to 24%, and foreign trade is now responsible for 23% of the US economy, up from 18% in 1998. In support of his concerns, he points to signs of slowdown in the US economy especially in manufacturing. He concludes by predicting that US growth in 2016 is more likely to be under 2% than above it.



## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** *“President Obama’s Call To America’s Better Nature.”* The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) calls the President’s address “a reminder that the optimism that made him the first African-American president and then the resilience that helped the nation weather economic and global crises over the past seven years are what position it best for the future.”

*“Florida’s Death Machine Loses Again.”* The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) editorializes in favor of the court’s ruling, calling the decision “the right one,” but adding that it is “a reminder of how shamelessly some governors and lawmakers will work to undercut core constitutional protections in their crusade for more state-sponsored killing.”

**WASHINGTON POST.** *“A Call To Reform.”* The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) praises President Obama’s State of the Union Address for its positive outlook and calls for a better atmosphere of debate, saying that while the US “faces serious problems ... overstating them only contributes to the likelihood of continuing Washington dysfunction or, worse, electing a demagogue who really would bring disaster.”

*“Good Sense From The Chief Justice.”* The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) editorializes that “most legal disputes get settled in civil court – via lawsuits – ideally under rules that allow both sides to receive a fair hearing,” and points out that “in his 2015 year-end note, Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. reminded the country that this system enables people to fight it out without literally fighting it out.” Roberts wrote that the civil process “has become too expensive, time-consuming, and contentious, inhibiting effective access to the courts.” The Post adds that “the federal bench is imposing new rules,” among which is to “obligate lawyers to ensure that their demands for information are proportionate.” The Post notes that some are warning that “these changes are unnecessary and potentially counterproductive, limiting access to valuable information,” but concludes that “there is no good argument against insisting that lawyers’ requests be proportionate.”

*“Venezuela’s Lawless Leadership.”* In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) editorializes that the US and the rest of the Organization of American States has “the authority” to respond to the Venezuelan government’s “crude political coup” following the opposition’s victory in congressional elections last month. The Post argues, “If they fail to do so, they will bear some of the responsibility for the explosive conflict that could unfold in Venezuela in the coming weeks.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL.** *“The Obama Legacy Project.”* In an editorial written before the address, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) blames Obama for the US being more divided today than at any time since the 1960s. According to the Journal, Obama’s presidential style has contributed to both Democrats and Republicans becoming more extreme in their views.

*“ObamaCare’s \$1,200 Pay Cut.”* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, A12, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) in an editorial says that the lack of growth in real incomes during this Administration is due to poor policies and cites the Affordable Care Act’s requirement that employer healthcare plans cover employees’ dependents up to age 26. According to the Journal, a study by economists at Stanford and Harvard found that this mandate cost approximately \$1,200 per employee per year in lost wages for employees of larger companies. The Journal says that the next Administration should consider this if it wants policies that will increase income.

*“An IRS Class Action.”* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorializes in support of Judge Susan Dlott’s ruling, pointing out that while it does not usually support class-action lawsuits, this one is appropriate because it appears that the IRS targeted groups based on common factors and treated them similarly by subjecting them to heightened scrutiny and delay.

## Big Picture:

### HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

[NFL Returns To LA](#)

[Big, Bad NFL Will Have To Play By LA’s Rules](#)

[Looking Ahead, With A Familiar Refrain: Hope](#)

[Wide Search For Leader Led Back To LAUSD’s Home](#)



**Wall Street Journal:**

Iran Seizes Two US Navy Boats, 10 Crew Members  
 Obama Defends His Record  
 Behind Toyota's Late Shift Into Self-Driving Cars  
 US Oil Settles Above \$30 A Barrel

**New York Times:**

Obama Urges US To Embrace Change  
 A Nation's Political Split Screen  
 Iran Seizes US Sailors Amid Claims Of Spying  
 Rising Zeal By Fans Of Sanders Puts Clinton On Attack In Iowa  
 With Rams, NFL Replants Flag In Los Angeles  
 Picasso Bust Sells For Millions, But Did It Go To Two Buyers?

**Washington Post:**

In Iowa, Clinton Goes On The Attack  
 Lucky Stores? The Numbers Don't Lie.  
 Click-On-Me Elmo: HBO Will Debut "Sesame Street" Reboot  
 Iran Expected To Release 2 US Navy Crews Today US Navy Vessels In Iranian Custody  
 Obama Urges Nation Not To Fear Future  
 President Diagnoses Anger As A Danger To The Nation

**Financial Times:**

Turkey Blames ISIS For Blast That Kills 10  
 BP And Petrobras Slash Jobs And Spending As Oil Falls Towards \$30  
 Google Changes Diplomatic Tack By Roaming Conciliator As Lobbying Chief

**Washington Times:**

Obama Decries "Politics," Downplays Terror Threat  
 Democrats Don't Fully Embrace Obama's Trade, Illegals Policies  
 Virginia's Gun Show Arrests Hit Obama Argument  
 Unraveling Of The Silk Road  
 Tea Party Suit For IRS Targeting Certified

**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** Iran-US Navy Ships Held; Severe Weather; 2016 Politics; 2016 Politics-Trump Versus Cruz; Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers; State Of The Union; El Chapo-Capture Footage; Italy-US Woman Murdered; Cough Syrup Recall; Powerball Tickets.

**CBS:** Iran-US Navy Ships Held; Guantanamo Bay-Prisoner Release; 2016 Politics-Bernie Sanders Interview; 2016 Politics-Republican Candidates; State Of The Union; Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers; El Chapo-Capture Footage; Severe Weather; Powerball Tickets; Michigan Town Water Supply-Lead Contamination; Joe Biden Interview; State Of The Union-Michelle Obama Guests.

**NBC:** Iran-US Navy Ships Held; State Of The Union-Iran; State Of The Union; 2016 Politics; Joe Biden Interview; State Of The Union-Analysis; Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers; Gas Prices; Severe Weather; El Chapo-Capture Footage; Cough Syrup Recall; Powerball Tickets; President Obama Speech Writer.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

2016 Politics – 10 minutes, 10 seconds  
 State Of The Union – 8 minutes, 20 seconds  
 Iran-US Navy Ships Held – 7 minutes, 40 seconds  
 El Chapo-Capture Footage – 6 minutes, 5 seconds  
 Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers – 4 minutes, 45 seconds  
 Joe Biden Interview – 3 minutes 15 seconds  
 Severe Weather – 3 minutes, 5 seconds  
 Powerball Tickets – 1 minute, 35 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** State Of The Union; State Of The Union-Analysis; Iran-US Navy Ships Held; NFL-St. Louis Rams Move To Los Angeles; Crude Oil Prices Decline.

**CBS:** State Of The Union; Iran-US Navy Ships Held; NFL-St. Louis Rams Move To Los Angeles; Florida-Death



Penalty System Ruled Unconstitutional; Powerball Tickets; Wall Street.

**FOX:** State Of The Union; State Of The Union-Analysis; State Of The Union-Republican Response; Iran-US Navy Ships Held; NFL-St. Louis Rams Move To Los Angeles; Crude Oil Prices Decline; National Intelligence Director Hacked; Powerball Tickets.

**NPR:** State Of The Union; Michigan Town Water Supply-Lead Contamination; LA School District Hires New Superintendent; Wall Street; Pakistan-Deadly Bombing; Iran-US Navy Ships Held; Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers.

## Washington Schedule:

### TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

#### White House:

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Visits Nebraska following his final State of the Union address to highlight progress made during his time in office.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — No scheduled public events.

**US Senate:** No scheduled events.

**US House:** 9:00 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on effects of reduced infrastructure on USAF readiness – Readiness Subcommittee hearing on “Effects of Reduced Infrastructure and Base Operating Support Investments on Air Force Readiness,” with testimony from US Air Force Director of Civil Engineers and Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection Maj. Gen. Timothy Green; Air Combat Command Vice Commander Maj. Gen. Jerry Harris, Jr.; and Air Force Materiel Command 96th Test Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Christopher Azzano Location: Rm 2212, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [amedservices.house.gov](http://amedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRepublicans>

9:00 AM House Judiciary subcommittee hearing on the Constitution's Origination Clause – Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice hearing on “The Original Meaning of the Origination Clause,” with testimony from Constitutional and public policy lawyer Paul Kamenar; Constitutional Accountability Center Chief Counsel Elizabeth Wydra; and Pacific Legal Foundation D.C. Center Executive Director Todd Gaziano Location: Rm 2141, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://judiciary.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseJudiciary>

9:00 AM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee US response to North Korea's alleged nuclear test – Asia and the Pacific Subcommittee hearing on “The US Response to North Korea's Nuclear Provocations,” with testimony from Center for Strategic and International Studies Korea Chair Dr Victor Cha; Heritage Foundation Senior Research Fellow for Northeast Asia Bruce Klingner; and Center for Strategic and International Studies China Power Project Director Bonnie Glaser \* Last week, Pyongyang announced that it had successfully tested its first hydrogen bomb – its fourth nuclear test overall – although no full independent confirmation has been made of the test Location: Rm 2172, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACRepublicans>

9:00 AM House debates Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act and disapproval of WOTUS rule – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda including “H.R. 3662 – Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act” and “S.J.Res. 22 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of ‘waters of the United States’ under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.” Administration has said it strongly opposes the Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act, and that President Barack Obama would veto it if it reached his desk, along with any other legislation that would prevent the successful implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on Iran's nuclear program Location: Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/>

9:15 AM House Financial Services subcommittee hearing on flood insurance – Housing and Insurance Subcommittee hearing on “How to Create a More Robust and Private Flood Insurance Marketplace,” with testimony from Pennsylvania State Insurance Department Commissioner Teresa Miller (on behalf of National Association of Insurance Commissioners); Standard Mortgage Corporation Executive Vice President Steve Bradshaw (on behalf of Mortgage Bankers Association); National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices Executive Director Brady Kelley; and Center for Economic Justice Executive Director Birmy Bimbaum Location: Rm 2128, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://financialservices.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/FinancialCmte>



10:00 AM Markup hearing on "H.R. 4341, Defending America's Small Contractors Act of 2016" Location: Rm 2360, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

10:30 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on commissary reform – Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing on "Views on Commissary Reform," with testimony from American Logistics Association President Patrick Nixon; Armed Forces Marketing Council President Tom Gordy; National Military Family Association Deputy Director of Government Relations Eileen Huck; and Military Officers Association of America Deputy Director for Government Relations Brooke Goldberg Location: Rm 2118, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [armedservices.house.gov](http://armedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRpublicans>

House Benghazi Committee hears from additional witness – House Select Committee on Benghazi holds private interview with former Department of Defense Chief of Staff Jeremy Bash \* 11 Sep 2012 attack on the US diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, left US Ambassador to Libya Amb. Chris Stevens and three of his colleagues dead. The attack was originally incorrectly described as the result of violent protests against an American-produced film said to insult the Prophet Muhammad. A report from the US Accountability Review Board, released in December 2012, said serious bureaucratic mismanagement was responsible for inadequate security, though a 2014 report from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence found no intelligence failures around the attack Location: US Capitol, Washington, DC <http://benghazi.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseBenghazi>

**Other:** 8:30 AM Sens. Murkowski and King speak at CSIS on security and icebreaking operations in the Arctic – CSIS discussion on "National Security Challenges and Icebreaking Operations in the Arctic," with Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski and Independent Sen. Angus King, who speak on America's icebreaking capabilities in the polar regions, and emerging national security challenges specific to the Arctic. Other speakers include US Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft, Canadian Coast Guard Commanding Officer Capt. Anthony Potts, US Coast Guard Director of Maritime Transportation System Gary Rasicot, University of Alaska Fairbanks Professor of Geography and Arctic Policy Dr Lawson Brigham, and Congressional Regional Service Specialist in Naval Affairs Ronald O'Rourke Location: CSIS, 16 Rhode Island Ave., Washington, DC <http://www.csis.org> <https://twitter.com/CSIS>

8:30 AM NCBA CLUSA survey on impact of the cooperative business model released at NPC – National survey on the impact of the cooperative business model in the US released at NPC news conference, hosted by the National Cooperative Business Association and CLUSA International (NCBA CLUSA), the co-chairs of the new Congressional Cooperative Business Caucus – Republican Rep. Ed Royce and Democratic Rep. Mark Pocan – and executives from ACE Hardware, True Value. Speakers include Reps. Royce and Pocan, NCBA CLUSA International Interim CEO Judy Ziewacz, Pachamama Coffee Cooperative Director of Cooperative Development Mollie Moisan, ACE Hardware Owner Gina Schaefer, True Value Hardware Divisional VP of Retail Growth Bruce Carozzi, and National Cooperative Bank President and CEO Charles Snyder \* Event also includes kick-off of NCBA CLUSA's 100th Anniversary Campaign Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC [www.ncba.coop](http://www.ncba.coop) <https://twitter.com/NCBACLUSA>

9:00 AM GOP Rep. Michael McCaul speaks at Hudson Institute – House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul discusses "The State of America's Homeland Security" at the Hudson Institute Location: Hudson Institute, 1015 15th St, Washington, DC <http://www.hudson.org> <https://twitter.com/HudsonInstitute>

9:00 AM National Transportation Safety Board unveils annual Most Wanted List – National Transportation Safety Board unveils its 2016 Most Wanted List of transportation safety improvements via press conference during the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, featuring Chairman Christopher Hart, Vice Chairman T. Bella Dinh-Zarr, and Board Members Robert Sumwalt and Earl Weener \* Marks the latest iteration of a list developed in 1990 to focus attention on transportation safety improvements that it believes will have the greatest impact on safety Location: Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.nts.gov/> <https://twitter.com/NTSB> #ntsbmwl

11:00 AM USTR Froman discusses "The Economic and Strategic Benefits of the Trans-Pacific Partnership" at Wilson Center – US Trade Representative Amb. Mike Froman speaks at the Wilson Center Director's Forum event on "The Economic and Strategic Benefits of the Trans-Pacific Partnership," giving his perspectives on "the benefits of this Partnership to the US economy and to the Obama Administration's goal of deepening regional ties across the Pacific." Location: Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/> <https://twitter.com/TheWilsonCenter>



12:00 PM GOP Rep. Tom Price speaks at Brookings – Brookings Institution holds conversation with House Committee on the Budget Chair Tom Price on budget priorities, process, and fiscal challenges, followed by a panel discussion featuring Brookings Chair in Federal Economic Policy William Gale, Economic Studies Senior Fellow Stuart Butler, Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence Co-Director Michael O’Hanlon, and Governance Studies Fellow Molly Reynolds Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.brookings.edu> <https://twitter.com/BrookingsInst>

12:30 PM GOP Rep. Mac Thornberry speaks at NPC – NPC Luncheon with House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry, outlining his agenda for the year ahead and assessing President Barack Obama’s State of the Union address yesterday Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC <http://press.org/> <https://twitter.com/PressClubDC>

1:35 PM Michelle Obama speaks on the benefits available to youth through the Affordable Care Act – First Lady Michelle Obama discusses the benefits available to youth through the Affordable Care Act, and highlights “the important work organizations and educators are doing to reach young people during this open enrollment period,” via conference call, held ahead of National Youth Enrollment Day (21 Jan) Location: TBD <http://www.whitehouse.gov/> <https://twitter.com/whitehouse>

1:45 PM Deputy national security advisor briefs Washington FPC on US foreign policy – Washington Foreign Press Center On-The-Record Briefing on “The Obama Administration’s 2016 Foreign Policy Priorities,” with Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications Ben Rhodes building on President Barack Obama’s final State of the Union address and outlining the Obama Administration’s foreign policy and national security priorities for the coming year Location: National Press Bldg, 14th St NW, Washington, DC [www.fpc.state.gov](http://www.fpc.state.gov) <https://twitter.com/ForeignPressCtr>

5:00 PM Former Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel speaks at Atlantic Council – Atlantic Council International Advisory Board Member Chuck Hagel speaks on “Reflections of a Former Secretary of Defense.” Location: Atlantic Council, 1030 15th St NW, Washington, DC [www.acus.org](http://www.acus.org) <https://twitter.com/AtlanticCouncil>

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Tonight, President Obama gave his final State of the Union address. And a lot of people said it had a more optimistic tone. Instead of seeing the glass half empty, Obama sees the presidency as seven-eighths over.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Tonight was Paul Ryan’s first State of the Union as Speaker of the House. But get this, did you hear this, Ben Carson recently said that several Republican congressmen actually tried to recruit him for the job. Ben Carson. Of course, they’d have to call him Whisperer of the House.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Some more news out of Washington. I saw that the White House joined Snapchat yesterday. It’s a great platform for the White House, because moments after you make a promise, it magically disappears.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “I saw that Ben & Jerry’s ice cream wants to make a flavor inspired by Bernie Sanders. Whatever flavor it winds up being, we know Bernie will hate it for being too rich.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Seems like a lot of people are getting behind Sanders. In fact, Tommy Chong of ‘Cheech and Chong’ announced that he is supporting Bernie Sanders for president. People were like, ‘Why?’ And Tommy Chong is like, ‘Why what, man?’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Marco Rubio’s campaign said that it expects to lose the first four states in the primary elections, but he thinks that he can win the nomination anyway. Which is sort of like not getting a rose on ‘The Bachelor’ and being like, ‘Call me?’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “There have been about 1,000 fundraising committees known as super PACs created in this election cycle, and over half of them were made by one man who apparently just does it for fun. People are like, ‘Who would mess with an election just for fun?’ And [Donald] Trump was like, ‘You rang?’”



**Seth Meyers:** "President Obama tonight delivered his final State of the Union address. Now we taped this show early, but I'm guessing he was interrupted dozens of times by applause, and twice when Hillary Clinton tried to tag in."

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**Seth Meyers:** "A noted Republican strategist published a new article for CNN, claiming that the candidates having the most fun on the campaign trail usually fare the best in elections. While the candidates having the least fun try to hide it but putting an exclamation point at the end of their logo."

**Seth Meyers:** "Vice President Joe Biden said this morning that Donald Trump is running a divisive campaign. But most Trump supporters are okay with division, provided it's not long division."

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Good morning,

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U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell joined federal and state officials near the town of Williams on Saturday to mark the creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. Williams is about 50 miles north of Sacramento.

The monument extends from Berryessa Peak and other areas in Napa, Yolo, and Solano counties through Lake, Colusa, and Glenn counties to the eastern boundary of the Yuki Wilderness in Mendocino County.

It is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted owls.

President Barack Obama designated the area a national monument in July.

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Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell and Reps. Mike Thompson, D-St. Helena, and John Garamendi, D-Fairfield, gathered along with hundreds of other officials and conservationists at Cowboy Camp, a popular recreation site west of Williams, to dedicate the monument that takes in a 331,000-acre mountainous region running through Napa, Lake, Mendocino, Solano and Yolo counties.

"After years of tireless work by countless numbers of people, the Berryessa Snow Mountain region finally has the permanent protection it deserves," Thompson said in a statement. "It was an honor to join those who have been incredible partners and supporters in this effort at today's dedication ceremony."

In July, President Barack Obama designated the Berryessa Snow Mountain area as a national monument, offering a higher level of federal protection to its



rolling hills and sensitive ecosystem, home to bald and golden eagles, black bears, mountain lions, northern spotted owls and rare plants. The White House also highlighted economic benefits that come with enhanced protections and unified management of the area, saying it would attract visitors and bring in more money.

The move was considered a major win for environmental activists and Northern California lawmakers who long pushed for greater conservation of the region, which already was under federal control.

The site will be managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Monument status could provide additional funding for conservation work, invasive-plant removal and recreation management, according to Thompson's office. The site already provides popular spots for camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, mountain biking and whitewater rafting.

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### **DOI in the News:**

**IN SOTU, OBAMA PRAISES "ECONOMIC SUCCESS STORY" OF RENEWABLE ENERGY.** The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Warrick, 7.78M) reports President Obama during his final State of the Union "took credit...for surging growth in solar and wind power during his seven years in office, while hinting of new efforts to limit pollution from oil and gas operations." According to the Post, Obama "framed the expansion of renewable energy as an economic success story, but one that happens to pay dividends for the health of the planet." The Post added Obama also "called for stepping up investment in communities hurt by the decline of fossil fuels, alluding to plans announced last year to expand jobs and training in coal states."

However, [Washington Examiner](#) (1/13, 112K) Energy and Environment Correspondent John Siciliano says that while Obama "lauded" low gasoline prices, he did so "ignoring the fact that it is a global oil glut that is to credit for the drop. A glut that is hurting U.S. jobs in the oil and gas sector." According to Siciliano, "Obama did not address the global situation, but continued by saying that the country should now transition away from 'dirtier' forms of energy to a clean energy future" and calling on Americans "to accelerate the transition away from dirty energy."

Meanwhile, [Reuters](#) (1/13, Rampton) reports President Obama said that the Federal government should charge fossil fuel companies for leases based on their impact on climate change.



[The Hill](#) (1/13, Cama, 654K) reports Obama said he intended “to push to change the way we manage our oil and coal resources, so that they better reflect the costs they impose on taxpayers and our planet.” According to The Hill, “Obama presented the proposal as a way to accelerate the ongoing transition toward clean energy sources like wind and solar and ‘away from old, dirtier energy sources.’” In a statement, Annie Leonard, executive director of Greenpeace USA, hailed the proposal as “encouraging,” while Matt Lee-Ashley, a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, praised Obama for having “shined a bright flashlight into the forgotten corners of the federal coal and oil programs, where loopholes and subsidies are costing taxpayers and local communities millions of dollars in lost revenue every year.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/12, 6.23M), [Reuters](#) (1/13, Rampton), [Politico](#) (1/12, Staff, 1.19M), the [Daily Caller](#) (1/12, Bastasch, 366K), the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (1/13, 98K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Goldenberg, 3.48M), the [Huffington Post](#) (1/12, Henn, 251K), [Mother Jones](#) (1/12, 1.05M), and [Grist](#) (1/13, 6K).

**Obama SOTU: Climate Change Deniers To “Be Pretty Lonely.”** Citing prepared remarks released by the White House on President Obama’s State of the Union, [The Hill](#) (1/13, Henry, 654K) reported Obama will “chastise lawmakers who deny the science of climate change, saying they will ‘be pretty lonely’ as the world moves toward cleaner energy in the future.” The Hill reported Obama would say that those who want “to dispute the science around climate change, have at it,” but warn that they will “be debating our military, most of America’s business leaders, the majority of the American people, almost the entire scientific community and 200 nations around the world who agree it’s a problem and intend to solve it.”

**DHS Secretary Johnson Named “Designated Survivor” During State Of The Union.** [Politico](#) (1/12, Mccaskill, 1.19M) reported the White House on Tuesday “confirmed” Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson was selected as “the so-called ‘designated survivor’ for President Barack Obama’s final State of the Union.” Politico added cabinet members selected as “designated survivors” during past addresses “include Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx (2015), Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz (2014), Energy Secretary Steven Chu (2013), Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack (2012), Interior Secretary Ken Salazar (2011), Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan (2010) and Attorney General Eric Holder in 2009.” According to Politico, “Moniz told The Boston Globe that during his time as the designated survivor he was taken to an undisclosed location while accompanied by security. ‘We had a steak dinner,’ he recalled.”

[CBS News](#) (1/13, 4.1M) reports on President Obama’s final State of the Union Address, scheduled for Tuesday at 9 pm. CBS points out that “there’s always a ‘designated survivor,’ who is a member of the cabinet designated to be at an undisclosed location when he delivers the speech, in case something happens to the president, vice president and speaker.” CBS says that Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx filled this role last year.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/12, Shalby, 3.6M) points out Interior Secretary Sally Jewell is among the secretaris “born outside the U.S. and would be ineligible for the role.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Politico](#) (1/12, Mccaskill, 1.19M) and [Mic](#) (1/13, 969K).

**API Criticizes Obama Ahead Of SOTU.** [The Hill](#) (1/12, Henry, 654K) reported American Petroleum Institute President Jack Gerard on Tuesday criticized President Obama over his Administration’s energy policies ahead of the State of the Union, calling on the Federal government “to re-examine its assumptions about energy.” According to the Hill, Gerard also “took aim at several new rules finalized or proposed by the Obama administration, from its climate rule for power plants to the ethanol fuel mandate and a forthcoming methane leak standard,” saying the US “cannot achieve” its “energy revolution” through “over regulating.” The Hill added the coal lobby issued a statement “predict[ing]...Obama will ‘undoubtedly overlook the economic impact that his costly climate plan will have on the nation and American families as they try to make ends meet.’”

**OREGON COMMUNITY WANTS REFUGE OCCUPIERS TO LEAVE.** The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Turkewitz, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports that those occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge announced they would travel to the town of Burns on Friday “to explain to the community why we are here and when we will be leaving.” The Times says that the community “the protesters purport to represent...is begging the protesters to leave.” At a community meeting on Monday, 15-year-old Ashlie Presley “delivered an anguished, tear-filled plea,” saying, “I just want them to go home, so that I can feel safe.” The packed gym “gave her a standing ovation.” Judge Steven Grasty said at the meeting that he would bill the occupiers for the \$60,000-\$70,000 that the county lost during the first week of the occupation.



**Armed Group To Hold Meeting With Oregon Community.** The [AP](#) (1/13) reports that the armed occupiers of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge said Tuesday that they plan to call a community meeting later this week to explain their motives and tell residents when they will leave. "A member of the anti-government group told reporters that the meeting will be held Friday evening in Burns," Oregon, the AP says. The armed men have been under pressure to leave since their occupation began on Jan. 2.

The [Oregonian](#) (1/12, Bernstein, 769K) reports that according to former FBI officials, authorities have refrained from ousting the occupiers from the wildlife refuge as they do not wish to incite violence. "You're going to create confrontations when you do that," said former FBI Oregon Special Agent in Charge Danny Coulson. "We don't have a violent act here. Again, it's just protesters. ... If you deny access and have to put a road block up and set up a perimeter, you know what that costs a day? Millions of dollars. And what do you accomplish? You'll likely raise the tension for something that's not going to help you." Former FBI chief hostage negotiator Clint Van Zandt likened the occupiers to an attention-seeking politician. "They do things so the media pays attention," Van Zandt said.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/13, 263K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, 5.31M), [US News & World Report](#) (1/12, 996K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/13, Press, 7.78M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, 283K).

**Oregon Occupiers To Announce Departure Date Friday.** [CNN](#) (1/13, Ellis, Berlinger, Yan, 3.54M) reports a leader of the armed occupiers who took over a federal wildlife refuge in Oregon said they will reveal their departure date later this week. LaVoy Finicum said Tuesday at a press conference, "Friday at seven, we will be going into town and holding a meeting with the community to explain to the community ... why we are here and when we will be leaving." On Monday, the group "used government equipment to uproot and tear down a fence at the request of a local rancher." The US Fish and Wildlife Service issued a statement in response, saying: "Removing fences, damaging any Refuge property, or unauthorized use of equipment would be additional unlawful actions by the illegal occupiers." Finicum explained to reporters that the fence was making a local ranch "not profitable" and "hard to operate." Prior to the Bureau of Land Management installing the fence last year, Finicum said local ranchers had accessed the range "for many years."

**Armed Occupation Appears "No Closer To A Resolution."** [NPR](#) (1/12, 1.78M) reports in its "Two-Way" blog about the continuing tension between Harney County Sheriff Dave Ward and the leaders of the armed occupiers since they arrived nearly two weeks ago. There has only been one "brief meeting" between the two and it "appears things are no closer to a resolution." There appears to be a "large law enforcement presence" in Burns, Oregon, but 30 miles south to the refuge, "there continues to be no visible law enforcement presence." Additionally, the US Fish & Wildlife Service and local law enforcement officials have not explained "why the government hasn't just turned off the power to the building." It also unclear how much the occupation is costing taxpayers.

**County Judge To Fine Occupiers \$75,000 Daily.** The [New York Daily News](#) (1/13, Bult, 3.59M) reports Harney County Judge Steve Grasty said he will Ammon Bundy and the occupiers "with fines to the tune of \$75,000 a day for their occupation of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge." Grasty told the Daily News that he would "send Mr. Bundy the bill" during a town meeting Monday night in Burns, Oregon. Grasty said the occupiers should compensate the community "for the costly increase in security in addition to the salaries of teachers and public employees who didn't go to work when schools and government buildings closed due to the occupation," the Daily News wrote. Grasty also warned Burns residents against supporting the occupiers, saying, "No matter how you feel, do not bring food and supplies up to the refuge."

**Former Interior Secretary Salazar Says Bundys Are "Out Of Touch" On Land Issues.** [Politico Pro](#) (1/12) reports former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said, "[t]he Bundys and those who sympathize with them are far out of touch with most folks living in the West. By and large Westerners do not agree with the policies or sentiments being advocated in Oregon. Bundy and his ilk are just squeaky wheels getting the grease."

Additional coverage was provided by [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (1/13, 464K).

**Poll: Most Western State Voters Support Federal Land Policy.** [National Parks Traveler](#) (1/13, 989) reports "Western politicians determined to transfer federal lands to the states are out of step with their constituents, who value conservation and see economic returns from national parks, national forests, and national monuments in their states, according to a survey released Monday." The survey "involved 2,800 people across Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, and Montana." But while the Conservation in the West survey by Colorado College "seems to indicate widespread support for maintaining the status quo of land ownership in



the West, and support for full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and preserving the ability of U.S. presidents to use the Antiquities Act to create national monuments, there are politicians who seem deadset against such initiatives.”

Additional coverage was provided by [USA Today](#) (1/12, Loomis, 5.56M), the [Los Alamos \(NM\) Daily Post](#) (1/13), the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/13, 200K), the [Pueblo \(CO\) Chieftain](#) (1/13, 87K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (1/11, 31K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/11, 960K), [Wyoming Public Radio](#) (1/13), and [Vice](#) (1/13, 1.88M).

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/13, 2.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, 283K), the [Medford \(OR\) Mail Tribune](#) (1/12, Times, 84K), the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (1/13, 1.15M), the [Idaho Statesman](#) (1/13, 218K), the [Boston \(MA\) Globe](#) (1/11, 1M), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (1/12, 2.33M), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (1/12, 174K), the [Brainerd \(MN\) Daily Dispatch](#) (1/12, 2K), the [Flathead \(MT\) Beacon](#) (1/12, 15K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (1/13, 10K), the [Moline \(IL\) Dispatch-Argus](#) (1/13, 100K), the [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (1/13, 38K), the [Daily Intelligencer \(NY\)](#) (1/13, 600K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Levin, 3.48M), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Levin, 3.48M), [RT](#) (1/13, 297K), [RT](#) (1/13, 297K), the [Raw Story](#) (1/12, 1.24M), the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (1/12, 47K), the [Huffington Post](#) (1/13, 251K), the [Huffington Post](#) (1/12, Fullerton, 251K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/12, 496K), [Reason](#) (1/12, 215K), [SC Magazine](#) (1/13, 301), [OpEdNews](#) (1/13, 2K), [Think Progress](#) (1/12, 293K), [Truth-Out](#) (1/13, 8K), and [KGMI-AM Bellingham \(WA\)](#) Bellingham, WA (1/13, 3K).

**WESTERN GOVERNORS CHALLENGE LEGITIMACY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWSUITS FILED BY ATTORNEYS GENERAL.** The [Rio Blanco \(CO\) Herald Times](#) (1/13, Shogren) reports that the debate over the Interior Department’s decision that the greater sage grouse would not be listed as endangered is one example of how executives from Western states are challenging federal oversight. Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval supported the department’s announcement that states retained management of the bird, but a few months later, Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt “defied Sandoval” by joining a federal plans to protect grouse habitat. Additionally, Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman is suing to block President Obama’s “signature climate change initiative...despite Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper’s explicit objections.” The governors are “challenging the legitimacy of the lawsuits and the authority of their attorneys general.” According to the Herald Times, public disputes between state executives are not unheard of because governors and attorneys general are elected separately in most states.

**MINING INDUSTRY CRITICIZES WITH BLM PROPOSAL TO PROTECT SAGE GROUSE.** [Utah Public Radio](#) (1/13) reports the Interior Department of Interior, along with the BLM, has “proposed that 10 million acres of federal mining land be withdrawn in order to protect sage grouse populations.” But “critics allege that the measure is unnecessary and will not benefit the bird species.” Katie Sweeney of the National Mining Association said “research shows that invasive species and wildfires present a bigger threat to sage grouse than mining does.” Sweeney also said that “federal agencies are ignoring efforts made by private companies to improve conservation.”

**NEW ENGLAND CLUB WON’T LEAVE FEDERALLY-FUNDED LAND.** The [Daily Caller](#) (1/13, Barton, 366K) reports that a New England motorcycle club is “hogging federally-funded land” by refusing to leave its clubhouse after a lease with the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife ended. The division received \$20 million from the US Fish and Wildlife Service through 46 grants in 1999, according to a report by the Department of the Interior Inspector General released Tuesday. The division allowed the Mohawk Ramblers Motorcycle Club to use a clubhouse on the Montague Plains Wildlife Area in 2009. The Ramblers said they have used the clubhouse since the 1960s, and the state agency “allowed them to continue to make yearly payments specified in the 1999 lease” after it expired, according to the IG report. The temporary arrangement ended in 2014, but the bikers have refused to leave. As a result, the state agency drafted a new lease through December 2016, requiring quarterly reports from the Ramblers about their relocation efforts.

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**BATTLE LOOMS OVER MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE’S CASINO PLANS.** The [Boston Globe](#) (1/13, Murphy, 1M) reports that the Mashpee Wampanoag “plan to start work on ‘First Light,’ a \$500 million casino envisioned to be so massive and so opulent that tribal leaders have been referring to it as the Taj Mahal of New England casinos.” However, “the bid is running into resistance on two fronts.” According to the article, “an anticasinogroup has enlisted local landowners to challenge the federal decision awarding the land to the tribe,” and “a second tribe lays claim to that land, saying the Mashpee are interlopers.”



**BIOFUELS FACILITY WOULD TAKEOVER INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ANCESTRAL LANDS.** Contributor Chris Zinda writes in [CounterPunch](#) (1/12, Zinda, 17K) that the Department of Defense is subsidizing Red Rock Biofuels \$75 million to “annually create 18 million gallons of highly volatile jet, naphtha (white gas), and diesel fuel from forest biomass in the town of Lakeview, Oregon.” The project site is located in the 100 year floodplain of Goose Lake, located in south central Oregon into northeastern California. The proposed site contains “hundreds of cultural artifacts dating back thousands of years,” and neither Oregon nor Red Rock have secured agreements with the Klamath, Piute and Pit peoples “who, after consultation, oppose the project.” According to Zinda, “It is morally wrong that indigenous peoples ancestral lands are proposed to be pillaged once again and against their will.”

**FEDERAL JUDGE RULES FORMER ALASKA VILLAGE LEADERS CAN BE REMOVED BY FORCE.** The AP (1/13) reports a federal judge ruled Tuesday that authorities can forcibly remove former leaders of the Yup'ik Eskimo village “who have refused to leave the offices after losing a long-running dispute in one of Alaska’s most eroded villages.” A three-page order by US District Judge Ralph Beistline said new village leaders are “entitled to immediate possession of village equipment and records,” and that the former leaders “can be forced to leave the tribal office,” plus state police can enter their homes to retrieve records and evidence. The ruling represents the “latest legal defeat for the former council,” which was stripped of its recognition as the village’s governors body from the US Bureau of Indian Affairs in 2013.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Lincoln \(NE\) Journal Star](#) (1/13, 283K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, D'oro, 283K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/13, Rachel D'oro |, Ap, 7.78M), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, 5.31M), [CBC News \(CAN\)](#) (1/13, 233K), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/13, D'oro, 6.43M), and [KTUU-TV Anchorage \(AK\)](#) Anchorage, AK (1/13, 62K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: INTERIOR ADDS \$4M TO COBELL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.** Additional coverage that the Interior Department “last week announced that it added \$4 million to a scholarship program for American Indian and Alaska Native students” was provided by the [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (1/12, 2K) and [KTOO-FM Juneau \(AK\)](#) Juneau, AK (1/12).

### Office of Insular Affairs:

**DIGNITARIES ATTEND FUNERAL FOR INOS.** The [Saipan \(MNP\) Tribune](#) (1/13, 641) reports that “the late governor Eloy Songao Inos was laid to rest yesterday, Jan. 12, at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery after a day of mourning and final tribute at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.” According to the article, “lawmakers, Cabinet members, and off-island dignitaries,” including Office of Insular Affairs Assistant Secretary Esther Kia-aina, “paid their final respects yesterday afternoon.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fiji Times](#) (1/13, 893).

### Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**CONSERVATION GROUP SUES ON BEHALF OF OREGON SPOTTED FROG.** The AP (1/13, 2.15M) reports that “a new lawsuit argues that state and federal agencies are harming the Deschutes River and its native Oregon spotted frogs.” WaterWatch of Oregon filed the suit Monday. The group says the BOR and “three state irrigation districts are treating a portion of the river as an irrigation ditch rather than a natural resource.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Public News Service](#) (1/13, 306), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, 283K), the [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (1/12, 87K), the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (1/13, 94K), and the [Oregonian](#) (1/13, 769K).

**EIGHT WATER GROUPS PRESS BOR TO UP FOCUS ON REUSE.** The [Desalination & Water Reuse](#) (1/13) reports “the WaterReuse Association has joined seven other water sector organisations in pressing the US Bureau of Reclamation to use some of its US\$ 100 million in new drought funds to invest in water reuse.” According to the article, “under legislation approved by Congress, the bureau will receive a further US\$ 100 million to address the ongoing Western drought.” In a joint letter, the groups “cited a WaterReuse Research Foundation study which quantified the opportunities and economic benefits of widespread water reuse, and asked the bureau of reclamation to use a portion of the funds in support of water reuse research and infrastructure.”

### **BILL WOULD COMPLETE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND WESTLANDS**



**WATER DISTRICT.** The [Miami Herald](#) (1/13, Doyle, 620K) reports that legislation proposed by California lawmakers would “implement a sweeping drainage settlement reached between the Obama administration and the Westlands Water District” over the San Joaquin Valley irrigation draining dispute. The bill “essentially matches the terms of a legal settlement announced last September,” which relieves the federal government’s obligation to provide irrigation drainage to Westland farms. The Westland districts will, in return, “retire at least 100,000 acres of farmland” and receive a “potentially advantageous new type of contract and have its own remaining \$375 million debt to the government forgiven.” However, the bill was criticized by Democrats in the US House of Representatives who represent portions of the area and “have long fought Westlands.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (1/13, 270K), the [State College \(PA\) Centre Daily Times](#) (1/13, 81K), and the [Fresno \(CA\) Business Journal](#) (1/13, 160K).

**INTERIOR TO PUBLISH BRACKISH GROUNDWATER SURVEY IN 2016.** The [Texas Tribune](#) (1/12, Flake, 6K) reports the Department of the Interior’s WaterSMART initiative will publish “a new survey of brackish aquifers” in September. The piece adds that in October, San Antonio “plans to open the first phase of what will be the world’s largest inland desalination facility.”

## Securing America’s Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION SAYS DRECP PROTEST PERIOD INADEQUATE.** The [Lucerne Valley \(CA\) Leader](#) (1/13) reports that “the 30-day review period to protest the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan’s Final Environmental Impact Statement was ill timed and ‘insufficient,’ according to a six-page letter from the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association.” LVEDA members, “who met early last week at the Lucerne Valley Senior Center, discussed the letter and possible ramifications now that the plan has been finalized.” The association’s letter, “which was primarily composed” by the LVEDA president, Chuck Bell, “derided the DRECP leadership team by deciding to ‘dump this on us during the holidays with only a 30-day ‘protest period,’ a ploy that one might consider to be a ‘ram it through with the least amount of resistance.’”

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**WHITE HOUSE THREATENS VETO OF STREAM ACT.** [Politico Pro](#) (1/12, Subscription Publication) reports the White House on Tuesday “threatened to veto a House GOP bill aimed at hobbling the Obama administration’s proposed rewrite of a key coal mining regulation.” H.R. 1644, Rep. Alex Mooney’s STREAM Act, “essentially would block the Interior Department’s Office of Surface Mining from issuing a final stream protection rule for at least three years,” and “in the meantime, the National Academy of Sciences would study the effectiveness of the original 1983 stream rule that Interior says badly needs an update.” The White House said in its Statement of Administration, “Such a needless delay of these important safeguards would impact the communities and economies that depend on clean water and a healthy environment.”

[Politico Pro](#) (1/12) reports Interior says “the updates are necessary to protect Appalachian waterways, but Republicans argue it’s a superfluous job-killer.”

[Politico Pro](#) (1/12) reports the House approved the STREAM Act, 235-188, “largely along party lines.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [The Hill](#) (1/13, Henry, 654K), the [Associated Press](#) (1/13, Daly), [ABC News](#) (1/13, 3.35M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (1/13, Daly, 1.15M), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (1/13, 339K), the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (1/13), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/13, 2.15M), the [Lincoln \(NE\) Journal Star](#) (1/13, 283K), [US News & World Report](#) (1/12, Daly), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/12, Daly), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, Daly, 283K), the [Charleston \(WV\) State Journal](#) (1/13, Tincher, 1K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, 5.31M), and the [Law360](#) (1/13, 30K).

**ARCH COAL BANKRUPTCY CAUSES REVERBERATIONS FOR ITS PROJECTS.** [Inside Climate News](#) (1/13, Hirji) reports Arch Coal became the largest coal company to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Monday, following Alpha Natural Resources in August and Patriot Coal in May. The bankruptcies are unsurprising, “given that coal production has sunk to its lowest level in nearly three decades.” The announcement by Arch Coal, the nation’s second-largest coal mining companies, has “particular implications for the future of America’s coal



leasing program and critical infrastructure projects, from railroads to coal export terminals." The company's permit for a new Colorado release is under review, and it has "already asked regulators at the Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management to put its Wyoming lease on hold, according to Jessica Kershaw, a Interior Department spokeswoman." Additionally, Montana landowners hope the announcement "brings the end of a controversial proposed mine...and a related rail project."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/13, 200K) and [MyTechBits](#) (1/13).

**KOCH-CONTROLLED COAL MINE SET TO RECEIVE FEDERAL REFUND.** [Reuters](#) (1/13, Rucker) reports that Oxbow Mining, a unit of Koch-controlled Oxbow Carbon LLC, is set to receive a refund of as much as \$14 million in royalties following a recommendation by the Interior Department. The rebate would come in the form of a royalty rate reduction going back to 2012 for a mine idled since 2013. The story highlights the connection between the mining firm and William Koch who is less active than his two brothers in conservative politics.

Additional coverage was provided by [Fortune](#) (1/12, 4.24M).

## America's Great Outdoors:

### *Bureau of Land Management:*

**SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER LYMAN TO APPEAL CONVICTION IN ATV PROTEST RIDE.** The [AP](#) (1/13, McCombs, 283K) reports San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman said Tuesday "he has decided to appeal a conviction for his role in an ATV protest ride through a closed canyon in 2014 that was intended to draw attention to what organizers called federal overreach." Lyman said "he knows winning an appeal is a long shot but he wants to prove he didn't trespass or encourage others to break the law in the May 2014 ride that took place in an idyllic spot called Recapture Canyon in the Four Corners region." Lyman "submitted his notice of appeal Tuesday" and "the full appeal will be filed at a later date."

**BLM URGES PUBLIC TO STAY OUT OF SODA FIRE BURN AREA.** [KTVB-TV](#) Boise, ID (1/12, 131K) reports that the BLM is "urging people to stay off of land burned by the Soda Fire, and may limit access to some popular recreation areas." According to the article, "rehab activities are now underway in the Wilson Creek Recreation Area."

**MAN ARRESTED AFTER POSTING THREATS AGAINST SHERIFF'S OFFICE, BLM.** The [KGET-TV](#) Bakersfield, CA (1/13, 65) reports that law enforcement found explosives in the home of Todd Sloan, a 51-year-old Bakersfield, California resident that used Facebook to post "threats toward the sheriff's office, Bureau of Land Management and federal government buildings." Sloan is being held at the Kern County Jail and is facing "10 felony charges including having a bomb in or near a public place." The website contains a 2-minute and 15-second video report of the matter.

### *Fish and Wildlife Service:*

**FWS RESTRICTS MOVEMENT OF SALAMANDERS.** [The Hill](#) (1/13, Devaney, 654K) reports the FWS announced Tuesday "it will prohibit the importation of more than 200 species of salamanders to prevent the spread of disease." The FWS will "also block people from transporting salamanders between states." The agency is "listing salamanders as 'injurious amphibians,' because of concerns they will spread chytrid fungus *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* around the country."

Additional coverage was provided by the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (1/13, Zimmer, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (1/12, 11.64M), and [Bloomberg Research](#) (1/13, 3.4M).

**FWS TO STUDY GREAT BASIN SILVERSPOT BUTTERFLY.** The [Houston Chronicle](#) (1/13, 2.15M) reports that "federal officials plan to study the status of a butterfly once found across the Southwest to see if it warrants protection under the Endangered Species Act." The FWS on Monday announced "it will conduct a 12-month review of the Great Basin silverspot butterfly." According to the article, "environmentalists had petitioned the agency to consider the butterfly's status, saying it has been losing habitat due to development, grazing, mining and changing hydrological conditions."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, 283K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#)



(1/13, 263K), and the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (1/13, 825K).

**FWS TO DELIST TEXAS SHRUB.** [JD Supra](#) (1/13, 6K) reports that the FWS has announced that “it will remove the Johnston’s frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*) from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants under the Endangered Species Act.”

**REPORT SAYS MOST LISTED PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE DECLINING.** [E&E Publishing](#) (1/13, 705) reports that “more than half of the threatened and endangered species in the United States are in decline, according to a new report from a diverse team of scientists.” The article says that “the wide-ranging report published this month in *Issues in Ecology* also recommends improvements, urging federal wildlife agencies to improve how they allocate recovery funds and better leverage partnerships with states and private landowners.”

**CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY THREATENING TO SUE FWS OVER MONARCH BUTTERFLY PROTECTIONS.** The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/12, Schouten, 496K) reports that the Center for Biological Diversity and Center for Food Safety “is threatening to sue the US Fish and Wildlife Service for taking more time than permitted by the Endangered Species Act to decide whether the monarch butterfly warrants protection.” According to Tierra Curry, a senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity, although the center cannot force the USFWS to list the monarch as an endangered species, it can force FWS to set a date for whether to make such a decision.

**ANALYSIS: FWS LISTING OF LION SUBSPECIES UNDER ESA MAY END “CANNED” LION HUNTS.** In an action that may make “importing trophy lions” into the US “a lot tougher,” [CNBC](#) (1/13, Ferris, 2.08M) reports that in December, the FWS announced two additional subspecies of lion would be listed as endangered under the ESA, “making it far more difficult for American shooters to bring body parts back into the United States.” Following the FWS’s announcement, a report from the Humane Society found “the decision will be catastrophic” new industry that breeds lions for “canned” hunts. The FWS “provided information to CNBC saying that it is currently evaluating whether canned lion hunts will meet the criteria, and that in the meantime, all permits are issued on a case-by-case basis.”

**ANALYSIS: BALD EAGLE RECOVER MAY BE TEMPLATE TO HELP CALIFORNIA SPOTTED OWL.** The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/12, Schouten, 496K) reports the successful recovery efforts involving bald eagle have Justin Augustine of the Center for Biological Diversity saying that similarly focused efforts could be used to aid the California Spotted Owl, numbers of which have “been declining” due to habitat and competition from the “invasive barred owl species.” On Monday, the Center “filed an intent to sue” because the FWS “exceeded the 12-month time limit for deciding whether the California Spotted Owl is endangered.” The Monitor touches on how the FWS may handle classifying the California Spotted Owl.

**NISQUALLY WILDLIFE REFUGE RENAMED TO HONOR TRIBAL LEADER BILLY FRANK JR.** [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (1/13, 10K) reports that the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge will be renamed to honor Billy Frank Jr.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF MASSIVE DIE-OFF OF ALASKA SEABIRDS.** Additional coverage of the mass die-off of Alaskan birds was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/13, Warrick, 7.78M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (1/12, 496K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/13, 263K), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (1/13, 629K), [RT](#) (1/13, 297K), and the [Sydney \(AUS\) Morning Herald](#) (1/12, 39K).

**DECISION TO REMOVE MANATEES FROM ENDANGERED LIST CRITICIZED.** In an op-ed for the [Tampa \(FL\) Suncoast News](#) (1/12, 54K), Katie Tripp, Save the Manatee Club’s director of science and conservation, criticizes the FWS for its “plans to downlist all West Indian manatees from endangered to threatened under the Endangered Species Act.” According to Tripp, the agency “announcement that it believes the risks and threats to manatees are pretty well under control indicates that they’re satisfied with the status quo, which leaves manatees dying of boat strikes, poisoned by red tide exposure, and facing loss of winter habitat.”

Additional coverage of the decision to remove manatees from the endangered list was provided by the [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (1/13, Milman, 3.48M), [WPBF-TV West Palm Beach, FL](#) (1/13, 59K) and [MSN \(MYS\)](#) (1/13, 376).

**National Park Service:**

**REPORT DOCUMENTS HISTORY OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT GRAND CANYON PARK.** [The Hill](#) (1/13, Cama, 654K) reports “a group of men working at the Grand Canyon National Park sexually harassed



multiple women for years, according to a new watchdog report." The report, released Tuesday, "documented allegations from more than a dozen women going back 15 years, in which four men used weeks-long boating trips on the Colorado River to pressure them to have sex, touch them inappropriately or make sexual comments to them." According to the article, "the men, who were not identified, were rarely punished for their actions, while the women who accused them were punished for other offenses in ways that they said were retaliatory for coming forward."

**Politico Pro** (1/12) reports House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz called the report "another appalling example of how the current civil service system allows the wrong people to be insulated and protected."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Associated Press](#) (1/13, Fonseca), [Reuters](#) (1/13, Dobuzinskis), [CBS News](#) (1/13, 4.1M), [TIME](#) (1/13, 19.1M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (1/13, Fonseca, 1.15M), the [Medina \(OH\) Gazette](#) (1/12, 22K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, Howell, 283K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (1/13, 2.15M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/13, Felicia Fonseca |, Ap, 7.78M), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/13, 263K), the [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (1/13, 1.42M), the [Pittsburgh \(PA\) Tribune-Review](#) (1/13, 318K), the [Santa Rosa \(CA\) Press Democrat](#) (1/13, 173K), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (1/12, 2.33M), the [Portage \(WI\) Daily Register](#) (1/13, 16K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (1/12, 960K), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, 5.31M), the [Daily Mail](#) (1/13, Press, 5.31M), the [Washington \(DC\) Free Beacon](#) (1/13, 70K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (1/13, Howell, 283K), the [Columbus \(OH\) Dispatch](#) (1/12, 518K), the [New York Post](#) (1/12, 2.59M), the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (1/13, 589K), the [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (1/13, 844K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (1/13, 263K), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (1/13, 629K), the [International Business Times](#) (1/13, 624K), [Outside](#) (1/13, 168K), the [Inquisitr](#) (1/13, 262K), the [Stars And Stripes \(DC\)](#) (1/13, 11K), [Yahoo! News](#) (1/13, Fonseca, 6.43M), [KNXV-TV Phoenix \(AZ\)](#) Phoenix (1/13, 184K), and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (1/13, 464K).

**NPS LOOKING TO ATTRACT MILLENNIALS.** The [Lake Powell Life](#) (1/13) reports that "with visitor crowding in national parks reaching epic proportions, National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis says some solutions are obvious." However, "he admits not being sure about how to address young people's seeming disinterest in what many call 'America's Best Idea,' the national park system." Jarvis said, "If the Park Service doesn't build a new constituency, our long-term future is at risk." According to the article, "to that end, a series of programs and events will be staged to hopefully connect with millennials, Americans aged 18 to 35."

**NPS Celebrates Centennial With 16 Fee-free Days In 2016.** The [Examiner](#) (1/12, 616K) reports that there will be "16 fee-free days in 2016" to celebrate the NPS Centennial this year.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (1/13, 200K) and [WKYC-TV Cleveland \(OH\)](#) Cleveland (1/12, 169K).

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage of the Centennial was provided by the [Paducah \(KY\) Sun](#) (1/13, 61K) and the [Nordonia Hills \(OH\) News-Leader](#) (1/13, 57K).

**FEES INCREASING AT NORTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS IN 2016.** The [Oregonian](#) (1/13, 769K) reports that "fees to enter and camp in seven of the 14 national parks in Oregon Washington are increasing in 2016, or went up already in 2015, as part of a national increases first proposed in 2014." At the time, NPS Director Jon Jarvis wrote, "Additional funds will enable us to enhance visitor facilities and services as we approach our centennial anniversary in 2016. Each park should identify how the additional revenue will be used to improve the park experience."

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SETS VISITATION RECORD.** The [AP Salt Lake City](#) (1/13, 464K) reports Yellowstone National Park has "set a record in 2015 with its total number of visitors surpassing 4 million." The NPS says "the record total of 4,097,710 visitors is up more than 16 percent from 2014, putting last year at the highest visitation year on record." Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk says "the park is making improvements to be able to accommodate the growing number of visitors."

**PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON FUTURE OF PATERSON GREAT FALLS.** The [New Jersey Local News](#) (1/13, 785K) reports that the Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park is "asking the public to weigh in on the direction of the park over the next 20 years." The NPS "on Wednesday released a 238-page draft of a general management plan and environmental assessment of the park." The plan offers "three ways of running the park, each more elaborate—and more expensive—than the next."

**OBSERVATION TOWER IN HOT SPRINGS TO GET NEW OPERATOR.** The [AP](#) (1/13, 283K) reports that "a



new operator has been selected for the Hot Springs Mountain Tower." According to the article, "Ortega National Park LLC of Santa Fe, New Mexico, will operate the tower through a subsidiary." Sandy Poole with the NPS' Midwest Regional Office says "the transition of operations from the commission to Ortega will happen over the next few months and may be completed in early March."

**NPS PLANS TO BURN DEBRIS PILES AT INDIANA DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE.** The AP (1/13, 64K) reports that the NPS "plans to burn debris piles at a prairie ecosystem that is being restored at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore." According to the article, "approximately 20 piles in a three-acre area are to be burned."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION FIELD TRIP GRANTS.** Additional coverage of the National Park Foundation field trip grants was provided by the [West Kentucky Star](#) (1/13, 715).

**SUGGESTIONS OFFERED FOR WACO MAMMOTH NATIONAL MONUMENT PLAN.** The [Waco \(TX\) Tribune-Herald](#) (1/13, 119K) editorializes that "the key to making the Waco Mammoth National Monument a park compelling enough to lure patrons off busy Interstate 35 involves expansion, edification and stimulation." According to the paper, "it must not only highlight how science interprets and makes relevant the Ice Age and the creatures that inhabited it but ensure the monument has amenities such as hiking and picnicking and natural beauty." To begin, the paper suggests that the site should be open on Sundays, since "that's reportedly the second-most-popular day for people to visit monuments."

**COALITION UNJUSTLY BLOCKED BIKE RACE ON COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT DUE TO NPS MANAGEMENT POLICIES.** The [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (1/13, 73K) editorialized that a decision by the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks to deny a special-use permit for a leg of a professional bike race on the Colorado National Monument in 2011 was not consistent with the legal authority authorizing the monument to be used for a different professional cycling race from 1980 to 1988. The difference since then is that in 2006, the National Park Service issued management policies that the coalition "drew upon to deny the race" and "apparently thinks those policies and federal law are on in the same." The NPS's "Management Policies 2006" states it has no legal weight and can't be enforced by anyone. According to the Daily Sentinel, "it sounds as if the coalition is putting NPS management policies ahead of the law that once allowed for these kinds for commercial uses."

## Top National News:

**OBAMA TOUTS ACHIEVEMENTS, TAKES ON GOP IN FINAL STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.** Media coverage of President Obama's final State of the Union address was largely favorable, particularly in print media, highlighting Obama's optimistic tone and his call for easing partisan rancor in Washington. Immediately after the speech, however, some television commentators indicated that despite Obama's calls for a better political atmosphere, his speech was in fact highly partisan. In his comments on [CNN](#) (1/12, 3.54M), for example, John King called the address "a very political speech," while Bret Baier said on [Fox News](#) (1/12, 9.42M) that it "was clearly a political speech, called that from the beginning, aimed at 2016, occasionally taking swipes at GOP candidates, just not by name."

John Dickerson said on [CBS](#) (1/12, 2.86M) that the President "sketched a big historic choice: America can either go the right way or the wrong way. And then he associated the Republicans with every wrong choice. There was not a single insult of the Republicans. It was one, long, sustained" insult. Andrea Mitchell said on [NBC](#) (1/12, 822K), "I thought there were more specific references to Donald Trump and one in particular to Ted Cruz. ... A real rejection of the rhetoric of Republican candidates this year. ... I thought this was his rebuttal of the Republican campaign, and the first Obama [campaign] speech of 2016." Chuck Todd said on [NBC](#) (1/12, 822K) that there were "at least seven references that I found that were rebuttals to Trump's statements. There was the Cruz [rebuttal] and also, even a reference to Chris Christie's slogan, telling it like it is, and he wasn't saying it as praise, it was definitely a dig."

On [NBC](#) (1/12, 822K), Lester Holt said, "It was a speech that could probably be described in terms of part victory lap, talking about the improving economy, part rebuttal for some of the things in the campaigns regarding the weakness of America, and plain of it just a plain old stump speech." On [CBS](#) (1/12, 2.86M), Scott Pelley said Obama is "clearly tired of hearing Republican presidential candidates talking about a faltering economy and weakness abroad." On [CBS](#) (1/12, 2.86M), Norah O'Donnell said Obama "seemed like he was itching to get into the political debate. The White House billed this as an optimistic speech, but it was also combative." Jake Tapper said on [CNN](#) (1/12, 3.54M) that the address was "in many ways, a direct repudiation of some of the



language we're hearing, some of the rhetoric we're hearing on the campaign trail from Republicans." George Stephanopoulos said on [ABC](#) (1/12, 2.2M) the "most impassioned" part of the speech came when Obama "spoke out against the idea that America's gotten weaker on his watch." There was considerable talk about how Obama referred to Trump and other Republicans throughout the speech, even if not doing so by name.

Commentators also referred to the more "subdued" atmosphere at the event, compared to previous State of the Union addresses. Jon Karl said on [ABC](#) (1/12, 2.2M), "It was remarkably subdued in this hall. I've been here for almost all of the President's State of the Union addresses, and this one, by far, seemed the most subdued. There wasn't a lot of tension."

Some reaction placed the speech in the context of the Obama presidency, characterizing it as a wrap-up. David Axelrod said on [CNN](#) (1/12, 3.54M), "This was pure Obama. Really what he was saying is that we live in times of great change, and we are a strong country and with can embrace the change and adapt to it and grab it and make it an opportunity, or we can allow it to be used to tear us apart. We are talking about a transformational president. He is a president in a time of change." Donna Brazile likewise said on [ABC](#) (1/12, 2.2M) that the speech "embodied just the vision that he laid out back in 2004, the determination as a president in 2009, to change our politics, to come to Washington, DC, to actually fix things and the President that decided, you know, there was so much he could do with Congress, but rather, he went ahead and began to fight for the American people."

Dana Bash said on [CNN](#) (1/12, 3.54M), "I have watched the Obama presidency from the perch of Capitol Hill and watched what everybody thought would be potentially a new era in Washington back seven years ago when he came in, unravel slowly but surely and as he said, gotten worse. First, on just a personal level you don't hear this president talk about regrets very much, especially in such a forum like this, but also, because he's right that things got worse." Hugh Hewitt said on [ABC](#) (1/12, 2.2M), "I'm kind of perplexed by this speech, and subdued is probably the reaction you get when a lot of people look at a man who might have been a great president and say so much was not accomplished because he chose the road of division that he himself denounced tonight."

The President's acknowledgment that he is partially to blame for the worsening partisan atmosphere also received attention immediately after the speech. Chris Matthews said on [MSNBC](#) (1/12, 733K), "I thought the part that we're going to remember...was the swan song by this president, the admission of failure by this president, on something he said is a rare case where he does have regrets...his inability to fix the political system. And we all know it's as bad or worse than when he came in. The partisanship is total."

[USA Today](#) (1/13, Page, 5.56M) reports Obama's goal on Tuesday was "defining his legacy, defending his record and framing the debate for those who would succeed him." In a preview of the speech for [NBC Nightly News](#)' (1/12, story 3, 2:20, Holt, 7.86M), Chris Jansing reported that Obama would attempt "to recapture the hope and change of when he first took office." The [AP](#) (1/13, Pace) says Obama "urged Americans Tuesday to rekindle their belief in the promise of change that first carried him to the White House, declaring that the country must not allow election-year fear and division to take hold."

On the [CBS Evening News](#)' (1/12, story 5, 2:35, Pelley, 5.08M) preview of the address, Margaret Brennan reported Obama intended to "strike a very optimistic tone in his speech tonight aimed at burnishing his track record and pushing back against what White House aides describe as an avalanche of negativity from Republicans." According to the [New York Times](#) (1/13, Davis, Shear, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), Obama "tried to reconcile his optimistic assessment of the nation's progress with the anxieties he conceded have gripped Americans during his tenure" as he "tr[ie]d to burnish his record and frame the campaign to succeed him."

The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Eilperin, 7.78M) reports Obama's "conversational, contemplative and backward-looking" speech urged the country to remain united in the face of adversity, even "subtly" indicating the nation "shouldn't pick Donald Trump to take his place." The Post says Obama referred to Trump without using the Republican candidate's name at "several moments," including when he said, "As frustration [with politics] grows, there will be voices urging us to fall back into tribes, to scapegoat fellow citizens who don't look like us, or pray like us, or vote like we do, or share the same background." The President added, as seen in the transcript published by the [Huffington Post](#) (1/12, 251K), "We can't afford to go down that path. It won't deliver the economy we want, or the security we want, but most of all, it contradicts everything that makes us the envy of the world." The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (1/13, Sweet, 758K) reports Obama "used the address to talk about what is right and working in America – even as the GOP 2016 presidential rivals dwell on what is wrong." According to the Sun-Times, Obama's "contrast" to Trump and the "rest of the Republican gang was deliberate, not that Obama mentioned any of the White House contenders by name."



The Washington Post and New York Times praise Obama for his positive view and calls for a better atmosphere of debate. The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) says that while the US "faces serious problems...overstating them only contributes to the likelihood of continuing Washington dysfunction or, worse, electing a demagogue who really would bring disaster." The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 11.64M), meanwhile, calls the speech "a reminder that the optimism that made him the first African-American president and then the resilience that helped the nation weather economic and global crises over the past seven years are what position it best for the future." In his [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) column, Dana Milbank says the speech was "about one man" and "the fear the activist billionaire is stoking across the land in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination." Milbank praises Obama for the "sermon to the nation," saying the President's willingness to "deliver forceful moral message" illustrates how he has "grown in office."

[USA Today](#) (1/13, Korte, 5.56M) reports Obama said "better politics" is needed to address the country's challenges. Future progress requires, according to Obama, "rational, constructive debates." The [Los Angeles Times](#) (1/13, Parsons, Memoli, 3.6M) reports that in "a rare admission of fault," Obama "acknowledged he is not blameless for the hardened, hyper-partisan political atmosphere of his presidency, a responsibility of leadership he has never managed to shoulder despite the aspirations of his historic quest for the White House."

However, a [Politico](#) (1/12, Sherman, 1.19M) analysis implied that Obama was hypocritical when it said despite repeatedly returning to the theme that Americans should overcome political differences and embrace change, the President "repeatedly hit the GOP – overtly and obliquely – for preying on people's fears" about immigrants, Muslims, and the economy. Politico added the President's "implied political message was clear: unless a Democrat succeeds him, the progress made during his two terms could be reversed."

Obama's acceptance of responsibility for some of the partisan divide followed similar statements in an earlier interview on NBC's "Today Show," which [Bloomberg Politics](#) (1/13, Keane, 303K) reports included Obama saying "he regrets that political divisiveness in the US grew during" his presidency. Obama said, "There's no doubt that politics in Washington are so much more divided than the American people are." Obama indicated, according to [Reuters](#) (1/13, Mason), that he could have done a better job of talking to Americans in an effort to address fears and concerns. The President said, "Particularly during times of stress, the American people need to hear from their president in terms of what it is exactly that we're trying to do," adding, "Things that I've done well during the campaign I've not always done well as president."

In an editorial written before the address, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) blames Obama for the US being more divided today than at any time since the 1960s. According to the Journal, Obama's presidential style has contributed to both Democrats and Republicans becoming more extreme in their views.

[ABC World News](#) (1/12, story 6, 2:50, Muir, 5.84M) indicated in its preview that the speech "will not be a list of policy priorities like speeches in the past, but that this will be something much different." Jonathan Karl reported, "This is big themes, this is making the case for his presidency." [Bloomberg Politics](#) (1/13, Sink, 303K) reports the White House "promised a non-traditional speech" and the President "delivered an address he said was designed to illustrate how the nation can progress after his presidency" rather than speaking of specific policies. On [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 6, 0:55, Holt, 7.86M), Chuck Todd described the then-upcoming speech as "the agenda that Barack Obama would be running on if he could run for a third term."

A [New York Times](#) (1/13, Baker, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) analysis says Obama's views will lead Americans to "confront two starkly disparate views of Barack Obama's America that will frame the debate over the future of the country in this election year and beyond." The Times says the country "described by the president...is a global power on the rise again, with more jobs better health care and stunning innovation." However, according to the Times, in Thursday's GOP debate, Republican presidential candidates "will depict...a darker place, a once-great power that has lost ground in a dangerous world, surrendered its authority and leadership and diminished freedom and opportunity at home."

[Reuters](#) (1/13) reports Obama said it is fiction to say the US is moving backwards economically or becoming weaker internationally. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, A1, Lee, Nelson, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) similarly reports Obama argued the US has made great progress on economic and security issues and provided a depiction of the future that the Journal says contrasts with many Americans' feelings. The Journal says that with his presidency approaching its end, Obama chose to not discuss policy and instead ask Americans to subscribe to his vision. [McClatchy](#) (1/12, Clark, Kumar, 27K) reports Obama "spent much of the speech reciting what he said were his accomplishments" that improved Americans' lives and raised US standing in the world.



According to McClatchy, the President "touted" the Affordable Care Act, economic improvement, the global climate change agreement, the nuclear deal with Iran, and rapprochement with Cuba.

The [Washington Times](#) (1/13, Boyer, 283K) reports with "Americans giving Mr. Obama his worst marks ever on handling terrorism...the president also tried to reassure the public that he has an effective strategy for defeating" ISIL, "even as he pushed back against the suggestion of deeper military involvement in the Middle East." Obama said the first priority "is protecting the American people and going after terrorist networks," but added that ISIL does not "threaten our national existence." A [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Jaffe, 7.78M) analysis says Obama "emphatically summed up the lessons he's taken from 15 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, saying that America cannot 'try to take over and rebuild every country that falls into crisis.'" Obama said, "That's not leadership; that's a recipe for quagmire, spilling American blood and treasure that ultimately weakens us."

[AFP](#) (1/13, Beatty) reports Obama "told Americans nervous about terror and the changing economy that they should not fear the future" as the country enters a period of "extraordinary change." According to AFP, Obama "sought to cast himself as an optimistic foil to foes who warn the country is going in the wrong direction." The [Detroit Free Press](#) (1/13, Spangler, 921K) quotes Obama as saying the US "has been through big changes before," adding, "Each time, there have been those who told us to fear the future, who claimed we could slam the brakes on change, promising to restore past glory if we just got some group or idea that was threatening America under control. And each time, we overcame those fears. ... We thought anew, and we acted anew. We made change work for us."

**Obama Places Biden In Charge Of "National Effort" To Cure Cancer.** [USA Today](#) (1/13, Gaudiano, 5.56M) reports Obama announced that Vice President Biden will be in charge of a "new national effort" to carry out the "moonshot" to cure cancer that Biden urged after his son's death. Obama said, "For the loved ones we've all lost, for the family we can still save, let's make America the country that cures cancer once and for all." In his Medium channel on Tuesday night, Biden said "he plans to increase public and private resources to fight cancer and break down 'silos' to help cancer fighters share information and work together."

The [Detroit News](#) (1/13, Livengood, 545K) reports Biden said in his statement that "his personal experience of his son's cancer showed him that the country's researchers 'are on the cusp of incredible breakthroughs.'" Biden added, "And the goal of this initiative – this 'Moonshot' – is to seize this moment. To accelerate our efforts to progress towards a cure, and to unleash new discoveries and breakthroughs for other deadly diseases."

**State Of The Union Sparked Strong Social Media Reaction.** There were nearly two million tweets with the hashtag #SOTU, and the topic was trending on Facebook. According to [Politico](#) (1/13, Gold, 1.19M), "the most engaged states during the State of the Union on Facebook were Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, New York and North Carolina," and "the top social moment on Facebook was when Obama criticized anti-Muslim sentiment."

BuzzFeed News [tweeted](#), "Both Sides Pile On Donald Trump At #SOTU." Fox Nation [called it](#) "Obama's Forgettable Farewell." The Huffington Post [tweeted](#), "Obama believes #BlackLivesMatter but he didn't say it at his final #SOTU." Mashable [noted](#) how the President's reference to a "clear-eyed, big-hearted" America echoed a line from the television series "Friday Night Lights." Mediaite [tweeted](#), "Trump Calls Obama's SOTU 'Boring, Rambling, and Non-Substantive.'"

Several Republican presidential candidates also weighed in on Twitter. Mike Huckabee [tweeted](#), "@BarackObama's speeches are like @TSA pat downs, Arab relations & untreated rashes. Painfully bad. But it will get worse. #SOTU," and Sen. Rand Paul [tweeted](#), "I just yelled, 'you lie' really loud. Good thing I'm not there. #SOTU."

**Clinton, O'Malley Praise Obama On Twitter.** The [Washington Times](#) (1/13, Wolfgang, 283K) reports Hillary Clinton and Martin O'Malley "each took to Twitter to praise" Obama "and make the case that another Democrat must succeed him." Clinton [tweeted](#), "America is better because of @POTUS' leadership. Proud to call him my friend. Let's build on his progress." O'Malley "praised Mr. Obama's economic record," [tweeting](#), "FACT: Thanks to @POTUS' leadership, we have seen 70 straight months of positive job growth. We are stronger today b/c of him."

**Media Analyses: Seizing Of US Sailors Overshadows, Undercuts Message.** [The Hill](#) (1/12, Fabian, 654K) reported that while Obama "offered the nation assurances that his policies would keep American strong and safe...his message was undercut by a diplomatic crisis evolving on the other side of the world" as Iran seized US sailors.



[NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 2, 1:15, Holt, 7.86M) reported prior to the speech that the seizing of American sailors by Iran was overshadowing the address. Andrea Mitchell reported, "Politically this could not have happened at the worst time. Hours before the state of the union address, when the President had planned to talk about the fact that Iran had gotten rid of most of its nuclear fuel under the nuclear deal, lifting the sanctions was only days away from being implemented."

[USA Today](#) (1/13, 5.56M) editorializes that while Obama's "defense of his record and optimistic pitch" on domestic issues "were credible," his admonishment of his critics' positions on his foreign policy "was considerably less convincing." USA Today highlights that as Obama was touting the nuclear deal with Iran, the "awkward pre-speech news" of the seizure "brought home" the fact that the agreement "had scant impact on the Tehran regime's nasty behavior."

***First Lady's Guests Included 12-Year-Old Who Created Food Program For Homeless.*** The [CBS Evening News](#) (1/12, story 12, 2:00, Pelley, 5.08M) highlighted 12-year-old Braeden Mannering from Delaware, who was one of First Lady Michelle Obama's guests. Chip Reid reported that as a nine-year-old, Mannering "entered a recipe in the First Lady's healthy eating contest" and was challenged by the First Lady to "make a difference in his community." After seeing a homeless man, Reid said Mannering "knew he had to feed the hungry, so he created Brae's Brown Bag, which so far has distributed 4,600 bags of healthy food."

***NBC Highlights Obama Speechwriter As "Man Tasked With Translating Images Into Words."*** On [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 13, 2:15, Holt, 7.86M), Peter Alexander highlighted Obama speechwriter Cody Keenan, saying he "is the man tasked with translating images into words." Keenan is shown saying, "It is tense around State of the Union time."

***Haley Calls For More Respectful Immigration Debate.*** [USA Today](#) (1/13, Troyan, 5.56M) reports that in the GOP response to the President, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley drew "on her personal biography as the daughter of Indian immigrants" to ask Americans to "resist that temptation" to follow "the angriest voices" during "anxious times." The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Demirjian, Weigel, 7.78M) says that despite her warning, Haley "was also careful not to stray from the immigration position embraced by the party's mainstream." Haley said, "At the same time, that does not mean we just flat out open our borders." She added, "We can't do that. We cannot continue to allow immigrants to come here illegally. And in this age of terrorism, we must not let in refugees whose intentions cannot be determined."

[Politico](#) (1/12, Bade, 1.19M) reported Haley's speech was a "not-so-subtle rebuke" of Trump's "fiery immigration rhetoric." Haley, according to Politico, "seem[ed] to hit at Trump for his reactionary responses to difficult predicaments." Haley said, "There's a tendency to falsely equate noise with results. Some people think that you have to be the loudest voice in the room to make a difference. That is just not true."

The [Hill](#) (1/12, Yilek, 654K) "Briefing Room" blog reported conservative commentator Ann Coulter on Tuesday "criticized" Haley's response. Coulter [tweeted](#), "Trump should deport Nikki Haley." According to The Hill, Coulter "continued, lambasting Haley for her stance on allowing immigrants into the country." [Politico](#) (1/12, Gold, 1.19M) reported radio host Laura Ingraham also "blasted" Haley for what she "said was more of a rebuttal to Donald Trump" than Obama. Ingraham [tweeted](#), "Too bad @NikkiHaley missed her oppty to stand w/ working ppl who want borders enforced, American workers put first, govt shrunk."

On [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 4, 2:15, Holt, 7.86M), Lester Holt reported that ahead of Obama's address, the field of GOP White House hopefuls unleashed "attacks on what they expect[ed] to hear from the President." For example, Sen. Ted Cruz was shown saying, "Tonight will be no surprise what Barack Obama will say. My prediction is we'll see heights of demagoguery that the President has not reached in his final farewell State of the Union." And Gov. Chris Christie was shown saying, "The State of the Union will not be a call to action tonight. It will be a fantasy wish list by a president who has failed us."

**REID SAYS HE EXPECTS ADMINISTRATION TO HALT DEPORTATION RAIDS.** [Reuters](#) (1/13, Comwell) reports Senate Minority Leader Reid on Tuesday said he expects the Administration to suspend its effort to deport undocumented Central American families. Reid told reporters that Homeland Security Secretary Johnson "understands the concern we have." Reid added, "I think you are going to find a pause in these deportations."

The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, Markon, Nakamura, 7.78M) "Federal Eye" blog reported the "escalating tensions between Democrats and the Obama administration" on deportation raids "burst into public view" as, according to the [Huffington Post](#) (1/12, Foley, 251K), "a number of Democrats" in Congress "are outraged" about the recent deportations. According to the Post, 146 of the 188 House Democrats "signed onto a letter Tuesday condemning



the recent efforts to expel certain mothers and children." The letter, according to [Politico](#) (1/12, Kim, 1.19M), "had criticized Obama for welcoming refugees from other parts of the world but treating immigrants from Central America differently." Politico said "Democratic lawmakers have argued that the administration should give them protected status, rather than deporting them – although they are immigrants who have already been ordered deported."

[The Hill](#) (1/12, Lillis, 654K) reported that while Democrats "say they recognize the need" for DHS "to be tough on border enforcement in order to deter the next great migrant wave," they contend the recent effort "backfired and sent shudders of fear through immigrant communities at home instead." Rep. Steny Hoyer said, "The problem with the way they've handled this is they've...sent a message that has terrorized many people in America."

**AP: Clinton "Broke With Obama" Over Raids.** The AP (1/13, Werner) reports the letter comes after Hillary Clinton "broke with Obama on the issue" at a Monday night forum in Iowa, in which she urged an end to the raids. Clinton said, "I do not think the raids are an appropriate tool to enforce the immigration laws. In fact, I think they are divisive, they are sowing discord and fear."

**Administration To Announce New Refugee Resettlement Program Today.** The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Preston, Herszenhom, Shear, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) reports Administration officials indicated the White House "is turning to the United Nations to help screen migrants fleeing violence in Central America...and to help set up processing centers in several Latin American countries." Secretary of State Kerry on Wednesday will announce the new refugee resettlement program, which is "designed to head off migrants" from the "violence-torn countries" of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras before they begin traveling to the US.

**December Shows "Record Pace" Of Undocumented Central American Immigrants.** The [Washington Times](#) (1/13, Dinan, 283K) reports, "Illegal immigration from Central America is setting a record pace, with nearly 40,000 families and children traveling alone being caught on the southwest border in just the first three months of the fiscal year." According to the Border Patrol, almost 9,000 family members "were caught" in December, which is "a staggering 38 percent increase compared to November" and "by far the highest total ever for the last month of the year." Border Patrol also, according to the Times, " nabbed another 6,000 children traveling alone," which is a 21 percent increase over November.

**OIL PRICES DIP BELOW \$30 A BARREL.** [NBC Nightly News](#) (1/12, story 8, 0:20, Holt, 7.86M) reported that oil prices fell "below \$30 dollars a barrel" for the first time "since December of 2003." Now, "many investors are betting that...the price could fall even more." [Bloomberg News](#) (1/12, Shenk, 3.4M) reports that West Texas Intermediate crude prices fell "below \$30 a barrel in New York for the first time in 12 years." Bloomberg credits "volatility in Chinese markets" and high US stockpiles. Morgan Stanley analysts are speculating that Brent crude prices may fall "as low as \$20 a barrel" should the US dollar rise 5%. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, A1, Puko, Scheck, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) reports that oil prices have been falling for 19 months and are down over 70% since June 2014. Despite the fall in prices, production has not been reduced.

**US Crude Exports Expected To Grow Rapidly With Lifting Of Ban.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, C1, Sider, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) reports that two tankers have left from Texas in the past two weeks loaded with US crude for export and more are expected just weeks after the US ban on crude exports was lifted. The first two tankers headed to Europe with the oil bound for refineries in Germany and Switzerland. One company, NuStar, is increasing its capacity for oil loading to 575,000 barrels a day. One expert expects US oil exports to reach up to 2 million barrels per day, which would be one-fifth of current US production.

**US Markets Up On Tech And Healthcare Gains.** The AP (1/13, Press) reports, "US stocks closed higher on Tuesday," due to "gains in technology and health care." The Dow Jones industrial average gained closed up 117.65 points, or 0.7% at 16,516.22, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index also rose 0.8% to 1,938.68, and the Nasdaq closed up 1% at 4,685.92.

**Morgan Stanley Analyst Says Global Economic Slowdown Will Come To US.** Ruchir Sharma, head of emerging markets and global macro at Morgan Stanley Investment Management, writes in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 6.23M), on the question of how much the US economy will be affected by the slow Chinese economy. He argues that while the precedent of 1997-1998 when the US was unaffected by the Asian financial crisis, and talk of "deglobalization" would indicate that it may not be affected, the US share of global GDP has dropped in that period from 32% to 24%, and foreign trade is now responsible for 23% of the US economy, up from 18% in 1998. In support of his concerns, he points to signs of slowdown in the US economy especially in manufacturing. He concludes by predicting that US growth in 2016 is more likely to be under 2% than above it.



## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** *“President Obama’s Call To America’s Better Nature.”* The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) calls the President’s address “a reminder that the optimism that made him the first African-American president and then the resilience that helped the nation weather economic and global crises over the past seven years are what position it best for the future.”

*“Florida’s Death Machine Loses Again.”* The [New York Times](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 11.64M) editorializes in favor of the court’s ruling, calling the decision “the right one,” but adding that it is “a reminder of how shamelessly some governors and lawmakers will work to undercut core constitutional protections in their crusade for more state-sponsored killing.”

**WASHINGTON POST.** *“A Call To Reform.”* The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) praises President Obama’s State of the Union Address for its positive outlook and calls for a better atmosphere of debate, saying that while the US “faces serious problems ... overstating them only contributes to the likelihood of continuing Washington dysfunction or, worse, electing a demagogue who really would bring disaster.”

*“Good Sense From The Chief Justice.”* The [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) editorializes that “most legal disputes get settled in civil court – via lawsuits – ideally under rules that allow both sides to receive a fair hearing,” and points out that “in his 2015 year-end note, Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. reminded the country that this system enables people to fight it out without literally fighting it out.” Roberts wrote that the civil process “has become too expensive, time-consuming, and contentious, inhibiting effective access to the courts.” The Post adds that “the federal bench is imposing new rules,” among which is to “obligate lawyers to ensure that their demands for information are proportionate.” The Post notes that some are warning that “these changes are unnecessary and potentially counterproductive, limiting access to valuable information,” but concludes that “there is no good argument against insisting that lawyers’ requests be proportionate.”

*“Venezuela’s Lawless Leadership.”* In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (1/13, 7.78M) editorializes that the US and the rest of the Organization of American States has “the authority” to respond to the Venezuelan government’s “crude political coup” following the opposition’s victory in congressional elections last month. The Post argues, “If they fail to do so, they will bear some of the responsibility for the explosive conflict that could unfold in Venezuela in the coming weeks.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL.** *“The Obama Legacy Project.”* In an editorial written before the address, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) blames Obama for the US being more divided today than at any time since the 1960s. According to the Journal, Obama’s presidential style has contributed to both Democrats and Republicans becoming more extreme in their views.

*“ObamaCare’s \$1,200 Pay Cut.”* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, A12, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) in an editorial says that the lack of growth in real incomes during this Administration is due to poor policies and cites the Affordable Care Act’s requirement that employer healthcare plans cover employees’ dependents up to age 26. According to the Journal, a study by economists at Stanford and Harvard found that this mandate cost approximately \$1,200 per employee per year in lost wages for employees of larger companies. The Journal says that the next Administration should consider this if it wants policies that will increase income.

*“An IRS Class Action.”* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (1/13, Subscription Publication, 6.23M) editorializes in support of Judge Susan Dlott’s ruling, pointing out that while it does not usually support class-action lawsuits, this one is appropriate because it appears that the IRS targeted groups based on common factors and treated them similarly by subjecting them to heightened scrutiny and delay.

## Big Picture:

### HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

[NFL Returns To LA](#)

[Big, Bad NFL Will Have To Play By LA’s Rules](#)

[Looking Ahead, With A Familiar Refrain: Hope](#)

[Wide Search For Leader Led Back To LAUSD’s Home](#)



**Wall Street Journal:**

Iran Seizes Two US Navy Boats, 10 Crew Members  
 Obama Defends His Record  
 Behind Toyota's Late Shift Into Self-Driving Cars  
 US Oil Settles Above \$30 A Barrel

**New York Times:**

Obama Urges US To Embrace Change  
 A Nation's Political Split Screen  
 Iran Seizes US Sailors Amid Claims Of Spying  
 Rising Zeal By Fans Of Sanders Puts Clinton On Attack In Iowa  
 With Rams, NFL Replants Flag In Los Angeles  
 Picasso Bust Sells For Millions, But Did It Go To Two Buyers?

**Washington Post:**

In Iowa, Clinton Goes On The Attack  
 Lucky Stores? The Numbers Don't Lie.  
 Click-On-Me Elmo: HBO Will Debut "Sesame Street" Reboot  
 Iran Expected To Release 2 US Navy Crews Today US Navy Vessels In Iranian Custody  
 Obama Urges Nation Not To Fear Future  
 President Diagnoses Anger As A Danger To The Nation

**Financial Times:**

Turkey Blames ISIS For Blast That Kills 10  
 BP And Petrobras Slash Jobs And Spending As Oil Falls Towards \$30  
 Google Changes Diplomatic Tack By Roaming Conciliator As Lobbying Chief

**Washington Times:**

Obama Decries "Politics," Downplays Terror Threat  
 Democrats Don't Fully Embrace Obama's Trade, Illegals Policies  
 Virginia's Gun Show Arrests Hit Obama Argument  
 Unraveling Of The Silk Road  
 Tea Party Suit For IRS Targeting Certified

**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** Iran-US Navy Ships Held; Severe Weather; 2016 Politics; 2016 Politics-Trump Versus Cruz; Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers; State Of The Union; El Chapo-Capture Footage; Italy-US Woman Murdered; Cough Syrup Recall; Powerball Tickets.

**CBS:** Iran-US Navy Ships Held; Guantanamo Bay-Prisoner Release; 2016 Politics-Bernie Sanders Interview; 2016 Politics-Republican Candidates; State Of The Union; Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers; El Chapo-Capture Footage; Severe Weather; Powerball Tickets; Michigan Town Water Supply-Lead Contamination; Joe Biden Interview; State Of The Union-Michelle Obama Guests.

**NBC:** Iran-US Navy Ships Held; State Of The Union-Iran; State Of The Union; 2016 Politics; Joe Biden Interview; State Of The Union-Analysis; Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers; Gas Prices; Severe Weather; El Chapo-Capture Footage; Cough Syrup Recall; Powerball Tickets; President Obama Speech Writer.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

2016 Politics – 10 minutes, 10 seconds  
 State Of The Union – 8 minutes, 20 seconds  
 Iran-US Navy Ships Held – 7 minutes, 40 seconds  
 El Chapo-Capture Footage – 6 minutes, 5 seconds  
 Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers – 4 minutes, 45 seconds  
 Joe Biden Interview – 3 minutes 15 seconds  
 Severe Weather – 3 minutes, 5 seconds  
 Powerball Tickets – 1 minute, 35 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** State Of The Union; State Of The Union-Analysis; Iran-US Navy Ships Held; NFL-St. Louis Rams Move To Los Angeles; Crude Oil Prices Decline.

**CBS:** State Of The Union; Iran-US Navy Ships Held; NFL-St. Louis Rams Move To Los Angeles; Florida-Death



Penalty System Ruled Unconstitutional; Powerball Tickets; Wall Street.

**FOX:** State Of The Union; State Of The Union-Analysis; State Of The Union-Republican Response; Iran-US Navy Ships Held; NFL-St. Louis Rams Move To Los Angeles; Crude Oil Prices Decline; National Intelligence Director Hacked; Powerball Tickets.

**NPR:** State Of The Union; Michigan Town Water Supply-Lead Contamination; LA School District Hires New Superintendent; Wall Street; Pakistan-Deadly Bombing; Iran-US Navy Ships Held; Turkey-ISIL Suicide Bombers.

## Washington Schedule:

### TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

#### White House:

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Visits Nebraska following his final State of the Union address to highlight progress made during his time in office.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — No scheduled public events.

**US Senate:** No scheduled events.

**US House:** 9:00 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on effects of reduced infrastructure on USAF readiness – Readiness Subcommittee hearing on “Effects of Reduced Infrastructure and Base Operating Support Investments on Air Force Readiness,” with testimony from US Air Force Director of Civil Engineers and Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection Maj. Gen. Timothy Green; Air Combat Command Vice Commander Maj. Gen. Jerry Harris, Jr.; and Air Force Materiel Command 96th Test Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Christopher Azzano Location: Rm 2212, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [amedservices.house.gov](http://amedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRepublicans>

9:00 AM House Judiciary subcommittee hearing on the Constitution's Origination Clause – Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice hearing on “The Original Meaning of the Origination Clause,” with testimony from Constitutional and public policy lawyer Paul Kamenar; Constitutional Accountability Center Chief Counsel Elizabeth Wydra; and Pacific Legal Foundation D.C. Center Executive Director Todd Gaziano Location: Rm 2141, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://judiciary.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseJudiciary>

9:00 AM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee US response to North Korea's alleged nuclear test – Asia and the Pacific Subcommittee hearing on “The US Response to North Korea's Nuclear Provocations,” with testimony from Center for Strategic and International Studies Korea Chair Dr Victor Cha; Heritage Foundation Senior Research Fellow for Northeast Asia Bruce Klingner; and Center for Strategic and International Studies China Power Project Director Bonnie Glaser \* Last week, Pyongyang announced that it had successfully tested its first hydrogen bomb – its fourth nuclear test overall – although no full independent confirmation has been made of the test Location: Rm 2172, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACRepublicans>

9:00 AM House debates Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act and disapproval of WOTUS rule – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda including “H.R. 3662 – Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act” and “S.J.Res. 22 – Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of ‘waters of the United States’ under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.” Administration has said it strongly opposes the Iran Terror Finance Transparency Act, and that President Barack Obama would veto it if it reached his desk, along with any other legislation that would prevent the successful implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on Iran's nuclear program Location: Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/>

9:15 AM House Financial Services subcommittee hearing on flood insurance – Housing and Insurance Subcommittee hearing on “How to Create a More Robust and Private Flood Insurance Marketplace,” with testimony from Pennsylvania State Insurance Department Commissioner Teresa Miller (on behalf of National Association of Insurance Commissioners); Standard Mortgage Corporation Executive Vice President Steve Bradshaw (on behalf of Mortgage Bankers Association); National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices Executive Director Brady Kelley; and Center for Economic Justice Executive Director Birmy Bimbaum Location: Rm 2128, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://financialservices.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/FinancialCmte>



10:00 AM Markup hearing on "H.R. 4341, Defending America's Small Contractors Act of 2016" Location: Rm 2360, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

10:30 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on commissary reform – Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing on "Views on Commissary Reform," with testimony from American Logistics Association President Patrick Nixon; Armed Forces Marketing Council President Tom Gordy; National Military Family Association Deputy Director of Government Relations Eileen Huck; and Military Officers Association of America Deputy Director for Government Relations Brooke Goldberg Location: Rm 2118, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [armedservices.house.gov](http://armedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRpublicans>

House Benghazi Committee hears from additional witness – House Select Committee on Benghazi holds private interview with former Department of Defense Chief of Staff Jeremy Bash \* 11 Sep 2012 attack on the US diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, left US Ambassador to Libya Amb. Chris Stevens and three of his colleagues dead. The attack was originally incorrectly described as the result of violent protests against an American-produced film said to insult the Prophet Muhammad. A report from the US Accountability Review Board, released in December 2012, said serious bureaucratic mismanagement was responsible for inadequate security, though a 2014 report from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence found no intelligence failures around the attack Location: US Capitol, Washington, DC <http://benghazi.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseBenghazi>

**Other:** 8:30 AM Sens. Murkowski and King speak at CSIS on security and icebreaking operations in the Arctic – CSIS discussion on "National Security Challenges and Icebreaking Operations in the Arctic," with Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski and Independent Sen. Angus King, who speak on America's icebreaking capabilities in the polar regions, and emerging national security challenges specific to the Arctic. Other speakers include US Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft, Canadian Coast Guard Commanding Officer Capt. Anthony Potts, US Coast Guard Director of Maritime Transportation System Gary Rasicot, University of Alaska Fairbanks Professor of Geography and Arctic Policy Dr Lawson Brigham, and Congressional Regional Service Specialist in Naval Affairs Ronald O'Rourke Location: CSIS, 16 Rhode Island Ave., Washington, DC <http://www.csis.org> <https://twitter.com/CSIS>

8:30 AM NCBA CLUSA survey on impact of the cooperative business model released at NPC – National survey on the impact of the cooperative business model in the US released at NPC news conference, hosted by the National Cooperative Business Association and CLUSA International (NCBA CLUSA), the co-chairs of the new Congressional Cooperative Business Caucus – Republican Rep. Ed Royce and Democratic Rep. Mark Pocan – and executives from ACE Hardware, True Value. Speakers include Reps. Royce and Pocan, NCBA CLUSA International Interim CEO Judy Ziewacz, Pachamama Coffee Cooperative Director of Cooperative Development Mollie Moisan, ACE Hardware Owner Gina Schaefer, True Value Hardware Divisional VP of Retail Growth Bruce Carozzi, and National Cooperative Bank President and CEO Charles Snyder \* Event also includes kick-off of NCBA CLUSA's 100th Anniversary Campaign Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC [www.ncba.coop](http://www.ncba.coop) <https://twitter.com/NCBACLUSA>

9:00 AM GOP Rep. Michael McCaul speaks at Hudson Institute – House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Michael McCaul discusses "The State of America's Homeland Security" at the Hudson Institute Location: Hudson Institute, 1015 15th St, Washington, DC <http://www.hudson.org> <https://twitter.com/HudsonInstitute>

9:00 AM National Transportation Safety Board unveils annual Most Wanted List – National Transportation Safety Board unveils its 2016 Most Wanted List of transportation safety improvements via press conference during the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, featuring Chairman Christopher Hart, Vice Chairman T. Bella Dinh-Zarr, and Board Members Robert Sumwalt and Earl Weener \* Marks the latest iteration of a list developed in 1990 to focus attention on transportation safety improvements that it believes will have the greatest impact on safety Location: Marriott Marquis, 901 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.nts.gov/> <https://twitter.com/NTSB> #ntsbmwl

11:00 AM USTR Froman discusses "The Economic and Strategic Benefits of the Trans-Pacific Partnership" at Wilson Center – US Trade Representative Amb. Mike Froman speaks at the Wilson Center Director's Forum event on "The Economic and Strategic Benefits of the Trans-Pacific Partnership," giving his perspectives on "the benefits of this Partnership to the US economy and to the Obama Administration's goal of deepening regional ties across the Pacific." Location: Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/> <https://twitter.com/TheWilsonCenter>



12:00 PM GOP Rep. Tom Price speaks at Brookings – Brookings Institution holds conversation with House Committee on the Budget Chair Tom Price on budget priorities, process, and fiscal challenges, followed by a panel discussion featuring Brookings Chair in Federal Economic Policy William Gale, Economic Studies Senior Fellow Stuart Butler, Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence Co-Director Michael O’Hanlon, and Governance Studies Fellow Molly Reynolds Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.brookings.edu> <https://twitter.com/BrookingsInst>

12:30 PM GOP Rep. Mac Thornberry speaks at NPC – NPC Luncheon with House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry, outlining his agenda for the year ahead and assessing President Barack Obama’s State of the Union address yesterday Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC <http://press.org/> <https://twitter.com/PressClubDC>

1:35 PM Michelle Obama speaks on the benefits available to youth through the Affordable Care Act – First Lady Michelle Obama discusses the benefits available to youth through the Affordable Care Act, and highlights “the important work organizations and educators are doing to reach young people during this open enrollment period,” via conference call, held ahead of National Youth Enrollment Day (21 Jan) Location: TBD <http://www.whitehouse.gov/> <https://twitter.com/whitehouse>

1:45 PM Deputy national security advisor briefs Washington FPC on US foreign policy – Washington Foreign Press Center On-The-Record Briefing on “The Obama Administration’s 2016 Foreign Policy Priorities,” with Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications Ben Rhodes building on President Barack Obama’s final State of the Union address and outlining the Obama Administration’s foreign policy and national security priorities for the coming year Location: National Press Bldg, 14th St NW, Washington, DC [www.fpc.state.gov](http://www.fpc.state.gov) <https://twitter.com/ForeignPressCtr>

5:00 PM Former Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel speaks at Atlantic Council – Atlantic Council International Advisory Board Member Chuck Hagel speaks on “Reflections of a Former Secretary of Defense.” Location: Atlantic Council, 1030 15th St NW, Washington, DC [www.acus.org](http://www.acus.org) <https://twitter.com/AtlanticCouncil>

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Tonight, President Obama gave his final State of the Union address. And a lot of people said it had a more optimistic tone. Instead of seeing the glass half empty, Obama sees the presidency as seven-eighths over.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Tonight was Paul Ryan’s first State of the Union as Speaker of the House. But get this, did you hear this, Ben Carson recently said that several Republican congressmen actually tried to recruit him for the job. Ben Carson. Of course, they’d have to call him Whisperer of the House.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Some more news out of Washington. I saw that the White House joined Snapchat yesterday. It’s a great platform for the White House, because moments after you make a promise, it magically disappears.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “I saw that Ben & Jerry’s ice cream wants to make a flavor inspired by Bernie Sanders. Whatever flavor it winds up being, we know Bernie will hate it for being too rich.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Seems like a lot of people are getting behind Sanders. In fact, Tommy Chong of ‘Cheech and Chong’ announced that he is supporting Bernie Sanders for president. People were like, ‘Why?’ And Tommy Chong is like, ‘Why what, man?’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Marco Rubio’s campaign said that it expects to lose the first four states in the primary elections, but he thinks that he can win the nomination anyway. Which is sort of like not getting a rose on ‘The Bachelor’ and being like, ‘Call me?’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “There have been about 1,000 fundraising committees known as super PACs created in this election cycle, and over half of them were made by one man who apparently just does it for fun. People are like, ‘Who would mess with an election just for fun?’ And [Donald] Trump was like, ‘You rang?’”



**Seth Meyers:** "President Obama tonight delivered his final State of the Union address. Now we taped this show early, but I'm guessing he was interrupted dozens of times by applause, and twice when Hillary Clinton tried to tag in."

**Seth Meyers:** "In the lead-up to tonight's State of the Union address, House Speaker Paul Ryan accused Obama of plotting to set verbal traps for Republicans. Responded Obama, 'Loser says what?'"

**Seth Meyers:** "A noted Republican strategist published a new article for CNN, claiming that the candidates having the most fun on the campaign trail usually fare the best in elections. While the candidates having the least fun try to hide it but putting an exclamation point at the end of their logo."

**Seth Meyers:** "Vice President Joe Biden said this morning that Donald Trump is running a divisive campaign. But most Trump supporters are okay with division, provided it's not long division."

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## Re: Clip: Lake County News: Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument dedicated; effort honors vision for public lands in Lake, Napa, Yolo, Mendocino and Solano counties

1 message

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Sun, Mar 20, 2016 at 11:53 AM

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Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument dedicated; effort honors vision for public lands in Lake, Napa, Yolo, Mendocino and Solano counties

SATURDAY, 19 MARCH 2016 23:19 LAKE COUNTY NEWS

REPORTS



**Federal, state and local leaders gathered on Saturday, March 19, 2016, to dedicate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument, which runs through Lake, Napa, Yolo, Mendocino and Solano counties in Northern California. Photo courtesy of the Office of Congressman Mike Thompson.**

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA – Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell on Saturday joined with hundreds of community members and local leaders to dedicate the Berryessa Snow



Mountain National Monument, which was designated by President Barack Obama on July 10, 2015, to protect nearly 331,000 acres of public lands in Northern California.

The dedication and spring festival took place at Cowboy Camp, a popular recreation area for hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, and wildlife enthusiasts near the town of Williams.

Secretary Jewell was joined by Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze, California State Director for the Bureau of Land Management Jerry Perez, U.S. Representatives Mike Thompson and John Garamendi, California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird, Sen. Lois Wolk, Assemblyman Bill Dodd and other community and conservation leaders.

"It's a great day to celebrate the culmination of more than a decade of work to protect this stunning landscape so its beauty and richness will be passed on to future generations," said Secretary Jewell. "The president's action to recognize Berryessa Snow Mountain as a national monument is a testament to this community's vision and dedication. We expect the designation will boost local economies through increased tourism from families and outdoor enthusiasts seeking adventure, recreation, and solitude that only nature can provide."

"Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument provides an important balance between Northern California's urban environments of Sacramento and the San Francisco Bay Area and the wild, remote landscapes that surround the farms, ranches, orchards and vineyards that nourish our nation," said Chief Tidwell. "The balance is important because it helps ensure these lands continue to serve the region and nation as a sustainable, working landscape that supports local economies and critical resources from fresh water and grazing lands to recreation areas and habitat for important plant, fish and wildlife species."

The monument extends almost 100 miles from Berryessa Peak and other lands in Napa, Yolo, and Solano counties through the spectacular lands of Lake, Colusa and Glenn counties to the eastern boundary of the Yuki Wilderness in Mendocino County.

The landscape rises from near sea level in the south to over 7,000 feet in the north, and encompasses diverse landscapes including steep canyons, scenic rivers, rolling oak woodlands and elaborate springtime wildflower displays.

Miles of hiking, horseback riding, and designated off-road vehicle trails offer visitors views of the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada Mountains to the east and the Coastal Mountains to the west, as well as panoramic vistas overlooking Clear Lake, Lake Berryessa, and the steep canyon of Cache Creek. Hunting and angling are popular activities year-round.

The Cache Creek, Cedar Rough and Snow Mountain wilderness areas provide opportunities for remote backcountry travel and Cache Creek provides the closest commercial whitewater rafting to San Francisco.

The new monument contains one of the greatest concentrations of biodiversity in California and is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted owls, marten, and fisher. California Coastal Chinook salmon and Northern California steelhead spawn in the area's waterways.

The region's proximity to population centers such as Sacramento, San Francisco and Santa Rosa make the area an important recreation setting for millions of Northern California residents.

An independent study estimates an increase in visitors could bring up to \$26 million in new economic activity to local economies over the next five years.

A study by the Winters Chamber of Commerce found protected public lands are major contributors to our country's \$646 billion outdoor recreation economy. In California alone, more than half of all residents participate in outdoor recreation each year, supporting more than 700,000 jobs and generating more than \$6 billion for our state's economy.

The proclamation allows for continued historic uses of the area, including hunting, fishing and livestock grazing, which will be managed under existing rules and regulations.

The designation does not alter or affect valid water rights, rights of way or existing special use permits or commercial activities on public land, as long as they are consistent with the care and management of the objects and resources protected by the designation.



The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument will continue to be managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service.

The agencies will jointly prepare a management plan for the monument in an open process with maximum public involvement from federal, state and local government, community members and interested stakeholders.

In December 2014, Secretary Jewell, U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, and USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Robert Bonnie visited the Berryessa Snow Mountain area at the request of U.S. Representative Mike Thompson to hear from the community about their vision for conservation in the region.

Since 2012, Congressman Thompson and U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer have introduced legislation to protect this area.

The boundary declared by the president's designation follows the approach contained in legislation introduced in February of 2014, following extensive public outreach and engagement by the congressman.

"After years of tireless work by countless numbers of people, the Berryessa Snow Mountain region finally has the permanent protection it deserves," said Congressman Thompson. "It was an honor to join those who have been incredible partners and supporters in this effort at today's dedication ceremony."

The Bureau of Land Management's National Conservation Lands contain some of the West's most spectacular landscapes.

They include more than 873 federally recognized areas comprising approximately 32 million acres of National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails, and Conservation Lands of the California Desert.

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On Mar 19, 2016, at 8:48 PM, Jessica Kershaw <jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

AP: Interior secretary dedicates new monument in California

March 19, 2016

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WILLIAMS, Calif. (AP) — A new national monument made up of more than 330,000 acres of public lands has been dedicated in Northern California.

U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell joined federal and state officials near the town of Williams on Saturday to mark the creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. Williams is about 50 miles north of Sacramento.

The monument extends from Berryessa Peak and other areas in Napa, Yolo, and Solano counties through Lake, Colusa, and Glenn counties to the eastern boundary of the Yuki Wilderness in Mendocino County.

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On Mar 11, 2016, at 11:00 AM, Duran, Leah <leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Attached please find a media advisory for the Berryessa Snow Mountain event next weekend. Please have redline edits to me by **COB today**, and please reply only to me instead of replying to all.

Thank you,  
~Leah



It is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted owls.

Date: March 18,  
2016

President Barack Obama designated the area a national monument in July.

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USDA

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Ceremony marks dedication  
of new Berryessa Snow  
Mountain National Monument**  
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## **Secretary Jewell to Join California Celebration Commemorating Designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument**

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA** – On Saturday, March 19, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will join a California celebration to commemorate the designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.

In July, President Obama [designated Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument](#) as one of three new national monuments alongside Basin and Range National Monument in Nevada and Waco Mammoth in Texas. The Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument – now the second largest national monument in California – exemplifies the rich biodiversity and stunning landscapes for which the state is known.

The region's proximity to population centers such as Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Rosa make the area an important setting for recreation for millions of Northern California residents. The area contains one of the greatest concentrations of biodiversity in California and is home to threatened and endangered plant and wildlife species including northern spotted

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State and federal officials Saturday dedicated the new Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument with a ceremony and festival.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell and Reps. Mike



Thompson, D-St. Helena, and John Garamendi, D-Fairfield, gathered along with hundreds of other officials and conservationists at Cowboy Camp, a popular recreation site west of Williams, to dedicate the monument that takes in a 331,000-acre mountainous region running through Napa, Lake, Mendocino, Solano and Yolo counties.

"After years of tireless work by countless numbers of people, the Berryessa Snow Mountain region finally has the permanent protection it deserves," Thompson said in a statement. "It was an honor to join those who have been incredible partners and supporters in this effort at today's dedication ceremony."

In July, President Barack Obama designated the Berryessa Snow Mountain area as a national monument, offering a higher level of federal protection to its rolling hills and sensitive ecosystem, home to bald and golden eagles, black bears, mountain lions, northern spotted owls and rare plants. The White House also highlighted economic benefits that come with enhanced protections and unified management of the area, saying it would attract visitors and bring in more money.

The move was considered a major win for environmental activists and Northern California lawmakers who long pushed for greater conservation of the region, which already was under federal control.

The site will be managed by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Monument status could provide additional funding for conservation

owls, marten, and fisher.

Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service will jointly prepare a management plan that will address the actions necessary to protect the resources identified in the monument proclamation. The plan will be developed with public involvement including tribal, state and local governments, ranchers, permit holders, and other interested stakeholders.

**Who:** **Sally Jewell**,  
U.S. Secretary of the Interior  
**Mike Thompson**, U.S.  
Representative, California  
**John Garamendi**, U.S.  
Representative, California  
**Tom Bohigian**, State  
Director, Office of U.S. Senator  
Barbara Boxer  
**Bill Dodd**, California  
Assemblyman  
**Lois Wolk**, California  
State Senator  
**Tom Tidwell**, Chief,  
U.S. Forest Service  
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Director, National Conservation  
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**Jerry Perez**, California  
State Director, BLM  
**Rich Burns**,  
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**Randy Moore**, Regional  
Forester, USFS  
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Supervisor, Mendocino National  
Forest  
**Cecilia Aguiar-Curry**,  
Mayor, Winters  
**Sara Husby**, Executive  
Director, Tuleyome

**What:** Berryessa Snow  
Mountain National Monument  
celebration



work, invasive-plant removal and recreation management, according to Thompson's office. The site already provides popular spots for camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, mountain biking and whitewater rafting.

**When:** Saturday, March 19, 2016

10:45 a.m. PST –

Media check-in

11:00 a.m. PST – Celebration begins

**Where:** Cowboy Camp Trailhead, located on the west side of State Highway 16, one mile south of Highway 20

**Directions:** From Interstate 5 at Williams, take State Highway 20 west for about 19 miles to its junction with State Highway 16. Travel south on Highway 16 for 1 mile. Parking lot is on the right. (Or: from Clearlake Oaks, go east on State Highway 20 to Highway 16 intersection, then follow directions above.)

**Media:** Credentialed members of the media are encouraged to [RSVP](#) here.

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## Invitation: Trip Planning Meeting/Call: Berryessa Snow Mountain Celeb... @ Thu Mar 3, 2016 3pm - 4pm (Liz Pardue)

1 message

Kerry McNellis &lt;kerry\_mcnellis@ios.doi.gov&gt;

Fri, Feb 12, 2016 at 1:25 PM

Reply-To: Kerry McNellis &lt;kerry\_mcnellis@ios.doi.gov&gt;

To: laura\_pardue@ios.doi.gov, blake\_androff@ios.doi.gov, lindsey\_wagner-oveson@ios.doi.gov, jeremy\_bratt@ios.doi.gov, leah\_duran@ios.doi.gov, mmaciell@blm.gov, steven\_avila@ios.doi.gov, maria\_najera@ios.doi.gov, felipe\_mendoza@ios.doi.gov, chelsea\_welch@ios.doi.gov, rebecca\_matulka@ios.doi.gov, jessica\_kershaw@ios.doi.gov, libby\_marking@ios.doi.gov, francis\_iacobucci@ios.doi.gov, tami\_heilemann@ios.doi.gov, kevin\_thompson@ios.doi.gov, sarah\_neimeyer@ios.doi.gov, kimberly\_jensen@ios.doi.gov, j2stout@blm.gov, david\_graham@ios.doi.gov, nicole\_buffa@ios.doi.gov, christine\_lopez@ios.doi.gov, john\_blair@ios.doi.gov, abilbao@blm.gov, cleff@blm.gov, rachael\_johnson@ios.doi.gov, benjamin\_milakofsky@ios.doi.gov, jeanderson@blm.gov, dnmwilson@blm.gov, emily\_bokar@ios.doi.gov, jkrauss@blm.gov

### Trip Planning Meeting/Call: Berryessa Snow Mountain Celebration (3/18-19)

[more details »](#)

Please join us for a meeting/call to discuss the Secretary's participation in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Dedication Celebration events on 3/18-3/19.

Dial-in Number: (b) (5)

Participant Code: (b) (5)

Leader Code: (b) (5) (Kerry will activate)

When Thu Mar 3, 2016 3pm – 4pm Eastern Time

Where MIB can join in 6640 ([map](#))

Video call (b) (5)

Calendar Liz Pardue

Who

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Going? **Yes** - **Maybe** - **No** [more options »](#)

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**INVITATION: Join Secretary Sally Jewell and Chief Tom Tidwell on Saturday, March 19, to Celebrate the Designation of Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument**

1 message

**OS, Office of the Secretary** <officeoftheseecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
To: Office of the Secretary OS <officeoftheseecretary@ios.doi.gov>  
Bcc: liz\_pardue@ios.doi.gov

Thu, Mar 10, 2016 at 3:52 PM



Dear Friends,

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11:00 a.m. – Celebration

BLM Cowboy Camp Day Use Area  
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Williams, CA 95987  
(Google Maps: 38.997697, -122.353758)

We hope you are able to join us and ask that you [RSVP](#) at your earliest convenience by clicking [HERE](#). Casual attire is appropriate.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs  
Office of the Secretary  
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Thu, Mar 17, 2016 at 2:15 PM



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## Berryessa RSVP List

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Fri, Mar 18, 2016 at 2:52 PM

To: William McIntee <william\_mcintee@ios.doi.gov>, Amanda <amanda\_degroff@ios.doi.gov>

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Team,

Attached is our RSVP list for the Berryessa public ceremony. Let me know if you have any questions!

Best,

Steven Avila

Advisor, Strategic Partnerships and Diverse Engagement

Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior

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**RSVP - Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Celebration (Responses) (1).xlsx**

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| Timestamp          | RSVP | First Name     | Last Name    | Title                              | Affiliation                      | Email Address                    | Phone Number    | Notes/Comments                                               |
|--------------------|------|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3/10/2016 15:55:45 | Yes  | Sam            | Goldman      | California Program Director        | Conservation Lands Foundation    | Sam@conservationlands.org        | 4157430193      |                                                              |
| 3/10/2016 15:55:51 | Yes  | Pamela         | Flick        | California Representative          | Defenders of Wildlife            | pflick@defenders.org             | 916-203-6927    | (b) (6) with BLM's Mother Lode Field C                       |
| 3/10/2016 15:58:54 | Yes  | Matt           | Keller       | National Monuments Campaign        | The Wilderness Society           | matt_keller@twso.org             |                 | 9709460906 Looking forward to attending!!                    |
| 3/10/2016 15:58:55 | Yes  | Jose           | Gonzalez     | Founder- CEO                       | Latino Outdoors                  | jgonzalez@latinooutdoors.org     | 2099686155      |                                                              |
| 3/10/2016 15:59:26 | Yes  | John           | Laird        | Secretary for California Natural F | State of California              | Kimj@resources.ca.gov            | 916-653-7310    |                                                              |
| 3/10/2016 16:20:57 | Yes  | Bob            | Hammond      | Senior Lands Program Manager       | Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation        | bhammond@rmef.org                | 530-859-2480    | Looking forward to attending the celebration.                |
| 3/10/2016 16:22:04 | Yes  | Abbie          | Jossie       | Acting Assistant Director, Nation  | Bureau of Land Management        | ajossie@blm.gov                  | 202-208-3516    |                                                              |
| 3/10/2016 16:23:27 | Yes  | Victoria       | Brandon      | Redwood Chapter Chair              | Sierra Club                      | vbrandon@lakelive.info           | 707 994 1931    | wouldn't miss it for the world!                              |
| 3/10/2016 16:24:11 | Yes  | Bob            | Schneider    | Senior Policy Director             | Tuleyome                         | Bschneider@tuleyome.org          | 530-304-6215    |                                                              |
| 3/10/2016 16:49:56 | Yes  | Bruce          | Hamilton     | Deputy Executive Director          | Sierra Club                      | bruce.hamilton@sierraclub.org    | 4159775678      |                                                              |
| 3/10/2016 16:51:08 | Yes  | Joan           | Hamilton     | Journalist                         | Freelance, Bay Nature            | joanham@gamil.com                | (b) (6)         |                                                              |
| 3/10/2016 16:54:35 | Yes  | Mike           | Thompson     | U. S. Representative               | Represents the 5th Congression   | Brad.Onorato@mail.house.gov      | 707-225-9898    | Accompanying Congressman Thompson will be his wife           |
| 3/10/2016 16:59:18 | Yes  | Julissa        | Delgado      | Field Representative               | U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer       | julissa_delgado@boxer.senate.gov | 916-448-2787    |                                                              |
| 3/10/2016 23:36:29 | Yes  | Sara           | Husby        | Executive Director                 | Tuleyome                         | sdhusby@tuleyome.org             | 773-491-9716    |                                                              |
| 3/11/2016 12:42:57 | Yes  | Nicole         | Layman       | Campaign Manager                   | The Wilderness Society           | nicole_layman@twso.org           | 3039292632      |                                                              |
| 3/11/2016 12:59:02 | Yes  | Cathy          | Haagen-Smit  | Representative                     | International Mountain Bicycling | tandems2@sbcglobal.net           | (916) 572-8663  |                                                              |
| 3/11/2016 12:59:54 | Yes  | Jim            | Haagen-Smit  | Representative                     | International Mountain Bicycling | tandems2@sbcglobal.net           | (916) 572-8663  |                                                              |
| 3/11/2016 19:42:06 | Yes  | Cecilia        | Aguiar-Curry | Mayor                              | City of Winters                  | Cecilia@cityofwinters.org        | 916-837-0199    | Looking forward to this momentous event.                     |
| 3/12/2016 2:08:05  | Yes  | Diane          | Dillon       | Supervisor                         | Napa County                      | Diane.Dillon@countyofnapa.org    | 7079630890      |                                                              |
| 3/13/2016 16:27:52 | Yes  | Tom            | Ward         |                                    | International Mountain Bicycling | (b) (6)                          | 916-505-6875    |                                                              |
| 3/16/2016 1:32:05  | Yes  | Pete and Helen | McCloskey    | Congressman and Mrs                | Tuleyome                         | filly6@aol.com                   | 530-796-2124    | cell (b) (6) for texts                                       |
| 3/15/2016 0:14:01  | Yes  | Michael        | Bosse        | Dep National Program Director      | Sierra Club                      | Michael.bosse@sierraclub.org     | (b) (6)         | Corrning with (b) (6)                                        |
| 3/17/2016 14:16:50 | Yes  | Stacey         | Smith        | Deputy State Director              | Office of U.S. Senator Barbara B | stacey_smith@boxer.senate.gov    | (b) (6)         |                                                              |
| 3/17/2016 14:19:38 | No   | Michael        | Van Abel     | President                          | IMBA                             | mike.vanabel@imba.com            | 303-545-9011    | I regret I will not be able to attend this great celebration |
| 3/17/2016 14:21:35 | Yes  | Tom            | Bohigian     | State Director                     | Senator Barbara Boxer            | tom_bohigian@boxer.senate.gov    | (b) (6)         |                                                              |
| 3/17/2016 14:21:55 | Yes  | Ryan           | Bidwell      | Senior Director                    | Conservation Lands Foundation    | Ryan@conservationlands.org       | 970-946-0506    |                                                              |
| 3/17/2016 14:46:34 | Yes  | Andrew         | Fulks        | Board President                    | Tuleyome                         | afulks@tuleyome.org              | 530-219-7618    | Looking forward to the celebration of our new national r     |
| 3/17/2016 15:10:05 | Yes  | Bruce          | Hamilton     | Deputy Executive Director          | Sierra Club                      | bruce.hamilton@sierraclub.org    | (b) (6)         | I RSVP'd earlier so this may be a repeat for you.            |
| 3/17/2016 15:48:52 | Yes  | Bob            | Hammond      | Senior Lands Program Mgr           | Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation         | bhammond@rmef.org                | 530-859-2480    |                                                              |
| 3/17/2016 17:17:51 | No   | Kristin        | Bail         | Assistant Director, National Cons  | Bureau of Land Management        | kbail@blm.gov                    | 202-208-3516    |                                                              |
| 3/17/2016 17:30:02 | Yes  | Jim and Renee  | Kenna        | State Director (retired)           | BLM (retired); Amencorps         | (b) (6)                          | (b) (6) (b) (6) | ice Look forward to seeing folks.                            |
| 3/17/2016 18:30:36 | Yes  | Diane          | Dillon       | Supervisor                         | Napa County                      | diane.dillon@countyofnapa.org    | 707-963-0890    |                                                              |
| 3/17/2016 19:03:25 | Yes  | Jose           | Gonzalez     | Founder                            | Latino Outdoors                  | jgonzalez@latinooutdoors.org     | 2099686155      |                                                              |
| 3/17/2016 22:16:43 | Yes  | Ray            | Krauss       |                                    | BRBNA                            | rkrauss@sonic.net                | (b) (6)         |                                                              |
| 3/17/2016 23:24:57 | Yes  | Judy & John    | Ahmann       | Ahmann Ranches                     | Tuleyome                         | Ahmannjudy@gmail.com             | 7072245012      |                                                              |



Office) plans to join me, too. We're very much looking forward to this celebration, especially since I've worked on the campaign to permanently protect the Berryessa Snow Mountain region since its inception. Thank you so much for making this rea

, Janet and several member of his Congressional Staff. The Staff members attending are: -BRAD ONORATO-CASEY BADMINGTON

and event. However, there will be local California based IMBA representatives that will be in attendance. Thank you.

nonument in our beautiful public lands!

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## U.S. Department of the Interior News Briefing for Monday, March 21, 2016

1 message

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**SECRETARY JEWELL, DEPUTY SECRETARY CONNOR TO VISIT HARNEY COUNTY.** [KTVZ-TV](#) Bend, OR (3/20, 32K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Deputy Interior Secretary Michael Connor will "travel to Harney County on Monday to meet with employees affected by the 41-day Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation, as well as community and tribal leaders, the agency announced Sunday." The announcement said Jewell will meet "with community and tribal leaders who are working collaboratively on thoughtful management of public and private lands in southeastern Oregon." Jewell said, "As the community continues to recover from the illegal occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, I know that deepening the strong partnerships already in place will be important to the healing process."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Portland \(OR\) Tribune](#) (3/21, 122K).

**Lawmakers Seek Federal Funding To Reimburse Local Expenses For Malheur Occupation.** The [E&E](#) (3/18) reports that "members of Oregon's congressional delegation are working to find federal dollars to help pay back local governments that responded to armed militants' takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge earlier this year." According to the article, "a top priority for Sen. Ron Wyden is getting 'compensation for the community, which basically blew through its budget as a result of this.'" Wyden and Sen. Jeff Merkley are "also



seeking to tap the existing budgets of other law enforcement agencies or provide new dollars for state and local agencies via the fiscal 2017 appropriations process.”

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage of the occupation was provided by the [Oregonian](#) (3/20, 864K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/18, 285K), [Reuters](#) (3/18, Johnson), the [Arizona Republic](#) (3/18, 975K), and [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (3/20, 2K).

**SECRETARY JEWELL DEDICATES BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The [AP](#) (3/19, 1.99M) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “joined federal and state officials near the town of Williams on Saturday to mark the creation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument.”

The [Santa Rosa \(CA\) Press Democrat](#) (3/20, 165K) reports that Jewell was joined by Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell and Reps. Mike Thompson and John Garamendi. Thompson said, “After years of tireless work by countless numbers of people, the Berryessa Snow Mountain region finally has the permanent protection it deserves. It was an honor to join those who have been incredible partners and supporters in this effort at today’s dedication ceremony.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/19, 285K), the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/20, 569K), the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (3/20, 591K), the [Lake County \(CA\) News](#) (3/20, 530), [YubaNet \(CA\)](#) (3/20, 6K), [KXJZ-FM](#) Sacramento, CA (3/20, 6K), and [KRON-TV San Francisco \(CA\)](#) San Francisco (3/20, 124K).

**SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS SANTA CRUZ ISLAND.** The [Ventura County \(CA\) Star](#) (3/20, 148K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visited Santa Cruz Island last Friday. She was joined by Rep. Lois Capps and “dozens of Santa Paula fourth-graders.” According to the article, “the students’ trip was part of the Every Kid in a Park initiative launched last year by President Barack Obama to get children nationwide outdoors.” Jewell and Capps “handed out national park passes to fourth-graders from Thille School in Santa Paula.”

[KEYT-TV](#) Santa Barbara, CA (3/20, 1K) reports that “students were taken to the Channel Islands specifically to see the Channel Island Fox.” According to the article, “the animal has been brought back from the brink of extinction through conservation work.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KEYT-TV](#) Santa Barbara, CA (3/21, 1K).

**CONTINUING COVERAGE: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CANCELS DISPUTED DRILLING LEASE ON SACRED SITE.** [E&E Publishing](#) (3/18, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that last week, the Obama Administration canceled Solenex LLC’s undeveloped lease in the Badger-Two Medicine area of Lewis and Clark National Forest. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said “it was issued without proper environmental or cultural review.”

The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (3/18, 48K) reports that Jewell said, “Today’s action honors Badger-Two Medicine’s rich cultural and natural resources and recognizes the irreparable impacts that oil and gas development would have on them.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Arkansas Democrat Gazette](#) (3/18, 308K), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (3/20, 388K), the [Wyoming Tribune Eagle](#) (3/20, 44K), [Natural Gas Intelligence](#) (3/20, Subscription Publication), and [KTVQ-TV Billings \(MT\)](#) Billings, MT (3/20, 46K).

**TRIBAL OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE RENAMING OF MT MCKINLEY TO DENALI.** The [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (3/18, 2K) reports that the “renaming of North America’s highest peak from Mt. McKinley to Denali was recognized Wednesday by federal and tribal officials at the Tanana Chief’s Conference annual meeting in Fairbanks.” Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “took action last summer to formally re-name Mt. McKinley to its traditional Athabascan name Denali.” Jewell’s senior advisor for Alaska affairs Michael Johnson “pointed to the significance the name change in an address to Tanana Chiefs Conference delegates.” Johnson said, “This is a symbol, but it’s an important one ‘cause it’s about respect. And that’s, I think, first and foremost why the secretary was happy to do it.”

**REP. CLAWSON SEEKS \$500 MILLION TO BUY LAND IN EVERGLADES.** The [Naples \(FL\) Daily News](#) (3/20, 131K) reports that “in what’s intended as a long-term solution to the damaging discharges of nutrient-laden waters from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers, U.S. Rep. Curt Clawson wants the Interior Department to buy land south of the lake for water storage.” Clawson introduced the Everglades Land



Acquisition Act on Friday. If enacted, the measure would "set aside \$500 million for the Interior Department to buy the land in the Everglades Agriculture Area in Palm Beach County after a study, also authorized in the bill, determined the right location."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fort Myers \(FL\) News-Press](#) (3/18, 190K).

#### **NEW MEXICO STILL EYEING LAWSUIT AGAINST EPA OVER GOLD KING MINE SPILL.** [KUNM-FM](#)

Albuquerque, NM (3/20, 4K) reports that the EPA is "acknowledging the concerns of officials in New Mexico and elsewhere that spring runoff could stir up contaminants left behind by the Gold King Mine spill in southern Colorado." EPA Regional Administrator Ron Curry "wrote in a letter to the state's congressional delegation that the federal agency is providing \$2 million for long-term monitoring and planning." Curry also "confirmed the agency is reviewing the state's most recent request to be reimbursed \$1.5 million for expenses related to the August 2015 spill." However, "that will not dissuade state officials from pursuing a lawsuit against EPA." Environment Secretary Ryan Flynn said "he wants to see a long-term monitoring program and that's the biggest stumbling block right now."

**ALASKA LOSES BID FOR EASEMENTS ALONG HISTORIC TRAILS.** The [Alaska Public Radio Network](#) (3/18, 2K) reports that "in court, the state of Alaska lost its bid for easements along historic trails across Native Allotments near Chicken, in Interior Alaska." The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals held "in favor of the U.S. Department of Interior, Tanana Chiefs Conference and Native allotment owners Agnes and Anne Purdy."

#### **FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PROJECTS.**

The [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (3/20, 37K) reports that "federal and state agencies recently announced available funding for enhancing sage grouse habitat in Montana." The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service is "offering funding to private landowners for reducing the encroachment of conifers in sage grouse habitat." The state of Montana is also "offering funding to conservation agencies and organizations for projects benefiting sage grouse through the Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team."

**SEN. MURKOWSKI LOOKS TO ADDRESS PUERTO RICO'S ENERGY PROBLEMS.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/18, Subscription Publication) reports that Senate Energy and Commerce Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski said "she was looking for ways to address the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico's long-standing energy problems." She said, "The fact of the matter is, their energy answer right now, it's not sustainable for them as an island." The article notes that "one major issue is the island's heavy reliance on importing oil for electricity, which continues to be wildly expensive despite the recent drop in prices."

**REP. JONES MOVES TO BLOCK PORN ON FEDERAL COMPUTERS.** In its "Floor Action" blog, [The Hill](#) (3/19, Hellmann, 862K) reports that Rep. Walter Jones is "leading a crusade to stop federal employees from watching and downloading porn on government equipment while at work." Jones "sent a letter to House Appropriations Committee Chairman Harold Rogers asking that future appropriations bills include language ensuring that computer networks funded by the government block the viewing, downloading and exchanging of porn." The article notes that "in an appropriations bill for fiscal year 2016, some federal agencies were blocked from watching porn, but not all." According to Jones, "language in the bill requires that computer networks funded by the government block the viewing, downloading and exchanging of porn, but while it covers several divisions of government, it left out divisions that include the EPA, SEC and Department of Interior, agencies that have all seen issues with employees surfing porn at work."

**REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES CALL FOR BREAKUP OF FEDERAL LAND.** The [Houston Chronicle](#) (3/20, 1.99M) reports that "lost amid the shouting and relentless political attacks, the remaining Republican presidential candidates have found at least one area of agreement: the call for the federal government to relinquish its claim to the gigantic public wildemess of the West, a mostly contiguous patchwork nearly four times the size of Texas."

**STUDIES FIND PAY DROPS IN FIELDS WHERE FEMALES ENTER.** The [New York Times](#) (3/18, Miller, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reported on a Cornell University study that finds the single largest cause of the gender pay gap is "the difference between the occupations and industries" in which men and women work, and on a University of Haifa study that found that pay declines when women enter a field due to gender bias that work by women is less valuable. The latter study found that when the field of park recreation went from predominantly male to female, median hourly wages declined 57 percentage points, but that the reverse was true when jobs went from female to male, as it did with computer programming.

**AP ANALYSIS: ADMINISTRATION SETS RECORD FOR FAILURES TO FIND FILES.** An AP (3/18, Bridis,



Gillum) analysis of government data revealed the Administration “set a record for the number of times its federal employees told disappointed citizens, journalists and others that despite searching they couldn’t find a single page requested under the Freedom of Information Act.” The AP claims “in more than one in six cases, or 129,825 times, government searchers said they came up empty-handed last year.”

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SECRETARY JEWELL ATTENDS PALMER BAYOU BOARDWALK**

**DEDICATION.** Additional coverage of the dedication of the new Palmer Bayou Boardwalk in the Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge was provided by the [Cleveland \(TX\) Advocate](#) (3/18, 73K), the [Eastex \(TX\) Advocate](#) (3/20), and [AmmoLand](#) (3/20, 9K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: LOUISIANA BLACK BEAR DELISTED.** Additional coverage of the decision to delist the Louisiana black bear was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (3/20, McConnaughey, Press, 1.99M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/20, McConnaughey, 285K), and [KLFY-TV Lafayette \(LA\)](#) Lafayette, LA (3/20, 39K).

**INTERIOR URGED TO END COAL’S SELF-BONDING “SCAM”.** In an editorial, the [Seattle Times](#) (3/20, 1.12M) says that Sen. Maria Cantwell is asking Interior Secretary Sally Jewell “to protect taxpayers from a long-standing scam in federal legislation that lets coal companies avoid their duty to clean up the lucrative mess they have made.” The paper urges the Obama Administration to “support a prohibition on any new self-bonds for coal-mining reclamation going forward.” It concludes: “end this scam available to the coal industry.”

In an op-ed for the [Indianapolis Star](#) (3/20, 616K), Howard A. Leamer, executive director, Environmental Law & Policy Center, Chicago, writes that “the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is allowing Peabody Energy to potentially stick Indiana taxpayers with the company’s \$163 million of mine reclamation costs.” He argues Indiana officials to “heed the warning signals and act quickly to require Peabody to purchase surety bonds or otherwise provide necessary funds to provide for its mine reclamation responsibilities before it is too late.”

#### **UTAH ATTORNEY GENERAL URGED TO LOOK AT LAWSUIT OVER FEDERAL LANDS RATIONALLY.**

The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (3/20, 402K) editorializes that “the campaign to take control of federal land within Utah’s borders is now in the province of Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes, who is charged with deciding whether to proceed with an expensive lawsuit against the federal government to compel the transfer of more than 30 million acres.” The paper says that “in approaching that decision, Reyes is duty-bound to act objectively, cautiously and sensibly to offer his client the best legal advice, regardless of which direction the political winds would tend to push him.” According to the editorial, “from the start, the lands transfer campaign has been steeped in anti-federal sentiment, and whether it represents sound economic policy has been something of a secondary consideration.” It concludes that “the primary consideration now is whether it reasonably can be accomplished through lengthy litigation, a question the attorney general needs to approach with the sober eye of a prudent lawyer.”

**OP-ED: EMERY COUNTY RESIDENTS OPPOSE PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE.** In an op-ed for the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (3/20, 402K), artist and author Jonathan Bailey writes that “to rural Utah residents, Rob Bishop’s Public Lands Initiative is seen as ‘shortsighted.’” he claims that “the sentiment from Emery County residents is clear: Not only are they concerned about the impacts but they are overwhelmingly skeptical of any economic benefits.”

**DRABELLE REVIEWS “RIGHTFUL HERITAGE” BY DOUGLAS BRINKLEY.** In a [Washington Post](#) (3/18, Drabelle, 8.98M) piece, Dennis Drabelle reviews the book “Rightful Heritage” by Douglas Brinkley on president Franklin D. Roosevelt, whom he calls “a tree-hugger from way back” who incorporated major landscapes of the early United States into its national park and wildlife systems. Drabelle says that Brinkley “is good at showing how strands of Roosevelt’s life united to shape approaches to preservation that other presidents might have missed” and demonstrates the work and legacy of the former president as a conservationist.

### **Empowering Native American Communities:**

#### **NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES HAVE GAINED ALMOST 400,000 ACRES UNDER OBAMA**

**ADMINISTRATION.** The [AP](#) (3/20, Marcelo, Press, 1.99M) reports that “Native American tribes have been steadily gaining lands under President Barack Obama’s administration.” According to data from the BIA, “nearly 400,000 acres have been placed into trust for tribes since Obama took office in 2009.” Obama has “pledged to place a total of 500,000 acres into trust for tribes before his tenure ends.”



Additional coverage was provided by [ABC News](#) (3/20, 4M), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (3/20, Marcelo, 881K), the [Olympian \(WA\)](#) (3/20, 76K), the [San Diego \(CA\) Union-Tribune](#) (3/20, 534K), the [Seattle \(WA\) Times](#) (3/20, 1.12M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/20, Philip Marcelo |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/20, Marcelo, 285K), and the [Daily Mail](#) (3/20, 4.92M).

**BILL TACKLES DAM MAINTENANCE BACKLOG IN NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/18, Subscription Publication) reports that “dams are the latest outstanding infrastructure problem in Native American communities that Senate Indian Affairs Chairman John Barrasso wants to tackle.” Barrasso and Sen. John McCain introduced the “Dam Repairs and Improvements for Tribes (DRIFT) Act” last week “in hopes of fixing dams and improving flood prevention across Indian Country.” S. 2717 would “establish a revenue stream to clear more than \$500 million in deferred maintenance costs at tribal dams over the next 20 years.” The measure would also “create a tribal flood mitigation program within the Department of the Interior.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Law360](#) (3/20, 22K).

**SEN. MCCAIN PUSHES FOR NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT.** [Cronkite News](#) (3/18) reports that “tribal leaders were noncommittal Friday about a proposal that would divert Bureau of Indian Education funds into education savings accounts that individual Native American children could use to attend schools of their choosing.” Sen. John McCain said “he introduced the Native American Education Opportunity Act because BIE schools have ‘absolutely failed’ students, contributing to high unemployment and substance abuse – issues that have ‘plagued the Native American population.’” The measure would “create education savings accounts that could be used toward covering the cost of private schools, books, tutors and other educational needs for tribal youth.”

**COURT TO HEAR ARGUMENTS OVER COWLITZ TRIBE’S CASINO.** The [Daily News \(WA\)](#) (3/18, 72K) reports that “the Cowlitz Indian Tribe’s bid to build a \$510 million mega-casino will again be tested this week as their case heads to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington D.C.” Last year, the Interior Department “placed 156 acres of property between Ridgefield and La Center into a ‘trust’ for the tribe, in effect creating a reservation.” According to the article, “observers say the outcome could have ripple effects across the nation, especially for tribes trying to establish a reservation or gain federal recognition.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Centralia \(WA\) Chronicle](#) (3/20, 903) and the [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (3/18, 94K).

**BIA SEEKS TO PREVENT OVERDOSES WITH NALOXENE.** The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (3/18, 48K) reports that “cities and counties across the country now allow police and emergency rescue personnel to carry and administer naloxone, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs allows many of its officers to carry naloxone on patrol and many Indian Health Service pharmacies now dispense the drug.” On March 10, the Senate “passed a bill to combat opioid abuse.” The legislation will make naloxone more available.

**QUINALT PRESIDENT TESTIFIES BEFORE CONGRESS.** The [Seattle Times](#) (3/20, 1.12M) reports that Quinalt Indian Nation President Fawn Sharp “told a congressional committee that the United States is falling short of meeting its treaty obligations and trust responsibilities, citing more than \$4 million the tribe is forced to come up with to supplement inadequate federal funding.” In testimony last Thursday before the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, Sharp “asked the government to support line-item requests by federal agencies supporting climate-change response and enforcement programs for tribes across the country totaling \$209.6 million as well as \$11.3 million to help support Quinalt Nation programs in salmon-habitat restoration programs and road construction and improvement.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Daily World \(WA\)](#) (3/20, 1K).

**PII PAASH UUMISH HOSTS “WATERS CONNECT US” ACTIVIST EVENT.** The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (3/18, Hand, 48K) reported on “The Waters Connect Us” event hosted by Pii Paash Uumish of the Gila River Indian Community in Phoenix, in which “poets, spoken-word artists, musicians, painters” and others paid homage to the late poet and activist John Trudell. Keynote speakers spoke on community empowerment, and attendees helped to strategize “the next steps for the Pii Paash water protection campaign.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BUY-BACK OFFERS SENT TO OWNERS OF FOND DU LAC LAND.**

Additional coverage that land buy-back offers have been made to 3,200 Fond du lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa landowners was provided by the [Pine \(MN\) Journal](#) (3/20, 15K).



## Office of Insular Affairs:

**INTERIOR APPROVES \$1.8M IN GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR AMERICAN SAMOA.** The [Saipan \(MNP\) Tribune](#) (3/20, 641) reports that Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina "approved \$1.8 million in grant assistance for fiscal year 2016 to the Government of American Samoa from the Office of Insular Affairs' (OIA) Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and the Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP)." Kia'aina said, "This year's funding reflects the priorities and needs of the people of American Samoa including self-determination, climate change adaptation, addressing threats to public health, and workforce development both in areas of health and public works. I am particularly pleased that we can support Governor Lolo Moliga, American Samoa's leadership, and the community in their efforts to advance political status options and climate change adaptation and resiliency initiatives."

**CONSTRUCTION BEGINS FOR ROTA MAYOR'S OFFICE PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT.** [Marianas Variety](#) (3/20) reports that "a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the Rota Mayor's Office parking lot paving project." Funded by the Interior Department through the Office of Insular Affairs, "the project has been contracted to Pacific Cooperation in the amount of \$187,145 and is to be completed by 180 calendar days."

## Tackling America's Water Challenges:

**BOR, EPA, PARTNER WITH WESTERN WATER DISTRICTS ON INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION PROGRAM.** [WaterWorld](#) (3/20, 96) reports that "three of the West's largest municipal water agencies have partnered with federal agencies to kick off the latest round of an expanded competitive grant program aimed at discovering the next generation of water-saving devices and technologies." According to the article, "for the first time," the EPA is participating with the BOR "as well as the Central Arizona Project, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Southern Nevada Water Authority in the Innovative Conservation Program." BOR's Lower Colorado Regional Director Terry Fulp said, "These kinds of successful programs with our partners are an important tool in Reclamation's Colorado River water management responsibilities as we face the effects of years of drought and the influences of climate variability."

**BOR CATCHES RARE, WHITE STURGEON AT KLAMATH FALLS RESERVOIR.** The [AP](#) (3/20, 51K) reports that the BOR caught a "massive white sturgeon" on "Monday morning at the mouth of the Link River where it empties into Lake Ewauna." According to Jared Bottcher, fish biologist for the BOR, "sturgeon were planted in Upper Klamath Lake in the late 1950s." The article says that "sturgeon have been found in Upper Klamath Lake and other places, but not in Lake Ewauna."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (3/18, 94K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/18, O'Brien, 285K), the [Seattle \(WA\) Times](#) (3/20, 1.12M), and [KOB-TV Medford \(OR\)](#) Medford, OR (3/20).

**JUDGE TO HEAR CASE ABOUT WATER MANAGEMENT IN UPPER DESCHUTES.** [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (3/20, 2K) reports that "a federal judge in Eugene will hear a case Tuesday about water management in the Upper Deschutes River." Jim McCarthy with WaterWatch of Oregon says his group "opted to file a lawsuit against the Bureau of Reclamation after eight years of trying to collaborate through a collaborative effort called the Habitat Conservation Plan Working Group."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (3/21, 98K).

**UTAH URGES LOCAL OWNERSHIP OF SOME FEDERAL WATER PROJECTS.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (3/20, 402K) reports that "Utah lawmakers are pushing the state's congressional delegation to pursue the transfer of title on certain federal water projects already paid off by local users." Rep. Mike McKell "ran and got passed HJR4 in the 2016 legislative session that ended this month, urging title transfer of several Bureau of Reclamation projects that have construction costs paid off by local users, including the canal portion of the Strawberry Valley project and the Moon Lake, Emery County, Sanpete County and Provo River projects." McKell said, "There certainly is an appetite to see a transfer at this point, but it will take a lot of work and a lot of folks coming together to make sure all their interests are considered. This is not just a Utah issue. There are projects across the nation that have been repaid."

**BOR NAMES NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR LOWER COLORADO REGION.** The [Havasupai \(AZ\) News-Herald](#) (3/20, 27K) reports that the BOR's Lower Colorado Regional Director Terry Fulp "announced the selection of Jacklynn L. Gould as the region's new deputy regional director."



**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF CALIFORNIA DROUGHT.** Continuing coverage of the drought in California was provided by [NPR](#) (3/18, 1.81M), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (3/18, Stevens, 4.1M), and the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/20, 279K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN STUDY RELEASED.** Additional coverage of the release of the Republican River Basin Study was provided by the [McCook \(NE\) Daily Gazette](#) (3/20, 18K).

**DELTA TUNNELS QUESTIONED.** The [Merced \(CA\) Sun-Star](#) (3/20, 35K) editorializes that “for years now, Gov. Jerry Brown has been telling us that he will save the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – the greatest freshwater estuary on this side of the continent – by taking water out of it.” It notes that “among the biggest and most enthusiastic backers is the largest irrigation district in the world, Westlands Water District, and the largest urban water supplier in the world, Metropolitan Water District.” The Securities and Exchange Commission “fined Westlands \$125,000 to settle the charges last week.” The paper asks: “How can we trust anything untruthful Westlands says? How do we keep faith in Westlands’ partners – Metropolitan and Brown?”

## Securing America’s Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY TO HOST FORUM ON OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY.** [Shore News Today](#) (NJ) (3/20) reports that Stockton University will “host a forum Tuesday, March 29 to discuss New Jersey’s potential to harbor an offshore wind energy industry.” Walter Cruickshank, deputy director of the BOEM, is the keynote speaker. At the end of 2015, the BOEM “sold two leases of nearly 344,000 acres for offshore wind energy development in New Jersey waters to RES America Developments Inc. and U.S. Wind Inc.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: US OPENS UP NEW YORK COAST FOR WIND DEVELOPMENT.** Additional coverage that the BORM “took another step toward boosting ocean windpower by identifying an 8,130 acre wind area energy south of Long Island, New York” was provided by the [Summit County \(CO\) Citizens Voice](#) (3/18, 506), [Renewable Energy World](#) (3/20, 2K), [Windtech International](#) (3/20), and [Clean Technology Business Review](#) (3/20).

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**CONSERVATIONISTS CHALLENGE BLM OVER FOSSIL FUEL PLANS.** [Courthouse News](#) (3/18, 7K) reports that “the federal government has fast-tracked approval of a dramatic escalation of mining and drilling activity on 6.6 million acres of virgin land in Montana and Wyoming, conservationists claim in court.” According to the article, “in a complaint filed Tuesday in the Great Falls, Mont. Federal Court, the Western Organization of Resource Councils and others claim the Bureau of Land Management failed to exercise appropriate due diligence before approving resource management plans allowing for 18,000 new oil and gas well in the two states, as well as the mining of more than 100 billion tons of coal.” The plaintiffs contend that “by doing so that agency failed to adequately consider the affects of fossil fuel production on the environment.”

**STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE OPPOSES DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE.** The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (3/19, 48K) reports that the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is “trying to stop” the \$3.4 billion Dakota Access Pipeline. According to the article, “while the pipeline would not technically run directly through the Standing Rock Reservation, it would cross the Missouri River only a few hundred feet upstream from Standing Rock’s border, less than a mile from the community of Cannon Ball.” Standing Rock Chairman Dave Archambault has “already met with and garnered support from officials in Washington representing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of the Interior and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.”

**BANKS CUTTING FINANCING TO COAL INDUSTRY.** The [New York Times](#) (3/20, Corkery, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports JPMorgan Chase joined Bank of America, Citigroup, and Morgan Stanley as big banks that are, “in one way or another, backing away from coal.” Some banks say its in order to address climate change, but bankers also reportedly say that lending to coal companies “is too risky and could ultimately prove unprofitable.” The Times adds that even “more daring investors like hedge funds and private equity firms, which are usually eager to pounce on industries in distress,” are distancing themselves from coal because of the industry’s uncertain future.



**OIL DRILLING TO BEGIN IN "VAST, UNSPOILED SWEEP" OF NEVADA.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (3/21, Brean, 479K) reports that the US Bureau of Land Management approved Makoil Inc. to drill in "a vast, unspoiled sweep" of Nevada in the Basin and Range National Monument, recognizing existing, valid drilling rights. Nevada Minerals Division Deputy Administrator Mike Visser said "The area encompassed by the national monument has seen oil exploration in the past," but only one of six wells reported oil and gas production and none are operating today. If Makoil does find oil, the company "will need to generate electricity on site to run its production operation," given that the area's protected status "prohibits new power lines from being built across the monument."

**OREGON FIRST STATE TO BAN COAL IN POWER SECTOR.** [Newsweek](#) (3/20, 693K) reports that last Friday, "Oregon became the first state to ban coal outright, passing a bill that will phase out any electricity generated by coal by 2035." The case of Oregon is a "unique one" and it is "far from clear" whether other states will follow suit. Dave Robertson of Portland General Electric said that, "utilities are really coming to grips with how they need to adapt to a changing climate" and no new coal plants are planned in the US.

**NYTIMES ANALYSIS: LOCAL PROTESTS AGAINST FOSSIL FUELS SEEK GLOBAL RESULTS.** A 1237-word [New York Times](#) (3/19, Schwartz, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) analysis reported on recent opposition by environmental activists against what the article calls "Keystone-ization," or all "new oil, gas, and coal infrastructure projects." As part of this, the article indicated that this activism "combines traditional not-in-my-backyard protests against fossil-fuel projects with an overarching concern about climate change." Speaking to one protester, Colby Shultz, at the March 7 protest at a natural gas plant, he said, "There's a climate emergency happening ... It's a life-or-death struggle." The article provided in depth coverage of some of these protests and protest tactics, and also mentioned that following a July "kayaktivist" blockade in Portland, Oregon to keep Shell's Arctic drilling rigs from departing the port, the City Council "passed a resolution opposing the expansion of facilities for the storage and transportation of fossil fuels."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: GROUP SAYS COAL COMPANIES RELY HEAVILY ON PUBLIC LANDS.**

Additional coverage that "the three biggest coal mining companies in the United States depend on federal coal for the vast majority of coal they mine each year," according to Greenpeace, was provided by [CleanTechnica](#) (3/18, 18K).

**SUPPORT URGED FOR RECLAIM ACT.** In an op-ed for the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (3/20), attorney Jack Kennedy commends Rep. Hal Rogers for introducing the RECLAIM Act. He argues that "we owe our miners and their families a heartfelt debt of gratitude for generations of their sacrifice and hard work." Kennedy concludes: "By thinking creatively about how existing federal programs can be used, Rogers and his colleagues have proposed a 'low-hanging fruit' option that could immediately infuse the region with capital to address environmental concerns while rebuilding a diverse and sustainable economy complete with high-tech energy jobs of the 21st century."

The piece also appears at the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (3/20, 337K).

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S COAL REGULATIONS CRITICIZED.** In an op-ed for the [Williamson \(WV\) Daily News](#) (3/20, 917), Terry Jarrett, an energy attorney and consultant, and is a former commissioner of the Missouri Public Service Commission, criticizes the Obama Administration's coal regulations. He notes that the Interior Department "recently proposed a complete overhaul of coal mining regulations, largely replacing environmental oversight by the states with a massive new set of federal rules so broad as to potentially render more than half of U.S. coal reserves off-limits." Also, "even though states have demonstrated considerable success in policing their respective mining sectors, the 'Stream Protection Rule' (SPR) proposed by the Obama Administration has morphed into a staggering expansion of regulatory controls that, if fully implemented, could eliminate up to 280,000 jobs tied to the coal sector." Jarrett warns that these "proposals would result in higher electricity costs."

The piece also appears at the [Louisville \(KY\) Courier-Journal](#) (3/18, 472K).

**FORMER BLM STATE DIRECTORS: BLM MUST ASSESS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF COAL.** In a [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (3/20, 402K) op-ed, former BLM state directors Ann J. Morgan and Larry Hamilton wrote "BLM's coal leasing program needs to change" because of both financial markets and concerns for climate change, citing statements by Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell that the BLM has "an obligation to current and future generations" to ensure the federal coal program "takes into account its impacts on climate change." Morgan and Hamilton call for the BLM to do "a comprehensive environmental analysis" that includes "the full



impact of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases associated with coal production on public land.”

**EDITORIAL: COAL A PART OF ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE ENERGY POLICY.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (3/20, 479K) editorializes in response to remarks by Hillary Clinton that her energy policy would harm coal firms and jobs, that coal “is a vital part of a clean, affordable and convenient energy mix.” Despite safety and environmental advances, “this era of environmental hysteria has seen the fossil fuel and nuclear power industries become unfair targets of propaganda, politics and misinformation.” The Review-Journal writes that “it’s time to dial down completely unnecessary regulations and get behind a truly all-of-the-above energy policy.”

**CAMPION PRAISES ADMINISTRATION’S “BOLD ACTION” ON NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY.** In a [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#) (3/18, 47K) op-ed, EnergyWorks CEO Douglas Campion wrote that “impacts of climate change and outdated natural resources policies” demand “a new way of thinking,” and said that President Obama’s energy policies are the “bold actions” needed to innovate the economy. Campion praised the planned review of the federal coal leasing program, natural gas reforms by the Department of Interior, and the establishment of new monuments as steps to preserve resources for future generations.

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**NASA TO ADVISE BSEE ON OFFSHORE DRILLING RISK REDUCTION.** [E&E Publishing](#) (3/18, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that the BSEE and NASA are “embarking on a five-year partnership to improve offshore risk management.” Under the agreement, NASA will “share its probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) technique, technology evaluation processes, and failure and near-miss assessments. BSEE reached out to NASA because of the agency’s specialization in designing innovative technology for unconventional environments.” BSEE Director Brian Salerno said, “Both BSEE and NASA work in harsh and uncompromising environments, relying on cutting edge technology to go deeper and further than previously thought possible. This partnership brings together technical experts from BSEE and NASA to focus on the specific risks associated with offshore operations so that we can continue to find ways to improve safety for offshore workers and protect the environment.”

Additional coverage was provided by [World Oil](#) (3/20).

**REP. HUDSON INTRODUCES BILL ALLOWING LEASING OFF NC COAST.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/18, Yehle, Subscription Publication) reported that Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC) last week introduced HR 4749, which would direct the Interior secretary to hold one lease sale off the coast of North Carolina every five years. While the bill is “unlikely to go far,” it “reflects Republican frustration with the administration’s surprise decision this week to take the Atlantic out of its five-year leasing plan.”

**ALABAMA BEGINS WORK ON HOTEL USING BP MONEY FROM SEPARATE FUND.** The [AP](#) (3/18, Reeves) reported that Alabama has begun construction on a multimillion-dollar hotel and conference center at Gulf State Park funded in part by money from the BP oil spill. Construction has begun “just weeks after a federal judge blocked the state from paying for the work with money from BP, the director of the project, Cooper Shattuck, said Thursday.” According to Shattuck, the project is legal because it is funded from a different source of BP money, not the one blocked by the judge. The Gulf Restoration Network, which sued over the project, “conceded that the funding mechanism is legal but called the move disappointing nonetheless.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF OFFSHORE DRILLING PLAN.** Additional coverage of the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2017-2022 was provided by the [Coastal Point \(DE\)](#) (3/20), the [Sumter \(SC\) The Item](#) (3/20, 55K), the [Robesonian \(NC\)](#) (3/20, 41K), the [Fayetteville \(NC\) Observer](#) (3/21, 148K), the [Myrtle Beach \(SC\) Online](#) (3/20, 24K), the [Lynchburg \(VA\) News & Advance](#) (3/20, 92K), the [Ketchikan \(AK\) SitNews](#) (3/19), the [CBC News \(CAN\)](#) (3/20, 236K), the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (3/20), the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (3/20, 337K), the [Savannah \(GA\) Moming News](#) (3/20, 155K), the [Greenwood \(SC\) Index-Journal](#) (3/20, 35K), [Environment News Service](#) (3/17, 247), and [PoliticusUSA](#) (3/19, 34K).

### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BOEM DEVELOPING NEW OFFSHORE DRILLING AIR STANDARDS.**

Additional coverage of the “proposed updated air quality regulations that will more accurately account for emissions from offshore oil and gas activity” was provided by [World Oil](#) (3/20), [Rigzone](#) (3/20, 8K), and [Splash 24/7 \(SGP\)](#) (3/20).

### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NOBEL LAUREATES URGE ARCTIC COUNCIL TO CEASE DRILLING.**

Additional coverage that “six female Nobel laureates” have “urged Arctic countries to put a stop to drilling in the



region" was provided by the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (3/18, 211K).

## America's Great Outdoors:

### *Bureau of Land Management:*

**BLM DIRECTOR KORNZE HIGHLIGHTS PROGRESS IN CLEAN UP OF NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE-ALASKA.** [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (3/19, 211K) reports that "the federal government is fixing an environmental mess it left decades ago in the nation's largest oil reserve, removing rusting relics from an early era of exploration and providing a small counterweight of new jobs to the huge cutbacks on the North Slope oil patch." According to the article, "the progress was highlighted Tuesday with a ceremonial plugging of a decades-old well in the giant National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska." BLM Director Neil Komze "poured a bucket of cement mix into an 8-inch-wide pipe, helping plug a well drilled in 1951 near the frozen U.S. Arctic Ocean."

**BLM SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR ADVISORY COUNCILS.** The [Glenwood Springs \(CO\) Post Independent](#) (3/20, 32K) reports that the BLM is "seeking public nominations for open positions on 34 resource advisory councils, which advise the BLM on public land issues." The bureau's Northwest and Southwest Colorado districts are "seeking public nominations for 10 open positions on their Resource Advisory Councils." BLM Director Neil Komze said, "The BLM resource advisory councils are an important forum for the community conversation that is a key component of public land management. With representatives with different land use perspectives, the RACs give community members an opportunity to dig into local issues and explore possible solutions."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#) (3/18, 47K), [KRWG-FM Las Cruces \(NM\) Las Cruces, NM](#) (3/20, 1K), and [KMVT-TV Twin Falls \(ID\) Twin Falls, ID](#) (3/20, 1K).

**"MR. SAGEBRUSH REBELLION" BANKROLLS PUSH TO SEIZE FEDERAL LAND.** [Greenwire](#) (3/18, Subscription Publication) reports that Bert Smith, who calls himself "Mr. Sagebrush Rebellion" has "quietly bankrolled a bevy of groups challenging the federal government's ownership of roughly 640 million acres of Western lands." According to the article, "the World War II veteran and ranch owner was a key leader in the 1970s push by ranchers and counties to defy Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service land control." The article mentions that Smith calls jailed Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy a "hero." The Ogden, Utah, resident

**BLM RANGER JAILED UNDER QUESTIONABLE PRETENSES.** The [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (3/21, 74K) reports that "in early December, a Bureau of Land Management ranger at Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, in southern Utah, had a casual office conversation with a colleague about his frustration with how a holiday party was disrupting his day's work." Then, "two days later, he was in a Garfield County jail cell, purportedly for what he had said." The ranger, Jeff Ellison, was in his second year working with the bureau. According to the article, "whether Ellison's arrest was a form of intimidation or a simple misunderstanding is not yet clear."

**DORENA GENETIC RESOURCE CENTER TRYING TO FIGHT PATHOGENS THAT KILLS SOME PINES AND CEDARS.** The [Eugene \(OR\) Register-Guard](#) (3/21, 194K) reports that the Dorena Genetic Resource Center "collects the seeds and nurtures them into seedlings in the hopes of identifying those most resistant to disease, in particular two specific pathogens that have wreaked havoc among certain pines and a type of cedar." According to the article, "when the center periodically succeeds in cultivating disease-resistant seedlings, it gives them to U.S. Forest Service nurseries for eventual planting in the wild."

**BLM SETS DATES FOR WILD HORSE AND BURRO ADOPTIONS.** The [AP](#) (3/20, 51K) reports that the BLM says "it will hold its wild horse and burro adoption events in May and September."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: REP. CHAFFETZ SEEKS MORE INFORMATION ON BLM, FOREST SERVICE BONUSES.** Additional coverage of the letter sent to the BLM seeking information on employee awards or bonuses was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/20, Davidson, 8.98M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BLM SEEKS TO REHABILITATE LAND AFTER SODA FIRE.** Additional coverage of the rehabilitation efforts after the Soda Fire was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/19, Wiley, 285K) and the [Franklin \(IN\) Daily Journal](#) (3/20, 51K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BUNDY'S CATTLE POSES PROBLEM.** Additional coverage of the quandary



posed by jailed Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy's cattle was provided by the [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (3/21, 74K).

**MINNESOTANS DISCUSS REGULATORY PROCESS FOR TWIN METALS COPPER-NICKEL MINE.** In an editorial, the [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (3/20, 1.25M) says the editorial board has "long held serious doubts that copper mining can be done responsibly at the Twin Metals site." However, just days after PolyMet, the state's first copper-nickel proposal, had its environmental-impact state called "adequate" following after a 10-year, state-driven review, moves made by Gov. Mark Dayton and the Bureau of Land Management to block the Twin Metals copper-nickel mine "raises serious questions about whether the mine review process is sufficiently insulated from politics." BLM could rule against automatically renewing Twin Metals' leases on thousands of acres of federal land, "a sign that officials may be weighing a protective zone on federal land around" Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Dayton also made a "personal call to the BLM's director to object to mining so close to the federally protected wilderness." The Star Tribune still opposes the Twin Metals mine, but hopes the "current science-based environmental-review process" should provide a sufficient, transparent ruling.

In the [Duluth \(MN\) News Tribune's](#) (3/20, 139K) "Reader's View" section, Becky Rom, national chairwoman for the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters, praises the newspaper for "covering the threat of proposed sulfide-ore mining in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness watershed." She also clarifies a point made in an March 17 editorial, saying the Department of Interior staff "has not been unresponsive to our request to withdraw federal minerals within the Boundary Waters watershed." The department has indicated it has received the request, and BLM "deserves credit for taking steps to ensure Twin Metals' expired leases receive a fair and full environmental review before any determination is made about whether they will be renewed." She is optimistic BLM will grant her request.

**PUBLIC LAND GRAZING SAVES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT \$750 MILLION PER YEAR.** In [The Hill's](#) (3/18, Richards, 862K) "Congress Blog," Brenda Richards, president of the Public Lands Council and an Idaho rancher, discusses the importance of public land ranching. Ranchers contribute to the nation's food supply and perform maintenance on the government land they lease. Richards writes that if you consider the costs of land maintenance, public land ranchers "ultimately save the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) more than \$750 million in taxpayer dollars each year." It costs the BLM \$5 per acre for necessary land maintenance on public lands, while it only costs the agency \$2 per acre "for land that's allotted for grazing since the ranger makes such a significant investment in maintaining the land for the government." Richards says public land ranchers "are able to turn an otherwise unusable natural resource into healthy, free-range, high-quality protein while reducing the land management burden and budget demands of our federal government."

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FWS HANDS OUT BOATING GRANTS.** [Trade Only](#) (3/20) reports that the FWS has "announced nearly \$14 million in grants to 32 states, commonwealths and territories for projects to support recreational boating through the service's Boating Infrastructure Grant program." FWS Director Dan Ashe said in a statement, "Our recreational boats and boat docks share the water with fish and wildlife species critical to our ecology and economy," service. "In the same way good hunting practices and land stewardship benefit terrestrial wildlife, boating facilities can benefit aquatic species by keeping waterways clean and driving revenues to state wildlife agencies through fishing that can be placed back into conservation. It's a cycle of success. Not only do these grants help to create safe and improved recreational boating facilities and provide improved access to boating and fishing opportunities — they put people to work."

**HOUSE PANEL BLASTS FWS' REFUSAL TO USE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS AND REPORTING SYSTEM.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/18, Subscription Publication) reports that the FWS "refuses to use a multimillion-dollar law enforcement records system that the Interior Department has spent more than a decade developing." The House Natural Resources Committee "highlighted the standoff at a hearing" last week of its Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. According to the article, "both Republicans and Democrats criticized Interior's handling of the database, which is meant to be a department wide repository for criminal investigations."

**FWS PETITIONED TO PROTECT BLACK BEARS AS ENDANGERED SPECIES.** [Greenwire](#) (3/18, Subscription Publication) reports that "nearly 20 conservation groups and a half dozen scientists" last week called on the FWS to protect the Florida black bear under the Endangered Species Act. In a petition to agency, "the coalition argued that Florida's largest land mammal is at risk from habitat loss, vehicles and state-sanctioned hunts." The groups want FWS "to add the species to the threatened or endangered species list and



to set aside critical habitat, in which developments undertaken or permitted by the federal government should alleviate threats to bears.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (3/17, 712K).

**RESTORATION ON TISHOMINGO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TO BEGIN.** The AP (3/20, 51K) reports that the FWS says “it will begin restoring the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge damaged by torrential rains last May and June.” According to the article, “the heavy rains caused widespread flooding throughout Texas and Oklahoma, affecting nine national wildlife refuges and a national fish hatchery in both states.” The Tishomingo refuge was hit with “the most extensive damage in Oklahoma, with about 85 percent of the refuge underwater for nearly three months.”

**WORK ON WEST FORK RIVER DAM REMOVAL PROJECT TO BEGIN MONDAY.** The AP (3/18, 285K) reports that “the removal of the first of three Clarksburg Water Board dams on the West Fork River is set to start next week, officials said.” According to FWS Coordinator Callie McMunigal, “a contractor will start moving in heavy equipment Monday at the West Milford Dam.” McMunigal said “the dam’s removal should take about three weeks, at which time workers will then proceed to remove the Two-Lick Dam, followed by the Highland Dam.”

**ROAD IMPROVEMENTS SET TO START IN PRIME HOOK WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The AP (3/21, Press, 8.98M) reports that “road crews are set to begin work on a project aimed at alleviating flooding problems on the main road running through the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge.” Gov. Jack Markell and Sen. Tom Carper were “among the guests scheduled to attend a ground breaking ceremony Monday for bridge construction and road improvements on Prime Hook Road.” According to the article, “the construction project includes a concrete-girder bridge on piles that will cross a new drainage channel being built by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.”

**SOUTHWESTERN WILLOW FLYCATCHER MAY LOSE ITS ENDANGERED CLASSIFICATION.** The [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (3/20, 290K) reports that the FWS “last week published a finding indicating that there was ‘substantial information’ that the Southwestern willow flycatcher is not a subspecies, the designation under which it was classified as endangered in 1995.” According to the article, “the findings published in the National Register on Wednesday indicate that delisting the bird may be warranted ‘based on information related to taxonomic status.’” Spokesman Jeff Humphrey said, “We’re still determining our way forward on resolving that question and are seeking information on the subspecies’ classification and genetics.”

**AERIAL GUNNING REDUCES WYOMING WOLF PACK THAT KILLED CATTLE.** The AP (3/18, 285K) reports that “wildlife managers have killed five wolves from a large pack that had been killing yearling cattle in western Wyoming.” According to the article, “the Dell Creek Pack numbered as many as 16 animals and repeatedly killed cows grazing on private rangeland in the Hoback River Basin southeast of Jackson this winter.” FWS Northern Rocky Mountain Wolf Coordinator Mike Jimenez says that the “Dell Creek Pack hadn’t started killing livestock until this winter.”

**FOUR BALD EAGLES DIE IN DELAWARE.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/20, Weil, 8.98M) reports that “four bald eagles died over the weekend in Delaware after being found about 30 miles from where 13 eagles were found dead last month in Maryland.” According to the article, “the causes of the deaths were not known.”

**NARWHAL IVORY SMUGGLER EXTRADITED TO US FOR MONEY LAUNDERING TRIAL.** [Christian Science Monitor](#) (3/20, 442K) reports that “a former member of Canada’s federal police force was extradited to the United States on March 11 and is being held in custody until his trial in May on charges of money laundering from a \$2-million operation to smuggle ivory from narwhal between the two countries.” In an announcement of Gregory R. Logan’s extradition, Ed Grace, deputy chief of law enforcement for the FWS, said, “Modern wildlife crime investigations often track money as much as they track animals. This case shows the breadth of the illegal wildlife trade, normally associated with elephant ivory and rhino horn. Even species of the deep polar waters are not safe until we extinguish the market for protected animals and with it, the livelihood of criminal profiteers who benefit from their exploitation.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: MILITARY POSTPONES TORTOISE RELOCATION PLAN.** Additional coverage that “the Marine Corps base at Twenty-Nine Palms said Friday it had postponed plans to move 1,185 tortoises off prospective combat training grounds until wildlife agencies can determine whether the plan complies with the Endangered Species Act” was provided by the [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/19, Sahagun, 4.1M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF EFFORT TO RAISE WHOOPING CRANES.** Additional coverage of the effort



to raise whooping cranes was provided by the [Washington Times](#) (3/18, McConnaughey, 285K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ALBATROSS GIVES BIRTH AT 65.** Additional coverage that Wisdom, “a Laysan albatross named Wisdom – she’s at least 65 years old – became a mother again last month” was provided by the [Bristol \(VA\) Herald Courier](#) (3/20).

**FWS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RECOGNIZED.** In an editorial, the [Key West \(FL\) Keynoter](#) (3/18, 28K) congratulates Jared Brierley, a FWS law enforcement officer, who has been named the 2015 James A. Clark Officer of the Year for the southeast region. Brierley “received his award this month at a training session in Mississippi and was recognized for his leadership in ‘resource law enforcement,’ cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and his professional demeanor.”

#### ***National Park Service:***

**BING PARTNERS WITH NPS FOR #FINDYOURPARK PHOTO CONTEST.** [Search Engine Land](#) (3/20, 11K) reports that “Bing has partnered with the US National Park Service for the organization’s centennial celebrations and is hosting a #FindYourPark photo contest to help promote the US’s 59 national parks.” According to the article, “the grand prize winner’s photo will be featured on Bing’s home page during National Park Week and will serve as the cover photo on Bing’s Facebook and Twitter pages for all of April in honor of Earth Month.”

Additional coverage of the Centennial was provided by [CBS News](#) (3/20, 3.97M), [NPR](#) (3/19, 1.81M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (3/20, 1.25M), the [Poughkeepsie \(NY\) Journal](#) (3/18, 113K), and the [Independent \(UK\)](#) (3/18, Leadbeater, 929K).

**YOSEMITE FIGHT OVER NAMES ESCALATES AS NPS PUSHES TO CANCEL TRADEMARKS.** The [AP](#) (3/19, 1.99M) reports that the NPS has “opened up a new front in the fight over the names of historic hotels and other beloved landmarks at Yosemite National Park.” The park service has “asked a federal trademark board to cancel trademarks obtained by the company that previously ran the park’s hotels, restaurants and outdoor activities.” Attorneys for the U.S. Department of the Interior told the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board that the trademark registrations were causing “damage and injury” to the NPS.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/21, Kaplan, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/19, Press, 8.98M), the [Contra Costa \(CA\) Times](#) (3/21, Press, 251K), the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/20, 569K), the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (3/20, 1.1M), [US News & World Report](#) (3/19, 853K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/20, 285K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (3/20, 3.37M), the [Pittsburgh \(PA\) Tribune-Review](#) (3/20, 333K), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/20, 4.92M), [Skift](#) (3/19), [Yahoo! News](#) (3/21, 6.31M), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/20, 352K), and [KPIX-TV San Francisco \(CA\)](#) San Francisco (3/20, 104K).

**INTERIOR SUPPORTS BILL TO INCLUDE SEWALL-BELMONT HOUSE IN NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/18, Subscription Publication) reports that the Interior Department was “largely supportive of nearly two dozen bills under consideration” last week in the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks. According to the article, “the most controversial bill that Peggy O’Dell, the National Park Service’s deputy director for operations, gave the administration’s blessing to was S. 1975, a bill from Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) to establish the Sewall-Belmont House as a unit of the national park system.” Mikulski’s bill is “co-sponsored by over half of the 20 women in the Senate, including Republican Sen. Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia and Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), the ranking member of the full committee.” However, “Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.), the chairman of the subcommittee, pressed O’Dell on how much the legislation could cost the Park Service, which is already struggling to pay down a nearly \$11.9 billion deferred maintenance backlog.”

**CHERRY BLOSSOMS CLOSE TO PEAK BLOOM.** In its “Capital Weather Gang” blog, the [Washington Post](#) (3/18, Fritz, 8.98M) reports that the cherry blossom trees in DC “reached the peduncle-elongation stage on Thursday,” the NPS said. According to the article, “that means we’re just days away from peak bloom.” However, “cold weather” over the weekend will “at least delay peak bloom.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Fox News](#) (3/18, 9.42M), [ABC News](#) (3/20, 4M), [USA Today](#) (3/18, Baskas, 5.45M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/19, Smith, 8.98M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/18, Thomson, 8.98M).

**FAA Reminds Cherry Blossom Festival Attendees To Leave Drones At Home.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/18, Halsey III, 8.98M) reports in its “Dr. Gridlock” blog the Federal Aviation Administration issued a news release



Friday to remind attendees that the “cherry blossom festival is a no-drone zone.” The reason is that the area is “within a 15-mile radius of Reagan National Airport,” and the District of Columbia’s airspace “is the most restricted flight zone in the country.” [WTOP-FM Washington](#) (3/19, Keyes, 255K) reports the FAA issued a video in which it “warned people to leave their drones at home.” [DCist](#) (3/19, Sturdivant, 39K) also reports the warning.

#### **GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK SUPERINTENDENT DISMANTLES RIVER DISTRICT OFFICE.**

[National Parks Traveler](#) (3/20, 989) reports that Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent Dave Uberuaga, “acting in the wake of a tide of sexual harassment complaints, has dismantled the River District Office where the grievances arose.” Uberuaga, “in an email to all his employees, wrote that he takes ‘full responsibility for the situation the park finds itself in and I acknowledge and accept that over time, a culture was tolerated that allowed sexual harassment and created a hostile work environment.’” The article notes that “that email, sent Wednesday, came a day after National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis sent an email to all Park Service employees stating that ‘no employee has the right or the power by nature of their position to inflict their will or to subject co-workers, regardless of their status, to abuse.’”

Additional coverage of the complaints of sexual harassment was provided by the [Huffington Post](#) (3/20, 518K).

**FIRED PARK POLICE CHIEF RETURNING TO FORMER POSITION.** [WAMU-FM Washington](#) (3/20, 30K) reports that “a U.S. Park Police chief who was fired in 2004 after complaining publicly that her department was understaffed and underfunded is officially returning to her former position Monday.” Teresa Chambers was “suspended in December 2003 and fired the following July.” The Interior Department said “it was due to insubordination and failure to follow the chain of command.” According to the article, “earlier this month, a federal board ordered that Chambers be reinstated, saying she’s entitled to back pay, interest, and other benefits.”

**CONTRACT AWARDED FOR CARLSBAD CAVERNS ELEVATOR REPAIRS.** The [AP](#) (3/19, 1.99M) reports that Carlsbad Caverns National Park has “awarded a contract for overdue repair work to its elevators.” Park officials announced last Friday that “the contract, worth more than \$235,000, will go to a company based in Illinois.” Supplied Industrial Solutions will “start the work April 11 with a deadline of Memorial Day weekend, one of the park’s busiest.”

**GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK RECEIVES PUBLIC LANDS PARTNER AWARD.** The [Sevier \(TN\) News Messenger](#) (3/18) reports that Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Great Smoky Mountains Association were “jointly awarded the Public Lands Partner Award, a prestigious national award, during the recent Public Lands Alliance annual convention and trade show in Spokane, WA.” Park Superintendent Cassius Cash and GSMA Executive Director Laurel Rematore were “awarded the Public Lands Partner Award, which recognizes an exemplary partnership for its stunning achievement to protect and preserve our country’s public lands and enhance the experiences of visitors and users.” According to the article, “the 65-year old partnership was singled out for a variety of successful partnership efforts, including unprecedented quantity and quality of visitor services at America’s most-visited national park.”

**BIOLOGISTS DISCOVER NEW MULE DEER MIGRATION ROUTE.** The [AP](#) (3/20, 285K) reports that “biologists say they are surprised after finding a new mule deer migration route leading to summer range in Grand Teton National Park that passes over the Teton Range.” According to the article, “the rough, rocky 45-mile route took a doe that was being tracked from Colter Bay summer grounds north to a Snake River crossing above Jackson Lake and then west across the northern Tetons near Mount Berry.” The article says that “the deer ended up wintering not far from the Teton River southeast of Ashton, Idaho, and researchers want to know if more deer are using that route.”

**GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR SUMMER REPAIR WORK.** The [AP](#) (3/18, 285K) reports that Grand Teton National Park is “recruiting volunteers to help with construction and repairs over the summer.” The new Grand Teton Hammer Corps program is “looking for volunteers to help a few days to several weeks.” According to park officials, “the corps formalizes volunteer programs that have been going on for years.”

**HENRICO COUNTY SUBDIVISION LOCATED ON CONFEDERATE FORTS.** The [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (3/20, Childers, 337K) reported the Battlefield Park Farms subdivision in Henrico County is located near Fort Harrison, the largest Confederate fort responsible for protecting the city. According to the Times-Dispatch, “the remains of another fort, Fort Hoke, lie along the neighborhood’s western boundary.” One battle in Sept. 1864 “went right through the East and West Chaffin road areas,” according to Robert E. L. Krick, historian for the Richmond National Battlefield Park. Sandra Seelmann, a real estate agent with Varina & Seelmann, said, “You’re literally surrounded by history in Battlefield Park Farms.” Elaine Eberly, a real estate agent with Billy



Jacobs & Co., added, "The National Park Service owns a great deal of land around the subdivision" which limits the amount of room for development.

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF BATTLE OVER GRAZING AT POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE.**

Additional coverage of the lawsuit filed over cattle grazing at Point Reyes National Seashore was provided by [National Parks Traveler](#) (3/20, 989).

**FRIENDSHIP URN RECALLS GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND CUBA.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/18, Montgomery, 8.98M) reported that the last time a sitting president visited Cuba was in January 1928, when President Calvin Coolidge was invited to give the opening address at the Pan-American Conference in Havana. Coolidge was met by Cuban President Gerardo Machado and "thousands of people cheered Coolidge's motorcade as it progressed slowly through Old Havana to the presidential palace." According to the National Park Service, Machado gave Coolidge the Cuban Friendship Urn to celebrate his visit. The urn was sculpted from a piece from a broken marble column from a monument to sailors killed on the USS Maine in 1898. The urn was "erected in a rose garden in West Potomac Park." It was later removed to accommodate highway construction, and forgotten. The urn was later found by NPS employees in 1996. It was then restored and rededicated in its current location near the Jefferson Memorial in 1998.

#### ***US Geological Survey:***

**SEISMOLOGIST LUCY JONES RETIRING FROM USGS.** The [AP](#) (3/20, 1.99M) reports that "seismologist Lucy Jones, the face of earthquake science and safety in Southern California for many years, is retiring from the U.S. Geological Survey." Jones said "in a Twitter posting Friday that she's leaving federal service but will keep her appointment at the California Institute of Technology, where she is a research associate."

Additional coverage was provided by [US News & World Report](#) (3/18, 853K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (3/20, 442K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/18, Press, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/18, 285K), [Maine News Online](#) (3/19), [Southern California Public Radio](#) (3/18, 75K), and [Yahoo! News](#) (3/18, 6.31M).

**STUDY: 70% OF COASTAL NORTHEAST COULD ADAPT TO RISING SEAS.** The [Newport News \(VA\) Daily Press](#) (3/20, Subscription Publication, 195K) reports that "a new study published Monday suggests that up to 70 percent of the coast from Virginia to the Canadian border is actually more likely to shift and change rather than drown" from a rise in the sea level. According to the article, "barrier islands will migrate landward, get carved into dunes or split into inlets, the study says," and "low-lying forests will evolve into salt marshes, and salt marshes will build up and, in some cases, even expand." The new study led by the USGS "offers a more complex model that incorporates the coast's capacity for dynamic change depending on its particular ecosystem — beach, marsh, lagoon, barrier island, forest or developed land."

#### **Top National News:**

**HUMAN RIGHTS PROTESTERS ARRESTED AHEAD OF OBAMA'S ARRIVAL IN CUBA.** Coverage of the President's visit to Cuba, which included reports on all three network newscasts, is mostly favorable toward the White House. The [CBS Evening News](#) (3/20, lead story, 2:50, Miller, 5.08M), for example, described Obama in its lead story as stepping "off Air Force One and into the history books," while the [AP](#) (3/20, Pace, Weissenstein) referred to the trip as "a crowning moment." The [Washington Post](#) (3/20, DeYoung, Miroff, Eilperin, 8.98M) calls it an "affirmation" of Obama's "foreign policy vision," [Politico](#) (3/20, Dovey, 1.07M) "a metaphor for his foreign policy and a potential glimpse into his post-presidency," and [USA Today](#) (3/20, Korte, 5.45M) sees it as another example "of what might be called the Obama Doctrine: That engaging with isolated authoritarian regimes can bring about greater prosperity, peace, democracy and human rights." [NBC Nightly News](#) (3/20, story 12, 2:30, Holt, 7.86M), meanwhile, reported Obama's visit "has deep meaning to many ordinary Cubans who until now could only dream of the historic changes unfolding before them," while the [AP](#) (3/20, Weissenstein) highlights the fact that for "hundreds of thousands of black Cubans...Obama isn't just the first US leader to visit their country in nearly nine decades," but rather "a black man whose rise to the world's most powerful job is a source of pride and inspiration."

Nearly all reports, however, include accounts of the continuing political repression in Cuba, and allude to the debate in the US over whether the détente with the Castro regime will or will not lead to political and economic liberalization. One of the toughest assessments of Obama's approach to Cuba came from [Voice of America](#) (3/20, Bowman, 60K), which reported that "supporters and critics of...Obama's history-making trip to Cuba...agree on one thing: there has been little, if any, progress on basic liberties and human rights on the island



since Washington and Havana restored full diplomatic ties." Even at the height of the US political season, however, the coverage casts the debate at home as relatively tame. As the [Miami Herald](#) (3/20, Whitefield, 803K) concludes in its story on Obama's arrival, headlined "From Cold War To Warm Welcome," the trip "is largely evidence that US-Cuba policy" has "lost its potency as a political issue."

Along similar lines, the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (3/20, LaFranchi, 442K) said that Obama's Cuba policies, initially "labeled bold and provocative," are "evolving into one of Obama's more bipartisan foreign-policy initiatives." Reporting from Miami, meanwhile, the [Washington Post](#) (3/20, Marte, 8.98M) highlights the support for Obama's course among younger Cuban Americans. Nonetheless, "more than 200 protesters of all ages gathered in the core of Little Havana, Southwest Eighth Street and 13th Avenue" yesterday, the [Miami Herald](#) (3/20, Madan, 803K) reports, to rally against Obama's policies.

A number of media reports also note that shortly before the President's arrival in Cuba, and as they have for the last 46 Sundays, the dissident Ladies in White were arrested by police after marching in Havana to demand respect for human rights and the release of all political prisoners. [AFP](#) (3/20) reports that "the arrests are an almost weekly feature and the protesters" were "quickly released," but "the incident was embarrassing ahead of Obama's landmark visit." According to the [New York Times](#) (3/21, Cave, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), yesterday's protest "was widely expected to be a test of Cuba's tolerance for dissent during Mr. Obama's trip," and the arrests "confirmed that the government was maintaining and intensifying its repressive tactics ahead of the visit." Berta Soler, "the head of the Ladies in White, is one of a dozen dissidents invited to meet with Mr. Obama on Tuesday at the United States Embassy," but "other dissidents said...that it was not clear if she would attend because of her opposition to the American president's policy of engagement."

In fact, the [Washington Post](#) (3/20, DeYoung, Miroff, Eilperin, 8.98M) reports, "as the Ladies in White began their ill-fated march" yesterday, "several held a banner that read 'Obama: Traveling to Cuba Isn't Fun. No more human rights violations.'" As the [Miami Herald](#) (3/20, Whitefield, 803K) indicates, Obama "told reporters last month that it would be 'fun' to visit Cuba." [USA Today](#) (3/20, Gomez, 5.45M) notes that Soler told reporters before her arrest, "For us, it's very important that we do this so President Obama knows that there are women here fighting for the liberty of political prisoners. ... And he needs to know that we are here being repressed simply for exercising our right to express ourselves and manifest in a non-violent way."

In its lead story, [NBC Nightly News](#) (3/20, lead story, 3:15, Holt, 7.86M) reported after his arrival, Obama "visited old Havana," where he thanked Cuba's Cardinal Ortega for assisting Pope Francis in helping to broker secret talks between Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro. In its lead story, [ABC World News](#) (3/20, lead story, 5:40, Muir, 5.84M) noted Obama will meet with Castro privately during the trip, but will first speak directly to the Cuban people in a televised speech. Cuban citizens will reportedly be watching closely to see if Obama delivers a tough stance against the island's human rights issues. The [New York Times](#) (3/20, Cave, Robles, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that while "security and control are mainstays of every country Mr. Obama visits," Cuba "has gone above and beyond to prevent embarrassing surprises." In fact, "beyond Mr. Obama's speech on Tuesday, which will be broadcast on national television, it is not even clear how much Cubans will get to see or hear."

The [AP](#) (3/20, Pace, Weissenstein) indicates that Cubans stayed "home in order to avoid extensive closures of main boulevards," and that the Cuban government "didn't appear to be calling out crowds of supporters to welcome Obama, as it has with other visiting dignitaries." [Reuters](#) (3/20, Spetalnick, Trotta, Mason, Daniel, 518K) does indicate, however, that there are welcome signs with pictures of Obama and Castro in the area Obama toured last night, and [Politico](#) (3/20, Amsdorf, 1.07M) says that despite the "drizzle that became a heavy rain," Cubans did turn out to see Obama, "standing by the side of the road as the motorcade passed or cheering as they lined the square outside the cathedral, where the president briefly put down his umbrella to shake some hands in the crowd."

[The Hill](#) (3/20, Hellmann, 862K), meanwhile, reports that "Cubans have been preparing for the Obama visit, with plainclothes officers reportedly blanketing the capital of Havana and public works crews laying down asphalt in pothole-laden streets." As the [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/20, Parsons, Wilkinson, 4.1M) puts it, the Castro regime "is eager to welcome Obama, but also determined to reassert its own socialist values that it insists will not be bent to US will."

The [Miami Herald](#) (3/20, Whitefield, 803K) notes that "Obama and the first family were greeted at the airport by Cuban delegates bearing flowers." But Raul Castro "was one prominent no-show on the tarmac." On its website, [The Hill](#) (3/20, Hellmann, 862K) noted that taking to Twitter after Obama's arrival in Cuba, Donald Trump wrote, "Wow, President Obama just landed in Cuba, a big deal, and Raul Castro wasn't even there to greet him. He



greeted Pope and others. No respect." Under the headline "In Cuba, Raúl Castro Proves A Pragmatic Communist," the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, Vyas, Colombia, Muñoz, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) credits the Cuban leader's pragmatism with making improved ties with the US a possibility.

Highlighting the historic nature of the trip, [USA Today](#) (3/20, Korte, 5.45M) notes Obama arrived in "the same airport the CIA once bombed in the 1960s, and whose broken-down Russian-built airplanes and colorful, antiquated terminals give testimony to the impact of 50 years of US sanctions and diplomatic isolation." The [New York Daily News](#) (3/20, Brown, 3.7M) and the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, De Córdoba, Subscription Publication, 6.74M), among other news outlets, run similar accounts of Obama's arrival in Havana.

In an interview on [NBC Nightly News](#) (3/20, story 2, 2:20, Holt, 7.86M), Jeffrey Delaurentis, US Ambassador to Cuba, says he thinks the newly reopened embassy now stands as a "beacon of hope" and opportunity, and hopes that the new relationship between the two countries can be one "where we can have frank discussion about ideas and issues where we do not agree such as, such as human rights." Delaurentis said he would like to see Cuba move faster to improve on that front, "But I think we have to be patient." He added that he doesn't see re-establishing diplomatic relations as a reward for the country's poor human rights record, and that the US feels "strongly that advocating for and promoting US interests and values can be best achieved through engagement." [USA Today](#) (3/20, Korte, 5.45M) reports that Obama "brings to Havana a variety of diplomatic tools: 11 American CEOs eager to make deals in a newly emerging market; the possibility of further lifting of decades-old restrictions on trade and travel; and even a shared love of baseball."

More pessimistic is the assessment in the [Washington Times](#) (3/20, Boyer, 285K), which sees "few expectations that the president's legacy-building visit will improve human rights for Cubans under the repressive military regime of the Castro brothers." To the Times, the "primary goal" of the trip is not political, but rather "to emphasize the economic potential of restoring ties between the US and Cuba." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, Lee, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) quotes White House press secretary Josh Earnest telling reporters on Friday, "By deepening those ties and solidifying our efforts to normalize relations between our two countries, we can bring about the kind of change that we have long sought on the island nation of Cuba, and we can do it in a way that ends up being good for the American people and for the American economy."

In an editorial, [USA Today](#) (3/20, 5.45M) defends Obama's "much needed...adjustments" to US policies toward Cuba, and urges him to "use his time on the island to speak out on behalf of greater political and economic freedom for the Cuban people." In an accompanying op-ed, Lawrence Haas, a former Bill Clinton aide and currently a senior fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council, writes in [USA Today](#) (3/20, Haas, 5.45M) that Obama is "rewarding" the Castro's "bad behavior," and that his trip "will...reward and legitimize a brutal dictatorship" and "send an unfortunate signal to dictators and dissidents alike that the United States doesn't care as much about human rights as it proclaims."

Writing in [Politico Magazine](#) (3/20, Cruz), Sen. Ted Cruz also lambasted Obama's policies toward Cuba, terming them "appeasement of the Castro dictatorship." Their "effect will not be liberalization but rather the institutionalization of the Communist dictatorship as the profits from this détente will line the pockets not only of Fidel and Raul Castro, but also of Raul's son, Alejandro Castro Espin." Adds Cruz, "Corporate cronyism, meet communist totalitarianism."

[Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/20, Doming, 289K) reports that "even with little chance that Congress will end the US trade embargo on Cuba before he leaves office in January, Obama's betting that a rapprochement, symbolized by his historic visit, has now become irrevocable, no matter who succeeds him." Mary Anastasia O'Grady, in her [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, O'Grady, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) column, casts the trip as a White House PR effort to pressure Congress to end the embargo, and urges lawmakers to keep it in place until the Castros move toward political and economic liberalization.

[TIME](#) (3/20, Rhodan, 18.01M) reported on its site that "the rapprochement has only just begun, but many Republicans hope to delay or even reverse it, and there is little support in Congress for ending the Cuban embargo, which dates back to the 1960s." [NPR](#) (3/20, Horsley, 1.81M) similarly reported that "only Congress can lift the trade embargo against Cuba," though "the Administration has been chipping away at it, easing restrictions on both travel and commerce."

**Obama's Cuban Mail Correspondent Extends Invitation Again.** [NBC Nightly News](#) (3/20, story 12, 2:30, Holt, 7.86M) reported Obama's visit is particularly inspiring for Ileana Garza, who has written Obama five times to personally thank him for developing new relations. Garza was shocked when Obama sent her a hand-written response earlier this month. [ABC World News](#) (3/20, story 9, 1:55, Muir, 5.84M) also reported on the



correspondence between Obama and Garza, noting that Garza has again invited the president for coffee. In his letter last week, "one of the first direct letters to arrive here in decades," Obama said, "hopefully, I will have time to enjoy a cup of Cuban coffee."

**Airbnb Allowed To Offer Services In Cuba.** The [AP](#) (3/20, Weissenstein) reports that "online lodging service Airbnb is allowing travelers from around the world to book stays in private homes in Cuba after the San Francisco-based company received a special authorization from the Obama administration, Airbnb announced Sunday."

**Cuban Migrants Drown Off Florida Coast.** A later [NBC Nightly News](#) (3/20, story 3, 0:25, Holt, 7.86M) segment reported that despite growing relations, many Cubans continue to make the dangerous journey to America "out of fear that the US law that for years has given Cubans special immigration status will change as relations with Cuba improve." The US Coast Guard said nine Cuban migrants died and 18 were rescued by a cruise ship on Friday 130 miles off the coast of Florida's Marco Island.

**MCCONNELL RULES OUT LAME-DUCK SESSION TO CONFIRM GARLAND.** In appearances on the Sunday talk shows, Senate Majority Leader McConnell ruled out the possibility that the Senate would take up Garland's nomination in a lame duck session after the election. The [AP](#) (3/20) reports McConnell "signaled no retreat or surrender from his firm stand to keep the court short-handed through at least January." The [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/20, Tanfani, 4.1M) says McConnell redrew "his tough line against the Senate taking up the nomination" as "some members of his party have been suggesting that Garland should get a hearing and a vote."

However, the [New York Times](#) (3/21, Fandos, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says McConnell, in a bid to "shut the door on a scenario that some Republicans in the Senate have said could allow them to prevent a more liberal jurist" than Garland rejected the possibility that Republicans could consider Garland's nomination after the election "even if a Democrat were elected president or Republicans lost their majority." Speaking on [Fox News Sunday](#) (3/20, Wallace), McConnell said, "The principle is the same. Whether it's before the election or after the election. The principle is the American people are choosing their next president and their next president should pick this Supreme Court nominee."

On [ABC's This Week](#) (3/20, Stephanopoulos, 2.73M), McConnell said, "The way Supreme Court justices have been handled in presidential election years is very clear. It's been 80 years since a vacancy created in a presidential election year was filled. ... Joe Biden in 1992, when he was chairman of the Judiciary Committee, laid down the Biden rule. He said when the campaign is underway, no Supreme Court judge would be confirmed."

According to [Reuters](#) (3/20, Comwell), McConnell told CNN's "State of the Union," "I can't imagine that a Republican majority Congress, in a lame duck session, after the American people have spoken, would want to confirm" Garland. [Roll Call](#) (3/20, Bowman, 126K) noted that when McConnell was asked if he was "ruling it out, 100 percent," he replied, "Yes." McConnell said on [Fox News Sunday](#) (3/20, Wallace) he "can't imagine that a Republican majority in the United States Senate would want to confirm in a lame duck session a nominee opposed by the National Rifle Association, the National Federation of Independent Business that represents small businesses that have never taken a position on the Supreme Court appointment before."

[Politico](#) (3/20, Cohen, 1.07M) said McConnell "made it clear he believes the next president, and only the next president, should fill the vacancy created by the death of Antonin Scalia," saying, "We're in the process of picking a president, and that new president ought to make this appointment, which will affect the Supreme Court maybe for the next quarter of a century." The [Washington Times](#) (3/20, Howell, 285K) describes McConnell's comments as a break "with members of his caucus," and notes that he argued Garland "would move the high court 'dramatically to the left' for a quarter century." McConnell told Fox, "Barack Obama calling this judge a moderate doesn't make him a moderate."

On [CNN's State Of The Union](#) (3/20, Bash, 420K), McConnell said, "The right-of-center world does not want this vacancy filled by this president," adding, "even though Barack Obama calls him a moderate, he's opposed by the NRA. He's opposed by the National Federation of Independent Business, which has never taken a position on a Supreme Court nominee before."

**Conservatives Divided Over Message In Nomination Fight.** The [New York Times](#) (3/20, Lipton, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says conservative groups are "divided over their message" in the Supreme Court nomination battle and may be "outflanked by groups on the left." The division "was on display on Sunday" as McConnell "dismissed the possibility that Republicans could consider Judge Garland in a lame duck session"



and House Speaker Ryan “posted a video on Twitter backing up Mr. McConnell.” Many conservative groups “are making the same argument,” but others “are still trying to paint Judge Garland as a reflexive liberal unworthy of a seat on the court.”

In his [Washington Post](#) (3/20, Dionne, 8.98M) column, E.J. Dionne argues Senate Republicans’ “gambit evades a full and open debate over the conservative judicial agenda,” adding it is “precisely because Garland’s record reveals him to be a devout practitioner of judicial restraint that an intellectually frank dialogue over his nomination would be so dangerous to the right.” According to Dionne, conservatives “have embraced an astonishingly aggressive approach to judging” that “allows them to reach outcomes through the courts that they cannot achieve through the democratic process.”

**Senate Schedules Pro Forma Sessions To Prevent Recess Appointment.** The [Washington Times](#) (3/20, Dinan, 285K) reports while the Senate is set to be on a break for the next two weeks, a “rearguard” has been left in Washington “to keep the chamber running on low gear, denying President Obama a chance to install his Supreme Court nominee.” In order to prevent the President making a recess appointment, senators “have scheduled pro forma sessions to meet a couple of times a week, with no business scheduled,” which, under Senate rules, “is enough to prevent the constitutional trigger that would let Mr. Obama deem the Senate in recess and make an appointment without them.”

**Reid: McConnell Leading Republicans “Over A Cliff.”** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, McKinnon, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) reports Senate Minority Leader Reid, in an appearance on [NBC’s Meet the Press](#) said McConnell is “marching these [GOP senators] over a cliff and I don’t think they’re going to go,” and predicted Republicans will lose Senate seats as a result.

**McDonough: Obama Will Stand By Garland Nomination.** [The Hill](#) (3/20, Savransky, 862K) reported in its “Blog Briefing Room” blog White House Chief of Staff McDonough also appeared on [Fox News Sunday](#) (3/20, Wallace), where he “defended” Garland and said the President will stand by him “even if a Democratic candidate wins the White House in November.” McDonough said, “The president will stand by his nominee. This is an unbelievably qualified, extraordinarily decent man who comes to this nomination with more federal court experience than any nominee beforehand,” adding, “We will stand by him from now until he is confirmed and he is sitting on the Supreme Court.”

On [ABC’s This Week](#) (3/20, Stephanopoulos, 2.73M), McDonough commented on the progress being made toward holding a hearing and vote for Garland, saying, “We’ve seen some good progress, some good forward momentum. We have about 12 Republican senators who have now indicated that they’ll meet with him. As you know, before we announced him, people were saying they would not even deign to meet with him. And we’re also aware that early in the week, when the Congress comes back, in fact, Senator Collins, the Republican from Maine, has agreed to meet with Judge Garland up in the Senate. So we think this is a very good progress, good momentum.”

**USAToday Analysis: Garland Has Rarely Dissented On US Appeals Court.** A [USA Today](#) (3/18, Wolf, 5.45M) analysis describes Garland as “the polar opposite” of Scalia who “was best known for his pugnacious style, most clearly on display in frequent, angry dissents that mocked his colleagues’ majority opinions.” In his nearly 19 years on the US court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, Garland “has penned just 16 dissents” and “far more often” works “to unite the three-judge panels that decide most cases, molding the opinions so that they emerge unanimous.” Garland’s dissents “almost always to take a more progressive view – in favor of civil rights, workers’ rights, environmental protection or freedom of the press.”

In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) decries what it says is Garland’s deference to the NLRB, noting that he wrote the majority opinion in 22 cases dealing with appeals of NLRB decisions and in 18 of those, Garland sided with the NLRB.

#### **BELGIAN OFFICIALS: ARRESTED PARIS MILITANT ABDESLAM WAS PLANNING MORE ATTACKS.**

[NBC Nightly News](#) (3/20, story 5, 2:05, Holt, 7.86M) reported the Belgian prosecutor says Salah Abdeslam, the Paris attacker captured last week in Brussels, “relied on a large network of friends to stay hidden.” Belgian Foreign Minister Didier Reynders said Sunday that Abdeslam may have been planning further attacks while he hid in Brussels.

Reynders’ claim, according to [ABC World News](#) (3/20, story 5, 1:35, Muir, 5.84M), is “backed up by the large weapons cache found in a raid on Tuesday.” European officials warn that the threat of further attacks “is as high, or higher, than before Paris.” Abdeslam is currently fighting extradition to France, and his lawyer said Sunday



“they will take legal action against the Paris prosecutor for revealing details about the interrogations.” He is expected to make his first court appearance Wednesday in Brussels.

The [CBS Evening News](#) (3/20, story 2, 2:40, D’Agata, 5.08M) reported, “It turns out Salah Abdeslam wasn’t just a driver,” but “a key operative in the Paris massacre orchestrated directly by ISIS.” [USA Today](#) (3/20, Bacon, 5.45M) reports that Paris Prosecutor Francois Molins “said Abdeslam has told Belgian authorities he was involved in the Nov. 13 Paris attacks and was supposed to die that night.” Abdeslam “said he dropped off the other attackers before changing his mind, dumping his own suicide vest and fleeing back to Belgium.” The AP (3/20, Cook) notes that Abdeslam’s Belgian lawyer, meanwhile, “threatened to launch legal action Monday against a French prosecutor, accusing him of breaching the confidentiality of the investigation into the deadly rampage in Paris.” The [Washington Post](#) (3/20, Mcauley, Mekhennet, 8.98M), [Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/20, Strauss, 289K), [Reuters](#) (3/20, Emmott) and the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, Barnes, Pop, Subscription Publication, 6.74M), among other news outlets, run similar stories this morning.

White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough, appearing on [Fox News Sunday](#) (3/20, Wallace), said that Abdeslam’s arrest sends “a very strong message that our allies and we, in support of them – we’re not going to stop until we get all the facts of this case figured out. And now I know there will be an intensive process to figure out exactly what he knows and what he did and what he knows about what others may be doing. And that’s why it’s important that we dig very hard into this case and why the President called the French president and the Belgium prime minister on Friday to commend them for this good work.”

Also on [Fox News Sunday](#) (3/20, Wallace), McDonough said that “there are indications that, in fact,” the Paris attacks have ties to “some of those folks back in the Middle East. ... We’re going to get to the bottom of this story. But what we’re not going to do is let our guard down and that means, obviously, staying on offense against ISIL in Syria and Iraq and that’s why we’ve done precisely that over the course of these last many months. We’ll continue to do that...because we’re not going to sit and wait. We’re going to go get this.”

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** “*Religion And Birth Control At The Supreme Court.*” The [New York Times](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorializes on the case *Zubik v. Burwell* before the Supreme Court, which the Times says may “split 4-to-4, meaning that a crucial legal issue affecting large numbers of people will remain unresolved.” The Times hopes that does not happen and urges the court to “reject the plaintiffs’ absurd argument.”

“*A Presidential Rebuke To The Saudis.*” The [New York Times](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) praises President Obama for having “skewer[ed] a friendly government publicly” last week in an interview in *The Atlantic*, in “presenting a well-considered analysis of troubles in the relationship with Saudi Arabia.” He described Saudi Arabia as a “free rider” that depends on the US “to fight their battles for them.” The Times says that the US-Saudi relationship “born of antipathy to the Soviet Union and an American reliance on Saudi oil, is growing increasingly brittle.” The Times concludes by saying “there is little time left” for Obama to do much with the Saudi relationship, and says that will be up “to his successor.”

“*Chinese Problems On America’s Shores.*” The [New York Times](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) in an editorial warns that with inflows of money into the US, due to people seeking “a safe haven for their money in uncertain times,” banks may be tempted to “lower their standards and make questionable loans.” The Times points out that banks increased loans in 2015 “at the fastest pace since 2007.” The Times worries that bank regulators may not be willing “to apply what they have learned to new circumstances and new threats.”

**WASHINGTON POST.** “*The Next Step For Fixing Flint.*” The [Washington Post](#) (3/20, 8.98M) editorializes that “government at every level bears some responsibility” for the Flint water crisis, though the state is “most to blame.” Still, the Post says it would be an “outrageous irony” if Republican lawmakers use the crisis as a pretext to cut EPA funding, especially since the agency’s GOP antagonists “routinely attempt to undermine the agency.” The Post says Michigan must ensure that resources needed both for fixing damaged pipes and addressing the public-health challenge “will be available for as long as Flint’s residents, who were betrayed by their government, need them.”

“*The Annual Medicare Advantage Dance Avoids The Bigger Issues Of Entitlements.*” In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (3/20, 8.98M) decries the debate over “impending ‘cuts’ to the Medicare Advantage program,” arguing it is something of a yearly ritual in which HHS “announces how much it will pay insurance companies for



serving Medicare Advantage patients in the next year, and each year the insurance companies complain it's not enough" before the government "finally settle[s] on a new funding figure that is somewhat more to the industry's liking, and the kerfuffle [goes] away for another year" The Post questions "what would happen if we could put the same energy and resources behind a structural reform of Medicare and other entitlements."

**"A New Rule Could Help Ensure That Prosecutors Share Info With The Defense."** The [Washington Post](#) (3/20, 8.98M) editorializes in favor of the US District Court for the District of Columbia adopting a new rule that would "establish court-wide standards for disclosure of information" between prosecutors and defense attorneys. While the best change would be to give defense counsels access to all investigative information, "with certain exceptions for public safety and witness protection," there seems "little chance of federal prosecutors moving to such a system anytime soon," which "makes all the more urgent the court's adoption of this modest reform."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "Government By Google."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, Journal, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes against the FCC's proposed rule that would require television providers to create a universal cable-box adapter, arguing that it would effectively amount to federally-sponsored piracy by allowing companies like TiVo and Google to broadcast programs that providers pay to distribute. Meanwhile, 30 Members of the Congressional Black Caucus sent a letter to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler over concerns that the rule would push minority programming to channels with limited audiences. In addition, Google can mine viewers' habits, and a universal adapter would be hackable.

**"Judge Garland's Inconsistent Deference."** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) decries what it says is Supreme Court nominee Judge Merrick Garland's deference to the NLRB, noting that he wrote the majority opinion in 22 cases dealing with appeals of NLRB decisions and in 18 of those, Garland sided with the NLRB.

**"The Long Reach Of Islamic State."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/20, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes that ISIL's global reach has been illustrated this past week by a suicide bombing in Istanbul, the capture of Salah Abdeslam, and the FBI's announcement Thursday that a November attack at the University of California, Merced may have been the result of self-radicalization inspired by terrorist propaganda. These events give even more reason for the US to accelerate its military campaign against ISIL to prevent others from being persuaded by the group's ideology. The Journal adds that President Obama is particularly obligated in this endeavor since his decisions in Iraq and Syria allowed ISIL to build its foundation and expand.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

Scary News Via A Calm Voice  
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 Obama Takes 'First Step' In Cuba  
 Trump's Rise Unnerves German Ancestral Town  
 'A Good Villain' Spurs Arizona's Latino Activists

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

GOP Chairman Sees Long Fight Over Trump  
 Paris Terror Suspect Says He Planned More Attacks  
 Troubled Plane Dims China's Aviation Dream  
 M&A Bankers Saying No To More Junk Debt

#### **New York Times:**

Obama Lands In Cuba With A Pledge To Listen To Its People  
 Cubans Pack The Streets For A Glimpse Of President Obama  
 As Coal's Future Grows Murkier, Banks Pull Financing  
 First Step In Conservatives' Supreme Court Fight: Agreeing On A Message  
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**CBS:** President Obama-Cuba Visit; Paris Terror Attacks Suspect-Plans; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump Rallies; 2016 Politics-Arizona; Russian Plane Crash Investigation; Iraq-US Marine Killed; Pope Francis-Mass; US Trade Deals.

**NBC:** President Obama-Cuba Visit; Cuba-US Ambassador Interview; Cuban Migrants; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump; Paris Terror Attacks Suspect-Plans; Indiana-School Bus Crash; Severe Weather; Syrian Migrants-Italy; Star Cluster Identification; Comet Courses; Pope Francis-Mass; President Obama Cuba Visit.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

President Obama-Cuba Visit – 18 minutes, 55 seconds  
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 Paris Terror Attacks Suspect-Plans – 6 minutes, 20 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

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**CBS:** President Obama-Cuba Visit; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Pennsylvania-Toll Booth Shooting; NCAA Tournament.

**NPR:** President Obama-Cuba Visit; Cuba-US Hotel Chain Deal; United Nations-Northern Sahara Evacuations; Pennsylvania-Toll Booth Shooting; Indiana-Police Officer Shot; International Markets.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.****White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Visits Cuba with the first family.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Participates in an event in Seattle for Sen. Patty Murray, who is running for re-election.

**US Senate:** 10:00 AM Senate convenes for pro forma session \* Senate on recess from 18 Mar – 4 Apr Location: TBD <http://www.senate.gov/>

10:15 AM Senate Aging Committee field hearing on scams – Senate Special Committee on Aging field hearing on 'Senior Scams: What Are They and How Can People Avoid Them' Location: 200 N River St Wilkes-Barre, PA Wilkes-Barre <http://aging.senate.gov/>



**US House:** 2:00 PM House of Representatives meets for legislative business Location: Washington, DC  
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5:00 PM House Rules Committee hearing – Hearing on 'H.R. 2745, the Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015' Location: H-313, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC  
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**Other:** American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference – American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference '16 – 'preeminent annual gathering of the pro-Israel community'. Speakers today include Vice President Joe Biden, with other speakers over three days including Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu (via satellite), presidential candidates Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republicans Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and John Kasich, House Speaker Paul Ryan, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez, Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham; Democratic Reps. Brad Ashford, Brendan Boyle, Ted Deutch, Eliot Engel, Gwen Graham, Alcee Hastings, Steve Israel, Ted Lieu, Nita Lowey, Grace Meng, Donald Norcross, Kathleen Rice, David Scott, Brad Sherman, and Juan Vargas; Republican Reps. Barbara Comstock, Carlos Curbelo, Mario Diaz-Balart, Dan Donovan, Kay Granger, Mike Rogers, Peter Roskam, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Ed Royce, Dan Sullivan, Mimi Walters, and Lee Zeldin; and former CIA and NSA Director Gen. (Ret.) Michael Hayden Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC  
[www.policyconference.org](http://www.policyconference.org) <https://twitter.com/AIPAC> #PC16

4:00 PM Former Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel speaks at Georgetown – Former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel speaks at Georgetown University on 'The Global Future of Security', as part of the university's 'Global Future Initiatives' series, addressing how historical challenges of terrorism, nuclear proliferation, and great power rivalry are increasingly intersecting with new concerns, such as environmental and cyber security, and offering suggestions as to how the U.S. and the international community should respond to these and other security challenges in the years ahead Location: Copley Formal Lounge, Georgetown University, 37th and O Sts, Washington, DC [www.georgetown.edu](http://www.georgetown.edu) <https://twitter.com/Georgetown>

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** "I saw that Trump Tower in Chicago was struck by lightning during the Illinois primary, which Donald Trump went on to win. Yeah, nobody was hurt. While God was like, 'Crap, I missed.'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Speaking of Trump, he recently said that if he becomes president he'll force Apple to start making its products in the United States. It's great news for anyone who wants to pay \$20,000 for an iPhone."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "And [Sen.] Lindsey Graham...has announced that he's supporting Ted Cruz since Jeb Bush is out of the race. And Graham had a lot of good things to say about Cruz, kind of. It explains Ted Cruz's new slogan, 'Ted Cruz, all you got left.'"

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**SECRETARY JEWELL, DEPUTY SECRETARY CONNOR VISIT MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** [Politico Pro](#) (3/21) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Deputy Secretary Michael Connor were scheduled to check in with staff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on Monday. Jewell will also "meet with tribal and local officials." She said, "As the community continues to recover from the illegal occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, I know that deepening the strong partnerships already in place will be important to the healing process."

[Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (3/21, 2K) reports that Jewell "visited Burns, Oregon, to meet with community members Monday in Harney County." She "stressed the importance of community collaboration to counter extremism."

The [Oregonian](#) (3/22, 864K) reports that Jewell "concluded a day of tours and meetings in the Burns area Monday by declaring she intends to help trumpet a success that got overshadowed by acts of the armed protesters who took over the reserve Jan. 2." Jewell highlighted a story that "involves environmentalists, government, ranchers and 'a disaster averted.'" According to Jewell, "they worked together under the brand of the High Desert Partnership to protect the greater sage grouse while avoiding crippling federal regulation that could have upended ranching and logging in a weak economic region."

Additional coverage was provided by [Greenwire](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication), [The Hill](#) (3/21, Cama, 862K), [Bloomberg Government](#) (3/21, 1K), the [Oregonian](#) (3/21, 864K), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Review-Journal](#) (3/22, 479K), [Reuters](#) (3/21), [Townhall](#) (3/21, 132K), the [Portland Patch](#) (3/21), [KBND-AM Bend \(OR\)](#) Bend, OR (3/21, 112), [KATU-TV](#) Portland, OR (3/21, 256K), [KFXO-TV](#) Bend, OR (3/21), and [KTVZ-TV](#) Bend, OR (3/21, 32K).

**26th Person Charged In Malheur Occupation.** The [Oregonian](#) (3/21, 864K) reports that "a Montana man accused of disturbing a sacred Burns Paiute archaeological site by using heavy equipment to dig a giant latrine for protesters became the 26th person charged publicly in the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge." According to the article, "a judge on Monday unsealed the name of Jake Ryan that had been concealed in an indictment filed March 8 in U.S. District Court in Oregon." Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Gabriel said that "Ryan and fellow occupier Travis Cox are the only two of the 26 defendants who haven't been arrested."

**SECRETARY JEWELL TO VISIT VIRGIN ISLANDS.** The [St. Thomas Source](#) (3/21, 873) reports that "at the end of March," Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will "make her first visit to the Virgin Islands since being sworn in as secretary...in April 2013." Jewell will "arrive on St. Thomas March 29 for a two and a half day visit" and is "expected to visit St. John, and to be the keynote speaker at Transfer Day ceremonies on St. Croix and to meet with Gov. Kenneth Mapp."

**PRESIDENT OBAMA ROLLS OUT FEDERAL DROUGHT PLAN.** [Greenwire](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication) reports that President Obama on Monday "used his executive powers to expand federal efforts to reduce the nation's vulnerability to drought." According to the article, "on the eve of the White House Water Summit, Obama's memorandum elevates attention to the crisis and makes official the National Drought Resilience Partnership, a major multi-agency program rolled out as part of the administration's climate change agenda."

[Politico Pro](#) (3/21) reports that the National Drought Resilience Partnership has "for the past three years been working to improve coordination, communication and data-sharing around drought." According to the article, "the group is made up of at least 13 agencies, from the Department of Defense to EPA, and will be led by two co-chairs, one of whom would always come from the Department of Agriculture, and the other of which will



rotate among the agencies.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (3/21, 442K) and the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (3/21, 591K).

**FOREST CHIEF TIDWELL TO DEFEND NEW PLAN TO FIGHT FIRES.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication) reports that the Forest Service will “try again this week to sell a congressional committee on a new approach to pay for fighting forest fires.” According to the article, “stretched by annual budget transfers that officials say are draining money from other needs,” Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell will ask the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands “to help boost discretionary funding for fire suppression.” The Obama Administration has said that wildland fires “should be treated like natural disasters such as hurricanes and tomadoes, with a dedicated source of funds.”

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (3/21, Cama, 862K).

**OPM AND NFFE CLASH OVER TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE GUIDANCE.** [Federal News Radio \(DC\)](#) (3/21, Ogrysko, 11K) reports the National Federation of Federal Employees says recent guidance from OPM undermines the legislative intent of the Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act, passed last August, that aims to give temporary and seasonal federal workers the same job opportunities as permanent employees. OPM says that temporary works can only apply to merit based positions if they are not open to employees from other agencies, because the Act only applies to internal merit promotion procedures.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SECRETARY JEWELL DEDICATES BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT.** Additional coverage of the dedication ceremony for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument was provided by the [Napa Valley \(CA\) Register](#) (3/21, 73K), the [Woodland \(CA\) Daily Democrat](#) (3/21, 22K), and the [Davis \(CA\) Enterprise](#) (3/22, 22K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SECRETARY JEWELL VISITS SANTA CRUZ ISLAND.** Additional coverage of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell’s visit to Santa Cruz Island was provided by the [Santa Barbara \(CA\) Independent](#) (3/21, 119K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: REP. CLAWSON SEEKS \$500 MILLION TO BUY LAND IN EVERGLADES.** Additional coverage of Rep. Curt Clawson’s Everglades Land Acquisition Act was provided by the [Naples \(FL\) Daily News](#) (3/21, 131K).

**REP. ZELDIN PUSHES FOR SAFEGUARDING LONG ISLAND’S ENVIRONMENT.** In an op-ed for the [Southold Local \(NY\)](#) (3/21), Rep. Lee Zeldin highlights “opportunities” for “protecting and preserving the abundance of our natural resources that are so important to our life, culture and economy.” These include “stopping the sale of Plum Island” (H.R. 1887), “protecting the Long Island Sound by passing the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Act” (H.R. 2930), and “improving the management of our fisheries, by passing the EEZ Transit Zone Clarification Act” (H.R. 3070) and Fluke Fairness Bill (H.R. 1888).

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**DEPUTY SECRETARY CONNOR HOSTS LISTENING SESSION ON LAND BUY-BACK PROGRAM.** The [Red Lake Nation News \(MN\)](#) (3/8) reports that “the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program) hosted more than 500 tribal leaders and landowners at its third Listening Session on March 3, 2016, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.” Interior Deputy Secretary Michael L. Connor, Special Trustee for American Indians Vince Logan, and Acting Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Roberts “heard directly from tribal communities about how the Program can best be implemented across Indian Country.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Los Alamos \(NM\) Daily Post](#) (3/21).

**Land Buy-Back Program Has Paid More Than \$735 Million Since 2013.** The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (3/21, 48K) reports that according to Interior Deputy Secretary Michael Connor, since the land buy-back program began “making offers in December, 2013, the buy-back program has paid more than \$735 million to individual landowners, and restored the equivalent of 1.5 million acres to tribal governments.”

**MCCAIN BILL WOULD PROVIDE EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS TO NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS.** Jackie Mader writes at the [Education Week](#) (3/21, 125K) “Rural Education” blog that Sen. John



McCain (R-AZ) has proposed a bill that "would provide education savings accounts to Native American students who attend Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools, which would allow students to pay for private school tuition, tutors, and educational materials." McCain's Native American Education Opportunity Act "would operate in Arizona, Mississippi, Florida, and Nevada, all states that currently have Education Savings Account (ESA) programs."

Additional coverage of the Native American Education Opportunity Act was provided by the [Tucson \(AZ\) Sentinel](#) (3/21, 1K).

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: REPORT DETAILS DISREPAIR AT NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOOLS.**

Additional coverage of the report released by the Government Accountability Office detailing "health and safety threats" within the BIE system was provided by [KJZZ-FM Phoenix](#) (3/21, 8K).

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BUY-BACK OFFERS SENT TO OWNERS OF FOND DU LAC LAND.**

Additional coverage that land buy-back offers have been made to 3,200 Fond du lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa landowners was provided by the [Duluth \(MN\) News Tribune](#) (3/15, 139K), the [Nation Sun News](#) (3/21), the [Pine \(MN\) Journal](#) (3/20, 15K), and the [Red Lake Nation News \(MN\)](#) (3/21).

### **Office of Insular Affairs:**

**APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS IN DC.** [St. Croix Source](#) (3/21) reports that Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina has "announced internship opportunities for the summer of 2016 at the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) in Washington, D.C." Kia'aina said, "It is important to provide avenues for young students to learn about how the federal government works, given the important role that it plays in the islands. Through our internship program, we aim to build capacity so that participants can consider working for the federal government or have some federal experience under their belt when they return to help their respective communities. Last year's program set the bar, and we look forward to welcoming a new cohort this summer."

### **Tackling America's Water Challenges:**

**JUDGE TO HEAR ARGUMENTS IN DESCHUTES RIVER SPOTTED FROG CASE.** The AP (3/21, 285K) reports that "a federal judge will soon hear arguments on whether to order a change in water management to benefit the Oregon spotted frog." WaterWatch of Oregon has filed a lawsuit claiming the BOR and "state irrigation districts are creating a cycle of flooding and drying along the Deschutes River banks that hurts the frogs." WaterWatch has "asked for a preliminary injunction on that activity to protect the frog, which was listed as a threatened species in 2014." According to the article, "the judge is expected to hear arguments in Eugene Tuesday but isn't expected to make a decision that day."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Oregonian](#) (3/21, 864K) and the [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (3/21, 94K).

**BOR TO RELEASE RIO GRANDE WATER THIS WEEK.** The AP (3/21, 1.99M) reports that "federal officials will release Rio Grande water destined for irrigation in southern New Mexico months earlier than last year." The BOR will "release water from Elephant Butte and Caballo dams this week, two months earlier than the water was unleashed last year." Mary Carlson, spokeswoman for the Albuquerque office of the BOR, said, "That did not start until the end of May last year. They have a little more water to work with this year. I think that is pretty much the case up and down the river."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/21, 285K) and [KOB-TV Albuquerque \(NM\) Albuquerque, NM](#) (3/21, 88K).

**COMMENTS SOUGHT ON RIO GRANDE PROJECT.** The [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#) (3/21, 47K) reports that "a draft Environmental Impact Statement for the continued implementation of a 2008 operating agreement that guides water sharing between irrigation districts in Doña Ana County and El Paso County is available for public review and comment." According to the article, "the document was prepared to analyze the environmental effects of continuing to implement the operating agreement until 2050 in what's known as the Rio Grande Project."

**EXPERTS DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR COLORADO RIVER BASIN.** The [Arizona Republic](#) (3/21, Loomis,



975K) reports water use in the Colorado River basin and on the University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center conference, where experts discussed "a range of likely responses and challenges" relating to the Southwest's diminishing water supplies. Issues discussed include water recycling and drip irrigation.

**CALIFORNIA OFFICIAL MAY HAVE ADMITTED TO COLLAPSING SUPPORT FOR DELTA TUNNELS PLAN.** The [YubaNet \(CA\)](#) (3/21, Bacher, 6K) reports that "it appears" California Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird admitted that support for Governor Brown's Delta Tunnels Plan is collapsing, while speaking at a hearing in San Francisco by the Senate Select Committee on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta entitled, "Pending Delta Decisions and their Potential Economic and Other Impacts on San Francisco & the Bay Area." Laird said that if the project were to go forward, "urban users" would have to sign up and be willing to pay for it themselves.

**SONORAN INSTITUTE'S DOWDY CALLS FOR COOPERATION TO PROTECT LOWER SANTA CRUZ RIVER.** In an [Arizona Daily Star](#) (3/21, 244K) op-ed, Sonoran Institute director Ian Dowdy wrote on the failed Tres Rios del Norte environmental restoration plan for the lower Santa Cruz River, which has "suffered significant decline due to groundwater pumping, diversion, drought and other impacts." Dowdy says stakeholders must seek a regional solution for the Santa Cruz River "similar to the Tres Rios del Norte plan" to address challenges like Arizona's water laws, and win public support.

## Securing America's Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**BOEM EVALUATES 800-MEGAWATT CALIFORNIA WIND FARM.** [Bloomberg News](#) (3/21, Eckhouse, 2.92M) reports that the US BOEM determined Monday that Trident Winds LLC is qualified to develop the first offshore wind farm in California and now looks to initiate the lease area's bidding process if other companies are also interested. The proposed 800-megawatt wind farm could be the twelfth commercial wind lease awarded by BOEM, joining the 11 other previously awarded leases along the Atlantic coast.

Additional coverage was provided by [North American Windpower](#) (3/21, 43K), [Recharge News](#) (3/22, 633), and [SeeNews](#) (3/22).

**RHODE ISLAND CELEBRATES OFFSHORE WIND FARM, LONG ISLAND LOOKS TO FOLLOW.** [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (3/21, Harrington, 1.23M) reports that Rhode Island will become the state with the first US offshore wind farm with the five-turbine Block Island project, which will provide 90 percent of the state's power upon completion at the end of 2016. Block Island project developer Deepwater Wind and turbine supplier GE Renewable Energy have already built "five foundations in the seabed" near the Island. Rhode Island officials celebrated with a "pre-victory" event at the state's Port of Providence terminal Friday. Long Island's renewable energy advocates held a rally afterwards to urge Long Island to follow suit and approve a 90-megawatt offshore project.

**NEW DEVELOPMENTS MAY MAKE WIND POSSIBILITY FOR NORTH CAROLINA.** The [Charleston \(SC\) Post and Courier](#) (3/21, Peterson, 301K) reports on the American Wind Energy Association conference's in Camden this week and the possibility of inland wind farms to produce energy in North Carolina's coastal plains. Though offshore and inland winds in North Carolina have been considered insufficient for efficient energy production, "taller towers and bigger wind turbine blades are in development that could change the equation for both," the Post and Courier says. Coastal Conservation League energy and climate director Hamilton Davis said "With the improved wind technology that is now entering the marketplace, South Carolina could also be able to tap into this resource."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: US OPENS UP NEW YORK COAST FOR WIND DEVELOPMENT.** Additional coverage that the BOEM has "identified a Wind Energy Area (WEA) offshore New York" was provided by [Marine Log](#) (3/21, 249).

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**DOJ, GREEN GROUPS REACH TENTATIVE DEAL OVER MONTANA OIL LEASE EMISSIONS.** The [AP](#) (3/21, Volz) reports that Department of Justice attorneys and environmental groups "reached a tentative agreement to end a dispute over greenhouse gas emissions from federal oil and gas leases in Montana," filing a



notice Friday that they have reached a settlement in principle over a lawsuit that "pushes the government to examine the effects on climate change when leasing public lands for energy drilling." The AP details the case and reports that the parties hope to finalize the deal within the month.

**ILLINOIS AG MADIGAN DEMANDS PEABODY PROVE IT CAN PAY FUTURE CLEANUP COSTS.** The AP (3/21) reports that Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan says she fears that Peabody Energy does not have sufficient bond funds to restore Illinois mining land if it is shut down. Madigan sent a letter to Peabody demanding the coal miner prove it has the \$92 million needed for potential mine reclamation.

Reuters (3/21) reports that in the case of bankruptcy, a judge would decide how to prioritize all of Peabody's liabilities that are not guaranteed by cash, bonds, or other securities.

**POWDER RIVER BASIN RESOURCE COUNCIL FILES COMPLAINT OVER PEABODY ENERGY MINING STATUS.** The Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (3/21, 77K) reports that the Powder River Basin Resource Council filed "a complaint with state regulators Monday alleging Peabody Energy and its subsidiaries are in violation of mining laws." The action is "the latest move in the Sheridan-based group's growing campaign to reform the laws governing mine reclamation, which have allowed coal companies to avoid hundreds of millions of dollars in bond payments by posting their assets as collateral on future reclamation costs."

**CANCELLATION OF BADGER-TWO MEDICINE LEASE WELCOMED.** In his column for the Missoulian (MT) (3/21, 78K), George Ochenski welcomes the decision to cancel the contested lease in the Badger-Two Medicine area. However, Ochenski warns that "while this is a huge victory for the Blackfoot Tribe, Montana and the nation, the battle is not yet over." He notes that "there remain 34,000 acres in 17 existing leases, mostly owned by Devon Energy Corp., and the agency recommended cancelling those as well."

Additional coverage of the cancellation was provided by the Fairfield (MT) Sun Times (3/21) and Bakken (3/21).

**PROFESSOR: STOPPING FRACKING WOULD HURT ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMY.** National Defense University professor Paul Sullivan writes in The Hill (3/21, Sullivan, 862K) that fracking is one of the main reasons for current low oil and natural gas prices. Sullivan says halting fracking would increase natural gas prices, making coal more attractive as a cheaper source of fuel to detrimental environmental effect. He also argues that stopping fracking would have a negative economic impact through the loss of jobs and investments.

**BARRETT: HISTORY SAYS WATCH THE DOI COAL LEASING REVIEW.** In a Montana Standard (3/22, Barrett, 35K) op-ed, Evan Barrett writes on the history of federal leasing in Montana, in which "hard-rock mining companies removed the mineral wealth of the state, but paid little or no taxes to the state and its people" and mining barons "avoided federal indictment for illegally stripping huge areas of federal timberlands" while underpaying for the timber they took. Barrett draws parallels to federal coal leasing in which companies make payments "far below market value" that shortchange taxpayers by tens of billions of dollars. Barrett calls for active participation on the recently-announced Department of Interior federal coal leasing review so that Montana doesn't end up with "a system that cheats the public."

#### **Offshore Energy Development:**

**BOEM PROPOSES NEW RULES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.** The Hill (3/21, Devaney, 862K) reports that the Interior Department is "proposing new rules for development of the outer continental shelf." The BOEM proposed Monday new rules for the use of "sand, gravel and shell resources for shore protection, beach restoration, or coastal wetlands restoration."

Additional coverage was provided by the Dredging News Online (3/22).

**BSEE ASSISTS IN OPENING OIL SPILL RESPONSE TEST BURN TANK.** The World Oil (3/21) reports that the BSEE "helped oversee and execute a series of test in situ burns in the newly opened burn tank at the Joint Maritime Test Detachment in Mobile, Ala., to evaluate burns and train teams to respond to open water oil spills." The BSEE "provided \$458,000, contributing an analysis to find gaps in current knowledge of in situ burn techniques and support for the renovation and refurbishment of the Joint Maritime Test Detachment burn tank located on Little Sand Island just off the coast of Mobile, Ala."

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS PLAN TO PROTEST GULF OF MEXICO LEASE AUCTION AT LOUISIANA'S SUPERDOME.** Grist (3/21, 7K) reports that "federal regulators will be auctioning off 43 million



acres of offshore oil and gas leases in the central and eastern Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday” at Louisiana’s Superdome. According to the article, “several national environmental organizations, including the Rainforest Action Network and [350.org](#), community members, and indigenous rights groups plan a rally outside the site this Wednesday to oppose new leases for offshore drilling leases.”

**LOUISIANA COULD PARTIALLY LOSE GOMESA FUNDS.** The [Shreveport \(LA\) Times](#) (3/21, 124K) reports “Louisiana and the rest of the Gulf Coast will lose a significant chunk of its federal conservation funding” if the Obama Administration’s FY2017 budget proposal passes, because it “redirects” funds from Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act (GOMESA). The Times reports the Restore the Mississippi River Delta Coalition sent a letter to the Obama Administration petitioning for a return of funds to protect wildlife habitat, coastal communities, and land in coastal Louisiana.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NASA TO ADVISE BSEE ON OFFSHORE DRILLING RISK REDUCTION.** Additional coverage that the BSEE is partnering with NASA “to capitalize on best risk management approaches from the aeronautics industry to offshore worker and environmental safety” was provided by [Natural Gas Intelligence](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BOEM DEVELOPING NEW OFFSHORE DRILLING AIR STANDARDS.** Additional coverage that the BOEM is “proposing to update 36-year-old regulations to make sure that offshore oil and gas activities do not significantly harm the air quality of any state in the U.S.” was provided by [gCaptain](#) (3/21, 2K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF OCEAN ENERGY PORTAL.** Additional coverage of the Ocean Energy Portal was provided by [XConomy](#) (3/21, 3K).

**WTIMES: DECISION TO SCRAP ATLANTIC DRILLING “KNIFE TO BACKS OF ENERGY PRODUCERS.”** The [Washington Times](#) (3/21, 285K) editorializes that with the Interior Department’s decision to scrap a plan for drilling off the coast of the Atlantic seaboard, President Obama “has once more applied the knife to the backs of conventional energy producers.” The Times also criticizes Hillary Clinton for “leading the cheers” for Obama’s decision. The paper calls the decision “part of the Democratic strategy for tipping the playing field to lackluster green industry” and a “cruel thing to do” to those who will pay larger energy bills due to the oil reserves left in the ground.

**Oceana VP Praises Retreat From Atlantic Offshore Drilling.** Oceana Vice President Jacqueline Savitz in [The Hill](#) (3/21, Savitz, 862K) praises the Obama Administration’s decision to retreat from a plan to allow drilling off the US Atlantic coast. Savitz touts the decision as a move away from fossil fuel use, an environmental victory, and a “win for democracy” that “shows that speaking out against powerful interests is not a vain pursuit.”

**Patience Urged On Offshore Drilling.** In an editorial, the [Greensboro \(NC\) News & Record](#) (3/21, 155K) raises some points about the recent decision to withdraw the Atlantic Ocean from offshore drilling. It notes that the Obama Administration will “leave office in 10 months” and “the next president can reopen the issue.” Also, “any deposits of oil and natural gas off the North Carolina coast aren’t going anywhere” and “they can be extracted at a future time when conditions are right — and perhaps more safely than could be done today.”

**Additional Commentary.** Additional commentary was provided by the [Anson \(NC\) Record](#) (3/21).

## America’s Great Outdoors:

### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM DIRECTOR KORNZE TO TESTIFY BEFORE OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE.** The [E&E](#) (3/21) reports that House Republicans will put the BLM’s “oil and natural gas leasing policies in the crosshairs this week during an oversight hearing that will also touch on the recent federal coal leasing moratorium.” BLM Director Neil Kornze is scheduled to testify Wednesday before the Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Interior, “the latest in a series of recent congressional hearings taking a critical look at Interior Department land management practices.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Politico](#) (3/21, Collins, 1.07M) and [Bloomberg BNA](#) (3/21, 5K).

**TIMBER PAYMENTS TO OREGON COUNTIES DROP TO RECORD LOW.** [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#)



(3/21, 2K) reports that “for the first time, the BLM and Forest Service combined for less than \$100 million in payments to Oregon counties.” Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley “welcomed the spending, but pointed out its tenuous future.” Wyden said “he wants Congress to reauthorize what he calls ‘vital aid.’” However, Merkley “added long-term solutions are needed for timber-dependent payment counties.”

In an op-ed for the [Oregonian](#) (3/21, 864K), Columbia County Commissioner Tony Hyde, Josephine County Commissioner Simon Hare and Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman write that the BLM “neither pays its fair share nor contributes to the economy in a significant way.” They note that “Western Oregon counties are poised to sue the BLM for its ongoing failure to honor commitments etched in federal law, “but “rather than litigate, our counties strongly prefer to work with Congress to achieve a permanent, balanced and bipartisan solution. We thank members of Oregon’s delegation for previous efforts to find such a solution.” They argue that “sustainable timber harvest on O&C lands must be a part of the solution.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (3/22, 98K).

**RAMS JOINS GOV. DAYTON CRITICS OVER TWIN METALS DECISION.** The [Virginia \(MN\) Mesabi Daily Tribune](#) (3/22, Riebe, 60) reports the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools is criticizing Gov. Mark Dayton’s denial of approval to Access Agreement to Twin Metals Minnesota for a copper/nickel/precious metals mining project. Dayton has said that he was concerned that the Twin Metals venture falls within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness watershed, and called the Bureau of Land Management director to say Twin Metals’ federal lease holdings should not be renewed. Dayton’s decision was praised by environmental groups, and strongly criticized by state Republicans and some businesses.

**West Central Tribune: Jewell Should Answer Save The Boundary Waters Request.** The [West Central Tribune \(MN\)](#) (3/21, 49K) editorializes that Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell should respond to a Save the Boundary Waters request that she withdraw the minerals being targeted by Twin Metals from federal mining, and says the group “deserves an answer.”

**TWO MORE DEFENDANTS HELD WITHOUT BAIL IN BUNKERVILLE STANDOFF.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (3/21, 479K) reports that “two more defendants, including one of Cliven Bundy’s sons, were ordered held without bail Monday as they await trial on felony charges stemming from the 2014 armed standoff with law enforcement near Bunkerville.” According to the article, “Melvin Bundy, 41, of Nevada, and Gregory P. Burleson, 52, of Arizona, were kept in federal custody following hearings.” The article says that “both pleaded not guilty but were declared a danger to the community.”

**BLM GRANTED EXTENSION ON LAND PLANS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (3/21, 402K) reports that the BLM has been “granted an extension by a federal judge to finalize its land use plans for Washington County so the two can try to reach a compromise over a contested northern corridor transportation route.” The bureau “can miss the court-ordered June 30 deadline for its resource management plan and instead shoot for Dec. 31 in hopes the additional six months will result in the BLM implementing changes sought by the county.” U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups “granted the extension last week after a congressional subcommittee convened a rare oversight hearing last January in St. George.”

**SMITH MOUNTAIN FIRE RULED ARSON.** The [AP](#) (3/21) reports that “a wildfire last September in southeast Wyoming has been ruled an act of arson.” The Smith Mountain Fire that “burned in Albany and Carbon counties was originally thought to have been a controlled burn that got out of control.” The BLM said Monday that “evidence of multiple origins aroused suspicion, and an investigation determined a liquid was used to start the fire in multiple areas.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF SODA FIRE REHABILITATION.** Additional coverage of the Soda Fire rehabilitation effort was provided by [CounterPunch](#) (3/22, 16K).

**MEADE: GOVERNMENT ACTIONS IN WAKE OF BUNDY STANDOFF “OPPRESSIVE.”** In a [Laconia \(NH\) Daily Sun](#) (3/21, 29K) column, Bob Meade reviews the chain of events leading to the Cliven Bundy law enforcement standoff, when BLM personnel “went into the grazing area,” and “began rounding up Bundy’s cattle,” and says that since the standoff, the government have been targeting Bundy supporters like USMC veteran DeLemus. Meade calls the government actions “oppressive” and accuses “well-connected” political insiders of profiting “at the expense of the citizenry.”

**Fish and Wildlife Service:**



**CEREMONY HELD FOR PRIME HOOK BRIDGE.** The [Wilmington \(DE\) News Journal](#) (3/21, 355K) reports that “a ceremony was held Monday for a bridge in the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge.” According to the article, “the crossing is part of a \$38 million plan to build storm and sea level rise resiliency at the 10,144-acre refuge carried out by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.” The FWS and the Interior Department are “investing \$787 million in hundreds of Hurricane Sandy restoration and flood resilience projects.”

**ORPHANED BEAR CUB NOW HAS FOSTER MOTHER.** The [AP](#) (3/21, 808K) reports that “an orphaned bear cub now has a feisty and loving foster mother.” According to the article, “the head of Louisiana’s large carnivore program said Sunday that she was able to leave the cub with a new family in the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge.” Maria Davidson said, “I was happy to get the cub back out in a wild nest where he belongs.”

**TWO BABY BALD EAGLES BORN AT THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/21, Hedgpeth, 8.98M) reports that “now that two baby bald eagles have been born at the U.S. National Arboretum in Northeast Washington, the process of naming them has begun.” According to the article, “the two eaglets have been dubbed ‘DC2’ and ‘DC3’ by the American Eagle Foundation, the group behind the live-stream videos of the eaglets, which have gained huge popularity.” Officials with the FWS are “expected to put leg bands on each of the eaglets and take blood.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: DEATH OF 5 BALD EAGLES IN DELAWARE UNDER INVESTIGATION.** Additional coverage that “wildlife agents are investigating the deaths of five bald eagles” in Delaware was provided by [USA Today](#) (3/21, Fisher, 5.45M) and [RT](#) (3/21, 350K).

**PARTNERSHIPS THAT LED TO LOUISIANA BLACK BEAR RECOVERY PRAISED.** In an op-ed, the [Alexandria \(LA\) Town Talk](#) (3/21, 90K), Michael Bean, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, lauds the “hard work and partnership of many” that led to the delisting of the Louisiana black bear. According to Bean, “the rapid recovery of the Louisiana black bear is a testament to the power and importance of effective partnering and shows that states, federal agencies, and private landowners can make a difference for our nation’s imperiled species, preserving our natural heritage for generations to come.” He adds that “it’s also a testament to the power of the ESA.”

#### ***National Park Service:***

**HOUSE LIKELY TO PASS THREE PARKS BILLS.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication) reports that the House is “likely to pass three parks bills this week that appear to have attracted little opposition.” The article notes that “the most significant of the measures is H.R. 482, which would expand the Ocmulgee National Monument by about 2,100 acres and study adding lands along the Ocmulgee River.” H.R. 2857, from Rep. John Larson, would “revise a condition for establishing the Coltsville National Historical Park in Hartford, Conn., to require the state, city or private property owner to enter into a written agreement with the Department of the Interior to donate at least 10,000 square feet of space in the Colt Armory Complex.” Finally, H.R. 4119, by Rep. Steven Palazzo, “seeks to convey to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5699 about 1 acre of real property located within the Gulf Islands National Seashore in Jackson County, Miss., in exchange for a parcel of 1.76 acres.”

**TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY FOXX PUSHES FOR FIXING US BRIDGES.** [Today Show Online](#) (3/21, Rossen, Billington, 2.23M) reports that new government data found 58,495 “structurally deficient” bridges in the US. Joined by NPS officials Charles Borders, TODAY national investigative correspondent Jeff Rossen “visited the Arlington Memorial Bridge in Washington, D.C., where concrete blocks also fall off and the main support beams are rotting so badly that Rossen could put his whole hand inside the holes.” The Today Show reports that DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx admitted to the problem, saying it is “terrible, and it is getting worse by the year.” Foxx added, “No one has argued more strenuously for fixing these issues than I have.” Foxx argued, “Congress has to pass a package with enough resources to handle the problem.”

**CHERRY BLOSSOMS SURVIVE COLD WEEKEND.** The [AP](#) (3/21, 1.99M) reports that a spokesman for the NPS says “the expected bloom dates for the cherry trees around the Tidal Basin in Washington were not affected by this weekend’s cold weather.” According to spokesman Mike Litterst, “the forecast snow never materialized at the Tidal Basin and temperatures stayed well above freezing.” Litterst says “Monday night’s forecast is for near-freezing temperatures, but the peak bloom period is still expected to begin on or about Wednesday.”



Additional coverage of the cherry blossoms was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/21, 285K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/21, Press, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/21, Staff, 8.98M), [ABC News](#) (3/21, 4M), [Reuters](#) (3/21), the [Albany \(OR\) Democrat-Herald](#) (3/21, 44K), the [Silver Spring \(MD\) Patch](#) (3/21, 771), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/21, 4.92M), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K), and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/21, 352K).

**BILL WOULD DESIGNATE BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS DISTRICT AS NATIONAL PARK.** [WBMA-TV](#) Birmingham, AL (3/21, 85K) reports that Rep. Terri Sewell is "introducing a bill to designate the Birmingham Civil Rights District as a National Park." The city says "a National Park designation could also open the door for gateway community funding, which means anything within a 60 mile radius from the park could be eligible for grants to improve the area leading into the park."

**NEW LOGO IN SUPPORT OF "WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT" UNVEILED.** The [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (3/21, 173K) reports that "with a new focus to Lucas St. Clair's efforts to create a proposed North Woods national park comes a new campaign logo he debuted informally on social media this weekend, his spokesman said Monday." According to the article, "the new circular logo features drawings of a hiker in silhouette against a backdrop of an evergreen forest and Mount Katahdin with the slogan 'Maine Woods National Monument' wrapped around them." The article notes that "that's a departure from the rectangular logo featuring silhouetted drawings of people fishing, canoeing and snowmobiling and a moose over the words 'Katahdin Woods & Waters.'" According to St. Clair spokesman David Farmer, the change "naturally follows the progression of the campaign" and "it is not an indication that the effort to create a national park originally suggested in 2011 by entrepreneur Roxanne Quimby, St. Clair's mother, is over."

In a piece for the [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (3/21, 173K), Jon Reisman, an associate professor of economics and public policy at the University of Maine at Machias, writes that "it seems a foregone conclusion that President Barack Obama will designate the Quimby holdings as a national monument sometime after the November election."

**TRUMP DETAILS CONVERSION OF DC BUILDING INTO LUXURY HOTEL.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/21, Hendrix, 8.98M) reports presidential candidate Donald Trump "briefly reverted to Salesman Trump" Monday in order to "show off" the Old Post Office Pavilion in downtown Washington that he is converting into a \$200 million Trump International Hotel. "Super luxury, and it's going to be amazing," Trump told a group of reporters. He spent more than an hour "pointing out details of the Romanesque Revival edifice," and "seemed to equate his hotel with a national monument."

**ECONOMIC IMPACT GENERATED BY ERIE CANALWAY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR HIGHLIGHTED.** [Niagara \(NY\) Frontier Publications](#) (3/21) reports that Rep. Brian Higgins joined Erie Canalway Heritage Fund Board Chairman Thomas Blanchard "late last week to detail the economic benefits the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor has across the state and right here in Western New York." The article says that "according to a study conducted by Tripp Umbach, the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor generates \$307.7 million in economic impact, supports 3,240 jobs and generates \$34.9 million in tax revenues." According to the article, "the federal designation, which was set to expire in 2015, has been renewed through 2021."

**CRISSY FIELD IN SAN FRANCISCO TO RECEIVE IMPROVEMENTS.** The AP (3/21, 1.99M) reports that Crissy Field in San Francisco is "getting a makeover." According to the article, "this fall, the trail, in the shadow of Golden Gate Bridge, will be repaved and widened in certain spots." The article notes that "a \$2.5 million National Park Service grant, in honor of the park service's centennial, and matching private donations will fund the upgrades."

**WORKER CLAIMS RETALIATION BY YELLOWSTONE CONCESSIONAIRE OVER ASBESTOS REPORT.** The AP (3/21, Gruver, Press, 1.99M) reports that "a maintenance worker in Yellowstone National Park said a park concession company retaliated against him after he reported that he and five other employees were exposed to asbestos at a more than century-old lodge." Jon Kline said that Xanterra Parks & Resorts "began giving him poor reviews and declined to renew his contract after he reported the incident last March." Kline said "he has filed an employee retaliation claim that is still pending."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/21, Gruver, 285K), the [Washington \(DC\)](#)



[Post](#) (3/21, Mead Gruver |, Ap, 8.98M), and [US News & World Report](#) (3/21, 853K).

**CUMBERLAND GAP TO CELEBRATE NPS CENTENNIAL IN APRIL.** The [Knoxville \(TN\) News Sentinel](#) (3/21, 228K) reports that Cumberland Gap National Historical Park staff is “organizing a three-day extravaganza” to celebrate the NPS Centennial. The “An American Memoir” event will be held “9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 9-11 at the park’s visitor center in Middlesboro, Ky., with almost 100 living historians on site.” According to the article, “during the weekend event, visitors and students will interact with the diverse people — slaves, indentured servants, bankers, farmers, merchants and blacksmiths — who journeyed through the nation’s first doorway to the West seeking freedom, land and wild game.”

Additional coverage of the Centennial was provided by the [Merillville \(IN\) Post-Tribune](#) (3/21, 105K) and [KSMU-FM](#) Springfield, MO (3/21, 686).

**NPS INVITES FOURTH GRADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN “EVERY KID IN A PARK” PROGRAM.** The [Imperial Valley \(CA\) News](#) (3/21, 1K) reports that “in celebration of the National Park Service’s Centennial year, the agency has created a program where every 4th grader is eligible to visit the park with their family, for free.” According to the article, “fourth graders can print a paper pass from [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov), bring it to the visitor centers at Cottonwood, Joshua Tree or Oasis and exchange it for a pass card.”

**LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES NATIONAL RECREATION AREA INVITES HOMESCHOOLED CHILDREN TO OUTDOOR CLASSROOM.** [SurfKy](#) (3/21, 1K) reports that “homeschooler families are invited to use Woodlands Nature Station as their outdoor classroom in April at Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area.” The article notes that “fourth grade students can go to <https://everykidinapark.gov/>, get their free Every Kid in a Park pass, and get their family in for free.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: YOSEMITE FIGHT OVER NAMES ESCALATES AS NPS PUSHES TO CANCEL TRADEMARKS.** Additional coverage of the Yosemite trademark dispute was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/21, 8.98M), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (3/21, Press, 4.1M), [Fox News](#) (3/21, 9.42M), the [Flathead \(MT\) Beacon](#) (3/21, 15K), the [Sierra Star \(CA\)](#) (3/21, 12K), and [HotAir](#) (3/21, 87K).

**PUBLIC URGED TO ENJOY SPRING OUTDOORS.** In a piece for the [Anderson \(IN\) Herald Bulletin](#) (3/21, 53K), Carol Emmert, a founding director of Heart of the River Coalition, urges readers to enjoy the outdoors, now that “spring is here.” She also notes that “if you have a fourth-grader this 2015-2016 school year, Indiana’s state parks are accepting the passes from the ‘Every Kid in a Park’ program, as well.”

#### ***US Geological Survey:***

**USGS AND ESA TO SHARE SATELLITE DATA.** [ExecutiveGov](#) (3/21, 548) reports that “the European Space Agency has inked technical agreements with NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Geological Survey to allow the three agencies access to European Sentinel satellite data.” The ESA said that “the agreements will allow the three U.S. agencies to retrieve data collected by the Sentinel satellites from an ESA-operated international data hub.” According to the ESA, “the U.S. agencies plan to integrate the data to their EarthExplorer, GloVIS and other access systems for dissemination to their users across the globe and serve as an ‘interface’ between U.S. and European data utilization programs.”

Also, [FierceGovernmentIT](#) (3/21, Richman, 277) reports that the ESA established a new partnership with the USGS “last week in order to complement earth observing capabilities from the Landsat satellite series.”

**STUDY FINDS “SUBSTANTIAL PROBABILITY” OF MONARCH EXTINCTION.** The [E&E](#) (3/21) reports that “there is ‘substantial probability’ that the eastern population of monarch butterflies could be wiped out in the near future,” according to a study published in the journal *Scientific Reports* “that could affect the insect’s status under the Endangered Species Act.” The analysis, conducted by researchers at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego, and the USGS, “estimated the probability of a ‘quasi-extinction’ event, where so few butterflies remain that recovery is impossible, at between 11 percent and 57 percent over the next two decades.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Louisville \(KY\) Courier-Journal](#) (3/21, 472K) and the [Newport News \(VA\) Daily Press](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication, 195K).

**PROFILE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA’S “EARTHQUAKE LADY” AS SHE LEAVES USGS.** The [Los](#)



[Angeles Times](#) (3/18, Xia, 4.1M) profiles U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Lucy Jones who is leaving the USGS after 33 years "to help officials develop science-based policies related to climate change, tsunamis and other kinds of natural disasters." The Times writes Jones is "authoritative yet nurturing, the 'earthquake lady' has a knack for making a complicated point so simple it seems obvious. Along the way, she has dramatically changed the way the Southland prepares for earthquakes. Buildings are safer, first responders are better equipped and millions of residents have learned that the worst thing to do in an earthquake is to run outside."

## Top National News:

**CASTRO PRESSED ON POLITICAL PRISONERS DURING PRESS CONFERENCE WITH OBAMA.** Media coverage of the President's first full day in Cuba remains largely favorable toward the White House. Reports, including the lead segments on all three newscasts, praise Obama's performance during a [press conference](#) with Raul Castro, crediting him – and his détente with Cuba – with forcing the Cuban leader to answer questions about political repression before a global audience. Getting the most media attention is [CNN](#) reporter Jim Acosta's query to Castro about political prisoners, which reportedly made the Cuban leader visibly uncomfortable. [NPR](#) (3/21, Peralta, 1.81M), in fact, reported that Castro's "uneasiness was apparent as soon as journalists began asking questions," something that was not "supposed to" take place. A "last minute change," however, "made that possible," and Obama "called first on...Acosta, who is Cuban-American." It was, says the [Washington Post](#) (3/21, Eilperin, Deyoung, 8.98M) this morning, "an extraordinary news conference," a "public exchange...virtually unprecedented in Cuba." In contrast to Castro, adds the Post, Obama "seemed to relish the opportunity to display his comfort in discussing both the things they agreed on, and those they did not."

As [Politico](#) (3/21, Dove, 1.07M) puts it, "In Cuba, just having a press conference is news." Obama himself made that point in an interview with [ABC World News](#) (3/21, lead story, 6:00, Muir, 5.84M), in which he said that during his meeting with Castro, he had indicated to him "that we can't force changes on Cuba, but what we can do and will continue to do is to stand up for the rights that we consider to be universal." The press conference that followed that meeting "may be the first time that Raul Castro ever stood in front of not just US press, but also Cuban press and answered questions. And that could not have happened unless we had changed this policy." [NBC Nightly News](#) (3/21, lead story, 3:25, Holt, 7.86M) similarly said that Castro took questions from the press "after pressure" from Obama.

[The Hill](#) (3/21, Fabian, 862K) also indicated that "it was the first time Castro took questions from the American press, reportedly at White House officials' insistence, and the communist leader was clearly uncomfortable." The [AP](#) (3/21, Lederman) refers to a "stunning diplomatic display," and the [New York Times](#) (3/22, Davis, Cave, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says "both men have ventured into diplomatic territory that had eluded their predecessors."

Pressed by Acosta on his treatment of political dissidents, the [CBS Evening News](#) (3/21, lead story, 3:05, Pelley, 5.08M) reported, Castro actually denied that there are any political prisoners in Cuba, though "just yesterday the regime arrested more than two dozen protesters." [ABC World News](#) (3/21, story 2, 1:10, Muir, 5.84M) said it was a "tense moment," while the [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/21, Parsons, 4.1M) recounts that Castro "bristled," first pretending "his headphones with the translation weren't working," and then countering, "Show me a list. ... Tell me a name. ... If you can show me one, I'll release them tonight." The [Miami Herald](#) (3/22, Whitefield, 803K) notes that "within minutes" of Castro's reply, "human-rights groups were sending out lists of detainees, ranging from the dozens to the hundreds." To [Mother Jones](#) (3/21, Oh, 1.03M), the Cuban leader "appeared defensive," and [Politico](#) (3/21, Dove, 1.07M) says that while Castro answered the question, "Obama looked on with a smile."

[Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/21, Doming, 289K) reports that at the end of his response to Acosta, Castro criticized the US' record on human rights, focusing on "the US health and education systems as examples" of US abuses. Said Castro, "We find it inconceivable that a government does not defend and insure the right to health care, education, social security, food provision and development, equal pay and the rights of children. ... We oppose political manipulation and double standards in the approach to human rights." [People](#) (3/21, McAfee, 45.51M) noted that Obama replied, "President Castro has pointed out in his view that everybody gets decent education or healthcare are universal human rights as well. I personally don't disagree with him, but it doesn't detract" from other issues. [Politico](#) (3/21, Gass, 1.07M) quoted Obama as further stating, "President Castro has also addressed what he views as shortcomings in the United States," and "we welcome that constructive dialogue as well. Because we believe that when we share our deepest beliefs and ideas with an attitude of mutual respect, that we can both learn and make the lives of our people better." The [Washington Times](#) (3/21, Boyer, 285K) summarizes the exchange in a story headlined "Obama Lets Castro Criticize US Shortcomings."



[Reuters](#) (3/21, Trotta, Spetalnick) and the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/21, Lee, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) run similar reports on the press conference, noting that Castro strongly objected to the US presence in Guantanamo and to the decades-long trade embargo. [TIME](#) (3/21, Rhodan, 18.01M) noted on its website that Obama told reporters that “he’s confident the embargo will end, but, ‘When, I can’t be entirely sure.’” [Vox](#) (3/21, Beauchamp, 758K) reported, “Judging from some early Obama comments, it looks like he’s trying to debut something along the lines of the US approach to China,” where “the US certainly makes an issue of Chinese human rights violations, but...is unwilling to seriously threaten trade ties over domestic repression.”

The [CBS Evening News](#) (3/21, lead story, 3:05, Pelley, 5.08M) reported that also yesterday, in a “striking image,” Obama stood in Havana’s revolution square “with a giant outline of...Che Guevara looking down, a gesture to a troubled past on a day...Obama focused on the future.” Both leaders, says [USA Today](#) (3/21, Korte, 5.45M), “reviewed an honor guard at the Palace of the Revolution and listened to the national anthems of both countries.” In the evening, [USA Today](#) (3/21, Korte, 5.45M) reported on its website, the Obamas attended a state dinner given by Raul Castro. The event “was decidedly less formal than the black-tie state dinners hosted by the White House,” and the Obamas “were met with applause when they arrived at the Palace of the Revolution.”

In its coverage, the [Washington Post](#) (3/21, Deyoung, 8.98M) also remarks on the fact that Obama will not meet with Fidel Castro during his visit, and muses that “assuming Fidel...even wanted to meet with Obama, it would be bad optics for the administration,” as the White House “sees the visit as the pinnacle of Obama’s forward-looking policy of international engagement,” and Raúl Castro, “who grinned and gripped Obama’s hand when they met Monday, is the face for US normalization with Cuba.”

On its front page, the [Washington Post](#) (3/21, A1, Miroff, 8.98M) reports that earlier on Monday, Obama “hosted a business summit at a beer brewery,” and “it seemed to signal the beginning of a business comeback.” The President “was heartily cheered by Cuban small-business owners, American executives and others who support his stated goal of ending the embargo.” Reporting on that event, [USA Today](#) (3/21, Korte, Gomez, 5.45M) remarks that “it’s fair to say...Obama has learned at least one word of Cuban Spanish since normalizing relations with communist Cuba 15 months ago. Cuentapropista.” The term refers to “self-employed people” who “work outside state-sponsored business, either as sole proprietors or employees of small businesses, mostly in the service industries: cab drivers, restaurant owners, barbers, mechanics and even cigarette-lighter repairmen.” Obama told a group of entrepreneurs, “With help from services like AirBnB, more Americans are staying at your casas particulares and eating at your palandars, like my family did last night. ... The food was really good, even if my Spanish is not that great.”

[ABC World News](#) (3/21, story 10, 1:30, Muir, 5.84M) noted last night that both the Marriott and Starwood hotel companies received approval this week to run “several landmark Havana hotels.” The deals come amid a “surge in American tourism,” which has left Cuban hotels “near capacity” and has Airbnb offering “more than 4,000 rental properties across the island.” On that note, the [Washington Post](#) (3/21, Miroff, 8.98M) reports that “instead of blocking off the forces of American capitalism, the Obama administration now wants them to come flooding in – and leave it up to the Cuban government to deal with the consequences.” Critics, however, “say Cuban officials will know how to extract the financial benefits without ceding political control or allowing a Cuban middle class to develop that could demand greater freedoms.”

[Yahoo! Finance](#) (3/21, Jones-Cooper, 4.91M), meanwhile, noted that “according to research conducted by Hopper, flight prices from the US to Cuba could drop 50% if all travel restrictions are lifted between the two countries.” While “currently, the average price of a round-trip flight originating in the US to Cuba costs \$717,” Hopper “predicts that the average round-trip flight will drop to \$364, with nonstop flights from Miami to Cuba hovering around a projected \$275.”

The [New York Times](#) (3/21, Robles, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), meanwhile, highlights the “tens of thousands of Cuban millennials” who have given up on Cuba and headed north, and notes “a surprising statistic”: “More than twice as many Cubans went to live in the United States last year than in 1959.” Cuba “is bleeding doctors, small-business owners, construction workers and waitresses.”

**“Awkward High-Five-Hand-Shake-Limp-Wrist-Grab-Thing” Earns Media Mockery.** A number of media reports highlight the final episode in yesterday’s historic press conference. [USA Today](#) (3/21, 5.45M) refers to “a historically awkward high-five-hand-shake-limp-wrist-grab-thing,” while [NPR](#) (3/21, Wagner, 1.81M) said that “what began as a regular handshake morphed into ... something else,” adding the “move most closely resembled a wrestling referee announcing the winner of a wrestling match. Only way more awkward.” The [Huffington Post](#)



(3/21, Ferguson, 518K) reported that “Castro ended up holding Obama’s arm in the air for a few pain-inducing moments as they smiled for the cameras,” and [The Hill](#) (3/21, Byrnes, 862K), among other news outlets, runs a similar account.

**Ten Dissidents Arrested Sunday “Remain Unaccounted For.”** [Voice of America](#) (3/21, Macchi, 60K) reported that “while Cuban officials have released the majority of some 50 Ladies in White dissidents arrested at their weekly demonstration here Sunday afternoon, 10 remain unaccounted for,” according to Berta Soler, the group’s leader. Under the headline “Castros Welcome Obama To Cuba With A Slap In The Face,” Marc A. Thiessen criticizes the Sunday arrests in his [Washington Post](#) (3/21, 8.98M) column, and points out that Obama “had promised not to visit Cuba under such conditions.” Thiessen indicates that “in 2014, Obama said he would visit Cuba only if ‘I with confidence can say that we’re seeing some progress in the liberty and freedom. ... I’m not interested in just validating the status quo.’” Along those lines, in an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) expresses hope that Obama’s visit will lead to freedom in Cuba, but concludes that so far it has only boosted the regime’s standing.

Also in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/21, Hunt, Leonard, Subscription Publication, 6.74M), Hayes Hunt and Tom Leonard, attorneys who represent Milagros Maria Suarez and the estates of Rafael Del Pino Jr. and Rafael Del Pino – all victims of Castro repression – implore US officials to tie any further loosening of economic pressure on Cuba to tangible political reforms. Eugene Robinson, in his [Washington Post](#) (3/21, 8.98M) column, says Obama’s visit will accomplish just that: It “will almost surely hasten the day when Cubans are free from the Castro government’s suffocating repression.” Asks Robinson, “Did you see the rapturous welcome the president and his family received in Havana? Cubans seem to have a much more clear-eyed – and hopeful – view than Obama’s shortsighted critics.”

**Some Cuban-Americans In Miami Protest Obama Trip.** On the [CBS Evening News](#) (3/21, story 2, 1:50, Pelley, 5.08M), David Begnaud reported from Miami’s little Havana, where a group of Cuban-Americans held protests against Obama’s visit, calling his presence on the island “betrayal.” However, Begnaud said that while little Havana was once the scene where demonstrations regarding Cuba drew tens of thousands, “in a sign of the time, today there were less than 30.” However, says the [New York Times](#) (3/21, Alvarez, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), “most Cuban-Americans” in Miami “welcomed Mr. Obama’s journey to the island as the latest breakthrough in the stalemate between the two countries,” taking a stance “that not long ago would have seemed as unimaginable as Monday’s historic presidential meeting of the once-avowed Cold War enemies.”

**BLOOMBERG: GARLAND NOMINATION NOT SWAYING REPUBLICANS OR MOTIVATING OBAMA ALLIES.** [Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/21, Dennis, 289K) reports by nominating Merrick Garland, a “63-year-old white man with a record moderate enough to win the praise of” Sen. Orrin Hatch, for the Supreme Court, the President “spumed” allies who “wanted him to name a minority who would make history, a younger outspoken progressive, or preferably both.” As a result, the President’s allies find themselves “selling the nomination process more than the man himself as they try to pressure Republican senators,” and the President could “face an enthusiasm gap when it comes to trying to use Garland’s nomination to motivate the party’s base to turn out in November.” Liberal groups “are launching campaigns to pressure Republicans,” but they are not “rallying around Garland so much as they are rallying against Republicans for obstructing the president.” Meanwhile, Garland’s reputation as a moderate appears to be doing little “to sway Republicans to drop their blockade and grant him a hearing and a vote on the Senate floor.”

The [New York Times](#) (3/21, Hulse, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says the “bitter impasse” over Garland’s nomination is raising the “once unthinkable possibility” that presidents “may no longer be confident of filling a Supreme Court vacancy unless their party controls the Senate,” which would “mark a real departure from past practice” when senators have “been willing to back nominees offered by the opposition even if they had some qualms about them.”

**Garland Refused Review To Priests Seeking Relief From Contraceptive Mandate.** The [Washington Times](#) (3/21, Richardson, 285K) says a circuit court ruling in which Garland joined a 6-3 majority “denying further review to religious, pro-life groups being forced to comply with the US Department of Health and Human Services’ contraception mandate” will provide conservatives with “a window into...Garland’s jurisprudence.” In the case, the Archdiocese of Washington and Priests for Life argued “an accommodation to the contraceptive mandate still forced them to take steps to procure potentially abortion-inducing drugs for their employees,” but the circuit court said they “were mistaken about how the law really works.” The case is “one of seven that has been consolidated into *Zubik v. Burwell*, which will be heard before the Supreme Court on Wednesday.”

**Before Scalia’s Death, Roberts Said Senate Should Leave Politics Out Of Nomination Process.** The [New](#)



[York Times](#) (3/21, Liptak, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) highlights "blunt remarks about the Supreme Court nomination process" delivered by Chief Justice John G. Roberts 10 days before the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. In the remarks, which the Times cast as "a stern, if abstract rebuke to the Republican senators" refusing to hold hearings on Garland, Roberts said the Senate "should ensure that nominees are qualified...and leave politics out of it." The Times adds that some hope Roberts "will speak out again, and more directly, addressing the actual nomination of an actual nominee."

**Monmouth Poll: Majority Of Americans Say Senate Should Consider President's Nominee.** [Politico](#) (3/21, Gass, 1.07M) reports a Monmouth University poll released Monday shows a majority of Americans believe the Senate should consider the Garland nomination "regardless of the fact that it comes at the end of [the President's] term." According to the poll, 53 percent of Americans "agreed with the concept that the president has the constitutional power to nominate Supreme Court justices and that the Senate should consider those nominations even if they occur at the end of his term," while "43 percent said that court vacancies should be put on hold until the end of the current president's term so that voters can have a say in deciding the next president." In addition, 69 percent of the Americans said the Senate should hold hearings on Garland, while 25 percent said it should not.

**IN AIPAC SPEECHES CLINTON, TRUMP OFFER CONTRASTING VIEWS OF US ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST.** All of the presidential candidates except Bernie Sanders addressed the annual AIPAC convention Monday, but media coverage focuses heavily on the speeches from Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. The [New York Times](#) (3/21, Landler, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says Clinton and Trump "presented sharply different views on how the United States should deal with the Middle East and its relationship with Israel" and casts the two candidates' speeches as previewing "for an influential pro-Israel audience a debate on foreign policy that could play out this fall if they face each other in the general election."

While [Reuters](#) (3/21) says Clinton told the group Iran continues to be a threat to Israel and must be watched, media coverage of her speech focuses almost exclusively on her criticism of Trump and his foreign policy positions. While she did not mention the GOP frontrunner by name, she delivered a "rock-ribbed speech" to the group in which, the [New York Times](#) (3/21, Landler, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports, she "previewed how she might confront Mr. Trump on foreign policy." Clinton pledged to "stand unyieldingly with Israel and warned that" Trump "would be an unreliable partner for one of America's closest allies." Clinton said, "We need steady hands, not a president who says he's neutral on Monday, pro-Israel on Tuesday, and who-knows-what on Wednesday." The Times calls Clinton's speech "a thunderous affirmation of American solidarity with Israel," and [Reuters](#) (3/21) says she argued US leaders need to show loyalty to Israel and "anyone who doesn't understand that has no business being our president."

[NBC Nightly News](#) (3/21, story 2, 2:20, Holt, 7.86M) said Clinton "unleashe[d] a stinging attack on Trump over support for Israel," and Nancy Cordes said on the [CBS Evening News](#) (3/21, story 6, 1:45, Pelley, 5.08M), Clinton "argued the Middle East is no place for Trump to practice 'the art of the deal,'" adding the comment "reflected her growing focus on the likely GOP nominee." However, "the latest CBS News/New York Times poll shows her national lead over [Bernie] Sanders has shrunk to its smallest margin yet, just five points."

The [Washington Times](#) (3/21, Sherfinski, 285K) says Clinton took "unnamed but direct swipes" at Trump, and [Roll Call](#) (3/21, Bowman, 126K) similarly reports Clinton "took aim" at Trump "without even saying his name," including "referencing violence at his rallies, his apparent hesitation to disavow an endorsement from a white supremacist, his push to deport illegal immigrants, and his call to temporarily bar all Muslims from entering the United States." Clinton said, "Now, in a democracy we're going to have differences. But what Americans are hearing on the campaign trail this year is something else entirely. ... America should be better than this and I believe it's our responsibility as citizens to say so. If you see bigotry, oppose it. If you see violence, condemn it. ... If you see a bully, stand up to him." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/21, Nelson, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) reports Clinton argued Trump's foreign policy positions could undermine US leadership around the world and damage important alliances.

In his speech, Trump vowed to "protect Israel from threats ranging from the Iran nuclear deal to the possibility that the United Nations would seek to impose some sort of settlement with the Palestinians," [USA Today](#) (3/21, Jackson, 5.45M) reports. Trump, who has "previously said he would be neutral between the Israelis and the Palestinians," described the Palestinians "as unwilling partners and said they will have to stop attacks on Israel before he would support any kind of agreement." Trump, who read prepared text from a teleprompter, told the group, "When I become President, the days of treating Israel like a second-class citizen will end on day one," and "pledged to move the US embassy in Israel to 'the etemal capital of the Jewish people, Jerusalem.'" On [NBC Nightly News](#) (3/21, story 2, 2:20, Holt, 7.86M), Katy Tur called the speech Trump's "chance to prove that



he has international credibility," adding that he outlined "a non-interventionist platform, even questioning the country's long-standing involvement in NATO." In another report, [NBC Nightly News](#) (3/21, story 3, 1:30, Holt, 7.86M) said Trump was "looking to silence his skeptics" with the AIPAC speech.

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** *"The Kurds' Push For Self-Rule In Syria."* In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says an "important political outcome of the Syrian war could be a decision by Syrian Kurds to establish a semiautonomous region in the northern part of the country." While this involves risk, it could "offer a model for decentralized governance in a federated Syria." Noting that the Kurds have said they are seeking "a democratic region in which they, Arabs and other ethnic groups can live together," the Times says the idea may be "worth building on as part of a political solution to end the war and the slaughter of civilians."

*"A Partisan Prescription For Paralysis."* The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Board, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorializes against the US Senate Republicans' treatment of Obama's nominations, saying that their refusal to take up Judge Merrick Garland's nomination for the Supreme Court "is only the most glaring example." There are currently "143 people awaiting confirmation for nonjudicial federal jobs." It highlights the cases of Adam Szubin nominated to the post of under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence in the Treasury Department, Eric Fanning nominated to be secretary of the Army, Roberta Jacobson as ambassador to Mexico. The Times says Republicans are "driven by a desire to retaliate against the administration when they have lost policy debates."

*"Elegant Bird Discovers Junk Food."* The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Board, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorializes on the migration of white storks from Europe to Africa which apparently "is being disrupted by the birds' growing addiction to junk food in the garbage dumps below their flight path." As a result, more are staying in Spain and Portugal and not flying to Africa. The Times says that the storks' ability to adapt will be tested by the EU's new policy prohibiting open air garbage dumps.

**WASHINGTON POST.** *"We Met With Donald Trump. Electing Him Will Still Be A Radical Risk."* In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (3/21, 8.98M), which has been critical of Donald Trump's candidacy, credits him for sitting down Monday with its editorial board, but says "his answers left little doubt how radical a risk the nation would be taking in entrusting the White House to him." The Post cites Trump's "breezy willingness to ignore facts and evidence," and "the chasm between his expansive goals and the absence of proposals to achieve them," and argues an "empty policy basket makes almost impossible the kind of substantive debate on which democracies depend." A full transcript of Trump's meeting with the Post editorial board can be seen [here](#).

*"A Step Toward Making Campuses Safe From Guns."* The [Washington Post](#) (3/21, 8.98M) editorializes in favor of a bill pushed by Maryland Democratic Senate President Thomas Mike Miller Jr. that would ban guns on public university and college campuses in the state and send violators to prison. Miller "is a gun owner who has long kept his distance from gun control legislation, but in this instance he is applying a common-sense standard," because the gun ban would make schools safer, particularly by limiting the risk of mishaps.

*"An Important Step Forward For Self-Government In The District."* The [Washington Post](#) (3/21, 8.98M) editorializes that DC Superior Court Judge Brian Holeman's decision Friday upholding the right of DC lawmakers to spend locally-raised tax funds without first receiving congressional approval is "an important step forward in the District's ongoing struggle to gain the fundamental rights enjoyed by other U.S. citizens." The Post says such autonomy will streamline the District's budget process and "removes any threat of the District getting caught up in potential federal shutdowns."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL.** *"Obama's Havana Promenade."* In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) expresses hope that President Obama's visit will lead to freedom in Cuba, but concludes that so far it has only boosted the regime's standing before the world.

*"Divesting Of Campus Outrage."* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes that the letter sent by 230 Columbia University faculty members to the school's trustees on Sunday offered a rebuke of the growing movement demanding that schools boycott, divest, and sanction Israel. A student group had gathered signatures from 70 faculty members in favor of such demands, but the Journal says the signees mostly teach in scholarly fields where the truth is not clearly defined. The Journal adds that those who signed Sunday's letter understand the divestment campaign is really an effort to smear the Jewish people.



**“The Supreme Court’s Eight Gun Salute.”** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/21, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes that the Supreme Court’s unsigned but unanimous opinion Monday that stun guns are protected under the Second Amendment is a significant reminder that the High Court’s 2008 Heller precedent – which explicitly rebuked the idea that only weapons useful in warfare are protected – should be enforced rather than opposed.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Los Angeles Times:***

[U.S. May Not Need Apple’s Phone-Hack Help After All](#)  
[Obama And Raul Castro Spar Over Human Rights](#)  
[Court Battle Spreads To Spring States](#)  
[Trump Making It Harder For GOP To Expand Into O.C.](#)  
[Scouting India](#)

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

[US Says ‘Outside Party’ Could Unlock Terrorist’s iPhone](#)  
[Cruz’s Stealth Delegate Hunt](#)  
[Obama, Castro Acknowledge ‘Serious Differences’ Amid Historic Visit](#)  
[Pope Francis Forces Divisions Over Divorce Into The Open](#)

#### ***New York Times:***

[Cuba Meeting Between Obama And Castro Exposes Old Grievances](#)  
[US Says It May Not Need Apple’s Help To Unlock iPhone](#)  
[Donald Trump Pushes Serious Image In The Capital](#)  
[Most Republicans Feel Embarrassed By Campaign, Poll Says](#)  
[John Roberts Criticized Supreme Court Confirmation Process, Before There Was A Vacancy](#)  
[The Mideast Came To Idaho State. It Wasn’t The Best Fit.](#)

#### ***Washington Post:***

[Beyond The Catchphrase](#)  
[Trump Questions US Role In World](#)  
[Obama And Castro Spar, Hail Historic Visit](#)  
[Hot On President’s Heels, US Companies Rush In](#)  
[Trump Worldview Is A Huge Break From GOP Line](#)

#### ***Financial Times:***

[Japan Funeral Sector Awaits ‘Peak Death’](#)  
[Valeant’s Chief Executive To Step Down](#)

#### ***Washington Times:***

[Obama Lets Castro Criticize U.S.](#)  
[Trump On Track To Win Delegates For Nomination](#)  
[Immigrant Surge Linked To Gang Killings](#)  
[Gay Rights Group Attacks Use Of Religious Freedom](#)  
[Faith Charities Eye Justice Kennedy In Obamacare Fight](#)

#### ***Story Lineup From Last Night’s Network News:***

**ABC:** President Obama Interview-Cuba Visit; President Obama-Castro Meeting; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump; 2016 Politics-President Obama Comments; Paris Terror Suspect-Plans; Severe Weather; Apple-iPhone Release; Truck Drivers-Sleeping Risks; Baseball Player-Cuba Return; Cuba-US Hotels.

**CBS:** President Obama-Cuba Visit; US Cuban Relations-Opinions; Iraq Marine Death-President Obama Comments; Paris Terror Suspect-Plans; 2016 Politics; 2016 Politics-AIPAC; Native American Custody Battle; Jeep Recall-Accidents.

**NBC:** President Obama-Cuba Visit; 2016 Politics; 2016 Politics-AIPAC; Paris Terror Suspect-Plans; Los Angeles Airport-Cocaine Bust; Severe Weather; Credit History Lending; Cuba-US Baseball Game.

#### ***Network TV At A Glance:***



President Obama-Cuba Visit – 20 minutes, 50 seconds  
 2016 Politics – 11 minutes, 55 seconds  
 Paris Terror Attacks Suspect-Plans – 4 minutes, 40 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** President Obama-Castro Meeting; President Obama-Cuba Visit; 2016 Politics-Hillary Clinton Discussion; Apple-iPhone Release; Bill Cosby-Sexual Assault Lawsuit.

**CBS:** FBI Apple Security Debate-Third Party Hacker; President Obama-Cuba Visit; President Obama-Castro Meeting; 2016 Political Candidates-AIPAC Conference Remarks; Wall Street.

**NPR:** FBI Apple Security Debate-Third Party Hacker; President Obama-Cuba Visit; Cuba-US Businesses; President Obama-Castro Meeting; 2016 Politics-Hillary Clinton Discussion; Marijuana Trafficking-Federal Court Disputes; Challenger Engineer Death; Japanese Airports-Airline Computer System Problems.

**FOX:** FBI Apple Security Debate-Third Party Hacker; President Obama-Castro Meeting; 2016 Politics-Primary Elections; 2016 Politics-AIPAC.

**Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

**White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Continues his visit to Cuba, Delivers remarks to the Cuban people; meets with members of civil society; attends the Cuba vs. Tampa Bay Rays exhibition baseball game.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Participates in an event in Cincinnati for Senate candidate former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland.

**US Senate:** Senate on recess from 18 Mar – 4 Apr

**US House:** 10:00 AM House Veterans' Affairs subcommittee hearing on healthcare choice – Health Subcommittee hearing on 'Choice Consolidation: Leveraging Provider Networks to Increase Veteran Access', with testimony from Health Net Federal Services President Billy Maynard; TriWest Healthcare Alliance President and CEO David McIntyre, Jr.; and Veterans Health Administration Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Community Care Baligh Yehia, and Deputy Chief Business Officer for Purchased Care Dr Gene Migliaccio + written submission from The American Legion Location: Rm 334, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://veterans.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseVetAffairs>

10:00 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on defense health budget – Defense Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – Defense Health Program', with testimony from Defense Health Agency Director Vice Adm. Raquel Bono; U.S. Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Nadja West; U.S. Navy Surgeon General Vice Adm. Clinton Faison III; and U.S. Air Force Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Mark Ediger

Location: Rm 2359, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

12:00 PM House begins debate on Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda including beginning consideration of 'H.R. 2745 – Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015', as well as consideration of 'H.R. 4742 – Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act', 'H.R. 4755 – Inspiring the Next Space Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act', 'H.R. 482 – Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2016', 'H.R. 2857 – To facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes', 'H.R. 4119 – Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2016', 'H.R. 4472 – Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act', and 'H.R. 4336 – Women Airforce Service Pilot Arlington Inurnment Restoration Act', as amended, under suspension of the rules Location: Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/>

10:00 a.m. for Morning Hour debate and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business

2:00 PM EPA Administrator McCarthy testifies to House Energy subcommittees joint hearing on FY'17 budget – Energy and Power Subcommittee and Environment and the Economy Subcommittee joint hearing on 'Fiscal Year 2017 EPA Budget', with testimony from Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy Location: Rm 2123, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://energycommerce.house.gov/>



<https://twitter.com/HouseCommerce>

9:00 AM EPA Administrator McCarthy testifies to House Appropriations subcommittee on budget – Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee ‘Budget Hearing – Environmental Protection Agency’, with testimony from EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, and Acting CFO David Bloom Location: Rm B-308, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

10:00 AM Treasury Secretary Lew testifies to House committee on the international finance system – Annual hearing on ‘The State of the International Financial System’, with testimony from Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew Location: Rm 2128, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://financialservices.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/FinancialCmte>

10:00 AM House Small Business subcommittee hearing on health insurance tax credit – Economic Growth, Tax and Capital Access Subcommittee hearing on ‘Lip Service but Little Else: Failure of the Small Business Health Insurance Tax Credit’, with testimony from Government Accountability Office Director of Strategic Issues James McTigue, Jr.; Buffalo Supply Executive Chairman Harold Jackson (on behalf of U.S. Chamber of Commerce); and NFIB Research Foundation Director of Research & Policy Analysis Holly Wade Location: Rm 2360, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

10:00 AM Energy Secretary Moniz testifies to House committee hearing on FY’17 budget – Hearing on ‘An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the Department of Energy for Fiscal Year 2017’, with testimony from Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz Location: Rm 2318, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://science.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HouseScience>

10:00 AM Social Security Subcommittee hearing on ‘Social Security and Public Servants: Ensuring Equal Treatment’ Location: Rm B-318, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/WaysandMeansGOP>

10:00 AM House Oversight Committee hearing on the heroin and opioid abuse epidemic – Hearing on ‘America’s Heroin and Opioid Abuse Epidemic’, with testimony from Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli; Drug Enforcement Administration Deputy Assistant Administrator for Diversion Control Lou Milione; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Acting Administrator Kana Enomoto; Baltimore City Health Department Commissioner Leana Wen; and Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs Location: Rm 2154, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>

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10:00 AM House Homeland Security subcommittee hearing on cyber insurance in risk management – Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies Subcommittee hearing on ‘The Role of Cyber Insurance in Risk Management’, with testimony from Marsh Finpro Senior Vice President for Network Security and Data Privacy Matthew McCabe; North Dakota Insurance Commissioner Adam Hamm; Health Information Trust Alliance CEO Daniel Nutkis; and Ark Network Security Solutions Chief Strategy Officer Tom Finan Location: Rm 311, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [homeland.house.gov](http://homeland.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HouseHomeland>

10:00 AM House Natural Resources subcommittee oversight hearing on USFS budget – Federal Lands Subcommittee oversight hearing on ‘Examining the Spending Priorities and Missions of the Forest Service in the President’s Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Proposal’, with testimony from U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell Location: Rm 1324, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://naturalresources.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/NatResources>

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11:00 AM House Natural Resources subcommittee oversight hearing on Indian Country budget – Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee oversight hearing on ‘The President’s Fiscal Year 2017 Funding Priorities and Impacts on Indian Country and Insular Areas’, with testimony from Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs Lawrence Roberts, and Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia’aina; Department of the Interior Special Trustee for American Indians G. Logan; and Indian Health Service Principal Deputy Director Mary Smith Location: Rm 1334, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://naturalresources.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/NatResources>

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11:15 AM Bipartisan Reps. Miller and Dingell welcome ‘Original Rosies’ to Washington, DC – Bipartisan Reps. Candice Miller and Debbie Dingell welcome an Honor Flight of original ‘Rosie the Riveters’ – women who worked the factories during World War II – to Washington, DC, as part of Women’s History Month. Agenda includes group photo on the U.S. Capitol front steps (11:15 AM EDT), appreciation luncheon with Members of Congress at the Library of Congress (12:00 PM EDT), visit to the National WWII Memorial (1:45 PM EDT), visit to the Women in Military Memorial (2:50 PM EDT), and visit to Arlington National Cemetery (3:40 PM EDT) \* Honor Flights sponsored by Ford Motor Company Location: Washington, DC [debbiedingell.house.gov](http://debbiedingell.house.gov)  
<https://twitter.com/RepDebDingell>

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President's Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budgets of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Power Marketing Administrations', with testimony from FWS Deputy Director Jim Kurth; USBR Commissioner Estevan Lopez; Western Area Power Administration Administrator Mark Gabriel; Bonneville Power Administration COO Claudia Andrews; and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Assistant Administrator Eileen Sobock Location: Rm 1324, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://naturalresources.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/NatResources>

2:00 PM House Oversight subcommittees joint hearing on Health IT – Information Technology Subcommittee and Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules Subcommittee joint hearing on 'Opportunities and Challenges in Advancing Health Information Technology', with testimony from U.S. National Coordinator for Health Information Technology Dr Karen DeSalvo; Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Competition Director Jessica Rich; Intel Healthcare and Life Sciences Federal Managing Director Matthew Quinn; Healthcare Leadership Council Executive Committee Member Neil DeCrescenzo; and National Partnership for Women & Families Director of Health IT Policy and Programs Mark Savage Location: Rm 2154, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>

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2:00 PM House Financial Services subcommittee hearing on housing in America – Housing and Insurance Subcommittee hearing on 'The Future of Housing in America: Government Regulations and the High Cost of Housing', with testimony from Holland Partner Group Chairman and CEO Clyde Holland (on behalf of National Multifamily Housing Council, and National Apartment Association); American Homestar Corporation COO Jayar Daily (on behalf of Manufactured Housing Institute); New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Vicki Been; MacDonald Companies CEO Granger MacDonald (on behalf of National Association of Home Builders); and University of Texas at Austin School of Law Professor A. Mechele Dickerson Location: Rm 2128, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://financialservices.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/FinancialCmte>

2:00 PM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on logistics and sealift force – Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee hearing on 'Logistics and Sealift Force Requirements', with testimony from Office of the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Mobility/Combat Logistics Division Director F. Scott DiLisio; Maritime Administration Administrator Paul Jaenichen, Sr.; and U.S. Transportation Command Deputy Commander Lt. Gen. Stephen Lyons Location: Rm 2212, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.armedservices.house.gov](http://www.armedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRRepublicans>

2:00 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on border security in Latin America and the Caribbean – Western Hemisphere Subcommittee hearing on 'Potential Terrorist Threats: Border Security Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean', with testimony from Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Juan Gonzalez; Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for International Affairs and Department of Homeland Security Chief Diplomatic Officer Alan Bersin; and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Assistant Director for International Operations Lev Kubiak Location: Rm 2200, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACRepublicans>

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**Other:** 7:00 AM Airport Minority Advisory Council annual Economic Opportunity and Policy Forum – Airport Minority Advisory Council 22nd Annual Economic Opportunity and Policy Forum, hosted by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and themed 'Regional Growth through Collective Vision and Action'. Speakers include Deputy Secretary of Transportation Victor Mendez and Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority President and CEO John Potter Location: Renaissance DC Downtown Hotel, Washington, DC <http://amac-org.com/> [https://twitter.com/AMAC\\_ORG](https://twitter.com/AMAC_ORG)

10:30 AM Dem Rep. Terri Sewell introduces bill to designate Birmingham, AL's Historic Civil Rights District as a National Park – Democratic Rep. Terri Sewell introduces bill to designate Birmingham, AL's Historic Civil Rights District as a National Park via NPC news conference with Birmingham Mayor William Bell, National Trust for Historic Preservation Vice President of Government Relations and Policy Tom Cassidy, and National Parks Conservation Association President and CEO Theresa Pierno Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC [www.birminghamal.gov](http://www.birminghamal.gov)

4:00 PM ITI 'Tech & the Global Economy' discussion with U.S., EU, and Japanese govt officials – Information Technology Industry Council hosts 'Tech & the Global Economy: Road to the #G20' panel discussion, with Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Amb. Robert Holleyman, European Union Deputy Chief of Mission Caroline Vicini, and Embassy of Japan Economic Affairs Minister Kanji Yamanouchi discussing how G20 countries can use China's host year to provide global leadership on information and communications technology policy Location: ITI, 1101 K St NW, Washington, DC <http://www.itic.org/> [https://twitter.com/iti\\_techtweets](https://twitter.com/iti_techtweets) #ITIG20

8:00 AM U.S. Chamber of Commerce Annual Aviation Summit – 15th Annual Aviation Summit, 'Fascination of Flight', presented by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Brings together a wide range of leaders and experts to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the aviation and space industries. Speakers include NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis Francis Taylor, former CIA Director / former National Security Agency Director Gen. (Ret.) Michael Hayden, Airlines for America (A4A) President and CEO Nick Calio, American Airlines Group Chairman and CEO W. Douglas Parker, Airbus Group Chairman and CEO Allan McArtor, JetBlue Airways President and CEO Robin Hayes, former The Boeing Company Chairman W. James McNemey, Jr., and USCC President and CEO Thomas Donohue and Of Counsel Carol Hallett Location: Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th St NW, Washington, DC <http://www.uschamberfoundation.org/aviation-summit> <https://twitter.com/uschamber>

8:00 AM American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference concludes – American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference concludes – 'preeminent annual gathering of the pro-Israel community'. Speakers at today's morning session (8:00 AM EDT) include Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu and Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez \* Speakers on previous days included Vice President Joe Biden, 2016 Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, Republican presidential candidates Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and John Kasich, House Speaker Paul Ryan, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, along with numerous Members of Congress Location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC [www.policyconference.org](http://www.policyconference.org) <https://twitter.com/AIPAC> #PC16



8:45 AM GOP Rep. Mike Pompeo speaks at Hudson Institute event on 'America's shale revolution' – Hudson Institute hosts 'A New Global Energy Order?: The Geopolitics of America's Shale Revolution', examining how U.S. oil and natural gas exports have reshaped the balance of global energy power. Speakers include Republican Rep. Mike Pompeo, Manhattan Institute Senior Fellow Mark Mills, Hudson Institute Senior Fellow Arthur Herman and Research Fellow Hannah Thobum, CSIS Energy and National Security Program Senior Fellow Edward Chow, Georgetown University Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies Adjunct Professor Brenda Shaffer, analytica President and Chief Analyst Nikos Tsafos, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security Co-Director Anne Korin, SAIS Center for Canadian Studies Senior Research Professor and Director Christopher Sands, and Scotiabank Financial Markets Economist Dov Zigler Location: Hudson Institute, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC <http://www.hudson.org> <https://twitter.com/HudsonInstitute>

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## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Of course, the big story is President Obama's historic visit to Cuba that's going on right now. I saw that after landing yesterday, Obama immediately tweeted out, 'What's up, Cuba?' And Cubans opened up a window and yelled, 'We don't have the Internet! It's like 1955 here!'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Donald Trump tweeted that Raul Castro disrespected the President by not greeting him at the airport. Seriously? Our countries have been enemies for 60 years. I can't even get my best friend to pick me up at the airport."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Mitt Romney announced on Facebook that he will vote for Ted Cruz over Donald Trump in tomorrow's Utah caucus because he doesn't believe John Kasich can actually win. And if there's one thing Romney's an expert on, it's not winning."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "A lot of people actually think John Kasich would make a good pick for vice president. But Kasich said in an interview yesterday that he will not be vice president under any circumstances. When he heard that, Joe Biden was like, 'Seriously? I did it for a \$20 gift card to GameStop.'"

**Seth Meyers:** "A new study shows Donald Trump speaks with the poorest grammar of any presidential candidate. Trump says, 'It's actually the poorest.'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Donald Trump announced over the weekend that he will release a list of judges that he would consider appointing to the Supreme Court if he's elected president. Though, you can get a sneak peek at the list by checking out TV Guide."

**Seth Meyers:** "Democratic National Committee head Debbie Wasserman Schultz today denied accusations that she is taking sides in the primary election season, and said, quote, 'There is no shred of evidence to suggest I'm favoring Hillary Clinton over Bernie Socialist, I mean Bernie Sanders, my apologies.'"

**Seth Meyers:** "Bernie Sanders this weekend gave a speech at the Mexican border. Actually, he was in Vermont, but they could hear him at the Mexican border."

**Seth Meyers:** "Bernie Sanders' campaign has confirmed that he will not speak at a major pro-Israel lobbying group conference this week, making him the only presidential candidate to skip it. And if any candidate can get away with that, it's Bernie from Brooklyn. Look at him. If Israel were a person, that's what it would look like."

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## DOI in the News:

**WHITE HOUSE HOLDS FIRST NATIONAL WATER SUMMIT.** The [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (3/22, James, 98K) reports the White House on Tuesday marked World Water Day with its first national water summit in a bid to “put a greater focus on water challenges ranging from climate change to the old, leaky pipes that waste billions of gallons across the country every day.” At the event, the Obama Administration “announced several initiatives aimed at encouraging more investments in water infrastructure, improving water data and boosting technologies that can help shrink the country’s water footprint.” The White House said it is “promoting several new initiatives aimed at making the country’s water system more sustainable,” and announced “commitments of nearly \$4 billion in private capital for investments in infrastructure, as well as private-sector plans to invest more than \$1 billion in the next decade in developing new water technologies such as advanced water treatment and reuse systems.” In addition, the Administration said it will “spend about \$35 million this year in federal grants to support water science.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Miami Herald](#) (3/23, 803K), the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/22, 279K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (3/22, 31K), the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (3/22, 98K), [Think Progress](#) (3/22, 329K), and [KING-TV Seattle \(WA\)](#) Seattle (3/23, 328K).

**Federal Study: Western Farms, Hydropower At Risk From Climate Change.** The AP (3/22, Elliott) reports that a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation report warned Tuesday that climate change could impact food production, the environment, and electrical generation at dams by disrupting the interplay of rain, snow and temperature in the West. Higher temperatures “would mean more evaporation from reservoirs, particularly in California’s Sacramento and San Joaquin river basins,” lowering hydroelectric output during high summertime demand. [The Hill](#) (3/22, Henry, 862K) reports that Interior Deputy Secretary Michael Connor said in a statement, “One of the greatest challenges we face is dealing with the impacts of climate change on our nation’s water, which is really the lifeblood of our economy.”

In California, the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (3/22, Alexander, 3.37M) reports that “the upper Sacramento Valley is forecast to receive the same or slightly more precipitation, the San Joaquin Valley is slated for about the same, and Southern California will probably see less.” Lake and surface reservoir areas are projected to drop an estimated 17 percent.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Denver Post](#) (3/22, Finley, 881K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (3/22, Elliott, Press, 1.99M), the [San Antonio \(TX\) Express-News](#) (3/22, 952K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/22, Dan Elliott |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (3/22, 290K), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/22, 4.92M), [Colorado Public Radio](#) (3/22), [YubaNet \(CA\)](#) (3/22, 6K), and [KCNC-TV Denver \(CO\)](#) Denver (3/22, 78K).

**BOR Releases Columbia Basin Climate Impact Assessment.** [KMVT-TV](#) Twin Falls, ID (3/22, 1K) reports that the BOR has released the Columbia Basin Climate Impact Assessment, “which projected climate change impacts on water resources in the Pacific Northwest, including Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Oregon and Washington.” According to the article, “the study found that warming temperatures will continue across the basin, and although there will not be significant changes in the mean annual precipitation, precipitation timing will change significantly, with more precipitation during the winter and less during the summer.” BOR Commissioner Estevan López said, “This climate impact assessment for the Columbia River Basin will give water managers new information to plan for sustainable water supplies now and into the future. This impact assessment is only the starting point – an initial analysis of conditions. This serves to establish a foundation for in-depth studies that will include more detailed climate adaptation strategies.”

The [AP](#) (3/22, Geranios, Press, 1.99M) reports that “three areas were specifically studied, the Columbia River above The Dalles, Snake River at Brownlee Dam and the Yakima River at Parker.” According to the article, “at these three points, the mean snow water equivalent is projected to decline at all locations.” The assessment “projected a trend that indicated there would be an increase in runoff from December to March and a decrease in runoff from April to July.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/22, Geranios, 285K), the [Spokane \(WA\) Spokesman-Review](#) (3/22, 173K), and the [Baytown \(TX\) Sun](#) (3/22, 28K).

**Group Fights For More Rio Grande Water.** The [AP](#) (3/22, Bryan, Press, 1.99M) reports that “environmentalists are challenging decades-old permits that allow one of New Mexico’s major irrigation districts to pull water from the Rio Grande, saying the district has failed to prove to state regulators that it’s putting the



water to beneficial use." WildEarth Guardians claims the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District has "failed to prove to the state engineer's office that the water being diverting under permits issued more than 80 years ago is being put to beneficial use." The group said "the state engineer's office has effectively given the irrigation district a blank water check for decades and that the river's health is being compromised."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Santa Fe New Mexican](#) (3/22, 67K) and the [San Antonio \(TX\) Express-News](#) (3/22, 952K).

**Greenpeace: Coal Mines, Plants Depleting Water Supplies In Water-scarce Regions.** [Bloomberg News](#) (3/22, Ruitenberg, 2.92M) reports that according to a study commissioned by Greenpeace, coal mines and coal fired power plants account for about 7 percent of global water withdrawals, enough for 1.2 billion people. "The share is set to double in the next 20 years" with about "44 percent of coal-fed plants and almost half of those planned in the future are in regions with high levels of water stress." China, India and the US have most coal plants in areas where water withdrawal is happening faster than it can be replenished.

**Study: Greater Drought Could Slow US Forest Fire Recoveries.** [Christian Science Monitor](#) (3/22, Jackson, 442K) reports climate researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources have released a study on how forests recover from severe fires. Lead author Brian Harvey said Rocky Mountain forests "are well adapted to severe fires, but the net result of larger fires and warmer temperatures will likely be a decrease in tree density, a reduction in forest extent, and more forest patchiness in high-elevation areas." The study "found hot conditions make it difficult for new seeds to take hold after a fire." The study could help land managers understand the importance of unburned "islands" near a forest fire site, learning to leave alone patches that could help restore burn areas.

**26TH PERSON CHARGED IN MALHEUR OCCUPATION REMAINS AT LARGE.** [Greenwire](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication) reports that a federal judge in Oregon on Monday "revealed the name of the 26th person to be charged in the 40-day occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, though he is not yet in custody and his Montana family is reportedly weighing the possibility of resisting his arrest." Jake Ryan is "accused of three felony counts of impeding federal land management officials from their duties, carrying a weapon into a federal facility and excavating lands that are sacred to the Burns Paiute Tribe, according to a federal grand jury indictment." Federal prosecutors told the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon on Monday that "Ryan's family in Montana is aware of the indictment and has hired an attorney."

The [AP](#) (3/22, Volz, 285K) reports that Sanders County Sheriff Tom Rummel, "trying to head off any new armed conflicts, warned standoff supporters to stay away during negotiations for Ryan's arrest." Rummel said, "There is no standoff, and I want to keep it that way. I don't need anybody showing up in my county that's only going to add tension to the situation."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/22, Matt Volz |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (3/22, Volz, Press, 1.99M), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/22, Levin, 3.71M), and [Reuters](#) (3/22).

**Six Malheur Defendants To Be Flown To Nevada For Bunkerville Arraignment.** The [AP](#) (3/22, 1.99M) reports that "a federal judge in Portland will allow U.S. Marshals to transport Ammon Bundy and five others to Nevada for a court hearing related to an armed standoff against government agents in 2014." U.S. District Court Judge Anna Brown on Tuesday "ordered the defendants to be flown to Nevada on April 13 and returned to Oregon 10 days later."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/22, 285K), the [Oregonian](#) (3/22, 864K), and [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (3/23, 2K).

**Interior Rejects Malheur Records Requests.** The [Salem \(OR\) Statesman Journal](#) (3/22, 180K) reports that "public records requests submitted by the Statesman Journal to federal agencies in connection with the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation have been met with mixed results." According to the article, "requests were sent in January to the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Justice under the federal Freedom of Information Act" for information including "internal communications referring to the occupation, leaders Ammon and Ryan Bundy, their father Cliven Bundy, and the criminal case against Dwight and Steven Hammond." The Interior Department "denied the records request March 14, citing an exemption from disclosing 'records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes.'"

**MCCARTHY: INVESTIGATORS FOUND NO "NEGLIGENCE" IN EPA'S HANDLING OF GOLD KING MINE SPILL.** The [Daily Caller](#) (3/22, Bastasch, 443K) reports that Administrator McCarthy told lawmakers on



the House Committee hearing that investigators have not found any instances of negligence in the EPA's handling of the Gold King Mine spill. She noted that an internal investigation at EPA, the office of inspector general, and an independent investigation by the Department of the Interior all came to the same conclusion. McCarthy acknowledged that "the work we did resulted in the blowout," but reiterated that the EPA did not intentionally breach the mine. However, a Daily Caller News Foundation investigation concluded that the "EPA intentionally breached the mine in August, despite not having the proper equipment on site that day or doing any pressure testing of the mine mouth."

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (3/22, Henry, 862K).

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: INTERIOR OFFICIALS VISIT MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

Additional coverage of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's visit to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/22, 285K), the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (3/22, 337K), the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (3/23, 98K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (3/22, 2K), and [Northwest Public Radio](#) (3/22).

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SECRETARY JEWELL DEDICATES BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN**

**NATIONAL MONUMENT.** Additional coverage of the dedication ceremony for Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument was provided by the [Marysville \(CA\) Appeal-Democrat](#) (3/23, 68K).

### **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**DOÑA ANA COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVES STATEMENT SUPPORTING TRIBE.** The [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#) (3/22, 47K) reports that Doña Ana County commissioners on Tuesday "in a contentious vote OK'd a statement of support for a Las Cruces-based tribe that's attempting to gain formal tribal recognition from the U.S. government." The approval arrived "a day after Las Cruces city councilors declined to pass a statement of support for the same tribe — the Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe of the Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe — and opted instead to table the proposal." According to the article, "the approval means the county will send a copy of the resolution to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, which is processing the Piro-Manso-Tiwa's application for tribal status, before a March 27 deadline to submit public comments on the proposal."

**CHILD WELFARE ATTORNEY: CPS NEED TO BETTER UNDERSTAND TRIBES.** The [Helena \(MT\) Independent Record](#) (3/22, Michels, 37K) reports "Child and Protective Services specialists need to better understand tribes" in order to comply with federal laws meant to protect tribal members, according to Fort Peck Indian Child Welfare Act attorney Hogan Boggio. Boggio "said that the concept of adoption doesn't fit with tribal culture" and that social workers overlook the culturally-appropriate option of guardianships in cases of alleged abuse or neglect. Ideas to increase protection of tribal members include giving tribal courts jurisdiction in such cases and empowering the Bureau of Indian Affairs to investigate allegations.

**Author: Federal Law Fails Child In Custody Case.** In a [Los Angeles Daily News](#) (3/22, 301K) op-ed, author Susan Shelley writes that the Choctaw Nation's intervention in a child custody case was "closely related" to human sacrifice in that it was a triumph of collectivism over individual rights. Shelley reports the girl, who was "just 1.5 percent" Choctaw and had been in the care of her Santa Clarita foster family "since she was two" was "pulled weeping and frightened from the arms of her foster father" on Monday to be placed with distant Choctaw relatives in accordance with federal law. Shelley reports that the Goldwater Institute has filed a lawsuit on behalf of such children arguing that they are "being unfairly denied their civil rights" because their placements are determined "not in accord with their best interests but by their ethnicity."

#### **GEAR UP CORRUPTION PROBE FINDS BACKDATED EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR TOP**

**OFFICIALS.** The [Mitchell \(SD\) Daily Republic](#) (3/23, Mercer, 37K) reports "employment contracts in the GEAR UP corruption case show inconsistencies that investigators suggest were meant to mislead state auditors." GEAR UP was a program focused on schools "in Indian country across South Dakota" to educated children and families from low-income households on higher education planning. Corruption charges include signing of backdated contracts for former top officials "for the state Department of Education, the University of South Dakota, and the US Bureau of Indian Education."

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES HAVE GAINED ALMOST 400,000 ACRES**

**UNDER OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.** Additional coverage that "Native American tribes have been steadily gaining lands under President Barack Obama's administration" was provided by the [Cape Cod \(MA\) News](#) (3/21) and the [Wisconsin Gazette](#) (3/22).



**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF COWLITZ CASINO LAWSUIT.** Additional coverage of the case “that could decide the fate of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe’s \$510 million mega-casino” was provided by the [Battle Ground \(WA\) Reflector](#) (3/22).

## Office of Insular Affairs:

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS IN DC.** Additional coverage of the OIA Summer Internship Program was provided by the [St. Thomas Source](#) (3/21, 873) and the [Marianas Variety](#) (3/22).

**BEVACQUA: COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATIONS NEEDS INTEREST AND SUPPORT.** In a column in [The Guam Daily Post](#) (3/23) Michael Bevacqua reports the Commission on Decolonization received a grant from the US Department of Interior to aid in its educational campaign on issues such as “the difference between statehood, free association, or independence.” Bevacqua calls the grant “exciting news” but says that “the lack of will and interest among political leaders still remains” and “the Commission on Decolonization can only be as effective as the level of support it receives.”

## Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**JUDGE REJECTS INJUNCTION TO PROTECT SPOTTED FROG.** The [Salem \(OR\) Capital Press](#) (3/22, 113K) reports that “a federal judge has rejected a request by environmentalists to drastically modify how water in several Central Oregon reservoirs is managed.” U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken said “the environmental groups failed to show that such a preliminary injunction was justified to protect the threatened Oregon spotted frog.” According to the article, “during oral arguments the two groups asked Aiken for a preliminary injunction that would restore flows in the streams and rivers on which the dams are located to more natural levels.” However, the BOR and “several irrigation districts countered that the frogs have adapted to water conditions in the 70 years since the dams were built, so a sudden disruption in how they’re operated will likely injure the species.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (3/22, 98K).

**NEW DISPUTE EMERGES OVER BAY DELTA TUNNELS PROJECT.** The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/22, 569K) reports that “a potentially major new fight has erupted over Gov. Jerry Brown’s plan to build two huge tunnels beneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and this time the protests are coming from a group of farmers that wants the tunnels built.” The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, “a powerful San Joaquin Valley farm water agency, demanded Monday that two members of the State Water Resources Control Board be disqualified from a crucial hearing on the tunnels scheduled for early May.” In papers filed Monday, the San Luis agency claimed “board Chair Felicia Marcus and board member Tam Doduc, the presiding officers in the hearing, have already made up their minds about a critical issue that could translate into less water delivered to San Luis and other water agencies south of the Delta.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/22, 279K).

**BOR SAYS LAKE SHASTA HAS TOO MUCH WATER.** The [Redding \(CA\) Record-Searchlight](#) (3/22, 65K) reports that “after receiving nearly 60 inches of rain since October, there is too much water in Lake Shasta,” according to the BOR. However, BOR officials, “worried about the high inflow into the lake from recent heavy rains, have also had to raise releases from Shasta and Keswick dams to reduce the chances of downstream flooding.” Shane Hunt, a spokesman for the BOR, said “the bureau has to keep a safety margin in the lake, in case too much water begins flowing into the lake during a storm.”

**NEW DEAL GRAND COULEE DAM “POWERS ON” 75 YEARS LATER.** In a [Smithsonian](#) (3/22, 6.89M) feature, Erick Trickey revisits the history of the Columbia river’s Grand Coulee Dam, from early plans dating back to 1918, to its dedication by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as a New Deal project, to its present position as the US’ largest hydrogenerator of electric power, “supplying electricity to the entire western United States, from Washington state to New Mexico, as well as parts of Canada.”

## Securing America’s Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*



**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BOEM EVALUATES 800-MEGAWATT CALIFORNIA WIND FARM.** Additional coverage that the BOEM is "evaluating a proposal for the first offshore wind project in California" was provided by the [Providence \(RI\) Business News](#) (3/22, 14K).

#### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION DEFENDS FRACKING RULE AGAINST PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION.** [E&E Publishing](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication) reports that "for the first time since a federal court froze the Obama administration's landmark hydraulic fracturing rule last fall, the Interior Department and environmental allies unleashed their full counterattack." According to the article, "in opening briefs before the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, government and environmental lawyers railed against the Wyoming district court's preliminary injunction of the fracking rule, calling it a legal error that ignored federal law and precedent." Justice Department lawyers representing BLM contended that "the Mineral Leasing Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and other statutes give Interior broad authority over development on public and American Indian lands."

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (3/22, Cama, 862K).

**BLM EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD ON METHANE RULES.** [Politico Pro](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication) reports that the BLM on Tuesday "extended by two weeks its comment period on proposed regulations for oil and gas companies to control methane generated during drilling on public lands." The new comment period for the rules ends April 22.

Additional coverage was provided by [Greenwire](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication).

**BLM ADMITS MISTAKE ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEFERRAL OF CHACO OIL, GAS SALE.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (3/22, 31K) reports that "a voicemail from a Bureau of Land Management project manager announcing the deferral of a 2,122-acre oil and gas lease sale on sacred land near Chaco Canyon prompted environmental groups on Tuesday to send out a news release lauding the decision." But "the celebration was short-lived, as hours later, BLM officials admitted an internal error." Spokeswoman Donna Hummel said, "We have not made a decision. I'm not sure where that came from." According to Hummel, "confusion among new staff members led to the mix up."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Santa Fe \(NM\) Reporter](#) (3/23, 69K).

**LANDOWNER GROUP ASKS REGULATORS TO ORDER RECLAMATION LIABILITY CHANGES.** [Nation](#) (3/22, Zoe Carpenter, 367K) reports on how the collapse of Big Coal has left behind damage that "self-bonded" coal companies will not have funds to clean up after filing for bankruptcy. Wyoming's Powder River Basin Resource (PRBR) council filed a complaint Monday with the state Department of Environmental Quality and the federal Office of Surface Mining "asking regulators to order Peabody to underwrite its reclamation liability via real bonds." PRBR Attorney Shannon Anderson is quoted saying, "We're just trying to get money on the table that's guaranteed for clean up work."

Additional coverage was provided by the [WyoFile](#) (3/22).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF CANCELLATION OF BADGER-TWO MEDICINE LEASE.** Additional coverage of the cancellation of the Badger-Two Medicine lease was provided by [CNS News](#) (3/23, 122K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ILLINOIS AG MADIGAN DEMANDS PEABODY PROVE IT CAN PAY FUTURE CLEANUP COSTS.** Additional coverage that Illinois attorney general Lisa Madigan has "expressed her doubts about Peabody Energy Corporation's ability to meet \$92 million of future land reclamation costs, given the immense financial distress the coal miner faces" was provided by [Bidness Etc.](#) (3/22, 15K).

#### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**BIDS FOR GULF OF MEXICO LEASE AUCTION TO BE ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY.** The [Lafayette \(LA\) Daily Advertiser](#) (3/22, 96K) reports that "bids were collected from oil and gas industry representatives through Tuesday morning on 45 million acres of Gulf of Mexico leases off the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama coastlines." According to the article, "Central Planning Area Lease Sale 241 and Eastern Planning Area Lease Sale 226 bids were scheduled to be opened and read Wednesday morning, the ninth and 10th offshore sales under a five-year plan ending in 2017." Janice Schneider, assistant secretary for Land and Minerals



Management, and Mike Celata, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Gulf of Mexico regional director, will open bids and announce results.

Additional coverage was provided by [ABC News](#) (3/23, 4M) and the [Seattle \(WA\) Times](#) (3/23, 1.12M).

**INTERIOR ASKED BY SCIENTISTS TO KEEP CALIFORNIA FRACKING BAN.** [Greenwire](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication) reports that "prominent scientists and ocean conservationists" on Tuesday called on the Interior Department "to keep in place the moratorium on fracking and other well stimulation techniques offshore from California until more scientific data is in." A letter signed by more than 30 scientists was delivered Tuesday morning to the heads of the BOEM and the BSEE, "urging them to continue the temporary ban until an environmental impact statement is complete."

**US, BP LOOK TO \$20 BILLION OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT APPROVAL.** The [AP](#) (3/22, McGill) reports that Tuesday, federal lawyers requested a New Orleans judge approve last year's \$20 billion agreement between the Department of Justice and five states to "resolve" the 2010 Gulf oil spill case. US District Judge Carl Barbier said BP was "grossly negligent" in the rig explosion but "did not immediately rule in the government motion," which included thousands of pages. The Justice Department wrote in a news release that it "is confident that the proposed settlement is a fair resolution of this case," and that the agreement is the biggest US environmental settlement ever. BP also looks forward to the approval of the settlement, a spokesman saying, "This is another step toward finalizing the historic settlement, and we await a decision by the Court."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF OFFSHORE DRILLING PLAN.** Additional coverage of the proposed a five-year draft plan for offshore drilling was provided by [Connect Savannah \(GA\)](#) (3/22, 14K), the [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (3/22, 74K), the [Burlington \(NC\) Times-News](#) (3/22, 53K), the [Fredericksburg \(VA\) Free Lance-Star](#) (3/23, 89K), the [Coastal Review](#) (3/22), and [Rigzone](#) (3/22, 8K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BOEM PROPOSES NEW RULES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.** Additional coverage that the BOEM has "released proposed regulations that would provide additional clarity and certainty for its Marine Minerals Program regarding negotiated, non-competitive leases for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) resources such as sand, gravel and shell" was provided by [Marine Link](#) (3/22, 1K) and [Marine Technology](#) (3/22).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BSEE ASSISTS IN OPENING OIL SPILL RESPONSE TEST BURN TANK.** Additional coverage that the BSEE has "assisted in opening the oil spill response test burn facility at the Joint Maritime Test Detachment in Mobile, Alabama" was provided by [Offshore Technology](#) (3/22).

## America's Great Outdoors:

### *Bureau of Land Management:*

**BILL WOULD STRIP FEDERAL OFFICIALS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT POWERS.** [Talking Points Memo](#) (3/22, 303K) reports that "with dozens of anti-government extremists facing criminal charges over their roles in the two high-profile Bundy showdowns over public lands, Republicans in Congress have rolled out proposed legislation that would diminish the authority of federal agencies to enforce federal public lands law." The legislation, the Local Enforcement for Local Lands Act of 2016, was "introduced last week by Oversight Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) along with the rest of Utah's Republican delegation: Reps. Mia Love, Rob Bishop and Chris Stewart." The bill would "strip officials in the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of their authority to enforce laws regulating federal land."

**COLORADO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MEET ON GROUSE HABITAT MAPPING.** The [Glenwood Springs \(CO\) Post Independent](#) (3/23, 32K) reports on a meeting by local governments in northwest Colorado and the Colorado wildlife agency to "better map the habitat of the greater sage-grouse" in the hope that "the new habitat mapping will be considered by the Bureau of Land Management." The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado began collecting resources to support detailed habitat mapping last year, after learning of "BLM's willingness to possibly alter habitat mapping as new data becomes available." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announcement last year that the greater sage-grouse would not be granted protection under the federal Endangered Species Act sparked similar discussions about the need for sage-grouse habitat conservation.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BLM SEEKS NOMINATIONS TO RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCILS.** Additional coverage that BLM is seeking public nominations for open positions on 34 Resource Advisory



Councils was provided by the [San Juan \(WA\) Islander](#) (3/22, 418) and the [Canon City \(CO\) Daily Record](#) (3/23, 22K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: TIMBER PAYMENTS TO OREGON COUNTIES DROP TO RECORD LOW.**

Additional coverage that "federal payments to Oregon timber counties continue shrinking year-over-year" was provided by the [Salem \(OR\) Statesman Journal](#) (3/22, 180K).

***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**VALLE DE ORO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE RECEIVES \$1 MILLION BUDGET BOOST.** The [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (3/22, 290K) reports that the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge will "receive \$1 million a year from the federal government to support education and community engagement programs," FWS Director Dan Ashe and Sen. Martin Heinrich announced Tuesday. That figure will be "in addition to the refuge's annual \$250,000 budget." According to Ashe, "Valle de Oro is the first urban wildlife refuge in the Southwest and the third in the U.S. to receive an annual \$1 million boost to their budgets in perpetuity."

Additional coverage was provided by [KRQE-TV Albuquerque \(NM\)](#) Albuquerque, NM (3/22, 69K) and [KRWG-FM Las Cruces \(NM\)](#) Las Cruces, NM (3/22, 1K).

**FWS DISTRIBUTES NEARLY \$50 MILLION TO SUPPORT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROJECTS.**

[AmmoLand](#) (3/22, 9K) reports that the FWS has announced nearly \$50 million in funding allocated to state wildlife agencies through the State Wildlife Grants program. FWS Director Dan Ashe said, "State wildlife agencies are critical in protecting America's wild places and the animals that live there. These funds are an important component in their conservation and management efforts, and one that the Service is proud to help support. By working together with these and other partners, I am confident we can effectively conserve our nation's natural legacy on a landscape scale for current and future generations of Americans."

**HUNTING PROVIDES \$15 MILLION FOR WILDLIFE RESTORATION IN OREGON IN 2016.** The [Coos Bay \(OR\) World](#) (3/22, 32K) reports that the FWS announced that "taxes on hunters will provide more than \$15 million to fund wildlife conservation in Oregon this year." The money, "generated by taxes on firearms and ammunition, is part of the Pittman-Robertson fund and provides funding to each state for wildlife restoration." In a release, FWS Director Dan Ashe noted, "It's fitting that those very sporting activities help sustain wildlife, their habitats and the agencies that manage them."

**FWS PROPOSES DOWNGRADING MANATEES FROM ENDANGERED TO THREATENED.** The [Daily Mail](#) (3/22, 4.92M) reports the FWS is proposing to downgrade West Indian manatees from "endangered" to "threatened," based on their "ballooning population size." A decision would apply to all West Indian manatees in the region, and is expected in 2017. FWS spokesman Chuck Underwood is quoting saying if a change is announced, "the public would see no differences in our conservation and protection efforts."

**STUDY: REMOVING INVASIVE MAMMALS FROM ISLANDS WILL HELP NATIVE SPECIES.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/22, Greene, 4.1M) reports in its "Science Now" section that introducing intruders "like rodents, feral cats and goats" on islands can result in native species that have no natural predators going extinct. A study led by Holly Jones, a conservation biologist at Northern Illinois University, said "you can help a lot of the world's biodiversity by removing" invasive mammals. Jones and 29 other scientists "reviewed hundreds of mammal eradication projects on 181 islands" and discovered that in "251 such efforts over several decades, 236 native species got a boost when the uninvited guests were removed from the habitat." According to results published this week in the Proceedings of the Natural Academy of Sciences, only seven species "suffered after the invasive species were removed."

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS WORRY ADDING MONARCH BUTTERFLY TO ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST MAY BACKFIRE.**

[Watchdog](#) (3/22, Boehm, 3K) reports that the Center for Biological Diversity and the Center for Food Safety filed a joint lawsuit this month calling for the Fish and Wildlife Service to add the monarch butterfly to the endangered species list. George Kimbrell, senior attorney at the Center for Food Safety, said, "Protecting monarch butterflies under the Endangered Species Act is essential to their survival." However, by adding the butterfly to the list, it would also require new regulations for the milkweed plant, which is essential to the butterfly's survival. A conservationist warns that if the government deems milkweed part of a critical habitat, it would mean destroying it would become a crime punishable by fines or mitigation. As a result, less people will plant milkweed for fear of getting in trouble with the Fish and Wildlife Service.



**WORK CONTINUES ON EXPANSION OF SPRING CREEK GREENWAY.** The [Houston Chronicle](#) (3/22, Peyton, 1.99M) reports that “as work continues on expanding the Spring Creek Greenway, crews are removing thousands of tires that have been found in the area from years of debris dumping in the forest.” Harris County Precinct 4 received a \$500,000 Coastal Impact Assistance Program grant from FWS about three years ago “to help with the project.”

**ANOTHER BALD EAGLE FOUND DEAD IN DELAWARE.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/22, Hedgpeth, 8.98M) reports that “authorities said they’ve found another dead eagle in Delaware now bringing the number of dead birds found there to five.” According to the article, “the fifth dead eagle was found Sunday about a mile away from where four others were found the day before near Dagsboro, Del.” Delaware Natural Resources police along with the FWS are investigating.

**TAKEPART HOSTING ANNUAL ENDANGERED SPECIES BRACKET GAME.** [Take Part](#) (3/22, Cardoni, 145K) is hosting “Rare & Ready to Be Saved,” the website’s annual game that allows visitors to vote for their favorite endangered animals in a bracket of 16 candidates. TakePart said it will donate \$1 to the Endangered Species Coalition, “up to \$5,000, for every 10 votes received.” The nonprofit will use the money to “safeguard endangered species and their habitats.” The article mentions, in relation to the endangered red wolf, that a 13-person panel convened by the Fish and Wildlife Service this month “adjourned without coming to a consensus on the agency’s Red Wolf Recovery Program.”

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM CELEBRATES 113TH ANNIVERSARY.** The [Port Clinton \(OH\) Beacon](#) (3/22) reports that “March 14 was the 113th anniversary of the founding of the National Wildlife Refuge System which began when President Teddy Roosevelt established Pelican Island as a permanent refuge.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: MILITARY POSTPONES TORTOISE RELOCATION PLAN.** Additional coverage that officials with the Marine Corps at Twentynine Palms have postponed the tortoise relocation plan was provided by [Southern California Public Radio](#) (3/22, 75K) and the [Marine Corps Times](#) (3/22, 153K).

#### ***National Park Service:***

**SUPREME COURT SENDS MOOSE HUNTER’S CASE BACK TO NINTH CIRCUIT.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/22, Barnes, 8.98M) reports the Supreme Court “delivered a unanimous victory” to Alaskan businessman John Sturgeon, who had sought to use a hovercraft to travel through federal property to his favorite moose hunting ground. Although the justices did not decide whether Sturgeon could use the vehicle, they ruled that the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals had not considered “vital issues of state sovereignty, on the one hand, and federal authority, on the other,” in the case and sent the case back to the lower court.

In an editorial, the [Fairbanks \(AK\) News-Miner](#) (3/23, 42K) says that “whatever the ultimate outcome of Mr. Sturgeon’s case, the recognition of Alaska’s special legal status with regard to disposition of lands and the direction that such a status must be addressed rather than sidestepped as the 9th Circuit Court originally did is a positive step for the state.” It concludes that “if the courts recognize and honor those legal differences in the way Alaska’s lands are dealt with, it will result in rulings that reflect the intent of those who fought hard for the state’s status and standing in such matters.”

Additional coverage was provided by [E&E Publishing](#) (3/23, Subscription Publication, 705), [Greenwire](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication), [The Hill](#) (3/22, Wheeler, 862K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/22, Joling, 285K), [Reuters](#) (3/22, Hurley), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (3/22, 881K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (3/22, 1.99M), [US News & World Report](#) (3/22, 853K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/22, Press, 8.98M), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/22, Medred, 3.71M), and the [Daily Mail](#) (3/22, 4.92M).

**HOUSE APPROVES COLTSMVILLE NATIONAL PARK FIX.** The [Connecticut Mirror](#) (3/22) reports that the U.S. House of Representatives voted on Tuesday “to provide a fix to the legislation establishing the Coltsville National Historical Park in Hartford.” Sen. Richard Blumenthal has “sponsored similar legislation in the Senate.” The measure was “approved by a key Senate committee last week, but not yet by the full Senate.”

**REP. POLIQUIN OPPOSES EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING MAINE MONUMENT.** The [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (3/21, 173K) reports that Rep. Bruce Poliquin “argued against a North Woods national monument proposed for east of Baxter State Park when he met with White House officials on Monday.” Poliquin “warned the White House that a presidential executive order creating a monument would threaten Maine’s forest products industries and was opposed by Mainers living near Baxter, he said.” Following the meeting with White House



Council on Environmental Quality Managing Director Christy Goldfuss and her staff, Poliquin said, "It is wrong for any president to create a new federal footprint in Maine against the will of the people. It is not right. It is not fair."

**CHERRY BLOSSOM SEASON ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/22, Stein, 8.98M) reports that "an estimated 1.5 million people" celebrate cherry blossom season in Washington D.C. The NPS "expects the cherry blossoms to hit peak bloom around March 23 and remain in bloom for four to 10 days."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#) (3/23, 1.1M).

**FLORIDA NUCLEAR PLANT LEAK MOVING TOWARD WATER WELLS.** The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Alvarez, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports environmentalists said Tuesday that they plan to sue Florida Power & Light for violating the Clean Water Act following a recent report that the company's cooling canal system at its Turkey Point nuclear reactor was flooding Biscayne Bay with water that registered "elevated levels of salt, ammonia, phosphorous and tritium, a radioactive isotope." The company's spokesman Robert Gould said the elevated chemical levels pose "no risk to the bay or to the drinking water." However, Florida Administrative Judge Bram Canter "chastised" Florida Power last month, finding that the cooling canal system is "the major contributing cause" of the growth of the underground saltwater plume and its movement toward drinking water well fields.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY RESIDENTS OPPOSE CHANGES TO GGNRA DOG POLICIES.** The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (3/23, Colliver, 3.37M) reports "the vast majority of residents" at a Sam Mateo County hearing Tuesday were in opposition to changes to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area's off-leash dog policy that would "severely" curtail areas where owners could walk dogs and run them off-leash.

**GRANT WILL FUND SMOKIES EDUCATION PROGRAM.** The [Sevierville \(TN\) Mountain Press](#) (3/22, 27K) reports that "more students will be able to use Great Smoky Mountains National Park as an outdoor classroom thanks to a recent \$21,500 grant awarded to Friends of the Smokies." According to the article, "the bulk of the grant from the Richard Haiman National Parks Foundation goes toward the nonprofit's Parks As Classrooms program, which reaches approximately 18,000 students each year." It adds that "a small portion of the grant, \$1,500, will be used to resupply privies at two backcountry shelters."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BILL WOULD DESIGNATE BIRMINGHAM CIVIL RIGHTS DISTRICT AS NATIONAL PARK.** Additional coverage that Rep. Terri Sewell introduced a bill Monday to designate Birmingham's Civil Rights District as a unit of the National Park Service system was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/22, Lucas, 285K), [USA Today](#) (3/22, Berry, 5.45M), and [WBMA-TV Birmingham \(AL\)](#) Birmingham, AL (3/23, 85K).

#### *US Geological Survey:*

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SEISMOLOGIST LUCY JONES RETIRING FROM USGS.** Additional coverage that seismologist Lucy Jones is retiring from the USGS was provided by the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (3/22, 3.37M).

### Top National News:

**OBAMA CALLS FOR UNITY AGAINST ISIL AS GOP CANDIDATES BLAST HIS ANTI-TERROR STRATEGY.** The brutal terrorist attacks in Brussels are receiving saturation coverage from US media outlets, which highlight both the President's remarks yesterday and the searing criticism of his policies by GOP presidential candidates. In addition to lambasting Obama's anti-terror efforts, Donald Trump generated extensive – and mostly negative – coverage with his renewed call to ban Muslims from entering the US and his vow to respond to terrorism with "a lot more than waterboarding." Sen. Ted Cruz also sparked controversy yesterday with his call for "law enforcement to patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods."

For Obama, says the [Washington Post](#) (3/22, A1, Jaffe, 8.98M) this morning on its front page, the attacks "pose the worst kind of foreign policy dilemma," as they pit "his instincts, which tell him that he's doing all he can to defeat the Islamic State, against intense political pressure to do more." The Post notes US officials believe their strategy is working, though it cites an unnamed "senior administration official" who says that the battle against ISIL "may be the most complicated conflict of our generation." At any rate, adds the Post, "the test for Obama is whether he can simultaneously communicate resolve and the need for restraint in Iraq and Syria amid new terror



attacks and one of the most bitter and divisive political campaigns in recent history.”

AFP (3/22) reports that Obama said in Havana, “We must be together regardless of nationality or race or faith in fighting against the scourge of terrorism. We can and we will defeat those who threaten the safety and security of people all around the world.” The [Huffington Post](#) (3/22, Lavender, 518K) also noted Obama’s comments, as does [Reuters](#) (3/22). [USA Today](#) (3/22, Korte, 5.45M) notes that Obama “spoke to Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel,” offered “the condolences of the American people” and “offered US assistance in investigating the attacks.” Interviewed by ESPN “while he was watching the Tampa Bay Rays play the Cuban national team in baseball, Obama echoed his earlier call for unity against terror,” saying, “We will continue with the 60 nations going after” ISIL.

[Salon](#) (3/22, Tesfaye, 837K) said in its analysis that while Obama’s “message of optimism and progress in the face of another terror attack were remarkably well received by the Cuban audience, conservatives back home were less impressed.” For starters, [The Hill](#) (3/22, Hattem, 862K) reported, “in light of Tuesday morning’s violence,” Cruz and Gov. John Kasich urged Obama to curtail his visit to Cuba, and Trump, on Twitter, said the President “looks and sounds so ridiculous making his speech in Cuba, especially in the shadows of Brussels.”

In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) argues that the tragic attacks in Belgium are a consequence of the failure to destroy ISIL – which in turn creates a perception among radicalized Muslims that the terror group is winning its war against the West. A second [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorial criticizes Obama’s rhetoric on terrorism, which it casts as a dangerous return to a pre-9/11 mindset.

In his “Talking Points Memo” segment on [Fox News’ The O’Reilly Factor](#) (3/22, 767K), Bill O’Reilly echoed those views, saying, “It is simply incredible that on this planet a jihadist group comprised of about 30,000 savages can wreak this much destruction and still sit down to dinner tonight without any fear of reprisal. Think about it. We all know where the ISIS thugs are. Syria, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan and now Afghanistan. Their movements are not secret. They wage active military campaigns. And, yet, President Obama and the leaders of the NATO nations have done little to neutralize this threat to the world.” O’Reilly added, “The world needs to be mobilized. But in order to do that, a strong leader must sound the alarm. Barack Obama is not that person, nor is Angela Merkel or David Cameron or any of the other European chiefdoms. Right now there is no one willing to stand up to this ISIS scourge.”

Under the headline “Trump On Brussels Attacks: I Told You So,” [Politico](#) (3/22, Mccaskill, 1.07M) reports that “Trump, who infamously called for a temporary ban on Muslims in December following terror attacks, and previously called Brussels a ‘hellhole,’ again called for increased border security.” Scott Canon of the [Kansas City \(MO\) Star](#) (3/22, Canon, 608K) says “the deaths in Brussels had Trump in his usual tough-guy stance,” arguing that “such an attack...shows why the country needs to seal its borders, especially against Muslims.” Trump told Fox, “Assimilation is very, very difficult and in some cases impossible.” Trump also “suggested the immigration of Muslims to Brussels, capital to both Belgium and the European Union, had destroyed the city’s character and created an incubator for budding terrorists.” Trump also told NBC, “Waterboarding would be fine and if they could expand the laws, I would do a lot more than waterboarding.”

The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Nossiter, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) also noted those comments on its website, while the [Washington Times](#) (3/22, Sherfinski, 285K) quotes Trump as telling Fox, “We can’t have these attacks anymore. We can’t have World Trade Centers anymore, and...planes flying into the Pentagon.” [The Hill](#) (3/22, Hattem, 862K) reported that Hillary Clinton “quickly shot back, calling Trump’s proposal ‘unrealistic.’”

The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Sanger, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that “Clinton, while positioned at the hawkish end of the Democratic race, sounded mild compared with the Republicans scrambling to say how they would interrogate Muslims or separate them from the rest of the population.” The Brussels attacks, writes the [Washington Post](#) (3/22, 8.98M) in an editorial, have “revealed a crucial divide among US presidential candidates” between “those who support the internationalist response of...Obama” – Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders and John Kasich – and “the radical isolationism of...Trump,” who has made “America’s commitment to its European allies is at issue in a presidential campaign.”

[Roll Call](#) (3/22, Roarty, 126K) noted, meanwhile, that Sen. Ted Cruz “called for tightening US borders to visitors from abroad, as well as better monitoring of Muslim residents here,” saying, “We need to empower law enforcement to patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods before they become radicalized.” [Politico](#) (3/22, Mccaskill, Collins, 1.07M) and the [Washington Post](#) (3/22, Zezima, 8.98M), among other news outlets, ran



online reports on Cruz's words, while the [AP](#) (3/22, Salama) reports that the Council on American-Islamic Relations "condemned Cruz's call for surveillance, saying it sends 'an alarming message to American-Muslims who increasingly fear for their future in this nation and to all Americans who value the Constitution and religious liberties.'"

On its website, the [New York Times](#) (3/22, Kaplan, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) noted that Kasich "cautioned against monitoring Muslim-Americans after the attacks in Brussels, saying that such a step would create division and harm the country's ability to gather intelligence." The [Washington Times](#) (3/22, Sherfinski, 285K) quotes Kasich as saying, "We are not at war with Islam – we're at war with radical Islam."

The [Huffington Post](#) (3/22, 518K) noted that Cruz also criticized Obama "for what he sees as the president's refusal to acknowledge radical Islam due to excessive political correctness." Said Cruz, "We need a president who sets aside political correctness. ... In the wake of Brussels, we don't need another lecture from President Obama on Islamophobia, we need a commander in chief."

To the [Huffington Post](#) (3/22, Frej, 518K), the comments by Trump and Cruz were an "eerie reminder of the hateful rhetoric that abounded in the wake of the November attacks on Paris, when more than half of US governors demanded to stop all Syrian refugee arrivals." In an editorial, [USA Today](#) (3/22, 5.45M) argues that with "his usual venom against Muslims," Trump "unwittingly" helps "ISIS and other extremists sell their own claim that the US and other Western countries hate Muslims and are united in a modern crusade against them."

Charles Krauthammer said on [Fox News' Special Report](#) (3/22, 1.53M) the President "gave the terror bombing 51 seconds of his speech...today in Havana. I thought the whole story of his presidency and its foreign policy was seen in the split screen. On one side you had the video footage of the attack in Belgium. This is the real world. And on the other side was Obama in a fantasy world he inhabits where Cuba is of some geopolitical significance – in his mind but none in the real world. If Cuba disappeared tomorrow in a volcanic eruption, nobody would notice geopolitically. But Obama had to go. Because this is legacy. This is settling the Cold War arguments of the academic left of Obama's Columbia University days."

Hillary Clinton, meanwhile, appeared to echo Obama's message in her own statement on the tragedy. [Reuters](#) (3/22) notes that she said, "Today's attacks will only strengthen our resolve to stand together as allies and defeat terrorism and radical jihadism around the world."

On its website early this morning, the [Washington Post](#) (3/23, Wagner, 8.98M) reports that during a Tuesday appearance on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!", Sen. Bernie Sanders was asked "why Americans seem to gravitate toward candidates who talk the toughest after episodes like [Tuesday's terror attacks in] Brussels." Sanders said, "I think people get afraid, and for good reasons," adding, "ISIS is a disgusting, barbaric organization. ... But what we have to understand is we're not going to undermine the constitution of the United States of America."

**OBAMA CALLS FOR BURYING "LAST REMNANTS" OF COLD WAR, APPEALS FOR DEMOCRACY IN CUBA.** Coverage of President Obama's historic [speech](#) in Havana's Gran Teatro was overshadowed by the horrific terrorist attacks in Brussels, which are receiving saturation coverage in US media. All coverage of the address on the network newscasts, for example, was limited to Obama's comments about terrorism. But while the speech is not getting top billing, it is generating very favorable media reviews. Noted in virtually every account and analysis – and alluded to in many headlines – is the following Obama comment, "I have come here to bury the last remnants of the Cold War in the Americas." Moreover, [Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/22, Talev, Dornig, 289K) reports that "noting that critics in the US had demanded he deliver a speech along the lines of Ronald Reagan's call on the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to 'tear down' the Berlin Wall, Obama made it clear he instead wanted to encourage Cubans to 'lift something up, build something new.'" Said the President, "In the United States we have a clear monument to what the Cuban people can build. ... It's called Miami."

The [New York Times](#) (3/23, Davis, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) describes the speech as "a full-throated plea for Cuba's autocratic government to change," [The Hill](#) (3/22, Fabian, 862K) highlights Obama's "hopeful message," and the [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/22, Parsons, Linthicum, 4.1M) casts it as "an impassioned appeal for democracy." The Times notes that "when the speech concluded, Obama mouthed the words 'thank you' toward [Raul] Castro's place in the balcony, and Castro stood to applaud the American president." Meanwhile, "in the streets of Havana, spontaneous celebrations also erupted."

[Reuters](#) (3/22, Mason, Spetalnick) quotes Obama as saying, "I believe citizens should be free to speak their minds without fear. ... Voters should be able to choose their governments in free and democratic elections."



Added the President, "Not everybody agrees with me on this, not everybody agrees with the American people on this but I believe those human rights are universal. I believe they're the rights of the American people, the Cuban people and people around the world."

Highlighting the historic nature of the speech, [AFP](#) (3/22, Beatty, Smith) indicates that "it was the first time a US president had been allowed to give a speech aired live on Cuba's strictly controlled state television," and that "Cubans watching at home or in bars were enthusiastic." [USA Today](#) (3/22, Gomez, 5.45M) says "Cubans throughout this capital city praised Obama's speech," and the [Washington Post](#) (3/22, Miroff, 8.98M) recounts the reaction to the speech by Marta Limas and her family in Havana. The Cuban family enthusiastically echoed Obama's calls for "change," though the Post also notes that the Limas "hushed and seemed to hold their breath when Obama's words directly challenged their leaders, especially as the US president called for democratic elections." The [AP](#) (3/22, Pace, Weissenstein) similarly reports that "on the streets of Havana, the president's address sparked extraordinarily rare public discussions about democracy, and some anger with Cuba's leaders."

The [Washington Post](#) (3/22, A1, Eilperin, Deyoung, 8.98M) says on its front page this morning that the speech "was like nothing Cubans here have heard in many years," and describes it as "vintage Obama, quoting Martin Luther King Jr. and professing his own faith in human possibility." He even "added pointed references to Cuban independence hero José Martí, who he said defined liberty as 'the right of every man to be honest, to think and to speak without hypocrisy.'" The [Miami Herald](#) (3/22, Clark, 803K) calls Obama's remarks "powerful" and "both conciliatory and tough," and notes Obama's call on Cuba's "ruling party...to listen to its people." Said Obama, "I believe citizens should be free to speak their mind without fear, to organize and to criticize their government and to protest peacefully. ... And that the rule of law should not include arbitrary detentions of people who exercise those rights. ... And yes, I believe voters should be able to choose their governments in free and democratic elections."

The [Washington Times](#) (3/22, Boyer, 285K) reports that Obama "said Tuesday he wants Congress to lift the embargo against Havana to help ordinary Cubans." Obama called it "an outdated burden on the Cuban people." According to [USA Today](#) (3/22, Korte, 5.45M), Obama "received sustained applause...when he called on Congress to lift the embargo," but "applause was more subdued when he continued, saying that 'even if we lifted the embargo tomorrow, Cubans would not realize their potential without continued change here in Cuba.'" Those words "received approval only from the corners of the theater." [Wired](#) (3/22, 3.82M) reported that during the speech, Obama also "called for the island nation to expand Internet access across the country, calling the Internet 'one of the greatest engines of growth in human history.'"

The speech, said [The Atlantic](#) (3/22, Berman, 2.95M), "was a lengthy balancing act for the president: He offered praise both for Cuban artists and innovators and the Cuban government, and he wrapped criticism of America's own flaws into a broad defense of its open society and democratic values." For example, [NPR](#) (3/22, Peralta, 1.81M) reported on its website, Obama acknowledged "the many struggles of American democracy – how it is still dealing with the scars of slavery, how there is too much money in politics." The President "used himself as an example of why a democratic system works," telling his audience that "when he was born, he said, it would have been illegal for his mother and father to marry" – and yet he went on to be elected president.

Moreover, [Voice of America](#) (3/22, Salinas, 60K) reported, "speaking directly to Castro, Obama said, 'You do not need to fear a threat from the United States,' adding the Cuban government also does not need have to fear the voices of the Cuban people."

Writer Fabiola Santiago writes in the [Miami Herald](#) (3/22, Santiago, 803K), "Bravo, Mr. President, bravo. You said to the Cuban people – and to the despotic government that rules them – everything that needed to be said. ... What a lesson." Adds Santiago, "In a masterful way, you showed Cubans why a democratic, open market system makes for a more prosperous society – and you urged them to consider this for themselves."

**Obama Meets With Dissidents.** [USA Today](#) (3/22, Korte, Gomez, 5.45M) reports that Obama "met with dissidents and civil society leaders at the US embassy in Havana Tuesday, saying they've shown 'extraordinary courage' in the face of large-scale detentions of political prisoners by the Castro regime." The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/22, Lee, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) quotes Obama as saying after the meeting, "This is an area where we continue to have deep differences with the Cuban government. ... My hope is that by listening and hearing from [dissidents], we can continue to refine our policy in such a way that ultimately the Cuban people are able to live freely and prosperously."

With the meeting, says the [Miami Herald](#) (3/22, Mazzei, 803K), Obama gave the dissidents "the highest level of recognition they've ever received in their own country." The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Robles, Subscription



Publication, 12.03M) notes "the frank meeting ended only when Mr. Obama's aides ushered him out to reach the Estadio Latinoamericano in time for the first pitch of the Cuban national baseball team's game against the Tampa Bay Rays," and that "activists who participated in the meeting at the United States Embassy praised Mr. Obama for taking time during his visit to Cuba to hear them out."

[Politico](#) (3/22, Mccaskill, 1.07M) notes that "according to the White House, dissidents and civil society leaders included Miriam Celaya Gonzales and Manuel Cuesta Morua, both of whom sat beside Obama at the roundtable, where Obama acknowledged that he had already met some of the dissidents in past trips to Miami and Panama." Secretary of State Kerry "was also in attendance, as were Obama advisers Susan Rice, Valerie Jarrett and Ben Rhodes, and Amb. Jeffrey DeLaurentis, Roberta Jacobson and Mark Feierstein."

In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (3/23, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) praises the "humility and grace" of Obama's speech at the Gran Teatro, and notes that "leading Cuban dissidents who met with Mr. Obama at the American Embassy after the speech described his visit as a transformational moment."

**Protester Arrested After Baseball Game.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/22, 8.98M) editorializes that "the real test of Mr. Obama's thaw is not to be found in the pomp and circumstance of his visit, but in whether it leads to a Cuba that is freer and more open after Air Force One has departed." However, the [Miami Herald](#) (3/22, Wyss, 803K) reports that "after broadcasting Tuesday's historic baseball game between the Tampa Bay Rays and the Cuban national team, ESPN got a taste of the political reality on the streets of Havana." During "post-game analysis, a protester burst into the frame throwing leaflets, demanding the right to free speech and shouting 'down with the Castros.'" The Herald adds that "within minutes, plain-clothes policemen had packed into him a marked car [sic]."

**Castro Saw Obama Off At Airport.** The AP (3/22) reports that Castro showed up "on the tarmac at Jose Marti International Airport to see...Obama off after a whirlwind three-day trip that began with some interpreting a snub when Castro did not greet Air Force One."

**Ryan: Trip Legitimizes Castro Regime.** [Reuters](#) (3/22) reports House Speaker Ryan yesterday criticized Obama's trip to Cuba, arguing that it legitimizes the Castros' "tyrannical dictatorship."

**Clinton Defends Obama Visit To Cuba Despite Chesimard Case.** The [New York Post](#) (3/22, Hicks, 2.92M) reports that Hillary Clinton "is defending...Obama's decision to open up relations with Cuba without making the return of notorious cop-killer JoAnne Chesimard part of the deal." Clinton told CNN this week, "Having been involved in some of those negotiations when I was still Secretary of State, you push as hard as you can to get as much as you can. I support the President's efforts to move the relationship forward."

**Richard Cohen Blasts Obama's Cuba Trip.** Richard Cohen writes in the [Washington Post](#) (3/22, Cohen, 8.98M), "The pictures of Obama in Havana show him smiling. But what is so funny? He went to a small, unimportant nation as a beggar." Obama "wanted to put the Cold War behind him, but he put the prestige of the presidency behind him as well," because Cuba "is a rotten dictatorship, an abuser of human rights, and there was no need for Obama to go there."

**Chinese Media Sounds Skeptical Note On Obama's Cuba Visit.** The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Hernández, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that if Obama "was looking for encouragement after his meeting with...Castro of Cuba in Havana, the Chinese news media was not the place to find it." Xinhua headlined its report "Rapprochement with Cuba requires renunciation of US arrogance," and an editorial in China Daily saw a "long road ahead for US-Cuba ties after visit." Meanwhile, "in response to Mr. Obama's promise of a 'new day' of openness between Cuba and the United States...several Chinese commentators, officials and foreign policy experts expressed caution," though "others praised Mr. Obama's decision to bring an end to nearly six decades of tensions."

**CLINTON PADS LEAD WITH BIG WIN IN ARIZONA; SANDERS TAKES IDAHO, UTAH.** Hillary Clinton on Tuesday cruised to [victory](#) over Sen. Bernie Sanders in Arizona's Democratic presidential primary, expanding her lead in delegates. Sanders, however, defeated Clinton in the caucus states of Idaho and Utah. With over 80% of the vote tallied in Arizona, Clinton led Sanders 58.4%-39.2%. There were 75 delegates, which are awarded proportionally, up for grabs in Arizona. In Idaho, Sanders defeated Clinton 78%-21.2%. There were 27 delegates, which are awarded proportionally, up for grabs in Idaho. With over 15% of the vote tallied in Utah, Sanders led Clinton 74.1%-25.1%. There were 37 delegates, which are awarded proportionally, at stake in Utah. Reports and analyses this morning say that Tuesday's results moved Clinton closer to clinching the Democratic nomination.



[Politico](#) (3/22, Gass, 1.07M) reported Clinton “widened her already daunting lead over” Sanders “by crushing him in Arizona,” which “was the biggest prize of the night.” However, Sanders “easily dispatched Clinton in Utah and Idaho.” The [Washington Post](#) (3/22, Gearan, Johnson, 8.98M) reports that Sanders “won handily in Utah and Idaho, but did little to improve his overall standing in the race for delegates,” according to the AP. [Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/23, Niquette, 289K) says that with her win in Arizona, Clinton “diminished the possibility of a resurgence by...Sanders to slow her march to the nomination.” The AP (3/23, Peoples) reports that Sanders’ wins in Idaho and Utah “kept Clinton...from dominating another election night, but” she maintains “a comfortable lead in the race for delegates.”

The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Martin, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says Clinton’s win “in Arizona, with its 75 delegates, not only extended her lead over Mr. Sanders, it also offered a psychological boost as she heads into a stretch of contests in states likely to favor Mr. Sanders, like Alaska and Washington, where losses could underscore her lingering vulnerabilities among Democrats.” On its website, [CNN](#) (3/23, Bradner, 3.96M) reported that in winning Arizona, “the biggest state on Tuesday’s slate,” Clinton continued to prove “she’s difficult to beat in states with sizeable minority populations. It was a particularly satisfying triumph for Clinton’s camp, which had worried because Sanders had largely camped out in the state in recent days, while the former secretary of state had held just one event – Monday in Phoenix.”

The [Huffington Post](#) (3/22, Foley, 518K) similarly said with her victory in Arizona, Clinton added “another win in a state with a large minority population.” The Post said Clinton “has consistently outperformed Sanders in states where a sizable proportion of Democratic voters are black or Latino, in spite of the senator’s efforts to win over minorities.” Likewise, [The Hill](#) (3/22, Swan, 862K) reported Clinton’s victory in Arizona “further demonstrates her strength over Sanders among minority voters,” while the [Washington Post](#) (3/22, Gearan, Johnson, 8.98M) calls the Arizona result a “blow” to Sanders, “who had staked a comeback on” the state.

The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Martin, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says Sanders, “who typically overwhelms Mrs. Clinton among independents,” was “potentially handicapp[ed]” by the fact that only registered Democrats could vote in Arizona’s primary. [USA Today](#) (3/22, Allen, 5.45M) says Sanders, speaking in San Diego after the AP projected Clinton’s win in Arizona, “cited ‘record-breaking turnouts’ in states that held contests Tuesday and said his campaign appealed to voters because ‘we are telling the truth.’”

**TRUMP TROUNCES RIVALS IN ARIZONA; CRUZ WINS UTAH.** GOP presidential frontrunner Donald Trump on Tuesday easily won Arizona’s winner-take-all Republican primary, capturing 58 delegates, while Sen. Ted Cruz romped to victory in Utah’s caucuses, garnering 40 delegates. With over 80% of precincts reporting in Arizona, Trump led with 47.1%, followed by Cruz at 24.2, Sen Marco Rubio – who dropped out of the race last week – at 13.9%, and Gov. John Kasich at 9.9%. With nearly 50% of the vote tallied in Utah, Cruz led with 69.4%, followed by Kasich at 16.6%, and Trump at 14%. Because Cruz exceeded the 50% mark, he collected all 40 of the delegates at stake in Utah. Those delegates would have been awarded proportionally had no candidate topped 50%. Reports and analyses this morning say that the Tuesday results further complicate Trump’s efforts to garner the 1,237 delegates needed to clinch the GOP nomination outright, increasing the likelihood of a contested convention.

[Politico](#) (3/22, Goldmacher, 1.07M) says the GOP race “shifted to a new phase – trench warfare – as Donald Trump and Ted Cruz each won one state in Tuesday’s contests and dug in for an increasingly ugly battle that will now likely drag through the final primary in California, if not beyond.” [The Hill](#) (3/22, Easley, 862K) reported that Cruz and Trump split the two Tuesday contests, “making it harder for the billionaire front-runner to win enough delegates to avoid a contested convention.”

On its website, [CNN](#) (3/23, Bradner, 3.96M) reports that by winning all of Utah’s 40 delegates, Cruz stayed “within striking distance of Trump and bolster[ed] his argument that he deserves a one-on-one race against the GOP front-runner – even as Kasich shows no signs of exiting anytime soon.” The [Arizona Republic](#) (3/22, Nowicki, 975K) says that while Cruz triumphed in Utah, Trump “took the bigger prize in Arizona, a state he had courted.” [Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/23, Niquette, 289K) says that while Cruz won all of Utah’s 40 delegates, Trump “continued to gain ground by taking all 58 delegates available in Arizona.” And the AP (3/23, Peoples) reports that Cruz’s win in Utah prevented Trump “from dominating another election night, but” the billionaire still holds “a comfortable lead in the race for delegates.”

The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Martin, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says “Republicans hoping to stop Mr. Trump suffered another blow as he carried Arizona by a wide margin,” adding that his “easy” win “also provided a sharp rebuttal to assertions by Mr. Cruz that he would struggle in the remaining contests because so many of



them allow only Republicans to vote. Aided by Arizona's generous early-voting laws, Mr. Trump showed that he can win handily in states with closed Republican primaries, where Democrats and independents are barred from voting."

Reuters (3/22, Holland) says Trump easily won in Arizona, where his tough stance on immigration is popular with voters. The [Huffington Post](#) (3/22, Foley, 518K) says Trump won Arizona after promising to "build the state a 'beautiful' border wall and gaining support of...virulently anti-unauthorized immigration" Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County. Trump also had the support of former Gov. Jan Brewer, "who signed the state's 2010 law aimed at driving out undocumented people."

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** "*Standing With Brussels Against Terrorism And Fear.*" The [New York Times](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) in an editorial says "Brussels, Europe, the world must brace for a long struggle" and needs "intensified counterterrorism efforts and a far higher degree of cooperation." Belgium, it says, is "notoriously weak" in this area. Still, the Times warns against limiting "civil liberties and freedoms," saying that such efforts would "serve the terrorists' end." Instead it calls for making any "necessary" changes "cautiously." The Times concludes that the right response to the attacks is "a reaffirmation of core democratic values."

**"Mr. Obama's Honest Message In Cuba."** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (3/23, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) praises the "humility and grace" of President Obama's speech at the Gran Teatro, and notes that "leading Cuban dissidents who met with Mr. Obama at the American Embassy after the speech described his visit as a transformational moment."

**"Waiting For Round 2 In The Phone Fight."** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (3/23, Board, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) writes that the Department of Justice's announcement it may not need Apple's help to unlock an iPhone used by a terrorist doesn't moot the issue of whether "courts have the power to compel businesses to undo the security of their products to help law enforcement get access to information." The Times goes on to warn against requiring "back doors" to access data on devices, explaining this "would render data less secure by making it easier for foreign and domestic intelligence agencies and criminals to conduct mass surveillance and steal trade secrets and personal data."

**WASHINGTON POST.** "*The Horror In Brussels Is A Rebuke To Trump's Foreign Policy.*" The Brussels attacks, writes the [Washington Post](#) (3/22, 8.98M) in an editorial, have "revealed a crucial divide among US presidential candidates" between "those who support the internationalist response of...Obama" – Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders and John Kasich – and "the radical isolationism of...Trump," who has made "America's commitment to its European allies is at issue in a presidential campaign."

**"The Real Test Of Obama's Thaw With Cuba."** The [Washington Post](#) (3/22, 8.98M) editorializes that "the real test of Mr. Obama's thaw is not to be found in the pomp and circumstance of his visit, but in whether it leads to a Cuba that is freer and more open after Air Force One has departed."

**"Another Weak Legal Challenge To Obamacare's Contraception Mandate."** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (3/22, 8.98M) says the nonprofits challenging the ACA's contraception mandate in the case the Supreme Court will consider Wednesday "do not have a strong case," and argues while there is "no clean way to fully reconcile the government's interest in providing important preventative services and religiously affiliated groups' demand that they have no part in it," the law "does not require that the government bow to the wishes of every person or group claiming that obeying generally applicable laws, such as paying taxes, is a violation of their religious liberty." The law, the Post adds, "The law requires the government to go a long way to accommodate religious objections – and in this case, it has done so."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL.** "*From Syria To Brussels.*" In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) argues that the tragic attacks in Belgium are a consequence of the failure to destroy ISIL – which in turn creates a perception among radicalized Muslims that the terror group is winning its war against the West.

**"An Inordinate Fear Of Terrorism."** A [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorial criticizes President Obama's rhetoric on terrorism, which it casts as a dangerous return to a pre-9/11 mindset.

**"The Encryption Meltdown."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/22, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes in



favor of a Congressionally-appointed panel of expert arbiters to resolve the encryption debate. The Justice Department's revelation Monday that a third party may be able to help the FBI came after months of insistence that unlocking the phone couldn't be done without Apple. This, according to the Journal, is further evidence that targeting Apple was less about counterterrorism than it was to set legal precedent for back-door encryption access that the FBI desires.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Los Angeles Times:***

[Europe On Alert After Bombings: Brussels Mourns At Least 30 Dead](#)  
[Obama To Cuba: Change](#)  
[Arizona Is Another Triumph For Trump](#)

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

[Islamic State Claims Brussels Attacks](#)  
[Brussels Attacks Will Jolt 2016 US Presidential Race](#)  
[Attacks Highlight Belgian Failure To Roll Up Extremist Network](#)  
[Ackman Tries To Calm Investors On Valeant](#)

#### ***New York Times:***

[Attacks Underscore Europe's Vulnerability](#)  
[Presidential Candidates Walking A Tightrope Over The Fight On Terrorism](#)  
[Brussels Attacks Raise Questions On Readiness](#)  
[Apple Policy Could Explain Hackers' Choice To Aid FBI](#)  
[Ithaca's Anti-Heroin Plan: Open A Site To Shoot Heroin](#)

#### ***Washington Post:***

[Obama Faces New Pressure To Forsake His Instincts](#)  
[Trump's Wide-Ranging Stands Defy Much Of GOP's Doctrine](#)  
[Bombs Underline City's Status As A Center Of Islamist Extremism](#)  
[In Address To Cubans, Obama Calls For Fresh Start](#)  
[Islamic State Blasts Kill 31 In Brussels](#)

#### ***Financial Times:***

[Manhunt For Suspected Brussels Bomber](#)  
[C Suisse And Palantir Target Rogue Traders](#)

#### ***Washington Times:***

[Court Rebukes IRS For Tea Party Targeting](#)  
[Islamic State Manifests Its Might](#)  
[Sophisticated Bombings In Brussels Alarm Intel Officials](#)  
[Trump Policy Has Illegals Fleeing Back To Shadows](#)  
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[Belgians Sensed Danger After Terror Suspect's Arrest](#)  
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#### ***Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:***

**ABC:** Brussels Terror Attacks; Brussels Terror Attacks-Manhunt; Brussels Terror Attacks-Witnesses; Brussels Terror Attacks-Raids; Brussels Terror Attacks-US Security; Brussels Terror Attacks-President Obama Reaction; Brussels Terror Attacks-Presidential Candidate Reactions; President Obama-Cuba.

**CBS:** Brussels Terror Attacks; Brussels Terror Attacks-Investigation; Brussels Terror Attacks-Americans; Brussels Terror Attacks-Security; Brussels Terror Attacks-Analysis; Brussels Terror Attacks-Paris Similarities; Brussels Terror Attacks-ISIL; Brussels Terror Attacks-FBI Actions.

**NBC:** Brussels Terror Attacks; Brussels Terror Attacks-Manhunt; Brussels Terror Attacks-Americans; Brussels Terror Attacks-US Security; Brussels Terror Attacks-Analysis; Brussels Terror Attacks-President Obama Cuba; Brussels Terror Attacks-Presidential Candidate Responses; Former Toronto Mayor Death; Primary Elections; Brussels Terror Attacks-Grief.



**Network TV At A Glance:**

Brussels Terror Attacks – 52 minutes, 25 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** Brussels Terror Attacks; Brussels Terror Attacks-Manhunt; Brussels Terror Attacks-US Security; Brussels Terror Attack-President Obama; 2016 Politics-Primary Results;

**CBS:** Brussels Terror Attacks; Brussels Terror Attacks-Investigation Progress; 2016 Politics-Primary Election Results; NASA-International Space Station Shipment; President Obama-Cuba Visit; Asian Financial Markets.

**NPR:** 2016 Politics-Primary Results; Brussels Terror Attacks-Presidential Candidate Responses; Brussels Terror Attacks-Anti-Terrorism Proposal; NASA-International Space Station Shipment; Asian Stock Markets; President Obama-Cuba Visit; Secretary Kerry-Moscow Visit; West Virginia-Voter Identification Proposal.

**FOX:** Brussels Terror Attacks; Brussels Terror Attacks-Suicide Bombers; Brussels Terror Attacks-European Security Increases; Brussels Terror Attacks-British Prime Minister.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.****White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Visits Argentina with the first family; meets with President Mauricio Macri to discuss his reform agenda and recognize his contributions to the defense of human rights in the region; tours and lays a wreath at the Buenos Aires Metro Cathedral; holds a town hall meeting; attends a state dinner.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — No scheduled public events.

**US Senate:** 12:00 PM AAAS Capitol Hill briefings on FY 2017 budget request – American Association for the Advancement of Science hold Capitol Hill briefings to discuss proposed federal investments in scientific research and development in President Barack Obama's Fiscal Year 2017 budget request. AAAS R&D Budget and Policy Program Director Matt Hourihan speaks at Rm B369, Rayburn House Office Bldg (12:00 PM EDT) and Rm 385, Russell Senate Office Bldg (3:00 PM EDT) Location: Washington, DC <http://www.aaas.org> [https://twitter.com/AAAS\\_News](https://twitter.com/AAAS_News)

**US House:** 11:00 AM Bipartisan members of NY's Congressional delegation speak against TPP – Bipartisan members of New York's Congressional delegation speak in opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Over a dozen members of the delegation – including Reps. Louise Slaughter, Chris Collins, Jose Serrano, Jerrold Nadler, Tom Reed, Carolyn Maloney, Lee Zeldin, Nydia Velazquez, Brian Higgins, Paul Tonko, Chris Gibson, Sean Patrick Maloney, and Dan Donovan – are sending a letter to the Obama Administration opposing the deal Location: House Triangle, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://www.louise.house.gov/>

11:00 AM Speaker Ryan to Deliver Address on State of American Politics – House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) will deliver an address on the state of American politics. The address is open to House interns and members of the media only. Location: Ways and Means Committee Hearing Room 1100 Longworth House Office Building [www.speaker.gov](http://www.speaker.gov) <https://twitter.com/SpeakerRyan>

9:00 AM House votes on Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda including completion of consideration of 'H.R. 2745 – Standard Merger and Acquisition Reviews Through Equal Rules Act of 2015' \* Administration has said it strongly opposes the bill, calling its proposed changes 'unnecessary' Location: Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/>

9:30 AM House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on administration plan to close Guantanamo Bay – Hearing on 'The Administration's Plan to Close the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility: At What Foreign Policy and National Security Cost?', with testimony from State Department Special Envoy for Guantanamo Closure Lee Wolosky; and Department of Defense Special Envoy for Guantanamo Closure Paul Lewis \* Last month, President Barack Obama announced his plan to close the facility, calling it 'counterproductive to our fight against terrorists' Location: Rm 2172, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>

12:00 PM AAAS Capitol Hill briefings on FY 2017 budget request – American Association for the Advancement of Science hold Capitol Hill briefings to discuss proposed federal investments in scientific research and development in President Barack Obama's Fiscal Year 2017 budget request. AAAS R&D Budget and Policy Program Director Matt Hourihan speaks at Rm B369, Rayburn House Office Bldg (12:00 PM EDT) and Rm 385,



Russell Senate Office Bldg (3:00 PM EDT) Location: Washington, DC <http://www.aas.org>  
[https://twitter.com/AAAS\\_News](https://twitter.com/AAAS_News)

9:00 AM House Homeland Security Committee markup hearing – Markup hearing on ‘H.R. 4482, the Southwest Border Security Threat Assessment Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 4509, the State and High-Risk Urban Area Working Group Act’, ‘H.R. 4549, the Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 4698, the Securing Aviation from Foreign Entry Points and Guarding Airports Through Enhanced Security Act of 2016’, ‘H.R. 4780, the Department of Homeland Security Strategy for International Programs Act’, ‘H.R. 4785, the DHS Stop Asset and Vehicle Excess Act’, ‘H.R. 4820, the Combating Terrorist Recruitment Act of 2016’ Location: Rm 311, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [homeland.house.gov](http://homeland.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HouseHomeland>

9:00 AM House Oversight Committee hearing on BLM public lands leasing – Hearing on ‘Examining the Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Leasing’, with testimony from BLM Director Neil Kornze Location: Rm 2247, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>

9:00 AM House Oversight subcommittees joint hearing on border security – National Security Subcommittee and Government Operations Subcommittee joint hearing on ‘National Security: Threats at Our Borders’, with testimony from Customs and Border Protection U.S. Border Patrol Acting Chief Ronald Vitiello; National Border Patrol Council President Brandon Judd; Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw; Temple University Beasley School of Law Professor Jan Ting; and Human Rights First Senior Director of Refugee Protection Eleanor Acer Location: Rm 2154, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>

9:00 AM House Appropriations subcommittee markup hearing – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee markup hearing on FY 2017 Appropriations Bill Location: Rm 2362-A, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

9:00 AM House Natural Resources subcommittee oversight hearing on the Office of Surface Mining – Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee oversight hearing on ‘Effect of the President’s FY 2017 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Office of Surface Mining on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy Production, State Programs and Deficit Reduction’, with testimony from Department of the Interior Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement Director Joseph Pizarchik Location: Rm 1324, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://naturalresources.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/NatResources>

9:30 AM House Small Business Committee markup hearing – Markup hearing on legislation including ‘H.R. 4783, Commercializing on Small Business Innovation Act of 2016’ and ‘H.R. 207, Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2015’ Location: Rm 2360, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

9:30 AM House Science subcommittee hearing on EPA Regional Haze Program – Environment Subcommittee hearing on ‘Examining EPA’s Regional Haze Program: Regulations Without Visible Benefits’, with testimony from Competitive Enterprise Institute Senior Fellow William Yeatman; Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers Executive Director Thomas Schroedter; environmental policy consultant Bruce Polkowsky; and Hunton & Williams partner Aaron Flynn Location: Rm 2318, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://science.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HouseScience>

10:00 AM Dem Rep. Nancy Pelosi leads event marking the sixth anniversary of the Affordable Care Act – House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and members of the House Democratic Caucus hold press event to mark the sixth anniversary of the Affordable Care Act, celebrating reaching the milestone of 20 million previously-uninsured Americans now having health coverage thanks to the law Location: east front steps, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://www.democraticleader.gov/> <https://twitter.com/NancyPelosi>

10:00 AM Congressional briefing on immigration raids targeting unaccompanied children – Educators, community partners, and legal aid providers host Congressional briefing urging Members of Congress to ‘act immediately to address the myriad of issues impacting unaccompanied children seeking refuge in the U.S.’ and calling for an immediate end to ‘rocket docket’ and deportations targeting unaccompanied children and other vulnerable individuals. Speakers include Texas AFT president Louis Malfaro, First Focus president Bruce Lesley, National Immigration Law Center executive director Marielena Hincapie, Kids in Need of Defense president Wendy Young, student Kelsey Rivas, Montgomery County, MD, councilwoman Nancy Navarro, and National Association of Immigration Judges president Dana Leigh Marks. Congressional Hispanic Caucus chair Rep. Linda Sanchez and fellow Democratic Rep. Zoe Lofgren also provide an update on the Fair Day in Court for Kids



Act Location: Rm 234, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.aft.org](http://www.aft.org) <https://twitter.com/AFTunion>

10:00 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on Smithsonian Institution budget – Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee ‘Budget Hearing – Smithsonian Institution’, with testimony from Smithsonian Institution Secretary Dr David Skorton Location: Rm B-308, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

10:00 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on CDC budget – Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee ‘Budget Hearing – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’, with testimony from CDC Director Dr Tom Frieden Location: Rm 2358-C, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

10:00 AM Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission hearing on Western Sahara – Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission hearing on ‘Human Rights Threatened, Self-Determination Deferred: The Status of Western Sahara’, examining the mandate of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) and efforts thus far by MINURSO and U.N. Security Council Members – including the U.S. – to protect human rights and bring about a free and fair referendum on Western Sahara’s political status; examining the impact of incremental reforms within Western Sahara made by the Moroccan-led administration; and examining what other mechanisms may be used in providing human rights monitoring to the territory. Witnesses are Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights President Kery Kennedy, former U.N. Secretary-General’s Special Representative for Western Sahara Francesco Bastagli, Human Rights Watch MENA Division Deputy Director Eric Goldstein, and Western Sahara Resource Watch Chair Erik Hagen Location: Rm 1334, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://tlhrc.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/TLHRCCommission>

10:30 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program – Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee hearing on ‘Update on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) Program and the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request’, with testimony from F-35 Lightning II Joint Program Office Program Executive Officer Lt. Gen. Christopher Bogdan; Department of Defense Director of Operational Test & Evaluation Michael Gilmore; Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition Sean Stackley; and Governmental Accountability Office Director of Acquisition and Sourcing Management Issues Michael Sullivan Location: Rm 2118, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.armedservices.house.gov](http://www.armedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRpublicans>

12:00 PM Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus briefing on ‘How to Make New Drugs? Start with Basic Research!’ – Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus briefing on ‘How to Make New Drugs? Start with Basic Research!’, with Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research’s Dr Mark Fishman discussing ‘several current programs in drug discovery that promise to change the practice of medicine’ Location: Rms B-340, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.coalitionforlifesciences.org](http://www.coalitionforlifesciences.org)

4:00 PM Bipartisan Reps. Doris Matsui and Gregg Harper at ‘Connected Health Demo’ – ACT – The App Association ‘Connected Health Demo’, with mobile health companies showing how apps, sensors, and connected devices are ‘revolutionizing how doctors and patients interact and share information’. Democratic Rep. Doris Matsui and Republican Rep. Gregg Harper kick off the event Location: Rayburn Foyer, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC [actonline.org](http://actonline.org) <https://twitter.com/actonline>

**Other:** 8:00 AM Bipartisan Reps. Hoyer and Reed at The Hill event – ‘Smart Work: American Manufacturing in the Digital Age’ The Hill event, exploring the role of the Internet of Things in transforming the nation’s manufacturing. Speakers include House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, Republican Rep. Tom Reed, Department of Energy Advanced Manufacturing Office Director Dr Mark Johnson, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation Vice President Stephen Ezell, and ABB Americas Region President Greg Scheu Location: Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC [thehill.com](http://thehill.com) <https://twitter.com/thehillvents> #SmartWorkForum

8:45 AM Dem Reps. Nadler and DeGette at rally outside SCOTUS ahead of ‘Zubik v. Burwell’ arguments – Democratic Reps. Jerrold Nadler and Dianna DeGette join members of the Pro-Choice Caucus for rally outside the U.S. Supreme Court ahead of oral arguments in ‘Zubik v. Burwell’ \* Reps. Nadler and DeGette co-authored, along with Rep. Louise Slaughter, a Congressional amicus brief in the case that urges the court to uphold the current accommodation to the Affordable Care Act’s birth control benefit Location: Front Steps of the U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, DC [www.house.gov/nadler](http://www.house.gov/nadler)

12:00 PM ‘The Nuclear Security Summit: Accomplishments of the Process’ report released – Partnership for Global Security release ‘The Nuclear Security Summit: Accomplishments of the Process’ report at National



Press Club, the final report in a series of six looking at what states have individually done to strengthen nuclear security during the course of the Nuclear Security Summit Process (2010 – 2016) Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC [www.partnershipforglobalsecurity.org](http://www.partnershipforglobalsecurity.org) <https://twitter.com/PGSuclear>

1:00 PM “Women Fighting on the Front Lines: What Does It Mean For Women, Men, And Military Preparedness?” – Independent Women’s Forum and London Center for Policy Research host Women Fighting On The Front Lines panel discussion. The Pentagon’s admission of women to the infantry and other units has sparked debate in Washington. According to testimony on Capitol Hill, women can be involuntarily assigned to combat units, potentially fight in hand-to-hand combat, and may be required to register for the draft. Panelists Major General Bob Newman, Jr., Amber Smith, Gunnery Sergeant Jessie Jane Duff, and Katherine Kidder, moderator Lieutenant Colonel Tony Shaffer, and guest speaker Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA), all heavyweight thinkers in the field, discuss the historic announcement by Defense Secretary Ashton Carter opening all positions in the U.S. military to women and what this means for women, the men who would fight with them, and military preparedness. Is this a necessary step to ensure women are treated equally under the law? What does it mean for our culture and the relationships between men and women? Raybu Location: Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2255 [www.iwf.org](http://www.iwf.org) <https://twitter.com/IWF>

9:00 AM Rally outside U.S. Supreme Court in support of access to birth control in healthcare plans – Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Catholics for Choice, and other groups rally outside the U.S. Supreme Court to support access to birth control in healthcare plans \* SCOTUS hears arguments today in ‘Zubik v. Burwell’ Location: outside the U.S. Supreme Court, 1 1st St, Washington, DC <https://www.au.org/>

Italian and U.S. officials present MOU on import restrictions of archaeological material – Italian and U.S. officials, joined by representatives of the private sector, present ‘Memorandum of Understanding between the Governments of Italy and the United States concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Categories of Archaeological Material Representing the Pre-Classical, Classical and Imperial Roman Periods of Italy’ to the public, after the agreement – first adopted in 2001 – was extended for an additional five years in January. Speakers at the event, co-organized by the State Department and the Embassy of Italy, include Raymond Villanueva (Department of Homeland Security), Massimo Maresca (Italian Carabinieri Command for the Safeguarding of Cultural Patrimony), Karol Wight (Corning Museum of Glass), Alex Barker (University of Missouri), Ann Benbow (Archaeological Institute of America), and Donatella Cavezzali (Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism) Location: Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven St NW, Washington, DC <http://www.ambwashingtondc.esteri.it/> <https://twitter.com/ItalyinUS>

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** “The latest on President Obama’s trip to Cuba. I saw that over the weekend he and his family were photographed on a walking tour of Havana in the pouring rain. Which means the President’s like everyone’s dad on vacation. If he paid for the nonrefundable tour, you’re going to go on that nonrefundable tour.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Obama also spoke from Cuba yesterday and said that US airlines will start making commercial flights to Cuba this year. But first Obama said he wants to see a greater respect for human rights. Not in Cuba. At LaGuardia [Airport].”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “In an interview with CNN last night, Ted Cruz was asked about being Donald Trump’s vice president and said, quote, ‘I have zero interest whatsoever.’ Which is also what Cruz’s friends say when he invites them to dinner.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Bernie Sanders recently spoke at a US-Mexico border in Arizona and said, quote, ‘We don’t need a wall.’ Then Bernie said, ‘But then again, I told Noah we didn’t need an ark, so who knows?’”

**Jimmy Kimmel:** “Bernie Sanders has ignited a lot of passion, primarily among young people. And the incredible thing is he did it without posting even a single nude selfie. Bernie can get very fired up. I watch him on these debates. But remember, if it seems like he’s yelling at you, it’s because he is yelling at you and you deserve it.”

**Jimmy Kimmel:** “Bernie was on the ballot in three states today. There was a primary in Arizona and caucuses in Idaho and Utah. Donald Trump was behind in the polls in Utah. Utah is not particularly friendly territory for Donald Trump, because most of the voters there are sober.”



**Jimmy Kimmel:** "But according to a new poll, 60 percent of Republicans say they're embarrassed by their candidates in the primary so far. That means almost 40 percent of Republicans aren't embarrassed by their candidates in the primary so far. How can that be? When he's asked why he thinks so many of his fellow Republicans are embarrassed, Donald Trump said, 'What's embarrassed? What is it?'"

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**SECRETARY JEWELL TO MAKE FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO US VIRGIN ISLANDS.** [Marianas Variety](#) (3/27) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will "make her first official visit to the U.S. Virgin Islands on March 30-31." Joined by Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina, Jewell will meet with Gov. Kenneth Mapp, "deliver keynote remarks at the 99th Transfer Day Ceremony and join the Executive Committee of the USVI Climate Change Council to discuss how the administration is working with island communities to prepare and adapt to the impacts of climate change." Jewell will also visit the Virgin Islands National Park in St. John "to make an announcement about the president's Every Kid in a Park initiative with local fourth graders from the Julius E. Sprauve School." On March 31, Jewell will "join Island leaders and community members in St. Croix to deliver keynote remarks at the 99th Anniversary of Transfer Day — when the United States purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark — and participate in a naturalization ceremony to welcome 50 new American citizens."

**OBAMA ADMINISTRATION DECIDES AGAINST DESIGNATING GULF OF MAINE WATERS AS A NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The [Boston Globe](#) (3/25, Abel, 1.05M) reports that "despite substantial pressure from environmental groups," Obama Administration officials last week said "the president won't declare a national monument in a distinct portion of the Gulf of Maine that features glacier-sculpted mountain ranges and billowy kelp forests." According to the article, "over the past year, environmental advocates have lobbied the administration to designate an area known as Cashes Ledge as a national monument, a decision that would have permanently banned fishing around the submerged mountain range." Fishermen have "opposed the designation and said they were relieved when they learned about the decision in meetings this week with officials with the White House Council on Environmental Quality."

**LAWMAKERS HOPE STUDY BLOCKS PLUM ISLAND SALE.** The [AP](#) (3/25, 1.99M) reports that "lawmakers in New York and Connecticut are renewing efforts to halt the planned sale of Plum Island." New York Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, "along with Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal and others have introduced legislation that would halt the sale of the land to the highest bidder." The legislators say "it should be considered as a possible national park" and "they want federal officials to study alternatives to auctioning the property."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/25, 285K), [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (3/25), the [Greenwich \(CT\) Time](#) (3/27, 21K), the [Norwalk \(CT\) Hour](#) (3/27, 28K), the [Greenwich \(CT\) Post](#) (3/27, 43K), and the [Connecticut Mirror](#) (3/25).

**BLM ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO FRONT RANGE RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL.** The [Canon City \(CO\) Daily Record](#) (3/27, 22K) reports that the BLM announced "new appointments or reappointments of members to Colorado's citizen-based Front Range Resource Advisory Council." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, "By working with federal, state, local and tribal governments, as well as leaders from industry and the conservation community, the BLM's Resource Advisory Councils exemplify the Department's collaborative approach to public land issues. I want to welcome our newly appointed RAC members and salute them for their commitment to public service. Their counsel will well serve the BLM as we work to ensure the health and productivity of America's public lands."

**INTERTRIBAL COALITION SEEKS TO ESTABLISH BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The [Cortez \(CO\) Journal](#) (3/27, 4K) reports the Bears Ears Intertribal Coalition met this month at the Friends of Cedar Mesa conference in Utah to "urge President Obama to declare 1.9 million acres of public lands in southeast Utah as



the Bear's Ears National Monument." The tribes had previously tried to push legislation for a National Conservation Area, but are now petitioning for national monument designation that would have native tribe involvement in an eight-person management commission, to include "one representative from each of the five tribes, plus officials from the Forest Service, National Park Service, and BLM."

**INTERIOR SHARES PHOTO OF ALASKA'S AUGUSTINE VOLCANO BILLOWING SMOKE.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/25, Forgione, 4.1M) reports that the Interior Department shared a "mind-blowing photograph of Alaska's Augustine Volcano billowing smoke" taken March 27, 2006 for Throwback Thursday (#TBT). The picture became "a social media hit" and "almost 30,000 people 'liked' it by day's end."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SECRETARY JEWELL ATTENDS BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL MONUMENT DEDICATION.** Additional coverage of the dedication of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument was provided by the [Marysville \(CA\) Appeal-Democrat](#) (3/27, 68K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF SECRETARY JEWELL'S VISIT TO CHANNEL ISLANDS.** Additional coverage that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visited the Channel Islands to celebrate the recovery of the island fox was provided by the [Ventura County \(CA\) Star](#) (3/27, 148K).

**OP-ED: CAPITALISM IS DISASTEROUS FOR THE COLORADO RIVER.** In an op-ed for [USA Today](#) (3/27, Wockner, 5.45M), Fort Collins-based Save The Colorado River campaign co-founder Gary Wockner writes that the "Moonshot for Water" announced by President Obama and DoI Secretary Sally Jewell will do nothing to save America's water systems from climate change. According to Wockner, rather than further involving the private sector in rivers such as the Colorado River, the government should instead concentrate on protecting and restoring "the Colorado River ecosystem, and make sure that the river's amazing water resource is administered with equity and justice so that profiteering is minimized and the public good is maximized for all of the species – human and non-human alike – that depend on the river for survival."

The piece also appears at [WUSA-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/27, 106K), [KHOU-TV Houston \(TX\)](#) Houston (3/27, 385K), [KENS-TV San Antonio \(TX\)](#) San Antonio (3/28, 84K), and [KING-TV Seattle \(WA\)](#) Seattle (3/27, 328K).

**OP-ED: THE GOP SHOULD STOP BLOCKING KLAMATH RIVER RESTORATION.** In an op-ed for the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/27, 569K), Rep. Jared Huffman and Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva write that a plan to remove the four Klamath dams was jeopardized when GOP leaders refused to honor the deal after years of negotiation. However, California, Oregon and dam owner PacifiCorp have worked around the Congressional roadblock. The entities will create a nonprofit corporation to take over the four dams on the Klamath River. Under this new structure, existing federal authority will be used to decommission and remove them, creating a free-flowing river with miles of salmon habitat to replace the old dams that produced little power.

**REP. LAHOOD URGED TO SUPPORT LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND.** In a letter to the [Springfield \(IL\) State Journal-Register](#) (3/27, 134K), Eric Curtis urges Rep. Darin LaHood to recognize "the importance of LWCF" and join "other Illinois congressional representatives in supporting full funding and permanent authorization for this critical program."

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**PIRO-MANSO-TIWA TRIBE SEEKS FEDERAL RECOGNITION.** The [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#) (3/26, 47K) reports that "local officials last week expressed their support — and lack thereof — for the Piro-Manso-Tiwa Tribe's effort to gain formal federal recognition." According to the article, "two votes — one by the Las Cruces City Council and another by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners — were characterized by contentious debate from two major factions, both of which have roots in the Tortugas Pueblo south of Las Cruces."

**CHOCTAW FOSTER CASE PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT.** [NBC News](#) (3/27, 3.58M) reports that "a California couple's fight to reunite with a 6-year-old foster child who was taken from their home last week because she is 1/64th Choctaw Native American has cast a spotlight on the Indian Child Welfare Act." According to the article, "the law has been long hailed as a protective tool for Native American communities by some and criticized as misinterpreted and misguided by others."

**BISON TO BE RELOCATED TO MONTANA INDIAN RESERVATION.** The [AP](#) (3/27, Brown, Press, 1.99M)



reports that “descendants of a bison herd captured and sent to Canada more than a century ago will be relocated to a Montana American Indian reservation next month, in what tribal leaders bill as a homecoming for a species emblematic of their traditions.” According to the article, “the shipment of animals from Alberta’s Elk Island National Park to the Blackfoot Indian Reservation follows a 2014 treaty among tribes in the United States and Canada.” The article says that “the 89 plains bison, also known as buffalo, will form the nucleus of a herd that tribal leaders envision will soon roam freely across a vast landscape: the Blackfoot reservation, nearby Glacier National Park and the Badger-Two Medicine wilderness — more than 4,000 square miles combined.”

## Office of Insular Affairs:

**INTERIOR APPROVES \$1.4M IN GRANTS FOR NMI.** [Marianas Variety](#) (3/27) reports that Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia’aina “approved \$1.4 million in grant assistance for fiscal year 2016 to support initiatives of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.” Kia’aina said, “I am pleased to support Gov. Ralph Torres and the people of the Northern Marianas in a variety of projects that impact quality of life issues, promote government efficiency, and improve climate change adaptation and invasive species coordination.”

**RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD FOR GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY.** The [Guam Daily Post](#) (3/27) reports on the “recently constructed” Guam Environmental Public Health Laboratory in Dededo. According to the article, “the 10,000 square foot lab was funded through a \$3 million grant from the Department of Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs.” A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on March 10 for the facility.

## Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**PATTERSON LAKE RESIDENTS DISCUSS CONCERNS OF PERMIT FEE INCREASES WITH BOR.** The [Dickinson \(ND\) Press](#) (3/27, 1K) reports that members of the Dickinson Park Board and the BOR “addressed questions brought up by the Patterson Lake Homeowners Association, which represents 41 homeowners that reside on Bureau of Reclamation land by means of a permitting process.” The BOR announced “late last month that a new permit fee of around \$6,800 would be implemented at the beginning of 2017, a sharp increase that many affected homeowners have balked at.” According to the article, “many homeowners have expressed that this would cause them significant financial hardship, with some claiming that they would have to move.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF FEDERAL STUDY ON WESTERN WATER SUPPLIES.** Additional coverage of the report on Western water supplies was provided by the [Contra Costa \(CA\) Times](#) (3/28, Elliott, Press, 251K) and [KSTU-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (3/26, 165K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: CALIFORNIA DAMS RELEASE WATER AFTER RAINS.** Additional coverage that “the El Niño-fueled storms that have swept through Northern California in recent weeks have swelled some of the state’s largest reservoirs to encouraging levels even as the state’s drought persists” was provided by the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (3/25, Stevens, 4.1M), the [Lake Tahoe \(CA\) News](#) (3/27), the [Lake Tahoe \(CA\) News](#) (3/27), the [Napa Valley \(CA\) Register](#) (3/27, 73K), [Breitbart](#) (3/27, 2.1M), and [RT](#) (3/27, 350K).

## Securing America’s Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**GATEWAY WEST PROJECT PROPOSAL ALTERED TO CROSS MORE OF MORLEY NELSON SNAKE RIVER BIRDS OF PREY NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.** The [AP](#) (3/27, Ridler, 285K) reports that “a proposal for two high-voltage transmission lines crossing southwestern Idaho that faced opposition from private property owners has been altered to instead cross more of the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.” The draft document released by the BLM “earlier this month maps out potential options for two segments of the Gateway West project that each span more than 125 miles.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BOEM APPROVES VIRGINIA OFFSHORE WIND TEST PROJECT.** Additional coverage of the BOEM’s “consent for the first-ever wind energy research facility offshore Virginia” was provided by [UPI](#) (3/25, Graeber), [Marine Technology](#) (3/24), and [Offshore Engineer](#) (3/27).

**OTTO: ECPSP “DOESN’T MAKE SENSE.”** In a [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (3/25, 98K) op-ed, Hot Purple



Energy president Nate Otto opposed the Eagle Crest Pumped Storage Project (ECPSP), which he said is “a net energy loss,” “squanders precious water resources,” and “jeopardizes Joshua Tree National Park.” Otto wrote that the technologies ECPSP would use are being installed “on a massive scale,” without understanding “how they impact the natural environment” in a way that “doesn’t make sense.” Otto reported that the project’s transmission line is still being evaluated by the Bureau of Land Management, but said that BLM is relying on “stale, inaccurate, and insufficient data” for its impact study, which has “already been criticized” by the Department of the Interior.

### ***Onshore Energy Development:***

**INTERIOR TO HOLD SIX PUBLIC MEETINGS ON COAL LEASING MORATORIUM.** [Politico](#) (3/25, Shafer, 1.07M) reports that the Interior Department last Thursday “outlined the next steps in the planned sweeping environmental review of the federal coal leasing program it announced in January.” Interior “released a formal ‘notice of intent’ to begin its so-called programmatic environmental impact statement on federal coal leasing and named six cities where public meetings on federal coal’s future will take place.” BLM Director Neil Komzse said, “We have an obligation to all Americans, as well as future generations, to ensure coal resources we manage are administered in a responsible way.” According to the article, “the meetings will be in Casper, Wyo.; Grand Junction, Colo.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Salt Lake City, Utah.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Aurora \(CO\) Sentinel](#) (3/27, 64K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (3/27, 881K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/25, 285K), [SweetwaterNOW \(WY\)](#) (3/27), and [ENews Park Forest](#) (3/25, 2K).

**OIL, GAS LEASES PAUSE OVER SAGE GROUSE PROTECTION.** The [AP](#) (3/26, Brown) reports that the US Interior Department will delay selling nearly 60,000 acres of oil and gas leases, “as the agency works on new policies for greater sage grouse.” The move comes after more than eight million acres were put on hold in multiple western states and, “five months after Interior Secretary Sally Jewell proclaimed the Obama administration had found a way to balance drilling and conservation.” US Bureau of Land Management Spokesman Al Nash says the agency plans to sell leases on “almost 20,100 acres during an Oct. 18 auction,” which are, “outside sage brush habitat, but had been deferred until the land management plans were completed,” adding that, “Each respective plan talks at great length about the need for us to address concerns about the habitat.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/25, Brown, 285K), the [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (3/27, 22K), [US News & World Report](#) (3/25, 853K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/25, Matthew Brown |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Aspen \(CO\) Times](#) (3/27, 58K), the [Worcester \(MA\) Telegram & Gazette](#) (3/25, 177K), the [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (3/25, 94K), the [Texarkana \(TX\) Gazette](#) (3/26, 74K), the [Flathead \(MT\) Beacon](#) (3/25, 15K), the [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (3/27, 77K), the [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#) (3/25, 157K), the [Toledo \(OH\) Blade](#) (3/25, 242K), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/27, 4.92M), [Yahoo! News](#) (3/25, Brown, 6.31M), and [KTVN-TV Reno \(NV\) Reno, NV](#) (3/27, 25K).

**COLORADO GOVERNOR: ADDRESSING CONTAMINATION FROM INACTIVE MINES IS NOW A PRIORITY.** The [Denver Post](#) (3/27, Finley, 881K) reports that in an interview, Colorado’s Governor John Hickenlooper said that Western governors and “chiefs of key federal agencies” have come to consensus that “tackling” the problem of “leaking inactive mines” has become a priority. Hickenlooper said he would like to call for a water summit at Four Corners, and supports turning the town of Silverton into a research hub on how to neutralize contamination from old mines.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (3/27, 31K).

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE LOOKS TO EXPLORE SHALE NATURAL GAS RESERVES.** The [Pine River \(CO\) Times](#) (3/25, 4K) reports that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is “expanding an Environmental Impact Statement from 2002 to cover potential drilling for natural gas in its shale reserves.” The tribe is “responsible for the supplemental EIS, according to information provided at the public meetings.” The BIA and BLM also “work on the scope and content of the analyses and preparing the decision findings.”

**OKLAHOMA RISE IN EARTHQUAKES ATTRIBUTED ON INJECTION WELLS.** [TIME](#) (3/27, Sanburn, 18.01M) reports that Oklahoma “has become one of the most seismic places on the planet,” experiencing nearly 6,000 earthquakes in 2015. Scientists attribute the increase to hundreds of injection wells around the state. The article includes a video on “how oil drilling causes earthquakes.”



**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: INTERIOR APPEALS ON NEW FRACKING RULE.** Additional coverage of Interior's appeal of "a preliminary injunction of a new fracking rule issued by a federal judge in Wyoming" was provided by the [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (3/27, 77K).

**NYTIMES: GOP "WOULD BE FOOLISH TO IGNORE" MARKET HOSTILITY TO COAL.** The [New York Times](#) (3/26, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorializes that Senate Majority Leader McConnell "and other coal-state Republicans would be foolish to ignore the growing consensus on Wall Street that King Coal, for all its legendary political power, has turned into a decidedly bad investment." The Times criticizes McConnell for continuing "his campaign to block the administration's clean power rule," which is "deepening his party's sorry retreat into science denial." According to the Times, McConnell should instead be supporting the Administration's "creative adjustments" and "government programs to help the industry, miners and communities as they face a hard period of inevitable transition" rather than "clinging to King Coal's fading past."

**ENERGY ATTORNEY: AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL BE THE LOSERS FROM COAL REGULATIONS.** [Provo \(UT\) Daily Herald](#) (3/27, 137K) op-ed, energy attorney Terry Jarrett wrote that the US Supreme Court's stay against the president's "massive" "Clean Power Plan" (CPP), was a relief for states from "the most far-reaching and intrusive regulations ever imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)." Jarrett said the Department of the Interior's recent "overhaul" of coal mining regulations will render half of coal reserves off-limits, and that the Obama Administration's proposed "Stream Protection Rule" (SPR) could eliminate "up to 280,000 jobs" in the coal sector. Jarrett concluded that if the president "continues his costly assault on coal," the American people "could be the real losers."

**WIRTH: LEADERS SHOULD EMBRACE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE PLANET.** In a [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (3/27, 73K) op-ed, former Undersecretary for Global Affairs Tim Wirth called on state and national leaders to "embrace the moral responsibility to protect the planet" and to "seize the economic opportunity presented" by doing so. Wirth criticizes the Supreme Court for curtailing the EOA's efforts to regulate carbon dioxide under the Clean Air Act, and criticizes the US Forest Service officials in Colorado for delaying action to reduce coal leasing on federal lands. Wirth said Interior Secretary Sally Jewel's review of the federal coal leasing program is "an important initiative," but that it will take "years to complete" and that "there is no reason for the Forest Service to delay action."

**COLUMNIST DEFENDS SELF-BONDING AS FULLY COLLATERALIZED.** Writing for [Forbes](#), (3/27, Clemente, 8.72M) Jude Clemente argues that coal mining companies "have had an excellent track record of land restoration utilizing a mix of financial assurances including self-bonding, commercial surety bonds, bank guarantees and letters of credit." He defends self-bonding – which has been the recent focus of attack – as a critical tool to support the American coal industry. Clemente notes that the US federal government owns vast tracks of the coal mined today. He concludes, "there is little doubt that the inherent value of domestic coal overwhelms any questions relating to self-bonding," thus, "American taxpayers cannot have any better collateral than that."

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER, STATE REP.: EPA METHANE POLLUTION RULES "SHOULD GO FURTHER."** Adams County Commissioner Eva Henry and State Rep. Su Ryden (D-Aurora) write in the [Denver Business Journal](#) (3/27, Subscription Publication, 41K) that they are "pleased" about recently-announced methane pollution reduction plans from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Bureau of Land Management. However, the authors feel the EPA "should go further" as their proposal "only addresses new wells." The EPA and the BLM should also look more closely at Colorado's requirements for maintenance and inspection at drilling and production sites, as the proposed federal rules as not addressing "far too many tons of pollution" that could be controlled through measures such as though in Colorado.

**Commentary Encourages Continued Methane Monitoring.** In guest commentary for the [Denver Post](#) (3/25, Currie, 881K), Boulder resident Tyler Currie wrote that as the EPA begins developing new methane regulations, it "should consider ways to incentivize the adoption of emerging technologies that lower compliance costs." Currie says Congress could also "offer tax credits or accelerated depreciation to companies that deploy promising early-stage methane detection equipment." He urges the industry to "embrace this cause as an essential part of its mission."

**OPINION: CUTTING METHANE EMISSIONS CAN BE PROFITABLE.** In an [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (3/27, Libersky, 290K) opinion piece Jason Libersky, the CEO of Quantigy, a methane mitigation company, discusses how "almost 220,000 metric tons of methane, the primary component of natural gas" is emitted each year in oil and gas operations in the San Juan Basin. This emission represents \$21 million in natural gas that can be saved. By contrast, operations in Wyoming emit half this amount of methane given the state's "strong rules in ...



reduc[ing] emissions from new and existing oil and gas sources for the area." The article indicates by with tighter rules in effect, the state also experienced an increase in production.

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**BOEM TO HOLD OIL, GAS LEASE HEARINGS IN ALASKA.** The [Fairbanks \(AK\) News-Miner](#) (3/27, 42K) reports that the BOEM will be "holding public meetings throughout the northern part of Alaska to gather public comment regarding its five-year plan for a proposed schedule of Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sales." According to the article, "meetings begin Tuesday and are scheduled through April 6."

**BSEE TESTING ARCTIC OIL SPILL TECHNOLOGY AT ICEX.** [Maritime Executive](#) (3/27, 21) reports that the BSEE is "testing Geo-Referencing Identification Satellite (GRIDSAT) tag technology at the U.S. Navy's Ice Camp Sargo, a temporary station on top of a floating ice sheet in the Arctic as part of Ice Exercise (ICEX) 2016." According to the article, "the extreme conditions in the Arctic, especially the presence of sea ice, create unique challenges to the identification, tracking and response to an oil spill, should one occur."

**NEW RESEARCH INVESTIGATES WHAT HAPPENS TO OIL SPILLED ON AN ARCTIC BEACH.** [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (3/27, Bailey, 211K) reports that "recent laboratory research at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, with funding assistance from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, suggests that some oil spilled on an Arctic beach would likely evaporate quite quickly, but that biodegradation of the oil would be relatively slow." The research concluded that "in situations where a beach is subject to tidal and wave actions, most of the hydrocarbons would wash out of the pebbly sediments within an 18-day period. Oil in sandy sediments, on the other hand, would be much more resistant to this type of washout. And, in general, sandy beaches would be much more difficult to clean up than pebbly beaches."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ENVIRONMENTALISTS PROTEST DRILLING LEASE AUCTION IN GULF OF MEXICO.** Additional coverage that environmentalists protested the Gulf of Mexico lease auction last week was provided by [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/25, Welch, 3.71M), [Intercontinental Cry Magazine](#) (3/27), and the [Gulf News \(ARE\)](#) (3/27, 399K).

**COMMENTARY PRAISES ADMINISTRATION'S RETREAT ON ATLANTIC DRILLING LEASES.** South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce head Frank Knapp and Sierra Weaver with the Southern Environmental Law Center wrote in [The Hill](#) (3/25, Knapp, Weaver, 862K) that they "couldn't be more pleased with the final outcome" of the Obama Administration's decision to remove the Atlantic drilling leases from a recently-released plan. The authors said the oil and gas industry "didn't anticipate the response this plan received from communities along the Southeast coast," or for communities to "to take action and win." They concluded that while the oil and gas industry is "all too often in these debates... able to influence and fund itself to a victory," they hope this win "will be an example and inspiration to local communities to fight back when their economy and way of life is at stake."

Additional coverage of the proposed a five-year draft plan for offshore drilling was provided by the [Hilton Head Island \(SC\) Packet](#) (3/27, 83K), the [Luray-Page \(VA\) Free Press](#) (3/27), and the [St. Augustine \(FL\) Record](#) (3/25, 33K).

**LATIMES: OFFSHORE ARCTIC DRILLING IS "STILL FAR TOO RISKY."** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/26, 4.1M) editorialized that the US government should "close the entire Arctic Ocean to off-shore drilling," saying that this is "an easy step," that the Obama Administration should take. If a serious spill were to happen, it would be "exceedingly difficult...to contain the emergency" and, "the risks clearly exceed the rewards." The Times writes that a federal offshore Arctic lease "ended in failure last year when Royal Dutch Shell spent \$7 billion to sink a highly controversial exploratory well in the Chukchi Sea that failed to find significant amounts of oil and natural gas." The editorial argues that now is the time to "close the Arctic" and "consider freezing new offshore leases" given lower fossil fuel demands and increasing reliance on renewables.

### **America's Great Outdoors:**

#### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM GETS EXTENSION FOR SOUTHWEST UTAH LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN.** The AP (3/27, 51K) reports that "a federal judge has granted the Bureau of Land Management an extension to hammer out land use



plans to show southwestern Utah officials." The BLM and Washington County have "been locked in a dispute over a land management proposal." According to the article, "the judge's allowance last week means the BLM can miss a court-ordered June 30 deadline" and "the agency now has until Dec. 31."

**COURT ALLOWS TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE TO INTERVENE IN RED RIVER CASE.** The [Wichita Falls \(TX\) Times Record News](#) (3/27, 65K) reports that "for the second time in as many weeks, a federal district judge has granted a motion to intervene in a legal battle between Texas landowners and the Bureau of Land Management." The Texas General Land Office "filed a motion to intervene in 'Kenneth Aderholt et al. v. Bureau of Land Management et al.'" on Dec. 1 to protect the state's mineral interests on 35 acres of the 116-mile area in question on the Red River that stretches from northeast Wilbarger County near Doan's Crossing to the small community of Stanfield in the northeast corner of Clay County." Judge Reed O'Connor of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas in Wichita Falls "granted the GLO's motion Thursday, saying the state agency meets all of the requirements to 'intervene as of right' as well as 'permissive intervention'."

**BLM RESEARCH CENTER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF OPERATION.** The [Washington Times](#) (3/27, Hogen, 285K) reports US Bureau of Land Management's Dorena Genetic Resource Center will soon celebrate half a century of operation working in forest genetics and disease resistance research. The Center cultivates disease-resistant seedlings for the US Forest Service and focuses on white pine blister rust and Port-Orford-cedar root disease, two diseases that threaten forest diversity and wildlife habitat.

**MINING GROUP FIGHTS NEVADA LAND PROPOSAL.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (3/27, 479K) reports that "a proposal to free up some federally owned lands in Northern Nevada's rural Pershing County for economic development and create wilderness areas while doing away with others is drawing opposition from one mining group that claims it would cut off access to public lands." However, "others say the Pershing County Lands Bill, now a conceptual bill draft in Congress, has been an effort for more than a decade and would tidy up checkerboard land holdings that are a throwback to the days when the railroad was built." The article notes that "the federal lands involved are administered by the Bureau of Land Management."

**BLM PROPOSES TO REMOVE 500 WILD HORSES FROM WYOMING'S CHECKERBOARD LANDS.** [Horsetalk \(NZL\)](#) (3/26, 1K) reports that "federal authorities propose to remove 500 wild horses from Wyoming's Checkerboard lands, so-named because of its alternating public and private land parcels." The BLM's Rock Springs Field Office "proposes to remove all the wild horses from the Checkerboard lands within and outside of the Great Divide Basin, Salt Wells Creek, and Adobe Town herd management areas (HMAs)."

**BAKER CANYON FIRE IN ARIZONA BURNS NEARLY 8,000 ACRES.** The [Arizona Republic](#) (3/27, 975K) reports that "a wildfire in southeast Arizona along the New Mexico border has burned close to 8,000 acres and is 70 percent contained, according to officials." The Baker Canyon Fire has been "burning since March 21 near Douglas." According to BLM spokesman Jon Cambra, "the exact cause of the blaze remains under investigation."

#### *Fish and Wildlife Service:*

**HAWAIIAN BILL TO BAN IVORY SALES SPARKS CONTROVERSY.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/27, Riker) reports lawmakers in Hawaii are considering a measure which would ban the sale of ivory in the state in response to growing concern over elephant poaching in Africa. The bill's supporters, including the Humane Society, say Hawaii is the country's third-largest market for ivory. According to the Post, opponents say the ban is too broad and could adversely affect collectors and sellers, and state Sen. Roslyn Baker said it could also criminalize art forms that have long been a part of the state's history.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (3/27, 1.25M), the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (3/27, 1.1M), the [Olympian \(WA\)](#) (3/27, 76K), [US News & World Report](#) (3/27, 853K), and the [Daily Mail](#) (3/27, 4.92M).

**THREATS AGAINST POLICE CONTINUE IN CASE OF OREGON STANDOFF.** The [AP](#) (3/26) reported that according to authorities, threats against police and other officials related to the killing of Oregon wildlife refuge occupier Robert Finicum have continued to pour in since his death. "Earlier this month, authorities documented up to 80 threats against police officers and others, according to the Oregonian," the AP reported. "We're going to shoot to kill," one anonymous caller said in a call to Oregon Gov. Kate Brown. "Oregon State Police are investigating the threats," the AP said. The [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (3/27, 98K) also posts the AP's coverage to its website.



**REP. GOSAR QUESTIONS WILDLIFE OFFICIALS ON LAKE HAVASU CLOSURES.** The [Havasu \(AZ\) News-Herald](#) (3/27, 27K) reports that Rep. Paul Gosar is “pushing for a legislative rider that would block funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to carry out closures at the northern end of Lake Havasu.” According to the article, “the closures have restricted recreational motorized boating in areas of the lake since last spring, and Gosar said it’s causing major inconveniences.” Last week, Gosar questioned FWS Deputy Director Jim Kurth during a House committee on Natural Resources hearing.

**FWS REVIEWING STATUS OF YELLOW CEDAR.** The [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (3/27, 211K) reports that the status of yellow cedar is under review by the FWS, “which is considering federal protection for the trees as either threatened or endangered.” According to the article, “a decision whether to list yellow cedar as endangered is expected next year.”

**WORK CONTINUES ON WEST FORK RIVER DAM REMOVAL DESPITE LAWSUIT.** The [AP](#) (3/26, 285K) reports that “removal of the first of three Clarksburg Water Board dams continues despite a last-minute legal move to try to halt the project.” The FWS is “currently overseeing the removal of the West Milford, Two-Lick and Highland Dams on West Fork River.” According to the article, “farmer John Stenger filed a lawsuit against the water board Tuesday.” Stenger’s lawsuit “contends that the demolition of the dams would damage his right to access of the pools.”

**PACIFIC LEGAL FOUNDATION: DOWNLISTING MANATEES TO “THREATENED” FOLLOWS THE LAW.** The [Orlando \(FL\) Sentinel](#) (3/25, 712K) reported that the US Fish and Wildlife Service proposed to downlist manatees from endangered to threatened, and published an excerpt from an interview with the Pacific Legal Foundation’s Christina Martin, who defends the FWS proposal. In the interview, Martin said FWS scientists determined nine years ago that manatees are no longer in danger of becoming extinct, that “heavy handed” regulation can create “perverse incentives” that can harm the environment, and that reclassification follows the law on endangered species protection.

**WYOMING WOLVES KILL 19 ELK IN SUSPECTED “SURPLUS KILLING”.** [USA Today](#) (3/25, Bowerman, 5.45M) reports that “nineteen elk were killed by wolves earlier this week in what’s being called a ‘surplus kill,’ according to Wyoming wildlife officials.” John Lund, the Pinedale regional wildlife supervisor for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, said that “wWolves killed seventeen elk calves and two adult cows near Bondurant, Wyo.” He said that “because the wolves are federally protected, Wyoming wildlife managers can not take measures on a local level to curb their populations, even if they are killing high numbers of elk.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (3/26, 442K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (3/25, 975K), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/26, Yuhas, 3.71M), and the [Daily Mail](#) (3/26, Dailymail.com, 4.92M).

**AFRICAN LIONS RECEIVE PROTECTIONS UNDER ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.** The [National Geographic](#) (3/27, 30.99M) reports that “in late December last year,” the African lion received protections under the Endangered Species Act. The article explores “what an endangered listing on a U.S. document really means for an African species.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: MALHEUR OCCUPATION COSTS FWS OVER \$6M.** Additional coverage of the costs of the Malheur occupation was provided by the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (3/26, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), [The Hill](#) (3/25, Cama, 862K), the [Huffington Post](#) (3/27, 518K), [NPR](#) (3/25, 1.81M), [Reuters](#) (3/26, Dobuzinskis), [Raw Story](#) (3/26, 1.24M), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (3/27, 463K), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (3/25, Press, 4.1M), the [Seattle \(WA\) Times](#) (3/27, 1.12M), [UPI](#) (3/25, Connolly), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/25, Dailymail.com, 4.92M), [Mashable](#) (3/25, 1.72M), [WAMU-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/27, 30K), [KOIN-TV Portland \(OR\)](#) Portland, OR (3/27, 87K), and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (3/27, 404K).

**EDITORIAL: PLANT MILKWEED TO HELP MONARCH BUTTERFLIES.** The [Chicago Tribune](#) (3/25, Board, 2.17M) editorialized the US Fish and Wildlife Service said that despite a rebound, “monarchs are still struggling” from loss of habitat due to logging in Mexico, and pesticide use in the US. The Tribune said that the US is “pushing to replace or reintroduce milkweed” across the US in areas along the butterfly’s migration route, and gives information about the specific species of milkweed to plant for monarchs. Gardeners can also consult [www.monarchjointventure.org](#), or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, “which is partnering with the National Wildlife Federation and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation” to “lead the charge in protecting monarch butterflies across the American landscape.”



**National Park Service:**

**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF NPS CENTENNIAL.** The [Baltimore Sun](#) (3/25, 712K) reports on the “events and activities throughout 2016 to celebrate the Park Service’s centennial and its objectives: that the most wondrous and spectacular landscapes in the world’s largest democracy should be accessible to everyone, and that our indigenous plant and animal life should be provided protected free-range habitats.”

In an op-ed for the [Buffalo \(NY\) News](#) (3/27, 473K), Robert Manning, the Steven Rubenstein professor of environment and natural resources at the University of Vermont, writes that as the NPS “celebrates its centennial, it finds itself in a seemingly paradoxical circumstance: widely admired but increasingly uneasy about its ability to carry out its mission.” According to Manning, “employees believe deeply in the mission of the Park Service and have prepared themselves to carry out this work, but the agency lacks the resources to fully meet its mission and places too high a burden on its rangers and other staff.” He urges “ordinary citizens” to “help by celebrating the centennial with a commitment to service: by volunteering at a visitor center, monitoring sea turtle nests, rebuilding a storm-damaged trail, helping organize historical archives, donating to a park friends group and a myriad of other actions.” Manning adds that “perhaps above all, we can help by becoming informed national parks voters.”

Additional coverage of the Centennial was provided by [CoinNews](#) (3/25), [Stuff \(NZL\)](#) (3/27, 37K), [Education World](#) (3/27, 32K), and

[KPAX-TV Missoula, MT](#) (3/27, 733).

**SENATORS SEEKS MORE FUNDING FOR NPS TO TACKLE MAINTENANCE BACKLOG.** [National Parks Traveler](#) (3/27, 989) reports that “a quarter of the United States Senate is calling on those who hold the purse strings to make inroads on the billions of dollars of maintenance needs spread out across the National Park System.” According to the article, “the senators – 23 Democrats, one Republican, and one Independent – sent a letter last week to Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Environment, Interior, and Related Agencies, and Sen. Tom Udall, the subcommittee’s ranking member, to request ‘sufficient funding to allow the National Park Service to significantly address the backlog maintenance issue which is seriously impeding the visitor experience in our national parks.’”

**SEN. KING ASKS NPS DIRECTOR JARVIS TO VISIT KATAHDIN REGION.** The [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (3/25, 173K) reports that Sen. Angus King wants NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis “to hear what Katahdin region residents have to say about a proposed North Woods national monument, he said Friday.” King wrote Jarvis that “while President Barack Obama has the authority to create a monument via an executive order, Jarvis’ attention would help the federal government understand local residents’ feelings on the issue.” He wrote, “I continue to believe it is critical that the Department of the Interior focus its attention to the proposed conditions outlined in our previous letter.”

In an op-ed for the [Lewiston \(ME\) Sun Journal](#) (3/27, 17K), Will Coggin, the research director for the Environmental Policy Alliance, writes that “Maine’s Mount Katahdin region is contemplating a new North Woods national park — and proponents are ratcheting up the pressure on social media.” Coggin warns that “the move would pry North Woods from state hands and usher in federal oversight.” Coggin laments that “as President Obama’s second term comes to an end, we can only expect to see more government land grabs — and there’s not much Mainers can do to stop it unless Congress acts to roll back his overreaching presidential powers.”

**GRAND CANYON DISSOLVES RAFTING UNIT AFTER HARASSMENT CHARGES.** The [AP](#) (3/25, Fonseca, Press, 1.99M) reports that “the unit of Grand Canyon National Park that ran river trips has been dismantled following a report by a federal watchdog that found a longstanding pattern of sexual harassment there.” Grand Canyon Superintendent Dave Uberuaga “notified staff earlier this month of the decision to dismantle the river district, National Park Service spokesman James Doyle said.” According to agency spokeswoman Vanessa Lacayo, “none of the six employees lost their jobs.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (3/27, 290K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/25, Felicia Fonseca |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/25, Fonseca, 285K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (3/25, 975K), the [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (3/27, 37K), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/27, 4.92M), [Yahoo! News](#) (3/25, Fonseca, 6.31M), [KNXV-TV Phoenix \(AZ\)](#) Phoenix (3/27, 118K), and [KPNX-TV Phoenix \(AZ\)](#) Phoenix (3/27, 5K).

**CHERRY BLOSSOMS OFFICIALLY REACH PEAK BLOOM.** In its “Capital Weather Gang” blog, the



**Washington Post** (3/25, Ambrose, 8.98M) reports that the NPS announced that “the cherry blossoms officially reached peak bloom early this afternoon, March 25.” The article notes that “this year’s March 25 peak bloom comes about a week ahead of the recent 30-year average of around April 1.” The event “arrives 16 days earlier than the peak blooms of the last two years, which happened on April 10 (2014 and 2015).”

Additional coverage of the cherry blossoms was provided by [Fox News](#) (3/25, 9.42M), the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (3/27, 1.1M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/25, Ambrose, 8.98M), the [Huffington Post](#) (3/27, 518K), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/27, Mailonline, 4.92M), [Vox](#) (3/27, 758K), [WAMU-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/27, 30K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/27, 352K), [WTTG-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/27, 18K), and [WTOP-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/27, 255K).

**DEATH VALLEY’S “SUPER BLOOM” ATTRACTS VISITORS.** [Fox News](#) (3/25, 9.42M) reports that “the once-in-a-decade ‘super bloom’ that has put Death Valley in the spotlight over the last month has brought a renewed sense of tourism to the region.” According to the article, “halfway through the peak time, traffic hasn’t slowed down.”

**RESERVATION SYSTEM FOR WILDERNESS PERMITS DOWN AT MOUNT RAINIER PARK.** The [AP](#) (3/27, 1.99M) reports that “hikers who want to camp in the wilderness at Mount Rainier National Park won’t be able to make reservations this year, after a storm damaged the park’s reservation system.” According to park officials, “wilderness permits will now be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis, including for the popular Wonderland Trail.” The park has been “working with the University of Washington to test a new online reservation system, but that system won’t be launched until March 2017.”

**NPS OFFERS PLAN TO ADDRESS FLOODING AT CAPE POINT.** The [Coastal Review](#) (3/28) reports that the NPS Outer Banks Group has “proposed a plan to solve the persistent drainage problem at Cape Point.” According to the article, “in its plan, a 3- to 4-foot trench would be dug to allow water to drain into the ocean, and an upstream culvert would be converted to a weir.”

**WASHINGTON’S OLYMPIC PENINSULA DAM REMOVAL CREATES WILD RIVER AND A NEW BEACH.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/27, Yardley, 4.1M) reports removal of the two concrete dams that blocked the Elwha River “has released a wave of sand that has pushed the shoreline here north toward Canada.” According to Olympic National Park hydrologist Andy Ritchie, “nearly 60% of the sediment behind the dams has made its way down the river. Nearly a third of that has settled at the mouth, instantly reversing a long-standing pattern of erosion on the coastline.” Although almost 80% of the river’s course is in the park, the newly formed beach is not. Rather it is in the small coastal reservation of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, which has joined others in planning a permanent public access to the beach.

**FIRE ISLAND BREACH PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDY.** [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (3/27, Dooley, 1.23M) reported a “breach that cut through Fire Island during superstorm Sandy” located in the wilderness area of Fire Island National Seashore is now “as wide as five football fields,” is giving scientists the chance to study changes in the barrier island. The National Park Service is undertaking a study of what to do with the breach and plans to release a draft environmental report evaluating the options of either keeping the breach open, stabilize it, or close the breach.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS TO CONTINUE DEFENDING REGULATION AGAINST HOVERCRAFTS.** Additional coverage that the NPS “in Alaska plans to defend its ban on hovercrafts despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling giving a partial victory to a moose hunter who was told not to use the device in a national preserve” was provided by the [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (3/25, 211K) and the [Juneau \(AK\) Empire](#) (3/27, 15K).

**OP-ED: UNPEOPLED PLACES ARE ACTUALLY WELL-KNOWN.** In an op-ed for the [Denver Post](#) (3/26, Spagna, 881K) “Writers on the Range,” author Ana Maria Spagna writes that some people may want to visit certain national parks because they are “still relatively unknown.” However, visitors must remember that “these supposedly unpeopled places were actually well-known and often cared for by indigenous people.” She writes that it is better to show the wonders of national parks with people we love, rather than trying to keep them to ourselves.

### ***US Geological Survey:***

**UPCOMING USGS REPORT CONCLUDES DALLAS-FORT WORTH EARTHQUAKE RISK HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE.** Drawing from the Dallas Morning News, the [AP](#) (3/27) reports that a US Geological



Survey review, which “incorporates ‘induced’ earthquakes into federal seismic hazard maps” and is scheduled for release Monday, “concludes the risk of earthquakes for the Dallas-Fort Worth area is higher than it’s ever been.” The new report “estimates where, how often and how strongly earthquake ground shaking is expected to occur, according to” USGS researcher Robert Williams. Williams “says there’s no reason to panic and those scenarios are ‘unlikely but plausible.’”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Franklin \(IN\) Daily Journal](#) (3/27, 51K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/27, 285K), the [Dallas \(TX\) Morning News](#) (3/27, 1.24M), [Fuel Fix \(TX\)](#) (3/27, 28K), [KOTV-TV Tulsa \(OK\)](#) Tulsa, OK (3/27, 58K), and [KVIA-TV El Paso \(TX\)](#) El Paso, TX (3/27, 2K).

**VOLCANO ON ALASKA’S ALEUTIAN ISLANDS ERUPTS.** The [AP](#) (3/27, 64K) reports that the USGS announced that “a volcano on Alaska’s Aleutian Islands erupted Sunday afternoon and sent ash 20,000 feet into the air.” The USGS says the Pavlov Volcano “erupted at 4:18 p.m. local time.” The agency has “raised the volcano alert level to ‘Warning’ and the aviation warning to ‘Red.’”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (3/27, Press, 1.99M), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (3/28, 1.25M), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (3/27, Services, 2.17M), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/28, 4.92M), [US News & World Report](#) (3/27, 853K), [USA Today](#) (3/27, 5.45M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/27, Press, 8.98M).

## Top National News:

**KERRY: GOP REACTION TO BRUSSELS ATTACKS AN “EMBARRASSMENT.”** Secretary of State Kerry, appearing Sunday on CBS’ “Face the Nation,” criticized GOP reaction to last week’s terror attacks in Brussels and defended the President’s decision not to return to Washington. His remarks are generating light media attention – even as Republicans Donald Trump and Sen. Ted Cruz reiterated their calls for greater surveillance of Muslims in the US.

[Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/27, Krasny, 289K) reports Kerry said on CBS’ [Face The Nation](#) that proposals by Republican presidential candidates to ban Muslims from the country or increase surveillance in Muslim neighborhoods after the Brussels attacks are “an embarrassment.” Said Kerry, “Everywhere I go, every leader I meet, they ask about what is happening in America. They cannot believe it. I think it is fair to say they’re shocked.” [AFP](#) (3/27) quotes Kerry as saying, “It upsets people’s sense of equilibrium about our steadiness, about our reliability, and to some degree I must say to you, some of the questions, the way they’re posed to me, it’s clear to me that what’s happening is an embarrassment to our country.”

[Slate](#) (3/27, 1.48M) reports that “although he didn’t mention anyone by name, it seemed evident Kerry was referring to the rhetoric in the GOP camp with Sen. Ted Cruz and Donald Trump calling for greater surveillance of Muslim communities.” And “as if on cue, Cruz and Trump repeated their previous talking points on the issue on Sunday, making it clear neither one of them is backing down from previous statements.”

Trump, on [ABC’s This Week](#) (3/27, Karl, 6.61M), said he would “rule...out” internment camps for US Muslims, adding, “We would have to be very vigilant. We’re going to have to be very smart. We’re going to have to be very vigilant. ... And by the way, Muslims in our country have to report bad acts. Okay? When you look at what happened in Europe, in Brussels, where many, many people knew this thug from last week was living right in the midst of them, right only a few doors down from where he was living previously, they knew he was there. Nobody reported him.” [Asked](#) if Europe is safe for US travelers, Trump said, “I don’t think Europe is a safe place, no, I don’t. I think there are a lot of problems in Europe that are very, very severe.”

Trump, the [Washington Times](#) (3/27, Morton, 285K) reports, tweeted that Sunday’s bombing in Pakistan “is something he ‘alone’ can fix.” Trump [tweeted](#), “Another radical Islamic attack, this time in Pakistan, targeting Christian women & children. At least 67 dead, 400 injured. I alone can solve.” The Times notes Trump’s claim drew “some incredulous reactions.”

The [CBS Evening News](#) (3/27, story 8, 1:55, Glor, 11.17M) reported Sen. Ted Cruz on Sunday also “doubled down on his proposals to patrol Muslim neighborhoods in the US.” Appearing on [Fox News Sunday](#) (3/27), Cruz said, “What that looks like is proactive law enforcement. What that looks like is addressing the problem and engaging the problem. Using every tool, law enforcement, national security, intelligence, using the military abroad. To defeat the enemy. You know, there was a successful program in New York City that was started under Mayor Michael Bloomberg. It did exactly this. It engaged cooperatively with the Muslim community but it



got involved to prevent radicalization, to prevent radical Islamic terror cells from performing and prevent any acts of terror before they're carried out."

Meanwhile, Gov. John Kasich, appearing on [NBC's Meet the Press](#) (3/27, Todd, 5.27M), distanced himself from the calls by Trump and Cruz, saying, "I think when they see things and so it's sort of a knee-jerk. ... But let's talk practically here. In order for us to have great human intelligence...we are going to have to have intimate communication and coordination with our friends in the Muslim community. There is no question about it."

[Politico](#) (3/27, Wambrodt, 1.07M) reports Kerry also "defended" the President's decision to "stick with a trip to Latin America" after Tuesday's attacks, saying, "My response is to quote Charles Krauthammer: The president of the United States' schedule is not set by terrorists."

On [NBC's Meet the Press](#) (3/27, Todd, 5.27M), Kasich said, "When you have an attack in the heart of Europe, and you have this kind of slaughter, if I were President – I'm just telling you what I would do – I wouldn't have gone to a baseball game in Cuba. I would have come home. I would have called all the world leaders. I would have gathered my intelligence and military experts. And I would have sent them to Europe to sit down to assess our vulnerabilities."

On [Fox News Sunday](#) (3/27), Sen. Ted Cruz responded to criticism from the President last week, saying, "It's rich...Obama attacking me when he just got back from going to a baseball game with the Castros, celebrating and toasting a communist dictator who tortures and murders citizens, who oppresses them and who is rabidly anti-American and spreads terrorism throughout Latin America."

Appearing on [Fox News Sunday](#) (3/27, Bream), House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes said, "The President of the United States should not be hanging out in Cuba with a known financier of terrorism. What the President of the United States should be doing is calling together all our allies in a coalition of the willing including those in the Middle East that want to sit down together as leaders at a neutral location, put all the intelligence on the table so that we can find out where all the pockets of ISIS and Al Qaeda are."

***Trump Says He Predicted Brussels Terror Attacks, Reiterates Criticism Of NATO.*** On [ABC's This Week](#) (3/27, Karl, 6.61M), Donald Trump said, "I'm the only one that predicted it. I said Brussels is a hellhole, and the 'New York Times' mocked me. ... Then all of a sudden, it comes out that the attack took place in Brussels. I understand what is going on around the world far better than these politicians do. I have friends all over the world."

On [ABC's This Week](#) (3/27, Karl, 6.61M), Donald Trump said, "I think NATO is obsolete. NATO was done at a time – you had the Soviet Union. ... I'm not saying Russia is not a threat. But we have other threats. We have the threat of terrorism. NATO doesn't discuss terrorism. NATO doesn't have the right countries in it for terrorism. What I'm saying, we pay a totally disproportionate share to NATO. If you look at the Ukraine, we're the only ones fighting. I never hear other countries mentioned. We're talking about Ukraine, get out, do this, do that. Ukraine is very far away from us. How come the countries near the Ukraine, surrounding the Ukraine, how come they're not opening up, and they're not at least protesting?" NATO "has to be readjusted to take care of terrorism or we have to set up a new coalition, a new group of countries to handle terrorism. Because terrorism is out of control."

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** "*The State Assault On Planned Parenthood.*" A [New York Times](#) (3/28, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorial criticizes efforts by state governments to cut funds for Planned Parenthood, despite warnings from the federal government that such efforts "may be illegal, because federal law entitles Medicaid beneficiaries to receive care from any qualified provider they choose." The Times says the "harm inflicted on the poorest and most vulnerable women is substantial and immediate," and the result "is reduced access to essential health care for millions of American women."

**"Keeping Nuclear Weapons From Terrorists."** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (3/27, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says the recent terror attacks in Belgium and elsewhere "would have been catastrophic if the terrorists had gotten their hands on nuclear weapons or even a primitive 'dirty bomb.'" While "international efforts to prevent access to such weapons have made significant progress in recent years," the Times says "there is still a long way to go" as the President prepares to host the Nuclear Security Summit this week in Washington.



**“A Modern System Of Debtor Prisons.”** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (3/28, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says the Justice Department “responded forcefully” to Ferguson, Missouri, which was illegally jailing residents for nonpayment of fines, and the town “agreed to a federal plan to root out racist and unconstitutional practices in its Police Department and courts.” The Times says the plan “is a reminder of how far state and local courts have strayed from the law in this area, and it provides a clear route to restoring lost justice for the indigent.”

**WASHINGTON POST. “A Cheaper Rx.”** The [Washington Post](#) (3/27, 8.98M) editorializes on the Department of Health and Human Services’ proposed program to cut Medicare spending on prescription medications by increasing reimbursements for cheaper drugs and lowering reimbursements for expensive ones. Although the plan would likely “create winners and losers among health-care providers,” the Post says it could also “level the playing field between medically equivalent but differentially priced drugs,” and is worth trying.

**“Time To Rewrite The Rules On Cyberattacks.”** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (3/27, 8.98M) cites the cyberattack on a Rye, New York dam which was allegedly launched by Iranian hacker Hamid Firoozi, as evidence that “cyberattacks are proving feasible against critical civilian infrastructure such as electrical grids, power plants and dams,” while “the world’s major powers have managed to coalesce only around some informal and voluntary norms of behavior for cyberconflict,” it may be “time to set them down more concretely and firmly rule out floods and blackouts as tools of cyberattack.”

**“On The Wrong Side In Maryland.”** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (3/27, 8.98M) criticizes Democrats in the Maryland General Assembly for opposing Gov. Larry Hogan’s plan for “nonpartisan redistricting reform.” Although the Post says the plan “enjoys deep and wide support” across parties and demographics, Democrats oppose the plan unless a similar effort is undertaken in Virginia. The Post condemns the solution as “a cop-out” and says the refusal to entertain the proposal “is an affront to democracy that distorts and subverts the popular will.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. “Why Americans Hate Government.”** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/27, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes against the Education Department and the Council on Occupational Education for their actions which caused the 2005 bankruptcy of for-profit Decker College; the Journal also editorializes against the media for failing to give the story more coverage. The Journal portrays the regulators’ actions as unpunished abuses of power and calls for new Education Secretary John King to prevent such abuses in the future.

**“A Taliban Easter.”** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/27, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) writes, in an editorial, that Islamist strikes against Christians during religious holidays are becoming a common occurrence and warns about what those attacks will look like if the terrorists obtain WMDs.

**“Bernie Sanders Gets No Respect.”** A [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/27, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorial says Bernie Sanders has earned the right to continue fighting at least through the April primaries, and possibly to the Democratic convention in July, but argues the Democratic establishment has fixed the nominating process party elites, who favor Hillary Clinton.

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**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** International Security Measures-Terror Threats; Brussels Terror Attacks-Demonstrations; Syria-Palmyra Recaptured; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Severe Weather; Chicago Violence; Tax Scam; Ohio-Home Gas Leak; International Space Station Delivery.

**CBS:** Pakistan Terror Attacks; Brussels Terror Attacks-Demonstrations; Brussels Terror Attacks-President Obama; Brussels Terror Attacks-Security; Syria-Palmyra Recaptured; Pope Francis-Easter Message; 2016 Politics-Democrats; 2016 Politics-Candidate Terror Comments; Severe Weather; Tampa Car Thefts; University Of Vermont-Student Health Program.

**NBC:** Preempted by golf.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

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**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** Brussels Terror Attacks-American Deaths; Brussels Attacks-President Obama Condolences; Pakistan Terror Attack-Deaths; 2016 Politics-Democratic Results; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump.; NCAA Final Four.

**CBS:** Brussels Terror Attacks-Right Wing Demonstrations; Brussels Terror Attacks Demonstrations-New York Police Commissioner Comments; Pakistan Terror Attack-Deaths; International Financial Markets; NCAA Final Four.

**NPR:** Pakistan Terror Attack-Deaths; Palmyra Recaptured-Russian President Statements; Brussels Terror Attacks-Right Wing Demonstrations; Severe Weather; NCAA Final Four; Mexico-Drug Lord Arrested; Jazz Composer David Baker Death.

**FOX:** Brussels Terror Attacks-Right Wing Demonstrations; Pakistan Terror Attack-Mourning; 2016 Politics-Democratic Results; Mother Angelica Death.

**Washington Schedule:**



**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.****White House:**

PRESIDENT OBAMA — Keynotes Syracuse University Toner Prize award ceremony; hosts the final White House 2016 Easter Egg Roll of his Administration themed "Let's Celebrate."

FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA – Hosts the White House 2016 Easter Egg Roll themed "Let's Celebrate."

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — No public scheduled events.

**US Senate:** 11:30 AM Senate convenes for pro forma session

**US House:** House of Representatives on recess from 25 Mar – 11 Apr

**Other:** 12:00 PM ISIS co-host 'Plutonium and Highly Enriched Uranium' discussion – 'Plutonium and Highly Enriched Uranium 2015' discussion, hosted by the Institute for Science and International Security, with George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, and the Nuclear Threat Initiative. ISIS President and Founder David Albright and Research Analyst Serena Kelleher-Vergantini present highly enriched uranium and plutonium estimates of national inventories, findings, and recommendations for the upcoming 2016 Nuclear Security Summit Location: Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E St. NW, Washington, DC [isis-online.org](http://isis-online.org) <https://twitter.com/TheGoodISIS>

2:00 PM Assistant Secretary of State Thomas-Greenfield discusses the U.S.-Nigerian partnership at USIP – Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Amb. Linda Thomas-Greenfield speaks on 'Partnership with Nigeria: the U.S. View' – discussing the evolution of the U.S.-Nigerian partnership – at U.S. Institute of Peace Location: USIP, 2301 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC [www.usip.org](http://www.usip.org) <https://twitter.com/USIP> #USNigeria

**Last Laughs:****LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Jimmy Fallon:** "And during voting on Tuesday, Bernie Sanders tweeted a list of hotlines for his supporters to call if they had questions or issues while voting. While, if Bernie needs help, he just presses his Life Alert button."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Actually, I read about a parrot that actually hangs out at Bernie Sanders' campaign office in Tennessee. So if you want to hear someone repeat everything that Bernie Sanders says, just wait two weeks for Hillary [Clinton] to say it."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Actually, there's some good news for Hillary. I read that George Clooney emailed Hillary Clinton supporters a letter endorsing her for president. Or as Hillary put it, 'That's one email I'll never delete.'"

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**DOI in the News:**

**MALHEUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE OCCUPATION ENDS WITH ARRESTS OF LAST FOUR HOLDOUTS.** The end of the Oregon refuge standoff generated significant news coverage last night and this



morning, with several minutes of reporting on network newscasts and prominent coverage in print and wire media. Prominently featured in the coverage was the unrelated arrest of Cliven Bundy, the father of two of the occupiers, who had engaged in a controversial standoff with federal officials in 2014 over grazing rights.

[ABC World News](#) (2/11, story 4, 1:35, Muir, 5.84M) reported on "a dramatic end to the armed standoff in Oregon" with "three of the final four holdouts finally surrendering this morning," becoming "part of a group of 16 people now under federal indictment after 41 days that wreaked havoc." The [CBS Evening News](#) (2/11, story 4, 0:20, Pelley, 5.08M) similarly reported that the "six-week stand between the FBI and armed anti-government protesters ended peacefully," as "the final four hold-outs surrendered." CBS noted that "one refused to go quietly, though, ranting, 'liberty or death.'"

[NBC Nightly News](#) (2/11, lead story, 2:40, Holt, 7.86M) reported "the armed siege that has captivated the nation's attention for weeks has reached a dramatic conclusion. In the woods of Oregon, the final anti-government protesters occupying a federal wildlife refuge, have surrendered to the FBI." The end came "after tense all-night negotiations heard live by tens of thousands of people across the country who listened to every heart-stopping moment play out." NBC (Fryer) added that the FBI "closed in on the occupiers last night, a dramatic development that was also live streamed with tens of thousands listening."

The [Oregonian](#) (2/11, Zaitz, 864K) reports that the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge ended "after an hourlong negotiation with the last protester." Taken into custody by the FBI "were David Fry, 27, of the Cincinnati area, Jeff Banta, 46, of Elko, Nevada, Sean Anderson, 47, and his wife, Sandy, 48, of Riggins, Idaho," who "each face a federal conspiracy charge for their role in the occupation, joining at least 12 others already arraigned on that charge." The [Oregonian](#) adds that "at the final moment after the first three had walked out, Fry said he was feeling suicidal and wouldn't give himself up." Fry "rebuffed supporters" for over an hour, "saying he feared going to prison and losing his freedom," but he finally "said he wanted a cigarette and cookie and started walking out."

The [Washington Post](#) (2/11, Wolf, 8.98M) reports that Fry's surrender, "which had an audience of more than 30,000 people listening live, capped an extraordinary 18 hours in which America's growing and extreme anti-government movement morphed into something that move closely resembled a strange and nerve-wracking reality TV show." The [Post](#) adds that federal agents on Wednesday night arrested Cliven Bundy, "father of the group's leader and himself a veteran of armed standoffs with federal agents, as he arrived in Portland."

The [AP](#) (2/11, Boone, Bellisle) reports that Cliven Bundy, "who was at the center of a 2014 standoff at his ranch in Nevada," was charged on Thursday for that incident. A criminal complaint filed in a Las Vegas federal court "charged the 69-year-old Bundy with conspiracy, assault on a federal officer, obstruction, weapons charges and other crimes." He is "accused of leading supporters who pointed military-style weapons at federal agents trying to enforce a court order to round up Bundy cattle from federal rangeland."

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/11, Yardley, Pearce, 4.1M) reports that the FBI said in a statement, "No one was injured, and no shots were fired." The four arrested on Thursday are scheduled to be arraigned today in a Portland, OR federal court. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/11, Lazo, Barrett, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) reports that a spokesman for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, said the agency is "relieved that the illegal occupation of Malheur NWR is over" and said it would assist the FBI in processing the scene and "working to repair damages caused by the occupation."

The [New York Times](#) (2/11, Seminara, Pérez-Peña, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports the occupation "highlighted longstanding grievances, particularly among some ranchers, over federal government ownership and management of vast acreage in the West," but "despite the occupiers' calls for people from around the country to join them, the mass movement they hoped for never materialized."

Additional coverage was provided by the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (2/11, Seminara, Pérez-Peña, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (2/11, Seminara, Pérez-Peña, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), the [New York \(NY\) Times](#) (2/11, Revkin, 12.03M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (1/4, 8.98M), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (2/11, Yardley, Pearce, 4.1M), [NPR](#) (2/11, 1.81M), [ABC News](#) (2/12, 4M), [CNN](#) (2/11, Martinez, Berlinger, Ford, 3.96M), [CNBC](#) (2/11, 2.3M), [Reuters](#) (2/12, Edwards), [Reuters](#) (2/12), [Reuters](#) (2/12, Sebens), [Reuters](#) (2/12), [Reuters](#) (2/12, Sebens), the [Huffington Post](#) (2/11, 518K), [USA Today](#) (2/11, 5.56M), [MarketWatch](#) (2/11, 967K), the [Oregonian](#) (2/11, 864K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/11, 290K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/11, 290K), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (2/11, 463K), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (2/11, 463K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/11, Press, 1.99M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/11, Bellisle, Press, 1.99M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/11, Press, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/11, Press, 285K), the



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**Cliven Bundy Arrested.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/11) reports that "Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy was arrested at Portland International Airport late Wednesday night while on his way to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, where an armed occupation organized by his sons, Ammon and Ryan, appears to be coming to an end." Bundy "faces felony charges of conspiracy to impede a federal officer, as do his sons, who are also in jail." He "faces charges stemming from a 2014 standoff at his southeastern Nevada ranch between militia supporters and U.S. Bureau of Land Management authorities, who had impounded Bundy's cattle over \$1 million in unpaid grazing fees and court ordered fines."

Additional coverage was provided by the [AP](#) (2/12, Ritter), [The Hill](#) (2/12, Cama, 862K), [NPR](#) (2/11, 1.81M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/11, Phillips, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/11, Ken Ritter |, Ap, 8.98M), [USA Today](#) (2/11, Friedman, 5.56M), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (2/11, 463K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/12, Press, 881K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/11, 975K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/11, Ritter, Press, 1.99M), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (2/11, 463K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/11, 290K), the [Boston \(MA\) Globe](#) (2/11, Baumann, 1.05M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/11, Baumann, 285K), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Review-Journal](#) (2/12, 479K), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/11, 388K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (2/11, 2K), [Vox](#) (2/11, 758K), [Vox](#) (2/11, 758K), [RT](#) (2/11, 350K), the [Daily Mail](#) (2/11, 4.92M), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (2/11, Wong, 3.71M), [Yahoo! News](#) (2/12, Ritter, 6.31M) and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (2/11, 352K).

**Oregon Gov. Brown: State Will Seek Reimbursement For Standoff Costs.** The [Portland \(OR\) Tribune](#) (2/12, 122K) reports that Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said that the state will "focus on helping the community of Burns to recover, after the remaining four occupiers at a nearby national wildlife refuge surrendered to FBI agents on Thursday." Brown said "she continues to seek federal reimbursement of state and local government costs associated with the occupation, and she is also talking to federal officials about federal land management issues."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Salem \(OR\) Capital Press](#) (2/11, 113K), the [Daily Astorian \(OR\)](#) (2/11, 23K), and [The East Oregonian](#) (2/11, 24K).

**Utah Gov. Herbert: Oregon Occupiers Had Wrong Approach.** The [AP](#) (2/11, 1.99M) reports that Utah Gov. Gary Herbert "says the armed occupiers of an Oregon wildlife refuge showed poor behavior but should serve as a wakeup call to everyone that there are legitimate frustrations with the federal government." Herbert "said that the Oregon occupiers waged a fight separate from Utah's push to take over public lands but both movements stem from shared frustration with federal land managers."

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by [CNN](#) (2/11, 4.02M), [Fortune](#) (2/11, 4.02M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/11, Boone, Bellisle, Press, 1.99M), the [Huffington Post](#) (2/11, 518K), the [Eugene \(OR\) Register-Guard](#) (2/11, 194K), the [Moab \(UT\) Sun News](#) (2/11), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (2/12, 2K), [Talking Points Memo](#) (2/11, 303K), and [Talking Points Memo](#) (2/11, 303K).

**SECRETARY JEWELL ANNOUNCES NPS MUSEUM COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH GOOGLE.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication) reports that the Obama Administration on Thursday "unveiled a new partnership with Google Inc. that will make thousands of historically and culturally significant objects in the National Park Service's museum collection available online." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, "This marriage of technology and history means that anyone, anywhere can see artifacts and sites that provide a taste of the rich and diverse story of America." Jewell announced the partnership at an event marking Black History Month at Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site.

[Alabama Live](#) (2/11, 627K) reports that "at Tuskegee, Jewell was joined by fourth graders from DC Wolfe Elementary School, Tuskegee Public School, and Notasulga Elementary School, who participated in a virtual reality flight simulation activity, and learned about the Tuskegee Airmen's contributions to the nation." The children also "received Every Kid in a Park passes that provide fourth graders nationwide free entry for them and their families to more than 2,000 federally managed lands and waters nationwide for an entire year."

Additional coverage was provided by [ABC News](#) (2/12, 4M), the [Washington Times](#) (2/11, 285K), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Sun](#) (2/11, 196K), the [Colorado Springs \(CO\) Gazette](#) (2/11, 167K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/11,



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**OBAMA TO CREATE THREE NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN CALIFORNIA.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/11, Eilperin, 8.98M) reports the President on Friday will “designate more than 1.8 million acres of California desert for protection with the creation of three national monuments: Castle Mountains, Mojave Trails and Sand to Snow,” which will “connect three existing sites – Death Valley and Joshua Tree national parks and the Mojave National Preserve – to create the second-largest desert preserve in the world.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (2/11, Sahagun, 4.1M), the [Riverside \(CA\) Press Enterprise](#) (2/12, 302K), the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (2/12, 98K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/12, Rogers, 285K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/11, Rogers, Press, 1.99M), [US News & World Report](#) (2/12, 853K), and [USA Today](#) (2/12, Roth, 5.56M).

**SUPREME COURT’S STAY OF CLEAN POWER PLAN COULD SHAPE CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY ON CAPITOL HILL.** [E&E Daily](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication) reports that “the Supreme Court’s decision to freeze the Obama administration’s signature carbon rule will likely shape the political debate on climate change on Capitol Hill and in the upcoming presidential elections, lawmakers yesterday predicted.” According to the article, “House Republicans may not be as gung-ho about going after the Obama administration’s climate agenda.” Meanwhile, Rep. Raúl Grijalva, “ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee, said that the halt on the Clean Power Plan ‘brings new urgency’ to the Obama administration’s moratorium on coal leasing.”

The [Greenwire](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication) reports that “political leaders can still move forward on addressing climate change even with the Clean Power Plan mired in legal uncertainty, former officials in the Obama and George W. Bush administrations said yesterday.” According to officials, “incentives for wind power, solar energy and energy efficiency are much more likely to gain support among both Democrats and Republicans in the near future than a Clean Power Plan-like regulatory regime aimed at combatting climate change.” Also, “economic incentives are a way of getting around the scientific debate on climate, said Lynn Scarlett, who served as deputy secretary at the Department of the Interior during the Bush administration.”

Additional coverage was provided by [Forbes](#) (2/11, 8.72M) and the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (2/11, Board, 4.1M).

**HOUSE PANEL REPORT: OBAMA ADMINISTRATION CONCEALED DETAILS OF ANIMAS RIVER SPILL.** The [Washington Times](#) (2/11, Richardson, 285K) reports a report released Thursday by the House Natural Resources Committee “slammed the Environmental Protection Agency for the Animas River spill, attributing it to the crew’s sloppiness and accusing the Obama administration of deliberately concealing information about the accident.” The investigation by the panel’s majority staff “accused the EPA and Interior Department of ‘incompetence and willful efforts to evade consequences,’ the result being that they ‘cannot be trusted to spearhead remediation of sites like the Gold King Mine.’”

[E&E Publishing](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that the committee accuses the BOR, “which Interior assigned to conduct the ‘independent review’ of the incident, of having clear conflicts of interest that manifested themselves in the report.” The report says that “EPA purposefully chose Interior to conduct the investigation over the Army Corps of Engineers because the Army Corps had reservations about degradation at the Gold King mine site.”

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill](#) (2/12, Cama, 862K), [Fox News](#) (2/11, 9.42M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/11, Richardson, 285K), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/12, 388K), the [Pueblo \(CO\) Chieftain](#) (2/12, 87K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/12, Paul, 881K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/11, 31K), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (2/11, 463K), [US News & World Report](#) (2/11, 853K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/11, Brown, Elliott, 285K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/12, Paul, 881K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/11, 290K), the [Boston \(MA\) Herald](#) (2/11, 463K), the [Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette](#) (2/12, 54K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/11, Brown, Elliott, Press, 1.99M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/11, Brown Dan Elliott |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Farmington \(NM\) Daily Times](#) (2/11, 44K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/11, 31K), [Colorado Public Radio](#) (2/11), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (2/11, 3.71M), [Law360](#) (2/12, 22K), [Yahoo! News](#) (2/12, Brown, Elliott, 6.31M), [KRQE-TV Albuquerque \(NM\)](#) Albuquerque, NM (2/11, 69K), [KCNC-TV Denver \(CO\)](#) Denver (2/11, 78K), [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (2/11, 352K), and [KKTU-TV Colorado Springs \(CO\)](#) Colorado Springs, CO (2/11, 40K).



**INTERIOR OFFICIALS TO VISIT OHIO NEXT WEEK.** The [Dayton \(OH\) Daily News](#) (2/11, Gnaou, 155K) reports that Interior officials will visit Ohio next week. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis, and NPS Deputy Director Peggy O'Dell will travel to the Young monument in Wilberforce. Jarvis will "give park passes to fourth graders in Dayton and visit the Colonel Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument Feb. 18."

Additional coverage was provided by [My Dayton \(OH\) Daily News](#) (2/11) and [WHIO-TV Dayton, OH](#) (2/11, 145K).

**INTERIOR LOOKING TO ADD MICRO DRONES.** [Government Computer News](#) (2/11, 501) reports that the Interior Department is "considering beefing up its fleet of unmanned aerial vehicles with the addition of up to 100 micro drones." Interior said "it want to identify parties that can provide small, rotary-powered commercial unmanned aerial systems similar to 3DR Solo for Interior's Office of Aviation Services." According to a plan, "the drones could help with Interior's population surveys of threatened species, habitat surveys, erosion mapping, boundary assessment and invasive species detection, abandoned solid waste assessments and burned-area assessments."

**UTAH GOV. HERBERT CONSIDERS LAWSUIT TO TAKE CONTROL OF PUBLIC LANDS.** [KUER-FM Salt Lake City](#) (2/11, Grimett, 4K) reports that Utah Governor Gary Herbert says he's "intrigued" by the idea of suing the federal government for control of public lands in Utah as part of a "much larger strategy." It says the cost of such a suit is estimated to be \$14 million dollars.

In an editorial, the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/11, 388K) calls the Utah Public Lands Management Act the "Utah Public Lands Fairies and Unicorns Act," and says that the bill's "authorship and wording" indicate that public lands would undergo "destructive exploitation" under the control of the state. The Tribune asserts the federal lands will "remain federal lands."

In an opinion post in [The Hill's](#) (2/12, Molvar, 862K) "Pundits Blog," Erik Molvar, a director from the NGO WildEarth Guardians, calls for the creation of a new "Bear Ears National Monument" in Southern Utah. He says that Utah's move to take control of wilderness lands there has "crashed and burned," that its provisions "undermine conservation," and that the bill is opposed by the biggest environmental groups in the region, but that a national monument would help clean up "part of the mess."

**HOUSE BILL WOULD BLOCK NEW FOSSIL FUEL LEASES ON FEDERAL LAND.** [The Hill](#) (2/11, Henry, 862K) reported that Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) on Thursday introduced the Keep It In The Ground Act, which would block new leases for fossil fuel production on federal land and in federal waters. The bill is the House version of a bill Sens. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) and Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) introduced in November. Both bills seek to block future fossil fuel developments to encourage lawmakers to wean the US from fossil fuels and transition to cleaner energy.

Additional coverage was provided by [Think Progress](#) (2/11, 329K), [Law360](#) (2/11, 22K), and [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (2/11, Milman, 3.71M).

**SOME OREGON, CALIFORNIA LEADERS UPSET OVER REMOVAL OF KLAMATH DAMS.** The [Salem \(OR\) Capital Press](#) (2/11, 113K) reports that the Interior Department has said "it will work with Oregon, California and PacifiCorp to amend the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement and move forward with plans to remove the four dams from the Klamath River." But "local leaders say they are dismayed with the renewed effort to demolish" the dams. For example, Siskiyou County Supervisor Grace Bennett, District 4, said "she feels like Siskiyou County, Calif., leaders were left behind in the decision-making process."

**ADS REBUKE SENATORS FOR VOTES TO CURB EXECUTIVE POWER.** [E&E Daily](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication) reports that the League of Conservation Voters on Thursday "announced it is spending \$20,000 on ads rebuking two senators who voted in favor of legislation to curb the president's power to designate national monuments." The Facebook ads take aim at Sens. Joe Manchin and Rob Portman for supporting Sen. Mike Lee's amendment to the bipartisan "Energy Policy Modernization Act" late last week. LCV President Gene Karpinski said, "Politicians who vote to gut the law first used to protect half our national parks are not pro-parks. As we celebrate the National Park Service's Centennial year, it is incomprehensible that these senators support tearing down the very law that ensured we could quickly protect our country's special places for future generations."

**MOVEMENT SEEKS TO ENTICE PEOPLE OUTDOORS.** The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (2/11, 1.25M) reports



that “in what appears to be an emerging trend in outdoor recreation, government land management agencies, nonprofit groups and others are using a mix of enticements to get more people outdoors – particularly millennials, younger families and other nontraditional demographics.” According to the article, “the goals are to increase outdoors participation, buoy attendance at public venues (parks, refuges and trails), improve public health, and hopefully enlist a new generation of outdoors stewards.”

**OBAMA OFFERED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PRAISE IN BUDGET PROPOSAL.** In the [Washington Post](#) (2/11, 8.98M) “Federal Diary” blog, Joe Davidson writes President Obama “bequeathed his workforce strong words of praise” in the recently released budget proposal, “even if he couldn’t leave them much money.” Davidson highlights that the “Strengthening the Federal Workforce” section of the budget “contains a paean to federal employees, lauding them for making administration policies a success.” The budget document says federal employees “addressed a wide range of national priorities – including modernizing the military by opening all combat positions to women, negotiating complex trade and political treaties and determining a way to rate college’s return on investment” and helped improve the economy.

**Additional Coverage Of Federal Budget Request.** Additional coverage of the federal budget proposal was provided by the [Sierra \(CA\) Sun Times](#) (2/11), the [Tri-State Livestock News \(SD\)](#) (2/11), the [Native American Times](#) (2/11, 337), the [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (2/11, 279K), the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (2/11, 569K), the [Idaho Statesman](#) (2/11, 198K), the [Tri-City Herald \(WA\)](#) (2/11, 100K), [Yellowhammer News](#) (2/11), and [Geo Community](#) (2/11).

**OPINION: FEDERAL LANDHOLDINGS VIOLATE FOUNDERS’ INTENT.** In a [New American](#) (2/11, Jasper, 3K) column, Senior Editor William Jasper criticizes the federal government for seeking add to lands under its control, or for holding on to largest expanses of land in the West. He says that the constitution sought to limit federal ownership of land, and that “the federal boot is heavy” as agencies continue “their decades-long buying spree” of “millions more acres,” when funds are insufficient for current landholdings. He says there is no “practical, moral, or constitutional basis” for the federal government to own “vast swaths of the American West.”

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**INTERIOR CLAIMS IMMUNITY TO TRIBE’S SUIT OVER EDUCATION REFORM.** [Law360](#) (2/12, 22K) reports that the Interior Department “on Wednesday countered a South Dakota tribe’s lawsuit over the department’s proposed restructuring of support systems for aboriginal schools, telling a federal judge that it is immune to the suit.”

**WOMAN STABBED TO DEATH ON UTE MOUNTAIN UTE RESERVATION.** The [AP](#) (2/12) reports that “an investigation is underway after a 20-year-old woman was stabbed to death at a home on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation in southwestern Colorado.” According to Jeff Dorschner, a spokesman for the US Attorney’s Office, “no arrests have been made in early Monday’s death of Keisha Meya Colorow, of Towaoc.” The BIA and the FBI are investigating the death.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Cortez \(CO\) Journal](#) (2/10, 4K) and [KOAA-TV Colorado Springs \(CO\)](#) Colorado Springs, CO (2/11, 28K).

## Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**INTERIOR ALLOCATES FUNDING FOR NEW WETLAND ON ALAMO RIVER.** [KXO-AM El Centro, CA](#) (2/11) reports that the Interior Department has “agreed to allocate \$3 million to fund a wetlands project on the Alamo River.” According to the article, “the 31 acre wetland will be designed to improve water quality as it flows into the Salton Sea. Kelley said it was another step towards the restoration of the Sea.”

**REP. THOMPSON INTRODUCES LAKE BERRYESSA LEGISLATION.** The [Napa Valley \(CA\) Register](#) (2/11, 73K) reports that Rep. Mike Thompson has “introduced the Lake Berryessa Recreation Enhancement Act (H.R. 4521) legislation to transfer recreation management at Lake Berryessa from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).” Thompson said, “I introduced this legislation to put the right federal agency in charge of managing recreation at Lake Berryessa. As it is currently structured, BOR – an agency tasked with managing water resources – is managing recreation at Lake Berryessa.” He added, “BOR shouldn’t be responsible for recreation at the Lake because BOR doesn’t do recreation, BLM does. This legislation has strong support in the local community and has over 150 bipartisan cosponsors in Congress because transferring management to BLM is the right thing to do.”



## Securing America's Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**BIRD CONCERNS DELAY MASSACHUSETTS WIND FARM.** [E&E Publishing](#) (2/11, Bravender, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that on Thursday, a US Court of Appeals panel heard arguments regarding challenges to the proposed Massachusetts Cape Wind project that say that the Fish and Wildlife service failed to consider the "best scientific and commercial data available" when addressing impact to migratory birds protected by the Endangered Species Act. A decision is expected "within the next year."

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS ON BLM'S FRACKING RULE.** [E&E Publishing](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that "oil and gas industry groups are urging a federal court to toss an appeal from the Obama administration and environmental groups that want new regulations on hydraulic fracturing to take effect." Attorneys for the Independent Petroleum Association of America and Western Energy Alliance have "asked the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to dismiss a challenge from the Department of the Interior and environmental allies seeking to reverse an injunction of the agency's fracking rule." Industry claims that "Interior's appeal will be moot by the time the 10th Circuit hears the case."

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP QUESTIONS PEABODY'S SELF BONDING.** The [AP](#) (2/11, Gruver) reports the environmental group WildEarth Guardians filed a complaint with the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, "questioning Peabody Energy's ability to fully bond its coal mines in Wyoming and elsewhere in the Rocky Mountain region," arguing the company doesn't have the funding to qualify for self-bonding. [Reuters](#) (2/12, Bailey) reports the group wants the regulator to order Peabody to secure more than \$1 billion in guarantees to cover mine cleanup costs.

**ACTIVISTS PLAN RALLY AT BLM AUCTION IN COLORADO.** The [Akron \(OH\) Beacon Journal](#) (2/11, 291K) reports that "dozens of climate activists" planned to "rally Thursday morning outside of the Bureau of Land Management office in Lakewood, Colo., calling for an end to new auctions of public lands to fossil fuel companies." The activists will also "deliver a letter to regional BLM Director Ruth Welch, asking her to cancel all future auctions and to keep fossil fuels on public lands in the ground." The rally is "part of the rapidly growing 'Keep It in the Ground' movement calling on President Obama to define his climate legacy and stop new fossil fuel leases on public lands and oceans – a step that would keep up to 450 billion tons of carbon pollution from escaping into the atmosphere."

**BLM PLANNING TO CANCEL THOMPSON DIVIDE LEASES.** Additional coverage that the BLM is "moving toward a compromise between conservationists and energy officials about oil and gas leases in the Thompson Divide" was provided by the [Houston Chronicle](#) (2/11, 1.99M), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/12, 881K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/11, 285K), the [Aspen \(CO\) Daily News](#) (2/11, 27), and [KUSA-TV Denver \(CO\) Denver](#) (2/11, 318K).

**BLM AND USFS EXTEND COMMENT PERIOD FOR WASHINGTON DRILLING PROJECT.** The [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (2/11, Pesanti, 94K) reports that BLM and USFS will extend the comment period for an environmental assessment of the Ascot Resources Gold Mountain exploratory drilling permit application until the first week of March. The Columbian reports that responsibility for control of resources on and around the site is shared by BLM, USFS, and Ascot.

**DALLAS LEADERS PROTEST BLM AUCTION.** The [Denton \(TX\) Record-Chronicle](#) (2/11, Scott, 48K) reports that Dallas leaders are protesting a BLM auction of land adjacent to Lewisville Lake, citing concerns over water quality, the Lewisville Dam, and lack of notification given to residents.

**DURANGO SUPPORTS BLM STUDY ON GAS DEVELOPMENT PLANS.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/11, Romeo, 31K) reports that Durango residents voted in "near unanimous" favor for more study into how gas resources will be developed in Southern Colorado. Supporters favor the development of a Master Leasing Plan (MLP) that would strategically map new well locations. The MLP is opposed by energy companies and county commissioners who say it would unnecessarily restrict operations.



**SCIENTISTS: MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL MINING'S EFFECTS SIMILAR TO VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.**

[Think Progress](#) (2/11, Valentine, 329K) reports on a study by Duke University researchers that quantifies changes to the landscape from mountaintop removal mining in Appalachia, and says that physical effects are "similar to volcanic eruptions," and that the "entire landscape is fractured, deepened, and decoupled from prior landscape evolution trajectories."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: WYOMING, ARCH COAL REACH SELF-BONDING DEAL.** Additional coverage that "Wyoming regulators have reached a deal with Arch Coal to accept up to \$75 million in place of the company's \$486 million in bonding obligations in the state while the company goes through Chapter 11 bankruptcy" was provided by [KMOX-TV St. Louis \(MO\)](#) St. Louis (2/11, 18K) and the [Wyoming Business Report](#) (2/11, 24K).

***Offshore Energy Development:***

**OP-ED: OFFSHORE DRILLING IS NOT THE ANSWER TO US ENERGY NEEDS.** In a column in [Inertia](#) (2/11, Nelson, 6K), Surfrider Foundation CEO Chad Nelson and Visla CEO Paul Naude oppose the Administration's plan to allow drilling in areas of the Atlantic Ocean, saying that offshore drilling is not the answer to US energy needs. They say "the risks far outweigh the rewards" of drilling, because it will negatively impact coastal communities and injure marine life.

**America's Great Outdoors:*****Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM UNVEILS MAJOR REVAMP OF MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS.** [E&E Publishing](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that the Obama Administration on Thursday "announced the first major step toward implementing a new land-use planning approach across hundreds of millions of acres of federal land." The BLM "unveiled a proposed rule that will amend the regulations governing how agency resource management plans (RMPs) are developed, amended and revised." According to the article, "the new rule is designed to allow BLM to revise and amend the 160 RMPs that guide energy development, wildlife protections and recreation on the agency's 245 million acres more quickly to address a host of major land management issues." Janice Schneider, Department of the Interior assistant secretary for land and minerals management, said today in a statement, "The changes we are proposing will improve our ability to respond to today's environmental, economic and social realities, including the need to have strong science, early and regular public input and a landscape-level approach to natural resource challenges and opportunities."

**WILD HORSE ADVOCATES CALLS FOR HALT TO PLANNED BURRO ROUND-UP.** The AP Salt Lake City (2/12, 404K) reports that the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign is "speaking out against a planned federal round-up of wild burros in eastern Utah as part of an in-depth study of the animals." The group said Thursday that "the herd near Green River is one of the few that's been relatively undisturbed for more than two decades, and removing animals could permanently skew wild burro research by interrupting the animals' natural patterns and creating inflated birth rates." The BLM says "it's going ahead with the plan to round up about 130 of the 220 wild donkeys in the Sinbad herd."

**BLM SEEKING INPUT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO MOAB CAMPGROUNDS.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (2/11, 402K) reports that the BLM's Moab field office is "seeking public input on a proposal to alter the Kings Bottom, Moonflower and Spring Canyon campgrounds along Kane Creek Road." According to the article, "under the proposal, campsites 3 through 8 in Moonflower would be relocated; the existing sites would be reclaimed, and a designated hiking trail would be marked to the end of the canyon."

**BLM SEEKS COMMENTS ON SPACEPORT SOUTHERN-ROAD STUDY.** The [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#) (2/11, 47K) reports that the BLM Las Cruces District is "seeking public comments on a study, known as an environmental assessment, that evaluates impacts to public lands in Doña Ana and Sierra Counties for proposed road improvements on a southern road to Spaceport America."

***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FWS DIRECTOR ASHE TO SPEAK AT DUCKS UNLIMITED EVENT.** The [Fredericksburg \(VA\) Free Lance-Star](#) (2/11, 89K) reports that the Fredericksburg chapter of Ducks Unlimited has "scheduled a new 'Gun Bash—



Wild Game Dinner' event for Feb. 26." FWS Director Dan Ashe is among the planned speakers at the event.

**HUNDREDS OF MANATEES HUDDLE AT THREE SISTERS SPRINGS TO ESCAPE COLD.** The AP (2/12, Lush) reports that on Thursday morning, about 500 manatees "crowded into the Three Sisters Springs as temperatures along Florida's Gulf Coast dipped below 50 degrees." Ivan Vincente, visitor services specialist for the FWS at Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge, said, "They're basically chilling in the springs sleeping. They're spending the vast majority of the time resting and conserving energy." Vincente noted that "this year is unusual because the manatees arrived at the springs about 60 miles north of Tampa in January and have camped out there for weeks because of the cold."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Miami \(FL\) Herald](#) (2/11, 803K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/11, Lush, Press, 1.99M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/11, Tamara Lush |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/11, Lush, 285K), the [Daily Mail](#) (2/11, 4.92M), [AOL](#) (2/11, 6.15M), [Florida Today](#) (2/11, 204K), and [WCVB-TV Boston \(MA\)](#) Boston (2/11, 418K).

**ANIMAL ACTIVISTS SUE TO STOP IMPORT OF ELEPHANTS.** [Courthouse News](#) (2/11, 7K) reports that "animal rights group Friends of Animals sued in Federal Court this week to reverse a Fish and Wildlife Service decision allowing three American zoos to import 18 elephants from Swaziland." Friends of Animals' lawsuit "claims that the U.S. government violated the National Environmental Policy Act by issuing a permit to allow the transfer of animals without fully evaluating what impact the process of capture and transport would have on the emotional and physical well-being of the elephants." The lawsuit noted that "evidence has shown that elephants suffer from depression, anxiousness, mood swings and fear, and face a higher risk of disease while in captivity."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Omaha \(NE\) World-Herald](#) (2/12, 549K).

**FEDERAL SCIENTISTS WANT TO STUDY WALLKILL RIVER AFTER FINDINGS OF SEX MUTATIONS IN FISH.** The [North Jersey \(NJ\) Media Group](#) (2/11, 98K) reports that "federal scientists are recommending that a portion of the Wallkill River in Sussex County be studied in greater detail to find out why some male fish have developed female sexual traits, officials said Thursday." According to the article, "the Wallkill is one of six national wildlife refuge sites in the Northeast that scientists at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service want to study further due to the high incidence of smallmouth bass growing immature eggs in their testes." David Eisenhauer, a spokesman for the FWS, said, "When you drill down to the individual refuge level, you can begin to ask questions such as what is it in the water that may be causing the effect, where is it coming from and what can we do to alleviate the problem."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: OLD ALBATROSS HATCHES NEW CHICK AT ATOLL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** Additional coverage that Wisdom the Laysan albatross has hatched a chick at the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/11, Fears, 8.98M), the [New Hampshire Voice](#) (2/11), the [New York Post](#) (2/11, 2.92M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (2/10, 442K), [Nature World News](#) (2/11), and [Value Walk](#) (2/11, 29K).

#### **National Park Service:**

**IMAX FILM "NATIONAL PARKS ADVENTURE" CELEBRATES PARKS.** The AP (2/11, Harpaz, Editor, 1.99M) reports that a new IMAX movie, "National Parks Adventure," debuts Friday, celebrating "the beauty and thrills of America's parks." The film is "part of a yearlong celebration marking the centennial of the National Park Service." The article notes that "the movie was filmed over nine months in more than 30 national parks, including Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, Yosemite, the Grand Tetons and Death Valley."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/11, Harpaz, 285K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/11, Beth J. Harpaz |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (2/11, 402K), the [Fairbanks \(AK\) News-Miner](#) (2/11, 42K), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/11, 388K), [Fox News](#) (2/11, 9.42M), the [Daily Mail](#) (2/11, 4.92M), [Yahoo! News](#) (2/12, Harpaz, 6.31M), [WTOP-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (2/11, 255K), and [KOLN-TV Lincoln \(NE\)](#) Lincoln, NE (2/11, 46K).

**NPS DIRECTOR JARVIS RESPONDS ON MAINE MONUMENT PROPOSAL.** The [Bangor \(ME\) Daily News](#) (2/11, 173K) reports that Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King and Rep. Bruce Poliquin "released a letter Thursday in which the nation's top park service official extolled the virtues of national parks and monuments in response to their 'serious reservations' about a proposal to create a monument in the Katahdin region." In a letter dated Feb. 4, NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis "praises the approximately 87,500 acres that the family of



millionaire entrepreneur Roxanne Quimby wants to donate to the National Park Service this year." Jarvis said that "he looked forward to hearing more from the three members of Maine's congressional delegation about the proposal."

**LAWMAKERS PUSH FOR BLACK HISTORY COMMISSION.** [Roll Call](#) (2/11, 126K) reports that "Virginia lawmakers gathered Thursday morning to make their case for a federal commission on African-American history, pointing out Congress has supported similar bodies to study English and Hispanic history." Rep. Don Beyer Jr. "joined fellow Virginia Democrats Rep. Robert C. Scott and Sens. Mark Warner and Tim Kaine in supporting legislation to establish a commission to organize programs in 2019 that would commemorate the history of African-Americans in the U.S., timed with the 400th anniversary of the first African slaves arriving in Virginia in 1619." According to the legislation's text, "the commission would be comprised of 15 people chosen with input from the Virginia government, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, civil rights and historical organizations, the National Park Service, members of Congress, and the Smithsonian Institution."

**IDAHO RESIDENTS SEEK NATIONAL PARK STATUS FOR CRATERS OF THE MOON.** The [High Country \(CO\) News](#) (2/11, Gray, 74K) reports that Idaho residents are seeking to change Craters of the Moon National Monument's status to that of a National Park in an effort to attract more tourists to the area. The News says that the move "might have a change" because its "varied landscape" and "robust ecosystem" make it a strong candidate for national park status.

**JUDGE: "IDLING" IS NOT "PARKING."** The [Washington Post](#) (2/11, Shapira, 8.98M) reports that a federal judge in Alexandria reversed 15 National Park Service parking citations issued to Virginia taxi driver Yahia Fayed on Thursday for parking at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. The judge said that because Fayed was in his car with the engine on when the citations were issued, he was not technically parked, and therefore was not in violation of rules prohibiting parking there.

**YOSEMITE PLANS MARCH 1 CONCESSIONAIRE TRANSITION.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/11, Reynolds, 4.1M) reports that Yosemite Hospitality will take over Yosemite National Park concessions from DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite Inc. on March 1st. The Times says both sides are "committed to a seamless transition."

**NPS ANNOUNCES VIRGINIA BATTLEFIELD GRANTS.** The AP (2/12, Press, 8.98M) reports that the NPS says "\$5.3 million in preservation funding is heading to 17 Civil War battlefields, primarily in Virginia." The agency says "the federal dollars from the Land and Water Conservation Fund will help preserve 1,640 battlefield acres in six other states besides Virginia."

**GETTYSBURG MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING AS A NATIONAL PARK.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/11, Wheeler, 8.98M) reports that Gettysburg National Park is "celebrating its founding as a national park on Feb. 11, 1895." According to the article, "on that date, the Gettysburg National Park Commission announced the battlefield had become a national park and took over the effort to preserve a large portion of the battlefield from the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association, which had been founded in 1864 and had saved 600 acres." The Gettysburg National Military Park, "as it known today, has released a number of historic photographs, with extensive captions, to mark the anniversary."

**WREATH-LAYING TO MARK 207TH ANNIVERSARY OF LINCOLN'S BIRTH.** The AP (2/12, Press, 8.98M) reports that the 207th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth will be marked with "a wreath-laying at the Lincoln Memorial." The NPS says "a variety of government officials and organizations will present wreaths during the ceremony at noon on Friday." According to the article, "the Military District of Washington will provide a color guard, and there will also be a musical program."

**THREE ASSATEAGUE ISLAND MARES EXPECTING SPRING FOALS.** [USA Today](#) (2/11, Chappell, 5.56M) reports that three of mares at Assateague Island National Seashore Mares are expecting foals between April and June. Park staff dart some horses with a birth control vaccine and leave others untreated in order to regulate population on the island.

**JEWEL CAVE NATIONAL PARK REMOVES AGE RESTRICTIONS.** [KNBN-TV](#) Rapid City, SD (2/12, Horvatin, 33) reports that Jewel Cave National Monument has made major renovations to the walk paths inside the cave, and will be removing age restrictions put in place following accidents involving small children last year.

**FIRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS ROBBINS REST NEEDS EMERGENCY DUNE.** [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (2/11, 1.23M) reports that "Robbins Rest on Fire Island will need emergency dune repairs because powerful storms earlier this week caused significant erosion in that area, a



federal official said Thursday." Chris Soller, superintendent of the Fire Island National Seashore, "This was a major nor'easter — there were some pretty high waves." The NPS is "working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and state and local officials to build a protective dune in Robbins Rest as quickly as possible, Soller said."

**GROUP OF HUMAN SCAVENGERS LIVING OFF LAND IN YELLOWSTONE.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication) reports that "eight people have spent the past few winters living off the land in Yellowstone National Park for a month, collecting scraps of hunted buffalo and teaching themselves the traditional skills to make use of those parts." Katie Russell, a founder of the group called the Buffalo Bridge Project, "first saw a buffalo butchered four years ago and was fascinated by the process." Russell "received a grant to camp for a month during the following buffalo-hunting season, then turned to Indiegogo to raise funds." According to the article, "from their camp in Gardiner Basin, the scavengers often help state or tribal hunters haul their kills to their vehicles, asking for nothing in return but sometimes receiving scraps to use."

**LAWSUIT TARGETS CATTLE GRAZING AT POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE.** Additional coverage that "a group of environmentalists is suing to stop thousands of cattle from continuing to graze" at Point Reyes National Seashore was provided by the [Houston Chronicle](#) (2/11, 1.99M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/11, 285K), and the [San Jose \(CA\) Mercury News](#) (2/12, Rogers, 648K).

## Top National News:

**OBAMA: "VERY CONFIDENT" OF "STRONG LEGAL FOOTING" ON CLEAN POWER PLAN.** President Obama made his first public comments on Thursday about the Supreme Court's decision to suspend implementation of the Clean Power Plan, saying he is confident the measures will pass the legal challenges. The limited media coverage highlights that in his comments, at a California fundraiser, Obama stressed the court's action is meant to allow the legal process to play out rather than rule against the legality of the regulations.

The [AP](#) (2/11, Superville) reports Obama indicated "he is very confident" the Clean Power Plan will survive current legal challenges. [Reuters](#) (2/11, Mason, Volcovici) reports that while Obama said while the Supreme Court's decision to stay implementation of the measures was "unusual," the Administration is "very confident that we're on strong legal footing here." After saying some people have incorrectly commented that the court had struck down the Clean Power Plan, Obama said, "That's not true. So don't despair, people." Obama said, according to [The Hill](#) (2/11, Henry, 862K), the court's decision "says, 'Hold on until we review the legality.'"

The [Washington Post](#) (2/11, Mufson, 8.98M) reports Obama explained the Supreme Court has previously required the EPA to regulate emissions if they are shown to have a negative impact on public health. The President said, "The centerpiece of our climate action plan involves working with states like California to come up with a strategy for reducing their carbon emissions." Obama added, "We do so under the Clean Air Act, which the Supreme Court says requires the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate carbon emissions if we can show, as science has clearly shown, damage to public health."

[CNN](#) (2/11, Malloy, 3.96M) reported on its website Obama said the effort to combat climate control "is going to be an enormous generational challenge." The President added, "There are going to be people constantly pushing back and making sure we keep clinging to old dirty fuels and a carbon-emitting economic strategy that we need to be moving away from." [TIME](#) (2/11, Rhodan, 18.01M) quotes Obama as saying, "We need to be investing in the future, not the past," adding, "We should be investing in solar and wind and battery technology — all the things that promise us we can generate enormous power without destroying the planet for our kids and grandkids."

**McCarthy: Stay Is Not A Defeat Of Clean Power Plan.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/11, Harder, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) reports EPA Administrator McCarthy also made her first public comments about the court's decision on Thursday and, like Obama, stressed it does not represent a defeat of the program. McCarthy said, "It is a pause in terms of the implementation and enforcement of the Clean Power Plan." Later when speaking at a National Association of Energy Officials conference, McCarthy said that during the stay, the Administration will "be doing some things, making sure we get our arms around the decision and make really sound choices."

**Albright Court Brief Indicated Stay Could Cause Irreversible Harm To International Climate Deal.** The [Washington Times](#) (2/11, Boyer, 285K) reports former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright "has said a Supreme Court order temporarily halting" the Clean Power Plan "could derail President Obama's cherished global



climate change agreement." In a federal court brief filed in December, Albright wrote a stay "would likely cast doubt on the ability of the United States to achieve domestic emission reductions and lead other nations to delay implementing emission reductions." Albright added, "Such a loss of momentum could quickly snowball, causing more nations to signal their intent to delay. If the loss of momentum were great enough, it could not be repaired even following a decision on the merits upholding the Clean Power Plan."

**Jackson: Final Decision On Clean Power Plan Will Have "Global Reach."** In a [Boston Globe](#) (2/11, 1.05M) column, Derrick Jackson says while the Supreme Court may view the Clean Power Plan as "a mere matter of domestic government overreach," the "world is looking to the plan as a key symbol of American credibility in the Paris climate agreement." Jackson adds, "Whatever the justices ultimately decide, their ruling will have global reach."

**RYAN EXPECTS BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO PROVIDE ZIKA FUNDING.** [The Hill](#) (2/11, Sullivan, 862K) reports House Speaker Ryan said Thursday that he expects "some kind of bipartisan action" to approve that funding. House Minority Leader Pelosi said that she also believes the funding effort "will be bipartisan, hopefully noncontroversial, as we go forward to meet the president's request."

**Officials Urge Lawmakers To Approve New Zika Funding, Without Repurposing Ebola Money.** [USA Today](#) (2/11, Kelly, 5.56M) reports health officials – including CDC Director Frieden, the NIH's Anthony Fauci, and HHS Secretary Burwell – "urge[d] lawmakers to approve" new emergency funding to battle Zika rather than taking it from existing Ebola funds. Frieden told a Senate appropriations subcommittee that repurposing the money would "risk letting down our guard on Ebola (if the funds are diverted to Zika)."

**Link Between Zika, Birth Defects Growing.** The [CBS Evening News](#) (2/11, story 3, 2:10, Pelley, 5.08M) reported the suspected link between the virus and microcephaly "has been strengthened within the past day by reports both in Brazil and the United States" as the virus was found in the brain tissue of newborns with microcephaly who died. Furthermore, the [Washington Post](#) (2/11, Sun, 8.98M) reports that two US women who contracted Zika while abroad miscarried after returning home, "and the virus was found in their placentas," according to a CDC spokesman on Thursday. Researchers in Salvador, Brazil are also probing "some miscarriages and still births" at three maternity hospitals for possible links to the virus. The Post also mentioned that Frieden testified Wednesday that one US case of Guillain-Barré syndrome may be linked to Zika.

Another [Washington Post](#) (2/11, Phillips, Miroff, 8.98M) report adds that in Colombia, authorities last week said three Zika-infected patients died from Guillain-Barré. Meanwhile, Brazil's health ministry on Thursday announced a third fatality linked to Zika after a 20-year-old woman whose death was registered as pneumonia had Zika show up in blood samples. Brazilian researchers say the patient's respiratory problems "were unusual," for Zika, so other factors may have contributed to her death.

**CDC Providing Zika Tests To Health Clinics For Pregnant Women.** The AP (2/11, Neergaard) reports Frieden told Senate members that the CDC has shipped 62,000 Zika tests for pregnant women to health departments around the US, but warned there "may be a period of weeks or a couple of months where there aren't enough tests for the women who want to have them done."

**Frieden Warns Of Possible Increase In Puerto Rico Zika Cases.** Rehema Ellis reported on [NBC Nightly News](#) (2/11, story 5, 2:00, Holt, 7.86M) that CDC Director Tom Frieden testified before the Senate Thursday, where he said, "At some point we may well see tens or hundreds of thousands of Zika infections in Puerto Rico."

**YELLEN STILL EXPECTS INTEREST RATE INCREASES THIS YEAR.** In her second day of her semiannual testimony to Congress, Federal Reserve Chair Yellen on Thursday told the Senate Banking Committee that while global economic developments do pose risks to the US economy, it is too soon to tell if those risks are great enough to change the Fed's policies on interest rates. The AP (2/11, Crutsinger) reports Yellen said the central bank will determine at its March meeting "how much economic weakness and falling markets around the world have hamstrung US-growth." This, after she testified Wednesday that "global pressures could depress the US economy's growth and slow the pace of Fed rate hikes." [Reuters](#) (2/11, Dunsmuir, Spicer) says Yellen reiterated her assertion that Fed policy is not on a "pre-set path," but said she still anticipates it will gradually raise interest rates this year.

The [New York Times](#) (2/11, Appelbaum, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) likewise says Yellen "spent several minutes... assuring the Senate Banking Committee that the Fed wasn't planning to reverse course and cut rates." While Yellen "said the Fed still planned to raise rates gradually," she "didn't try to convince investors that



the Fed still might increase rates at its next meeting, in March.”

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/11, Puzanghera, 4.1M) reports Yellen “tried to keep all options on the table while waiting for more data about the recent market anxiety’s effects on the US economy,” and “refused to be pinned down on whether Fed policymakers would enact another small increase to the so-called federal funds rate at their next meeting in March.” The Times describes Yellen as “cautiously optimistic about the US economy, though she said recent strong increases in hourly earnings indicated only ‘tentative’ evidence that sluggish wage growth was improving.”

**Shelby Questions Fed Authority To Impose Negative Interest Rates.** [Bloomberg News](#) (2/11, Boesler, 2.92M) reports that after Yellen told the panel the Fed was re-examining cutting interest rates below zero “as a policy option if the economy faltered,” and said “she wasn’t aware of any law that would prevent the Fed” from doing so, Chairman Richard Shelby said in an interview, “The Fed generally interprets the law to their advantage. ... We will have our counsel look into it. That’s the question. I would doubt it, but I haven’t personally checked it.”

**First-Time Unemployment Claims Fall More Than Expected.** The Labor Department reported Thursday that initial jobless claims fell 16,000 to 269,000 last week. Economists had expected about 280,000 new claims, [Bloomberg News](#) (2/11, Jamrisko, 2.92M) reports. The four week moving average, which eliminates some volatility, fell 3,500 to 281,250. Bloomberg News adds hiring managers “demonstrated confidence in the outlook after temporary adjustments around the holidays.” While new hires will probably slow in 2016 “as the labor market makes it tougher to attract skilled workers, employers are showing little appetite to reduce headcounts.” Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. economist Brett Ryan said, “The labor market thus far seems to be on a good track. As you approach full employment, job growth is supposed to slow. So that’s one important part of this.”

[Reuters](#) (2/11, Mutikani) says the jobless claims report shows the labor market remains sound despite volatility in the stock markets and slowing growth. MUFJ Union Bank economist Chris Rupkey said, “The economy might be sailing into a storm, the financial markets say, but if so, the U.S. economy is in a very strong position to weather whatever comes, with the labor market the strongest in decades.” The [AP](#) (2/11, Boak) reports US employers “still appear to expecting the economy to grow – and a need for more workers.” The domestic economy “appears to have withstood the pressures created by a slowing Chinese economy, fragile growth in Europe and a meltdown in developing economies such as Brazil, Russia and Venezuela.”

**Stocks Finished Lower Thursday.** Stocks declined Thursday amid what the [AP](#) (2/11) says were growing “concerns about global economic weakness.” The Dow fell 254.56 points to 15,660.18. The S&P 500 finished 22.78 points lower at 1,829.08. The Nasdaq lost 16.76 points to end the day at 4,266.84. The [Washington Post](#) (2/11, Ehrenfreund, Mui, 8.98M) says stocks “slipped deeper into the red Thursday afternoon” as they “track[ed] a sell-off in global markets,” and [Bloomberg News](#) (2/11, Costa, 2.92M) notes that investors are “shunning risk worldwide.” A front-page story in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/11, Stubbington, Patrick, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) notes bank stocks led the growing selloff as investors say the decision by central banks in Europe and Japan to use negative interest rates to foster growth are among the concerns undercutting bank stocks worldwide.

A [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorial sees a disconnect between Yellen, who testified that the economy is relatively strong and investors, who continued to sell off equities. According to the Journal, while Yellen and the Fed staff view the 4.9% jobless rate and indications of rising wages as evidence interest rates should be increased, markets see other indications the world economy is weakening.

**WSJournal Analysis: Markets Could Spur Recession.** A front-page analysis in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/11, A1, Ip, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says while the economic data do not show signs of recession, the markets indicate the nation is headed that way. The Journal says markets can, in some circumstances, spur recession because they can signal whether businesses should invest or hire. As a result, recession fears can become self-fulfilling.

**Nine Out Of 10 US Gas Stations Selling Gas Below \$2 Per Gallon.** [ABC World News](#) (2/11, story 8, 1:05, Jarvis, 5.84M) reported “nine out of ten gas stations around the country are selling gas below two dollars a gallon and its suspected prices will continue to fall from here.” While “this is great news for consumers, now paying the lowest amount for gas in more than a decade,” it has been “a big problem for energy companies, and energy jobs and we have seen the ripple effect into stocks, as well.”

**WPost’s Ehrenfreund: Lawmakers Representing Americans’ Political Divisions.** In a piece for the



[Washington Post](#) (2/11, 8.98M) "Wonkblog" blog, Max Ehrenfreund wrote that the President, in his speech in Illinois this week, lamented "the profound shifts in American politics that have made congressional dealmaking all but impossible," and "offered remedies: new rules on campaign finance and redistricting," but "research in political science gives reason to doubt the effectiveness of those solutions." Americans' "political divisions have intensified," Ehrenfreund argues, adding that Americans "are bitterly divided on a range of issues, and their legislators are faithfully representing their constituents."

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES. "A Chance To Halt The Brutality In Syria."** A [New York Times](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorial says the agreement between the US and Russia "to deliver desperately needed humanitarian aid to besieged Syrian cities, followed by at least a temporary cessation of hostilities" is "good news" for the Syrian people, but adds that for the agreement "to be anything more durable than a temporary and fragile respite will depend on further peace talks." While the "resumption of aid and a temporary halt in the fighting could well turn out to be the first step on a longer road to peace," it will "require a real transformation by [Russian President Vladimir] Putin and the continued application of diplomatic pressure by the United States and its partners."

**"Ferguson Turns Its Back On Justice."** A [New York Times](#) (2/12, Board, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorial welcomes a lawsuit filed this week by DOJ's Civil Rights Division against Ferguson, which it calls a "necessary step" after the city rejected "a painstakingly negotiated plan for overhauling the city's racist policing." The Times says Ferguson officials "must be gambling that the Civil Rights Division will back down," and "it shouldn't. That would send a terrible message, not just to Ferguson but to outlaw police departments all over the country."

**"Karl Rove Bamboozles The IRS."** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (2/12, Board, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) calls the IRS' decision to grant Crossroads GPS tax-exempt status as "social welfare" organization a "farfical abuse of common sense and the American taxpayer." The Times says the "ludicrous" designation "means it can keep its deep-pocketed campaign donors secret."

**WASHINGTON POST. "Maryland Democrats' Plan For Matching College Savings Grants Is Welfare For The Wealthy."** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (2/11, 8.98M) decries a proposal from Maryland Democratic leaders "to offer matching grants for college savers with incomes up to \$225,000," calling it "over-the-top and out of line with benefits offered by other states." The Post question why Maryland, "whose median household income is \$76,165, subsidize residents whose incomes are triple that amount."

**"Prepare For The Worst: Venezuela Is Heading Toward Complete Disaster."** A [Washington Post](#) (2/11, 8.98M) editorial says Venezuela "is facing an economic collapse and a humanitarian disaster," and "the government of President Nicolás Maduro appears paralyzed." While "leaders of the opposition's new parliamentary majority, who are locked in a public power struggle with the regime, are said to be negotiating with it behind the scenes," a "pact between the two sides on emergency measures, coupled with an appeal to the IMF," does not appear likely "which is why its neighbors, and the United States, should be preparing for an implosion."

**"The Government Should Get Out Of The Air Traffic Control Business."** An editorial in the [Washington Post](#) (2/11, 8.98M) argues in favor of a plan to take air traffic control away from the FAA in favor of a private entity. The Post cites examples of other countries "turning away from this statist model" and notes that in all of them, "safety and innovation have stayed the same or improved."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "Yellen And The Markets."** A [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorial sees a disconnect between Federal Reserve Chairwoman Yellen, who testified that the economy is relatively strong, and investors, who continued to sell off equities. According to the Journal, while Yellen and the Fed staff view the 4.9% jobless rate and indications of rising wages as evidence interest rates should be increased, markets see other indications the world economy is weakening.

**"Internet Tax Freedom – At Last."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) calls the Senate's passage of a permanent extension of the Internet Tax Freedom Act and the President's intent to sign it welcome news that will help encourage economic growth.

**"China's Biotech Play."** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/11, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says if



ChemChina's bid to buy the Swiss chemical and biotech company Syngenta goes through it could lower Beijing's opposition to genetically modified crops and increase its intellectual property protections.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

Banks Drop As Global Rout Deepens  
 Risk Grows Of Markets Sparking Recession  
 Clinton's Wall Street Talks Were Highly Paid, Friendly  
 World Powers Agree To Cease-Fire In Syria

#### ***New York Times:***

Clinton Paints Sanders Plans As Unrealistic  
 Long In Clinton's Corner, Blacks Notice Sanders  
 Last Occupier In Rural Oregon Is Coaxed Out  
 With Faint Chirp, Scientists Prove Einstein Correct  
 Lawmaker's Hedge Fund Intrudes On Day Job  
 Officer Is Convicted In Fatal Stairwell Shooting

#### ***Washington Post:***

Fault Line Spotlights In Wis. Debate  
 US, Russia Agree To A Halt In Syrian War  
 Cosmic Breakthrough: Physicists Detect Gravitational Waves From Violent Black-Hole Merger  
 Oregon Siege Ends As Four Surrender  
 Ex-Wife's Tip Led To Gunfire At Md. Panera

#### ***Financial Times:***

Day Of Turmoil As Negative Rates Strike Fear Into Global Markets  
 Huge Explosion In A Galaxy Far, Far Away Confirms Einstein's Space-Time Theory

#### ***Washington Times:***

SC Democratic Party Chairman's Ties To Clinton Camp Raise Fairness Questions  
 National Guard Fraud Claims Taint Recruiting Assistants As Top Brass Escapes Accountability  
 Kazakhs Studying Abroad In Ambitious 'Freedom' Program Aim To Lift Former Soviet Republic  
 Democrats Demand Government-funded Lawyers For Illegals  
 More Arrests, Indictments Follow Dramatic Surrender Of Final Oregon Holdouts

#### ***Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:***

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Weather Forecast; Oregon Standoff Ends; Georgia-Major Prison Scandal; New York Gas Explosion; Storm-Damaged Cruise Ship; Gas Prices; IRS Agent Arrested; Bill Cosby Case; Gravity Waves Discovery; California-House Fire Rescue.

**CBS:** 2016 Politics-Democrats; 2016 Politics-Republicans; Zika Virus-Summer Olympics; Oregon Standoff Ends; CIA Director Interviewed-ISIL Arsenal; Syrian Civil War-Refugees; Syria-Ceasefire Talks; Tamir Rice Shooting-Mayor Apology; Gravity Waves Discovery; Georgia-TSA Training Academy; Maryland-Mount Saint Mary's University Controversy.

**NBC:** Oregon Standoff Ends; 2016 Politics-Democrats; 2016 Politics-Republicans; Weather Forecast; Zika Virus-Summer Olympics; California-Methane Gas Leak Stopped; Syrian Civil War-Refugees; Storm-Damaged Cruise Ship; Congressman Protests Vaporizer Measure; Gravity Waves Discovery; NASA Hiring New Astronauts.

#### ***Network TV At A Glance:***

2016 Politics – 15 minutes, 25 seconds  
 Oregon Standoff Ends – 4 minutes, 35 seconds  
 Syrian Civil War-Refugees – 4 minutes, 35 seconds  
 Zika Virus-Summer Olympics – 4 minutes, 10 seconds  
 Storm-Damaged Cruise Ship – 3 minutes, 15 seconds  
 Weather Forecast – 2 minutes, 20 seconds  
 Gravity Waves Discovery – 1 minute, 50 seconds



**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-Democratic Debate; 2016 Politics-Republicans; Air Traffic Controller Report.

**CBS:** 2016 Politics-Democratic Debate; 2016 Politics-Republicans; Wall Street; Oregon Standoff Ends.

**FOX:** 2016 Politics-Democratic Debate; New York-Police Officer Convicted Of Manslaughter; Oregon Standoff Ends; Syria-Ceasefire Agreement; Wall Street; Congress-Trans-Pacific Partnership; Myspace Sold.

**NPR:** 2016 Politics-Democratic Debate; Syria-Ceasefire Agreement; North Korea Rocket Launch-South Korea Response; New York-Police Officer Convicted Of Manslaughter; California-Methane Gas Leak Stopped; West Virginia Chemical Spill-Mining Executive Sentenced; Uber Settles Class-Action Lawsuit.

**Washington Schedule:****TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.****White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — President Barack Obama travels to Palm Springs, CA, where he remains overnight.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Unavailable.

**US Senate:** 10:30 AM 'The State of America's Working Class and Economy' Congressional briefing – 'The State of America's Working Class and Economy' briefing, on the state of the nation's working class and what can be done to address a rising level of family and economic instability, sponsored by bipartisan Sens. Tim Scott and Bob Casey and co-hosted by The American Academy of Political and Social Science and The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Social policy experts Johns Hopkins University Professor of Public Policy Andrew Cherlin, Brookings Institution Center on Children and Families co-director Ron Haskins, Princeton University Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs Sara McLanahan, and Harvard University Professor of Public Policy Robert Putnam present evidence on the current state of American families, marriage, mobility, and child well-being, and examine what has been called 'the fall of the working class'. Location: Rm 385, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://www.aapss.org> <https://twitter.com/TheAAPSS>. Contacts: AAPSS 1 215 746 6500.

**US House:** 8:00 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on Department of the Air Force FY'17 budget – Readiness Subcommittee hearing on 'Department of the Air Force 2017 Budget Request and Readiness', with testimony from US Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations Lt. Gen. John Raymond, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering, and Force Protection Lt. Gen. John Cooper. Location: Rm 2118, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC [www.armedservices.house.gov](http://www.armedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRpublicans>. Contacts: House Armed Services Committee 1 202 226 8980.

9:00 AM House expected to debate Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act – House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda expected to include 'H.R. 2017, the Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015' \* Administration has said it opposes the bill, saying it would 'undercut the objective of providing clear, consistent calorie information to consumers'. Location: Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/>. Contacts: House of Representatives Press Gallery 1 202 225 3945. 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. Last votes expected no later than 3:00 p.m.

9:00 AM House Commerce subcommittee hearing on combating biological threats – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on 'Outbreaks, Attacks, and Accidents: Combating Biological Threats', with testimony from Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense members Donna Shalala and James Greenwood; In-Q-Tel Senior Fellow and Executive Vice President Tara O'Toole; and Texas A&M University Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing Associate Vice President for Public Health Preparedness and Response Dr. Gerald Parker. Location: Rm 2123, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://energycommerce.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseCommerce>. Contacts: House Energy and Commerce Committee 1 202 225 2927.

9:30 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on USDA IG budget – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – Office of the Inspector General', with testimony from USDA Inspector General Phyllis Fong, Assistant Inspector General for Audits Gil Harden, and Acting Assistant Inspector General for Investigations Ann Coffey. Location: Rm 2362-A, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>. Contacts: House Committee on Appropriations 1 202 225 3481.



10:30 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on Afghan national security forces – Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on ‘Assessing the Development of Afghanistan National Security Forces’, with testimony from Defense Intelligence Agency Senior Defense Analyst – Afghanistan Kent Breedlove; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia Christine Abizaid; Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Pakistan Afghanistan and Transregional Threats Coordination Cell Deputy Director Col. Stephen Michael; Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction John Sopko; and Department of Defense Deputy Inspector General for Overseas Contingency Operations Michael Child. Location: Rm 2118, Rayburn House Office Bldg., Washington, DC [armedservices.house.gov](http://armedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRepublicans>. Contacts: House Armed Services Committee 1 202 226 8980.

**Other:** Feb. 12 – Feb. 15 6:30 AM AAAS Annual Meeting continues – American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting continues. Day two agenda includes sessions on: New and Emerging Tobacco Products: Biomarkers of Exposure and Injury; Refugee Migrations; Using Humor to Address Serious Topics; Food Shocks: The Impact of Simultaneous Extreme Events on Global Food Systems; Grand Visions for the Future of US Science in a New Global Era; Lessons from the Ebola Outbreak: Designing Vaccine Trials for Emerging Diseases; Living with Earthquakes: Causes, Early Warning, and Damage Mitigation; Improving Cancer Patient Care: Trade-Offs Between Efficacy and Toxicity; Where Did Most of the Universe Go? Searching for Dark Matter. Speakers include National Park Service Science Advisor to the Director Gary Machlis. Location: Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC <http://meetings.aaas.org/> <https://twitter.com/AAASMeetings> #AAASmtg. Contacts: AAAS [meetings@aaas.org](mailto:meetings@aaas.org) 1 202 326 6450 Gavin Stern AAAS [gstern@aaas.org](mailto:gstern@aaas.org) 1 202 326 6429.

Feb. 12 – Feb. 13 8:00 AM National Association of Secretaries of State Winter Conference continues – National Association of Secretaries of State Winter Conference and awards continues. Day three speakers include Washington Post ‘The Fix’ Editor Chris Cillizza, Pennsylvania Secretary of State Pedro Cortes, California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman, West Virginia Secretary of State Natalie Tennant, Center for Technology and Civic Life Co-Founder Tiana Epps Johnson, Democracy Works Director of Government Services Monica Crane Childers, USAGov Director Sarah Crane, US Election Assistance Commission Commissioner Matthew Masterson, and US Communities General Manager Chris Robb. Location: JW Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC <http://www.nass.org/> <https://twitter.com/NASSInfo>. Contacts: Kay Stimson NASS communications [nass@ssso.org](mailto:nass@ssso.org) 1 202 624 3528.

8:00 AM Wreath-laying at the Lincoln Memorial to mark Abraham Lincoln’s birthday – US Armed Forces will conduct a Presidential Full Honor Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial in honor of Abraham Lincoln, to mark the 207th anniversary of his birth. Location: Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC <http://mdwhome.mdw.army.mil/> [https://twitter.com/JFHQNCR\\_MDW](https://twitter.com/JFHQNCR_MDW). Contacts: Shaunteh Kelly US Army Military District of Washington [shaunteh.d.kelly.civ@mail.mil](mailto:shaunteh.d.kelly.civ@mail.mil). Space is limited to standing room only. Attendees are encouraged to be at the Lincoln Memorial no later than 7:15 a.m.

2:00 PM Ribbon-cutting ceremony for new American University Washington College of Law campus – American University Washington College of Law hosts ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new campus, featuring US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser as keynotes, and other attendees including AU President Neil Kerwin, Washington College of Law Dean Claudio Grossman, Dean’s Advisory Council Members Kenneth Lore and Stephen Weinstein, and Student Bar Association President Amanda Molina. Location: American University Washington College of Law, 4300 Nebraska Ave NW, Washington, DC [www.american.edu/media](http://www.american.edu/media) <https://twitter.com/auwcl>. Contacts: Maria Mikey American University Washington College of Law [mmikey@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mmikey@wcl.american.edu) 1 202 274 42 76.

3:00 PM OAS launches ‘Caring for our Common Home from the Judiciary’ initiative – Organization of American States launches new ‘Caring for our Common Home from the Judiciary: Guaranteeing More Rights for More People in the Americas’ initiative, which aims to enhance and strengthen the role of justice in environmental protection, based on the idea that ‘protecting Planet Earth is offering ‘More rights for more people’, and that it is a common responsibility of lawmakers, parliamentarians, judges, lawyers, attorneys, and, ultimately, the people’. It will focus on training judges, creating an operating model for the judiciary, involving the judiciary in the celebration of International Mother Earth Day, and developing a portal on the state of environmental laws in the Americas. As part of the launch, OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro designates five ministers and/or presidents of courts of justice of the region as Goodwill Ambassadors for Environmental Justice in the Americas. Location: OAS, 17th St and Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.oas.org> [https://twitter.com/OAS\\_official](https://twitter.com/OAS_official). Contacts: OAS press [oaspress@oas.org](mailto:oaspress@oas.org) 1 202 458 3320.

## **Last Laughs:**



**LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.**

**Jimmy Kimmel:** “[President] Obama is in town [referring to Los Angeles] for a couple of fundraisers, which – why does he still need money? He does know he can’t run again, right? Why is he raising funds? Does he need money for cigarettes?”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “In his victory speech after the New Hampshire primary, Donald Trump claimed the unemployment rate might actually be as high as 42 percent. He might be right, because Hillary [Clinton] just fired her entire campaign staff.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “It’s been a rough week for Hillary after Bernie Sanders won the New Hampshire primary by more than 20 points. Bernie said he’s always liked New Hampshire, especially because he was around when it was still Old Hampshire.”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “A new poll released this week shows that two-thirds of Canadians fear a Donald Trump presidency, especially one Canadian in particular [referring to Sen. Ted Cruz].”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Before winning the Republican primary in New Hampshire, it seemed like Donald Trump was really going after Jeb Bush. Did you feel that way? In fact, he recently made fun of Jeb Bush for having his mom help him with his campaign. This is real. This is an actual tweet from Trump. It said, ‘Wow, Jeb Bush, whose campaign is a total disaster, had to bring in mommy to take a slap at me. Not nice.’ As you can imagine, Barbara Bush wasn’t too happy about it. She decided to respond with her own tweet. ‘Hey, T-bag, you got something to say, say it to my face, #RealTalk, #Bushwhack.’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “I want to say Happy 63rd Birthday to Jeb Bush. Happy Birthday, Jeb. In honor of his big day, a lot of people wrote on his Facebook wall. Check out what they posted. First up, Donald Trump wrote, ‘You call this a wall? This is a sorry excuse for a wall.’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “After that, Bernie Sanders wrote, ‘Maybe you should focus less on your birthday and more on sharing your cake with the 99 percent of Americans who don’t have a birthday today.’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “Next up, Marco Rubio wrote, ‘Happy Birthday. Hope it’s a good one. Happy Birthday. Hope it’s a good one. Happy Birthday. Hope it’s a good one.’”

**Jimmy Fallon:** “And finally, Ben Carson wrote, ‘I’m standing outside with a present for you. Just call my name when you want me to walk in and I’ll definitely walk over.’”

**Seth Meyers:** “Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders earlier tonight faced off in a debate on PBS, or as PBS calls it, ‘Antiques Roadshow.’”

**Seth Meyers:** “Chris Christie announced yesterday that he’s dropping out of the presidential race. Christie said he’s not sure what he’ll do now, and then someone reminded him he’s still the governor of New Jersey.”

**Seth Meyers:** “Bernie Sanders, yesterday, had breakfast in Harlem with the Rev. Al Sharpton. Interesting. Usually when an old white guy goes out to Harlem, it’s because he fell asleep on the train.”

**Seth Meyers:** “Former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg recently ran two national polls to gauge interest for his possible presidential campaign. You’re still gauging? Buddy, the two hottest candidates are the Jewish guy and the billionaire. Do you need an engraved invitation?”

**Seth Meyers:** “Marco Rubio has revealed that he cracked his molar while eating a Twix bar yesterday. Twix, of course, is Rubio’s favorite candy bar, because you get to eat the same thing twice.”

**Conan O’Brien:** “Ben Carson said he’s open to being Donald Trump’s vice president. Makes sense. Carson could deliver Trump the black Republican vote, which consists of Ben Carson.”

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Hey all-

Here are all the monument statements.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

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### **League of Conservation Voters**

League of Conservation Voters (LCV) President Gene Karpinski released this statement:

"President Obama's historic action will buffer the California desert, its wildlife and its communities from the greatest long-term challenge they face: climate change. Future generations will have President Obama to thank for their ability to access and explore the scenic, historic, and cultural treasures found in the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains National Monuments. We celebrate the designation of these national monuments along with the nearby communities who strongly support protecting these spectacular landscapes to boost tourism and quality of life in the California desert."

California League of Conservation Voters Chief Executive Officer Sarah Rose released this statement:

"We thank President Obama for his leadership in permanently protecting these important sites in the California desert. The California desert is one of the most unique and pristine places in the country. Californians and visitors from all over our country and the world over have long been drawn to its stark beauty, painted mountains, iconic Route 66, fascinating wildlife, Native American petroglyphs, inspirational vistas and storied history. The Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and the Castle Mountains feature unparalleled scenery, making tourism and recreation an essential part of the region's economy, and providing critical habitat for a healthy desert ecosystem. In addition to protecting recreation opportunities for generations to come, the National Monument designation by President Obama will safeguard sensitive water resources and help the desert cope with climate change by conserving and connecting habitat needed by plants and animals to survive, migrate, and adapt."

<http://www.lcv.org/media/press-releases/LCV-California-LCV-Statement-on-the-Designation-of-Three-National-Monuments-in-the-California-Desert.html>

### **Pew Charitable Trusts**

President Barack Obama proclaimed three national monuments in the California desert on Feb. 12, capping nearly a decade of work by local leaders to ensure continued recreational opportunities, benefit to local economies, and conservation of the region's beauty. Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains total nearly 1.8 million acres.



These three national monuments will permanently protect public lands in the California desert for future generations. The conserved, connected habitat will ensure the continued enjoyment of recreational activities such as camping, hunting, and hiking, and also help buffer the desert—and its wildlife and communities—from a changing climate.

Public lands in the California desert contribute significantly to the region's tourism economy—these national monuments will bring more attention and visitors to the area. In 2014, more than 3.2 million people visited Joshua Tree, Death Valley, and the Mojave National Preserve, adding \$194 million to the region's economy and supporting over 2,700 jobs, according to the National Park Service.

These new monuments are an important part of a broader approach by federal, state, and local agencies to integrate land and wildlife conservation with the development of renewable energy sources in the California desert.

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/analysis/2016/02/12/obama-designates-3-national-monuments-in-california-desert>

**Tweet** - Good news! 1.8M acres of CA desert set aside for conservation:

<https://twitter.com/pewenvironment/status/698228084160462848>

### **California Desert**

**Tweet** - Thx @POTUS @SecretaryJewell @forestservice - the public supports CA Desert #MonumentsForAll! [pic.twitter.com/PIX5BbM1de](http://pic.twitter.com/PIX5BbM1de)

<https://twitter.com/CalDesert/status/698182792153157633>

### **Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting and Fishing**

**Tweet** – THANK YOU! Incredible amount of local & nationwide support is why we now have 3 new CA Desert #MonumentsForAll.

<https://twitter.com/HispanicAccess/status/698185235255570432>

**Tweet** - PLC is beyond elated @CalDesert's new #MonumentsForAll! Thanks @USDA @SecretaryJewell @POTUS @SenFeinstein! [pic.twitter.com/Bo2UrGiffI](http://pic.twitter.com/Bo2UrGiffI)

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**Tweet** - Great work by @POTUS to protect such amazing desert #CA landscapes. What treasure will be next? #MonumentsForAll

<https://twitter.com/EnvAm/status/698224495904079872>

### **Conservation Lands**

**Tweet** - Thx @SenFeinstein for your leadership. 'Gen's you'll never meet' thank u too. (h/t @MartinHeinrich) #MonumentsForAll

<https://twitter.com/ConservationLF/status/698239875565355014>

### **National Parks Conservation Association**



"A few centuries ago, Mexican wolves chased pronghorn antelope across this very landscape. We're already in discussions with federal wildlife authorities," he added, "about taking the next step: reintroducing species of a bygone era, starting with pronghorn antelope."

<http://www.latimes.com/science/la-me-monuments-20160212-story.html>

### **Conservation Partners**

Tweet - Some great new additions to our National #ConservationLands and our #NationalParks. Thanks @POTUS! #MonumentsForAll [whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/02/1...](http://whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/02/1...)

<https://twitter.com/conservpartners/status/698253492368986113>

### **The Wilderness Society**

**Tweet** - (via Chase Huntley, Director of Energy & Climate Program) thank YOU @SenFeinstein for never letting up in your fight to #protectCAdesert! #MonumentsForAll

[https://twitter.com/chase\\_huntley/status/698246444986273792](https://twitter.com/chase_huntley/status/698246444986273792)

President Obama has designated three new national monuments in the California desert that will safeguard nationally significant historical, cultural, geological and ecological resources.

The new monuments - Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains - include Southern California's highest peak (Mount San Geronio), the headwaters of its longest river (the Santa Ana), the longest intact stretch of the iconic Route 66, and many other important resources.

"We are extremely grateful to President Obama for his foresight and leadership to protect these remarkable and fragile places in the California desert," said Dan Smuts, The Wilderness Society's California Senior Regional Director. "These national monuments not only protect important natural and cultural resources, but will also bring more visitors to hike, camp, and explore - which is great for the local economy. Moreover, they protect critical migration corridors that are essential for desert wildlife to adapt to a changing climate."

This historic presidential action is welcomed by a broad coalition of local residents and elected officials, community leaders and business owners, veterans, tribes, outdoor recreation advocates, faith leaders, historians, conservationists, and others who have worked for nearly a decade, with leadership from U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, to achieve permanent protection for these important desert areas.

#### **Mojave Trails National Monument:**

- A critical linkage between Mojave National Preserve and Joshua Tree National Park
- Refuge for bighorn sheep, desert tortoises and fringe-toed lizards
- Sensitive underground springs
- Amboy Crater – one of North America's youngest volcanoes
- 550 million-year-old fossil beds of the Marble Mountains
- World War II desert training center, Iron Mountain



- Largest intact, open stretch of historic Route 66

#### Castle Mountains National Monument:

- Critical pathways for endangered wildlife
- Native American archaeological sites
- Historic gold mining ghost town of Hart
- Native desert grasslands and Joshua tree, piñon pine and juniper forests
- Target area for reintroduction of pronghorn, the second fastest species of land mammal in the world
- Spectacular views of California and Nevada peaks, including Nevada's Spirit Mountain

#### Sand to Snow National Monument:

- Headwaters of the Whitewater and Santa Ana Rivers
- Black Lava Butte and Flat Top Mesa Native American cultural sites
- Home to more than 240 types of migrating birds, including yellow chat and vermilion flycatchers
- Wildlife paths for mule deer, mountain lions, black bears, bighorn sheep, and desert tortoise
- 25 miles of the iconic Pacific Crest Trail
- Home to one of the most botanically diverse mountains in the United States

The Wilderness Society is proud to have participated in the campaign to safeguard the California desert. We thank President Obama for having the wisdom and conviction to protect these irreplaceable national treasures, and we are grateful to Senator Dianne Feinstein for her steadfast efforts on behalf of the rich heritage and natural resources within California's public lands.

#### **Creation Justice**

**Tweet** - @POTUS, thx for new #MonumentsForAll - will help God's creatures of @CalDesert cope w/climate change. #ActOnClimate [pic.twitter.com/eo3La7oift](https://twitter.com/eo3La7oift)

<https://twitter.com/CreationJustice/status/698241529643663361>

#### **Mojave Land Trust**

**Tweet** - Petition: Thank @POTUS & @SenFeinstein for protecting our CA Desert [bit.ly/1EDOTV2](https://bit.ly/1EDOTV2) #MonumentsForAll [pic.twitter.com/hG4BmL3RXu](https://pic.twitter.com/hG4BmL3RXu)

<https://twitter.com/MojaveDesertLT/status/698241257152196608>

#### **Hispanic Access Fund**



## Leaders applaud protecting outdoor heritage for future generations

WASHINGTON, DC – Members and supporters of Por la Creación: Faith Based Alliance (PLC), which unites Latino faith leaders to develop stewards of God's creation, are applauding the news that President Obama is designating three new national monuments in the California desert today: Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains.

However, the group also expressed dismay over criticisms from Rep. Paul Cook regarding the President's action. While we appreciate Rep. Cook's commitment to preserving public lands, he raises several objections that warrant a thoughtful response.

Rep. Cook claims that the new national monuments lack broad public support. In fact, the breadth and depth of public support for the President to designate the new California desert national monuments demonstrates overwhelmingly that Rep. Cook is incorrect. Calls for President Obama to act came from chambers of commerce, over 200 desert business operators, local elected officials, veterans, Native Americans, Latino organizations, historians, artists, archaeologists, sportsmen, biologists, and community members. In addition, a recent poll from Vet Voice Foundation showed that 75 percent of California voters support the President designating three National Monuments in the California desert, with comparable levels of support—70 percent—among residents in the desert region. Rep. Cook himself built a huge amount of public support for permanent protection of most of the public lands in the new national monuments.

But Rep. Cook is opposed to Presidents creating any national monuments through the Antiquities Act. This is befuddling since Joshua Tree National Park – an economic engine that supports over 1,000 private sector jobs through \$74 million in visitor spending (based on 2014 data) in surrounding communities, including Rep. Cook's hometown of Yucca Valley – was originally protected through the Antiquities Act in 1936. Other American icons protected through the Antiquities Act include the Statue of Liberty, Grand Canyon, Death Valley, and Mount Lassen. Furthermore, a poll released by Colorado College in January showed that 80 percent of Westerners favor Presidents continuing to protect public lands as national monuments.

"We have a moral responsibility to future generations to protect God's creation — preserving the mountains, rivers, deserts and other breathtaking landscapes of our nation," said Pastor Jesse Villarreal of Templo La Hermosa in Coachella and member of Por La Creación. "Protecting the California desert is crucial not only to the majority of local economies in the area, but also to the spiritual well-being of our community."

Rep. Cook claims that the President should give the legislative process a chance to work. While legislative protection is desirable, many desert residents and organizations have expressed great concern with Rep. Cook's California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation, and Conservation Act (CMORCA). PLC leaders met with Paul Cook's office to share community concerns about CMORCA, including its provision to designate Mojave Trails as a "Special Management Area," which would allow up to 150 square miles (96,500 acres) of the area to be mined, an expansion of nine times over current levels. The reality is that passage of California desert public lands legislation through the 114th Congress is slim at best, mainly because the objectionable provisions in CMORCA are incompatible with Senator Feinstein's California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act (CDCRA). As a result, President Obama heeded the call from Senator Feinstein and business and community leaders to use the Antiquities Act.

"We feel that Senator Feinstein's request to have President Obama designate Mojave Trails, Sand to



Snow, and the Castle Mountains as national monuments is a more balanced approach. It safeguards the region's natural and cultural treasures and will help expand the region's tourism economy without impeding existing mining claims or operations," said Pastor Frank Ruiz of the Indio Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Coachella Valley and co-founder of PLC, in response to Rep. Cook's criticisms. "For these and many other reasons — from opportunities to hike, watch wildlife, and learn about historical sites, to the protection of groundwater aquifers and clean air — I have joined over 100 faith leaders from PLC and the Assemblies of God Southern Pacific District in signing letters in support of the monuments."

Rep. Cook also inaccurately criticizes the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, established in 2014, saying that the area has experienced increased strain and the US Forest has been unable to provide additional resources. The truth is that designating San Gabriel Mountains National Monument has resulted in a \$3 million increase in federal funds for the area as well as \$4 million in donations of private funding for the National Monument and areas connected to it. Since the monument's designation, the USFS has improved recreation sites and natural resource conditions, hired additional staff, and funded youth work crews.

### Latinos Celebrate New Monuments Protecting the California Desert

WASHINGTON, DC – Latinos are celebrating the announcement that President Barack Obama will sign proclamations this week establishing three new national monuments in the California desert – Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains. Latinos account for nearly half of the population throughout the California desert region and value that the new monuments will protect the cultural heritage, economic viability and natural resources of the region for future generations.

"Thanks to President Obama's actions and the tireless efforts of Senator Dianne Feinstein, the California desert's wildlife habitat, cultural treasures and public lands are protected and preserved for future generations. The President's actions help us fulfill our moral responsibility to care for our desert land, water, and wildlife," said Pastor Frank Ruiz of the Indio Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Coachella Valley and co-founder of Por La Creación Faith-based Alliance.

This effort to protect the California desert has strong local support from a diverse coalition of community leaders, organizations, and constituents. Latinos throughout the region have been active in the coalition by educating their communities about protecting this region. In the past two years, members of Por la Creación, which unites Latino faith leaders to develop stewards of God's creation, have led hikes, events and camping trips for Latino community leaders, youth and families at Joshua Tree National Park, Mojave National Preserve, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, San Jacinto Mountains, The Living Desert and Amboy Crater.

Additionally, Latino faith leaders and youth from the Coachella Valley and High Desert region attended Sen. Dianne Feinstein's public meeting last October with the U.S. Departments of Interior and Agriculture to express their support for national monument designations. Then in December, 100 Latino faith leaders from Assemblies of God Southern Pacific District jointly signed a letter to President Obama urging him to take action.

"Latinos have such an important voice in the protection of our public lands, and a critical role to play in encouraging stewardship of our outdoor and cultural heritage," said Maite Arce, president and CEO of Hispanic Access Foundation (HAF). "Today's historic action not only ensures continued public access to these places and enhances the local tourism and outdoor economies, but it also strengthens the diverse social fabric of the region."



Each of the new national monuments will greatly benefit the region. Mojave Trails provides vital habitat for a variety of wildlife. It is also steeped in historical significance as it includes irreplaceable archeological and cultural sites. Sand to Snow features one of the most diverse habitats in the country, which includes stunning cultural sites and rare species. The Castle Mountains feature the ghost town of Hart, rare intact desert grasslands, and stunning vistas of California and Nevada desert mountain ranges.

“Protecting the California desert is crucial not only to the majority of local economies in the area, but also to the spiritual well-being of our community,” said Pastor Raul Velázquez of New Beginnings Christian Center in Victorville and a Por La Creación member. “We thank President Obama for designating these new monuments and his faith in preserving these resources for future generations, as well as Sen. Feinstein for her years of leadership on this issue and for understanding why protecting the California desert is important to the Latino community.”

### **The Conservation Alliance**

President Obama has designated three new national monuments, protecting roughly 1.8 million acres of BLM land in the California Desert. The three monuments connect Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks and the Mojave National Preserve to create the second largest protected landscape in the world. With this action, Obama has now preserved more acres of land and water than any other President.

The largest of the three is Mojave Trails National Monument, a 1.6-million-acre matrix of land along 100 miles of historic Route 66 that protects wildlife corridors between Death Valley and Joshua Tree. Sand to Snow National Monument preserves 154,000 acres between Joshua Tree National Park and the San Bernardino National Forest, and includes 24 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. The 20,920-acre Castle Mountains National Monument preserves a ridge of desert peaks and rare grasslands roughly 100 miles south of Las Vegas, Nevada.

After years of trying to move legislation through a dysfunctional Congress, California Senator Dianne Feinstein asked President Obama to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to protect the desert landscapes. Since 2008, The Conservation Alliance made a total of seven grants to California Wilderness Coalition and Conservation Lands Foundation for their efforts to secure protection for these lands. Both organizations played a key role in building local support for the protections, and guiding the project to success. We thank Senator Feinstein and President Obama for their leadership in protecting this important landscape.

President Obama has indicated his interest in protecting additional landscapes before he leaves office. The Conservation Alliance and our grantees will work hard throughout the year to demonstrate outdoor business support for saving these special places. We will keep you posted!

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### League of Conservation Voters

League of Conservation Voters (LCV) President Gene Karpinski released this statement:

“President Obama’s historic action will buffer the California desert, its wildlife and its communities from the greatest long-term challenge they face: climate change. Future generations will have President Obama to thank for their ability to access and explore the scenic, historic, and cultural treasures found in the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains National Monuments. We celebrate the designation of these national monuments along with the nearby communities who strongly support protecting these spectacular landscapes to boost tourism and quality of life in the California desert.”



California League of Conservation Voters Chief Executive Officer Sarah Rose released this statement:

“We thank President Obama for his leadership in permanently protecting these important sites in the California desert. The California desert is one of the most unique and pristine places in the country. Californians and visitors from all over our country and the world over have long been drawn to its stark beauty, painted mountains, iconic Route 66, fascinating wildlife, Native American petroglyphs, inspirational vistas and storied history. The Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and the Castle Mountains feature unparalleled scenery, making tourism and recreation an essential part of the region's economy, and providing critical habitat for a healthy desert ecosystem. In addition to protecting recreation opportunities for generations to come, the National Monument designation by President Obama will safeguard sensitive water resources and help the desert cope with climate change by conserving and connecting habitat needed by plants and animals to survive, migrate, and adapt.”

<http://www.lcv.org/media/press-releases/LCV-California-LCV-Statement-on-the-Designation-of-Three-National-Monuments-in-the-California-Desert.html>

### **Pew Charitable Trusts**

President Barack Obama proclaimed three national monuments in the California desert on Feb. 12, capping nearly a decade of work by local leaders to ensure continued recreational opportunities, benefit to local economies, and conservation of the region's beauty. Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains total nearly 1.8 million acres.

These three national monuments will permanently protect public lands in the California desert for future generations. The conserved, connected habitat will ensure the continued enjoyment of recreational activities such as camping, hunting, and hiking, and also help buffer the desert—and its wildlife and communities—from a changing climate.

Public lands in the California desert contribute significantly to the region's tourism economy—these national monuments will bring more attention and visitors to the area. In 2014, more than 3.2 million people visited Joshua Tree, Death Valley, and the Mojave National Preserve, adding \$194 million to the region's economy and supporting over 2,700 jobs, according to the National Park Service.

These new monuments are an important part of a broader approach by federal, state, and local agencies to integrate land and wildlife conservation with the development of renewable energy sources in the California desert.

<http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/analysis/2016/02/12/obama-designates-3-national-monuments-in-california-desert>



**Tweet** - Good news! 1.8M acres of CA desert set aside for conservation:

<https://twitter.com/pewenvironment/status/698228084160462848>

### **California Desert**

**Tweet** - Thx @POTUS @SecretaryJewell @forests-service - the public supports CA Desert #MonumentsForAll! pic.twitter.com/PIX5BbM1de

<https://twitter.com/CalDesert/status/698182792153157633>

### **Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting and Fishing**

**Tweet** – THANK YOU! Incredible amount of local & nationwide support is why we now have 3 new CA Desert #MonumentsForAll.

<https://twitter.com/HispanicAccess/status/698185235255570432>

**Tweet** - PLC is beyond elated @CalDesert's new #MonumentsForAll! Thanks @USDA @SecretaryJewell @POTUS @SenFeinstein! pic.twitter.com/Bo2UrGiffI

<https://twitter.com/HispanicAccess/status/698185835041071104>

**Tweet** - Great work by @POTUS to protect such amazing desert #CA landscapes. What treasure will be next? #MonumentsForAll

<https://twitter.com/EnvAm/status/698224495904079872>

### **Conservation Lands**

**Tweet** - Thx @SenFeinstein for your leadership. 'Gen's you'll never meet' thank u too. (h/t @MartinHeinrich) #MonumentsForAll

<https://twitter.com/ConservationLF/status/698239875565355014>

### **National Parks Conservation Association**

"A few centuries ago, Mexican wolves chased pronghorn antelope across this very landscape. We're already in discussions with federal wildlife authorities," he added, "about taking the next step: reintroducing species of a bygone era, starting with pronghorn antelope."

<http://www.latimes.com/science/la-me-monuments-20160212-story.html>



### Conservation Partners

Tweet - Some great new additions to our National #ConservationLands and our #NationalParks. Thanks @POTUS! #MonumentsForAll whitehouse.gov/blog/2016/02/1...

<https://twitter.com/conservpartners/status/698253492368986113>

### The Wilderness Society

**Tweet** - (via Chase Huntley, Director of Energy & Climate Program) thank YOU @SenFeinstein for never letting up in your fight to #protectCAdesert! #MonumentsForAll

[https://twitter.com/chase\\_huntley/status/698246444986273792](https://twitter.com/chase_huntley/status/698246444986273792)

President Obama has designated three new national monuments in the California desert that will safeguard nationally significant historical, cultural, geological and ecological resources. The new monuments - Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains - include Southern California's highest peak (Mount San Geronio), the headwaters of its longest river (the Santa Ana), the longest intact stretch of the iconic Route 66, and many other important resources.

"We are extremely grateful to President Obama for his foresight and leadership to protect these remarkable and fragile places in the California desert," said Dan Smuts, The Wilderness Society's California Senior Regional Director. "These national monuments not only protect important natural and cultural resources, but will also bring more visitors to hike, camp, and explore - which is great for the local economy. Moreover, they protect critical migration corridors that are essential for desert wildlife to adapt to a changing climate."

This historic presidential action is welcomed by a broad coalition of local residents and elected officials, community leaders and business owners, veterans, tribes, outdoor recreation advocates, faith leaders, historians, conservationists, and others who have worked for nearly a decade, with leadership from U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, to achieve permanent protection for these important desert areas.

Mojave Trails National Monument:

- A critical linkage between Mojave National Preserve and Joshua Tree National Park
- Refuge for bighorn sheep, desert tortoises and fringe-toed lizards
- Sensitive underground springs
- Amboy Crater – one of North America's youngest volcanoes
- 550 million-year-old fossil beds of the Marble Mountains
- World War II desert training center, Iron Mountain
- Largest intact, open stretch of historic Route 66



**Castle Mountains National Monument:**

- Critical pathways for endangered wildlife
- Native American archaeological sites
- Historic gold mining ghost town of Hart
- Native desert grasslands and Joshua tree, pinion pine and juniper forests
- Target area for reintroduction of pronghorn, the second fastest species of land mammal in the world
- Spectacular views of California and Nevada peaks, including Nevada's Spirit Mountain

**Sand to Snow National Monument:**

- Headwaters of the Whitewater and Santa Ana Rivers
- Black Lava Butte and Flat Top Mesa Native American cultural sites
- Home to more than 240 types of migrating birds, including yellow chat and vermilion flycatchers
- Wildlife paths for mule deer, mountain lions, black bears, bighorn sheep, and desert tortoise
- 25 miles of the iconic Pacific Crest Trail
- Home to one of the most botanically diverse mountains in the United States

The Wilderness Society is proud to have participated in the campaign to safeguard the California desert. We thank President Obama for having the wisdom and conviction to protect these irreplaceable national treasures, and we are grateful to Senator Dianne Feinstein for her steadfast efforts on behalf of the rich heritage and natural resources within California's public lands.

**Creation Justice**

**Tweet** - @POTUS, thx for new #MonumentsForAll - will help God's creatures of @CalDesert cope w/climate change. #ActOnClimate pic.twitter.com/eo3La7oift

<https://twitter.com/CreationJustice/status/698241529643663361>

**Mojave Land Trust**

**Tweet** - Petition: Thank @POTUS & @SenFeinstein for protecting our CA Desert bit.ly/1EDOTV2 #MonumentsForAll pic.twitter.com/hG4BmL3RXu

<https://twitter.com/MojaveDesertLT/status/698241257152196608>



## Hispanic Access Fund

Leaders applaud protecting outdoor heritage for future generations

WASHINGTON, DC – Members and supporters of Por la Creación: Faith Based Alliance (PLC), which unites Latino faith leaders to develop stewards of God’s creation, are applauding the news that President Obama is designating three new national monuments in the California desert today: Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains.

However, the group also expressed dismay over criticisms from Rep. Paul Cook regarding the President’s action. While we appreciate Rep. Cook’s commitment to preserving public lands, he raises several objections that warrant a thoughtful response.

Rep. Cook claims that the new national monuments lack broad public support. In fact, the breadth and depth of public support for the President to designate the new California desert national monuments demonstrates overwhelmingly that Rep. Cook is incorrect. Calls for President Obama to act came from chambers of commerce, over 200 desert business operators, local elected officials, veterans, Native Americans, Latino organizations, historians, artists, archaeologists, sportsmen, biologists, and community members. In addition, a recent poll from Vet Voice Foundation showed that 75 percent of California voters support the President designating three National Monuments in the California desert, with comparable levels of support—70 percent—among residents in the desert region. Rep. Cook himself built a huge amount of public support for permanent protection of most of the public lands in the new national monuments.

But Rep. Cook is opposed to Presidents creating any national monuments through the Antiquities Act. This is befuddling since Joshua Tree National Park – an economic engine that supports over 1,000 private sector jobs through \$74 million in visitor spending (based on 2014 data) in surrounding communities, including Rep. Cook’s hometown of Yucca Valley – was originally protected through the Antiquities Act in 1936. Other American icons protected through the Antiquities Act include the Statue of Liberty, Grand Canyon, Death Valley, and Mount Lassen. Furthermore, a poll released by Colorado College in January showed that 80 percent of Westerners favor Presidents continuing to protect public lands as national monuments.

“We have a moral responsibility to future generations to protect God’s creation — preserving the mountains, rivers, deserts and other breathtaking landscapes of our nation,” said Pastor Jesse Villarreal of Templo La Hermosa in Coachella and member of Por La Creación. “Protecting the California desert is crucial not only to the majority of local economies in the area, but also to the spiritual well-being of our community.”

Rep. Cook claims that the President should give the legislative process a chance to work. While legislative protection is desirable, many desert residents and organizations have expressed great concern with Rep. Cook’s California Minerals, Off-Road Recreation, and Conservation Act



(CMORCA). PLC leaders met with Paul Cook's office to share community concerns about CMORCA, including its provision to designate Mojave Trails as a "Special Management Area," which would allow up to 150 square miles (96,500 acres) of the area to be mined, an expansion of nine times over current levels. The reality is that passage of California desert public lands legislation through the 114th Congress is slim at best, mainly because the objectionable provisions in CMORCA are incompatible with Senator Feinstein's California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act (CDCRA). As a result, President Obama heeded the call from Senator Feinstein and business and community leaders to use the Antiquities Act.

"We feel that Senator Feinstein's request to have President Obama designate Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and the Castle Mountains as national monuments is a more balanced approach. It safeguards the region's natural and cultural treasures and will help expand the region's tourism economy without impeding existing mining claims or operations," said Pastor Frank Ruiz of the Indio Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Coachella Valley and co-founder of PLC, in response to Rep. Cook's criticisms. "For these and many other reasons — from opportunities to hike, watch wildlife, and learn about historical sites, to the protection of groundwater aquifers and clean air — I have joined over 100 faith leaders from PLC and the Assemblies of God Southern Pacific District in signing letters in support of the monuments."

Rep. Cook also inaccurately criticizes the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, established in 2014, saying that the area has experienced increased strain and the US Forest has been unable to provide additional resources. The truth is that designating San Gabriel Mountains National Monument has resulted in a \$3 million increase in federal funds for the area as well as \$4 million in donations of private funding for the National Monument and areas connected to it. Since the monument's designation, the USFS has improved recreation sites and natural resource conditions, hired additional staff, and funded youth work crews.

#### Latinos Celebrate New Monuments Protecting the California Desert

WASHINGTON, DC – Latinos are celebrating the announcement that President Barack Obama will sign proclamations this week establishing three new national monuments in the California desert – Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow and Castle Mountains. Latinos account for nearly half of the population throughout the California desert region and value that the new monuments will protect the cultural heritage, economic viability and natural resources of the region for future generations.

"Thanks to President Obama's actions and the tireless efforts of Senator Dianne Feinstein, the California desert's wildlife habitat, cultural treasures and public lands are protected and preserved for future generations. The President's actions help us fulfill our moral responsibility to care for our desert land, water, and wildlife," said Pastor Frank Ruiz of the Indio Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church in Coachella Valley and co-founder of Por La Creación Faith-based Alliance.



This effort to protect the California desert has strong local support from a diverse coalition of community leaders, organizations, and constituents. Latinos throughout the region have been active in the coalition by educating their communities about protecting this region. In the past two years, members of Por la Creación, which unites Latino faith leaders to develop stewards of God's creation, have led hikes, events and camping trips for Latino community leaders, youth and families at Joshua Tree National Park, Mojave National Preserve, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, San Jacinto Mountains, The Living Desert and Amboy Crater.

Additionally, Latino faith leaders and youth from the Coachella Valley and High Desert region attended Sen. Dianne Feinstein's public meeting last October with the U.S. Departments of Interior and Agriculture to express their support for national monument designations. Then in December, 100 Latino faith leaders from Assemblies of God Southern Pacific District jointly signed a letter to President Obama urging him to take action.

"Latinos have such an important voice in the protection of our public lands, and a critical role to play in encouraging stewardship of our outdoor and cultural heritage," said Maite Arce, president and CEO of Hispanic Access Foundation (HAF). "Today's historic action not only ensures continued public access to these places and enhances the local tourism and outdoor economies, but it also strengthens the diverse social fabric of the region."

Each of the new national monuments will greatly benefit the region. Mojave Trails provides vital habitat for a variety of wildlife. It is also steeped in historical significance as it includes irreplaceable archeological and cultural sites. Sand to Snow features one of the most diverse habitats in the country, which includes stunning cultural sites and rare species. The Castle Mountains feature the ghost town of Hart, rare intact desert grasslands, and stunning vistas of California and Nevada desert mountain ranges.

"Protecting the California desert is crucial not only to the majority of local economies in the area, but also to the spiritual well-being of our community," said Pastor Raul Velázquez of New Beginnings Christian Center in Victorville and a Por La Creación member. "We thank President Obama for designating these new monuments and his faith in preserving these resources for future generations, as well as Sen. Feinstein for her years of leadership on this issue and for understanding why protecting the California desert is important to the Latino community."

### **The Conservation Alliance**

President Obama has designated three new national monuments, protecting roughly 1.8 million acres of BLM land in the California Desert. The three monuments connect Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks and the Mojave National Preserve to create the second largest protected landscape in the world. With this action, Obama has now preserved more acres of land and water than any other President.

The largest of the three is Mojave Trails National Monument, a 1.6-million-acre matrix of land along 100 miles of historic Route 66 that protects wildlife corridors between Death Valley and



Joshua Tree. Sand to Snow National Monument preserves 154,000 acres between Joshua Tree National Park and the San Bernardino National Forest, and includes 24 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail. The 20,920-acre Castle Mountains National Monument preserves a ridge of desert peaks and rare grasslands roughly 100 miles south of Las Vegas, Nevada.

After years of trying to move legislation through a dysfunctional Congress, California Senator Dianne Feinstein asked President Obama to use his authority under the Antiquities Act to protect the desert landscapes. Since 2008, The Conservation Alliance made a total of seven grants to California Wilderness Coalition and Conservation Lands Foundation for their efforts to secure protection for these lands. Both organizations played a key role in building local support for the protections, and guiding the project to success. We thank Senator Feinstein and President Obama for their leadership in protecting this important landscape.

President Obama has indicated his interest in protecting additional landscapes before he leaves office. The Conservation Alliance and our grantees will work hard throughout the year to demonstrate outdoor business support for saving these special places. We will keep you posted!



EVENT MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

CELEBRATION OF THE DESIGNATION OF  
THREE NEW CALIFORNIA MONUMENTS

DATE: Monday, March 14, 2016  
LOCATION: South Penthouse, Main Interior Building, Washington, DC  
TIME: 5:30 pm EDT  
FROM: Maria Najera (OIEA), Jamey Anderson (BLM), Rachael Johnson (OCO)

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this event is to celebrate the President's designation of three new national monuments in the California Desert.

**II. PARTICIPANTS**

- YOU
- Robert Bonnie, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA
- Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) *[tentative]*
- Jon Jarvis, Director, National Park Service
- Brian Deese, Senior Advisor to the President *[tentative]*
- James Ramos, San Bernardino County Supervisor, California
- Frank Ruiz, Pastor, Por la Creación Faith-based Alliance
- Conservation NGO's, elected officials and other community leaders (RSVP list attached as separate document)

**III. AGENDA**

Run of Show – Program is scheduled to begin at 5:45 pm

5:45 pm – Emcee Steven Avila to welcome guests and introduce Secretary Jewell (2 min)

5:47 pm - Secretary Jewell (2 min)

5:49 pm – Senator Dianne Feinstein (2 min) *[tentative]*

5:51 pm - Under Secretary Robert Bonnie (2 min)

5:53 pm - Jon Jarvis (2 min)

5:55 pm - Brian Deese (2 min) *[tentative]*

5:57 pm – Members of Congress in attendance



5:59 pm - Pastor Frank Ruiz

6:01 - San Bernardino County Supervisor James Ramos

#### IV. BACKGROUND

Responding to the requests of members of Congress, state and local officials, and local business and community leaders, on February 12, 2016, President Obama designated the Sand to Snow National Monument, Mojave Trails National Monument, and Castle Mountains National Monument in southern California.

The monuments, located in San Bernardino and Riverside counties about one hour from the Los Angeles metropolitan area and one hour from the Las Vegas metropolitan area, protect approximately 1.8 million acres of spectacular landscapes, fragile wildlife habitat, unique historic resources, and important cultural sites. The three designations connect Mojave National Preserve, Joshua Tree National Park, San Bernardino National Forest, and fifteen wilderness areas previously designated by Congress, creating a series of protected lands stretching hundreds of miles. The monuments protect current uses of the land, including military training operations, off-highway vehicle recreation, transportation, utility corridors, and existing mining operations.

The monuments are the result of nearly two decades of leadership by U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein to craft legislation to protect the special places of the California desert. In October, Deputy Secretary Michael Connor and other senior officials visited Palm Springs, California, at the Senator's invitation to hear from the community about its vision for conservation in the California desert. Supporters of protecting these areas include local counties and cities, area business groups, tribes, hunters, anglers, faith-based organizations, recreationists, local land trusts and conservation groups, and students from local schools.

The national monuments, comprised exclusively of existing federal lands, will be managed by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and Forest Service. The proclamations direct the agencies to engage the public in comprehensive planning for the management of these areas, building upon the provisions outlined in the proclamations. The three designations all honor valid existing rights, and provide for continued use for training activities of the U.S. military.

#### V. KEY FACTS

##### *Sand to Snow National Monument*

- Encompasses approximately 154,000 acres of federal lands, including just over 100,000 acres of already Congressionally-designated wilderness
- Located East of Los Angeles, California
- Managed jointly by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management
- Spans from the floor of the Sonoran Desert to San Gorgonio Peak, the tallest in southern California



- Includes lush desert oases, significant archeological sites, and thirty miles of the world-famous Pacific Crest Trail
- Favorite area for camping, hiking, hunting, horseback riding, photography, wildlife viewing, and skiing
- Renowned for its rich diversity of rare and fragile wildlife and is one of the most biodiverse areas in southern California

#### *Mojave Trails National Monument*

- Consists of 1.6 million acres of federal lands, including more than 350,000 acres of already Congressionally-designated wilderness
- Managed by the Bureau of Land Management
- Located between Barstow and Needles, California
- Includes a stunning mosaic of rugged mountain ranges, ancient lava flows, and spectacular sand dunes
- Contains the longest remaining undeveloped stretch of Route 66 and some of the best preserved sites from the World War II-era Desert Training Center
- Connects the Mojave National Preserve with Joshua Tree National Park
- Ensures the biological connectivity of this landscape while preserving traditional uses such hunting and off-highway vehicle recreation

#### *Castle Mountains National Monument*

- Consists of approximately 21,000 acres of federal land
- Surrounded by the existing Mojave National Preserve and will be managed by the National Park Service
- It is an integral piece of the Mojave Desert, containing important flora, fauna, water, and historic resources
- Its designation as a national monument helps to preserve related resources set aside for protection in the Preserve
- Contains some of the finest Joshua tree forest and native desert grassland in the Mojave Desert
- Features important cultural resources including Native American archeological sites and vestiges of mining, ranching, and the railroad from the period of western expansion

#### *Obama Antiquities Act Legacy*

- These designations bring to twenty-two the number of national monuments established by President Obama under the Antiquities Act
- The authority has been exercised by sixteen presidents starting with President Theodore Roosevelt in 1906
- It has been used to protect treasures such as the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and Colorado's Canyons of the Ancients
- Altogether, President Obama has protected more than 265 million acres of public lands and waters – more than any other President



- He has preserved sites that help tell the story of significant people and extraordinary events in American history

**VI. OVAL OFFICE ATTENDEES**

- Pending WH confirmation

**VII. TALKING POINTS**

- Attached as a separate document

**VIII. BIOS**

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**DOI in the News:**

**OBAMA DESIGNATES THREE NEW NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.** The White House announced on Friday that President Obama designated three new national monuments in the California desert. According to an information sheet, the White House says the new monuments will encompass "nearly 1.8 million acres of America's public lands," and will "nearly double the number of acres of public lands previously protected as national monuments by President Obama – demonstrating the Administration's strong commitment to aggressive action to protect the environment for future generations." The new monuments will "link already protected lands, including Joshua Tree National Park, Mojave National Preserve, and fifteen congressionally-designated Wildemess areas, permanently protecting key wildlife corridors and providing plants and animals with the space and elevation range that they will need in order to adapt to the impacts of climate change." The new monuments are Mojave Trails National Monument, Sand to Snow National Monument and Castle Mountains National Monument.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/12, Eilperin, 8.98M) reported the monuments create "the world's second-largest desert preserve" and nearly double "the amount of land [Obama] has unilaterally protected while in office," giving rise to opposition to Obama's use of executive powers. House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT) called it "presidential bullying." On the other side, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said, "Sand to Snow's peaks and valleys have long provided physical and spiritual sustenance to native people," adding, "they are also an inspiration and recreational beacon to millions."

The [AP](#) (2/16, Rogers) pointed out the "Mojave Trails National Monument, at 1.6 million acres, is by far the largest of the three new ones." The article described the lands. [US News & World Report](#) (2/12, 853K) also carried the AP report. [The Hill](#) (2/16, Cama, 862K) cited Sen. Dianne Feinstein's (D-CA) support for the monument designations. The BLM, the NPS, and the Forest Service will manage the lands, which were "already owned by the federal government."

[McClatchy](#) (2/15, Doyle, 22K) quotes Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's statement that "the California desert is a cherished and irreplaceable resource for the people of Southern California." Jewell also said "valid existing" uses of the affected lands will continue, including those of the US military. [Reuters](#) (2/12, Bernstein) reported similarly, and its report was also carried by [Philly \(PA\)](#) (2/12, Bernstein, 822K) and [Yahoo! News](#) (2/12, Bernstein, 6.31M).

[Greenwire](#) (2/12, Jacobs, Subscription Publication) explained the monument designation "shields the land from any new mining and other industrial activities, including solar and wind farms." Jewell reportedly "applauded the designations in San Bernardino and Riverside counties." Jewell said in a statement, "Today's designation by the President furthers the longstanding work of public land managers and local communities to ensure these areas will remain preserved and accessible to the public for future generations."

The [Sierra \(CA\) Sun Times](#) (2/15) carries the press release from the Interior Department. Additional coverage was provided by [My News LA \(CA\)](#) (2/12, Sklar), [Tech Times](#) (2/14, Pascual, 173K), and [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (2/12, Milman, 3.71M).

***Western Lawmakers Concerned By "Federal Overreach" In Obama's National Monument Strategy.*** The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (2/13, Jonsson, 442K) discussed how President Obama's Friday decision to establish three new national monuments, the Mojave Trails, Sand to Snow, and Castle Mountains, in California "smacks of federal overreach" to critics. The article said "the reaction to Obama's use of executive powers to protect these natural resources highlights the shifts in thinking around public lands and the impact of federal policy on Americans who live and work in the West."

**JEWELL DISCUSSES NATIONAL MONUMENTS AT ALASKA WILDERNESS LEAGUE EVENT.** The [Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#) (2/15, Connelly, 663K) reports that US Interior Secretary Sally Jewell was "honored Saturday night by the Alaska Wildemess League" following the creation of three new national monuments, but that the group proceeded to pitch "designation of a new national monument on land in Alaska's Arctic National



Wildlife Refuge that is coveted by Big Oil." Jewell "joked" in responding, "Everybody is coming to me with their wish list." Jewell added, "The fact is you do not see the land of man," but also said "There's a lot of oil under there." The article describes how in recent months, Jewell "has lately been at work on everything from monuments to the role of indigenous people in protecting lands, to a global anti-poaching initiative which has taken her to Africa and Southeast Asia." At the event Jewell said of Obama, "He does not have the outdoor affinity that I do except for Hawaii. He is a creature of the beach."

**PHILANTHROPIST DONATES \$18.5 MILLION TO RENOVATE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.** The [AP](#) (2/15, Barakat) reports that on Monday the NPS announced philanthropist billionaire David Rubenstein donated \$18.5 million to refurbish the Lincoln Memorial and other icons, with the money slated to "be used to fix the memorial's roof, clean Lincoln's statue, repair marble panels and improve accessibility by adding a second elevator." The NPS "also plans to create 15,000 square feet of visitor space in the cavernous space below the memorial for education." NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis said the memorial is "pretty stout, and...has held up quite well for a structure of its age," but added, "you can't build a 100-year roof." The [Washington Times](#) (2/15, Barakat, 285K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/15, Barakat, 8.98M), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (2/15, Barakat, 442K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/15, Barakat, 1.99M), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (2/15, Services, 2.17M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (2/15, Barakat, 822K), also carry this story.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/15, Ruane, 8.98M) says the planned repairs will likely be "the biggest overhaul of the building since the structure was dedicated in 1922," according to officials. Rubenstein said in an interview last week, "the idea was to take the basic Lincoln Memorial and reshape it a bit, make it more modern, scrub it up a bit," and to add an education center about Lincoln. National Mall and Memorial Parks superintendent Gay Vietzke said the memorial "has become symbolic of so much more." Jarvis said last week, "When we build the new exhibit and visitor-use space, it will...give the public an opportunity to actually see underneath the memorial," adding that he "feel[s] great" about the renovations.

The [Chicago Sun-Times](#) (2/15, Merda, 764K) quotes US Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell's statement: "His act of 'patriotic philanthropy' will not only safeguard one of our most visited and recognizable memorials for future generations, but will also help preserve Lincoln's legacy to this country." [UPI](#) (2/15, Ware) further quotes Jewell as saying, "This generous donation by David Rubenstein, his fourth to benefit national parks, comes at a perfect time as our national parks usher in a new century of service to this nation."

The [Washington Times](#) (2/15, Mcdermott, 285K) cites Rubenstein saying his donation aims to "help people better understand Lincoln's leadership during a trying time." The article adds that the NPS "is expected to spend about \$6 million of its own money" toward the project, and paraphrases Jewell as saying the NPS "is in desperate need of donation." Jewell said "From my office I've watched the roof of the Jefferson Memorial get browner and browner."

[Reuters](#) (2/16) reports similarly, and is also carried by [Yahoo! News](#) (2/16, 6.31M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (2/15, 822K), and the website of [AOL](#) (2/15, 6.15M). [WTOP-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (2/18, 255K) and the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (2/15, 1.25M) provide photographic coverage online. [TIME](#) (2/15, Reilly, 18.01M) also covers this story.

**IN FASTEST-EVER SPECIES RECOVERY, FWS RECOMMENDS DELISTING CALIFORNIA FOXES.** The [AP](#) (2/12) reported in its "The Latest" brief that on Friday the FWS said "years of work to monitor" the population of three island fox subspecies native to California's Channel Islands, to vaccinate them against diseases and to "relocate non-native predators have resulted in the historic recovery" of the subspecies that "were once on the brink of extinction." The FWS also recommended foxes on Santa Catalina Island "be reclassified from endangered to threatened, saying the potential for disease outbreak is a remaining threat" to that subspecies. The FWS "says it's the fastest successful recovery of any mammal listed" under the ESA. This report was also carried by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/12, 8.98M) and the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/12, 1.99M).

In lengthier coverage, the [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/12, Sahagun, 4.1M) said a "remarkably successful recovery effort" by the FWS led to the delisting recommendation for subspecies. The Times explained the population of Santa Catalina Island foxes "crashed to roughly 100 in 1999 because of a canine distemper epidemic." The San Miguel, Santa Rosa and Santa Cruz Island foxes "were classified as endangered in 2004 after suffering catastrophic declines primarily because of predation by Golden eagles." FWS Director Dan Ashe said, "The speed at which these subspecies have recovered points to the strength of the endangered species act in focusing conservation attention and catalyzing recovery actions, and demonstrates what we can achieve together."



[National Parks Traveler](#) (2/14, 989) paraphrased the FWS press release as stating the “best available scientific data now suggests that populations of these island fox subspecies have recovered to self-sustaining levels.” Ashe is further quoted as saying, “The remarkable recovery efforts of land managers and conservation partners over the past two decades on behalf of the Channel Island fox is the reason for this historic recovery success.” Ashe added, “We look forward to continuing our collaborations with land managers and conservation partners on Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, San Miguel and Santa Catalina Islands. ... Together, we will continue to monitor island fox populations to ensure their long-term survival in the wild.”

[E&E Publishing](#) (2/12, Hiar, Subscription Publication, 705) added that “the only species that have recovered faster or as fast as Eggert’s sunflowers, with an eight-year recovery, and Lake Erie water snakes, which took 12 years.” Additional coverage was provided by the [Santa Barbara \(CA\) Noozhawk](#) (2/15, Potthoff, 210), [Nature World News](#) (2/14) and [Solo News \(ITA\)](#) (2/15).

**THREATENED BAT SPECIES UNLIKELY TO DISRUPT CASINO CONSTRUCTION IN INDIANA.** The [AP](#) (2/14) reported “a less restrictive rule taking effect this month” will allow the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians to construct an 18-story casino in South Bend, IN despite a rule proposed by the FWS in April that would’ve prohibited development on potential northern long-eared bat habitat. The threatened species now only receives protection “on sites known to contain roosting trees.” The [AP](#) paraphrased FWS field supervisor Scott Pruitt’s statement to the [South Bend \(IN\) Tribune](#) (2/5, Parrott, 184K) that “the database for Indiana contains no records of roosting trees on the 165-acre site in South Bend where the tribe wants to build its development.”

The [AP](#) story is also carried by the [Times of Northwest Indiana](#) (2/14, 283K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/14, 1.99M), and the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/14, 285K).

**Groups To Sue FWS Over Possible Bat Habitat Destruction.** [Greenwire](#) (2/12, Skibell, Subscription Publication) reported four environmental groups said on Friday they plan to sue the FWS for permitting “logging and habitat destruction” for the northern long-eared bats. Despite disease causing the bat’s decline, the groups claimed “habitat loss is also a contributing factor...because the animals require large, uninterrupted swaths of forest for foraging, migrating and roosting.” The FWS’ new rule would allow “logging, coal mining, pesticide use, oil and gas projects, and pipeline construction in the areas where the bats live.”

**ENVIRONMENTALISTS PERMITTED TO INTERVENE IN SAGE GROUSE LITIGATION.** The [AP](#) (2/14, Sonner) reported that late last month US District Judge Miranda Du permitted three national conservation groups to intervene in Idaho Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s (R) lawsuit against the Obama Administration that contends “land use planning amendments impose unnecessary restrictions on activities in or near grouse habitat.” Neither the Governor nor the Administration objected to the intervention, but other parties opposed the introduction of new elements “in an already complicated case expected to drag well into the summer in Reno.” Du decided the conservation groups should be allowed to intervene “because of their more narrowed focus (on) environmental protections in contrast to the agencies’ broader land management interests.”

This story was also carried by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/14, Sonner, 1.99M), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/14, 881K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/14, Sonner, 285K), the [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (2/15, 22K), [Montana Kaimin](#) (2/15, 11K), and on the website of [KTNV-TV Las Vegas \(NV\) Las Vegas](#) (2/15, 27K).

**IMAX FILM “NATIONAL PARKS ADVENTURE” RECEIVES POSITIVE REVIEWS.** The [AP](#) (2/14, Harpaz) continued coverage of the new IMAX movie, “National Parks Adventure,” which debuted Friday, celebrating “the beauty and thrills of America’s parks.” The [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (2/13, 94K) and the [Paducah \(KY\) Sun](#) (2/13, 61K) also carried the [AP](#) story. [Greenwire](#) (2/12, Subscription Publication) quoted MacGillivray Freeman Films Director Greg MacGillivray as praising the 3-D movie medium, saying, “When something spectacular happens in an Imax film, audiences remember it like it’s a firsthand experience.” The movie “follows three adventurers led by elite climber Conrad Anker through some of the country’s most famous landscapes.” MacGillivray said the film “fills you with a reverence for what nature can do.”

[Skift](#) (2/14) said the movie, narrated by Robert Redford, stars “geysers, red rock canyons, mountaintops and redwood forests.” According to Skift, “the emphasis on adventure and not just beauty and history is a way of furthering the National Park Service’s efforts to attract millennials.” The article quoted NPS Director Jon Jarvis’ statement that the service aims to “connect with the next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates.”

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/12, King, 4.1M) highlighted the “eye-popping footage” in its review of the movie. MacGillivray expressed gratitude for the production team’s “incredible access to the parks,” saying “the people in Washington, D.C., were able to help us a lot as far as navigating and working with each park to get the best



possible shots.”

In its review of the film, the [Miami Herald](#) (2/15, Granfield, 803K) calls the soundtrack “superb,” as it “adds to the upbeat momentum of rushing waterfalls, towering canyons and other sweeping scenes.” The Herald also praises the NPS’ use of the IMAX medium. However, in assessing content the Herald concludes, “Though the film highlights threats that happened before the National Park’s formation, such as the near extinction of redwoods for lumber, it falls short of engaging the audience with ongoing threats and controversial practices within and around the parks.” NPS Ranger Gary Bremen said, “The centennial is a great opportunity for people to get out and experience the beauty of national parks. ... No matter what your interest is, there’ll be something for you.”

Additional coverage is provided by the website of [KSTU-TV Salt Lake City](#) (2/14, 165K) and the [Uniontown \(PA\) Herald-Standard](#) (2/15, 44K).

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**GOOGLE CULTURAL INSTITUTE TO OFFER NPS ARTIFACTS IN ONLINE MUSEUM.** [Indian Republic](#) (2/15, Nehru) reports Secretary Jewell “was in Tuskegee Thursday to make a big announcement involving a public-private partnership with Google.” The Google Cultural Institute will be putting many artifacts from the National Park Service in its online museum.

**BIA, FBI INVESTIGATING STABBING DEATH ON UTE MOUNTAIN UTE RESERVATION.** The [Denver Post](#) (2/16, 881K) reports on the investigation into the stabbing death of Keisha Meya Colorow at the Ute Mountain Ute reservation on Monday. The US Attorney’s spokesman Jeff Dorschner said that “no arrests have been made,” but that both the Bureau of Indian Affairs and FBI “are investigating.”

## **Tackling America’s Water Challenges:**

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT URGED TO SUPPORT TWIN TUNNELS.** Derrick Seaver of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce and Josué Garcia of the Santa Clara & San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council write in an op-ed for the [San Jose \(CA\) Mercury News](#) (2/15, Seaver, Garcia, 648K) that the Santa Clara Valley Water District should support the California Water Fix. “It is absolutely vital to ensure reliable, secure water for our region and to protect the health of the failing Delta.” They note that Bay Area water districts supply “Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Oracle, AT&T, and many biotech and medical research firms.”

**BUDGET WOULD BOOST FUNDS FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION, IMPOSE FEE ON HARDROCK MINING.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/12, Graham, 31K) reports the Administration’s budget “would invest hundreds of millions of dollars in environmental causes to the benefit of Colorado and other Western states.” That includes funding for “land and water conservation...water sustainability efforts and...fees on hardrock mining.” It would spend \$900 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It would also impose a fee on hardrock mining, the revenue to be used for “remediating abandoned mine sites.” It would also include “\$98.6 million for WaterSMART programs, with \$61.5 million for water sustainability efforts through (the Bureau of) Reclamation.”

**JUDGE REJECTS EFFORT TO FORCE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO RELEASE WATER TO IRRIGATORS ASSOCIATION.** The [Salem \(OR\) Capital Press](#) (2/15, Jenkins, 113K) reports U.S. District Judge Rosanna Malouf Peterson ruled against the Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association in its effort to secure “water to irrigate 14,000 acres in Eastern Washington.” The group sued “to push the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation toward providing” the water, but Judge Peterson “said she wasn’t going to second-guess” the agency.

**SUIT SEEKS CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF DESCHUTES RIVER.** The [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (2/15, 98K) reports on management of the Deschutes River as the Center for Biological Diversity and WaterWatch of Oregon are seeking a preliminary injunction to force “the Bureau of Reclamation and five irrigation districts in Central Oregon [to] manage the river’s water differently.” The groups are seeking to change water management in order to ensure water for “the Oregon spotted frog and other river animals.” The Deschutes Basin Board of Control objects that any change ordered by the court may result in “abrupt and severe restrictions” on water usage. The frog is listed as threatened by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

**COMPROMISE SOUGHT ON WATER USAGE AROUND QUIVIRA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The



AP (2/12) reports on the effort to come to an agreement on “competing water needs of south-central Kansas irrigators” and the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, “which has senior rights to water that has long been used by hundreds of surrounding irrigators with junior rights.” The US Fish and Wildlife Service has requested Kansas “to address the issue, but the state has so far refused.” A report last year from the Kansas Division of Water Resources found that “the refuge had been denied more than 3,000 acre-feet in 18 of the 34 years reviewed,” and that “a solution would likely include ‘long term cuts in groundwater pumping.’” Refuge manager Mike Oldham said the refuge needs water “to maintain the 7,000 acres of internationally recognized wetlands.” The various authorities and interests are “working to devise a compromise.”

**FLORIDA RELEASING WATER FROM OKEECHOBEE TO EVERGLADES.** [USA Today](#) (2/15, Gillis, 5.56M) reports that Florida is “releasing water from Lake Okeechobee to Everglades National Park” to reduce flooding. The release is attributed to Gov. Rick Scott’s insistence, and “the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the South Florida Water Management District and others agreed to speed up a project aimed at restoring historic flows.” In addition, affected area landowners agreed not to sue, and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, facing flooding, also agreed.

## Securing America’s Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**FORMER EPA OFFICIAL CALLS FOR INVESTMENT IN NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION, INFRASTRUCTURE.** Former EPA Assistant Administrator J. Winston Porter, in a letter to the editor of the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/15, Subscription Publication, 6.74M), takes issues with Fred Krupp’s op-ed on methane leaks. While Porter agrees that methane leakage should be reduced, he argues Krupp doesn’t credit the progress the industry is already occurring in this area. Porter disagrees with Krupp’s call for additional regulation and instead calls for investment in natural-gas production and infrastructure.

**Methane Leaks Said To Undermine Clean Power Plan Targets.** Elena Krieger at PSE Healthy Energy and Zeke Hausfather at UC Berkeley write for [The Hill](#) (2/16, Krieger, Hausfather, 862K) that “according to a study by PSE Healthy Energy released in January, methane leakage from natural gas wells and pipelines could severely undermine the climate objectives of the Clean Power Plan.” As a result of methane’s “outsized impact on near-term climate change,” the “real climate benefit of natural gas is much lower than the EPA suggests,” they write. If methane leaks are not addressed, they could “severely undermine the EPA’s aim to slash greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector, especially if states shift from coal to natural gas, rather than to renewable energy.”

Additional coverage is provided by the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/12, 1.99M), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/15, 290K), the [Oklahoman](#) (2/15, Moss, 421K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/14, 31K), a separate article in the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/13, Graham, 31K), the [Cortez \(CO\) Journal](#) (2/15, Romeo, 4K), and the [Santa Fe New Mexican](#) (2/15, 67K).

**CLEAN POWER PLAN IN LIMBO WITH JUSTICE SCALIA’S DEATH.** [NPR](#) (2/14, Elving, 1.81M) reports that following the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, “any case in which his vote would have been decisive will be left in stalemate, and the last ruling by a lower court will remain in force.” President Obama has vowed to submit a nominee to replace Justice Scalia, but key Senate Republicans have said that a nominee should be chosen by the next president. NPR says, “Scalia’s vote to freeze enforcement of President Obama’s orders reducing greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, announced on Feb. 9, will stand because that 5-4 order had already been issued.” However, a “short-handed court in the months ahead could elevate the importance of the decision on that issue by the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, which is expected to rule before summer.”

[The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (2/14, Redden, 3.71M) says that such a scenario would favor the Administration as “the DC panel is made up of mostly Democratic appointees, and is likely to dismiss the states’ argument that the clean power plan is illegal and represents federal government overreach.” Were that to occur, the Supreme Court “would still have to overturn its stay – which would be problematic if Scalia’s seat remains empty.” The stay has left the EPA “unable to enforce any part of the bill until the litigation is over – marking a significant victory for opponents of regulation to restrict greenhouse gas emissions.”

In a column for [The Atlantic](#) (2/14, 2.95M), Robinson Meyer speculates that “the opening of a new slot on the



Supreme Court makes the Clean Power Plan's survival much likelier – if a Democrat wins the White House in November,” while “the Plan might also enter force if a Court with a vacant seat hears its case.”

**Wisconsin Gov. Walker Orders Agencies Not To Prepare For Clean Power Plan.** The [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#) (2/15, 743K) reports that citing last week's decision by the US Supreme Court to stay the Clean Power Plan, “Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker on Monday ordered state agencies not to do any work to prepare for federal climate change regulations.” Walker in a statement said, “The stay granted last week by the Supreme Court validates our concerns about this rule. The Executive Order we issued today protects our taxpayers from an unnecessary cost of up to \$13 billion as we continue to act in the best interests of Wisconsin citizens.”

**McCarthy: Court Stay Slows But Does Not Stop Carbon Cutting.** [E&E Publishing](#) (2/15, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that despite a Supreme Court ruling putting the Clean Power Plan on hold, state officials “signaled interest” in continuing planning for power-sector carbon reductions when EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy spoke before the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), National Association of State Energy Officials and National Association of Clean Air Agencies. McCarthy said EPA “remains fully confident in the legal merits of this rule,” adding, “One decision to stay doesn't mean that the CPP isn't alive or isn't going to survive.”

**GEOENGINEERING SEEN AS TOO RISKY TO REDUCE GLOBAL EMISSIONS.** [Bloomberg News](#) (2/15, Hirtenstein, 2.92M) reports that Phil Williamson, a scientist at Britain's University of East Anglia, “examined the ecological effect of a number of proposed methods known as geoengineering and concluded in a paper that none would work at a large scale without huge risks for the planet.” Williamson said in a phone interview, “We could cool the world in all sorts of weird and wacky ways that seem like they could be technically possible, but whether they will actually work on a large scale is a big question, and what kind of disruptions they would cause is another.”

**NEVADA COMMISSION UPHOLDS RATE INCREASE FOR ROOFTOP SOLAR CUSTOMER.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (2/15, Whaley, Corey, 479K) reports that on Friday the Nevada Public Utilities Commission voted to keep a Jan 1 2016 phased in rate increase to rooftop-solar customers in effect and rejected proposals to grandfather in existing customers under original net metering rates. The Commission also reduced the credits to solar-users for their excess energy back to the grid. “I think this proposal creates a seamless transition to cost-based rates,” Commission Chairman Paul Thomsen said. The Review-Journal says “Gov. Brian Sandoval expressed disappointment at the decision, saying it did not go far enough to protect existing rooftop-solar customers.” Hundreds of protesters gathered outside of the Las Vegas PUC offices in support of solar customers.

Additional coverage of this story was provided by [Reuters](#) (2/16) which reports that all three members of Nevada's Public Utilities Commission voted unanimously to keep the increased rates.

In its “Ballot Box” blog [The Hill](#) (2/13, Neidig, 862K) reports that on Saturday at a campaign stop in Reno Nevada, Bernie Sanders called on Warren Buffett to hear from Nevada constituents on the solar decision, saying “this is a terrible decision” and “the ruling went exactly the wrong way.”

**Nevada Public Utilities Union Denies Request To Resume Energy Efficiency Programs.** The [Las Vegas Sun](#) (2/12, Rothberg, 196K) reports that on Friday, Nevada's Public Utilities Union denied NV Energy's request “to bring back two popular energy efficiency programs in Southern Nevada.” One program “lowered the cost of residential LED lights and another helped cover the cost of energy-efficient pool pumps.” NV Energy claimed that “it would be able to reinstate the programs under the budget the commission approved in December for the utility's energy efficiency programs.” However, “The commission denied NV Energy's argument on the foundation that NV Energy had not met its burden for an appeal before the quasi-judicial panel,” and also said that the utility “did not submit any new information to warrant a change.”

**NEW YORK RANKS FOURTH IN US FOR SOLAR ENERGY JOBS.** The AP (2/15) reports a census by the Solar Foundation “shows New York ranks fourth in the nation in solar technology jobs.” The nonprofit group “reports in its 2015 census that 208,859 Americans now work in the solar energy sector, including 8,250 in New York.” The Solar Foundation “says it's the third consecutive year that solar jobs nationwide have grown by 20 percent or more.”

#### **Onshore Energy Development:**



**LAWMAKERS PUSH CONGRESS TO CUT EU SODA ASH TAX.** [E&E Daily](#) (2/12, Brown, Subscription Publication) reported Wyoming's congressional delegation asserted in a letter, "U.S. trade negotiators shouldn't come home from trans-Atlantic trade negotiations until they've persuaded the European Union to drop its tax on soda ash," as part of a push for "Congress to reduce soda ash royalty rates at home to offset the impacts of what they see as foreign subsidies." The article cited the Interior Department as indicating "Wyoming and California are home to many of the 78 soda ash mining leases on 99,000 acres of public lands, while Oregon's Port of Portland is a major shipping point."

**NATIONAL GRID POISED TO SHIFT COSTS TO CUSTOMERS.** [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (2/15, Harrington, 1.23M) reports, "National Grid is proposing to shift its \$356,000 annual electricity bill onto its gas customers following LIPA's decision to end its longtime practice of providing electricity to the company for free." [Newsday](#) says, "Most of the free electric service went to support National Grid's operation of the LIPA electric grid, company spokeswoman Wendy Ladd said." However, "That changed in the aftermath of superstorm Sandy, and in 2014 LIPA handed the contract to operate the electric system to PSEG Long Island" and "National Grid was forced to split off the gas and electric parts of its business." Ladd said that National Grid "is now responsible for electric charges for the portion of these facilities supporting the gas business."

**NORTH DAKOTA PSC HAD HUNDREDS OF CONSUMER CONTACTS LAST YEAR.** The [AP](#) (2/15) reports the Public Service Commission in North Dakota "says it received hundreds of consumer contacts in the last year that included complaints against regulated entities." The commission "says it received a total of 905 consumer contacts in 2015" but the commission "says more than a third of them called for increased crude oil conditioning, which didn't fall under the agency's jurisdiction." The PSC "regulates coal mining, land reclamation, pipelines, electric and gas utilities, grain elevators, telecommunications and auctioneers."

**COUNCIL SAYS NORTHWEST'S POWER NEEDS CAN BE MET WITH CONSERVATION.** The [AP](#) (2/15, Geranios) reports the Northwest Power and Conservation Council is predicting that "the electricity needs of Northwest states can be met in the next 20 years mostly through conservation efforts, with little need to construct new power plants." The NPCC "recently issued its 20-year plan for meeting the energy needs of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana." In a statement last week Council Chairman Henry Lorenzen said, "By investing in energy efficiency at the levels recommended in the plan, we'll be able to grow without initiating an aggressive program to build new generating resources, and we'll keep Northwest electricity rates low."

**CONNECTICUT TO CLOSE LAST COAL-POWERED PLANT.** The [Hartford \(CT\) Courant](#) (2/11, Hladky, 518K) reports that officials from PSEG have announced they will close down Connecticut's last coal-fired power plant, Bridgeport Harbor Station, by 2021 and replace it with a natural-gas-powered plant to begin operating in 2019. The [Courant](#) reports that Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and Bridgeport Mayor Joe Ganim "praised the announcement as a major step toward reducing pollution and retaining employment within the community."

**NYTIMES CRITICIZES MOUNTAINTOP REMOVAL.** The [New York Times](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), in an editorial, denounces "mountaintop removal" mining for "leaving behind... a grossly disfigured landscape." It cites a report from Duke University researchers on the effects of the practice, and points out that the Interior Department is "working on a stronger Stream Protection Rule." The [Times](#) concludes by quoting Chief Judge Charles Haden II of United States District Court, "No effect on related environmental values is more adverse than obliteration."

**FRACKING BECOMES FLASH POINT IN PENNSYLVANIA'S DEMOCRATIC SENATE PRIMARY.** The [AP](#) (2/13, Levy) reports that in recent days, a divide over fracking has emerged in the Democratic primary battle to challenge Republican Sen. Pat Toomey in November as "two of the three candidates declared their support for a halt to hydraulic fracturing on both public and private lands." Mayor John Fetterman and former Congressman Joe Sestak "both support a halt to fracking, at least until there is stronger regulation," while a third candidate, Katie McGinty, "a former top-level environmental adviser in Washington and Harrisburg, also supports stronger regulation, but not a broad moratorium." G. Terry Madonna, a pollster at Franklin and Marshall College, "said it's not clear that the stance will help Fetterman or Sestak," but "it is likely to be part of their campaign to highlight where McGinty may not be as liberal and help Sestak and Fetterman even the playing field with a candidate who has considerable support from the party establishment."

**Pennsylvania Democrats "Squabbling" Over State's Fracking Future.** [E&E Publishing](#) (2/15, Subscription Publication, 705) reported that Pennsylvania Democrats vying in an April 26 primary are "squabbling" over fracking's future in the state as well as "taking aim at each other over campaign contributions tied to the energy industry." Former White House Council on Environmental Quality Chairwoman Katie McGinty "has called fracking the state's 'secret sauce' for job growth," while former Rep. Joe Sestak "has long supported a



moratorium on drilling the oil-and-gas-rich Marcellus Shale." Meanwhile, Braddock Mayor John Fetterman is "in the middle" and "has endorsed significantly stricter environmental regulations on the process and endorsed taxing natural gas drilling."

The [AP](#) (2/13, Levy) reported that Fetterman and Sestak both support a "halt to fracking" while McGinty supports stronger regulation, "but not a broad moratorium." Fetterman's campaign attacked McGinty on the issue, sending out an online video that accused McGinty of taking campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry, while McGinty's supporters deny the charge.

#### **LENDING LIMIT REVIEW COULD CAUSE SHAKEOUT IN OIL, NATURAL GAS PRODUCERS. USA**

[Today](#) (2/14, Loveless, 5.56M) reports Standard & Poor's Rating Services predicts that 45 speculative-grade US oil and natural gas producers will have their "borrowing bases" drop "by an average 20%-30% when banks take a fresh look" at credit lines in April, "making it difficult for some companies to stay in business." S&P lowered its credit ratings for 25 of the producers; previously the company "lowered credit ratings and outlooks for 13 large, investment-grade producers, including Chevron."

#### **OIL DOWNTURN COULD HIT PIPELINE COMPANIES.**

The [Houston Chronicle](#) (2/16, Grattan, 1.99M) reported that US pipeline companies that move and process crude oil are likely to be impacted by an impending wave of oil company bankruptcies. Smaller pipeline companies face the most pressing fallout as their customers can be fewer and riskier. Williams Cos. and Energy Transfer Equity, which are in the process of merging, recently saw their stocks take a hit on rumors that major Williams' customer Chesapeake Energy was considering bankruptcy.

**Jakab: Investors Should Cautious On MLPs.** In his "Heard on the Street" column for the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/12, Subscription Publication, 6.74M), Spencer Jakab wrote that while the energy MLP sector appears to offer good performance, he advises investors to be cautious. Jakab says that MLP's customers are struggling, with some filing for bankruptcy, and long-term contracts between MLPs and producers could be thrown out, meaning uncertain cashflow and spooked investors.

**SPECULATORS BETTING ON OIL PRICE REBOUND.** [Bloomberg News](#) (2/15, Shenk, 2.92M) reports speculators are betting oil prices will rebound, with long positions in West Texas Intermediate crude up "to the highest since June as oil sank toward a 12-year low, according to U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission data." Bloomberg notes Chevron Corp and other companies "have said they will reduce outlays to maintain cash." Meanwhile, Phil Flynn, senior market analyst at Price Futures Group in Chicago, said, "There's a growing realization after all the announcements of cuts in capital expenditures that we're going to see a drop in production."

#### **Offshore Energy Development:**

**FIRST STUDY OF OFFSHORE HYDRAULIC FRACTURE IS UNDERWAY.** The [Los Angeles Daily News](#) (2/13, Mazza, 301K) reports on "the first federal study of offshore hydraulic fracturing," due to a suit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity against the US Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. The suit alleged that "the environmental and human health dangers that could arise from fracking" had not been sufficiently studied as required by the Coastal Zone Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

**SCIENTISTS EXAMINE WAYS TO HARNESS ENERGY OF GULF STREAM.** The [Hampton Roads \(VA\) Virginian-Pilot](#) (2/15, Hampton, 312K) reports on research into "harnessing energy from the Gulf Stream off Cape Hatteras, N.C.," which may offer "more potential than offshore wind." That's because the ocean current offers energy that is "about 800 times more dense" than wind. The Gulf Stream current is "about 60 miles wide and 3,000 feet deep in places," moving more water "than all the world's rivers put together."

**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF KEEP IT IN THE GROUND ACT.** In continuing coverage, the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (2/13, Lochhead, 3.37M) reported on the Keep It in the Ground Act, which seeks "to halt new fossil fuel development on all federally controlled public lands, which is where most of the nation's coal, oil and natural gas is found." Besides blocking "leases for coal, oil, gas, oil shale and tar sands on public land," there would be a moratorium on new leases for offshore drilling and leases not producing fuel would be ended. Furthermore offshore drilling in the Arctic and the Atlantic seaboard would be banned. This is "an aggressive escalation by the Democratic left on the issue." The [Contra Costa \(CA\) Times](#) (2/12, Halstead, 251K) and the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (2/13, Pfister, 131K) also covered this story.



**SHELL COMPLETES BG TAKEOVER, BECOMING WORLD'S TOP LNG COMPANY.** [Reuters](#) (2/15, Bousso) reports that Royal Dutch Shell's \$53 billion takeover of BG Group became effective Monday, creating the world's top liquefied natural gas company. Said Shell CEO Ben van Beurden, "We will now be able to shape a simpler, leaner, more competitive company, focusing on our core expertise in deep water and LNG." The deal will define van Beurden's legacy, reports Reuters, as he seeks to transform the company. According to Shell's statement, BG shareholders opted largely for shares as opposed to cash in the deal. BG will now be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shell headed by Huibert Vigevano.

[USA Today](#) (2/15, Bomey, 5.56M) added that after completing the acquisition, Shell is now the world's second largest energy company behind Exxon Mobil. "This is an important moment for Shell," van Beurden said. "It significantly boosts our reserves and production and will bring a large injection to our cash flow." [KPRC-TV Houston](#) (2/15, 5:07 p.m. CST, 87K) broadcast that "with the improvement, Shell is expecting to improve their revenue by \$3.5 billion," while [International Business Times](#) (2/15, McHugh, 693K) reported that "the transition will be a difficult one, according to industry experts, because of an ongoing oil glut."

**Merger To Boost Shell's Position In Brazil.** [Bloomberg News](#) (2/15, Valle, 2.92M) reported that following the merger, Shell "has made Brazil one of its top three countries" and "sees the South American nation's deep-water fields remaining competitive for years to come." [Reuters](#) (2/16, Blount, Nogueira) reports separately that speaking in Brazil, van Beurden said, "We believe in the strong fundamentals of Brazil and the fundamentals of its geology. ... We will be looking at a substantial part of our production from Brazil." According to van Beurden, Shell is hoping to quadruple oil and gas output in Brazil by 2020. Brazil will be key for Shell as the company focuses on LNG and deepwater oil production, thanks in part to BG's portfolio of Brazilian assets and Shell's 2013 purchase of 20% of the Libra offshore project.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/15, Connors, Kent, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) reported that by speaking from Brazil, van Beurden highlighted the importance of Brazil's oil and gas market. While the acquisition makes Shell the largest foreign oil company in Brazil, Brazil's political climate and the scandal surrounding Petr leo Brasileiro SA will create challenges. The [Houston Chronicle](#) (2/15, 1.99M) reported in a brief that van Beurden said Monday that Brazil "will remain a key destination country for us for investment dollars for at least another decade."

[Reuters](#) (2/15, Schaps) reported in a third article that van Beurden said on Monday that oil price volatility could stabilize later in 2016, with prices possibly rebounding after that, with the [Financial Times](#) (2/15, Leahy, Adams, Subscription Publication, 1.36M) adding that van Beurden predicts prices will rebound to levels in 2016 that will allow production in Brazil's pre-salt deepwater fields to break even. [Equilibrio Informativo \(VEN\)](#) (2/15, Ojeda) likewise reported that while van Beurden "said there are 'a lot of challenges' in Brazil, he expects oil prices to 're-balance' this year and for the region to remain competitive."

**Shell CEO: Merger "Creates A Company Of Extraordinary Strengths."** [The Times \(UK\)](#) (2/16, Van Beurden, Subscription Publication, 3K) carried an op-ed by Shell CEO Ben van Beurden, who wrote that the "joining together of Shell and BG creates a company of extraordinary strengths – a combination greater than the sum of our parts." Over time, van Beurden "expect[s] the fundamentals of energy supply and demand to reassert themselves and the strategic and economic benefits of the deal to fully deliver for shareholders." He praises assets Shell is inheriting in the North Sea, Brazil, Australia, the Caribbean and Asia, and names "other clear benefits" including "BG's strong position in trading and shipping, which will bolster Shell's capabilities, volumes and relationships in these core areas for the future development of the global gas market." Mr. van Beurden concludes that with the merger, "we have truly changed course and are going full speed ahead."

**Analysts: Following Merger, Shell Will Struggle To Spin-Off Assets At Prices It Expected.** The [Telegraph \(UK\)](#) (2/13, Ambrose, 898K) reported that as Shell completes its takeover of BG Group, the company faces "a fresh battle to dispose of \$30bn of assets in the next three years" as low oil prices continue to weigh on the market. Analysts "say Shell will struggle to spin-off assets at the price it once expected to" as low oil prices cut value across the energy sector. Once a "key prize of the merger," BG Group's deepwater Brazilian gasfields "now raise investor concerns after allegations of corruption against project partner Petrobras emerged last year."

**Additional Coverage.** The story is also covered by the [Express and Star \(UK\)](#) (2/15), the [Norfolk \(UK\) Eastern Daily Press](#) (2/15, Woods, 218), and the trade publications of [Offshore Energy Today](#) (2/15), [Offshore Post](#) (2/15), [Offshore Technology](#) (2/15), [Argus Media](#) (2/15), [LNG World News](#) (2/15), [Maritime Executive](#) (2/15, 21), [Energy Voice \(UK\)](#) (2/15), [Natural Gas Europe](#) (2/15) and [LNG Industry \(UK\)](#) (2/15).



**LOUISIANA GOVERNOR ASKS OBAMA TO HALT ATTEMPT TO REPEAL OFFSHORE REVENUE-SHARING.** The [AP](#) (2/12) reported that Louisiana governor John Bel Edwards has asked President Obama to drop an attempt in his 2017 budget proposal to repeal a 2006 budget provision establishing a revenue-sharing formula for offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico. Edwards in a Friday letter to Obama “said the budget proposal would strip Louisiana of the only consistent source of federal funds the state has for coastal restoration projects.”

**TEXAS-BASED PARAGON OFFSHORE DRILLING COMPANY FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY.** The [New York Times](#) (2/15, Corkery, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports Houston-based oil drilling company Paragon Offshore filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Sunday, becoming roughly the 60th company in the sector to file for bankruptcy in the last 16 months. Paragon completed a prepackaged bankruptcy agreement last week that cut its \$2.7 billion of debt “by about \$1.1 billion” so it can keep operating. The Times says the swift drop in oil prices could lead “to a series of drawn-out and messy bankruptcies,” and analysts say as much as a third of the US oil and gas industry “could be consolidated as a result of the downturn.”

[USA Today](#) (2/15, Bomey, 5.56M) reported that the bankruptcy “reflects what analysts say is the latest in a string of energy bankruptcies,” with drillers “particularly susceptible as oil companies cut back considerably on production” with a worldwide oversupply. The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/14, Brickley, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) reported that the low oil prices are taking their toll as companies compete for increasingly scarce business, with Paragon’s big customers Petróleos Mexicanos and Petróleo Brasileiro SA both moving to cut back contracts.

**LITTLE OPTIMISM FOR INDUSTRY AT INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM WEEK CONFERENCE.** [Bloomberg News](#) (2/12, Hoffman, Smith, Blas, Rascouet, 2.92M) reports that attendees at last week’s International Petroleum Week conference had seemed to repeat the same underlying message: “There are few reasons for optimism. The world is awash with oil. The market is overwhelmingly bearish.” Bloomberg says, “Prices will stay low for up to a decade as Chinese economic growth slows and the U.S. shale industry acts as a cap on any rally, according to Ian Taylor, chief executive officer of Vitol Group.” Jeff Currie, head of commodities research at Goldman Sachs, echoed that sentiment, saying, “I wouldn’t be surprised if this market goes into the teens.” Land-based oil storage is running out, “and the contango is getting so steep that it’s becoming profitable to hire supertankers, fill them with crude and anchor them offshore.”

**TRUMP DISCUSSES OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING.** The [Miami Herald](#) (2/16, Smith, 803K) reported on comments by Donald Trump on Cuba, oil drilling and opposing candidate Marco Rubio. When asked about current Congressional proposals that would expand offshore drilling and allow it closer to Florida’s coast, Trump said, “They’ve already got plenty in the Gulf. ... It would be a little bit of a shame [to expand drilling closer to Florida], because there’s so much fracking and there’s so much oil that we have now that we never thought possible. That’s an issue I’d absolutely study and do the right thing.”

**Despite Price Rally, Oil Demand Set To Decline With Winter’s End.** [Bloomberg News](#) (2/15, Smith, 2.92M) reported “one reason to withhold faith in oil’s recovery” is that despite oil prices’ recent rally, once winter ends fuel demand will decline until summer. David Hufton with PVM Group said, “Given the seasonality of oil demand, traditionally there is a supply surplus in the first half of the year,” with unconsumed oil now “coming on top of the mountain of oil that built up in 2014 and 2015.”

## America’s Great Outdoors:

### *Bureau of Land Management:*

**FBI ENDED OCCUPATION AT WILDLIFE REFUGE PEACEFULLY WITH HELP.** In a 2,250-word article, the [Washington Post](#) (2/13, Sullivan, Berman, 8.98M) chronicled the final days of the occupation at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon. The Post described the “key” roles Nevada Assemblywoman Michele Fiore and the Rev. Franklin Graham played in convincing the four holdouts “to surrender” peacefully. In another article, the [Washington Post](#) (2/13, Sullivan, Berman, 8.98M) reported that Graham and Fiore – “a celebrity among anti-government activists” – kept the occupiers calm by assuring them that the FBI would allow them to meet Graham and Fiore after they turned themselves in.

**WPost: FBI Deserves Credit For Approach To Oregon Occupation.** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (2/13, 8.98M) gave “credit to federal law enforcement authorities” for negotiating a “peaceful denouement” to the 41-day occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. The Post praised the FBI for having “showed



restraint in sitting out the armed activists" and for refusing to "waver on the need to bring to account those who so willfully and flagrantly broke the law." According to the Post, the FBI "clearly had learned lessons from the bloody sieges" of the 1990s and its "patient approach in letting the Oregon siege play out and bum out proved far more effective than a SWAT team assault."

**FBI: No Booby Traps Found At Wildlife Refuge.** The AP (2/12, Boone, Dubois) reported that the FBI said Friday that investigators had not found any booby traps or rigged explosives at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. FBI Portland Assistant Special Agent in Charge Larry Karl said agents were concluding their safety sweep of the refuge and were hoping to begin processing evidence soon. According to Karl, some hazardous materials were stored at the refuge prior to the takeover, and the FBI had information that the armed occupiers may have brought additional materials with them. Karl, the AP (2/13, Boone) reported, said that collecting evidence from the wildlife refuge could take several weeks. "Then the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be tasked with cleaning up the site, including garbage or debris left by the people who occupied the refuge during the standoff," the AP added.

**Oregon Authorities Look To Feds, Occupiers To Cover Occupation Costs.** Reuters (2/16, Urquhart) reports that Oregon officials have indicated that they hope to have the federal government – and the militants themselves – pay the bulk of the expenses caused by the wildlife refuge occupation. Oregon Governor Kate Brown is seeking up to \$1 million from state lawmakers to offset the costs to cities and towns. She will seek to reimburse the state from federal funds. Harney County judge and county commissioner Steven Grasty said the county plans to seek reimbursement directly from the armed occupiers, and is prepared to take them to court. Federal prosecutors, a source said, are looking into whether the US will join the county in pursuing reimbursement from the occupiers. Though the exact cost of the occupation is unknown, it is estimated in the millions of dollars, Reuters says. The New York Times (2/13, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) also reports Reuters' coverage on its website.

**Twenty-Three Charged So Far In Occupation.** The Guardian (UK) (2/15, Levin, 3.71M) reports that 23 people allegedly involved with the occupation all face a single federal charge of conspiring to impede federal officials via "force, intimidation and threats." The suspects "hail from 10 states across the US and have a wide range of prior involvement in conservative activism and criminal activity," The Guardian said. Despite the long list of individuals charged, the newspaper says, some observers have noted that many involved with the occupation have so far, avoided arrest and prosecution. "Notably, many of the most high-profile women of the militia...are...not listed in the charges," the Guardian says.

**Experts: Cliven Bundy Case Is Complex.** The AP (2/15, Ritter) reports that according to experts the case against Cliven Bundy in the 2014 armed standoff with federal authorities in Nevada will be a complex one. Bundy was arrested Wednesday and charged with "conspiracy, assault on a federal officer, obstruction, weapon use and possession, extortion to interfere with commerce, and aiding and abetting" in the 2014 case, the AP says. "They've probably been working up to this by talking to a lot of people who showed up as followers, and making deals and trying to get cooperating witnesses," said former US Attorney Richard Pocker said. "It's really hard to get folks in these movements to cooperate with a grand jury."

The Los Angeles Times (2/12, Pearce, 4.1M), the Washington Post (2/12, 8.98M), and the Oregonian (2/15, Brosseau, 864K) also report on the aftermath of the Oregon occupation.

**BLM PROPOSES RULE TO UPDATE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROCESS.** The Oil and Gas Journal (2/15, Snow, 1K) reports BLM has "proposed a rule aimed at improving its resource management process" as part of its Planning 2.0 initiative. The proposal "will make changes to regulations that are guided by the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act" including the creation of "several new opportunities for early public involvement during the planning process" and requiring the "development of a planning assessment before work could begin on putting together a land use plan."

Politico Pro (2/12) quoted BLM's announcement that the reforms support the agency's "shift to science-based, landscape-scale approaches to resource management while increasing opportunities for early engagement by state and local government, tribes, partner agencies, stakeholders, and the public." Politico explained the plans entail the overhaul of Resource Management Plans, which are "the systems that the Interior Department unit uses to coordinate collective priorities for public lands, from fossil-fuel development to recreation to wildlife protection."

**TEXAS CITIES ASK BLM TO HALT PLANS FOR GAS DRILLING LEASES BELOW LEWISVILLE LAKE.** The AP (2/13) reported that some North Texas cities as well as environmental groups have asked the Bureau of



Land Management to halt plans to allow gas drilling below Lewisville Lake, where as many as 259 acres are up for auction for leases. The lake is "a drinking water source for millions and has a dam cited by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as being in hazardous condition," and "nearby residents fear possible drinking water contamination and earthquakes that could further threaten stability." This story was also carried by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/13, 285K) and the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/13).

The [Dallas Morning News](#) (2/12, Mosier, 1.24M) added that Dallas and Highland Village are among those opposing the drilling. Additional coverage is provided by [Fuel Fix \(TX\)](#) (2/15, 28K), the [Cross Timbers \(TX\) Gazette](#) (2/15, Pry, 429) and on the website of [WFAA-TV Dallas](#) (2/15, 367K).

**BLM, UTAH AGENCY SETTLE SUIT OVER WILD HORSE AND BURRO MANAGEMENT.** [KSL-TV Salt Lake City](#) (2/15, O'Donoghue, 404K) reports on its website that a lawsuit against BLM brought by the Utah Schools and Institutional Trust Lands Administration "alleging mismanagement of wild horse and burro populations on school trust lands in Utah was dismissed after the parties reached a cooperative agreement this month." The agreement calls for "identification of priority removal areas, population surveys and enhanced monitoring of rangeland conditions." The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/15, Maffly, 388K) reports that "in a news release announcing the settlement last week, BLM vowed to do the things the agency...has long claimed it already does, namely collaborate with local stakeholders and protect resources."

**BLM TO HOLD FARMINGTON, NM PUBLIC FORUM ON PROPOSED RULE CHANGE.** The [Farmington \(NM\) Daily Times](#) (2/14, Fenton, 44K) reports that BLM will hold a public forum at San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico on Tuesday "to hear comment on the agency's proposed rule on oil and gas industry venting and flaring." The proposed rule "targets the escape of methane gas from venting and flaring, processes used in oil and gas production, and from gas leaks during drilling operations and from well sites. The proposed update to a current rule is designed to cut in half the industry's methane emissions from operations on federal land."

**CHICAGO TRIBUNE FEATURE ON DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK CITES BLM.** The [Chicago Tribune](#) (2/15, Williams, 2.17M) has a feature on Death Valley National Park, writing that "it is astonishing that the land in Death Valley remains as pristine as it is, with its history of mining. In 1994, Congress expanded the area's protection beyond its status as a national monument to that of a national park." The Tribune piece highlights "the Trona Pinnacles, jagged peaks formed underwater up to 100,000 years ago in the now dry Searles Lake, according to the Bureau of Land Management."

**LAND PARCELS IN SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST TO BE UP FOR LEASE IN BLM SALE.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/14, 31K) reports, "The first land parcels in 15 years within the San Juan National Forest will be available for lease this spring through the Bureau of Land Management's quarterly oil and gas lease sale." Four parcels in the forest are among six that will be up for competitive bid on May 12.

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**DOMINION PROPOSES NEW ACP ROUTE.** The AP (2/12, Szkotak) reported that Dominion proposed a new route for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP) in response to a previous permit rejection from the US Forest Service, which "cited a 1994 conservation agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Service aimed at shielding the salamander from actions that would place it under the Endangered Species Act." The new proposal would have a 30 percent smaller footprint in the Monongahela and George Washington national forests, but adds 30 miles to the project, involving an additional 249 landowners.

This story was also carried by the [Daily Mail](#) (2/12, 4.92M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/12, Szkotak), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/12, Szkotak, 1.99M), and [Philly \(PA\)](#) (2/12, Szkotak, 822K).

**Residents Ask County Board To Oppose ACP.** The [Fayetteville \(NC\) Observer](#) (2/15, Banks, 148K) reports that several residents spoke to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners on Monday, asking them to oppose the Atlantic Coast Pipeline that they believe will devalue their property and bring fracked gas to their community. "I'm pleading with the county commissioners to not approve. We can't afford to fight them, personally, because we don't have the money to fight them," said Fayetteville resident Rodney Simmons. Dominion senior policy advisor Bruce McKay was scheduled to address the Board, but did not attend and "his absence came as a surprise to the commissioners."

**Letter: Pipeline Resistance Overdone.** In a letter to the editor of the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/15, 8.98M),



Woodbridge resident Jeff Hazle rejects the premise of a previous letter from Lewis Freeman of the Allegheny-Blue Ridge Alliance, arguing that resistance to the Atlantic Coast Pipeline “seems oversold and more consistent with a generalized opposition to hydrocarbons than any genuinely significant risks.” He questions how the project could result in damage to the water supply.

**MILITARY BASES RECEIVE \$17.5M IN CONSERVATION GRANTS.** The [AP](#) (2/12, Bynum) reported that on Friday Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced “\$17.5 million in conservation funding to protect longleaf pine forests used for training troops while assisting the recovery of threatened species.” The awards to bases in Georgia, Mississippi and North Carolina were among 84 grants totaling \$720 million. FWS Fort Stewart branch chief Tim Beatty said, “Fortunately the Army is pretty good at starting fires. ... If we have an urban development at the edge of Fort Stewart, it would be awfully tough to continue to do burning the way we do now.” This story was also carried by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/12, Bynum, 8.98M) and the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/12, Bynum, 1.99M).

**WHALE BONES FOUND IN LUGGAGE AT BALTIMORE AIRPORT.** The [AP](#) (2/12) reported that on Friday the US CBP said agents found possible whale bones while inspecting baggage from Iceland at BWI Airport on Feb. 7. The traveler carrying the luggage also “claimed they were whale bones,” but “Customs officials kept the bones to determine their origin.” Border agents said the FWS regulates whale bones. This story was also carried by the [Washington Post](#) (2/12, 8.98M), the [Baltimore \(MD\) Sun](#) (2/12, 712K), and the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/12, 1.99M).

**US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROPOSES TRANSFERRING BISON RANGE TO SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES.** The [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (2/15, Devlin, 78K) reports on a “surprise” proposal by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to support legislation to transfer the National Bison Range to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. The proposal would “place the refuge’s 18,766 acres in trust for the tribes, and leave it to them to manage and operate” with no continuing role for the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the range would no longer be part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. There are some remaining questions regarding the “costs of managing and maintaining the Bison Range.” [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (2/15, 48K) reports the tribes “have worked to become more involved with management of the bison range since the 1994 Self Governance Act made that a possibility.”

**Missoulian Favors Plan.** The [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (2/15, 78K) in an editorial says the Fish and Wildlife Service “showed signs it is finally coming to its senses” in making the proposal. The paper says the tribes ought to hold “the bison range in trust for the people of the United States – including its original inhabitants.”

**USDA AGENCY SPECIALIZES IN KILLING PREDATORS.** Rachael Bale writes in [National Geographic](#) (2/15, Bale, 30.99M) about Wildlife Services, an agency under the US Department of Agriculture that “specializes in killing wild animals that threaten livestock,” though it also provides “bird control nationwide at airports to prevent crashes and feral pig control in the South.” Bale cites an article by Christopher Ketcham in Harper’s Magazine titled “The Rogue Agency: A USDA program that tortures dogs and kills endangered species.” The article describes Ketcham’s indictment of the agency.

#### **National Park Service:**

**INTERIOR DEPARTMENT VALENTINE’S VIDEO DISTRIBUTED.** [EHS Today](#) (2/15, 3K) reports the Interior Department “created a video showcasing couples who committed to one another while celebrating their love of planet Earth.” The agency said, “America’s public lands are wonderful places to love and be in love.” On its website, the [Miami Herald](#) (2/14, 803K) hosted the Interior Department’s video that celebrates the thousands who get engaged and married in national parks ever year.

**Spending Valentine’s Day In A National Park Recommended.** On its website, [CNN](#) (2/14, 3.96M) summarized ways to spend Valentine’s Day, describing how lovers could “celebrate nature and the centennial of the National Park Service by visiting Yosemite or Yellowstone National Parks or one of the nation’s park sites in your state.” CNN wrote that lovers “can be awed by the same beauty and power that inspired President Abraham Lincoln (who protected Yosemite in the middle of the Civil War), Sierra Club founder John Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt.”

**HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE HEARS TESTIMONY ON HISTORICAL SITE CONVERSATION BILLS.** [E&E Daily](#) (2/12, Kessler, Subscription Publication) reported on testimony before the House Natural Resources subcommittee regarding “four bills aimed at promoting the conservation of historical



sites." A bill "from Rep. Marsha Blackburn, H.R. 87, would modify the boundaries of Shiloh National Military Park in southern Tennessee" to permit the NPS "to preserve more than 21,000 additional acres to include Fallen Timber Battlefield, Russell House Battlefield and Davis Bridge Battlefield." Chairman Tom McClintock (R-CA) rebutted an economic argument for the historical preservation of the sites.

**INTERIOR, GOOGLE LAUNCH ONLINE EXHIBIT OF PARKS' HISTORY.** [National Parks Traveler](#) (2/15, 989) reports the Department of the Interior said it "is partnering with the Google Cultural Institute to photograph and share historically important material with global audiences and digitally preserve them for future generations." The institute's Centennial One Object Exhibit contains "more than 3,800 works of art, artifacts, and records [that] can be viewed as part of an online exhibition just launched to honor the National Park Service's centennial." Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell said in a statement last week, "This marriage of technology and history means that anyone, anywhere can see artifacts and sites that provide a taste of the rich and diverse story of America," adding, "Our hope is that this partnership will not only illustrate and elevate our nation's history and culture, but inspire more people to visit the wonderfully diverse places that the National Park Service protects and preserves for current and future generations."

**NPS EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD ON BISON QUARANTINE PLAN.** The AP (2/15) reports that the National Park Service "has extended the public comment period" two weeks to February 29 on its plan to "quarantine some Yellowstone National Park bison on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana."

**YELLOWSTONE BISON CULL CRITICIZED.** Christopher Ketcham, a fellow at M.I.T.'s Knight Science Journalism Program, writes in the [New York Times](#) (2/15, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) on the bison cull at Yellowstone National Park, which "is done largely outside of public view" in order to protect "the safety of the public and staff" according to the park service, though Ketcham says it is because "the brutality of the cull would be revealed." Ketcham says the cull has been justified by fears that cattle could be infected with brucellosis from the bison, but "not a single instance of transmission has ever been documented." He argues that instead of the cull, the bison should be allowed to roam, like other wild animals and controlled "with seasonal hunting." Ketcham praises Montana Gov. Steve Bullock's proposal to allow the "Yellowstone bison to roam in certain areas beyond the park's boundaries throughout the year," but laments "the park service...helping to slaughter a native animal so iconic that it is emblazoned on the park service's own logo."

**DEATH VALLEY PARK RANGER HOPES FOR "SUPER BLOOM" THIS YEAR.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/12, Stars, 8.98M) reports on Death Valley, where National Park Service Park Ranger Alan Van Valkenburg said that he hopes there will be a "super bloom" this year. He explains that such events "are quite rare, maybe once a decade or so," the last one having been in 2005. But, he also points out that they "are near-impossible to predict and very short-lived." There is a bloom at present that is "beginning to spread beyond the southeastern part of the park."

**PARK SERVICE ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON YELLOWSTONE ROAD PROPOSAL UNTIL MARCH 15.** The AP (2/14) report the National Park Service is accepting public comments until March 15 on its proposal for a "road repair project on the east side of Yellowstone National Park." The proposal includes reconstructing "a segment of the East Entrance Road from Fishing Bridge to Indian Pond."

**MAINE GOVERNOR OPPOSES PROPOSAL FOR NEW NATIONAL PARK IN MAINE.** The AP (2/14) reports that Maine Gov. Paul LePage opposes the proposal for a new national park in Maine, "especially when there's a \$12 billion backlog of maintenance." The idea comes from "Burt's Bees founder and conservationist Roxanne Quimby [who] proposed donating land east of Baxter State Park for a new national park in 2011." LePage says the idea "defies logic" given the maintenance backlog.

**NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION PRESIDENT URGES SUPPORT FOR CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN.** Will Shafroth, President of the National Park Foundation, writes at [Huffington Post](#) (2/15, Shafroth, 518K) on the centennial of the National Park Service. He writes that the "national parks and their future are dependent on vibrant and robust public-private partnerships." That's because "federal appropriations only sustain basic operations," and there are "\$11.9 billion in deferred maintenance projects." That means the parks "rely on other sources of funding," namely, the National Park Foundation. The foundation is conducting "the largest comprehensive fundraising campaign in its history, the Centennial Campaign for America's National Parks" with a goal of \$350 million.

**MONTANA EXPECTED TO SEE MORE NATIONAL PARK VISITS THIS YEAR.** The AP (2/14) reports Norma Nickerson, director of the Institution for Tourism and Recreation Research, is projecting "another big year for national park visitation and ski resorts" in Montana, due "to the National Park Service's centennial and an



increase in advertising.”

#### **ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: INTERIOR ASKED TO DO MORE TO PROTECT GRAND CANYON**

**EMPLOYEES.** [CBS5 Arizona](#) (2/15) continued coverage in reporting on its website “Arizona’s congressional delegation says the National Park Service must do more to protect Grand Canyon employees who participate on the agency’s river rafting trips.” The article notes that “a report released last month by a federal watchdog found that Park Service workers have preyed on their female colleagues, demanding sex and retaliating against women who refused.” The NPS “banned alcohol on the trips and required pre-trip briefings while the Interior Department’s Office of the Inspector General looked into allegations of sexual harassment,” but “Arizona’s congressional delegation says those reforms are insufficient.”

#### ***US Geological Survey:***

**BUDGET PROPOSES \$8 MILLION FOR “SHAKEALERT” SYSTEM.** [McClatchy](#) (2/15, Hotakainen, 22K) reports the President’s budget proposes \$8 million for “an early earthquake warning system,” known as the “ShakeAlert” system, that would include “a network of sensors on the ocean floor” over the Cascadia Subduction Zone. The system is being developed with the assistance of the University of Washington, the California Institute of Technology, the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Oregon, and the U.S. Geological Survey. Secretary Jewell has also urged support for the system.

**APP TO USE CELLPHONES TO HELP DETECT EARTHQUAKES.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/12, Xia, Lin, 4.1M) reports on an app to test an idea to use “cellphones to detect earthquakes as soon as they start.” The app “uses smartphone sensors to detect movement caused by an earthquake,” and sends that data “to a central server.” The app works on the idea that if 300 phones in an area are “sending warnings” that means there is an earthquake. It may also be used to support a system to “provide early warnings before the worst shaking from an earthquake arrives,” which is based on “the U.S. Geological Survey’s ShakeAlert prototype.” The phone app could not be a replacement because the phone sensors are not “as effective as hundreds of sophisticated earthquake sensor stations installed underground,” but it might provide an alternative where there are few or no earthquake sensors.

**USGS: OKLAHOMA HIT BY STATE’S THIRD-STRONGEST EARTHQUAKE EVER.** [Reuters](#) (2/16) reports that according to the US Geological Survey, Oklahoma this weekend was hit by the third-strongest quake to ever be recorded in the state, a magnitude 5.1 quake that struck at around 11 am Saturday morning. Seismologists say Oklahoma’s frequent earthquakes could be linked to the oil and gas industry’s injection disposal wells. [CBS News](#) (2/16, Villarreal, 3.97M) reports on its website that the quake hit near Fairview, which “is quickly gaining a big reputation for large quakes.”

This story was also covered by the [Daily Mail](#) (2/15, 4.92M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/13, 8.98M), the [New York Daily News](#) (2/15, 3.7M), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/13, Miller, Press, 1.99M), [Philly \(PA\)](#) (2/13, 822K), and the website of [ABC News](#) (2/15, 4M).

#### **Top National News:**

**WHITE HOUSE COULD ANNOUNCE HIGH COURT NOMINEE NEXT WEEK.** The coming battle over the successor to late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia received 19 minutes of coverage between the three broadcast networks, with CBS and NBC opening with the story. The White House is indicating that President Obama may offer a nominee as soon as next week, but most of the television coverage deals with the difficulty any nominee will have in advancing, and on the role the vacancy will play in the presidential race. Those political considerations are also part of the print and online coverage, but these sources also look at prospective candidates, with Attorney General Lynch and District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Sri Srinivasan mentioned as top contenders.

The [CBS Evening News](#) (2/15, lead story, 3:00, Pelley, 5.08M) reported that the “quiet memorial” to Scalia outside the Supreme Court is “in sharp contrast to the coming political battle over his successor.” CBS (Crawford) added, “When the justices return to the bench next week, it will be the first time for all eight to serve without Justice Scalia. ... They will have a term of controversial case, regulation of abortion clinics, another challenge to Obamacare, affirmative action and college admissions and presidential power on immigration.” Without Scalia, it will be “a court on pause. Many of those cases will end up in a 4-4 tie, keeping the lower court rulings in place and setting no nationwide precedents.”



[NBC Nightly News](#) (2/15, lead story, 2:35, Holt, 7.86M) opened by saying, "In an election year already fraught with improbable plot twists and drama, now this: The ideological balance of the US Supreme Court suddenly in limbo...as lines are drawn for an epic battle between Democrats and Senate Republicans who are determined to leave the choice up to the next president. Tonight, the current president is suggesting Republicans are full of bluster." On [ABC World News](#) (2/15, story 5, 2:50, Muir, 5.84M), Jonathan Karl reported, "The flag is at half staff today at a snowy and peaceful Supreme Court, but the epic political battle is just beginning. ... Within an hour" of Scalia's death, Senate Majority Leader McConnell "drew the battle lines, declaring, 'This vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president.'" Then, President Obama weighed in, paying tribute to Scalia, but making it clear, he's ready to fight to replace him."

[Reuters](#) (2/16, Mason, Rampton) reports the White House said the President had started discussions with his advisers about selecting a nominee. [USA Today](#) (2/15, Korte, 5.56M) reports deputy press secretary Eric Schultz said a nominee could come "as soon as next week." Schultz said, "As soon as the Senate returns, the President was very clear that he is going to fulfill his constitutional responsibility to nominate a successor to Justice Scalia. ... There are no caveats. The Constitution does not include exemptions for election years, or for the president's last term in office. There's no exemption for when a nomination would tip the balance of the court."

The [Washington Times](#) (2/15, Boyer, 285K) says the Senate "is in the middle of a 10-day recess until Monday, giving Mr. Obama a chance to bypass Congress and install a successor quickly" via recess appointment. But [The Hill](#) (2/15, Balluck, 862K) and the [NPR](#) (2/15, 1.81M) website report that Obama has ruled that out.

In a 2,100-word assessment, Tom Goldstein of [SCOTUSblog](#) (2/15, 2K) writes that Obama "has two priorities. First, fill the Scalia seat by getting a nominee confirmed," and "second, gain as much political benefit as possible and exact as heavy a political toll as possible on Republicans, particularly in the presidential election." Goldstein says a nominee "may in fact receive a vote" in the Senate, and "if Republicans can come up with even a slender substantive thread on which to base an objection to the nominee, they will seize on it and vote the nominee down on the merits." Politically, the best candidate "would probably be Hispanic," but Obama "personally will be very tempted to appoint a black Justice." California Attorney General Kamala Harris would be the best choice, Goldstein writes, but as "the prohibitive favorite" in the California Senate race, she probably does not want it. So Lynch "is a very serious possibility." [AOL](#) (2/15, 6.15M) and [Mediaite](#) (2/15, Griswold, 277K) also report on Goldstein's assessment.

However, Edward-Isaac Dovere of [Politico](#) (2/15, 1.07M) writes that while Lynch is "suddenly lighting up chatter as a potential dark horse," Srinivasan is Obama's "likeliest Supreme Court choice." He would be "a historic first" as an immigrant from India and won unanimous Senate approval to the appeals bench. On the [CBS Evening News](#) (2/15, story 2, 1:45, Pelley, 5.08M), Margaret Brennan said Obama "could choose a candidate who has already won Senate approval," such as Srinivasan, "or he could make a bold choice" like Lynch, "who had to wait more than 160 days before she was confirmed for her current position."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/15, Hughes, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) reports that whomever Obama nominates, the candidate will face a polarized Senate Judiciary Committee. Chairman Charles Grassley, who has said he supports McConnell's plan to block any Obama nominee, would be presiding over his first Supreme Court confirmation hearings. Karen Tumulty of the [Washington Post](#) (2/15, 8.98M) says the "rancorous debate...reflects in many ways a growing public skepticism toward the US Supreme Court itself, as its image has evolved from impartial arbiter of the laws to yet another politicized institution."

The [Washington Post](#) (2/15, 8.98M) editorializes, "This one shouldn't be complicated. The fourth year of President Obama's four-year term has just begun. Senators are elected to six-year terms, and all of them have at least 11 months still to serve." Scalia's death "has created a vacancy on the nine-member Supreme Court. The Constitution tells the president to nominate justices and senators to confirm or reject those nominees." Dana Milbank writes in his [Washington Post](#) (2/15, 8.98M) column that the Senate should "force Obama's nominee to prove that he, or she, is in the mainstream. But unless the Senate wants to return to antebellum divisions, don't deny that nominee consideration."

But the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says in an editorial that it is liberals who have politicized the Court, so it is reasonable that Republicans would prefer to wait for a new president before confirming a nominee. In a second editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) quotes Sen. Charles Schumer from a 2007 speech, 18 months before President Bush left office, saying that should a vacancy arise, he would recommend to his colleagues "that we should not confirm any Bush nominee to the Supreme Court except in extraordinary circumstances." The [CBS Evening News](#) (2/15, story 3, 2:05,



Pelley, 5.08M) also included Schumer's 2007 remarks in a report.

**Four Republican Senators In Tight Races Backing McConnell.** The [New York Times](#) (2/15, Shear, Steinhauser, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that several Republican senators facing tough re-election races this year are now saying they will back McConnell in blocking a nominee. New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, "who faces a primary threat from the right wing of her party, said over the weekend that she supported" McConnell. In addition, Ohio Sen. Rob Portman said Monday, "It is common practice for the Senate to stop acting on lifetime appointments during the last year of a presidential term, and it's been nearly 80 years since any president was permitted to immediately fill a vacancy that arose in a presidential election year." [Politico](#) (2/15, Everett, 1.07M) reports that Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey and Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson are also backing McConnell.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/15, Mufson, Eilperin, 8.98M) writes that "one consideration that may force Republicans to recalibrate their strategy is the prospect of political damage" to some of these incumbents. The [Chicago Tribune](#) (2/15, Pearson, 2.17M) reports that Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk, "perhaps the most vulnerable of Republican senators seeking re-election this year," is "offering no clue on whether he will side with" McConnell.

The [New York Times](#) (2/15, Savage, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says "the clash is less a new front against the White House than an escalation of a battle that had begun at the appeals court level." Since Republicans gained the Senate majority 13 months ago, "the process that would enable Mr. Obama to fill vacancies on the 12 regional federal courts of appeal has essentially been halted."

**Cruz, Trump Make Issue Of Vacancy.** [Bloomberg Politics](#) (2/15, Kapur, 289K) reports that "within hours" of Scalia's death, Republican presidential candidates "began using the battle to tear each other apart" ahead of Saturday's pivotal South Carolina primary. Sen. Ted Cruz is airing an ad "attacking Republican front-runner Donald Trump as untrustworthy when it comes to picking justices," while Trump is blasting Cruz for supporting the 2005 nomination of John Roberts as chief justice. [Politico](#) (2/15, Glueck, 1.07M) reports that Cruz also criticized Trump for suggesting last year that his sister Maryanne Trump Barry, a federal appeals court judge, would be his pick. Trump said he was joking, but on Monday, Cruz called Barry "a Bill Clinton-appointed federal appellate judge who's a radical pro-abortion extremist."

[NBC Nightly News](#) (2/15, story 2, 2:15, Holt, 7.86M) reported, "No matter who it is the President picks, the Republican leader in the Senate and many of the leading GOP candidates say no one should get a vote and the seat should remain empty until the next president nominates a successor. That could leave this battle raging for well over a year." The [New York Times](#) (2/15, Hulse, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says "the unexpected vacancy...immediately made the Supreme Court a dominant issue in the presidential campaign. The court, usually cast in the role of deciding issues that elections cannot, now may be the issue that decides the election."

**Scalia Left Suggestions On Successor In Passage From 2015 Dissent.** The [New York Times](#) (2/15, Liptak, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) writes that "we know more than you might think" about what sort of successor Scalia might have preferred. In a "largely overlooked passage in his dissent from the court's decision in June establishing a constitutional right to same-sex marriage, he left detailed suggestions," such as finding "someone who did not go to law school at Harvard or Yale," or "a candidate from the Southwest" or an evangelical Christian. He "was criticizing the lack of diversity of the court he sat on, and he did not exclude himself." [ABC World News](#) (2/15, story 6, 2:30, Muir, 5.84M) and the [CBS Evening News](#) (2/15, story 11, 2:05, Pelley, 5.08M) both broadcast remembrances of Scalia's life and career.

**Scalia's Death Sparks Conspiracy Theories.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/15, Sun, Horwitz, 8.98M) reports on the "conspiracy theories" arising in the wake of Scalia's sudden death, particularly since no autopsy was ordered. The AP (2/15, Hananel, Warren) reports that Presidio County Judge Cinderela Guevara, "who decided no autopsy was needed," said she spoke to Scalia's doctor on the day he was found dead and was told that Scalia "had a history of heart trouble, high blood pressure and was considered too weak to undergo surgery for a recent shoulder injury."

**Writer Wonders If Obama Could Sue Senate Over Obstruction.** Writing at the [Huffington Post](#) (2/15, 518K), television writer Michael Russnow asks, "Why can't Obama sue the Senate?" Last September, "a court determined that the House of Representatives could sue the Executive Branch over funding of the Affordable Care Act." He argues that "a Senate led by an obstructionist" may be overstepping constitutional boundaries.

**SURGEON GENERAL SAYS "TRUSTED VOICES" NEED TO GET INVOLVED IN FLINT.** The [Detroit Free](#)



[Press](#) (2/15, Allen, 989K) reports Surgeon General Murthy said in Flint, Michigan on Monday night that “most Flint kids exposed to toxic lead in the city’s tap water should be OK, but ‘trusted voices’ need to impart critical nutrition and education.” Murthy said, “The problem is, we don’t know which kids are going to develop complications going forward. And that’s why what we have to do is make sure that we are providing as much support to these kids and their families as possible.”

**HOUSE FETAL TISSUE INVESTIGATION SUBPOENAS MORE THAN 30 GROUPS.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/15, DeBonis, 8.98M) reports the special House committee formed amid the Planned Parenthood fetal tissue controversy “has begun a broad investigation of the matter, issuing document requests to more than 30 agencies and organizations, including a closely scrutinized abortion clinic and some of the nation’s most prominent research institutions.” Subpoenas were sent to “StemExpress, a California firm that prepares human specimens for researchers; Southwestern Women’s Options, an Albuquerque abortion clinic; and the University of New Mexico, whose Health Sciences Center conducts medical research using fetal tissue.” Critics have expressed concern about “the privacy implications of the wide-ranging requests.”

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** *“A College Education For Prisoners.”* The [New York Times](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), in an editorial, says “the most effective way to keep people out of prison once they leave is to give them jobs skills,” and that “means restarting prison education programs.” The Times says that those inmates “who attend privately financed college classes” have much lower recidivism rates, with a Bard College program showing a “recidivism rate of 4 percent” for participants and “2.5 percent” for graduates. The Times urges New York to provide public funding for college education for prison inmates.

*“The Chirp Heard Across The Universe.”* A [New York Times](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorial

*“How The Coal Industry Flattened The Mountains Of Appalachia.”* The [New York Times](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 12.03M), in an editorial, denounces “mountaintop removal” mining for “leaving behind...a grossly disfigured landscape.” It cites a report from Duke University researchers on the effects of the practice, and points out that the Interior Department is “working on a stronger Stream Protection Rule.” The Times concludes by quoting Chief Judge Charles Haden II of United States District Court, “No effect on related environmental values is more adverse than obliteration.”

**WASHINGTON POST.** *“Ukraine Should Heed Its Economy Minister’s Warning On Corruption.”* The [Washington Post](#) (2/15, 8.98M) in an editorial says that Ukraine must “build a strong and prosperous nation” if it is going to remain independent of Russia, but has so far “remained mired in a system in which billionaires gobble up state assets and siphon off the revenue streams.” The Post says the problem goes “all the way to the top” of Ukraine’s government, and that if Ukraine is to “survive” it must be rid of this system.

*“Senators, Do Your Job And Vote On The Next Supreme Court Nominee.”* The [Washington Post](#) (2/15, 8.98M) editorializes, “This one shouldn’t be complicated. The fourth year of President Obama’s four-year term has just begun. Senators are elected to six-year terms, and all of them have at least 11 months still to serve.” Scalia’s death “has created a vacancy on the nine-member Supreme Court. The Constitution tells the president to nominate justices and senators to confirm or reject those nominees.”

*“Gun Safety Advocates Are Wrong To Rebuff Gov. McAuliffe’s Gun Control Victory.”* The [Washington Post](#) (2/15, 8.98M) says it’s a “shame” that gun safety advocates have “vilified” Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe for scrapping the state’s attorney general’s order ending recognition of concealed-carry permits from 25 states “with lax standards” in return for “a concession from the pro-gun lobby” that will allow the state to criminalize gun possession of almost 5,000 domestic abusers hit with protective orders annually. While the deal “isn’t perfect,” a “cold-eyed assessment suggests that Mr. McAuliffe got the better bargain.”

**WALL STREET JOURNAL.** *“The Supreme Court After Scalia.”* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says in an editorial that it is liberals who have politicized the Court, so it is reasonable that Republicans would prefer to wait for a new president before confirming a nominee.

*“The Schumer Precedent.”* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) quotes Sen. Charles Schumer from a 2007 speech, 18 months before President Bush left office, saying that should a vacancy arise, he would recommend to his colleagues “that we should not confirm any Bush nominee to the



Supreme Court except in extraordinary circumstances.”

“**Donald Trump’s MoveOn.org Moment.**” The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) blasts Donald Trump’s claim during Saturday’s GOP debate that the Administration of President George W. Bush deliberately “lied” about the existence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, noting that there is no evidence to support the claim. The Journal says touting false conspiracy theories should disqualify a presidential candidate because it undermines public trust in democracy and argues Trump’s willingness to entertain the theory demonstrates the risk the GOP would be taking by making him the party’s presidential nominee.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

[Scalia’s Death Sets Up Collision](#)  
[Millennial Wave Unsettles Presidential Race](#)  
[Senate Girds For A Pivotal Battle On Court Nominee](#)  
[Stocks Rise As Banking Shares Rally](#)

#### **New York Times:**

[Before Scalia’s Death, A Clash Between GOP And Obama Over Appellate Judges](#)  
[What Would Scalia Want In His Successor? A Dissent Offers Clues](#)  
[South Carolina Church Bridges Racial Gap, But Not Political Divide](#)  
[Bush Brothers Swipe At Donald Trump](#)  
[Tasked With Combating Opium, Afghan Officials Profit From It](#)  
[Cornell’s Plan To Merge Hotel School Gets An Icy Reception](#)  
[Kendrick Lamar Sweeps Rap Field At Grammys; Taylor Swift Wins Best Album](#)

#### **Washington Post:**

[In Nev, Sanders Is Challenging Clinton’s “Firewall”](#)  
[“My Demons Won Today”: Ohio Activist’s Suicide Spotlights Depression Among Black Lives Matter Leaders](#)  
[Court Fight Hits Senate Races](#)  
[Venezuela Lacks Tools To Battle Zika Virus](#)  
[In A Fearful Europe, Racial Profiling Becomes More Common](#)

#### **Financial Times:**

[Russia-Turkey Tensions In Syria Hit Peak](#)  
[Criminals’ “Currency Of Choice” For Chop](#)

#### **Washington Times:**

[Special Forces Face Challenges As Integration Of Women Loom](#)  
[Lawmakers Hope To Stop Pressure On Child Brides In Virginia](#)  
[Ex-President Makes Return To Campaign For Jeb Bush](#)  
[Obama Starts With Cautious Approach To Fill Scalia’s Seat](#)  
[Kiosk Carriage Raises Questions On Moscow’s Business Climate](#)  
[Palestinians Admit To Working With Israel To Foil Local Attacks](#)

#### **Story Lineup From Last Night’s Network News:**

ABC: Severe Weather; Weather Forecast; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Supreme Court Nomination Debate; Supreme Court Justice Scalia Death; Syria-Hospital Bombed; Virgin Atlantic Flight-Laser Scare; Heartburn Medication Warning; Peyton Manning-University Of Tennessee Allegations; Pope Francis-Mexico Visit; Westminster Dog Show.

CBS: Supreme Court Justice Scalia Death; Supreme Court Nomination Debate; Supreme Court Nomination Process; 2016 Politics-Republicans; Syria-Hospital Bombed; Pope Francis-Mexico Visit; Central America-Migration Crisis; Severe Weather; Alaska Flight-Smoke; Lincoln Memorial Restoration; Justice Scalia-Record.

NBC: Supreme Court Nomination Debate; Supreme Court Nomination Process; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Severe Weather; Syria-Hospital Bombed; Pope Francis-Mexico Visit; Heartburn Medication-Warning; Virgin Atlantic Flight-Laser Scare; 2015 Airline Safety; Jimmy Carter-Grammy.

#### **Network TV At A Glance:**



Supreme Court Justice Scalia Death – 19 minutes, 05 seconds  
 2016 Politics – 12 minutes, 50 seconds  
 Severe Weather – 6 minutes, 25 seconds  
 Syria-Hospital Bombed – 4 minutes, 35 seconds  
 Pope Francis-Mexico Visit – 0 minutes, 45 seconds

***Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:***

ABC: Supreme Court Nomination Debate; Severe Weather-Snow Storms; 2016 Politics-Republican Campaign Trail; Financial Markets.

CBS: Supreme Court Nomination Debate; 2016 Politics-Jeb Bush Campaign; Severe Weather-Damages; Grammy Awards; Oregon Legislation-Coal Reduction; Gas Price Decrease.

NPR: Supreme Court Nomination Debate; 2016 Politics-Jeb Bush Campaign; 2016 Politics-Republicans; US-ASEAN Summit; Severe Weather-Damage; Indian University-Student Protests; Bahrain-US Journalists Detained.

FOX: Supreme Court Nomination Debate; Syria Hospital Bombed-France Condemnation; US-ASEAN Summit; Severe Weather Damage.

**Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

White House:

PRESIDENT OBAMA — Hosts day two of the US-ASEAN Summit in California.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — No public scheduled events.

US Senate: Senate on recess from 12 Feb – 22 Feb

US House: House of Representatives on recess from 12 Feb – 22 Feb

Other: 9:30 AM Public Citizen Goes to Court Seeking to Uncover Misconduct by Immigration Judges – Public Citizen will argue before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit that the government should be required to disclose information about immigration judges who have been accused of misconduct. In 2013, Public Citizen and the American Immigration Council, acting as counsel for the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), sued the U.S. Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) under the Freedom of Information Act. The lawsuit challenged EOIR's refusal to disclose complaints against immigration judges and to make public records that would reveal agency investigations of and resolutions to those complaints. After filing the lawsuit, EOIR released nearly 16,000 pages of complaint and complaint resolution documents. However, key sections of many documents were blacked out. And none of the documents contained the names of the immigration judges who had been the subject of complaints, even though these judges are high-ranking public officials who make life-or-death decisions for the immigrant Location: Courtroom 31, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 333 Constitution Ave., NW <http://www.citizen.org/Page.aspx?pid=2281> [https://twitter.com/public\\_citizen](https://twitter.com/public_citizen)

8:30 AM National Academies workshop on the Zika virus – National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine convene workshop – at the request of the Department of Health and Human Services – to identify basic research priorities that could be implemented in real time to help minimize the likelihood of local Zika virus transmission in the U.S. and inform public health responses. Experts and stakeholders discuss topics including clinical management, public health resources, and guidance that may be needed to inform prevention, mitigation, detection, and treatment efforts; current research efforts to better understand the virus and research gaps; specific risk factors for the babies of pregnant women who have been infected with the Zika virus and periods of particularly increased risk during pregnancy; burdens associated with microcephaly and other neurological disorders in babies and the resources need to care for them and other affected individuals; and risk factors for developing Guillain-Barre syndrome after Zika infection and appropriate medical care Location: NAS, 2101 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC [www.nas.edu/](http://www.nas.edu/) <https://twitter.com/NASciences> #ZikaResearch

10:00 AM GOP Rep. Luke Messer speaks at NPC – House Republican Policy Chair Luke Messer discusses governing in the 2016 election year via NPC Newsmaker news conference Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC <http://press.org/> <https://twitter.com/PressClubDC>

10:00 AM Deputy Secretary of State Blinken in conversation at Brookings – 'New frameworks for countering terrorism and violent extremism: A conversation with Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken' hosted by Brookings Institution Foreign Policy program, on U.S. civilian-led initiatives to counter the spread of the Islamic State group and other violent extremist groups. He charts the path forward and outlines the challenges that lie



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## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** "In addition to the [Los Angeles] marathon, I also saw that President Obama just visited LA. Or as Donald Trump put it, 'The state is being taken over by Kenyans.'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Actually, while he was in Los Angeles last week, President Obama met privately with Will Smith. Not to be outdone, Joe Biden spent the day learning how to do the Carlton."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Here's the latest on the election. Donald Trump just promised that he will no longer use foul language on the campaign trail. Now, when people ask him his policy on ISIS, he just says, 'I'm gonna bomb the shy diddly doodles out of them.'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "And during a recent rally in Louisiana, Donald Trump actually autographed someone's baby. Even crazier, when he handed the baby back to the parents, he said, 'Congratulations, your baby is worth three times as much now.'"

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Meanwhile, Ted Cruz's campaign pulled a recent attack ad after it came out that one of the actresses in the ad had also appeared in some softcore porn films. I feel so bad for that actress who now has to explain to her parents what she was doing in a Ted Cruz ad."

**Seth Meyers:** "Republicans and Democrats are fighting over whether President Obama should be able to appoint Justice Scalia's successor. Democrats say that he should, whereas the Constitution says that he shall."

**Seth Meyers:** "The Ted Cruz campaign has pulled a new ad after it was revealed that the actress in it has appeared in softcore porn. And now Jeb has hired her to teach him how to act like he's enjoying something."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Donald Trump spent his President's Day getting ready by photoshopping his head onto a million-dollar bill."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Meanwhile, in a very different kind of race in LA: the LA marathon, the 31st annual marathon. Between the marathon and Obama's visit, it was a big week for Kenyans screwing up LA traffic."

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**DTS Assignment--Thanks the Secretary for work to secure designation of Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains National Monuments.**

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## Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary Tom Vilsack Invite you to Celebrate the Designation of Three New CA Monuments on Monday, March 14th

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Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 5:23 PM



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In the coming months, we also anticipate holding an event in California to celebrate these monuments.

We hope you are able to join us on **Monday, March 14th**, and ask that you **RSVP no later than Friday, March 11, by 5pm Eastern** by clicking [HERE](#).

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**SECRETARY JEWELL TO CELEBRATE RECOVERY OF LOUISIANA BLACK BEAR ON THURSDAY.**

[KSLA-TV Shreveport, LA](#) (3/9, 63K) reports that on Thursday, March 10, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell will “travel to Tensas National Wildlife Refuge to celebrate a successful conservation partnership to protect and recover the Louisiana Black bear from the brink of extinction.” Jewell will “highlight meaningful recovery efforts among federal, state, and local landowners for more than 20 years that have led to significant success for the bear – the inspiration for the iconic teddy bear.” She will be joined by FWS Director Dan Ashe, Interior’s Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Michael Bean and U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment Ann Mills.

The [Monroe \(LA\) News Star](#) (3/9, 121K) praises the recovery of the Teddy bear. It says that “conservation efforts of the people of Louisiana and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and other organizations brought this woodland creature back from the risk of extinction.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Thibodaux \(LA\) Daily Comet](#) (3/9, 46K), the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (3/10, 337K), [KATC-TV Lafayette \(LA\)](#) Lafayette, LA (3/10, 54K), and [WVUE-TV](#) New Orleans (3/10, 44K).

**MALHEUR REFUGE OCCUPIERS HIT WITH NEW CHARGES.** [Reuters](#) (3/9, Johnson) reports that several participants in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge standoff have been indicted on new charges, including damaging government property and the carrying guns in a federal facility. The indictment, which was unsealed Wednesday, supersedes an earlier indictment in the case. The indictment lists 26 defendants, including occupation leader Ammon Bundy. As in the last indictment, each defendant is charged with conspiring to impede a federal agent, though not all were charged with the new counts.

The AP (3/9, Dubois) reports that Wednesday, Bundy and his co-defendants all pleaded not guilty to the new charges against them. Bundy “and eight others, including his brother Ryan, were charged with carrying a firearm in relation to a crime of violence, which has a maximum penalty of life in prison,” the AP says.

The [Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/9, Levin, 3.71M), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (3/9, 2K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (3/10, 2K), the [Oregonian](#) (3/10, 864K), and the website of [CBS News](#) (3/9, 3.97M) also report on this story.

***BIA Pledges Support To Burns Paiute Tribe In Aftermath Of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge's Occupation.***

The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (3/9, Keeler, 48K) reports that last Monday, March 1, members of the Burns Paiute Tribe were “finally allowed to visit” the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge contains “their ancient wintering grounds and...culturally-sensitive sites and even burial grounds.” The cleanup of the refuge will include the removal of “a road the occupiers constructed, as well as three different trenches they dug where they dumped trash and human feces.” Bureau of Indian Affairs regional director Stanley Speaks has “assured” tribal members that the agency “would offer assistance for expenses the tribe had incurred for extra law enforcement patrols and for the aftermath.”

***Finicum Widow Has Not Said Whether She Will Settle With BLM.*** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (3/9, Piper, 388K) reports on Jeanette Finicum, the widow of LaVoy Finicum, 54, who had been “the spokesman for the armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.” She did not “say whether she plans to settle up with the Bureau of Land Management” regarding grazing fees for cattle on land in Arizona. She has said that her husband was “assassinated.”

***Santilli Says Federal Case Against Him Based On What He Said.*** [WBUR-FM Boston](#) (3/9, 126K) carries an audio report on its website about Pete Santilli, who “broadcast hundreds of hours from the armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge” and from “the 2014 standoff in Nevada between ranchers and the Bureau of Land Management.” Santilli has argued that the federal charges against him are based on “things he’s said.” The report says that is “raising questions about Santilli’s First Amendment rights.”

***Additional Coverage Of Investigation Of Shots Fired During Arrests Of Oregon Occupiers.*** Additional coverage that “FBI agents who were at the scene of the shooting death of a key figure of the occupation of an Oregon national wildlife refuge are under federal investigation for not disclosing they fired two shots that missed Robert ‘LaVoy’ Finicum” was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (3/9, 975K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (3/9, 442K), [US News & World Report](#) (3/9, 853K), [WAMU-FM Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/9, 30K), [WRTV-TV Indianapolis \(IN\)](#) Indianapolis (3/9, 85K), and [WXYZ-TV Detroit \(MI\)](#) Detroit (3/9, 177K).

***Secretary Jewell Criticized For Lack Of Leadership During Malheur Occupation.*** In an op-ed for the [High](#)



[Country \(CO\) News](#) (3/10, 74K), Matt Jenkins criticizes the lack of leadership by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell during the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Jenkins argues that "Jewell ought to be the first person to stand up for these treasures when they come under attack," but "instead, we got complete silence." He also points out that Jewell was also "a no-show" during "the showdown on Cliven Bundy's ranch in Nevada, in 2014."

**MAJORITY OF MALHEUR COUNTY VOTERS OPPOSE OWYHEE MONUMENT.** The [Ontario \(OR\) Argus Observer](#) (3/9, 19K) reports that "about 54 percent of eligible voters in Malheur County registered their opposition to a proposed Owyhee Canyonlands national monument in Tuesday's advisory referendum." The article notes that "of the votes cast, 90 percent were in opposition to a monument designation." It adds that "there were 5,666 votes opposed, with 633 votes in support of a monument, according to complete and unofficial results from the Malheur County Clerk's office." Also, "the turnout for the election was 54.25 percent of registered voters, with 6,301 ballots cast."

Additional coverage was provided by [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (3/9, 2K).

**Interior Officials Meet Oregon Officials On Land Management Issues.** [My Columbia Basin \(WA\)](#) (3/9) reports that Umatilla County Commissioner Lamy Givens, commenting on his recent trip to Washington, D.C., where he met with meetings with legislators and lobbyists, said that "federal officials are listening to questions about natural resource and federal land management." Givens said "during his time on Capitol Hill, he had a meeting with National Parks Director John Jarvis." Meanwhile, Harney County Judge Steve Grasty met with Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

**INTERIOR FILM FROM 1939 SHOWS ORIGINS OF CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS.** [SCV-TV Santa Clarita, CA](#) (3/9) shows an Interior Department film from 1939 which "examines the origins of the Civilian Conservation Corps and profiles various accomplishments of the group in helping to build our nation's parks."

**SEN. MURKOWSKI, FOREST SERVICE CHIEF TIDWELL CLASH OVER TONGASS LOGGING PLAN.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication) reports that "a Forest Service draft plan to end old-growth logging at Alaska's Tongass National Forest sparked several tense exchanges yesterday between the agency's head and Alaska Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski." Murkowski, chairwoman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, asked Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell "to hold off on advancing the plan to move from old-growth to new-growth logging in Tongass until completing a detailed inventory to ensure there is actually enough young-growth timber to sustain the industry." Murkowski told Tidwell "she was particularly concerned that the Forest Service's \$4.9 billion fiscal 2017 budget request did not include funding to pay for such an inventory." However, "Tidwell told Murkowski that the Forest Service intends to move forward with the plan, even if the inventory is not complete, as part of an ongoing effort to amend the Tongass National Forest's land-use plan to identify which areas should be available for timber harvest."

**RESEARCHER DEVELOPS SAGE GROUSE MAP.** The [Mountain Mail](#) (3/9, 17K) reports that "a Colorado State University researcher has developed an interactive online map to better target invasive species that are damaging sage grouse habitat and associated rangeland." In 2010, the U.S. Department of Agriculture "launched a conservation effort called the Sage Grouse Initiative, which will use the new map."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Rocky Mountain Collegian \(CO\)](#) (3/9, 201).

**WESTERN LAND MANAGERS RELEASE REPORT ON BATTLING INVASIVE WEEDS.** The [AP](#) (3/9, Ridler, 285K) reports that "public lands managers have released an outline for creating a decades-long strategy to combat wildfire-prone invasive weeds considered a main threat to Great Basin sagebrush ecosystems." According to the report released Monday by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, "piecemeal efforts must be replaced by landscape-wide strategies stretching across Western states." The article notes that "the report is part of a much larger effort following Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's order in January 2015 calling for a 'science-based' strategy that safeguards the greater sage grouse while contending with wildfires that have grown larger over the years and have been especially destructive in the Great Basin region."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Idaho Statesman](#) (3/9, 198K), the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (3/9, 337K), and the [Twin Falls \(ID\) Times-News](#) (3/9, 73K).

**UTAH LEGISLATURE SETS ASIDE FUNDS FOR LAWSUIT TO DEMAND CONTROL OF FEDERAL LANDS.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (3/9, 388K) reports that "Utah budget leaders on Wednesday approved setting aside \$4.5 million as the first payment toward a lawsuit aimed at asserting state ownership of tens of



millions of acres of federal land within Utah's borders." According to the article, "the lawsuit money is being set aside in case Attorney General Sean Reyes decides to file the public-lands lawsuit that has been years in the making." Also, "another \$250,000 was earmarked to go toward a group created by rural county commissioners that could bolster the legal defense of San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (3/10, 388K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NATURAL RESOURCE INVESTMENT CENTER GAINS LEADER.** Additional coverage that the Interior Department has named Jeff Klein Executive Director Of the Natural Resource Investment Center was provided by the [Los Alamos \(NM\) Daily Post](#) (3/9).

**NEWEST CALIFORNIA MONUMENTS PRAISED.** In an op-ed for the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (3/9, 98K), Pastor Frank Ruiz writes that "Latinos in Riverside and San Bernardino counties are thrilled that President Obama recently designated our nation's three newest national monuments – Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains – in the California desert." Ruiz expresses gratitude "to President Obama and Senator Feinstein, along with U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, for their leadership in assuring that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy the desert."

**SUPPORT URGED FOR ARKANSAS VALLEY CONDUIT PROJECT.** In an editorial, the [Pueblo \(CO\) Chieftain](#) (3/9, 87K) notes that Sen. Cory Gardner recently questioned Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Deputy Secretary Michael Connor about "their commitment to the Arkansas Valley Conduit project." Gardner said, "They pledged continued support for the conduit and my legislation that helps to finally get construction of the project underway." The paper hopes "Gardner can get all the needed support in Washington, D.C., for his measure so that building the much-needed pipeline moves along as quickly as possible."

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**NAVAJO NATION OFFICIALS MEET WITH FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.** The [Flagstaff \(AZ\) Navajo-Hopi Observer](#) (3/9, 43K) reports that "last week, members from the Navajo Nation Council attended several meetings with federal officials and programs to discuss educational issues, repatriation of sacred items and proposed technical amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act. Council." Delegate Jonathan Hale "along with staff from the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education and members of the Navajo Nation Board of Education, met with officials from the U.S. Department of Education, Bureau of Indian Education and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss the Navajo Nation Alternative Accountability Workbook."

**SCHAGHTICOKE TRIBE PLANNING BID FOR FEDERAL RECOGNITION.** The [Connecticut Mirror](#) (3/10) reports that "the Schaghticoke Indian Tribe of Kent is preparing to make a bid for federal recognition, according to a Bureau of Indian Affairs official and a tribal consultant." William Buchanan, "a business consultant for the tribe, said the tribe plans to file a petition for recognition in about 60 days."

**OKLAHOMA BILL CHANGES DEFINITION OF WHO CAN SELL "INDIAN ART".** The [Miami \(OK\) News Record](#) (3/9, 14K) reports that "the Oklahoma House of Representatives voted unanimously in favor of H.B. 2261 a measure, authored by State Representative Chuck Hoskin (D-Vinita) that changes the definition of who can sell 'Indian art' under the American Indian Arts and Crafts Sales Act of 1974." The proposed measure, "which passed the House 90-0 on Monday, defines 'American Indian tribe' as any Indian tribe federally recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and further, defines 'American Indian' as a citizen or enrolled member of an American Indian tribe." Also, "the bill adds performing arts and literature to the list of authentic arts and crafts."

**HISTORY OF LITTLETON 12 RECOUNTED.** Jennifer K. Falcon, an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine Sioux tribe and a progressive political organizer in San Antonio, Texas, writes at the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (3/9, 48K), regarding "the 44th Anniversary of an important part of the Indian Civil Rights Movement, when 12 Indian employees at the Bureau of Indians Affairs' Plant Management Engineering Center filed a formal complaint against the bureau stating discriminatory practices in training, hiring and promotions, and misusing government funds meant for Indians." The complainants, labeled the Littleton Twelve, "would spark a movement in Denver that utilized direct action and non-violent civil disobedience to secure Indian hiring preference at the BIA."

## Office of Insular Affairs:



**NMI RECEIVES \$382.2K FOR CUC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT.** [Marianas Variety](#) (3/9) reports that “the commonwealth government received an authorization to proceed or ATP with the amount of \$382,225 from the U.S. Department of the Interior for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.’s engineering and environmental management company, or EEMC.” According to the article, “the next authorization to proceed that the commonwealth expects to receive from Interior is in the amount of \$730,614 for the cleanup, inspection and repair of Tank 103.”

**NPS COMMENDS CNMI HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE.** [Marianas Variety](#) (3/9) reports that the NPS has “removed the high-risk status of the CNMI Historic Preservation Office under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs for purposes of the Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program.” According to the article, “last week, HPO’s Mertie Kani shared that despite staff shortages and funding difficulties, the Historic Preservation Office has been able to achieve significant preservation goals within the past year.” In her email to Mertie Kani, Federal Grants Program Analyst, Paula Falk Creech wrote, “The National Park Service hereby rescinds the high risk status for the Historic Preservation Fund grant program. The lifting of this high-risk status is because of the improvements in grant, program, and project management. We appreciate your efforts to establish procedures to submit grant applications, project notifications, final project reports, end-of-year reports, and other grant products and documents to the NPS in a timely, complete, and accurate manner.”

## Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**HOUSE REPUBLICANS CLAIM GOLD KING EMAILS SHOW INTERIOR AVOIDED INVESTIGATING EPA’S FAULT.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication) reports that House Republicans claim that internal emails reveal the Interior Department “intentionally avoided investigating alleged U.S. EPA negligence in the Gold King mine spill.” The House Natural Resources Committee “obtained the email chain in response to subpoenas served to Interior and the Army Corps of Engineers on Feb. 17 concerning the spill.” Committee staff said much of the email correspondence was previously redacted at the request of Interior, which cited important “executive branch confidentiality interest.” In the first email dated Oct. 13, 2015, Thomas Luebke, director of the BOR’s Technical Service Center, sent the final draft of the “Technical Evaluation of the Gold King Mine Incident” to Army Corps peer reviewer Richard Olsen for his signature. On Oct. 16, Olsen responded with “serious reservations” about the report. He “agreed with the conclusions about the spill’s technical causes but said ‘the actual cause of failure’ was some combinations of poor decisionmaking and communication breakdown.”

**BOR COMMITS TO WORKING ON GLENDIVE INTAKE DIVERSION DAM.** The [Sidney \(MT\) Herald](#) (3/9, 10K) reports that Sen. Jon Tester has “secured a commitment from the Bureau of Reclamation that it will work with eastern Montana irrigators to ensure access to water from the Glendive Intake Diversion Dam this growing season.” Tester said “he pressed the agencies involved to ensure that irrigators have access to water this planting season during an Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee last week.” BOR Commissioner Estevan Lopez assured Tester, “We’re going to do everything that we can to make sure that farmers get some help.”

**BOR INCREASES RELEASES FROM FOLSOM DAM.** The [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/9, 569K) reports that “the American River is running higher than it has in years from Folsom to Sacramento, resulting in closed access points and encroachment on beaches.” The BOR “increased water releases from Folsom Dam to 15,000 cubic feet per second this week to make room for rain expected to begin on Thursday and continue through the weekend.”

**WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT TO PAY FINE IN SETTLEMENT WITH SEC.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/9, Mohan, 4.1M) reports that “a sprawling Central Valley water district run by some of the state’s wealthiest growers papered over its drought-related financial struggles and misled investors, federal regulators said Wednesday.” The Westlands Water District “shifted about \$8.3 million in expenses and other obligations to the revenue side of its ledgers, solely to be able to represent that it had enough revenue to cover debt payments on \$77 million in bonds without having to raise rates, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission.” The district’s general manager, Thomas W. Birmingham, “agreed to pay a \$50,000 penalty, and the district paid \$125,000 to settle the case.”

Additional coverage was provided by [McClatchy](#) (3/10, 22K).

**BOR URGED TO INCREASE DELTA WATER EXPORTS.** The [Fresno \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/9, 279K) editorializes that the BOR’s “decision Wednesday to export less water south from the Delta than is legally allowed defies common sense.” While the paper acknowledges the decision’s impact on the Delta smelt, it says that the BOR



"must also consider the economic impact of its decisions on Valley farmers." The editorial argues that "in this specific case, its decision to pump less than is allowed under the biological opinion is a blow to our region's agriculture-powered economy."

## Securing America's Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**BLM ISSUES FAVORABLE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR WYOMING WIND FARM.** The [Denver Business Journal](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication, 41K) reports that the Bureau of Land Management on Wednesday issued an environmental assessment of the specific sites for 500 of the 1,000 turbines that will be part of the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre (CCSM) Wind Energy Project in southern Wyoming. The draft finds "no new significant impacts" from the construction and installation of the wind turbines.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/9, Gruver, 285K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (3/9, Gruver, 881K), the [Raleigh \(NC\) News & Observer](#) (3/9, 336K), and [KGWN-TV Cheyenne \(WY\)](#) Cheyenne, WY (3/9, 519).

**BOEM ACCEPTS LEASE REQUEST FOR HAWAII OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT.** [North American Windpower](#) (3/9, 43K) reports that "following the receipt of another unsolicited lease request for a floating offshore wind project offshore Oahu, Hawaii," the BOEM is "publishing a call for information and nominations in order to initiate a competitive planning and leasing process." In all, the bureau says "it has received three unsolicited lease requests from two developers: two requests – submitted in March 2015 – from AWH Hawaii Wind LLC for the AWH Oahu Northwest Project and the AWH Oahu South Project and, now, one from Progression Hawaii Offshore Wind Inc. for the Progression South Coast of Oahu Project."

Additional coverage was provided by [reNews](#) (3/9).

**UMASS RESEARCHERS DEVELOP IMPROVED WIND TURBINE ANCHORING SYSTEM.** The [Springfield \(MA\) Republican](#) (3/9, Lederman, 312K) reports University of Massachusetts researchers are "developing a new mooring system for floating offshore wind turbines that uses an integrated network of anchors and lines to hold dozens of turbines in place in the ocean." The NSF-funded research aims to "hasten the progress toward the goal of generating 20 percent of U.S. energy needs from wind power by potentially reducing the cost of building offshore wind farms by a significant margin."

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**DEMOCRATS ASK GAO TO REVIEW SELF-BONDING.** [Politico Pro](#) (3/9) reports that Sens. Maria Cantwell and Dick Durbin on Tuesday called on the Government Accountability Office "to open two different inquiries into the practice of self-bonding, under which coal producers set aside money to reclaim old coal mines in the event of bankruptcy." They said that "it's time for Interior and Congress to 'revisit' self-bonding authorization, and ask GAO to author a comparison of self-bonding across federal programs, and to audit self-bonding under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Insurance Journal](#) (3/9, 57K) and [Business Insurance](#) (3/9, 126K).

**ENVIRONMENTALIST SEEK INJUNCTION AGAINST FRACKING NEAR CHACO CANYON.** The [Santa Fe \(NM\) Reporter](#) (3/9, 69K) reports that "environmental groups have once again asked a judge to order the US Bureau of Land Management to stop issuing permits for hydraulic fracturing near Chaco Canyon." The Western Environmental Law Center "made oral arguments in the case to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver on Tuesday." According to the article, "the argument contends it's unlawful for the BLM to issue permits without analyzing their cumulative impacts while continuing to rely on a resource management plan that didn't consider drilling on this scale in this location viable." The suit "calls for a preliminary injunction to suspend additional development while the BLM does a baseline analysis of the area."

**OBAMA, TRUDEAU EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE METHANE EMISSIONS RESTRICTIONS.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/9, Harder, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) reports the Obama Administration is expected to announce methane emissions restrictions today when Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visits the White House. The EPA will start devising regulations for existing wells with the intention of releasing April draft



requirements.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: BLM REJECTS ROYALTY-RATE CUT FOR IDLED ELK CREEK MINE.**

Additional coverage that the BLM “has decided against issuing a royalty rate reduction to Oxbow Mining’s idled Elk Creek Mine” was provided by the [Montrose \(CO\) Press](#) (3/10, 17K), the [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (3/9, 73K) and [Raw Story](#) (3/8, 1.24M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: DOZENS PROTEST IN RENO AGAINST BLM AUCTION OF OIL, GAS LEASES ON FEDERAL LAND.**

Additional coverage of the “Keep It In The Ground” protest in Nevada was provided by the [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (3/9, 22K) and [KOLO-TV Reno, NV](#) (3/8, 41K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: STATES, GAS INDUSTRY SAY BLM CLAIMING OVERLY BROAD AUTHORITY OVER FRACKING.**

Additional coverage that “several western states and industry groups are hammering away at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hydraulic fracturing (fracking) rule to prevent the federal agency from governing leasehold activity on public and tribal lands” was provided by [Natural Gas Intelligence](#) (3/10, Subscription Publication).

**TAXPAYER ADVOCATE URGES BLM NOT TO DELAY NEW RULE TO REDUCE WASTED GAS.**

Ryan Alexander, president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, writes at [US News & World Report](#) (3/9, 853K) in support of a new rule proposed by the Bureau of Land Management “to reduce wasted gas,” stating that it “is both overdue and makes sense.” The rule would “require operators to reduce the gas being wasted by using more current drilling technology, paying closer attention to possible leaks and fixing the ones they find, and submitting waste minimization plans along with their application for a permit to drill new wells.” Alexander reports that at a public hearing for the rule in North Dakota, opponents all requested that the BLM “extend the period of time before the rule become final.” He argues against this, saying that “time is money,” and that “oil and gas operators are wasting taxpayer assets by literally releasing them into the air without paying for them.”

**Physician Urges Greater Focus On Health.** Dr. Barbara Bentz, MD, a Sanford Health pediatrician, writes at the [Grand Forks \(ND\) Herald](#) (3/9, 97K) on the proposed rule with a focus on the health effects of methane, pointing that it is “an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas,” and can “cause suffocation” leading to “headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, rapid breathing, loss of coordination, loss of consciousness and possible death.” Bentz recommends including “an experienced federal public health agency such as the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry as a partner to determine the most effective way to continuously measure methane levels in the environment before it is sold or transported.”

**Offshore Energy Development:**

**COASTAL ADVOCATES URGE PRESIDENT OBAMA TO SCRAP PROPOSAL TO REDIRECT OIL MONEY.**

The [Houma \(LA\) Courier](#) (3/8, 99K) reports that “several hundred Louisiana governmental agencies, environmental groups and coastal entities cosigned a letter requesting President Barack Obama to back off on a proposal that would redirect oil and gas royalties earmarked for coastal restoration.” At issue is the Gulf of Mexico Energy and Security Act, or GOMESA, “which is expected to send about \$176 million to Louisiana next year, with \$30 million for coastal parishes such as Lafourche and Terrebonne, a majority of which is constitutionally dedicated to coastal restoration projects.” In its latest budget proposal, the White House “calls for repealing the payments, saying they are ‘unnecessary and costly’ while benefiting only a ‘handful of states.’” According to the article, “in the letter signed by 330 groups, the authors, who acknowledge the White House’s efforts in helping the state recover from various disasters, criticize Obama’s efforts to redirect the money.”

**DRAFT REVIEW FINDS OFFSHORE WELL STIMULATION TREATMENTS NOT EXPECTED TO SIGNIFICANTLY EFFECT SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL.**

The [Santa Maria \(CA\) Sun](#) (3/10, Swanston, 55K) reports on a draft environmental review conducted by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management found that “offshore well stimulation treatments, including acidizing and hydraulic fracturing (fracking), do not significantly impact environments in the Santa Barbara Channel’s federal waters.” In response, the Environmental Defense Center said the review “falls short in several fundamental respects,” and EDC senior attorney Brian Segee said the finding “defies common sense,” adding that the conclusion “is simply not credible.”

**America’s Great Outdoors:**



**Bureau of Land Management:**

**LAS VEGAS PROTEST PLANNED IN SUPPORT OF CLIVEN BUNDY.** The [AP](#) (3/10, 853K) reports that “backers of a Nevada rancher at the center of a fight over control of public lands in the West are promising a show of support outside a U.S. courthouse where he’s facing charges that he led an armed standoff against federal agents two years ago.” According to the article, “Cliven Bundy’s wife and other family members and friends said this week the planned demonstration before Bundy’s court appearance on Thursday will show they’re keeping up their fight against the federal government.” The article says that “Nevada allows open-carrying of guns, and Las Vegas police and U.S. marshals said they expect some protesters will be armed, but will remain peaceful.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (3/10, Ritter, 881K).

**Nevada Rancher Bundy Sold 1,300 Cattle Over Past Five Years.** [Greenwire](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication) reports that Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy “sold close to 1,300 cattle over the past five years and found business in a handful of states even as the federal government sought to purge his herd from public lands, according to state records.” Bundy “sold or transferred cattle to nearly two dozen recipients in Nevada, California, Arizona, Utah and Kansas, according to branding records kept by Nevada’s Department of Agriculture.” According to the records, “nearly half the cattle were trucked about 100 miles northeast from Bundy’s Bunkerville ranch to an auction yard in Cedar City, Utah, and 165 cattle were shipped west to a sale yard near Bakersfield, Calif. Most cattle, about 800, ended up in Utah.”

**Judge Denies Bail For New Hampshire Man In Nevada Standoff.** [Reuters](#) (3/9, Siefer) reports that U.S. District Court Judge Andrea Johnstone has denied bail for Jerry DeLemus, who is accused of being a mid-level organizer in the 2014 Nevada ranch standoff.

**UTAH BILL TARGETS PUBLIC-LAND LAW ENFORCEMENT.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (3/9, 388K) reports that “a bill seeking to resolve conflicts between local, county and federal law enforcement agencies on who has the right to police public lands awaits the signature of Gov. Gary Herbert after it passed in the Senate.” Sen. David Hinkins, the Senate sponsor, “explained on the floor how law-enforcement agencies would interact under the bill.” He said, “HB391 sets up a procedure for a county sheriff to seek legal relief if ... duties are violated by the [Bureau of Land Management] or Forest Service.” According to the article, “local sheriffs would work with the Utah attorney general’s office in preparing a letter to the federal agencies stating demands and deciding on legal action if those demands are not sufficiently met.”

**NEVADA RANCHER BUNDY SOLD 1,300 CATTLE OVER PAST FIVE YEARS.** [Greenwire](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication) reports that Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy “sold close to 1,300 cattle over the past five years and found business in a handful of states even as the federal government sought to purge his herd from public lands, according to state records.” Bundy “sold or transferred cattle to nearly two dozen recipients in Nevada, California, Arizona, Utah and Kansas, according to branding records kept by Nevada’s Department of Agriculture.” According to the records, “nearly half the cattle were trucked about 100 miles northeast from Bundy’s Bunkerville ranch to an auction yard in Cedar City, Utah, and 165 cattle were shipped west to a sale yard near Bakersfield, Calif. Most cattle, about 800, ended up in Utah.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: TWIN METALS MINE DEALT ANOTHER SETBACK.** Additional coverage of the proposed Twin Metals copper-nickel mine was provided by [The Hill](#) (3/9, Henry, 862K), the [Minneapolis \(MN\) Star Tribune](#) (3/9, 1.25M), the [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (3/9, 1.25M), the [MinnPost \(MN\)](#) (3/9, 8K), the [Cook-Or \(MN\) Timberjay](#) (3/9, 142), and [WDIO-TV Duluth \(MN\)](#) Duluth, MN (3/9, 456)..

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: LAWMAKERS WANT TO TAKE AWAY GUNS FROM FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS.** Additional coverage that “Utah’s representatives in Congress are calling for federal land managers with the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service to give up their law enforcement authority” was provided by the [St. George \(UT\) Spectrum](#) (3/9, 48K) and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (3/9, 404K).

**Fish and Wildlife Service:**

**WESTERN GOVERNORS SCRUTINIZE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.** [The Hill](#) (3/9, Cama, 862K) report that “a coalition of western state governors is considering formally backing legislation to shift power away from the federal government for endangered species protections.” At a forum Wednesday in Denver, Wyoming Gov.



Matt Mead said "it'd be premature to say whether the Western Governors Association will ask for changes to the 1973 Endangered Species Act." However, "the governors see the species law as ineffective, and want to see more species' protections handled like the sage grouse, which avoided formal protections last year in favor of state-led efforts."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (3/9, Finley, 881K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (3/9, 290K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/9, Dan Elliott I, Ap, 8.98M), [US News & World Report](#) (3/9, 853K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/9, Elliott, 285K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (3/9, 881K), [The East Oregonian](#) (3/9, 24K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (3/9, 31K), and the [Daily Mail](#) (3/9, 4.92M).

**CONSERVATIONISTS PRESS FWS TO CONTINUE WOLF TRACKING.** [E&E Publishing](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that five conservation groups on Wednesday pressed the FWS "to continue monitoring gray wolf populations in the northern Rocky Mountains." The service has "been tracking changes in the wolves' abundance and distribution and threats to the population segment ever since Congress removed it from the endangered species list in a spending bill policy rider nearly five years ago." However, "the agency's post-delisting monitoring program is set to end in May." The conservationists, led by the Center for Biological Diversity, say FWS rules require continued monitoring.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/9, Ridler, 285K), the [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (3/9, 78K), and [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (3/9, 2K).

**FWS REJECTS TRAILS FOR LUXURY HOMES.** The [Napa Valley \(CA\) Register](#) (3/9, 73K) reports that "a key amenity proposed for the Canyon Estates luxury home project involving hiking trails through American Canyon's eastern hillside has been nixed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service." The "trails ran afoul with federal biologists over their potential impacts on native species, one of which is considered 'threatened.'"

**AUCTION HOUSE HEAD PLEADS GUILTY IN SMUGGLING CASE.** The [Famagusta Gazette \(CYP\)](#) (3/9) reports that "a gallery and auction house official in Beverly Hills, California pleaded guilty to smuggling carvings and other items made from protected wildlife with an estimated worth of 1 million U.S. dollars." Joseph Chait, "a senior auction administrator of the I.M. Chait gallery and auction house, pleaded guilty to smuggling elephant ivory, rhinoceros horn and coral in a New York federal court, prosecutors said on Wednesday." Chait "could face up to 10 years in prison under two related charges."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS DISTRIBUTES \$1.1 BILLION TO STATE WILDLIFE AGENCIES.**

Additional coverage that the FWS is distributing \$1.1 billion to state wildlife agencies under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Acts was provided by the [OutdoorHub](#) (3/9, 67K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS PROPOSES UPDATE TO MITIGATION POLICY.** Additional coverage that the FWS has proposed an update to its mitigation policy was provided by [Natural Gas Intelligence](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication) and [JD Supra](#) (3/9, 5K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FWS PROPOSES TO LIFT GRIZZLY PROTECTION IN YELLOWSTONE AREA.**

Additional coverage that "a new proposal by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service could lead to the delisting of grizzlies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem" was provided by the [Teton Valley \(ID\) News](#) (3/9, 7K), the [Olean \(NY\) Times Herald](#) (3/9, 33K), the [Jackson Hole \(WY\) News & Guide](#) (3/9, 1K), and [Care2](#) (3/9, 156K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ELEPHANTS FROM SWAZILAND BEING TRANSPORTED TO US ZOOS.**

Additional coverage that elephants from Swaziland are being transported to U.S. zoos in Omaha, Wichita and Dallas was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/9, Brulliard, 8.98M), the [Dallas \(TX\) Morning News](#) (3/10, 1.24M), and [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/9, Milman, 3.71M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: REWARD OFFERED AFTER BALD EAGLE KILLED IN KENTUCKY.**

Additional coverage that the FWS is "offering a \$2,500 reward for information about the shooting of a bald eagle in western Kentucky" was provided by the [Washington Times](#) (3/9, 285K) and the [Northern Kentucky Tribune](#) (3/9).

**National Park Service:**



**NPS FACES DIVERSITY CHALLENGE.** [NPR](#) (3/9, 1.81M) reports that the NPS has “a diversity problem.” The park service “doesn’t track the demographics of its visitors, but the most recent survey commissioned by the Park Service to see how different population groups related to the parks found” that “collectively, minorities made up just over 20 percent of the visitors to national parks, despite the fact that they made up nearly 40 percent of the U.S. population.” NPS Director Jon Jarvis has “made increasing diversity at the national parks a top priority as the Park Service approaches its centennial.” His Call to Action plan — a vision for the organization’s future — states: “In our second century, we will fully represent our nation’s ethnically and culturally diverse communities.”

**YELLOWSTONE BISON SENT TO SLAUGHTER AS PARK TRIMS HERD.** The [AP](#) (3/9, Brown, Press, 1.99M) reports that Yellowstone National Park “started shipping many of its famous wild bison to slaughter Wednesday to drive down the size of the park’s herds and respond to concerns by the livestock industry over a disease carried by the animals.” According to the article, “thirty animals have been shipped to slaughterhouses, and officials plan to send an additional 63 in the next few days.” The AP says that “the park’s actions are driven by an agreement in 2000 with Montana officials that requires it to control its bison herds.”

Additional coverage was provided by [CBS News](#) (3/9, 3.97M), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/9, 4.92M), and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (3/9, 352K).

**NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION AWARDS 2016 ACTIVE TRAILS GRANTS.** The [Fayette \(WV\) Tribune](#) (3/9, 37) reports that New River Gorge National River is “one of 25 national parks selected to receive a 2016 Active Trails grant from the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America’s national parks.” According to the article, “through a unique partnership with Active Southern West Virginia, this grant will bring a multitude of wellness programming to Camp Brookside, an emerging environmental education center located in Summers County.” The money will “be used to both purchase equipment and train community volunteers to teach free public programs at Camp Brookside, including outdoor yoga, tai chi, stand up paddleboarding, fly fishing, archery and various guided hikes, including owl prowls, bird watches and plant identification hikes, in addition to wellness-focused and heritage-style cooking classes.”

**NEW CHILDREN’S BOOK WRITTEN IN HONOR OF NPS CENTENNIAL.** The [Daily Mail](#) (3/9, Dailymail.com, 4.92M) reports that “the daughter of former President George W. Bush teamed up with her mother Laura to write their new children’s book *Our great Big Backyard*.” Their book will be available in May in honor of the Centennial Anniversary of the National Park Service.

**CUMBERLAND GAP NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK TO HOLD “MEET AND GREET” EVENT.** The [Middlesboro \(KY\) Daily News](#) (3/9, 433) reports that Cumberland Gap National Historical Park will hold a Meet and Greet on March 11. According to the article, “as 2016 is the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, school children and visitors will be able to connect with staff from other national parks – a mountain climbing ranger from Yosemite National Park, a river rafting ranger from Obed Wild and Scenic River, a musician ranger from New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, an architectural preservationist from the National Mall and Memorial Parks and archaeologists and scuba divers from the Submerged Resources Center – and learn how these trained professionals help protect these areas which Americans value.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF GOOGLE CULTURAL INSTITUTE.** Additional coverage of the Google Cultural Institute was provided by [WHSV-TV Harrisonburg, VA](#) (3/9, 25K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON GRAND CANYON BISON HERD REDUCTION.** Additional coverage that the NPS “released a plan Tuesday that calls for managing overpopulated bison herds within the Grand Canyon National Park” was provided by [AmmoLand](#) (3/9, 9K).

## Top National News:

**SOURCE: WHITE HOUSE INTERVIEWING FIVE POTENTIAL SUPREME COURT NOMINEES.** [Reuters](#) (3/9, Edwards) reports the White House is interviewing five potential Supreme Court nominees according to a source familiar with the process. The individuals being considered are federal judges Sri Srinivasan, Jane Kelly, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Paul Watford, and Merrick Garland.

**Obama Facing Pressure To Nominate Black Woman To Supreme Court.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/9, Markon, Horwitz, Debonis, 8.98M) reports black civil rights activists “are pressing” Obama to nominate a black woman to the Supreme Court, “calling it an overdue historic first at a time of growing ethnic diversity and an



intense debate about racial justice issues." The Post says "the pressure had been building since Justice Antonin Scalia's sudden death." At a recent White House meeting, according to the Post, "a number of activists directly urged the president to nominate an African American woman, pointing out that they had supported him at the polls in overwhelming numbers."

**Poll: Voters Disagree With GOP Blocking Any Potential Supreme Court Nominee.** [US News & World Report](#) (3/9, Levy, 853K) reports a new Wall Street Journal poll found congressional Republicans' vow to block any Supreme Court nominee "shows the strategy may be backfiring." According to the survey, 55 percent of registered voters disagree with the refusal to conduct hearings on a potential nominee. More than four-out-of-five of that 55 percent said they "strongly disapproved."

**Posner: Debate Shows Supreme Court Is "Politicized Court."** In a [Washington Post](#) (3/9, 8.98M) op-ed, US Court of Appeals Judge Richard Posner says the significance of Republicans vowing to block any Supreme Court nominee "lies in reminding us that the Supreme Court is not an ordinary court but a political court, or more precisely a politicized court, which is to say a court strongly influenced in making its decisions by the political beliefs of the judges."

**MEDIA ANALYSES: CLINTON EMERGES "UNSCATHED" FROM DEBATE WITH "REENERGIzed" SANDERS.** Most media coverage does not cast Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders as the winner of their debate in Florida on Wednesday night, as reports cite positives in each of their performances. For example, while [Fortune](#) (3/9, Geier, 4.02M) said on its website Clinton "took a few hits" but "made her way through the event relatively unscathed," a front-page story in the [Washington Post](#) (3/9, A1, Balz, 8.98M) says while the debate once appeared "as if it might be an anticlimax as Clinton rolled toward the nomination," Sanders "arrived reenergized and reinvigorated after his surprising victory in Michigan." Immigration issues are seen as the primary topic discussed in the forum, which is described as "contentious," and several reports note the candidates were critical of each other's record on immigration as they clashed over who is the better advocate for Latinos.

The [New York Times](#) (3/9, Healy, Chozick, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) describes the debate as "contentious," noting that Clinton and Sanders "clashed vividly over immigration reform and deportations" as they made "made aggressive appeals to Hispanic voters." The Times adds that they were "a study in contrasts as they made stark appeals to the demographic groups they have come to prize." The [Palm Beach \(FL\) Post](#) (3/9, Bennett, Washington, 313K) says both "slammed" Donald Trump, with Sanders describing himself as "the strongest candidate to beat Donald Trump," and Clinton "boast[ing] that she criticized Trump early in his candidacy."

On its website, [Fortune](#) (3/9, Geier, 4.02M) said the debate was, "at times, more contentious than previous debates," adding that Clinton "held her ground," and "did a good job of standing up to Sanders when he directly attacked her record," while Sanders "continued to position himself as the true progressive in the race, forcing Clinton to defend her positions on healthcare, student debt, and her ties to Wall Street." [Politico](#) (3/9, Debenedetti, 1.07M) reported while Clinton wanted to debate Trump's "extreme immigration proposals," she was instead "locked in a sparring match" with Sanders, "as each litigated the other's record on immigration reform and bailouts and lit into one another's plans for healthcare reform and college tuition."

A [Politico](#) (3/9, Strauss, 1.07M) analysis, which listed the "six most interesting moments" from the debate, said the forum marked Clinton's "first opportunity to try and rebound" from her "surprising loss" in the Michigan primary. Similarly, the [Washington Post](#) (3/9, Fahrenthold, 8.98M) says Clinton, on the heels of her "stinging upset loss in the Michigan primary," launched "sharp attacks" on Sanders, "criticizing him as too far left at some points, but also seeking to cast him as an ally of far-right militiamen on the subject of immigration." The attacks, says the Post, were a sign Clinton "is not yet able to pivot toward a general-election matchup against Republicans" as she is "still trying to make a case against Sanders."

The [Miami Herald](#) (3/9, Mazzei, 803K) said Florida was the "target audience" Wednesday night as the candidates "were asked about Cuba." While both support the President's "reestablished diplomatic relations...and lifting the trade embargo," Clinton "used harsher language to describe Fidel and Raúl Castro" than Sanders, who "visited Cuba under the Castros several times." The [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#) (3/9, Man, Mayo, Clary, Ballou, 605K) also said Clinton and Sanders "reiterat[ed] their support for President Barack Obama's decision to resume relations with Cuba."

[USA Today](#) (3/9, Gaudiano, 5.45M) reports immigration was "the centerpiece of the debate as Sanders and Clinton got into a tight back-and-forth over various past positions." [Reuters](#) (3/9, Oliphant, Lopez) notes the



candidates disagreed about who has the stronger commitment to immigration reform, and the AP New York (3/9, Benac, Lerer, 186K) says Clinton and Sanders “tangled repeatedly...over who’s a true advocate for Latinos and who has a track record of letting Hispanics down.” Clinton hit Sanders “for repeatedly voting against a 2007 comprehensive immigration reform bill,” while Sanders hit Clinton “for opposing a 2007 effort to allow people who were in the country illegally to obtain driver’s licenses.” The [Huffington Post](#) (3/9, Foley, 518K) noted that both “promised to not deport children or non-criminal undocumented immigrants, and criticized President Barack Obama for doing so.”

**Former Obama Aides Debate Auto Bailout Attacks On Twitter.** [Politico](#) (3/9, Gass, 1.07M) reported in its “Bernie v. Hillary” blog as Clinton and Sanders “debated the intricacies of the auto bailout, former aides to President Barack Obama clashed on Twitter over the subject.” Gene Sperling tweeted, “This is not disputable. Every penny that went to the auto bail out Bernie Sanders voted against. Not disputable.” Steve Rattner, who led the President’s auto industry task force in 2009, agreed, tweeting, “Clinton is right on auto bailout. If everyone had voted like Sanders, auto industry would have collapsed killing millions of jobs.” David Axelrod, took a different position, however, tweeting, “She did it again and I’ll say it again. It’s misleading to imply that TARP II was an auto bailout bill.”

**TRUMP NEEDS 54% OF REMAINING DELEGATES TO GET TO 1,237.** [NBC Nightly News](#) (3/9, story 2, 2:45, Jackson, 7.86M) reported in “a sign those establishment attacks aren’t working, not yet at least,” Trump “is racking up more delegates.” The [CBS Evening News](#) (3/9, story 4, 2:05, Pelley, 5.08M) said Trump “is looking like the inevitable Republican nominee after winning three of four states last night,” and a [New York Times](#) (3/9, Gabriel, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) analysis says GOP leaders’ chance of denying Trump the nomination “was a bit remoter on Wednesday,” following his victories in Michigan, Mississippi, and Hawaii. Trump, who “captured most of the 150 delegates at stake Tuesday,” now needs “about 54 percent of outstanding delegates; his closest rival, Senator Ted Cruz of Texas, needs 62 percent.” [USA Today](#) (3/9, King, 5.45M) reports that analysts say “winning the Florida and Ohio primaries on Tuesday would give Trump an almost insurmountable path to the nomination.” In its lead story, [ABC World News](#) (3/9, lead story, 3:40, Muir, 5.84M) reported Trump is “vowing, if he wins Ohio and Florida next, he’ll go for, in his words, a knockout.” Trump: “I see probably getting the delegates. You know, it’s like the fighters. That’s the ultimate way of doing it. You knock them out. If you knock them out, nothing can happen.”

In a [Washington Post](#) (3/9, Carson, 8.98M) op-ed, Ben Carson argues that as a Trump nomination appears more likely, the “GOP party faithful” can be expected to “pivot to the strategic interests of their down-ticket candidates this November.”

**WTimes Analysis: Trump Will Be 74 Delegates Short Of Threshold For Nomination.** In an analysis, the [Washington Times](#) (3/9, Hallow, 285K) says after “California and three other states count their votes from the last four primaries June 7,” Trump “will be 74 or so delegates short of the 1,237 majority needed for the nomination,” making it “increasingly unlikely that the Republican establishment...will carry through with plans to change the convention rules to wrest the nomination from Mr. Trump and hand it to an establishment-approved candidate.”

**CNN/ORC, Quinnipiac Show Trump Leading In Florida And Ohio.** A CNN/ORC poll released Wednesday shows Donald Trump leading Marco Rubio and John Kasich in their respective home states of Florida and Ohio ahead of next week primaries in those states. According to the poll, the [Washington Times](#) (3/9, Sherfinski, 285K) reports, Trump leads Rubio 40-24 in Florida, followed by Ted Cruz with 19%, and Kasich with 5%. In Ohio, Trump leads Kasich 41-35, with Cruz at 15% and Rubio at 7%. Meanwhile, [USA Today](#) (3/9, King, 5.45M) says a Quinnipiac University survey “shows Trump leading Rubio 45-22%” in Florida.

**Fox News Poll Shows Kasich Leading In Ohio.** A Fox News poll, however, shows Kasich leading in Ohio with 34%, followed by Trump with 29%, Cruz with 19%, and Rubio with 7%, [The Hill](#) (3/9, Easley, 862K) reported in its “Ballot Box” blog.

**Anti-Trump Groups Spending Millions On Ads In Florida, Illinois.** [Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/9, Higgins, 289K) says a “torrent of cash” is being spent on political ads in Florida and Illinois ahead of their March 15 primaries. Kantar Media’s CMAG estimates that outside groups and campaigns “have committed \$9.2 million for ads in Florida for the seven-day period beginning March 8.” Conservative Solutions PAC, which backs Rubio, is responsible for \$4.3 million of that total, “underscor[ing] the do-or-die stakes for Rubio in Florida.” The group has “also committed \$1.4 million in Illinois.” Among other anti-Trump groups “spending heavily” are the American Future Fund, which has spent \$1.38 million on ads in Florida and \$765,000 in Illinois; Club for Growth, which is “slated to spend a total of \$2.4 million in Florida and Illinois”; and Our Principles PAC, which is “set to spend



\$1.4 million in commercials in the two states.”

The [New York Times](#) (3/9, Peters, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says the Republican Party “is planning to make what could be its last stand” against Trump in Florida’s March 15 primary. The winner-take-all primary “figures to be a climactic moment,” as Trump’s candidacy “faces the biggest test yet of whether it is built to endure.” Meanwhile, Rubio “will have to decide whether he can stay in the race if he loses,” and Cruz “will see how far his efforts to chip away at the support of both rivals can go.” The Times says “much of the anti-establishment anger that [Rubio] rode to victory in the 2010 midterm elections is now working against him” as Trump and Cruz “are the anti-establishment now.”

***Bush To Meet With Cruz, Rubio, Kasich This Week In Miami.*** [Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/9, Bender, 289K) reports a spokeswoman said Jeb Bush will meet with Rubio, Cruz, and Kasich in Miami this week. [USA Today](#) (3/9, King, 5.45M) says the meetings suggest Bush “may be ready to endorse one of Trump’s rivals in an effort to prevent the brash billionaire from capturing Florida and its coveted 99 delegates.”

***O’Reilly Takes Issue With Portrayals Of Trump As Fascist.*** In his “Talking Points Memo” segment on [Fox News’ The O’Reilly Factor](#) (3/9, 767K), Bill O’Reilly said “some in the media both left and right are portraying Mr. Trump as a 1930s-type fascist and his supporters as budding brown shirts,” and argued this is “a strategy with the intention of not only demeaning Trump but his supporters as well.” O’Reilly added, “The movement that Trump represents has nothing to do with fascism, everything to do with furious dissent. ... The cold truth is, charges of racism and fascism are easy smears designed to stop freedom of expression and stifle debate.”

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** ***“A Lesson In Hillary Clinton’s Loss In Michigan.”*** A [New York Times](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorial said Hillary Clinton’s “surprising loss in Michigan...holds some lessons about how to approach future contests.” While her candidacy “speaks eloquently of embracing the people, values and thinking that make this nation a leader in the world,” her “campaign tactics, particularly in Michigan, did not live up to this vision.” Although Clinton “may be annoyed at the continued challenge posed by” Bernie Sanders, he “is likely to remain in the contest to the end.” If Clinton becomes the Democratic nominee, she “must win over and energize his supporters,” and the Michigan results “suggest she has a ways to go.”

***“How To Reduce Medicare Drug Costs.”*** In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (3/10, A22, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ proposed tests for Part B prescription drugs are “a reasonable attempt to get a handle on rising medical costs. The tests, which would take place in different parts of the country over five years, should provide valuable evidence about how changing incentives affects spending on health care.”

**WASHINGTON POST.** ***“Mr. Sanders Peddles Fiction On Free Trade.”*** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (3/9, 8.98M) says Bernie Sanders is “doubling down on protectionism,” adding that his position “is built on bogus numbers that defy the overwhelming consensus among economists, and his solutions would do much more harm than good.” While Sanders’ “populist rhetoric doesn’t stand up to scrutiny,” the Post argues, “politically, it appears to be working,” and Hillary Clinton “has surrendered the issue by failing to stand up for the TPP.” Noting that Sanders “has the protectionists’ vote,” the Post says Clinton “would be wise to offer a positive alternative.”

***“Caixin Media’s Display Of Courage Against China’s Censors.”*** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (3/9, 8.98M) applauds Chinese news organization Caixin Media for its “courage” in refusing to back down to government intimidation. The government had ordered Caixin to remove an article for containing “illegal content.” That article quoted Jiang Hong, who advises the government on economic policy, as saying that “people like himself should feel free to give their opinions to party leaders” on policy, cultural, and societal issues. Though it took the article down, Caixin republished it Tuesday on its English-language website, “revealing the censorship, accompanied by a photograph of a mouth that had been sealed with tape.”

***“Finally, An Action Plan For Metro.”*** In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (3/9, 8.98M) says new Metro general manager Paul Wiedefeld’s recent “passenger-friendly” updates to the public on the status of improvements deserve credit, but his communication “will not undo...underlying problems, let alone reverse years of poor management.” While Wiedefeld’s proposals include “enhanced accountability and transparency,” the Metro’s “fundamental structural challenges persist,” and the Metro board is still “too large and unwieldy and too susceptible to political pressures.”



**WALL STREET JOURNAL.** *"Hillary's Michigan Droop."* An editorial in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says Hillary Clinton's loss in the Michigan primary demonstrates that she is a weak candidate.

*"Clinton's Star Email Witness."* In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says now that former State Department computer tech Bryan Pagliano, who set up Hillary Clinton's private email server and who previously exercised his Fifth Amendment right not to testify, has been granted immunity, he should tell Congress what he knows about Clinton's server. The Journal argues the public has a right to the information if Clinton wants to be the next president.

*"Iran's Moderates Go Ballistic."* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/9, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes that a country that cannot be trusted with nuclear weapons also cannot be expected to honor an agreement to eliminate its nuclear program. The Journal says the Iranian missile program is an indication that the nuclear deal has increased Tehran's military leverage.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### ***Wall Street Journal:***

[Free Trade Loses Political Favor](#)  
[Democrats Settle in for Long Presidential Contest](#)  
[Tracking the Mortgage-Crisis Settlements](#)  
[Twitter Bets on Payouts to Rein In Talent Flight](#)

#### ***New York Times:***

[Clinton And Sanders Clash On Immigration At Debate](#)  
[Clinton Giving Jobs And Trade New Emphasis](#)  
[Vote In Florida Tests Fortunes Of 3 In GOP](#)  
[After The Game, Women On Guard](#)  
[Life-Saving Tweak For Many Kidney Transplants](#)  
[Machine Masters Man In Complex Game Of Go](#)

#### ***Washington Post:***

[Scrappy Debate Signals Long Grind](#)  
[Rubio's Fateful Error: A Strategy That Backfired](#)  
[Whitman Letter To Dying Soldier's Family Uncovered At Archives](#)  
[Drug Defies A Rare Form Of Cancer — And Market Logic](#)  
[As Borders Close, Some Migrants Pin Hopes On A Hostile Hungary](#)  
[Clinton, Sanders Clash On Immigration](#)

#### ***Financial Times:***

[Senior Bankers Warn ECB Over Perils Of Negative Interest Rates](#)  
[Fears Rise Of New Oligarchy As Putin's Childhood Friend Eyes Aeroflot Stake](#)

#### ***Washington Times:***

[Osama Bin Laden, Iran Shared Logistical Alliance, Intense Hatred Of US](#)  
[Catholic Priest Demands US Recognize Genocide Against Christians In Iraq, Syria](#)  
[Thousands Pay Tribute To Nancy Reagan At Presidential Library](#)  
[Sanders Exposes Clinton's General Election Vulnerabilities In Michigan](#)  
[Court Case Pits 'Motor-Voter' Laws Against Citizenship IDs](#)

#### ***Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:***

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Severe Weather; Weather Forecast; Seattle-Gas Explosion; Missouri-Murder Suspect Arrested; US Airstrikes Against ISIL; Pennsylvania-Armed Robbery Foiled; Bill Cosby Case; United Airlines-Seat Changes; Nancy Reagan Memorial Service.

**CBS:** Severe Weather; ISIL-Chemical Weapons; 2016 Politics-Democrats; 2016 Politics-Republicans; DC-Idaho Fugitive Arrested; Audi Seat Failure Lawsuit; Zika Virus Outbreak; Cleveland Clinic-Uterus Transplant Failure; Nancy Reagan Memorial Service.

**NBC:** Severe Weather; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Seattle-Gas Explosion; DC-Idaho



Fugitive Arrested; Iraq-ISIL Chemical Engineer Captured; Nancy Reagan Memorial Service; IRS Scam; Cleveland Clinic-Uterus Transplant Failure; Solar Eclipse Sighting.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

2016 Politics – 15 minutes, 10 minutes  
 Severe Weather/Weather Forecast – 7 minutes, 30 seconds  
 ISIL – 4 minutes, 50 seconds  
 DC-Idaho Fugitive Arrested – 3 minutes, 50 seconds  
 Seattle-Gas Explosion – 3 minutes, 40 seconds  
 Nancy Reagan Memorial Service – 2 minutes, 50 seconds  
 Cleveland Clinic-Uterus Transplant Failure – 45 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-Democratic Debate; 2016 Politics-Fiorina Endorses Cruz; Pennsylvania Shooting Spree; Congress-Heroin Epidemic Bill; Severe Weather-Louisiana.  
**CBS:** Severe Weather-Louisiana; Pennsylvania Shooting Spree; 2016 Politics-Democratic Debate; Cleveland Clinic-Uterus Transplant Failure; Pop Warner-Concussions Lawsuit Settlement.  
**FOX:** Pennsylvania Shooting Spree; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democratic Debate; Severe Weather; Texas-Death Row Inmate Executed; Cleveland Clinic-Uterus Transplant Failure; Boston Chipotle Reopens; Florida-Farmers Protest Wendy's Fast Food Chain; Wall Street.  
**NPR:** 2016 Politics-Democratic Debate; 2016 Politics-Republicans; Pennsylvania Shooting Spree; NOAA-California Drought Report; New York-Alleged ISIL Recruit Arrested; Missouri-Religious Freedom Bill; North Korea To Liquidate South Assets.

**Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

**White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama host Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau at the White House, for an Official Visit, including a State Dinner in their honor.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Vice President Joe Biden and Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden travel from Jerusalem, Israel, to Amman, Jordan, where the Vice President meets and holds a bilateral working lunch with King Abdullah II, while Dr. Biden visits a refugee camp. Vice President Biden and King Abdullah then attend a demonstration at the Joint Training Center, before the couple both have dinner with King Abdullah and Queen Rania Al-Abdullah.

**US Senate:** 9:30 AM Senate Governmental Affairs subcommittee hearing on healthcare CO-OPs – Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations hearing on 'Review of the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance CO-OP Program', with testimony from University of Pennsylvania Wharton School Healthcare Management Department Chair Dr. Scott Harrington; and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Acting Administrator Andy Slavitt, and Deputy Administrator Kevin Counihan. Location: Rm 342, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://hsgac.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SenateHSGAC>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Homeland Security 1 202 224 2627.

10:00 AM Acting Education Secretary King testifies to Senate Appropriations subcommittee on FY'17 budget – Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing 'To review the Fiscal Year 2017 budget request for the US Department of Education', with testimony from Acting Secretary of Education John King. Location: Rm 138, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://appropriations.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SenateApprops>. Contacts: Senate Appropriations Committee 1 202 224 7363.

10:00 AM Senate Judiciary Committee Executive Business Meeting – Executive Business Meeting, with agenda including consideration of nominations of Elizabeth Drake, Jennifer Choe Groves, and Gary Stephen Katzmann to be US Court of International Trade Judges, and Clare Connors to be US District Judge for the District of Hawaii, as well as 'S. 247, Expatriate Terrorist Act', 'S. 2390, Federal Bureau of Investigation Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2015', 'S.2613, Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2016', and 'S.2614, Kevin and Avonte's Law of 2016' \* Postponed from 3 Mar. Location: Rm 226, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://judiciary.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Judiciary Committee press 1 202 224



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10:00 AM Senate Small Business Committee hearing on commercial applications of drones – Hearing on 'Up in the Air: Examining the Commercial Applications of Unmanned Aircraft for Small Businesses', with testimony from Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International President and CEO Brian Wynne; Air Line Pilots Association International President Tim Canoll; Mercatus Center at George Mason University Technology Policy Program Director Eli Dourado; Physical Sciences Vice President for Disruptive Technologies Dr. Thomas Vaneck; and Pepperdine University Professor of Law / AirMap co-founder Dr. Gregory McNeal. Location: Rm 428A, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://sbc.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship 1 202 224 5175.

10:00 AM Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on USSTRATCOM, USNORTHCOM, and USSOUTHCOM budgets – Hearing on 'United States Strategic Command, United States Northern Command, and United States Southern Command Programs and Budget', with testimony from US Strategic Command Commander Adm. Cecil Haney; US Northern Command Commander and North American Aerospace Defense Command Commander Adm. William Gortney; and US Southern Command Commander Adm. Kurt Tidd. Location: Rm G50, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://armed-services.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Armed Services Committee 1 202 224 3871.

10:00 AM Senate Foreign Relations Committee Business Meeting – Business Meeting, with agenda including consideration of nominations of Catherine Ann Novelli to be Alternate US Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Karen Brevard Stewart to be Ambassador to the Marshall Islands; Amos Hochstein to be Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Resources; Robert Annan Riley III to be Ambassador to Micronesia; Matthew John Matthews for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as US Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum; and Marcela Escobari to be USAID Assistant Administrator, plus consideration of legislation including 'S. 1252, Global Food Security Act of 2015', 'S. Res 375, A resolution raising awareness of modern slavery', 'S. Res. 388, A resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day', and 'S. Res. 383, A resolution recognizing the importance of the United States-Israel economic relationship and encouraging new areas of cooperation'. Location: Rm 419, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://foreign.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations 1 202 224 4651. Immediately followed by nominations hearing.

10:00 AM National Council of La Raza release results from survey of Latino community influencers – National Council of La Raza release results from a survey of Latino community influencers – conducted by Latino Decisions and sponsored by Telemundo – at a press forum on 'Voices from Latino Community Influencers: Taking the Pulse of the Latino Vote' held as part of its Latino Voter Summit. Forum features the survey results and a panel of community leaders, and is a joint effort between NCLR's #LatinosVote and Telemundo's #YoDecido campaigns. Speakers/participants include Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez, Latino Decisions Senior Analyst and Evaluation Specialist Blanca Guillen-Woods, Hispanas Organizadas de Lake and Ashtabula (HOLA) Executive Director Veronica Dahlberg, Centro Hispano Executive Director Mike Toledo, and NCLR Deputy Vice President Clarissa Martinez-de-Castro. Location: Rm 188, Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org) <https://twitter.com/NCLR>. Contacts: Julian Teixeira NCLR Communications Director [jteixeira@nclr.org](mailto:jteixeira@nclr.org) 1 202 776 1812. Media interested in attending the forum should RSVP to Gaby Gomez at [ggomez@nclr.org](mailto:ggomez@nclr.org) or (202) 776-1732.

10:15 AM Senate Foreign Relations Committee nominations hearing – Nominations hearing considers Christine Ann Elder to be Ambassador to Liberia; R. David Harden to be USAID Assistant Administrator; Elizabeth Holzhall Richard to be Ambassador to Lebanon; Stephen Michael Schwartz to be Ambassador to Somalia; Adam Sterling to be Ambassador to Slovakia; Kelly Keiderling-Franz to be Ambassador to Uruguay; and Mark Sobel to be US Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund. Location: Rm 419, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://foreign.senate.gov/>. Contacts: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations 1 202 224 4651. Immediately follows earlier business meeting.

10:30 AM NASA Administrator Bolden testifies to Senate Appropriations subcommittee on FY'17 budget – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing 'To review the Fiscal Year 2017 budget request and funding justification for the National Aeronautics and Space Agency', with testimony from NASA Administrator Charles Bolden. Location: Rm 192, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://appropriations.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SenateApprops>. Contacts: Senate Appropriations Committee 1 202 224 7363.

11:00 AM VA Secretary McDonald testifies to Senate Appropriations subcommittee on FY'17 and FY'18 budgets



– Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing ‘To review the Fiscal Year 2017 and 2018 budget request for the US Department of Veterans Affairs’, with testimony from Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald; Veterans Health Administration Under Secretary David Shulkin; and Veterans Benefits Administration Acting Under Secretary Danny Pummill. Location: Rm 124, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://appropriations.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SenateApprops>. Contacts: Senate Appropriations Committee 1 202 224 7363.

2:00 PM Closed Briefing: Intelligence Matters. Location: Rm 219, Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://intelligence.senate.gov>. Contacts: Senate Select Committee on Intelligence 1 202 224 1700.

2:30 PM HUD Secretary Castro testifies to Senate Appropriations subcommittee on FY’17 budget – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing ‘To review the Fiscal Year 2017 budget request and funding justification for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’, with testimony from Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro; and HUD Inspector General David Montoya. Location: Rm 192, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://appropriations.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SenateApprops>. Contacts: Senate Appropriations Committee 1 202 224 7363.

**US House:** 11:30 AM House of Representatives meetings in pro forma session \* House is on recess from 4 Mar – 14 Mar, Location: TBD <http://www.house.gov/> Contacts: House of Representatives Press Gallery 1 202 225 3945.

4:00 PM Dem Rep. Nancy Pelosi meets Canadian PM Trudeau – House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi meets Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, with a photo opportunity at the top. Location: H-207, US Capitol, Washington, DC <http://www.democraticleader.gov/> <https://twitter.com/NancyPelosi>. Contacts: Drew Hammill House Minority Leader press Democratic. [Leader@mail.house.gov](mailto:Leader@mail.house.gov) 1 202 226 7616. Cameras must be pre-set for a security sweep by 3:00 pm \* Press must RSVP to [ned.adriance@mail.house.gov](mailto:ned.adriance@mail.house.gov).

**Other:** 8:00 AM New America / Arizona State University annual Future of War Conference – New America / Arizona State University annual Future of War Conference. Speakers include US Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson, US Army Training and Doctrine Command’s Lt. Gen. H. R. McMaster, King’s College London Emeritus Professor of War Studies Sir Lawrence Freedman, former Assistant Secretary of Defense Sharon Burke, former National Security Council Director for Iraq Douglas Ollivant, ‘Newsweek’ Middle East Editor Janine di Giovanni, Caerus Global Solutions founder and Chairman David Kilcullen, Foreign Policy Contributing Editor Tom Ricks, Yale University Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Director Stathis Kalyvas, former EU Special Representative for Afghanistan’s Deputy Director Michael Semple, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue Special Advisor Nir Rosen, and New America President and CEO Anne-Marie Slaughter, Vice President Peter Bergen, and Strategist and Senior Fellow Peter Singer. Location: Ronald Reagan Bldg, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.newamerica.org/> [#FutureofWar](https://twitter.com/NatSecNAF). Contacts: New America 1 202 986 2700.

8:15 AM ‘Washington Women Speak: Celebrating Women in Military’ event – ‘Washington Women Speak: Celebrating Women in Military’ event, hosted by Grant Thornton and the Association of Government Accountants Washington, DC, and Northern Virginia Chapters. Panelists include Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs Heidi Grant, Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Education and Training Anne Davis, US Coast Guard Rear Admiral Adm. Cari Thomas, Office of the Secretary of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office Director Maj. Gen. Camille Nichols, and IMF Deputy Project Director Carol Holland. Location: Women in Military Service for America Theater, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA [www.grantthornton.com/events/public-sector/2016/03-10-washington-women-speak.aspx](http://www.grantthornton.com/events/public-sector/2016/03-10-washington-women-speak.aspx) <https://twitter.com/GrantThornton>. Contacts: Betsy Holahan Great Point Strategies [bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com](mailto:bholahan@greatpointstrategies.com).

8:30 AM NHTSA Administrator Rosekind holds final meeting to discuss ‘spike in roadway deaths’ – National Highway Traffic Safety Administration hosts national gathering of top transportation officials, academic leaders, public health and safety experts, and traffic safety professionals to tackle human behavioral issues that contribute to 94% of crashes, following a series of regional summits across the nation, in the wake of an NHTSA estimate of traffic deaths during the first nine months of 2015 that revealed ‘a sharp increase after years of declines’. NHTSA Administrator Dr. Mark Rosekind also announces the agency’s vision for improving traffic safety over the next 25 years. Location: Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave SE, Washington, DC <http://www.dot.gov/index.cfm> <https://twitter.com/usdot>. Contacts: Department of Transportation Public Affairs [public.affairs@dot.gov](mailto:public.affairs@dot.gov) 1 202 366 9550. Space is extremely limited.

10:00 AM Americans for Limited Government release poll on voter attitudes towards TPP – Americans for



Limited Government release new poll by Pat Caddell on voter attitudes toward international trade and the Trans-Pacific Partnership, via NPC news conference with Caddell, Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions and Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning. Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC [www. GetLiberty.org](http://www.GetLiberty.org) <https://twitter.com/LimitGovt>. Contacts: Robert Romano Americans for Limited Government [media@limitgov.org](mailto:media@limitgov.org) 703 383 0880 x 16.

10:30 AM Wilson Center discussion with Kazakhstani secretary of state – Wilson Center Director's Forum discussion on 'Looking Forward', with Kazakhstani Secretary of State and National Commission for Women's Affairs and Family and Demographics Policy Chairwoman Gulshara Abdykalikova and Deputy Foreign Minister Yerzhan Ashikbayev. Location: Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/> <https://twitter.com/TheWilsonCenter>. Contacts: Woodrow Wilson Center [wwics@wilsoncenter.org](mailto:wwics@wilsoncenter.org) 1 202 691 4000.

5:00 PM Korean Ambassador to the UN speaks at GW on sustainable development – Korean Ambassador to the UN Oh Joon delivers George Washington University School of Business' Korean Management Institute lecture on UN sustainable development goals. Location: Elliott School of International Affairs, 1957 E St. NW, Washington, DC <http://www.gwu.edu/index.cfm> <https://twitter.com/GWtweets>. Contacts: Jason Shevrin GWU [jshevrin@gwu.edu](mailto:jshevrin@gwu.edu) 1 202 994 5631.

6:30 PM SCOTUS Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg receives Champions for Change Award for Vision – International Center for Research on Women 2016 Champions for Change Award Ceremony and Reception, honoring US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg with the Champions for Change Award for Vision. Denmark Ambassador to the US Amb. Lars Gert Lose opens the ceremony. Location: Residence of the Danish Ambassador, 3200 Whitehaven St NW, Washington, DC [www.icrw.org](http://www.icrw.org). Contacts: Erin Kelly ICRW press [ekelly@icrw.org](mailto:ekelly@icrw.org) 1 571 265 1110.

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Kimmel:** [Referring to Donald Trump's Tuesday appearance at a press conference in Florida] "Trump was upset that Mitt Romney said a bunch of his business ventures failed, so he set these tables up on stage to showcase some of his many products. There's the water and the wine and the meat. Is this Fox News or QVC?"

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Yeah, they're up on the stage next to him as he spoke. It's like he made a trip to Costco right before the speech. Boy did Chris Christie pick the wrong night to be on that stage, huh?"

**Stephen Colbert:** "President Obama just had a physical, and we found out this morning from White House doctors – this is absolutely true – in the past two years, President Obama has grown half an inch. He's 54 years old. That is very late for puberty to kick in. I'm not sure if that's a change I can actually believe in. ... Is Obama trying to make himself look bigger to intimidate Congress, like how a lizard puffs out its neck frill? Or maybe he's just fudging his height so he can ride the White House roller coaster."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Every two years, the President gets a physical. I guess the Vice President asks for it to make sure the President is still alive."

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**INTERIOR EXPECTED TO WITHDRAW PLAN FOR DRILLING PERMITS ON ATLANTIC COAST.** The



[New York Times](#) (3/14, Davenport, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports the US Department of the Interior "is expected to withdraw its plan to permit oil and gas drilling off the southeast Atlantic coast" in response to "opposition from coastal communities." The "surprising" decision may be announced "as soon as Tuesday, according to" an unidentified source. The action would be "a reversal of President Obama's previous offshore drilling plans."

The [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (3/14, Chapman, 1.1M) reported that dozens of coastal communities "have signed resolutions opposing exploration due to environmental, tourism, and fishing concerns" while the [Washington Examiner](#) (3/14, Friedman, 124K) reported that environmental groups including [350.org](#) "are gearing up for a fight" if the drilling plan allows new offshore drilling permits.

The [Washington Post](#) (3/14, Fears, 8.98M) reports the plan for drilling has been strongly opposed by "the Pentagon, which says the activity could hurt military maneuvers and interfere with missile tests." [E&E Publishing](#) (3/14, Yehle, Subscription Publication, 705) reported that on a press call today, industry group representatives "asserted that the Obama administration should make as much area available as possible to continue the country's 'energy renaissance.'" Concerns from the military "can be worked out down the line, they said, with actions to reduce impacts." An API representative pointed to industry and military cooperation on solutions for drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

[The Hill \(DC\)](#) (3/14, Cama, 862K) reported that Interior's soon-to-be released proposal "is the second of three steps in developing the final plan for the 2017 to 2022 period." [Politico Pro](#) (3/14) reports "this second of three major steps in crafting the offshore plan promises to kick up even more political dust than the first version did in January 2015."

**Analysis: Virginia's Role In Atlantic Offshore Drilling Debate.** A 1500-word [Bloomberg Politics](#) (3/14, 289K) analysis examines the role of Virginia in the upcoming decision on oil and gas drilling off the US Atlantic coast. Offshore drilling has been opposed by coastal communities in states from Georgia to North Carolina, but "a different story is playing out in Virginia," which has political support for drilling from Gov. Terry McAuliffe and both US senators. Bloomberg says "the stakes are huge for Royal Dutch Shell Plc, BP Plc, Anadarko Petroleum Corp. and other companies whose U.S. offshore activity is largely confined to the Gulf of Mexico," with the Department of the Interior having "estimated that 3.3 billion barrels of oil and 31.3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas could be recovered from the Atlantic outer continental shelf." According to Bloomberg, a new version of the Obama Administration's draft plan for oil and gas leases in the Atlantic could come this week.

**Tecklenburg, Beaufort Mayors Meet With White House Officials On Offshore Drilling, Oil Exploration.** The [Charleston \(SC\) Post and Courier](#) (3/14, Boughton, 301K) reports Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg and the Beaufort mayor met with White House officials on Monday to determine if "the state and other South Atlantic states will remain on the list of states the U.S. Department of the Interior has proposed to open up to offshore drilling in its latest five-year plan." Tecklenburg said, "Everyone we spoke to today seemed to understand and appreciate our deep concerns about the dangers that offshore drilling would pose to our environment, our economy and our citizens' quality of life here along the South Carolina coast." Also in attendance were conservation group representatives, including S.C. Wildlife Federation and Audubon S.C.

**Additional Coverage.** Additional coverage was provided by [Politico](#) (3/14, Cheney, 1.07M), [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/15, Goldenberg, 3.71M), the [Chicago \(IL\) Tribune](#) (3/14, Dlouhy(c), 2016, Bloomberg, 2.17M), the [New Orleans \(LA\) Times-Picayune](#) (3/14, 625K), the [Hampton Roads \(VA\) Virginian-Pilot](#) (3/15, 312K), the [Stars And Stripes \(DC\)](#) (3/14, 9K), the [Maritime Executive](#) (3/14, 21), [Vice](#) (3/14, 1.65M), and [WABE-FM Atlanta \(GA\)](#) Atlanta (3/14, 11K).

**JAILHOUSE RECORDING SHOWS AMMON BUNDY DEFENDING OREGON SHERIFF UNDER INVESTIGATION.** The AP (3/14, Dubois, 285K) reports that Ammon Bundy, "the jailed leader from the armed takeover of an Oregon wildlife refuge, has come to the defense of a sheriff who is being investigated by the state." According to the article, "the state agency that licenses police officers is looking into complaints that Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer twice met with occupiers who traveled to visit him during the 41-day standoff that ended Feb. 11." Bundy said "in a recording posted Sunday on the Bundy Ranch Facebook page that Palmer was the only Oregon sheriff who didn't get caught in the 'political deception' that the people of Burns were in danger during the occupation."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Review-Journal](#) (3/15, 479K).

**Oregon Refuge Occupiers Criticized.** In an op-ed for the [Arizona Republic](#) (3/14, 975K), Brad Powell, the



southwest region director for Trout Unlimited and the president of the Arizona Wildlife Federation, writes that "the armed militants at Malheur ran roughshod over bedrock U.S. constitutional and legal principles and deeply held American values." He asserts that "they and their supporters are ignoring basic facts. The national public lands across the West, including those that were under siege in Oregon for 41 days, were acquired by treaty, conquest or purchase from other countries." Powell concludes that "instead of spending time and money on inherently illegal and unpopular land grabs, our leaders, in conjunction with stakeholders, need to work in collaboration with federal land managers in the best interest of our shared American legacy."

**NEW MEXICO SEEKS MORE THAN \$1.5 MILLION FROM EPA FOR GOLD KING MINE COSTS.** The [AP](#) (3/14) reports that the New Mexico Environment Department wants the EPA to "to reimburse the state for what it spent responding to the Gold King Mine spill." The department sent the EPA "a request for more than \$1.5 million – the money New Mexico spent on emergency activities in the wake of the spill."

**Daily Caller Says Email Indicates EPA "Intentionally Breached" Mine.** The [Daily Caller](#) (3/14, Bastasch, Barton, 443K) writes that while Obama Administration officials "called the Gold King Mine disaster in Colorado an 'accident,'" an analysis "of government documents and public statements makes clear the disaster was anything but accidental," with "a newly released email between Obama administration officials following the August disaster" indicating that EPA workers "intentionally breached Gold King Mine." The [American Spectator](#) (3/14, Zanotti, 152K) also has a report based on the Daily Caller item.

**Spring Runoff May Cause Gold King Mine Spill Remnants To Surge Animas River.** [KRQE-TV](#) Albuquerque, NM (3/14, 69K) reports that "while the water has turned clear once again, there are new worries that the Gold King Mine spill is about to make a comeback in New Mexico, due to spring weather." According to the article, "while the EPA contends that the Animas and San Juan Rivers have returned to 'pre-spill conditions,' that assurance hasn't eased water quality fears for many living in San Juan County."

**NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATIONS AWARDS 2016 FIELD TRIP GRANTS.** The [Daily Corinthian \(MS\)](#) (3/14, 20K) reports that 186 federal sites have been "selected to receive a 2016 field trip grant from the National Park Foundation." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, "It is inspiring to see the National Park Foundation and many other partners step up to support our goal of getting fourth graders and their families into parks, public lands and waters that belong to all Americans. These generous grants will ensure children across the country have an opportunity to experience the great outdoors in their community while developing a lifelong connection to our nation's land, water and wildlife."

**UTAH GOV. HERBERT SUPPORTS LAWSUIT OVER FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT.** [Bloomberg BNA](#) (3/15, 5K) reports that Utah Gov. Gary R. Herbert said "he supports efforts to mount a legal challenge seeking to allow the state to manage 30 million acres of federal lands within its boundaries." Herbert said "the state is considering a lawsuit as part of a three-pronged strategy to resolve Utah's ongoing dispute with the federal government over the administration of Bureau of Land Management and other federal lands within the state." He said, "Negotiation, litigation, and legislation—we'll use all three."

**IDAHO EXPLORES TAKING OVER CONTROL OF FEDERAL LANDS.** The [Idaho Statesman](#) (3/15, 198K) reports that Idaho lawmakers heard a Feb. 29 presentation by Utah lawmakers and an attorney on "changing management on the 60 percent of Idaho managed by the federal government." According to the article, "hearings on two bills are scheduled Tuesday that support the legal views of conservative lawmakers that the state would manage the federal lands better." The first bill, authored by Rep. Judy Boyle, "would change Idaho laws that now say the state relinquished claims to federal lands and would set a management framework of 'sustained yield.'" The second, "using a constitutional argument struck down repeatedly since the 1840s and promoted by those occupying the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge this winter, would withdraw past consent for all sales of land to the federal government."

**FAA'S DRONE RULES MAY CONFLICT WITH STATE LAWS.** [Greenwire](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication) reports that "state and local laws regulating the use of drones may conflict with Federal Aviation Administration regulations." Troy Rule, an associate professor of law at Arizona State University, said "the FAA's authority to pre-empt state laws on drones is not clear, though the agency has unquestioned authority to set general safety rules for airspace." The FAA is "expected to issue its first regulation in June for commercial drones that weigh up to 55 pounds."

**RESEARCHERS FIND TWITTER COULD BE USED FOR TRACKING DISASTER DAMAGE.** The [Smithsonian](#) (3/11, Nuwer, 6.89M) reports that research reveals that Twitter can be "used for rapid damage tracking after natural disasters—possibly even more quickly and expansively than similar assessments carried



out by FEMA.” According to a report in *Science Advances*, “combining the social media findings and the damage assessments on a map revealed significant overlap, with hardest hit areas also producing the most chatter on Twitter.” The researchers “further verified their findings by performing the same exercise on all major disasters declared by FEMA in 2013 and 2014, including floods, tomadoes, a mudslide and an earthquake.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: LOUISIANA BLACK BEAR DELISTED.** Additional coverage of the decision to delist the Louisiana black bear was provided by the [Weather Channel](#) (3/14, 13.06M).

**EDITORIAL: OWHYHEE NEIGHBORS NEED TO BE CONVINCED OF NATIONAL MONUMENT**

**PROPOSAL.** In an editorial, the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (3/14, 98K) argues that “President Obama should not create a 2.5 million-acre Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument before he leaves office next year without first persuading those who live nearby that it’s a good idea.” It notes that “in an advisory vote Tuesday, voters in sparsely populated Malheur County overwhelmingly rejected the idea.” It doesn’t matter “that a monument makes sense.” The paper says that “what does not make sense is simply cramming it down the throats of those who live and work in the area.”

**NEWEST NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN CALIFORNIA LAUDED.** In an op-ed for the [Coachella Valley \(CA\) Independent](#) (3/15), Mati Jatovsky, the California desert representative for The Wilderness Society, lauds “President Barack Obama’s use of the Antiquities Act” to create three new national monuments in California. But he notes that “the creation of these new national monuments is just the beginning.” He urges “local elected officials, business leaders, tribes, recreational interests, conservation organizations and others” to “join together to ensure that adjacent communities such as Barstow, Needles, Morongo Valley and Desert Hot Springs, along with tribes such as the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and the Fort Mojave tribe, receive the full economic, educational and recreational benefits of the newly protected public lands.”

**SAGE GROUSE LAWSUIT DEFENDED.** Erik Molvar, Sagebrush Sea Campaign Director with WildEarth Guardians, writes in [The Hill \(DC\)](#) (3/14, Molvar, 862K) “Contributors” blog, in defense of a lawsuit “to ensure that the charismatic dancing sage grouse has a fighting chance at survival.” Molvar criticizes the BLM for its sage grouse plans, saying, “you’d have thought the oil and livestock industries wrote them.” He says that the FWS had located “priority areas for conservation” but that those were cut back, and that science regarding the threat of “tall structures such as powerlines” was ignored and “every single major transmission project” was exempted in the plans which also “allow future oil and gas leasing.” Molvar also criticizes Interior Secretary Sally Jewell for scheduling “photo ops with ranchers” and “closed-door meetings with Western governors,” but avoiding “the leading sage grouse conservation groups.”

**PEOPLE URGED TO ENJOY OUTDOORS DURING SPRINGTIME.** In an editorial for the [Cherokee \(NC\) One Feather](#) (3/13), Robert Jumper writes the “there is no better place to be during the spring” than outdoors. According to the Land and Water Conservation Fund, “outdoor recreation is responsible for 6.5 million jobs and contributes \$730 billion to the national economy.”

**Empowering Native American Communities:**

**BUY-BACK OFFERS SENT TO OWNERS OF FOND DU LAC LAND.** The [Duluth \(MN\) News Tribune](#) (3/15, 139K) reports that the Interior Department on Monday said that “Minnesota’s Fond du lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has \$3.8 million available to buy back interest in multiple parcels of land on the reservation.” Interior officials said “formal offers have been made to 3,200 landowners with ‘fractional interests’ in the reservation as part of the federal land buy-back program for tribal nations.” According to the article, “interested sellers have 45 days — until May 2 — to return accepted offers in the prepaid postage envelopes provided.”

**SEN. TESTER INTRODUCES “RESERVATION LAND CONSOLIDATION ACT”.** [Char-Koosta News](#) (3/14, 12K) reports that Sen. Jon Tester has introduced “legislation to streamline the process for placing tribal land into trust.” The Reservation Land Consolidation Act “simplifies the process for land located on a reservation to be placed into trust for tribes.” The measure will “shorten the process for on-reservation land applications so tribes can more quickly fix the checkerboarding that exists on too many reservations.”

**HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM INCREASES ASSISTANCE LIMITS FOR NATIVES.** The [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (3/14, 48K) reports that the BIA has “operated for years a rehabilitation effort, the Housing Improvement Program (HIP), which has just been expanded to include higher allocation limits and the possibility of down payment assistance for Indians looking for mortgages.” The rule, “which went into effect December 10, 2015, is part of the federal ‘Tiwahe’ initiative to assist Indian families.” According to the BIA, the



changes in the program “allow leveraging of housing funds to increase the number of families served and projects funded, and promote tribal sovereignty and self-determination by providing tribes with more flexibility in determining how to address waiting lists of tribal members awaiting housing assistance.”

**MASHPEE WOMPANOAG TRIBE PLANS TO PROCEED WITH TAUNTON CASINO.** The [Cape Cod \(MA\) Times](#) (3/14, 86K) reports that “leaders of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe unveiled final design plans for First Light casino at a rousing event Monday at Taunton City Hall, saying the first phase of the project will be open by the summer of 2017.” According to the article, “Monday’s announcement is the latest indication the tribe intends to press forward with construction, as soon as next month, despite a legal challenge.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Brockton \(MA\) Enterprise](#) (3/14, 259K).

**ATTORNEY ARGUES BIA POLICY MAY MEET DEFINITION OF GENOCIDE BY LEADING TO DISAPPEARANCE OF TRIBES.** Harold Monteau, a Chippewa Cree Attorney and Economic Development Consultant, writes in the [Indian Country Today Media Network](#) (3/14, 48K) that the United States is trustee for Indian Persons and Indian Tribes, and the duty of the Bureau of Indian Affairs cannot abandon its fiduciary duty by “enforcement of a legal standard of ‘blood quantum’ or ‘membership,’” that would lead to “the eventual disappearance of Tribes.” Monteau writes, “Such a policy meets the definition of Genocide.” He accuses the federal government of “a very disingenuous (sly, if you will) way to bring about the disappearance of Indian Tribes” through the idea of “Tribal Sovereignty” and a Supreme Court ruling “involving one tribe with a particularized tradition of treating a tribal member female as now belonging to the tribe of her spouse.”

## Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**EL NINO STORMS REPLENISH KEY CALIFORNIA RESERVOIRS.** The AP (3/14, Har) reports that “four straight days of rain have replenished several key reservoirs in Northern California, delighting a state in its fifth year of drought and raising hopes that water-use restrictions might be eased.” According to the article, “full reservoirs and lush snowpack in Northern California are critical for the entire state as the water eventually flows to the agriculture rich Central Valley and densely populated Southern California, which has seen relatively little rain this winter.” However, Shane Hunt, a spokesman for the BOR, said, “It’s definitely welcome news, but it’s kind of a mixed bag for us. We still don’t have water in all the right places to meet demand going into peak season.”

Additional coverage was provided by [US News & World Report](#) (3/14, 853K), [Fox News](#) (3/14, 9.42M), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (3/14, Sema, 4.1M), the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (3/14, Sabalow, Glover, Kasler, 569K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (3/14, 3.37M), the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (3/15, 591K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (3/14, Janie Har |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/14, Har, 285K), the [Salem \(OR\) Capital Press](#) (3/14, 113K), the [Clark County \(WA\) Columbian](#) (3/14, 94K), the [Daily Mail](#) (3/14, 4.92M), and [Yahoo! News](#) (3/15, Har, 6.31M), [KTXL-TV Sacramento \(CA\) Sacramento, CA](#) (3/14, 70K), [KRCR-TV Redding \(CA\) Redding, CA](#) (3/14, 32K), and [KSBW-TV Monterey \(CA\) Monterey, CA](#) (3/14, 50K).

**BOR PLANS UPGRADE FOR HUNGRY HORSE HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY.** [Hydroworld](#) (3/14, 151) reports that officials with the BOR are “conducting an environmental assessment on an estimated US\$200 million rehabilitation and upgrade project for the 428-MW Hungry Horse hydroelectric facility located on the south fork of the Flathead River about 15 miles outside Glacier National Park in western Montana.” According to Chris Vick, project manager out of the BOR’s Pacific Northwest Regional Office, “if all goes according to plan, work could begin in 2017 and be completed as early as 2025.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FORECASTERS SEE HIGHER CHANCE OF LAKE MEAD WATER SHORTAGE.** Additional coverage that “federal forecasters have downgraded their projections for the Colorado River after an unusually hot, dry February that has increased the likelihood of a first-ever shortage declaration at Lake Mead” was provided by the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (3/14, 479K).

## Securing America’s Energy Future:

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**OSM DIRECTOR PIZARCHIK INTERVIEWED.** In an interview with [Bloomberg Government](#) (3/14, 1K), Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement director Joe Pizarchik discussed “his plans for his last year in



the wood-paneled office, including his agency's upcoming Stream Protection Rule and how he's making sure bankruptcies in the industry won't result in more abandoned mines." Speaking about the Stream Protection Rule, Pizarchik said, "Congress never envisioned that mining would be done in a way that would poison the water. Science can figure that out."

**BLM AUCTION RECEIVES NO BIDS, SEEN AS SIGN OF REGULATORY UNCERTAINTY.** [Platts](#) (3/14, 1K) reports that on Tuesday, the BLM "tried to auction off 39 parcels of Federal land covering more than 50,000 acres in Nevada for oil and gas development" but received no bids. The lack of interest "is the result of an ongoing, concentrated regulatory effort by the Obama administration to gradually push oil and gas development off federal lands, industry and Republican congressional sources said this week." Platts reports that other factors such as "unattractive economics, unfavorable geography, and operational risk" are also likely reasons for the lack of interest. Elise Daniel, a spokeswoman for the House Committee on Natural Resources, said that in the current price environment, "it's vast federal regulatory uncertainty that is adding to the cost of production and making federal lands more and more unappealing for industry to develop."

**BLM EXTENDS COMMENT PERIOD ON OIL, GAS LEASE IN HD MOUNTAINS.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (3/14, 31K) reports that the BLM on Monday "granted a two-week extension for public comment on a contentious proposal to sell 6,137-acres in the HD Mountains southeast of Bayfield in an oil and gas lease sale." According to the article, "the deferral comes at the behest of elected officials in La Plata and Archuleta counties, as well as the environmental group San Juan Citizens Alliance, which sent letters to the BLM demanding more time to review the impacts new wells would have on the wilderness area." Comments can be "submitted until March 29, with the sale date unchanged."

**WYOMING RELEASES NEW ENERGY PLAN.** The [AP](#) (3/14, Gruver) reports that at a Monday news conference, Wyoming Governor Matt Mead released the state's energy plan saying that the state with the biggest coal industry cannot control the markets, but "can help by reducing regulations and speeding up government approvals." The plan envisions Wyoming's larger role in federal land management for "faster federal environmental reviews and decisions on whether to protect certain federal lands," but also looks to increase renewable energy manufacturing jobs with a 1,000 turbine wind farm planned, and to continue researching "profitable uses for carbon dioxide emitted from power plants," according to the AP.

**ALASKA'S DECLINING OIL REVENUE LEADS TO MAJOR CUTS IN EDUCATION.** The [New York Times](#) (3/14, A1, Johnson, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports in a front-page story that Alaska has "a roughly \$3.5 billion state budget shortfall," amounting to "about two-thirds of the state budget," due to declining oil revenues, which is leading to cuts in schools across the state, including the University of Alaska. The reduced oil revenue is challenging the promise made by Alaska 40 years ago "that it would eliminate the differences between rich districts and poor ones." The University of Alaska also has benefited from oil revenue in "introducing new academic disciplines" and building enrollment to "nearly 29,000 students," with "hundreds of buildings across three major campuses." Now there is "no agreement in sight" for the deficit. Gov. Bill Walker (I) "has proposed restoring the state's personal income tax" as well as "deep cuts in spending for education," while others are proposing greater cutbacks.

**OSAGE NATION TRIBE MEMBERS' BID TO ALTER TRUST RECORDS ORDER DENIED.** [Law360](#) (3/14, 22K) reports that Osage Nation tribal members "lost a bid to expand the scope of an Oklahoma federal judge's decision ordering the federal government to release accounting records for a mineral rights fund when the judge ruled Friday that the individuals had not identified a solid reason for altering the order."

**CLINTON FACES REPUBLICAN, INDUSTRY BACKLASH OVER COAL COMMENTS.** The [Hill \(DC\)](#) (3/14, Cama, 862K) reports that Republicans and the coal industry are "lashing out" at Hillary Clinton over comments Sunday on CNN that her energy policies would put many coal companies and miners out of business. Clinton said she is the only candidate with a plan to bring clean, renewable energy into coal country, "Because we're going to put a lot of coal companies and coal miners out of business" and "we don't want to forget those people." Sen. Rand Paul said via Twitter that Clinton "said out loud what the national Democrat party has been trying to do quietly for the past 8 years" and accusing her of joining President Obama's "war on coal and Kentucky." National Mining Association president Hal Quinn said it is "surpassing strange and deeply troubling to hear prominent presidential candidates boast of their determination in office to destroy the livelihoods of tens of thousands of hard-working Americans."

The [Louisville \(KY\) Courier-Journal](#) (3/14, Bruggers, Gerth, 472K) reports that Rep. John Yarmuth, who has endorsed Clinton, said Clinton has no intention of trying to destroy the coal industry or coal jobs. "That statement was just a recognition of reality – that coal is basically never going to be where it was," Yarmuth said



Monday afternoon.

The [AP](#) (3/14, Beam, Mattise) reports that Brian Fallon, Clinton's national press secretary, "said Republicans were trying to twist Clinton's words," however the Clinton campaign "released a statement that appeared to walk back her comments."

**SHIFT AWAY FROM COAL PREDICTED TO CONTINUE.** The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (3/15, 77K) reports that "Oregon this week became one of the first states to officially wean itself off coal, as Gov. Kate Brown signed a bill that prohibits the state's utilities from purchasing coal-fired power after 2030." Although seen as "largely symbolic," the measure "highlighted the accelerating shift away from America's former undisputed power generation leader, one that is occurring without the federal pollution mandates so commonly cited by industry as the primary reason for the sector's decline." Meanwhile, "in Wyoming, the country's top coal-producing state, the industry's deteriorating health amounts to an existential crisis."

**STUDY: RISING METHANE LEVELS CAUSED BY FARMING, NOT FRACKING.** The [Washington Times](#) (3/14, Richardson, 285K) reports a study released Friday in the journal "Science" found that rising global methane levels are caused by "bacteria, of which the most likely sources are natural, such as wetlands or agricultural, for example from rice paddies or livestock." The research was conducted by scientists from New Zealand and Germany, along with US researchers from the NOAA and the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research at the University of Colorado. Their article adds that "it seems like that fossil-fuel emissions stagnated or diminished in the 1990s. Importantly, they are a minor contributor to the renewed [CH<sub>4</sub>]-rise." The Times says the fact that farming, and not fracking, was cited as the cause undermines President Obama's announcement last Thursday of a pact aimed at cutting methane emissions from energy oil-and-gas producers. The EPA is set to begin developing regulations "immediately," according to the Administration.

**EPA URGED TO CONSIDER PENNSYLVANIA MODEL IN CRAFTING METHANE STRATEGY.** Fred Krupp of Environmental Defense Fund and Davitt Woodwell of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council write in [The Hill \(DC\)](#) (3/14, 862K) that in developing a methane emissions strategy, the EPA "should take a look at Pennsylvania," where Gov. Tom Wolf "recently proposed comprehensive new methane emissions standards for oil and gas companies in his state." The state "is proposing better controls and more frequent monitoring and repair for wells, pipelines, compressors and other infrastructure. Most importantly, new rules will include the more than 5,000 wells and facilities that are already operating."

**LAKE CONROE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT EXPLAINS WITHDRAWAL OF OIL & GAS LEASE OFFER IN SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST.** Mike Bleier, President of the Lake Conroe Association, writes in the [Houston Chronicle](#) (3/14, 1.99M) that the Bureau of Land Management had "attempted to offer over 36,000 acres of federal land for oil & gas leases in Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma, including over 31,000 acres in the Sam Houston, Davy Crockett and Sabine National Forests." After objections by the Center For Biological Diversity, Clean Water Action, and the Lake Conroe Association, the parcels in the national forests have been withdrawn. Bleier says that experts are needed to review the area to determine whether oil & gas exploration and production can be conducted safely without harming the aquifers or Lake Conroe. He is concerned that the discovery of the listing may have been due to chance and asks why it was "not identified by the offices of our elected officials and those responsible for the water supply in Montgomery County?"

**USE OF AMLRF TO SUPPORT UMWA PENSIONS CRITICIZED.** Rachel Greszler, Senior Policy Analyst in Economics and Entitlements in the Center for Data Analysis, of the Institute for Economic Freedom and Opportunity, at The Heritage Foundation, writes at [Heritage Foundation](#) (3/14, 37K), against a proposal she describes as using the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fund "to fund the pension and retiree health benefits" of the United Mine Workers of America. She argues that to do that "is outside the purpose of the fund, would unfairly bail out a select group of pensioners, and would set a dangerous precedent for future bailouts." She says that Congress should address the problem by ensuring that the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation "remains solvent and by improving multiemployer pension funding through proper regulation."

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**NOBEL LAUREATES URGE ARCTIC COUNCIL TO CEASE DRILLING.** [Politico Pro](#) (3/14) reports that "the members of the Arctic Council should cease drilling within the Arctic Circle and prevent further oil and gas exploratory wells, according to a letter sent by five Nobel Laureates to the group ahead of its meeting in Alaska this week." Mairead Maguire, Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi and Tawakkol Kaman wrote, "It is unacceptable that, as Arctic sea ice melts, as melting permafrost collapses communities, and as



livelihoods and cultures that have been sustained for centuries are threatened, countries continue to allow, incentivize and even drive exploration and production of oil and gas in this very region. Our dangerous addiction to fossil fuels has taken us to the ends of the earth, but it is there that it must stop.”

**OIL SLUMP COMPLICATES PLANS FOR “GREAT CREW CHANGE”.** [E&E Publishing](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that “the oil price bust has become a major speed bump in the industry’s ‘great crew change.’” According to the article, “the oldest, most skilled workers are nearing retirement age, and some are hitting the exits early as oil’s doldrums are triggering layoffs and a hiring slowdown.” The article says that “the original idea was to replace retiring workers with fresh-faced graduates from engineering programs across the country,” but “the trend in the oil and gas sector today is moving sharply away from new hires.” The article also notes that earlier this month, the BSEE, Ocean Energy Safety Institute and University of Houston “hosted hundreds of technology-oriented high school students in an offshore technology challenge.”

**BP CHIEF ECONOMIST: INVESTMENT WILL BEGIN TO FLOW BACK INTO GULF OF MEXICO.** The [Baton Rouge \(LA\) Advocate](#) (3/14, Thompson, 37K) reports that BP chief economist Mark Finley on Monday was positive on deepwater Gulf of Mexico drilling despite the continued oil price rout and falling US rig counts. Said Finley, “Over the medium and longer term and as the market rebalances, we believe that investment will begin to flow back into the Gulf of Mexico and other high-cost sources of supply. ... The world is going to need deepwater production” in the upcoming years in order to meet expected oil demand worldwide.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: GAO BLASTS BSEE’S EFFECTIVENESS.** Additional coverage of the Government Accountability Office’s report blasting the effectiveness of the BSEE was provided by [Sputnik News](#) (3/15, 46K).

## America’s Great Outdoors:

### *Bureau of Land Management:*

**COURT ALLOWS TEXAS TO JOIN RED RIVER LAWSUIT.** The AP (3/14, 1.99M) reports that “a court has allowed Texas to join a group of families suing the federal government, alleging unconstitutional seizure of land along the Texas-Oklahoma border.” State Attorney General Ken Paxton announced Monday that the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas “granted the state’s intervention in a lawsuit filed in November.” It accuses the BLM of “a ‘blatant land grab’ involving a 116-mile tract along the Red River.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Dallas \(TX\) Morning News](#) (3/14, 1.24M) and [Law360](#) (3/14, 22K).

**BLM OFFERS \$10K REWARD IN NEVADA WILD HORSE KILLING.** The AP (3/14, 1.99M) reports that the BLM is “offering a \$10,000 reward in the investigation of the killing of a federally protected wild horse at a state prison camp near Carson City in early October.” BLM spokeswoman Jenny Lesieutre said Monday the bureau needs “the public’s help to find the person or persons responsible for the shooting at Northern Nevada Correctional Center’s Stewart Camp Conservation Center.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (3/14, 285K), the [Las Vegas \(NV\) Review-Journal](#) (3/15, 479K), and [KOLO-TV Reno \(NV\)](#) Reno, NV (3/14, 41K).

**GARFIELD COUNTY FEARS BLM UNDERCUTTING CLOUT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.** The [Glenwood Springs \(CO\) Post Independent](#) (3/15, 32K) reports that “Garfield County commissioners wrung their hands Monday over what they perceive as an effort by the Bureau of Land Management to undercut local government influence in public lands planning.” According to Fred Jarman, the county’s community development director, “among the 244 pages of BLM planning rules changes dubbed ‘Planning 2.0,’ which county staff has yet to wade all the way through, are changes that deteriorate local governments’ priority in public lands planning.” He said that “such an approach undermines the county’s role in planning on items such as the BLM’s Resource Management Plans, and at the same time elevates public input from people well outside Garfield County.”

### *Fish and Wildlife Service:*

**FWS DIRECTOR ASHE TO TESTIFY ON BUDGET REQUEST.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication) reports that FWS Director Dan Ashe will “visit Congress this week to defend his agency’s budget request for fiscal 2017.” The service “wants \$1.6 billion next year, a 4 percent bump from its current level.” According to the



article, "that \$54.5 million increase would boost various programs, including the effort to respond to endangered species petitions."

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill \(DC\)](#) (3/14, Devaney, Wheeler, 862K).

**FWS MIDWEST REGION TO DISTRIBUTE \$201 MILLION TO STATES FOR CONSERVATION.** The [Walker \(MN\) Pilot-Independent](#) (3/14) reports that "this year, more than \$201 million dollars will be allocated" through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program to the FWS' Midwest Region. FWS Midwest Regional Director Tom Melius said, "Everyone benefits from this program whether or not they hunt, fish or boat. In many cases the parks where we watch birds, the public trails we hike on and the wildlife we observe would not exist without the funding provided by hunters, shooters, anglers and boaters. The Service's Midwest Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program is leaving a lasting legacy for our nation's outdoor heritage."

**DNR RECEIVES \$16.5M IN FEDERAL GRANT MONEY.** [WBIW-AM](#) Bedford, IN (3/15) reports the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program will give an annual grant of \$16.5 million to the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. According to WBIW, the funds will be divided among different programs and projects. Wildlife-related projects will get \$12 million, and sport fish-related projects get \$4.5 million. The division's chief fiscal administrator Julie Kempf said, "We've...done a couple of unique projects, like an archery range at Koteewi, near Noblesville, and we also are working on two shooting ranges." Excise tax collected from nationwide sales of hunting and fishing equipment helps to fund the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

**FILM AND TV USE FOREIGN BIRDS BECAUSE OF MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT.** Nicholas Lund writes in the [Washington Post](#) (3/14, Lund, 8.98M) that in movies and TV, "the birds will be wrong," explaining that "American bird species are almost never seen in American film or TV." The reason is "casting native species is against the law" under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. As a result, they end up using foreign birds. US Fish and Wildlife Service spokeswoman Laury Parramore said that "Hollywood still seems to be abiding by" the law, as "she was unable to recall any enforcement actions." Lund says that Hollywood could still use appropriate bird calls and rarely does. That, he writes "is pure Hollywood laziness."

**PATUXENT RESEARCHERS CHANGE STRATEGIES ON RAISING WHOOPING CRANES.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/13, Prudente, 4.1M) carries a story from the [Baltimore Sun](#) (3/11, 712K) on the Patuxent Research Refuge's effort to raise whooping cranes. Researchers "dressed in crane costumes to teach the chicks to eat like cranes and to drink like cranes." But they found that in the wild, the released "birds abandoned their eggs." Now, they have "decided to end the theater" and have "put emphasis on more natural methods of rearing and releasing whooping cranes," according to the Whooping Crane Eastern Partnership. The story explains that the whooping crane population fell from an estimated 20,000 to "about 20" in 1941. Last year, there were 603, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service. The researchers will now leave it to captive cranes to "raise their own chicks until fall" at which time the young birds "will be shipped to Wisconsin to follow other migrating cranes." Researchers said "it will take five years" to determine whether the new techniques work.

**PHILANTHROPIST SEEKS TO RAISE \$1B TO CREATE WETLANDS HABITAT.** The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) (3/14, 3.37M) reports that Paul Bonderson Jr., "a millionaire from the tech world" and the national president of Ducks Unlimited, has "started a crusade to raise \$1 billion to create wetlands habitat to benefit waterfowl and wildlife." Bonderson has "put several million of his dollars into his passion and has seen the results." According to the article, "in his mission, Bonderson said he would reach outside the small box of duck hunters."

**DIFFERENT APPROACH TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT URGED.** In a piece for the [Daily Caller](#) (3/14, Yonk, 443K), Ryan M. Yonk, a Research Fellow at the Independent Institute, writes that on the National Wildlife Refuge System, "like so much of modern environmental policy, is premised on the idea that there exists some correct balance of natural factors, and that if left alone nature will yield the appropriate outcome." Yonk argues that "the assumption that there is a balance of nature is emotionally appealing, but outdated, wrong, and rejected by most modern ecologists." That assumption, Yonk argues, often results in "perverse outcomes."

**OP-ED: BRING TRUE CONSERVATION BACK TO THE LAND.** In an op-ed for the [Philly \(PA\)](#) (3/15, 822K) certified forester Bob Williams writes that "our country has lost its conservation land ethic and abandoned it to an extremist preservation culture founded in political correctness." According to Williams, many species, such as the spotted owl, "are now in decline as a direct result of 'preserving the land' and not providing the needed disturbances that used to occur naturally across an unfragmented landscape that no longer exists." He concludes that what is needed is a way for people to "play their stewardship role actively and are not seen as



intruders in or abusers of the natural world we all need to survive in.”

#### **National Park Service:**

**NPS DIRECTOR JARVIS TO TESTIFY ON BUDGET REQUEST.** [E&E Daily](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication) reports that NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis “this week plans to make his first and only trip to the Hill to defend his agency’s fiscal 2017 budget request.” Jarvis, “who has led NPS for almost the entirety of the administration, has to explain to the Republican-controlled panel why it should grant the agency’s request for over \$3.1 billion worth of discretionary spending, an increase of more than \$250 million from the current enacted level.” The article notes that “when Jarvis is on the Hill this time, Natural Resources members will be busy marking up a proposal from Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah) to begin chipping away at the agency’s nearly \$12 billion deferred maintenance backlog by raising some park fees.”

Meanwhile, [E&E Daily](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication) reports that “the House and Senate natural resources committees this week will consider nearly 40 bills, including a closely watched effort from Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) to provide new revenues to the 100-year-old National Park Service and a series of Senate measures to honor women and veterans.” According to the article, “the two-day House Natural Resource Committee markup is likely to be dominated by wrangling over Chairman Bishop’s ‘National Park Service Centennial Act’ (H.R. 4680), which would primarily establish new funding sources and modestly raise some park fees to help chip away at the nearly \$12 billion NPS maintenance backlog.” The article says that “Bishop’s legislation is what he has described as a more “realistic” attempt to address the Park Service’s daunting list of repair projects than the centennial package put forward by ranking member Raúl Grijalva (D-Ariz.)”

Additional coverage was provided by [The Hill \(DC\)](#) (3/14, Cama, 862K).

**NPS TO MAKE MAJOR YOUTH INITIATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT IN TAMPA.** The website of [Tampa](#) (3/14) announces that on Wednesday, Mayor Bob Buckhorn and Gayle Hazelwood, Senior Urban Program Manager for the NPS will “join Tampa and local partners for a community service project and major announcement related to the Interior Department’s leadership of First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move! Outside initiative.”

**ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS TARGET RANCHING OPERATIONS IN POINT REYES.** [Greenwire](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication) reports that “last month, three environmental groups sued the National Park Service seeking to force the agency to update a general management plan” for Point Reyes seashore. The groups suing say the NPS is “on the verge of bowing to the ranchers’ demands for more elk protections and their desire to increase and diversify their operations in the park.”

**REP. GOSAR DECRIES HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF OAK FLAT .** The [Arizona Daily Star](#) (3/15, 244K) reports that “the Oak Flat campground area that will be destroyed by a proposed copper mine has been added to the National Register of Historic Places, based in part on the site’s spiritual ties to Western Apache tribes.” However, the listing of the site has “prompted outrage from Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., who insists it has no special significance to Native Americans.” Gosar “recently condemned the ‘bogus’ designation from the National Park Service.”

**YELLOWSTONE OFFICIAL VIOLATED POLICY BY ALLOWING FRIENDS TO USE PARK HOUSING.** [E&E Publishing](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that “a former top official at Yellowstone National Park violated National Park Service housing policy by allowing 19 family members and friends to stay in his government apartment for months at a time, including a French couple whom his wife met online, according to an internal watchdog report released today.” Timothy Reid, “who was the park’s chief ranger from 2009 until last May, was required to live in the park.” However, “his primary residence was actually in Gardiner, Mont., at a bed-and-breakfast that his wife ran, the Interior Department Office of Inspector General said in a report that was initiated in August 2013.” The article says that “although Reid never accepted any money for putting people up in the government apartment, the OIG raised concerns about the length of time that Reid’s friends and family stayed there and his lack of knowledge about them.”

**CHERRY BLOSSOMS EXPECTED TO BLOOM EARLIER THIS YEAR.** The [Washington Post](#) (3/14, Ambrose, 8.98M) reports that “the mild weather we’ve experienced in early March has sped the development of the cherry tree buds.” The article notes that “forecasts predict peak bloom to occur between March 18 and 28.” The NPS “forecast is on the early end of the range, and our forecast is on the later end.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/14, Hamm, 4.1M).



**NEBRASKA TOURISM COMMISSION'S SUMMERTIME PASSPORT PROGRAM HONORS NPS CENTENNIAL.** The [AP](#) (3/14, 285K) reports that "the Nebraska Tourism Commission has added new destinations to its yearly summertime passport program in an effort to promote attractions across the state." The article notes that "this year's program features 23 new communities and honors the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Columbus News Team \(NE\)](#) (3/14) and the [Columbus News Team \(NE\)](#) (3/14).

**"EVERY KID IN A PARK" ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD AT LAKE SOLANO.** The [Davis \(CA\) Enterprise](#) (3/14, 22K) reports that "a guided tour of Lake Solano, a scavenger hunt and children's activities are planned Saturday, March 26, at the Lake Solano County Park's Nature Center west of Winters as part of the Every Kid in a Park celebration."

**PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW DRAWS RECORD CROWD.** The [Philly \(PA\)](#) (3/14, 822K) reports that the 2016 Philadelphia Flower Show "drew its largest crowd in years, officials said Monday." According to the article, "featuring an 'Explore America' theme, a nod to the National Park Service's 100th anniversary, the show attracted an estimated 255,000 visitors."

## Top National News:

**MEDIA ANALYSES: OBAMA INTERVIEW WITH COPELAND "REVEALING," "INSPIRING," "THOUGHT-PROVOKING."** The network news broadcasts did not cover the President's [interview](#) with ballerina Misty Copeland, which was posted Monday on TIME's website. Likewise, print reporting is markedly light, though coverage among online outlets is both heavy and overwhelmingly favorable toward the President. Media accounts are describing the conversation, which covered a range of issues, as "revealing," "inspiring," and "thought-provoking." Much of the reporting relies heavily on direct quotes from the President, and pays a great deal of attention to his comments on black women and body image.

On its website, [espnW](#) (3/14, Maine, 247K) said this is "perhaps one of the more revealing and honest interviews you'll ever see from a Commander-in-Chief." [InStyle](#) (3/14, Bahou, 10.2M) called the conversation "seriously inspiring," and [Fusion](#) (3/14, Aran, 261K) called it "spectacular." While the President and Copeland "covered topics including affirmative action and Black Lives Matter," they also "discussed an issue that, while crucial, doesn't get enough mainstream media attention: black women and body image." Similarly, [Mic](#) (3/14, Lubitz, 1.06M) said the conversation "swerved towards something surprising, especially since it came from inside the White House Cabinet room: the beauty pressures facing women – and black women in particular." The President "didn't shy away from talking about how our culture has affected black women and the beauty standards they currently face," saying, "When I was a kid I didn't realize as much, or maybe it was even a part of which is the enormous pressure that young women are placed under in terms of looking a certain way. ... And being cute in a certain way. And are you wearing the right clothes? And is your hair done the right way. And that pressure I think [has] historically always been harder on African-American women than just about any other women."

The [Huffington Post](#) (3/14, Feldman, 518K) noted that "asked if he notices that same body image pressure with his two daughters," the President "explained it's his wife Michelle – and his relationship with her – that promotes a healthy body image for the two young women." On its website, [People](#) (3/14, Mazziota, 45.51M) described the conversation as "candid," adding the President "spoke openly about the pressures his girls face to look a certain way, with a nod to wife Michelle." The President said, "It's part and parcel of a broader way in which we socialize and press women to constantly doubt themselves or define themselves in terms of a certain appearance. ... And so Michelle and I are always guarding against that. And the fact that they've got a tall gorgeous mom who has some curves, and that their father appreciates, I think is helpful." The [New York Daily News](#) (3/14, Sacks, 3.7M) reports the President "suggest[ed] that her large but fit physique is a role model for kids." Teresa Jusino wrote in a post on [The Mary Sue](#) (3/14, Jusino, 100K) that the President's "complete adoration of his wife is palpable and adorable."

[The Blaze](#) (3/14, Hoilman, 1.68M) said the President went on "to name a few Hollywood stars who have aided in the effort to modify and improve the modern body-image culture," saying, "You see Beyonce, or you see some of these pop stars, and what both white, Latino, black children are seeing as representative of beauty is much broader than it was when I was a kid. ... You just didn't see that much representation. And that's healthy and



that's encouraging." [SELF Magazine](#) (3/14, Barnes, 4.8M) said on its website that discussion "ranged from delightful to thought-provoking," adding that the President's discussion of "the body image struggles black women deal with" was "one of the most moving parts of the conversation."

[Glamour Magazine](#) (3/14, Kramer, 12.26M) reported in its "The Conversation" blog the President and Copeland discussed "the racial discrimination they still face – and that the struggle is still all too real for many black Americans." While "many people thought his presidency would shift racial views and subdue racial tension throughout the country," the President said "he never believed it could," noting, "I remember people talking about how somehow this was going to solve all of our racial problems, and I wasn't one of those who subscribed to that notion." On its website, [Marie Claire](#) (3/14, Leal, 4.53M) quoted the President as saying, "My view is that the strength of having been a minority on the receiving end of discrimination is that it should make you that much more attuned and empathetic towards anybody who's vulnerable. Towards anybody who's being locked out. ... So what I say to my kids is use this as something that provides you a particular power to be willing to fight on behalf of what you think is right."

[Essence Magazine](#) (3/14, Scott, 7.97M) reported on its website that "issues of race, representation, and how the world views people of color are things Obama often discusses with his family at the dinner table," and they are "something that he and Michelle want to make sure their daughters understand." The President said, "For me, what I always try to transmit to my kids is that issues of race, discrimination, the tragic history of slavery and Jim Crow, all those things are real and you have to understand them and you have to be knowledgeable about them and recognize that they didn't stop over night, and certainly not when I was elected...but what I want them to draw from that is a sense of justice for everybody."

[CNN](#) (3/14, Koran, 3.96M) said on its website the President and Copeland used the interview "to speak out against barriers that prevent non-white and LGBT youths from following their dreams." The President remarked, "When I think about the journey I've traveled, there's no doubt that young African-American, Latino, Asian, LGBT youth, they have more role models, folks that they can immediately identify with. ... But what we also have to remember is that the barriers that exist for them to pursue their dreams are deep and structural." While the President and Copeland "often drew parallels between their experiences reaching the pinnacles of their very different career fields," they "also expressed concern that the opportunities they enjoyed might not be available to all young people today." [VIBE](#) (3/14, Augustin, 100K) said Copeland "touched on her experience within the American Ballet Theater as the first black principal dancer, revealing that she fought since the beginning of her journey to not 'pancake my skin a lighter color to fit into the court of ballet. I didn't want to have to wear makeup that made my nose look thinner.'" Copeland "added that being African-American in a predominately white arena like ballet 'has definitely been a huge obstacle for me, but it's also allowed me to have this fire inside of me that I don't know I would have or have had if I weren't within this field.'"

[ABC News](#) (3/14, 4M) reported on its website the President "said he often looks at his supporters as a way to keep himself grounded." Said Obama, "You know, for all the blessings and privileges and responsibilities that I've gotten. ... I'm just representing a huge cross section of people who are talented and capable and supported me getting to where I came from. So that takes a little bit of the edge off."

**AMID GOP OPPOSITION, PRESIDENT CLOSE TO ANNOUNCING SUPREME COURT NOMINEE.** The [New York Times](#) (3/14, Davis, Shear, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports White House officials said the President "is close to a decision on a Supreme Court nominee based purely on qualifications and experience," though, "political considerations...were clearly part of Mr. Obama's calculus." The Times lists Sri Srinivasan, Merrick B. Garland, and Paul J. Watford as the top three in contention. In preparation, political director David Simas said that there is "an elaborate campaign plan" prepared for the announcement. Brad Woodhouse, president of Americans United for Change, said, "If the only way to get Republicans to cry uncle and hold a fair process is to demonstrate that they will go down in flames in November if they don't, we are more than happy to oblige." White House press secretary Josh Earnest said that Republicans "are planning to tear down the president's nominee without regard to who the person is," while the President is "not making this decision based on any sort of political consideration."

The [AP](#) (3/14, Lederman) reports that the Republicans are preparing by starting "a task force housed within the Republican National Committee to orchestrate attack ads, petitions and media outreach." RNC Chairman Reince Priebus said the task force is planning "the most comprehensive judicial response effort in the party's history." In addition, the Judicial Crisis Network announced a "quarter-million dollars" ad campaign for TV and online "targeting three appellate judges" considered top candidates: Sri Srinivasan, Merrick Garland, and Jane Kelly. Earnest said the task force is "Exhibit A of Republicans putting political considerations at the RNC ahead of their constitutional duties." Meanwhile, former "White House communications aide" Amy Brundage will be



leading an effort to target Republican senators, saying, "The coordinated grassroots effort that has already proven a powerful tool to put pressure on Republicans will only ramp up."

**Activists Target Republican Senators Up For Reelection.** The [New York Times](#) (3/14, Hulse, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports on activists protesting appearances by Republican senators in support of calls to hold confirmation hearings for any Supreme Court nominee the President names. There were over 40 "events around the country in the last week." Brundage said, "We will continue to put pressure on Senate Republicans back home and force them to explain why they won't fulfill their constitutional responsibility to their voters and constituents." Republican senators who are up for re-election – including Sens. Chuck Grassley (IA), Kelly Ayotte (NH), Ron Johnson (WI), Rob Portman (OH), and Patrick J. Toomey (PA) – are particular targets.

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (3/14, Savage, Dolan, 4.1M) reports Judge Watford is "a leading contender" who "would be the third African American" Supreme Court justice and the fifth Californian on the court should he be nominated and confirmed.

**Millennials Support Confirming Justice, But Question Lifetime Appointments.** [USA Today](#) (3/14, Page, Ung, 5.45M) reports on a USA TODAY/Rock the Vote poll of 1,541 adults aged 18-34 finding that 68% support confirming a justice "as soon as possible" though just 33% "strongly agree" and 33% "somewhat" agree. The poll also found that "more than six in 10" oppose "lifetime appointments" for judges.

**CASTRO PLEDGES HUD'S SUPPORT FOR FLINT; MCCARTHY SAYS MICHIGAN MISLED EPA.** The [Detroit News](#) (3/14, Carah, 528K) reports HUD Secretary Castro on Monday said that lending from the Federal Housing Administration in Flint had not declined despite the "ongoing lead-tainted water crisis." Castro was to meet with Mayor Karen Weaver and other officials. Castro said HUD would continue to work to "improve the quality of life for Flint residents."

In a [Washington Post](#) (3/14, 8.98M) op-ed, EPA Administrator McCarthy said Michigan "did not act as a partner" with the EPA as it should under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The state was "dismissive, misleading and unresponsive," and as a result EPA officials didn't understand the full scope of the Flint lead problem "until more than a year after the switch to untreated water." McCarthy said she will speak to Congress next week about the Flint disaster, and hopes to use the national spotlight as a chance to "bring attention to this country's much broader water infrastructure issues — especially in underserved low-income communities" that are "more vulnerable to the health effects of pollution" and "lack the tools and resources to do something about it."

The [New York Times](#) (3/14, Goodnough, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports on the prepared statement of former EPA official Susan Hedman, who was "in charge of the region that includes Flint, Mich.," for the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Hedman resigned in January, at least "partly" in response to "false allegations" regarding "scientist's warnings about Flint's lead problem" according to the statement.

**WSJournal: Senators Should Stop Blocking Water Systems Agreement.** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes that Sens. Mike Lee (R-UT) and Bill Nelson (D-FL) should stop trying to block a bipartisan agreement that appropriates \$70 million in loan subsidies for water projects nationwide, while setting aside an additional \$100 million in loans and grants to states where President Obama has declared a public health emergency. The Journal says the deal would benefit Flint and other troubled water systems. Furthermore, the deal would be offset by rescinding \$250 million in subsidies for new Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) loans.

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES. "The Trump Campaign Gives License To Violence."** In an editorial, [New York Times](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) calls Donald Trump "this season's version of George Wallace," and argues his "calls to violence are the sickest part of the con that is his presidential campaign." Trump, the Times adds, "has not a single solid, truthful idea about how to address the roots of this seething anger," and is "basking in the energy created by turning one American against another, hoping hatred will propel him to the Republican nomination."

**"Putin's Syria Surprise."** A [New York Times](#) (3/15, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorial says the implications of Russia's decision to "abruptly declare victory in Syria" and withdraw its troops "are unclear." But coinciding with the resumption of peace talks, the Times says the move could be Putin's way of "telling Mr. Assad that the time had come to drop his resistance to a peace settlement. Should that have been Mr. Putin's



purpose, and should Mr. Assad be listening, there may yet be an end in sight" to the war.

**"Congress Should Allocate Money To Fight Zika."** The [New York Times](#) (3/15, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) argues in an editorial that Congress should approve the Administration's request to allocate emergency funding to fight the Zika virus. The Times says that by directing the Administration to reallocate money from Ebola to Zika, which Republicans are suggesting, "would rob one public health emergency to deal with another." In fact, the Times says the Administration "is already having to divert resources from other diseases, like dengue fever. That's why Congress needs to allocate dedicated funds for Zika now."

**WASHINGTON POST. "Europe's Last-Ditch Humanitarian Effort."** The [Washington Post](#) (3/14, 8.98M) editorializes against the agreement between the European Union and Turkey that "could lead to the deportation of thousands of asylum seekers in violation of international treaties, while empowering increasingly autocratic Turkish strongman Recep Tayyip Erdogan." Still, the Post says "the most likely alternatives" are worse, and the agreement is "a last-ditch effort by the continent's beleaguered pro-humanitarian forces." The Post says that the choice for Europe is whether in compromising "its values" it can "manage to preserve even a curtailed humanitarian response."

**"The White House's Common-Sense Idea To Protect Retirement Savings."** The [Washington Post](#) (3/14, 8.98M) editorializes that despite flaws in the Administration's proposed fiduciary rules for those who manage retirement savings, the common-sense approach behind the rules should ultimately provide firms with "greater legitimacy, in both reality and perception." The Post adds, "In this time of raging populism, the financial industry needs all the trustworthiness it can get."

**"For DC, Reauthorizing School Choice Is The Right Choice."** The [Washington Post](#) (3/14, 8.98M) editorializes that Congress should reauthorize funding for the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program that provides federally funded scholarships for poor DC students, despite opposition from unions and other groups who have "peddled the fiction that Congress foisted the program on an unwilling city." Furthermore, the post says opponents are also wrong in thinking the program takes federal money away from DC public education, when in reality if Congress doesn't act, the District could lose "\$150 million in federal funds over five years."

**WALL STREET JOURNAL. "Return To GOP Dysfunction."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) in an editorial says it understands the concerns of conservatives but says it is necessary to get a budget agreement in order to avoid a year end continuing resolution. The Journal argues that House Republicans will be better able to make policy through the ordinary budget and appropriations process. The paper urges House Republicans to approve the budget deal and continue to work on improved policy.

**"So Much For Putin's Syria 'Quagmire.'"** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says that by withdrawing from Syria, Russian President Vladimir Putin is hoping to win some concessions from the US and Europe, most notably an easing of sanctions.

**"The Senate's Water Blockage."** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (3/14, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes that Sens. Mike Lee and Bill Nelson should stop trying to block a bipartisan agreement that appropriates \$70 million in loan subsidies for water projects nationwide, while setting aside an additional \$100 million in loans and grants to states where President Obama has declared a public health emergency. The Journal says the deal would benefit Flint and other troubled water systems. Furthermore, the deal would be offset by rescinding \$250 million in subsidies for new Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) loans.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

An Uneasy New Dynamic Stalking The Southland  
 Facing A Key Test In Ohio, Trump Takes Aim At Kasich  
 Obama Narrows High Court List To 3  
 Chinese Firm Is On Shopping Spree For US Luxury Hotels  
 "National Security Threat" From Within Border Patrol

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

Putin Says Russian Forces To Begin Syria Withdrawal



Trump Aims For A Knockout In Tuesday Primaries  
 China's Takeover Surge Threatens Starwood Deal  
 Many Shale Producers Are Unable to Ramp Up Oil Output

**New York Times:**

2 Front-Runners, Donald Trump And Hillary Clinton, Find Their Words Can Be Weapons  
 Putin Orders Start Of Syria Withdrawal, Saying Goals Are Achieved  
 Via Legislative Side Doors, Bernie Sanders Won Modest Victories  
 The End Of Marco-Mentum  
 Labor Protests Multiply In China As Economy Slows, Worrying Leaders  
 Alaska's Schools Face Cuts At Every Level Over Oil Collapse

**Washington Post:**

MD Suspect Intended To Die, Police Say  
 General: Resume Striking Taliban  
 Sanders Aims For Upsets In Midwest  
 'Things Are About To Change'  
 Russia Will Begin Pullout From Syria, Putin Says

**Financial Times:**

Anbang In \$13Bn Bid For Starwood Hotels  
 Putin Orders Russian Pullout From Syria

**Washington Times:**

Tightening GOP Race Cuts Into Delegates For Trump  
 Dedicated, Fallen Hero Was An Unlikely Cop In College  
 House Vote Pressures Kerry On "Genocide"  
 Top Israeli Official Sees Inevitable Syrian Collapse Amid Russian Exit  
 Angst-Filled Candidates For Senate Fight For Attention  
 Obama Hails Iran, Cuba Progress But Slaps British, Saudis

**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-Republicans; Sarah Palin Husband Accident; 2016 Politics-Democrats; 2016 Politics-Delegates; 2016 Politics-Hillary Clinton; Maryland Police Officer Killed; South Carolina Police Shooting-Officer Guilty Plea; Severe Weather; Weather Forecast; Syria-Russian Troop Withdrawal; Kansas-Amtrak Derailment; ISIL-American Citizen Fighter; Hospitals-Super Bug Resistance; NCAA Tournament.  
**CBS:** 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump Rallies; 2016 Politics-Democrats; 2016 Politics-Delegates; Severe Weather; Kansas-Amtrak Derailment; Syria-Russian Troop Withdrawal; Syria-ISIL Occupation; ISIL-American Citizen Fighter; Yale Basketball Controversy-NCAA Tournament; 2016 Politics-Election Analysis; White House-Alexander Hamilton Broadway.  
**NBC:** 2016 Politics-Donald Trump Rallies; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; 2016 Politics-Democratic Town Hall; Severe Weather; Kansas-Amtrak Derailment; ISIL-American Citizen Fighter; Syria-Russian Troop Withdrawal; Michigan Uber Driver Shooting-Survivor; Women Migraines; Maryland Police Officer Killed; White House-Hamilton Broadway Show.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

2016 Politics – 24 minutes, 35 seconds  
 Severe Weather – 5 minutes, 15 seconds  
 ISIL-American Citizen Fighter – 3 minutes, 35 seconds  
 Kansas-Amtrak Derailment – 3 minutes, 20 seconds  
 Syria-Russian Troop Withdrawal – 1 minute, 15 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-Donald Trump Rallies; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Severe Weather-Flooding; NTSB-Kansas Amtrak Derailment; Chicago-Police Officers Shot.  
**CBS:** 2016 Politics-Donald Trump Rallies; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Syria-Russian Troop Withdrawal; NTSB-Kansas Amtrak Derailment; Severe Weather-Flooding; Chicago-Police Officers Shot;  
**NPR:** Geneva-Syrian Peace Talks; Syria-Russian Troop Withdrawal; Myanmar Parliament-Democratic Elections; 2016 Politics-Republicans; Severe Weather-Flooding; NTSB-Kansas Amtrak Derailment; Georgia Governor-Campus Concealed Handgun Bill; President Obama-Federal Prison Workers Pepper Spray; Chicago-Police Officers Shot.



## Washington Schedule:

### TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

#### White House:

PRESIDENT OBAMA — Holds a bilateral meeting with Taoiseach Kenny of Ireland; attends the Friends of Ireland Luncheon; delivers remarks at a reception for St. Patrick's Day.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — Attends a bilateral meeting with Taoiseach Kenny of Ireland; attends the Friends of Ireland Luncheon; attends a reception for St. Patrick's Day

**US Senate:** 11:30 AM Bipartisan, bicameral Members of Congress at event on the Million Women Mentors movement – High-level leaders from Congress and the Administration meet to recognize Women's History Month and the Million Women Mentors movement, at a luncheon at which MWM announces its commitment of 550,000 Mentor pledges – out of a goal of one million mentors by 2019 – to guide girls and women interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers. Attendees include bipartisan Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, Bob Corker, Tammy Baldwin, Debbie Stabenow, Kelly Ayotte, Maize Hirono, Jeanne Shaheen, John Boozman, Sherrod Brown, Cory Booker, Amy Klobuchar, Joni Ernst, Mike Enzi, and Bob Casey, bipartisan Reps. Carolyn Maloney, Barbara Comstock, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and Chuck Fleischmann, Under Secretary of Agriculture Dr Catherine Woteki, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Director and Under Secretary of Commerce Michelle Lee, corporate executives, and representatives from nonprofits Location: Rm 325, Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.millionwomenmentors.org](http://www.millionwomenmentors.org) <https://twitter.com/MillionWMentors>

10:00 AM Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing on Presidential Memorandum on mitigation – Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources oversight hearing on the Presidential Memorandum issued 3 Nov and titled 'Mitigating Impacts on Natural Resources from Development and Encouraging Related Private Investment', with testimony from Principal Deputy Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks Michael Bean; National Forest System Associate Deputy Chief Brian Ferebee; Alaska Department of Natural Resources Office of Project Management and Permitting Executive Director Sara Longan; Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts President Shaun Sims; GreenVest Managing Member Doug Lashley; American Exploration and Mining Association Executive Director Laura Skaer, and The Nature Conservancy Global Managing Director Lynn Scarlett Location: Rm 366, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.energy.senate.gov](http://www.energy.senate.gov)

10:00 AM Senate Armed Services subcommittee hearing on current readiness of U.S. forces – Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee hearing on 'Current State of Readiness of U.S. Forces', with testimony from U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Daniel Allyn; Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michelle Howard; U.S. Marine Corps Assistant Commandant Gen. John Paxton, Jr.; and U.S. Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein Location: Rm 222, Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://armed-services.senate.gov/>

10:00 AM Hearing on 'Late-Term Abortion: Protecting Babies Born Alive and Capable of Feeling Pain' Location: Rm 226, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://judiciary.senate.gov/>

10:00 AM Senate Homeland Security Committee hearing on visa programs – Hearing on 'The Security of U.S. Visa Programs', with testimony from Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs David Donahue; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Leon Rodriguez; Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Sarah Saldana; and Department of Homeland Security Inspector General John Roth Location: Rm 342, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://hsgac.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SenateHSGAC>

10:00 AM Senate Banking Committee nominations hearing – Nominations hearing considers Matthew Rhett Jeppson to be U.S. Mint Director; and Lisa Fairfax and Hester Maria Peirce to be Securities and Exchange Commission members Location: Rm 538, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC <http://banking.senate.gov/>

10:00 AM Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on Ukraine reforms – Hearing on 'Ukrainian Reforms Two Years After The Maidan Revolution and the Russian Invasion', with testimony from Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Toria Nuland; and Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security's Ian Brzezinski, and Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center Director (and former U.S. Ambassador



to Ukraine) John Herbst Location: Rm 419, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC  
<http://foreign.senate.gov/>

2:30 PM USAID Administrator Smith testifies to Senate Appropriations subcommittee on FY'17 budget – State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee hearing on 'To review the Fiscal Year 2017 budget request and funding justification for the U.S. Agency for International Development', with testimony from USAID Administrator Gayle Smith Location: Rm 124, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC  
<http://appropriations.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SenateApprops>

2:30 PM Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on Department of the Navy posture – Hearing on 'Posture of the Department of the Navy', with testimony from Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus; Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson; and U.S. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller Location: Rm 216, Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://armed-services.senate.gov/>

2:30 PM VA Secretary McDonald testifies to Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee legislative hearing – Legislative hearing on 'S. 2646, Veterans Choice Improvement Act of 2016', 'S. 2633, Improving Veterans Access to Care in the Community Act', S. 2473, Express Appeals Act of 2016', and discussion draft on 'Title 38, United States Code, appointment, compensation, performance management, and accountability system for senior executive leaders in the Department of Veterans Affairs', with testimony from Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald; Board of Veterans' Appeals Executive in Charge and Vice Chairman Laura Eskenazi; Veterans Health Administration Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Community Care Dr Baligh Yehia; Office of General Counsel Deputy General Counsel for Legal Operations and Accountability Meghan Flanz; The American Legion Director of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Louis Celli; Veterans of Foreign Wars Senior Legislative Associate Carlos Fuentes; and Disabled American Veterans Assistant National Legislative Director Adrian Atizado Location: Rm 418, Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://veterans.senate.gov/>  
<https://twitter.com/VACHair>

2:30 PM Senate Transportation Committee hearing on self-driving cars – Hearing on 'Hands Off: The Future of Self-Driving Cars', with testimony from Google X Director of Self-Driving Cars Dr Chris Urmson; General Motors Vice President for Program Management Mike Ableson; Delphi Automotive Vice President for Global Engineering and Services, Electronics and Safety Glen DeVos; Lyft Vice President of Government Relations Joseph Okpaku; and Duke University Humans and Autonomy Lab and Duke Robotics Director Dr Missy Louise Cummings Location: Rm 253, Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC [http://commerce.senate.gov](http://commerce.senate.gov/)

2:30 PM Closed Briefing: Intelligence Matters Location: Rm 219, Hart Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC  
<http://intelligence.senate.gov>

3:00 PM Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing on FY'17 Congressional budgets – Legislative Branch Subcommittee hearing 'To review the Fiscal Year 2017 budget requests and funding justification for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol', with testimony from Acting Librarian of Congress David Mao; and Architect of the Capitol Stephen Ayers Location: Rm 192, Dirksen Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC  
<http://appropriations.senate.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SenateApprop>

**US House:** 9:00 AM Inter-American Dialogue / O'Neill Institute Capitol Hill symposium on the Zika virus – Inter-American Dialogue and O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law co-sponsor Capitol Hill symposium on 'The Zika Crisis and Implications for US Policy', with speakers CEPIA (Brazil) founder and executive director Jacqueline Pitanguy, and O'Neill Institute distinguished scholar Jeffrey Crowley and senior scholar Daniel Lucey \* Reps. Susan Brooks, Joaquin Castro, Katherine Clark, Eliot Engel, Louise Slaughter, and Debbie Wasserman Schultz are honorary co-hosts Location: Rm 402, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC  
[www.thedialogue.org](http://www.thedialogue.org) [https://twitter.com/The\\_Dialogue](https://twitter.com/The_Dialogue) #ZikaDialogue

2:00 PM House Committee on Homeland Security roundtable on 'Women and Terrorism' – House Committee on Homeland Security roundtable discussion on 'Women and Terrorism', chaired by female committee members Martha McSally and Kathleen Rice. Participants – including International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism (ICSVE) Director Dr Anne Speckhard, McClatchy Newspapers Washington Bureau Foreign Affairs Correspondent Hannah Allam, and 'Standing Alone: An American Woman's Struggle for the Soul of Islam' author Asra Nomani – discuss questions including 'What kind of women are susceptible to the Islamic State group recruitment efforts?', 'Why are some women choosing to join the Islamic State group when it is clear they will become sex slaves, and often killed?', and 'How can the West counter the intense recruitment efforts of these terror groups?' Location: Rm 311, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [homeland.house.gov](http://homeland.house.gov)  
<https://twitter.com/HouseHomeland>



10:30 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on NASA budget – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – National Aeronautics and Space Administration', with testimony from NASA Director Charles Bolden Location: H-309, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

11:30 AM Bipartisan, bicameral Members of Congress at event on the Million Women Mentors movement – High-level leaders from Congress and the Administration meet to recognize Women's History Month and the Million Women Mentors movement, at a luncheon at which MWM announces its commitment of 550,000 Mentor pledges – out of a goal of one million mentors by 2019 – to guide girls and women interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) careers. Attendees include bipartisan Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand, Bob Corker, Tammy Baldwin, Debbie Stabenow, Kelly Ayotte, Maize Hirono, Jeanne Shaheen, John Boozman, Sherrod Brown, Cory Booker, Amy Klobuchar, Joni Ernst, Mike Enzi, and Bob Casey, bipartisan Reps. Carolyn Maloney, Barbara Comstock, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and Chuck Fleischmann, Under Secretary of Agriculture Dr Catherine Woteki, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Director and Under Secretary of Commerce Michelle Lee, corporate executives, and representatives from nonprofits Location: Rm 325, Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.millionwomenmentors.org](http://www.millionwomenmentors.org) <https://twitter.com/MillionWMentors>

12:00 PM House of Representatives meets for legislative business, with agenda including 'H.R. 3797 – SENSE Act' Location: Washington, DC <http://www.house.gov/>

10:00 a.m. for Morning Hour debate and 12:00 p.m. for legislative business

7:15 PM BPC honors bipartisan Reps. Johnson and Lewis – Bipartisan Policy Center presents its inaugural Congressional Patriot Award to Republican Rep. Sam Johnson and Democratic Rep. John Lewis. Evening includes remarks from House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi Location: Library of Congress (Thomas Jefferson Bldg), 10 1st St SE, Washington, DC [www.bipartisanpolicy.org](http://www.bipartisanpolicy.org) [https://twitter.com/BPC\\_Bipartisan](https://twitter.com/BPC_Bipartisan)

9:00 AM Defense Subcommittee 'Member Hearing Day' Location: HT-2, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

9:30 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on FWS budget – Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – United States Fish and Wildlife Service', with testimony from FWS Director Dan Ashe, and Budget Officer Chris Nolin Location: Rm B-308, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

10:00 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on U.S. Secret Service budget – Homeland Security Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – United States Secret Service', with testimony from U.S. Secret Service Director Joseph Clancy Location: Rm 2359, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

10:00 AM Labor Secretary Perez testifies to House Appropriations subcommittee on budget – Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – Department of Labor', with testimony from Secretary of Labor Tom Perez Location: Rm 2358-C, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

10:00 AM House Transportation subcommittee hearing on U.S. Coast Guard and maritime transportation budgets – Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee hearing on 'The President's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Programs', with testimony from U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Paul Zukunft; Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Steven Cantrell; Maritime Administration Administrator Chip Jaenichen, Sr.; and Federal Maritime Commission Chairman Mario Cordero Location: Rm 2167, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://transportation.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/Transport>

10:00 AM House Oversight Committee latest hearing on safe drinking water in Flint, MI – Hearing on 'Examining Federal Administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act in Flint, Michigan, Part 2', with testimony from former Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Administrator Susan Hedman; former Flint Emergency Manager Damell Earley; former Flint Mayor Dayne Walling; and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Professor of Environmental and Water Engineering Marc Edwards \* Flint's drinking water has been contaminated by high lead levels, caused by pipe corrosion through use of river water, creating a serious public health danger. President Barack Obama declared a state of emergency in the city Location: Rm 2154, Rayburn



House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>

10:00 AM House Technology subcommittee hearing on EPA regulation of amateur drivers – Oversight Subcommittee hearing on ‘Racing to Regulate: EPA’s Latest Overreach on Amateur Drivers’, with testimony from Republican Rep. Patrick McHenry; Specialty Equipment Marketing Association President and CEO Christopher Kersting; National Speed Sports News Managing Partner and President Ralph Sheheen; and Congressional Research Service Energy and Minerals Section Research Manager Brent Yacobucci Location: Rm 2318, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://science.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HouseScience>

10:00 AM House Agriculture subcommittees joint hearing on foreign agricultural pests and diseases – Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research Subcommittee and Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee joint hearing on ‘Defending American Agriculture Against Foreign Pests and Diseases’, with testimony from USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service Administrator Kevin Shea; USDA APHIS Deputy Administrator for Plant Protection and Quarantine Osama El-Lissy, and Acting Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services Dr Jack Shere; and Customs and Border Protection Agriculture Specialist Kristi Currier and Office of Field Operations Executive Director of Agriculture Programs and Trade Liaison Kevin Hariger Location: Rm 1300, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://agriculture.house.gov/>

10:00 AM House Commerce Committee markup hearing concludes – Markup hearing concludes on ‘H.R. 2666, No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act’ and ‘H.R. 4725, Common Sense Savings Act of 2016’ \* Hearing began yesterday Location: Rm 2123, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://energycommerce.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseCommerce>

10:00 AM HHS Secretary Burwell testifies to House Education and Workforce Committee – Hearing on ‘Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’, with testimony from Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell Location: Rm 2175, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://edworkforce.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/EdWorkforce>

10:00 AM House Judiciary task force first hearing on ‘executive overreach in domestic affairs’ – Executive Overreach Task Force hearing on ‘Executive Overreach in Domestic Affairs Part I – Healthcare and Immigration’, with testimony from Winston & Strawn partner Elizabeth Papez; South Texas College of Law/Houston Associate Professor Josh Blackman; Constitutional Accountability Center Senior Counsel Simon Lazarus; and Heritage Foundation Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies Legal Fellow Elizabeth Slattery Location: Rm 2141, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://judiciary.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseJudiciary>

10:00 AM House Homeland Security subcommittee hearing on cutting preparedness grants – Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications Subcommittee hearing on ‘State of Emergency: The Disaster of Cutting Preparedness Grants’ Location: Rm 311, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [homeland.house.gov](http://homeland.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HouseHomeland>

10:00 AM House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on FY’17 foreign assistance budget – Hearing on ‘Review of the FY 2017 Foreign Assistance Budget: Aligning Interests, Ensuring Effectiveness and Transparency’, with testimony from USAID Administrator Gayle Smith; and Millennium Challenge Corporation CEO Dana Hyde Location: Rm 2172, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACRepublicans>

10:15 AM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on USTRANSCOM readiness – Readiness Subcommittee hearing on ‘The U.S. Transportation Command Fiscal Year 2017 Readiness Posture’, with testimony from U.S. Transportation Command Commander Gen. Darren McDew Location: Rm 2118, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.armedservices.house.gov](http://www.armedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRRepublicans>

10:15 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on USDA Rural Development budget – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Subcommittee ‘Budget Hearing – Department of Agriculture, Rural Development’, with testimony from Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development Lisa Mensah; USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service Administrator Sam Ridders; USDA Rural Housing Service Administrator Tony Hernandez; USDA Rural Utilities Service Acting Administrator Brandon McBride; and U.S. Department of Agriculture Budget Officer Michael Young Location: Rm 2362-A, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>



10:30 AM House Veterans' Affairs subcommittees joint hearing on VA disability claims for Gulf War illness – Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Subcommittee and Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee joint hearing on 'Twenty Five Years After the Persian Gulf War: An Assessment of VA's Disability Claim Process with Respect to Gulf War Illness' Location: Rm 334, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC  
<http://veterans.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseVetAffairs>

10:30 AM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on DOE environmental management budget – Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – Department of Energy, Environmental Management', with testimony Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management Dr Monica Regalbuto Location: Rm 2362-B, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC  
<http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

10:30 AM Treasury Secretary Lew testifies to House Appropriations subcommittee hearing – State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – Department of Treasury International Programs', with testimony from Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew Location: H-140, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

1:00 PM Congressional Progressive Caucus presents its annual budget – Congressional Progressive Caucus Co-Chairs Democratic Reps. Raul Grijalva and Keith Ellison, Vice-Chair Democratic Rep. Mark Pocan, and members including Democratic Reps. Jan Schakowsky, Barbara Lee, Brenda Lawrence, and Gwen Moore present the CPC's annual budget – FY 2017 The People's Budget – via event with Communications Workers of America (CWA) President Chris Shelton, Economic Policy Institute Director of Research and Policy Josh Bivens, Planned Parenthood Director of Legislative Affairs Jacqueline Ayers, and other supporting groups and organizations \* CPC describes the budget as 'a down payment on a brighter future for all Americans, ensuring every family struggling to make ends meet has a fair shot at the American Dream' Location: Rm 234, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [cpc.grijalva.house.gov](http://cpc.grijalva.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/USProgressives>

1:30 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on trade with Cuba – Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade Subcommittee hearing on 'Trade with Cuba: Growth and Opportunities', with testimony from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University Agricultural Economics Department Head Dr C. Parr Rosson; Texas Rice Council President Ray Stoesser; Atlantic Council Latin American Growth Initiative Director Jason Marczak; Cuba Democracy Advocates Executive Director Mauricio Claver-Carone; and University of California-San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy Professor Dr Richard Feinberg Location: Rm 2255, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>

1:30 PM House Judiciary subcommittee hearing on the 'Chevron doctrine' – Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law Subcommittee hearing on 'The Chevron Doctrine: Constitutional and Statutory Questions in Judicial Deference to Agencies', with testimony from George Washington University Law School Environmental Law Advocacy Center Director Jonathan Turley; University of Virginia School of Law Professor John Duffy; Emory University School of Law Professor Dr George Shepard; Boston University School of Law Professor Jack Beeman; George Washington University Law School Professor Richard Pierce, Jr.; and George Washington University Law School Associate Dean for Public Engagement Emily Hammond Location: Rm 2141, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://judiciary.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseJudiciary>

2:00 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on U.S.-India relations – Asia and the Pacific Subcommittee hearing on 'U.S.-India Relations: Democratic Partners of Economic Opportunity', with testimony from Council on Foreign Relations Senior Fellow for India, Pakistan, and South Asia Dr Alyssa Ayres; American Enterprise Institute Resident Fellow Sadanand Dhume; and Center for Strategic and International Studies Chair in U.S.-India Policy Studies Richard Rossow Location: Rm 2172, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACrepublicans>

2:00 PM House Oversight subcommittee hearing on the OIRA – Government Operations Subcommittee hearing on 'Accountability and Transparency Reform at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs', with testimony from Government Accountability Office Director of Strategic Issues Michelle Sager; George Mason University Mercatus Center Regulatory Studies Program Director Richard Williams; American Action Forum Director of Regulatory Policy Sam Batkins; and Office of Management and Budget Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Administrator Howard Shelanski Location: Rm 2154, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://oversight.house.gov/>



2:00 PM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on FCC budget – Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – Federal Communications Commission', with testimony from FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, and Commissioner Ajit Pai Location: Rm B-308, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

2:00 PM House Appropriations subcommittee hearing on IG budgets – Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee 'Budget Hearing – Office of Inspector General', with testimony from Department of Transportation Inspector General Calvin Scovel III; and Department of Housing and Urban Development Inspector General David Montoya Location: Rm 2359, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://appropriations.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseAppropsGOP>

2:30 PM House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on 'U.S. Policy Toward National Self-Determination Movements' – Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats Subcommittee hearing on 'U.S. Policy Toward National Self-Determination Movements', with testimony from Public International Law and Policy Group President and co-founder Dr Paul Williams; Dartmouth College Department of Government Lecturer Dr Jason Sorens; and German Marshall Fund of the United States Senior Vice President for Programs Ivan Vejvoda Location: Rm 2200, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.hcfa.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/HFACRepublicans>

3:00 PM Panel of movie and TV producers speak at Capitol Hill event – CreativeFuture, in conjunction with Creative Rights Caucus, host 'Meet the Producers' event on Capitol Hill, exploring what it really means to be a 'producer', focusing on the process of how movies and television shows actually get made. Caucus Co-Chairs Reps. Judy Chu and Doug Collins introduce a panel including Jason Blum (Blumhouse Productions), Martha De Laurentiis (Dino De Laurentiis Company), Christine Vachon (Killer Films), and The Black List founder Franklin Leonard Location: Rm 340, Cannon House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://www.creativefuture.org/#modal> <https://twitter.com/CreativeFuture>

3:30 PM House Armed Services subcommittee hearing on FY'17 budget for national security space activities – Strategic Forces Subcommittee hearing on 'Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request for National Security Space', with testimony from Air Force Space Command Commander Gen. John Hyten; Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy Doug Loverro; Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space, Strategic, and Intelligence Systems Dyke Weatherington; Joint Functional Component Command for Space Commander Lt. Gen. David Buck; National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Director Robert Cardillo; and National Reconnaissance Office Principal Deputy Director Frank Calvelli Location: Rm 2118, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.amedservices.house.gov](http://www.amedservices.house.gov) <https://twitter.com/HASCRRepublicans>

4:00 PM House Natural Resources Committee markup hearing begins – Markup hearing begins on legislation including 'H.R. 87, Shiloh National Military Park Boundary Adjustment and Parker's Crossroads Battlefield Designation Act', 'H.R. 295, To reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program', 'H.R. 329, Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act of 2015', 'H.R. 496, Alabama Hills National Scenic Area Establishment Act', 'H.R. 1838, Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act', 'H.R. 2009, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Land Conveyance Act of 2015', 'H.R. 2733, Nevada Native Nations Land Act', 'H.R. 3070, EEZ Clarification Act', 'H.R. 3826, Mount Hood Cooper Spur Land Exchange Clarification Act', 'H.R. 4245, To exempt importation and exportation of sea urchins and sea cucumbers from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973', and 'H.R. 4579, Utah Test and Training Range Encroachment Prevention and Temporary Closure Act' \* Hearing will conclude tomorrow Location: Rm 1324, Longworth House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://naturalresources.house.gov> <https://twitter.com/NatResources>

POSTPONED: Hearing on 'Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States Relating to Parental Rights' Location: Rm 2141, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC <http://judiciary.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/HouseJudiciary>

President Obama and Acting Irish PM Kenny speak at Friends of Ireland Luncheon on Capitol Hill – House Speaker Paul Ryan hosts the annual Friends of Ireland Luncheon, which was started in 1983 by President Ronald Reagan and House Speaker Tip O'Neill to signify their bipartisan commitment to peace and security in Ireland. Speakers include President Barack Obama and Acting Irish Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Enda Kenny, while Vice President Joe Biden also attends \* Marks one of only two days this year that the speaker and the president are scheduled to be together in the U.S. Capitol Location: Rayburn Rm, U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC [www.speaker.gov](http://www.speaker.gov) <https://twitter.com/SpeakerRyan>

**Other:** 6:30 PM Washington, DC, Mayor Bowser headlines DCOGC's Sunshine Week program – D.C. Open



Government Summit hosted by the D.C. Open Government Coalition. Features 'Strengthening Transparency and Open Access to Government Amendment Act of 2016' panel discussion, and a conversation with Washington, DC, Mayor Muriel Bowser on open government Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW., Washington, D.C. <http://www.dccogc.org/> <https://twitter.com/DCOGC>

9:00 AM Youth Sports Safety Summit – Youth Sports Safety Summit: 'Stay Ahead of the Game: Preventing Catastrophic Injury in Youth Sports', featuring a keynote address from Democratic Rep. Bill Pascrell, and the presentation of the Washington DC School District Safe Sport School Award by Democratic Rep. Eleanor Holmes North Location: Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA <http://www.youthsportssafetysummit.org/> <https://twitter.com/YSSAlliance>

8:00 AM Assistant Treasury Secretary Toloui discusses the global economy at the Peterson Institute – Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Finance Ramin Toloui delivers presentation on 'The State of the Global Economy: Highlights from the G-20', hosted by the Peterson Institute, sharing the Department's perspectives on the state of the global economy and the issues discussed at the recent meeting of G20 finance ministers and central bank governors in Shanghai, including how to interpret the commitments of countries reflected in the latest G20 communique Location: Peterson Institute, 1750 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.piie.com> [https://twitter.com/PIIE\\_com](https://twitter.com/PIIE_com)

8:45 AM Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper's public schedule – Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper attends a panel discussion on 'Governing Cyber-Risk: An exploration of how senior leaders manage risk in a dynamic environment' at the inaugural Hogan Lovells Cyber Summit Location: 555 13TH St. NW, 13th Floor Conference Center, Washington, DC [www.colorado.gov](http://www.colorado.gov) <https://twitter.com/coloradogov>

1:00 PM GOP Rep. Mac Thornberry discusses defense acquisition reform at Brookings – House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry discusses defense acquisition reform and a new reform bill, hosted by Brookings Institution Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence Location: Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC <http://www.brookings.edu> <https://twitter.com/BrookingsInst>

2:00 PM GOP Sens. Ernst and Grassley host spring break reception in Washington, DC – Republican Sens. Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley host a joint, open-door reception to meet Iowans expected to visit the Capital during Iowa schools' spring break Location: 226 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC [www.ernst.senate.gov](http://www.ernst.senate.gov) <https://twitter.com/senjoniernst>

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** "I'm your host, Jimmy Fallon and I want to warn everyone to not get too rowdy or Donald Trump might cancel the show."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "At a rally over the weekend, Donald Trump was surrounded by Secret Service agents after a man tried to rush the stage. The Secret Service said the man was dangerous and disturbed, but they had to protect him anyway."

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Trump was surrounded by Secret Service agents after a man tried to rush the stage, proving once and for all that the best way to keep everyone sound and safe is to build a wall around Donald Trump."

**Seth Meyers:** "Chris Christie interviewed Donald Trump today at a rally in North Carolina. Well, it was either a rally or in the waiting room of the world's most patriotic dentist."

**Seth Meyers:** "Hillary Clinton reminded attendees at last night's Democratic forum that she's received more votes than anybody else so far in the primary process. At which point the moderator said, 'Mrs. Clinton, I haven't finished introducing you yet.'"

**Seth Meyers:** "When endorsing Donald Trump for president last week, Dr. Ben Carson said that 'there are two different Trumps.' I don't know, Ben, that might just be a side effect of the Nyquil."

**Seth Meyers:** "Following reports that Bernie Sanders supporters were responsible for the disturbances that caused the Donald Trump rally to be called off, Trump has started threatening to send his own supporters to



Sanders' events. Though if you don't want to be compared to Hitler, maybe don't send your followers after the Jewish guy."

**Seth Meyers:** "Marco Rubio was interrupted by a heckler at a Florida campaign rally yesterday, who accused Rubio of stealing his girlfriend. When in reality, Rubio tried to steal his girlfriend, but finished fourth."

**Seth Meyers:** "The latest polls show Gov. John Kasich holds a small lead over Donald Trump in his home state of Ohio. Whereas everything Donald Trump holds looks huge because of his tiny baby hands."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Tomorrow there are primaries in five states. ... In [Ohio] today, Mitt Romney hit the campaign trail with Gov. John Kasich, who's hoping to beat Donald Trump in his home state, Ohio. Romney stumping for Kasich in Ohio and [Sen. Marco] Rubio in Florida, with the idea that he will stop Donald Trump. He's also got Holy Cross and Iona going into the finals in his NCAA bracket."

**Jimmy Kimmel:** "Marco Rubio, who's still in the race, is encouraging people to vote for John Kasich in Ohio instead of him. Rubio says Kasich is the only one who can stop Trump in Ohio, and he's the only one who can stop Trump in Florida. Ted Cruz stopped Trump in Texas. Then the plan is, if they get to the convention, they're going to have Dr. Ben Carson sew all their bodies together to form one enormous super-candidate who just might have enough delegates to win."

**Stephen Colbert:** "Speaking of things that make you feel sick – Donald Trump. Up til' now, he's been the funny guy with the weird hair, and we've all had our fun poking at the big orange Garfield who hates Mexicans instead of Mondays. But recently, Trump's rallies have gotten ugly."

**Stephen Colbert:** "First, in North Carolina, a Trump supporter sucker-punched a non-violent protester. On Friday, there were so many angry protesters at Trump's rally in Chicago that he canceled it. Which is strange. Usually a mob of angry people is a Trump rally."

**Stephen Colbert:** "And on Saturday, during Trump's rally in Dayton, Ohio, a protester tried to rush the stage. He was either trying to disrupt the rally or just saw Trump's head from a distance and thought they were giving out free ham. The protester has been charged with disorderly conduct and inducing panic, which means he could be the next Republican frontrunner."

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## California Desert National Monuments Celebration

Monday, March 14, 2015  
5:30 pm – South Penthouse, MIB

**Run of Show** – Program is scheduled to begin at 5:45 pm

- Emcee Steven Avila (DOI) to welcome guest and introduce Secretary Jewell
- Secretary Jewell
- USDA Under Secretary Robert Bonnie
- Jon Jarvis
- Drew McConville - CEQ/WH
- MOC's in attendance
- Pastor Frank Ruiz
- San Bernardino County Supervisor James Ramos



Subject Line: REMINDER Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary Tom Vilsack  
Celebration Designation of Three New CA Monuments on Monday, March 14th

Friends:

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack invite you to a reception on **Monday, March 14th, at 5:30pm Eastern** to celebrate the designation of three new California monuments.

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**Celebration of the Three New California Monuments**

**Monday, March 14  
5:30pm ET**

**Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW Washington D.C. 20240**

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## Secretary Sally Jewell and Secretary Tom Vilsack Invite you to Celebrate the Designation of Three New CA Monuments on Monday, March 14th

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Thu, Mar 10, 2016 at 11:53 AM



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## Week Ending February 12, 2016

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS AND PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS

**February 12** – President Obama issued a proclamation designating Castle Mountains National Monument, one of three new national monuments designated to protect resources in the California Desert. Castle Mountains National Monument is the 410<sup>th</sup> unit of the National Park System.

### LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

#### ***FLOOR ACTION***

**February 9** – The House passed by a vote of 387-12 **H.R. 3036** (MacArthur, R-NJ-3) to designate the National September 11 Memorial located at the World Trade Center site in New York City, New York, as a national memorial, and for other purposes. The bill specifies that the site would not be a unit of the National Park System. The bill would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to award a grant to the memorial each year for seven years. The Department opposed an earlier version of the bill.

#### ***COMMITTEE ACTIVITY***

**February 11** – The House Subcommittee on Federal Lands (McClintock) held a hearing on the following bills of interest to NPS. The Department's witness was Dr. Stephanie Toothman, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science:

- **H.R. 87** (Blackburn, R-TN-7), to modify the boundary of the Shiloh National Military Park located in Tennessee and Mississippi, to establish Parker's Crossroads Battlefield as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes. The bill would add three battlefield sites relating to the Siege and Battle of Corinth. The Department supports the bill.
- **H.R. 295** (Clyburn, D-SC-6), to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program. The bill would authorize \$10 million each year through 2025. The Department supports the bill.
- **H.R. 1621** (Forbes, R-VA-4), to modify the boundary of Petersburg National Battlefield in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and for other purposes. The bill would expand the boundary for the park by about 7,238 acres to protect core battlefield lands. The Department supports the bill.
- **H.R. 2817** (Turner, R-OH-10), to amend title 54, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Historic Preservation Fund. The bill would reauthorize annual deposits of \$150 million from offshore oil and gas revenues into the fund for 25 years. The Department strongly supports the bill.

### ***NEW BILLS INTRODUCED***

#### **Introduced on February 4:**

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**H.R. 4484** (Rice, D-NY-4), to authorize the Secretary of Interior to study alternatives for commemorating Long Island's aviation history.

**S. 2509** (Carper, D-DE), to improve the Government-wide management of Federal property.

**Introduced on February 11:**

**S. 2548** (Kaine, D-VA), to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 4539** (Scott, D-VA-3), to establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes.

HILL VISITS & BRIEFINGS

**February 1** – Several Northeast Regional Office planning staff held a conference call with staff of Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY-6) to discuss initiating the special resource study for the Flushing Remonstrance.

**February 9** – Don Hellmann, Assistant Director, Legislative and Congressional Affairs, and Brian Joyner, Legislative Affairs Specialist, met with Sen. Hirono's (D-HI) staff to discuss two reconnaissance studies. Staff from the Pacific West Region participated by telephone.

**February 9** – Director Jon Jarvis, Deputy Director Denise Ryan and Assistant Director, Legislative and Congressional Affairs Don Hellmann, met with Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) to discuss the special resource studies for Newtonia Battlefield and Ste. Genevieve.

**February 12** – Several Northeast Regional Office planning staff held a conference call with staff of Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-8) to discuss initiating the special resource study for the Prison Ship Martyrs Monument.

PARK VISITS AND TOURS

**February 9** – Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20) and Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA-4) visited Gettysburg National Military Park as part of a tour of sites within the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

**February 23** – The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Murkowski) will hold an oversight hearing on the FY 2017 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior. The hearing will take place at 10:00 a.m. in 366 Dirksen Senate Office Building. Secretary Jewell and Deputy Secretary Connor will testify for the Department.

UPCOMING HILL VISITS AND BRIEFINGS

Nothing to report.

UPCOMING PARK VISITS AND TOURS

**February 22** – Mississippi National River and Recreation Area Superintendent John Anfinson will attend a luncheon with Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4).

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## DOI in the News:

**CONTINUING COVERAGE OF DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN CALIFORNIA.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication) reports that President Obama has used the Antiquities Act "much more ambitiously in his second term, designating last Friday the 1.6-million-acre Mojave Trails National Monument." With the designations, "he's closing in on Clinton, who used the act 22 times to preserve 5.7 million acres." According to the article, "Obama would surpass Clinton if he heeds calls by conservationists to designate the 2.5-million-acre Owyhee Canyonlands in southeast Oregon, an area the size of Yellowstone National Park that's full of stark river gorges and rolling sagebrush hills." But "that proposal is bitterly opposed by many local ranchers and elected officials and could be a tough political sell as communities heal from the 40-day occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge."

In an op-ed for the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (2/16, 98K), Jim Bagley criticizes "President Barack Obama's use of executive authority to create national monuments in the California desert with the Antiquities Act." According to Bagley, "the issue is the essential American value of fairness and open governmental process." He argues that "any decisions on the long term use of these American treasures should involve an open public hearing process for the determination of the highest and best use for those lands."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (2/17, 98K), the [Huffington Post](#) (2/16, 518K) and [AlterNet](#) (2/16, 91K).

**Focus Turns To Owyhee Canyonlands.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication) reports that "the occupation that ended last week touched raw nerves over the federal government's vast landholdings in Oregon and the restrictions it imposes on grazing, mining and logging." According to the article, "while Harney County residents largely opposed Ammon Bundy's decision to seize the bird sanctuary south of Burns, they sympathized with his critique of federal environmental restrictions – and some vented about the monument proposal, which is located in neighboring Malheur County along the Idaho border."

Meanwhile, the [Ontario \(OR\) Argus Observer](#) (2/16, 19K) reports that "ballots for a county-wide referendum on the possible designation of a national monument in Malheur County will be going out this week." According to the article "county voters are being asked to weigh in on whether 2.5 million acres of the Owyhee Canyonlands in Malheur County be designated as a national monument."

**Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Opposes Proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument.** The [Grand Canyon \(AZ\) News](#) (2/16) reports that the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation opposes the designation of the proposed Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument. The believes "the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and state of Arizona already manage the lands in question for multiple uses with wildlife and natural resource conservation as top priorities." They are also concerned the Grand Canyon Watershed and Kaibab National Forest "could be shut down for hunting and recreational shooting without public comment, usurping state management authority."

**PHILANTHROPIST DONATES \$18.5 MILLION TO RENOVATE LINCOLN MEMORIAL.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/15, Subscription Publication) reports that the Interior Department announced that "a wealthy investor with a history of supporting the National Park Service has donated \$18.5 million to a congressionally chartered charity that will help restore the Lincoln Memorial." The donation by David Rubenstein "to the National Park Foundation is part of a broader effort during the NPS centennial year to raise \$350 million from wealthy donors and corporations to protect and restore prized national treasures like the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., which honors the nation's 16th president." Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said, "David Rubenstein's generous donation will promote and protect one of the Nation's most hallowed symbols and comes at a critical time as our national parks usher in a new century of service. This donation will not only safeguard one of our most visited and recognizable memorials but will preserve Lincoln's legacy for future generations to appreciate."

Additional coverage was provided by [CNN](#) (2/16, Pearson, 3.96M), the [Daily Caller](#) (2/16, Birr, 443K), [NBC News](#) (2/16, 3.58M), the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (2/16, 1.1M), the [Bethesda-Chevy Chase \(MD\) Patch](#) (2/16), [Townhall](#) (2/16, 132K), [PopHerald](#) (2/17), and [WTVR-TV](#) Richmond, VA (2/16, 154K).

**CLIVEN BUNDY DENIED BAIL IN 2014 STANDOFF CASE.** [CNN](#) (2/16, Martinez, 3.96M) reports Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy was denied Bail Tuesday by a judge in an Oregon federal court, saying that Bundy was a flight risk. Bundy was charged with six counts last week relating to this 2014 armed showdown against federal



land managers on the open range where his cattle grazed illegally. He was arrested last week in Portland, "where he flew in support of his sons Ammon and Ryan," who are among 16 people indicted for participating in another, more recent armed standoff against federal authorities at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Federal prosecutors argued that Bundy was "a danger to the community" and he "does not recognize federal courts."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (2/16, Duara, 4.1M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/16, Sottile, 8.98M), [US News & World Report](#) (2/16, 853K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/16, Dubois, Ritter, Press, 1.99M), [Courthouse News](#) (2/16, 7K), the [Daily Mail](#) (2/17, 4.92M), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/17, Dubois, Press, 881K), [US News & World Report](#) (2/17, 853K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/17, Dubois Ken Ritter |, Ap, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/17, Dubois, Ritter, 285K), the [Christian Science Monitor](#) (2/16, 442K), [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (2/16, 2K), and [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (2/16, Berger, 3.71M).

**Ammon Bundy's Bodyguard Also Denied Bail.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/16, 388K) reports that a federal magistrate ordered Wesley Kjar, a Salt Lake City resident, to be sent to Oregon to face prosecution for participating in the armed takeover at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Magistrate Judge Dustin Pead ruled Kjar is a flight risk and a danger to the community. The Tribune says Kjar "encouraged others to join in the standoff and described himself as the right-hand man of occupation leader Ammon Bundy," according to prosecutor Alicia Cook. She said Kjar served as Bundy's bodyguard and cited an article claiming Kjar "said he would not hesitate to stand between Bundy and a bullet."

**BLM In No Hurry To Return To Gold Butte Area.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (2/16, 479K) reports the Bureau of Land Management will take their time returning to Gold Butte following the arrest of Cliven Bundy and his two sons this week. Southern Nevada BLM field manager Gayle Marrs-Smith informed the Legislative Public Lands Committee the situation remains "fluid" and said no timeline has been established for federal officials to "resume a presence on those public lands where a tense standoff occurred in 2014."

**FBI Discovers Human Feces At Cultural Site Near Oregon Refuge.** [Reuters](#) (2/17) reports the FBI said it discovered human feces in a trench at an outdoor camping area near a sensitive cultural site with artifacts at the Oregon wildlife refuge that was the site of a recent armed standoff with federal authorities. The filing came after the FBI said it was helping the Burns Paiute Tribe identify damage to the tribe's artifacts and sacred burial grounds at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. It will take evidence teams about three weeks to process the crime scenes at the refuge, according to the document submitted in Oregon federal court on Tuesday.

**NEXT SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILL HAVE IMPACT ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication) reports that "with speculation over the next Supreme Court nominee running rampant, potential nominees' records on environmental issues and other hot-button topics are drawing scrutiny." According to the article, "whoever replaces the late Justice Antonin Scalia stands to play a major role in legal battles over high-stakes environmental regulations including U.S. EPA's Clean Power Plan, the Clean Water Rule and tightened air restrictions on ozone." Also, "several potentially casting decisive votes on President Obama's environmental legacy in the short-term, the new justice is certain to influence environmental law for decades to come."

**GROUP SEEKS "MINERAL WITHDRAWAL" TO STOP POSSIBLE COPPER MINE.** The [Wenatchee \(WA\) World](#) (2/16, 60K) reports that "a group that formed to fight a possible copper mine in Mazama announced Sunday that it will ask the Secretary of the Interior to prevent all industrial-scale mining on 340,000 acres of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest for the next 20 years." According to the article, "ninety Methow Valley business owners signed the Sunday letter to Secretary Sally Jewell asking her to withdraw the national forest lands north and west of Mazama and Winthrop from the establishment of new mineral claims."

**PHOTOS DEPICT LIVES DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/16, Murano, 8.98M) "In Sight" photography blog displays a series of restored black and white pictures taken by Roy K. Stryker and his team of photographers in the 1930s for the Farm Security Administration, formerly known as the Resettlement Administration (RA), to "document the hardships and conditions around the country, particularly across the Midwestern states and into California." The RA was created by a 1935 executive order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt "to help struggling farmers and sharecroppers by providing loans, purchasing depleted farmland and resettling destitute families into government-designed communities." The Post says that Stryker's team produced over 175,000 black and white negatives, 1,610 color transparencies, and several films.

**WSJOURNAL: HOUSE MUST HOLD EPA ACCOUNTABLE FOR MINE DISASTER.** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says a report last week by the House Natural Resources Committee suggests the EPA isn't giving the full story regarding the agency's litany of failures that culminated in



the Aug. 5 Gold King Mine toxic disaster. The Journal claims reports from EPA and the Interior Department include many inconsistencies, and adds that if the agency wouldn't tolerate a private business acting in such a way, the House committee should continue holding EPA to the same rigid standards.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Daily Signal](#) (2/16).

**PETERMAN: SPENDING TIME IN NATIONAL PARKS PROVIDES TRANQUILITY.** Environmental activist Audrey Peterman writes in the [Huffington Post](#) (2/16, 518K) blog about her confusion why "large numbers of people and huge sections of our infrastructure," including national parks, "will be affected by rising seas within the next 15 years," but Congressional leaders and several presidential candidates "slough off responsibility by professing that they 'do not believe' in climate change." To quell this anxiety, Peterman says she routinely visits national parks, especially Yosemite, to restore her "sunny perspective." She concludes by stating that it is "time for each of us to decide what action we will take to confront the great challenges that face us today," such as climate change and "protecting our public lands system from those who want to degrade it."

## **Empowering Native American Communities:**

**DEADLINE NEARS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SHABBONA BINGO PLAN.** The [DeKalb \(IL\) Daily Chronicle](#) (2/16, 24K) reports that "time is running out for residents to voice their opinions to the federal government about the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's plan to bring a 24-hour bingo hall to the area." The BIA is "in the process of crafting an environmental impact study and an impact statement on the tribe's plans to bring Class II gaming to the area."

## **Office of Insular Affairs:**

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY KIA'AINA TO HOST PANEL DISCUSSION ON SELF DETERMINATION.** [St. Croix Source](#) (2/16) reports that Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina will "host a panel discussion in Washington, D.C., on self determination in U.S. territories, including the Virgin Islands." According to the article, "the hearing will focus on the V.I., Guam and American Samoa, which are listed on the United Nations List of Non-Self-Governing Territories." It is scheduled to be held Feb. 23 in the nation's capital.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Marianas Variety](#) (2/16) and the [Pacific News Center](#) (2/16).

## **Tackling America's Water Challenges:**

**\$2M FUNNELED TO EASTERN NEW MEXICO PIPELINE.** The [AP](#) (2/16, 1.99M) reports that "the federal government is funneling another \$2 million toward a pipeline project aimed at bringing billions of gallons of water a year to parts of eastern New Mexico." According to the article, "members of the state's congressional delegation announced the funding from the Bureau of Reclamation on Tuesday." The article notes that "the price has ballooned to more than \$550 million, and the Bureau of Reclamation has acknowledged it could end up costing \$750 million."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Clovis \(NM\) News Journal](#) (2/16, 21K), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/16, 290K), the [San Antonio \(TX\) Express-News](#) (2/16, 952K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/16, 285K), and [KOAT-TV Albuquerque \(NM\)](#) Albuquerque, NM (2/16, 120K).

**TUMALO IRRIGATION DISTRICT ADDS FEE FOR SPOTTED FROG LITIGATION.** The [AP](#) (2/16, 1.99M) reports that "the Tumalo Irrigation District has added an additional fee for patrons in anticipation of mounting legal costs associated with recently filed lawsuits over Oregon spotted frog habitat." The district imposed "a \$175 fee this year for each water right account holder to help pay for litigation as well as for public relations during the court case." The BOR, "Tumalo and other irrigation districts are being sued by the Center for Biological Diversity and WaterWatch of Oregon."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/16, Shorack, 285K), the [Medford \(OR\) Mail Tribune](#) (2/16, Bulletin, 84K), and the [Bend \(OR\) Bulletin](#) (2/16, 98K).

**AGENCIES FOCUS ON SAVING WINTER-RUN SALMON.** The [Redding \(CA\) Record-Searchlight](#) (2/16, 65K) reports that "members of the Winnemem Wintu tribe believe their lives are intertwined with the salmon — particularly the winter-run chinook salmon." But "fish die-offs in the Sacramento River over the past two years



have many people worried about the winter-run going extinct." The article notes that "federal and state fisheries officials are so concerned with the die off that for the past two years they have taken the unprecedented step of closing the Sacramento River in Redding to fishing from April to August when the salmon are spawning."

**OPINION: SOUTHERN DELIVERY SYSTEM REQUIRED TO MEET CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS.** In response to a Jan. 26 [article](#) titled, "Council takes hard line on SDS talks," local property owner Dwain Maxwell writes in the [Pueblo \(CO\) Chieftain](#) (2/16, 87K) that the Southern Delivery System should be shut down unless it meets all of its contractual agreements stated in the 1041. Maxwell points out that, for property owners, the 1041 "states that eminent domain can only be taken when proof of need is proven." He believes that the SDS' recent actions trying to obtain property via an eminent domain court shows their "greed" is "just too much to swallow."

## Securing America's Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**SCIENTISTS TRYING TO HARNESS ENERGY OF GULF STREAM.** The [Hampton Roads \(VA\) Virginian-Pilot](#) (2/16, 312K) reports that "scientists are working on harnessing energy from the Gulf Stream off Cape Hatteras, N.C., where the ocean flows with more power than all of the world's rivers combined." According to the BOEM, "Gulf Stream currents might have more potential than offshore wind. Ocean currents move more slowly than wind but are about 800 times more dense."

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**BLM HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING ON METHANE EMISSIONS.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/14, 31K) reports that "the city of Farmington will hold one of only four public hearings across the country for a proposal aimed at updating 30-year-old regulations on methane and natural gas releases from public and tribal lands."

The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/16, 31K) reports that "nearly 800 people flooded the San Juan College's Henderson Fine Arts Center auditorium Tuesday to weigh in on the Bureau of Land Management's proposed set of regulations aimed at reducing methane leaks on public and tribal lands." According to the article, "the public comments, which came after a 45 minute BLM briefing about the proposed changes, came from two camps: those seeking to protect the environment and eliminate waste and those worried about the impact of the regulations on oil and gas industry jobs and the regional economy." During the meeting, "frustrations bubbled up and some of those who objected to the proposed rules started booing, shouting and noisily yawning during testimonials." The article notes that "when the Farmington mayor asked those in the crowd opposed to the BLM's proposed regulations to stand up, most attendees rose to their feet."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Farmington \(NM\) Daily Times](#) (2/16, 44K)

**New Mexico Leaders Support Methane Rule.** The [Cortez \(CO\) Journal](#) (2/16, 4K) reports that "a proposed rule from the U.S. Department of the Interior to reduce the venting, leaking and flaring of methane and other natural gases from oil and gas drilling operations on public lands has strong support among New Mexico leaders." According to the article, "more than 40 current and former elected officials from San Juan County in New Mexico recently submitted a letter to the Bureau of Land Management in support of its proposed rules on flaring."

**WYOMING DEQ DEFENDS COAL MINING DEAL.** The [AP](#) (2/16) reports Wyoming regulators defended their oversight of Alpha Natural Resources' and Arch Coal's bonding after they filed for bankruptcy. In a letter to federal regulators, Kyle Wendtland, who oversees mining regulation at the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, wrote that the US Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement has "no basis for second guessing DEQ's judgment." Wyoming officials have faced scrutiny after agreeing last year to make the state a "priority creditor to receive \$61 million out of \$411 million in required bonding for Alpha's mines." State officials argued that the agreement did not free Alpha from its reclamation obligations, and that it requires the coal mining company to emerge from bankruptcy to fully cover its bond obligations.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (2/16, 77K), the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (2/16, 337K), the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/16, 285K), [WyoFile](#) (2/16), and [KULR-TV Billings \(MT\) Billings, MT](#) (2/16, 2K).



**Wyoming House Committee Allocates \$241M In Federal Funds For Highways, DEQ.** The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (2/16, 77K) reports the Wyoming House Appropriations Committee advanced a bill Tuesday morning that allocates \$162.3 million of federal mine land reclamation money to the state Highway Fund and \$79.6 million to the state Department of Environmental Quality “for ongoing operations of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program and the Air Quality and the Solid Waste Management divisions.” Congress passed a large spending bill in December that gave Wyoming \$241.9 million from the federal Office of Surface Mining. The Star-Tribune mentions that Arch Coal and Alpha Natural Resources, “two bankrupt coal companies,” have unsecured reclamation obligations in the state worth a combined \$900 million.

**SIERRA CLUB FILES CHALLENGE AGAINST OIL, GAS ACTIVITIES IN OKLAHOMA.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication) reports that the Sierra Club has “filed a court challenge against three oil and gas companies active in Oklahoma over their wastewater injection practices, alleging a connection between drillers’ underground disposal habits and a recent surge in earthquake activity in the state.” The petition filed in Oklahoma federal court “seeks relief under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and follows a 5.1 earthquake that hit the state on Saturday.” The group asked that the companies Devon, Chesapeake, and New Dominion “reduce immediately and substantially the amounts of Production Wastes [sic] they are injecting into the ground to levels that seismologists believe will not cause or contribute to increased earthquake frequency and severity.”

**CLIMATE ACTIVIST BIDS FOR OIL, GAS LAND IN UTAH.** The [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (2/16, Roth, 98K) reports that two dozen bidders attended a meeting in Salt Lake City on Tuesday to purchase leases of over 22,000 acres of public land auctioned off by the Bureau of Land Management. Nearly 100 climate activists protesting the auction were seated in the back of the room, but one protester, Terry Tempest Williams, had registered as a bidder. Following the auction, Williams bid \$1.50 per acre for the right to explore 800 acres of unwanted land “with the explicit goal of keeping the land out of the hands of the fossil-fuel industry.” She plans to also bid on two more parcels totaling 871 acres near Arches National Park in eastern Utah and in the Book Cliffs mountain range.

Additional coverage was provided by [USA Today](#) (2/17, Roth, 5.45M), the [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/16, 388K), the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/16, 975K), and [KSL-TV Salt Lake City \(UT\)](#) Salt Lake City (2/16, 404K).

**BLM SET TO AUCTION SIX OIL AND GAS PARCELS IN MAY.** The [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/14, 31K) reports that “the first land parcels in 15 years within the San Juan National Forest will be available for lease this spring through the Bureau of Land Management’s quarterly oil and gas lease sale.” According to the article, “since 2001, Forest Service officials have worked on an Oil and Gas Leasing Availability Analysis to protect resources and manage oil and gas development. It was completed in 2013.” The article notes that “six land parcels, four of which are in the San Juan National Forest, will be up for competitive bid on May 12.”

**COMMENT PERIOD CLOSING FOR TRAPPER, COLOWYO MINES.** The [Craig \(CO\) Daily Press](#) (2/16, 10K) reports that “the public comment period for the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement’s environmental assessments for two Northwest Colorado mines is coming to a close this week.” According to the article, “Trapper is still undergoing a court-ordered redo on part of its federal coal leases while Colowyo is taking the next step in its Collom Expansion, which has been under assessment for several years.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Steamboat \(CO\) Pilot & Today](#) (2/16, 30K).

**BLM SEEKS COMMENTS ON THREE POTENTIAL FALL RIVER OIL LEASE SITES.** The [Rapid City \(SD\) Journal](#) (2/16, 117K) reports that the BLM is “seeking public comments on potential oil and gas leases on three parcels of private land west of Edgemont, but within the boundaries of the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands.” Russ Pigors, a physical scientist with the Belle Fourche BLM office, said that “a lease sale will be held for these three Fall River County parcels on July 12 this year, and BLM wants comments from the public for perspective on what sort of environmental impact permitting oil and gas exploration on these leases might have.”

**BULLISH ANALYST CHANGES STANCE ON COAL MARKETS.** The [Seattle Times](#) (2/17, Mapes, Bemton, 1.12M) reports that Andy Roberts, an analyst at Wood Mackenzie, who “less than three years ago” was lauding the long-term prospects of two export terminals proposed for Washington “once considered vital are now irrelevant” due to the decline in Asian coal markets. Roberts indicated in his Feb. 10 report that “rapid changes in coal’s fortunes show what a miscalculation the investment in the ports was.” Combined with “stiff opposition from tribal nations and community and conservation groups,” Roberts said that the “economic wind has fallen out of the projects’ sales.” Additionally, “Asian demand has weakened to the point that coal from the Powder River Basin won’t be competitive in the market until well after 2020.” According to Roberts, non-coal alternatives



are gaining momentum, aided by policy and regulation.

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**TWO STATES ASK COURT TO REVERSE INTERIOR OFFSHORE DRILLING RULE.** [Law360](#) (2/16, 22K) reports that "Louisiana and Alabama pushed a D.C. federal judge to reverse a Department of the Interior rule change on splitting offshore oil drilling revenue Tuesday, arguing the agency favored some Gulf states over others with the new rule." The two states asked U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton to "bind the agency to a 25-year-old interpretation of a rule for divvying up offshore oil lease revenue where states' borders meet."

**COURT BLOCKS USE OF BP RESTORATION FUNDS FOR GULF STATE PARK CONFERENCE CENTER.** [Alabama Live](#) (2/17, 627K) reports that "a federal judge has blocked the use of certain BP restoration funds stemming from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill from being used to rebuild a beachfront lodge and conference center on the Alabama coast." U.S. District Judge Charles Butler "wrote in his decision that the Trustees who were in charge of allocating the funds 'acted arbitrarily and capriciously by failing to conduct a proper alternatives analysis,' as required by the Oil Pollution Act." Butler wrote, "The Court can, and will, enjoin the use of those funds pending further review by the Trustees. However, based on the administrative record before it, and the narrow issue presented by the pleadings, the Court cannot enjoin the Commissioner or the State from building the lodge/conference center with funds other than early restoration funds."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Gulf Coast \(FL\) News Today](#) (2/16, 33K).

**US REP. BUDDY CARTER CONTINUES SUPPORT FOR OFFSHORE DRILLING.** The [Florida Times-Union](#) (2/16, 207K) reports US. Rep Buddy Carter (R-GA) reiterated his support for oil exploration and offshore drilling for Georgia "even as local communities from Savannah to Brunswick oppose it." In a telephone interview, Carter said, "American has an abundance of natural resources, and we should be utilizing all of them to assure our energy independence." The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management released its draft plan last year to lease ocean land for oil and gas development off the Atlantic coast from Virginia to Georgia. An expected update of the plan, set to be released soon, could omit some states. The availability of oil and gas leasing as proposed in the Department of the Interior's 2017-2022 plan "has not happened in more than 30 years." Before drilling would begin, "exploration would take place with seismic testing, a controversial practice that maps possible oil and gas deposits under the sea floor."

**WOODEN SURFBOARD CONTAINS SIGNATURES OPPOSING OFFSHORE DRILLING IN THE ATLANTIC.** Pete Stauffer, environmental director for Surfrider Foundation, writes in [Clean Energy](#) (2/16) about a wooden surfboard that "journeyed through seven states and visited countless communities on its way to Washington DC." The surfboard, which contains dozens of signatures from "restaurants, surf shops, art galleries, hotels, and other coastal businesses," is a symbol of the recreation industry's opposition to offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean. US Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Rep. Mark Sanford (R-SC) said they will add their signatures before it is presented to White House officials on Feb. 16 "along with letters signed by over a thousand businesses asking our nation's leaders to cancel plans for oil drilling in the Atlantic."

**CSA OCEAN TO RECEIVE NOPP DEEPWATER CANYONS AWARD.** [Hydro International](#) (2/16, 28K) reports the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Geological Survey announced that the National Oceanographic Partnership Program will present the 2015 Excellence in Partnering Award to a team managed by CSA Ocean Sciences Inc. that participated in the "Atlantic Canyons: Pathways to the Abyss" project. The ceremony is scheduled for Feb. 23 to coincide with Ocean Sciences 2016 in New Orleans. During its work, the CSA study team "discovered new shipwrecks, deep, cold-water corals and unexpectedly, extensive methane seeps with exotic biological assemblages" in the Baltimore and Norfolk deepwater canyons.

**JURY SELECTED FOR TRIAL OF EX-BP RIG SUPERVISOR.** The [AP](#) (2/16) the jury has been selected in the trial of former BP rig supervisor Robert Kaluza who is facing a misdemeanor pollution charge for his alleged role in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Kaluza had faced manslaughter counts connected to the deaths of 11 workers, but federal prosecutors backed off those charges in December.

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### ***Bureau of Land Management:***



**WILD HORSE ADVOCATES RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT BLM ADOPTION PROPOSAL.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication) reports that a BLM “plan to transfer wild horses and burros to other government agencies to be used as work animals lacks safeguards to ensure they are not mistreated, wild horse advocates said.” The bureau “last week asked Congress to pass legislation that would allow it to swiftly transfer excess animals that have been removed from public lands to other federal, state and local government agencies, such as the Marine Corps or the U.S. Border Patrol.” The proposal, “which requires congressional approval, aims to alleviate BLM’s fiscal burden as it feeds and cares for roughly 47,000 excess animals in off-range holding facilities.” The Cloud Foundation, “a Colorado-based wild horse advocacy group, said the proposal has some merit, because trained wild horses would live a higher quality of life working with humans than being kept in short-term holding corrals.”

**IDAHO LAND BOARD APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH BLM INVOLVING LAND SWAP.** The [AP](#) (2/16, Ridler, Press, 1.99M) reports that the Idaho Land Board on Tuesday “voted 5-0 to update an agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management involving a land swap involving about 50 square miles of state land in southwest Idaho.” The article notes that “the board in the same vote approved deferring leasing of mineral development of those state lands until Dec. 31, 2017, to avoid activity in areas considered key sage grouse habitat.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Idaho Statesman](#) (2/16, 198K).

**BILL INTRODUCED TO REOPEN PERMITTING PROCESS OF CEMEX MINE.** [KHTS-AM](#) Santa Clarita, CA (2/16, 2K) reports that Assemblyman Scott Wilk “introduced Assembly Bill 1986 on Tuesday that would reopen the permitting process of CEMEX’s proposed mine in Soledad Canyon.” Wilk said, “CEMEX’s mine would wreak havoc on our environment and quality of life. Our children and seniors won’t be able to breath, our roads will be choked daily with an additional 1,200 18-wheelers and the mine will soak up our most precious resource, water. I’m committed to killing this project.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Santa Clarita Valley \(CA\) Signal](#) (2/17, 23K).

**BLM CRITICIZED FOR MISSING OPPORTUNITY ON BULLWACKER-COW CREEK ACCESS.** In an op-ed for the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (2/16, 131K), Mike Penfold, a former BLM director for Montana, writes that the BLM has “decided not to go forward with the controversial land exchange of BLM’s Durfee Hills for the Anchor Ranch located inside the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.” He argues that “acquiring better access and consolidation of public land into usable tracts for the public is a good thing.” Furthermore, “opportunities often come only once and must be taken quickly if they are in the public interest.” Penfold says that “the Anchor Ranch could have been a very significant addition to this amazing Montana landscape,” and he is “sorry to see this opportunity pass without full public analysis.”

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**OBAMA’S BUDGET REQUEST INCLUDES \$1.6B FOR FWS.** The [Grand Forks \(ND\) Herald](#) (2/16, 97K) reports that President Barack Obama has “requested \$1.6 billion for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in his 2017 fiscal year budget, an increase of \$54.5 million from fiscal year 2016.” Obama’s “budget includes \$137.6 million for refuge land acquisition, including \$58.7 million in current funding and \$79 million in proposed permanent funding, an increase of \$69.1 million above the 2016 enacted level.”

**FWS GRANT HELPS JOINS TWO HALVES OF NEGWEGON STATE PARK.** [MLive \(MI\)](#) (2/16, 617K) reports that the two halves of Negwegon State Park will “finally become one” this year. Negwegon, “a remote park on the shore of Lake Huron’s Thunder Bay, will become contiguous property with help from a \$900,000 federal grant to buy 391 acres of land between the park halves the state has long hoped join the park with.” The federal grant money comes from a FWS coastal wetlands conservation program.

**GROUP MOVES TO BLOCK IMPORT OF ELEPHANTS TO ZOOS.** The [AP](#) (2/16, 1.99M) reports that “an animal rights group has sued to stop zoos in Kansas, Nebraska and Texas from bringing in new elephants from Africa.” The Friends of Animals filed a lawsuit last week in federal court against the FWS. Last month, the FWS “issued permits allowing the importation of 18 African elephants from Swaziland.” The lawsuit argues the FWS “did not take into account how the transfer would negatively hurt the social, mental and physical well-being of the 18 elephants.”



Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/16, 285K), the [Dallas \(TX\) Morning News](#) (2/16, 1.24M), the [Independent \(UK\)](#) (2/16, Nasa, 929K), and the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/16, 290K).

**FWS CONSIDERING TRANSFER OF NATIONAL BISON RANGE TO TRIBES.** The [Flathead \(MT\) Beacon](#) (2/16, 15K) reports that “in a dramatic change of course from its historic management goals, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service entered the first stage of negotiations to cede control of the National Bison Range to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.” The discussions between the FWS and CSKT “came to light in emails distributed Feb. 5 by Fish and Wildlife Service administrators, who informed agency employees of the decision, citing the inability to reach an annual funding agreement with CSKT that would allow the tribes to jointly manage the Bison Range.” According to the article, “the agency-wide messages, sent by both FWS Refuge Chief Cynthia Martinez and Mountain Prairie Regional Director Noreen Walsh, explain that talks have begun about drafting legislation that would transfer the lands comprising the National Bison Range in Montana to be held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the CSKT.”

**STUDENTS CREATE CAMPUS WILDLIFE AREA ON PEREGRINE SCHOOL CAMPUS.** The [Davis \(CA\) Enterprise](#) (2/16, 22K) reports that “parts of the Peregrine School campus in South Davis are now wildlife areas with native plants, thanks to some elbow grease from students with assistance and advice from Karlleen Vollherbst, school habitat program coordinator with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.” According to the article, “the project that culminated with last Friday’s planting project began many months ago, with the preparation of a 75-page grant application detailing the proposed wildlife area.” Vollherbst said the goal of the project is to “attract different pollinators and birds to a space just outside the classroom building, where students can learn from the habitat, and play, and observe wildlife over time.”

**FIRE AT GRAND BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE 50% CONTAINED.** The [AP](#) (2/16) reports that FWS officials say “they’re planning to resume air operations and clear debris from a wildfire that began near a wildlife refuge in Mississippi and crossed into Alabama marshland.” According to spokeswoman Candice Stevenson, “authorities plan to fly over the burned area Tuesday after severe storms on Monday grounded air operations.” Officials say “a fire at the Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge has burned roughly 4,400 acres and is about 50 percent contained.”

**PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD ON MANATEE RECLASSIFICATION.** The [Orlando \(FL\) Weekly](#) (2/16, 115K) reports that the FWS will hold a public meeting about the reclassification of Florida manatees from a status of “endangered” to “threatened” on Saturday, Feb. 20 in Orlando.

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: CONSERVATION GROUPS TO SUE FWS OVER NEW BAT RULE.** Additional coverage that conservation groups said they intend to sue the FWS over a new bat rule was provided by [Reuters](#) (2/17).

#### **National Park Service:**

**FOURTH GRADERS OFFERED FREE ACCESS TO NATIONAL PARKS.** [Fox News](#) (2/12, 9.42M) reports that families with fourth-graders can celebrate the National Parks Centennial this year with the Every Kid in a Park initiative, “which gives free access to national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges and more through Aug. 31.”

Additional coverage of the NPS Centennial and the Every Kid in a Park initiative was provided by the [Medford \(OR\) Mail Tribune](#) (2/15, Freeman, 84K) the [Tucson \(AZ\) Local Media](#) (2/16).

**NPS DESIGNATED 34 NEW COMMUNITIES AS CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN 2015.** The [Sierra \(CA\) Sun Times](#) (2/16) reports that the NPS “designated 34 communities from across the United States as Certified Local Governments in 2015.” NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis said, “We are proud that last year 34 new communities spanning the country from Florida to Washington joined us in our commitment to historic preservation and protecting what makes their cities and towns special. These Certified Local Governments now have access to unique resources to preserve the heritage of their communities and promote local economic growth through tourism to their historical areas.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Marblehead \(MA\) Patch](#) (2/16, 157).

**NPS BEGINS SELLING PASSES ONLINE.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication) reports that as the NPS “prepares to enter its second century, the agency is taking its first steps into e-commerce.” They



announced "it has launched a pilot program to sell entrance passes online for a handful of selected parks, a move Sen. Angus King (I-Maine) has pushed since last year." King said in a statement, "With the launch of this pilot program at Acadia, the National Park System is entering a new era of accessibility. Electronic park passes will not only make it easier for the American people to visit and enjoy our most treasured places, but they'll also help the Park Service maximize sales and generate new revenues. I applaud the Park Service for embracing the power of this technology and am delighted that Acadia is leading the nation in piloting it."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#) (2/16, 157K) and [WMEA-FM](#) Portland, ME (2/16, 333).

#### **REPORT RECOMMENDS EXPANDING SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.**

The AP (2/16, 1.99M) reports that the NPS has "released a plan that recommends adding more than 265 square miles of land around Los Angeles to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreational Area." According to the article, "the final plan, released Tuesday, would more than double the existing wilderness area in one of the nation's most densely populated regions." The proposal would "add portions of the Los Angeles River, San Gabriel Mountains foothills, scenic areas, historic and archaeological sites, wildlife corridors and miles of hiking trails in a sprawling area that's home to millions." The article notes that "the final plan differs from last year's draft proposal by eliminating some industrialized or urbanized areas in favor of more pristine properties."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/16, 285K), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (2/16, 32K), the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Daily News](#) (2/16, 301K), the [Santa Monica \(CA\) Patch](#) (2/16, 3K), and [My News LA \(CA\)](#) (2/16).

#### **YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK BEGINS TRAPPING AND SLAUGHTER OF BISON.**

[USA Today](#) (2/16, Hafner, 5.45M) reports that Yellowstone National Park officials "started trapping bison Monday as part of an annual effort to kill hundreds of the area's iconic animals through hunting or shipment to slaughterhouses." According to the article, "government agencies aim to drive down the bison population by as many as 900 this year to reduce the mammals' centuries-old migration beyond the park's boundaries and into Montana." A plan "calls for eventually culling bison in the park from about 5,000 down to 3,000."

Additional coverage was provided by [USA Today](#) (2/16, 5.45M), the [Oregonian](#) (2/16, 864K), the [Globe and Mail \(CAN\)](#) (2/16, 1.13M), and [KHOU-TV Houston \(TX\)](#) Houston (2/16, 385K).

**THEFTS PROMPT CLOSURES AT MINING SITES IN JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK.** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/15, Mohan, 4.1M) reports that "two areas of Joshua Tree National Park noted for their mining artifacts have been closed indefinitely because of looting, according to the park's superintendent." Carey's Castle and El Sid Mine will "be closed 'at least for a month' until cultural artifact teams can inventory and record the areas, and while the park devises an enforcement and surveillance strategy, park Supt. David Smith said Monday." He said, "We had some looting at El Sid that started a few months ago. We actually bought some artifacts to replace the original ones and they got stolen, too."

Additional coverage was provided by [USA Today](#) (2/16, 5.45M), the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (2/16, 98K), the [Riverside \(CA\) Press Enterprise](#) (2/16, 302K), and [Time Out](#) (2/16, 66K).

**OFFICIALS PLAN TO SHOOT UTAH MOUNTAIN GOATS.** The [Salt Lake \(UT\) Tribune](#) (2/16, 388K) reports that to the NPS, "mountain goats are a potentially invasive species and unwanted itinerants in several Western parks, including Dinosaur National Monument." NPS officials are looking to shoot goats "wandering in from artificially established herds in Utah damage resources and disturb Dinosaur's resident bighorn sheep." According to the article, "under a draft plan released Feb. 8, the park intends to shoot any wild goats that roam into its boundaries, which straddle the Utah-Colorado line."

**WATER BEGINS FLOWING TO EASTERN EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK.** The [Fort Myers \(FL\) News-Press](#) (2/16, Gillis, 190K) reports the South Water Management District began moving water Monday night from water storage areas south of Lake Okeechobee to the eastern side of Everglades National Park. As a result, water that usually flows to the west and into the western section of the park will now head east, "to Shark Valley Slough — where alligators have died in recent years due to a lack of water." Water has not flowed regularly in this manner since the Tamiami Trail opened in 1928, which has served as a dam that holds back water "that historically spread to Florida Bay." District spokesperson Randy Smith said sending water to the park will improve wildlife conditions in the water storage areas between the lake and the park.

**NPS SUPPORTS PLAN BY LOWELL TO LIGHT UP CANALS.** The [Boston Globe](#) (2/16, Siefer, 1.05M)



reports that "starting Friday evening as part of a weekend-long Winterfest, a stretch of one canal will be bathed in shifting colors, and the area flanking the canal, Lucy Larcom Park, will feature fire artists, music, and food." According to the article, "it's a first phase in what project boosters hope could lead to the illumination —and enlivening — of much of city's the 5.6-mile network of canals." Although "one might also expect some friction between canal boosters and the National Park Service, which imposes strict design standards throughout the historic park, "park Superintendent Celeste Bemardo "expressed enthusiasm for the lighting project, noting that \$51 million in federal, state, and city funds had already been invested in canal improvements, such as paths, landscaping, and historical markers."

**TRAIL AT SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK TO BE MADE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE.** The [AP](#) (2/16, 1.99M) reports that the Mica View Trail at Saguaro National Park will "undergo changes to make it wheelchair accessible." The trail will be "upgraded and given a hardened surface to make it suitable for visitors who use a wheelchair or other equipment to assist with mobility." It will be "closed from Feb. 22 through May while work is under way, but once it's reopened, it will meet the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act for recreation trails."

**SUPERDOME ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** The [New Orleans Times-Picayune](#) (2/16, 625K) reports that the Superdome has been named to the National Register of Historic Places "despite an objection by the state, which owns the stadium and is concerned the designation might slow down future projects." Superdome officials said Monday that "they were unaware that the federal government had approved the listing and had not been notified."

**WEIR FARM SUPERINTENDENT TO RECEIVE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S CULTURAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP AWARD.** The [Norwalk \(CT\) Hour](#) (2/16, Carr, 28K) reports Linda Cook, the superintendent of Weir Farm National Historic Site, will be awarded the National Park Service's Appleman-Judd-Lewis Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Stewardship at a ceremony in Washington, DC on Feb. 23. Cook spearheaded a "decade-long project to meticulously restore" the home and studio of Impressionist painter J. Alden Weir to its original condition.

**SILENT-MOVIE FILM STUDIO SEEKS RECOGNITION AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK.** [USA Today](#) (2/16, Goodykoontz, 5.45M) reports Norman Studios, one of the last silent-movie film studios, is already on the National Register of Historic Places but is "angling for recognition as a historic landmark by the National Park Service." The Jacksonville, Florida-based studio is known for making "race films" in the 1920s that featured African-Americans and produced "almost exclusively" for African-American audiences. A nonprofit group is currently "working to restore the studio complex and turn it into a learning center for aspiring film professionals."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION FIELD TRIP GRANTS.** Additional coverage of the field trip grants awarded by the National Park Foundation was provided by the [Alexander City \(AL\) Outlook](#) (2/13, 12K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF "NATIONAL PARKS ADVENTURE" FILM.** Additional coverage of "National Parks Adventure" was provided by the [Fort Worth \(TX\) Star-Telegram](#) (2/16, 489K) and [Skift](#) (2/16).

**NPS URGED TO SIDE WITH POINT REYES RANCHERS.** The [Santa Rosa \(CA\) Press Democrat](#) (2/17, 165K) criticizes "a lawsuit seeking to drive peaceful ranchers out of Point Reyes National Seashore." It notes that "some of the ranches have been there since the 1860s, and many ranchers joined with neighbors and conservation groups to lobby for creation of the park when pressure built for residential development of Marin County's scenic coastal bluffs in the late 1950s and early 1960s." According to the paper, "the 15 family ranches were promised 20-year lease extensions in 2012 by then-Interior Secretary Ken Salazar as proof that the long-scheduled removal of an oyster farm in Drakes Bay wasn't the first step in clearing in-holdings from the park." It hopes the NPS will "keep Salazar's promise."

Additional coverage that a group of environmentalists is suing to stop grazing at Point Reyes National Seashore was provided by the [Woodland \(CA\) Daily Democrat](#) (2/16, 22K) and [Courthouse News](#) (2/16, 7K).

**PORTLAND PRESS HERALD: MAINE OFFICIALS SHOULDN'T SHUT DOWN DIALOGUE WITH NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.** The [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#) (2/16, 157K) editorializes that the negative response by Maine Gov. LePage and the state's congressional delegation to National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis' letter concerning a proposed national park is unwarranted and needlessly hostile. LePage has "predictability overacted" to the letter regarding the donation of private property belonging to Elliotsville Plantation Inc. to the federal government for the park by seizing the land "to build roads that Maine doesn't need to spoil



the organization's plans." The Press Herald says that a federally run park comprised of donated land "could be a gift for the state to treasure, not a theft to be prevented." Maine officials should be "actively engaging the Park Service" about their concerns instead of "shutting down dialogue."

**WEISER: MCCLINTOCK MISINTERPRETS MUIR'S SUPPORT FOR REFORMING YOSEMITE.** Matt Weiser writes in the [Sacramento \(CA\) Bee](#) (2/17, Weiser, 569K) that it required a "certain arrogance" for US Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) to claim at a hearing of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands that John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club "and savior of Yosemite," would oppose the National Park Service removing "resort-like" amenities like ice-skating rinks, swimming pools and convenience stores from the park. McClintock said Muir "wanted people to come to our public lands knowing they would go away with fond memories, happy experiences." At the Oct. 28 hearing, McClintock called on a series of "hand-picked witnesses" to support his claim that federal agencies are responsible for Yosemite's declining attendance because it lacks amenities and concessionaires lack free rein in the parks. This move supports McClintock's goal of giving away national forest lands to local and state governments. John Buckley, executive director of the Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center, said McClintock "abuses the facts to somehow portray this dark, sinister threat that he is the champion of protecting the public from."

## Top National News:

**OBAMA CONFIDENT TRUMP WON'T BE ELECTED PRESIDENT.** In the lead story for the [CBS Evening News](#) (2/16, lead story, 0:40, 5.08M), Scott Pelley reported President Obama on Tuesday "weighed in on the political phenomenon that is Donald Trump. President Obama was answering a question at a news conference today, and he did not mince words." The President was shown saying, "I continue to believe Mr. Trump will not be president. And the reason is because I have a lot of faith in the American people, and I think they recognize that being president is a serious job. It's not hosting a talk show or a reality show. It's not promotion. It's not marketing. It's hard."

The [Washington Times](#) (2/16, Boyer, 285K) reports Obama, speaking at a press conference in California, "lashed out at... Trump and the rest of the" GOP White House hopefuls, "calling them unserious candidates who are 'troubling' the rest of the world with careless rhetoric and a poor grasp of basic facts." Along with his direct comments on Trump, the President – without mentioning him by name – also chided Sen. Marco Rubio "for abandoning the immigration reform bill he once supported." Said Obama, "You've got a candidate who sponsored a bill that I supported to finally solve the immigration problem, and he's running away from it as fast as he can."

[Bloomberg Politics](#) (2/16, Keane, 289K) reports that Obama, who "has repeatedly shown frustration with the tone and tenor of the" GOP race, said, "Foreign observers are troubled by some of the rhetoric that has taken place in some of these Republican primaries and Republican debates." The [New York Times](#) (2/16, Shear, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that Obama "said Mr. Trump 'says in more interesting ways what the other candidates are saying as well.' 'He may up the ante in anti-Muslim sentiment,' Mr. Obama said, 'but if you look at what the other candidates have said, that's pretty troubling, too.'"

[Vox](#) (2/16, Stein, 758K) reports that after his remarks on Trump, Obama described "the magnitude of the challenges that face the president. 'Whoever's standing where I'm standing right now has the nuclear codes with them, and can order 21-year-olds into a firefight and [has] to make sure that the banking system doesn't collapse – and is often responsible for not just the United States of America, but 20 other countries that are having big problems,' Obama said."

The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/16, Parsons, Memoli, 4.1M) reports that the remarks "represented Obama's most energetic criticism of the Republicans running to replace him." The President "has mostly kept a studied distance from the fray and resisted invitations to engage in political analysis. But GOP candidates are promising to dismantle Obama's entire legacy if they win the Oval Office, and polls show Trump dramatically in the lead in South Carolina going into its Saturday primary." [NBC Nightly News](#) (2/16, lead story, 3:10, Holt, 7.86M) also reported on Obama's remarks.

**Firing Back, Trump Says He Would Have Defeated Obama In 2012.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/16, Johnson, 8.98M) reports that Trump, asked about the President's remarks during a campaign event in South Carolina, said, "He has done such a lousy job as president. You look at our budgets, you look at our spending, we can't beat ISIS, Obamacare is terrible – we're going to terminate it, we're absolutely going to terminate it. And you look at everything, our borders are like Swiss cheese, this man has done such a bad job, he has set us back so far, and for him to say that is actually a great compliment." Of Obama, Trump added, "You're lucky I didn't run



last time, when [Mitt] Romney ran, because you would have been a one-term president.”

**Poll: Trump Leads Cruz By 16 Points In South Carolina.** [ABC World News](#) (2/16, story 3, 3:25, Muir, 5.84M) reported new poll numbers show Donald Trump leading Sen. Ted Cruz by 16 points in South Carolina. [The Hill](#) (2/16, Easley, 862K) says Trump “is crushing the competition” according to the CNN-ORC poll released on Tuesday. The survey shows Trump has 38% support compared with Cruz’s 22%, followed Sen. Marco Rubio 14%, Jeb Bush 10%, Ben Carson 6%, and Gov. John Kasich 4%. The poll shows, according to The Hill, that “a majority of Republicans surveyed – 53 percent – say Trump gives the GOP its best chance of winning the general election.”

**LATimes Analysis: Trump Holds Lead In South Carolina Despite “Crude Rhetoric.”** The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/16, Bierman, Mascaro, 4.1M) reports Trump “is maintaining his wide lead” in South Carolina “despite criticism of his crude rhetoric.” The Times says while the state “has long prided itself on Southern manners and propriety, it is changing rapidly as outsiders increasingly move” there and “Trump Nation may be immune to, and in some cases, even more forgiving of his brash behavior.” In a quote that is used in the article’s headline, the Times reports, a South Carolina voter said, “We’re voting with our middle finger.”

**WPost: “Middle-Of-Road” Republicans Leave Trump Event “More Terrified Than Ever.”** The [Washington Post](#) (2/16, Temis, 8.98M) reports the “madness” surrounding Trump “has not been lost on the middle-of-the-road Republicans” in Fountain Inn, South Carolina. The Post highlights attendees at a Trump town-hall who left the event “more terrified than ever” and “comparing the Republican front-runner to President Obama, comparing him to Vladimir Putin, calling him a bully, saying he denigrates women and the disabled.”

**Tea Party Of America Co-Founder “Abandoned” Trump.** The [Washington Times](#) (2/16, Dinan, Miller, 285K) reports Tea Party of America co-founder Ken Crow “abandoned” Trump on Tuesday and “threw his backing to Jeb Bush in a striking move that suggests some softening in the GOP front-runner’s support among conservatives as the campaign shifts to South Carolina.” Crow told the Times “he’s become repulsed by [Trump’s] volatile personality and crude antics on the stump.” Crow said, “I was on the Trump train, but enough is enough,” adding, “When is Trump going to act like a president? The answer is he’s not.”

**CBS: Haley Will Not Endorse Trump Before Primary.** The [CBS Evening News](#) (2/16, story 2, 2:30, Pelley, 5.08M) reported South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley not only said “she will not endorse Trump” before the South Carolina primary, but “said Trump is everything a governor does not want in a president.”

**The Hill Analysis: Trump’s “Blunt Message” Defies Predictions.** [The Hill](#) (2/16, Easley, 862K) says Trump “was supposed to be dead and buried by now” as “the political class and pundits have been predicting [his] political demise” since he announced his candidacy. However, according to The Hill, “Trump’s blunt message of American exceptionalism and his distance from the political establishment continue to strike a chord with grassroots conservatives, who are fed up with the status quo in Washington.” The Hill provides seven instances in which “the political class leaped to write the Trump campaign’s obituary, only to be proven wrong.”

**NYTimes Analysis: Trump’s Style Makes Him “Almost Comic-Proof.”** The [New York Times](#) (2/16, Poniewozik, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports Trump “works in the mode and rhythms of a stand-up. He riffs. He goads. He works blue.” That style, according to the Times, “has rendered him, weirdly, almost comic-proof.” The Times explains that “election parodies traditionally exaggerate candidates,” but Trump “exaggerates himself – he’s the frilled lizard of politics, inflating his self-presentation to appear ever larger.” The Times says “satire exposes candidates’ contradictions and absurdities,” but “Trump blows past those, while his supporters cheer.”

**Milbank: George W. Bush Is Reminder Of When “Conservative Politics Wasn’t So Beastly.”** In his [Washington Post](#) (2/16, 8.98M) column, Dana Milbank says former President George W. Bush’s recent campaigning for Jeb Bush “served as a reminder that, not too long ago, conservative politics wasn’t so beastly.” Milbank says while Bush “did his share to coarsen political discourse ... even Karl Rove’s underhandedness seems almost quaint compared with today’s brutality.” Milbank adds the GOP “isn’t necessarily more conservative; Trump is less a conservative than a purveyor of insults, nationalism and conspiracy theories.” Milbank concludes the former President’s “reemergence offered Republicans a chance to reflect on how Bush’s party of conservatism so quickly became Trump’s party of rage.”

**SOUTH CAROLINA POLL: CLINTON LEADS SANDERS 56%-38%.** [The Hill](#) (2/16, Byrnes, 862K) reported that CNN/ORC survey of 280 South Carolina likely Democratic primary voters, taken Feb. 10-15, shows Hillary Clinton leading Sen. Bernie Sanders 56%-38%. Among African-American voters, Clinton leads 65%-28%, and



among women voters, she leads 60%-33%, according to the poll. Sanders leads among white voters 54%-40%, and he leads among men voters 49%-45%, according to the poll.

**Media Analyses: Clinton, Sanders South Carolina Battle Comes Down To Black Vote.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/16, Tucker, Wagner, 8.98M) reports that as Clinton and Sanders battle for support in South Carolina, "the fight is largely among African Americans, who are expected to make up at least half of the state's "electorate and who maintain a large degree of fondness for the Clintons." Sanders is attempting "to cut into Clinton's sizable lead by appealing to younger African Americans," who find appeal in "his message of economic justice and feel that many of the crime policies that began under President Bill Clinton have done long-term harm to their communities."

On the [CBS Evening News](#) (2/16, story 3, 2:00, Pelley, 5.08M), Nancy Cordes reported that Sanders on Tuesday "met with black ministers in Columbia, South Carolina," while Clinton "sat down with civil rights leaders in Harlem." In her Harlem speech, Clinton "proposed a \$2 billion plan to reform school discipline policies that she says are failing black students." Sanders, meanwhile, "focused on black incarceration rates." Cordes added that Clinton leads "among South Carolina African Americans by nearly 40 points. She sought to cement that advantage today by implying Sanders is new to the fight for racial equality." However, Sanders "argued the civil right movement inspired his fight against Wall Street greed."

On [NBC Nightly News](#) (2/16, story 2, 1:45, Holt, 7.86M), Kasie Hunt reported that in the Democratic race, "African-American voters [were] are the focus" on Tuesday, with "Clinton courting black leaders, hoping for an endorsement from reverend Al Sharpton," and Sanders meeting with "faith leaders" in South Carolina, where he "campaigning with Erica Garner, whose father died after a New York city police officer put him in a chokehold." Erica Garner was shown saying of Sanders, "He marched with Martin Luther King. He stood with Jesse Jackson, so basically he's stood with black people when it wasn't popular."

The [New York Times](#) (2/16, Chozick, Alcindor, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports, "The black vote is likely to make up roughly half the Democratic electorate in the party's Feb. 27 primary in South Carolina, and the two candidates highlighted similar themes in their appeals: the disproportionate economic barriers that young black men, in particular, face and the need to overhaul a criminal justice system that incarcerates young black men at high rates and to work with police forces to prevent officers from shooting black men or singling out African-Americans for arrest. Mr. Sanders, speaking to students at a town-hall-style meeting at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, said he was tired of seeing 'videos of unarmed people being killed by police officers.'"

**Clinton Woos African-Americans During Harlem Speech, Meeting With Civil Rights Leaders.** [USA Today](#) (2/16, Przybyla, 5.45M) reported that a Harlem speech yesterday, Hillary Clinton, "citing a lingering 'reality of systemic racism' in America, called for a comprehensive approach to battling racial inequality...that goes beyond changes to the criminal justice system." Clinton detailed "a multi-pronged approach, including new job investments, equal pay for women of color and ending what is, for many young black men, a school-to-prison pipeline."

[Reuters](#) (2/16, Allen) reports that Clinton, wooing the crucial African-American vote, also met with civil rights leaders at the National Urban League's New York headquarters, including the Rev. Al Sharpton. Reuters adds that New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, and ex-US Attorney General joined Clinton onstage for her speech in Harlem.

**Bill Clinton Stumps For Hillary In South Carolina.** The [Charlotte \(NC\) Observer](#) (2/16, Morill, 610K) reports that former President Bill Clinton, addressing "350 people at the West End Community Development Center" on Tuesday in Greenville, SC, portrayed his wife Hillary "as a pragmatic 'change agent.'" While Clinton didn't mention Sanders by name, "he said [Hillary's] policies are more pragmatic."

Under the headline "Bill Clinton Makes Nice With S.C. Blacks Who Ditched Hillary For Obama In 2008," the [Washington Times](#) (2/16, Dinan, 285K) reports that the former President attempted to link "Clinton to his own eight years in office, to President Obama's tenure and even to the anger that's forced Mrs. Clinton into a tougher primary race than she had hoped." Targeting "the young voters drawn to Mr. Sanders' promise of free public college," the former President said, "A lot of these young millennials are mad, and I think they are making a mistake, but they're supporting her opponent, because he's promising free college. Why? Because they can't move out of their parents' homes because they can't afford to pay their debt."

**Sanders Dismisses Bill Clinton's Tea Party Comparison As "Silly."** [Bloomberg Politics](#) (2/16, Brody, 289K)



reported that one day after Bill Clinton made remarks “widely interpreted as a criticism directly aimed at Bernie Sanders,” the Vermont lawmaker on Tuesday fired back. Campaigning for his wife on Monday in Florida, Clinton – while not mentioning Sanders by name – “said the Tea Party succeeded at the ballot box by deciding to ‘just tell people what they want to hear,’ before quickly adding that Democrats have also began ‘rewarding people who tell us things we know they can’t do because it pushes our hot button.’” Asked by Bloomberg Politics’ Mark Halperin about Clinton’s comments, Sanders said that “we should not be making silly remarks.” Asked, “Is there a comparison” between Sanders and the Tea Party, Sanders replied, “There’s no comparison.”

## Editorial Wrap-Up:

**NEW YORK TIMES.** *“Hillary Clinton Should Just Say Yes To A \$15 Minimum Wage.”* A [New York Times](#) (2/17, Board, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorial says on the campaign trail, Hillary Clinton “has eloquently defined workers’ rights as human rights,” and argues that she “could assert both more forcefully by championing a stronger federal minimum wage of \$15 an hour.” Clinton’s fight for a \$12 wage, the Times says, “stance misses the big picture, which is that the risk in keeping the minimum too low is bigger than the risk of raising it too high.”

*“A Tale Of Horror At The United Nations.”* In an editorial, the [New York Times](#) (2/17, Board, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says the UN is “failing some of the most vulnerable children it is supposed to protect,” noting accusations of sexual abuse by peacekeepers in the Central African Republic. The Times says that while countries that contribute troops to peacekeeping missions “bear the primary responsibility for crimes committed by their forces,” the UN “urgently needs to intensify its oversight,” and welcomes the appointment last week of Jane Holl Lute as a special coordinator. Lastly, the Times argues that “despite the difficulties in recruiting enough troops for peacekeeping duties, it is time to exclude countries that do not impose the necessary discipline to make zero tolerance possible.”

**WASHINGTON POST.** *“Mr. Obama’s Defense Budget Reflects A New Age Of Military Deterrence.”* In an editorial, the [Washington Post](#) (2/16, 8.98M) calls the President’s budget “recognition that Russia has evolved from hoped-for partner to serious threat is welcome.” The Post argues Western allies “must continue the fight against the Islamic State and other forces of instability,” but they “also must recognize that, through no choice of their own, a new age of deterrence has dawned,” and the US must “make clear to Russia that further aggression would impose an unacceptable cost.”

*“Virginia, Don’t Revive The Electric Chair.”* The [Washington Post](#) (2/16, 8.98M) editorializes against a bill by Virginia Del. Jackson H. Miller (R-Manassas) to bring back the electric chair for capital punishment. The Post says electrocution is “barbaric,” and Virginia should either wait to procure drugs needed for lethal injections or “recognize the future and scrap capital punishment altogether.”

*“DC Fire System Needs To Change Because Lives Are At Stake.”* The [Washington Post](#) (2/16, 8.98M) editorializes that with the persistent “incompetence” of emergency medical care, the DC fire system needs to change. The system’s failures were highlighted last week when Juliette Saussy, the medical director hired seven months ago to help reform the department, quit “with a withering critique of the organization and its leadership.” Because Chief Gregory Dean has been in the department for less than a year, the Post says he “should be given more time.” However, with lives at stake, the “clock should be ticking” on his efforts towards improvement.

**WALL STREET JOURNAL.** *“Regulating Education For Profit.”* In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) criticizes Tony Miller, the second highest-ranking official in the Education Department from 2009 to 2013, because of the fact that Miller will soon become chairman of the for-profit Apollo Education once Apollo is bought by the private-equity firm Vistria Group. The Journal says that Miller led a federal department bent on destroying the value of Apollo, then left the government and bought Apollo at a fraction of the price with the hopes that a new Administration will be more lenient towards for-profit education.

*“Africa’s Terror Crescent.”* The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) editorializes that the US, UN, African Union, and European powers have failed to uproot Islamist terrorists from Africa, with several attacks last weekend highlighting jihad’s reach on the continent. This terrorism endangers some of Africa’s most promising regions that span from the Horn of Africa to the Mediterranean coast and south to Nigeria. The Journal concludes that as the situation in Syria shows, jihad will continue to spread unless it is crushed.



**“The New Schumer Precedent.”** The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says in an editorial that Sen. Charles Schumer appears ham-fisted in his efforts to explain comments he made in 2007 that the Senate should reject any hypothetical Supreme Court nominees during the last 18 months of President Bush’s term.

**“An Animas River Accounting.”** In an editorial, the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/16, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says a report last week by the House Natural Resources Committee suggests the EPA isn’t giving the full story regarding the agency’s litany of failures that culminated in the Aug. 5 Gold King Mine toxic disaster. The Journal claims reports from EPA and the Interior Department include many inconsistencies, and adds that if the agency wouldn’t tolerate a private business acting in such a way, the House committee should continue holding EPA to the same rigid standards.

## **Big Picture:**

### **HEADLINES FROM TODAY’S FRONT PAGES.**

#### **Los Angeles Times:**

[Their Unifying Principal](#)

[Obama Won’t Shy From A Court Fight](#)

[Grim Sleeper Trial Finally Begins](#)

[Pope Makes A Stand At The Front Line Of Mexico’s Drug War](#)

[Lautner Home Marks A Sweet Sport For LACMA](#)

#### **Wall Street Journal:**

[Saudi, Russia, Qatar, Venezuela Agree To Freeze Oil Output](#)

[Obama Plans To Make Court Pick In Next Few Weeks](#)

[Iran “Foreign Legion” Leads Battle In Syria’s North](#)

[South Carolina GOP Voters Feel The Benefits Of Free Trade—But Also The Scars](#)

#### **New York Times:**

[President Raises Stakes In Supreme Court Nominee Battle](#)

[Supreme Court Path Is Littered With Pitfalls, For President And GOP](#)

[Hillary Clinton’s Candidacy Reveals Generational Schism Among Women](#)

[Virtual Reality Companies Look To Science Fiction For Their Next Play](#)

[New York Schools Wonder: How White Is Too White?](#)

[Young Saudis See Cushy Jobs Vanish Along With Nation’s Oil Wealth](#)

#### **Washington Post:**

[DC Cabbies Are On Prolific Ticket-Writing Officer’s Radar](#)

[Shutdown Was Cruz’s Defining Moment](#)

[Europe Flails At Migrant Crisis](#)

[Obama Pledges Qualified Nominee](#)

[Sanders And Clinton See Black Votes As Key In SC](#)

#### **Financial Times:**

[Saudi And Russia Agree Oil Freeze](#)

[China Bank Lending Hits Record In January](#)

#### **Washington Times:**

[Angry Tea Partyer Abandons Trump In S. Carolina](#)

[GOP Starts To Yield On Voting To Fill Scalia’s Seat](#)

[Clinton Welcomed In South Carolina Despite Caustic Campaigning In 2008](#)

[Leftist Takes Advantage Of A Weakened Venezuela](#)

[Some Planned Parenthood Supporters Say Constitution Protects Investigators](#)

[Ugandan Voters To Test Another African Leader’s Grip On Power](#)

#### **Story Lineup From Last Night’s Network News:**

**ABC:** Severe Weather; Weather Forecast; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Supreme Court Nomination Debate; Heartburn Medication Debate; Eagles Of Death Concert; Los Angeles-Grim Sleeper Trial; California Earthquake.



**CBS:** 2016 Politics-Donald Trump; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Supreme Court Nomination; Severe Weather; El Nino-Global Effects; Lesotho Drought-El Nino; Pope Francis-Mexico Visit; Pope John Paul II-Lifelong Friendship; US Railroad Inspection Standards; Westminster Dog Show.  
**NBC:** 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Supreme Court Nomination; Severe Weather; Los Angeles-Grim Sleeper Trial; Student Loan Arrest; US Prescription Drug Prices; Former UN Secretary General Death; US-Cuba Commercial Flights; Angola-Record Diamond; Westminster Dog Show.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

2016 Politics – 16 minutes, 00 seconds  
 Severe Weather – 6 minutes, 40 seconds  
 Supreme Court Justice Scalia Death – 6 minutes, 00 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**CBS:** San Bernardino Shooter-Apple Phone Unlock Order; Supreme Court Nomination Debate-President Obama Comments; Pope Francis-Mexico Visit; Westminster Dog Show Winner.  
**NPR:** Supreme Court Nomination Debate-President Obama Comments; San Bernardino Shooter-Apple Phone Unlock Order; Oregon Protester Leaders-Comments; China-Woody Island Missiles Deployed; Hanoi-War Commemoration; Baltimore-Organized Crime Leader Story; Westminster Dog Show.  
**FOX:** 2016 Politics-Republican Campaigns; 2016 Politics- Donald Trump; Supreme Court Nomination Debate.

**Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**

**White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — No scheduled public events.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — Visits New Orleans, Louisiana and Memphis, Tennessee to participate in events commemorating the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

**US Senate:** Senate on recess from 12 Feb – 22 Feb

**US House:** House of Representatives on recess from 12 Feb – 22 Feb

**Other:** 7:30 AM FCW Unified Security event, "Strengthening the Cyber Ecosystem." – An event that will "provide federal IT leaders with insights into how to build a cyber ecosystem that reduces their vulnerabilities and strengthens their capacity to respond to the rising tide of cyber threats." Speakers include NPPD Office of Cybersecurity and Communications (CS&C) Cybersecurity Assurance Branch Chief Martin Stanley, who is scheduled to deliver remarks at 10:50 a.m. Location: Willard InterContinental Hotel 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., NW <https://fcw.com/cybersecurity2016>

3:00 PM U.S. Justice Action Network to Release New Poll Revealing Voter Attitudes Toward Criminal Justice Reform – The U.S. Justice Action Network will unveil new polling that highlights voter sentiment toward federal criminal justice reforms currently being considered by the U.S. Senate. The poll results will highlight voter attitudes toward federal reform in six states, all of which are considered crucial in the 2016 election cycle, including Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, and Wisconsin. Ed Goetas, president and CEO of conservative polling firm The Tarrance Group will present the polling results as well as highlight other insights generated by the survey. The U.S. Justice Action Network's conservative and progressive partners will also be on hand to give their take on the findings, and what it means for the larger effort to advance reforms. Location: 444 North Capitol, Room 337 [www.justiceactionnetwork.org](http://www.justiceactionnetwork.org)

7:00 AM Annual Nuclear Deterrence Summit continues – Annual Nuclear Deterrence Summit. Day two speakers include National Nuclear Security Administration Administrator Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Frank Klotz, Russia Ambassador to the U.S. Amb. Sergey Kislyak, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Rose Gottemoeller, GeoStrategic Analysis President Peter Huessy, and Arms Control Association Executive Director Daryl Kimball Location: Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA Arlington <http://deterrencesummit.com/>

12:30 PM GOP Rep. Steve Chabot delivers 'major policy speech' on helping America's entrepreneurs – House Committee on Small Business Chairman Republican Rep. Steve Chabot delivers 'major policy speech' at the NPC on 'how Congress can help America's entrepreneurs', as part of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation 2016 State of Entrepreneurship Address Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>



## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Actually, during his speech at the rally, George W. Bush said his brother Jeb is the guy who can fix the problems that inflame our country's frustrations. Or in other words, Jeb is America's 'Preparation H.'"

**Seth Meyers:** "According to the latest national poll, Hillary Clinton's lead over Bernie Sanders has narrowed to ten points. Also narrowed, Hillary Clinton's eyes."

**Seth Meyers:** "A new poll has found that 31 percent of Donald Trump supporters in South Carolina would support a ban on homosexuals immigrating to the US. Oh, yeah, because that's what all cool, gay Europeans dream of...South Carolina."

**Seth Meyers:** "CNN has released an article comparing the Republican candidates to used cars, which likened John Kasich to a family-friendly minivan. And here are some of the other candidates. Ben Carson is a Prius. You can hardly hear it running."

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### **DOI in the News:**

**SECRETARY JEWELL PRAISES PEACEFUL END TO OREGON STANDOFF.** The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (2/21, 388K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said Saturday that "the lack of local support for the armed takeover of an Oregon wildlife refuge helped curtail a more dangerous outcome and the spread of another 'Sagebrush Rebellion.'" Jewell also "praised a strong relationship between the federal government and local leaders for helping to tamp down what could have been a more explosive incident." At the National Governors Association conference in Washington, Jewell said, "We did get a peaceful end to that, which could have gone very, very differently."

**Oregon Occupier Granted Conditional Pretrial Release From Jail.** Reuters (2/22) reports Sandra Anderson, one of the final four militants arrested in the armed occupation at the Oregon wildlife refuge, was granted a pretrial release from jail on Friday. Under the terms of her release, Anderson must avoid contact with co-defendants, including her husband, and must maintain full-time employment or schooling. She also is prohibited from possessing firearms or traveling outside of Oregon or her home state of Idaho without prior approval.

**Arrested Refuge Occupier Insists He Was There As Journalist.** In an 1,894-word article, the Washington Post (2/20, Sottile, 8.98M) reports that despite Pete Santilli's insistence that he was at the Oregon wildlife refuge as a journalist, a judge has kept him in jail after hearing clips from his right-wing YouTube show, in which he "discusses burying illegal guns, dying a free man and shooting federal agents if they came through his door uninvited." His attorney says those comments shouldn't be taken seriously, and that he never encouraged violence when at the refuge. His case has attracted the interest of the ACLU of Oregon.

The Los Angeles Times (2/19, Pearce, 4.1M) reports on the controversy over Santilli's arrest and a separate indictment against for voicing his support of the refuge occupiers as well as those involved with an armed standoff against federal agents outside Las Vegas in 2014. Santilli and his supporters say the government is punishing him for his constitutionally protected viewpoints. The Times writes that Santilli is among a "new wave of activist-journalists" who use the tools of journalism but don't abide by the "the traditional restrictions of journalism, and who have courted danger as a result."

**Grand Jury Indicts Bundys, Associates For Nevada Standoff.** The Greenwire (2/18, Subscription Publication) reports that a federal grand jury last week "indicted Cliven Bundy and four others on 16 felony charges for their roles in Bundy's armed standoff with the Bureau of Land Management at his Bunkerville, Nev., ranch in April 2014." According to the article, "the other four – Ammon Bundy, 40, of Idaho; Ryan Bundy, 43, of Nevada; Ryan



Payne, 32, of Montana; and Pete Santilli, 50, of Ohio – are all behind bars in Portland, Ore., and already face a felony charge for their roles in the 40-day Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation that ended last week.” BLM Director Neil Komze said, “Today marks a tremendous step toward ending more than 20 years of law breaking. The nation’s public lands belong to all Americans.”

**Papers Show BLM Made Tactical Errors In 2014 Bunkerville Showdown.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (2/21, 479K) reports that “court documents charging the defiant rancher, two of his sons and others in the April 12, 2014, armed showdown near the family’s ranch show that the BLM erred by putting its rangers in a ‘dangerously exposed’ tactical position.” According to the article, “the federal forces made what military tacticians consider classic mistakes in the annals of armed conflict: They gave up the high ground to the opposition while underestimating the strength of Bundy’s 200-strong force.”

**SECRETARY JEWELL CO-HOSTS WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE FOR INSULAR AREAS.** The [Pacific \(GUM\) Daily News](#) (2/21, 61K) reports that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and White House Intergovernmental Affairs Director Jerry Abramson are co-hosting this year’s White House conference for insular areas. The conference is “meant to provide leaders of the U.S. territories a forum to discuss issues that are important to their island and region.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KUAM-TV](#) Dededo, GUM (2/21, 171).

**SUBPOENAS ISSUED OVER GOLD KING MINE SPILL REVIEW.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/19) reports that House Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop has “subpoenaed the Interior Department and the Army Corps of Engineers for documents related to Interior’s technical review of the Gold King mine spill caused last year by EPA employees. Republicans have long criticized the scope of the Interior report, and say Interior has tamped down concerns about the report by the Corps.” Bishop said, “The Department of the Interior has been actively working to withhold information from the Committee that members on both sides of the aisle are seeking.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Denver Post](#) (2/19, Paul, 881K), the [Durango \(CO\) Herald](#) (2/18, 31K), the [Miami \(FL\) Herald](#) (2/21, 803K), and the [Wyoming Tribune Eagle](#) (2/21, 44K).

**INTERIOR RELEASES PLAN TO STOP SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/18, Subscription Publication) reports that the Interior Department released a nationwide plan last week “to stop the spread of invasive species, calling on federal agencies to better coordinate their response to a growing threat in a changing climate.” The framework “recommends that federal agencies do more planning.” Kristen Sarri, Interior’s principal deputy assistant secretary, said that “early detection and rapid response are key to battling invasive species, which are notoriously hard to control.”

**BLACK CHURCH LEADERS TARGET REP. PORTMAN OVER ANTIQUITIES ACT.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/19) reports that “fifty-eight black church leaders in Ohio are targeting Sen. Rob Portman over his support for restrictions on the president’s ability to designate national monuments, citing his vote for an unsuccessful energy bill amendment.” In a letter, they wrote, “Our responsibility to care for Creation is coupled with our duty to preserve and honor the story of all Americans, and ensure all of our children have equitable access to healthy recreation and the opportunity to find their own story in our park system.” According to the article, “they highlight two national monuments in Ohio honoring African American labor and national park leaders are reasons to back the Antiquities Act, which provides presidential authority to designate such monuments.”

**Senate’s Blocking Of Proposed Amendment To Antiquities Act Welcomed.** Pueblo of Zuni councilman Carleton R. Bowekaty writes in [The Hill](#) (2/22, Bowekaty, 862K) “Congress Blog” blog that Sen. Mike Lee’s proposed amendment to the Antiquities Act would remove federal protection from public lands and jeopardize places like Bears Ears National Monument, Native American religious and cultural sites, and National Parks. Lee’s proposal was defeated by a Senate majority, ensuring the continued protection of public lands, wildlife, places for outdoor recreation, and historic, cultural and natural sites.

**PROPOSAL WOULD PROTECT LWCF.** The [Danbury \(CT\) News Times](#) (2/18, 138K) reports that “for the first time in decades,” the Land and Water Conservation Fund “could be shielded from Congressional diversions, possibly translating to more money for preservation in Connecticut.” The state “received \$112 million from the fund over the last five decades for projects and preservation efforts.”

In an editorial, the [Tampa \(FL\) Tribune](#) (2/22, 385K) welcomes the recent budget agreement that reauthorized the LWCF.



**IDAHO HOUSE URGES CONGRESS TO BLOCK SAGE GROUSE RULES.** The [Twin Falls \(ID\) Times-News](#) (2/21, 73K) reports that “the Idaho House unanimously passed a joint memorial Wednesday calling on Congress to let states implement their own sage grouse conservation plans and block funding for the federal plan.” Idaho is “suing the federal government over sage grouse conservation plans the Department of the Interior announced in September, saying it would rather go with the one the state devised.”

**UTAH LAWMAKER PUSHES LEGISLATION TO PREPARE WAYS TO MANAGE FEDERAL LANDS.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (2/21, 402K) reports that “critics say Utah’s efforts to gain ownership of 30 million acres of federal land within its borders are an ill-conceived folly, but proponents want to be prepared if or when their efforts prove successful.” To that end, Rep. Mike Noel is “sponsoring the Utah Public Lands Management Act, HB276, which would kick in when at least 100,000 acres of federal lands are transferred to the state.” The measure, “which passed the House Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment Committee on Friday on a 9-1 vote, sets up the state Division of Land Management, a director to lead the agency and an 11-member advisory board.”

In an op-ed for the [Ogden \(UT\) Standard-Examiner](#) (2/21, 105K), attorney E. Kent Winward criticizes the effort.

**Utah Ranchers, Farm Officials Criticize BLM Policies.** The [AP](#) (2/19, 285K) reports that “Utah ranchers and farm bureau officials say the federal government’s heavy hand on public land policies is hurting the ranching business in the West.” Utah Farm Bureau Federation CEO Randy Parker says “public lands livestock ranchers face a number of uncertainties, largely because of a fickle administration of federal land policies.”

**FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AN ISSUE FOR WESTERN STATES IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE.** The [Elko \(NV\) Daily Free Press](#) (2/18, 22K) editorializes that “in the next few days Nevadans will add their voices to the presidential nomination mix.” The paper runs through remaining candidates’ positions on federal land issues.

Additional coverage of the issue was provided by the [Financial Times](#) (2/22, Jopson, Subscription Publication, 1.36M), the [Idaho Falls \(ID\) Post Register](#) (2/20), the [Albuquerque \(NM\) Journal](#) (2/21, 290K), the [Houston \(TX\) Chronicle](#) (2/20, Riccardi, Thomas, Press, 1.99M), the [Miami \(FL\) Herald](#) (2/21, 803K), [US News & World Report](#) (2/19, 853K), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/20, Lerer Ken Thomas |, Ap, 8.98M), and the [Daily Mail](#) (2/21, 4.92M).

**Cruz Ad On Public Lands Targets Trump.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication) reports that “Ted Cruz’s campaign on Thursday released an ad aimed at front-runner Donald Trump in Nevada, drawing a plain contrast between the Texas senator and the billionaire on a potent topic in the Mountain West: federal land use.” In an ad titled “Nevada Land,” Cruz says, “Eighty-five percent of Nevada is owned and regulated by the federal government, and Donald Trump wants to keep big government in charge. That’s ridiculous.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Greenwire](#) (2/19, Subscription Publication), the [Daily Caller](#) (2/19, White, 443K), [Huffington Post](#) (2/20, 518K), and [Think Progress](#) (2/19, 329K).

**NEW NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN CALIFORNIA PRAISED.** For the “Pundits” blog of [The Hill](#) (2/19, Reichert, Contributor, 862K), Joshua Reichert, who leads the environmental work at the Pew Charitable Trusts, writes that President Obama “took a critical step toward buttressing” California’s “legacy of environmental protection and resilience by designating three new national monuments in the California desert, adding to a corridor of protected land that now stretches north from Joshua Tree National Park to the edge of Death Valley National Park.” According to Reichert, “these new monuments are an important part of a broader approach by federal, state and local agencies to integrate land and wildlife conservation with the development of renewable energy sources in the California desert.” He also says that “the monuments will complement the administration’s Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, which identifies lands for potential renewable energy development and conservation.”

For the “Congress” blog of [The Hill](#) (2/19, Duncan, Dunwoody, Trafzer, 862K), Glen Duncan, president of California Historic Route 66 Association, Steve Dunwoody, California director for Vet Voice Foundation, and Cliff Trafzer, the Rupert Costo chair of American Indian Affairs and a professor of history at the University of California, Riverside, gives much of the credit to Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s “tireless work to conserve and protect these lands.” They “commend Obama for his commitment to protecting the historic California desert” and “thank Sen. Feinstein for her years of leadership in California desert conservation.” They also extend their “gratitude to U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack for their support of these national monuments.”



**CONGRESS URGED TO TREAT WILDFIRES AS DISASTERS.** In an op-ed for the [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/18, Feinstein, Pimlott, 4.1M), Sen. Dianne Feinstein, and Ken Pimlott, the director of Cal Fire and California's state forester, write that the U.S. Forest Service "must be allowed to pay for fighting extraordinary wildfires similarly to how FEMA and other agencies pay for disaster responses." They argue that the Forest Service's "firefighting costs should not come at the expense of routine brush clearance and maintenance that help prevent future wildfires." They conclude that "wildfires are deadly disasters, and Congress needs to treat them as such."

The [Walla Walla \(WA\) Union-Bulletin](#) (2/21, 38K) editorializes that "it's critical government learn from the wildfire disaster of 2015." It notes that Interior Secretary Sally Jewell supports wildfires being "funded as disasters."

**INTERIOR PRAISED FOR SUPPORT OF ORGAN MOUNTAINS-DESERT PEAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT.** In a piece for the [Las Cruces \(NM\) Sun-News](#) (2/22, 47K), Carrie Hamblen, the executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, is thankful for the "support and recognition from the Department of Interior, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and a host of other agencies in Washington DC for the activities surrounding" the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

**PROPOSAL TO CREATE GRAND CANYON WATERSHED NATIONAL MONUMENT OPPOSED.** In an op-ed for the [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (2/21, 37K), Glenn Hamer, the president and CEO of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, writes that the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument proposal is "one that should be permanently shelved, and we in the West must send that message to the administration." He argues that "federalizing land doesn't necessarily preserve an area's flora and fauna." Hamer concludes that "bureaucrats in Washington already hold sway over 70 percent of the land in Arizona" and "they don't need any more."

**IDAHO LEGISLATURE CRITICIZED FOR EYEING FEDERAL LANDS.** In her column for the [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (2/21, 77K), Joan Barron writes that "some members of the Wyoming Legislature continue to cling to the idea of sagebrush rebellion, round two, where the state would take over management of the federal lands within its borders." According to Barron, "give the dismal state of commodity prices, the idea seems almost quaint at this juncture with the Legislature scrambling to find a way to plug big holes in the budget." She asks: "How is the state going to pay to manage the vast acres of federal lands when —as former legislator Frank Prevedel of Rock Springs pointed out recently —it cannot find enough dollars to maintain the state parks properly?"

**OP-ED: INTERIOR'S CONSERVATIONIST LIST SKEWED.** In an op-ed for the [Grand Junction \(CO\) Daily Sentinel](#) (2/21, 73K) Natural Resources Group president Greg Walcher criticizes the Interior Department for its list of "Eight presidents who shaped America's public lands," stating that the list only mentioned three Republicans "who served over a century ago," and ignored Richard Nixon altogether, even though he "signed into law more environmental laws than any other president: the Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Ocean Dumping Act, and others — all of which earned bipartisan support in a Democratic Congress." Instead, the Interior Department focused on Democratic presidents responsible for changing the bipartisan approach to the issue of public land conservation into a "bitterly divisive" one.

## Empowering Native American Communities:

**INUPIAT WOMAN CAMPAIGNS TO STOP BEING IDENTIFIED AS AN ESKIMO.** The [Arctic \(AK\) Sounder](#) (2/21, 6K) reports that Blossom Twitchell, an Inupiat woman from Kotzebue, is campaigning to have the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) remove the term, "Eskimo," from its official paperwork because it fails to properly identify her. Twitchell said "we're coming to a point where we're getting tired of being generalized and it's important to own up to our cultural ties because we're losing our languages and our identity and it's a great time to anchor ourselves in the truth." Therefore, she started "I am not an Eskimo," a petition on [change.org](#), saying the time has come for people to realize that Alaska is diverse in land, culture, and people. However, some Alaskan natives believe the issue unimportant in light of larger problems.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Bristol Bay \(AK\) Times](#) (2/21, 4K).

**BIA'S HESITANCE ON INTERVENING ON TRIBAL LEADERSHIP CAUSES COURT HEADACHES.** [Law360](#) (2/17, 22K) reports that the BIA's "reluctance to get involved in tribal leadership disputes may allow those conflicts to fester, leaving federal judges to figure out how best to apply the government's limited and confusing guidance in their attempts to resolve related court battles." According to the article, "both federal courts and the BIA tend to avoid wading into tribal leadership tussles, which frequently center on a tribe's efforts



to pursue gambling or other businesses, out of a recognition that tribes have the right to govern themselves.”

**PLAINS TRIBES THWART BIE REORGANIZATION.** The [Lakota Country \(SD\) Times](#) (2/18) reports that “a recent effort by the federal government to centralize the Bureau of Indian Education and closure of several reservation based tribal education offices has been thwarted by a coalition of Lakota stakeholders.”

**REPORT ON BARSTOW CASINO AIR EMISSIONS RELEASED.** The [Barstow \(CA\) Desert Dispatch](#) (2/19, 279) reports that “a proposed \$160 million casino and resort off Lenwood Road near Interstate 15 would require the acquisition of costly emission credits, according to a draft reported released Friday by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.” According to a BIA notice, “the draft Conformity Determination was prepared for the proposed fee-to-trust acquisition of 23 acres of land on which the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla and Cupeno Indians propose to construct a gaming facility, hotel, parking areas and other facilities.”

**OP-ED: HUFFMAN TRIBE BILL HIDES SPECIAL INTEREST.** In an op-ed for the [Santa Rosa \(CA\) Press Democrat](#) (2/21, 165K) co-directors of Citizens for Windsor Eric Wee and Michael Robison write that Rep. Jared Huffman’s bill HR 2538 does not protect the town of Windsor and Sonoma County. According to Wee and Robison, the bill allows the building of “a 200,000 case-a-year mega-winery, a 200-room resort hotel and more than 360 luxury homes” that “would destroy forever the quiet bucolic setting of western Windsor by creating a sovereign nation one-third the size of Windsor.” Wee and Robison dispute Huffman’s claim that the BIA would move land for the Lytton Band of Pomo Indians into a federal trust, stating the BIA is precluded from doing so under a 2009 US Supreme Court Carceri decision baring “land from going into trust for tribes not under federal jurisdiction in 1934.” They also write that Huffman’s bill cannot confer rights onto the Lytton tribe, which operates under Indian Gaming Regulatory Act prohibitions against gaming on lands not acquired prior to 1988.

### Office of Insular Affairs:

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY KIA’AINA TO HOST SELF-DETERMINATION CONFERENCE.** The [Pacific \(GUM\) Daily News](#) (2/21, 61K) reports that “education officials from Guam and other U.S. territories will meet in the nation’s capital, where they will participate as panelists in a self-determination conference on Tuesday.” Assistant Secretary Esther Kia’aina, “who will host the event, says both federal officials and the public need to be updated on self-determination policy.” She said, “I believe it is important to provide an updated context for federal policymakers and a new generation to learn about the status of self-determination in the respective territories as well as to understand what their rights are to self-determination under federal and international law.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KUAM-TV](#) Dededo, GUM (2/18, 171).

### Tackling America’s Water Challenges:

**INTERIOR ASSESSES CALIFORNIA WATER.** In an interview with [California Ag Today](#) (2/21), Tom Iseman, deputy assistant secretary for water and science at the U.S. Department of the Interior, “assessed how California is faring given the drought.” He said: “First of all, I think California is obviously on the leading edge for a lot of reasons, but the state is in the midst of an extended drought. So it is really forcing us to be smarter about how we address these water scarcity challenges. I have been very impressed with the way we have been able to really work together—the Bureau of Reclamation working with the state, the water users and the conservation groups—to think about how we can stretch our limited water supplies to meet these different purposes.”

**WATER EXPERTS DISCUSS COLORADO RIVER ISSUES AT CONFERENCE..** The [Western Farm Press](#) (2/21, 2K) reports that Terry Fulp, director of the BOR’s Lower Colorado Region, “discussed Colorado River water issues during a panel discussion at the Yuma County Agriculture Water Conference held in Yuma, Ariz. in January.” According to the article, “Fulp shares an overall upbeat message on how the reservoir system on the Colorado River is working at lakes Mead and Powell (both storage reservoirs).”

**NATRONA COUNTY TO CONTINUE MANAGING RESERVOIR RECREATION AREAS.** The [Casper \(WY\) Star-Tribune](#) (2/21, 77K) reports that Natrona County will “manage the recreation areas at Alcova, Pathfinder and Grey Reef reservoirs for another 25 years, under a new agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation.” According to the article, “while there was little question the arrangement would be renewed, the agreement locks in a grandfather clause allowing privately owned trailers and cabins at two sites managed by the county.”

Additional coverage was provided by [KTWO-AM](#) Casper, WY (2/21, 576).



**BOR CONSIDERS INITIAL CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT WATER ALLOCATION FOR FARMS, CITIES.**

The [Salem \(OR\) Capital Press](#) (2/21, 113K) reports that BOR officials are "still formulating data to determine their initial allocation of Central Valley Project water for 2016." Louis Moore, deputy public affairs officer in the BOR's Mid-Pacific Region office in Sacramento, and "others say it could be one to two weeks before the formulations are complete, at which point they'll determine whether many Central Valley farms will get federal water for the first time in three years."

**BOR REJECTS LATEST BIDS FOR BERRYESSA RESORT REJUVENATION.** The [Napa Valley \(CA\) Register](#) (2/21, 73K) reports that the BOR announced Friday that "it received three bids from California companies" to "rebuild and operate five of the seven Lake Berryessa resorts." However, "the agency deemed each bid failed to comply with at least one of the bid requirements concerning price, quality and other topics."

**KACHESS HOMEOWNERS CRITICIZE STATE'S APPRAISAL ESTIMATES.** The [Yakima \(WA\) Herald-Republic](#) (2/21, 91K) reports that if the BOR "moves forward with plans to pump more water out of the Kachess Reservoir during drought years, area homeowners could see property values decline 5 to 10 percent, according to a new study." The article says that "homeowners who oppose the project — part of the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan for improved water management in the region — criticized the study, saying that it doesn't account for how a further draw down of the lake could dry up private wells, limit recreational access, and raise fire risks."

**WATER RIGHTS ADJUDICATION HITS HOME.** The [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (2/21, Cowan, 37K) reports the Department of Water Resources notified Fort Valley residents that it completed a hydrographic study of the Hopi Tribe's water claims and has calculated how much water, in acre feet, the tribe is to have to "support everything from agriculture to resource extraction to recreation." Those involved in the decades long adjudication process will be affected in different ways, depending on whether they use surface or ground water. Affecting the process will be tribal water claims. According to Arizona State University Kyl Center for Water Policy director Sarah Porter, the only certainty is "a resolution will likely mean some parties won't have enough water to support future development and growth plans without augmenting their supplies, while other users may be told they don't have the right to water they thought they had been using legally for years."

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FEDERAL AGENTS RAID NEVADA OFFICE, HOME OF BOR OFFICIAL.**

Additional coverage that "dozens of federal agents led by the FBI executed search warrants in Boulder City and in the Las Vegas Valley on Thursday in an investigation of corruption in the award of a \$1 million government contract for a financial audit of Hoover Dam" was provided by the [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (2/21, 479K).

## Securing America's Energy Future:

### *Renewable Energy:*

**BLM WORKING ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF CHOKECHERRY SIERRA MADRE WIND FARM.** [reNews](#) (2/21) reports that "federal regulators expect to issue key rulings by March for the 3GW Chokecherry Sierra Madre (CCSM) wind farm in Wyoming." The Power Company of Wyoming "proposes to build the \$5bn, 1000-turbine project on a mix of private and public land in Carbon County, including federal land administered" by the BLM. The bureau said "it expects to complete an environmental assessment and issue a decision on a 500-turbine first phase in the first quarter of this year."

**TRIBE IN MINNESOTA BEGINS SOLAR ENERGY INITIATIVE.** The [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#) (2/21, Brooks, 1.25M) reports that the Red Lake Band of Chippewa in northern Minnesota last week launched a solar energy initiative to install between \$10 million and \$30 million in solar panels on "some of the largest structures in the reservation." The Star Tribune also says that the tribe plans to begin constructing a solar energy farm by the end of the year, and eventually build a solar energy plant and solar panel production facility.

### *Onshore Energy Development:*

**WYOMING GOV. MEAD LOOKING TO FIGHT COAL MORATORIUM.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication) reports that Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead said that "he is looking at a possible 'legal avenue' to fight the pause on new coal leases on federal lands that President Barack Obama rolled out last month." Mead said that "his administration 'started looking at [a potential court challenge] the day we learned' about the leasing halt



that Interior Department unveiled days after the president made a surprise reference to management of federal fossil-fuel resources during his State of the Union address.”

In an op-ed for the [Aurora \(CO\) Sentinel](#) (2/21, 64K), José González, founder of Latino Outdoors, writes that “the Obama Administration’s recent decision to suspend new coal leasing on public lands while it undertakes a top-to-bottom review of the program is a right move for our communities.” He argues that “public lands need to be managed through a balanced approach, not solely for resource and energy extraction—they need to be available as playgrounds for our kids, accessible to all our communities, and as a space that provides for clean air, water, healthy wildlife, and in turn, healthy lifestyles.”

Additional coverage of the federal coal leasing moratorium was provided by [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#) (2/21, 2K), [Ashland \(OR\) Jefferson Public Radio](#) (2/21), and [Investor’s Business Daily](#) (2/21, 717K).

**FIGHT BOILS OVER CANCELLATION OF DRILLING LEASE IN MONTANA.** [E&E Publishing](#) (2/19, Subscription Publication, 705) reports that the issue of whether the government can “cancel an oil and gas lease when the driller has done nothing wrong” has “fueled a protracted legal squabble in Montana, where the Department of the Interior has signaled it may cancel a long-disputed lease near tribal land, citing inadequate environmental review.” The driller’s claim that “federal officials don’t have the power.” But “Interior lawyers counter that the secretary has the final say, and the agency must always consider environmental impacts and prioritize the public interest.”

**BLM TO HOLD SALE OF OIL, GAS LEASES IN SOUTH DAKOTA.** The AP (2/21, 285K) reports that “oil and gas leases are set to go up for sale on three parcels of private land in southwestern South Dakota.” According to Russ Pigors, a physical scientist with the Belle Fourche BLM office, “a lease sale will be held July 12 for the parcels west of Edgemont in Fall River County.” The BLM is “asking for public comment on what sort of environmental impact there might be in allowing oil and gas exploration on the parcels.”

**CONOCOPHILLIPS SEES PROMISING RESULTS IN NPR-A.** The [Alaska Dispatch News](#) (2/21, 211K) reports that “in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, ConocoPhillips is enjoying better-than-expected success with a small field that recently began producing the reserve’s first commercial oil.” According to the article, “CD5, as it’s called, is a stepping stone to larger prospects the company wants to develop in the NPR-A.” However, “the promise of a huge oil discovery in the reserve, one that could reverse long sagging oil production and begin to refill the trans-Alaska pipeline, seems unlikely, experts say.”

**STATES DIRECTED TO DECIDE ON PEABODY SELF BONDING.** [Reuters](#) (2/22) reports the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement says that Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Illinois, and Indiana regulators must decide within days whether Peabody Energy Corp can continue self bonding its mine clean up in those states. If the company is dropped from the program, it may need to find private financing to underwrite about \$1.38 billion in liabilities.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (2/21, 131K).

**GROSSMAN: EPA’S DRAFT METHANE RULES “MISS THE MARK.”** Dan Grossman of the Environmental Defense Fund writes in the [Denver Post](#) (2/22, 881K) that in recent weeks Pennsylvania and California have both launched efforts similar to Colorado’s to regulate oil and gas methane emissions. Both states are “requiring companies to find and fix methane leaks at the thousands of oil and gas wells and other equipment that are already up and running, not just facilities that will be deployed in the future.” Grossman writes that the EPA’s draft rules however “misses the mark on the greenhouse gas reductions” because they exclude existing facilities. He urges the EPA to follow the example set by Colorado.

**OP-ED: TIPTON OPPOSES CONSTITUENTS OVER THOMPSON DIVIDE.** In an op-ed for the [Glenwood Springs \(CO\) Post Independent](#) (2/21, 32K) Carbondale town trustee, Wildemess Workshop board member and Roaring Fork Valley native Allyn Harvey criticizes Congressman Scott Tipton for being on the opposite side of his constituents over cancelling leases and protecting the Thompson Divide. According to Harvey, Tipton is motivated by the desire to win votes and placate campaign contributors, even when 55,000 comments were submitted in support of the Bureau of Land Management’s cancellation of “illegal natural gas leases.”

### ***Offshore Energy Development:***

**BOEM SCHEDULES TWO SALES FOR MARCH.** [Politico Pro](#) (2/19) reports that “about 45 million acres of



drillable ocean floor will go up for auction in March, according to a statement from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management." Director Abigail Ross Hopper said, "As an important component of the U.S. energy portfolio, the Gulf of Mexico holds vast energy resources that can continue to spur economic opportunities for Gulf producing states as well as further reduce the Nation's dependence on foreign oil."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Idaho Statesman](#) (2/19, 198K), [Rigzone](#) (2/21, 8K), [PennEnergy](#) (2/21, 128), the [Oil & Gas Financial Journal](#) (2/21, 425), the [Natural Gas Daily](#) (2/21), the [Oil and Gas Investor](#) (2/18, Subscription Publication), [Sputnik News](#) (2/20, 46K), and [UPI](#) (2/19).

**Despite Low Oil Prices, EIA Expects Gulf Of Mexico To See Record Production.** [Fuel Fix \(TX\)](#) (2/19, Blum, 28K) reported that despite current low oil prices, the US Energy Information Administration is projecting that Gulf of Mexico crude production will hit record levels in 2017. Due to the time and cost investments required by deep water projects, many of the expensive projects were authorized before oil prices began to fall, and "in general, Gulf production is less sensitive to short-term crude pricing movement than onshore shale production." Royal Dutch Shell's Perdido and Mars B projects are among those already in operation, while Shell's Stones project, which will use the Gulf's first floating production, storage, and offload vessel, has yet to come online.

The [New Orleans Times-Picayune](#) (2/19, Larino, 625K) reported that despite historic production in the Gulf, Louisiana continues to lose jobs. The EIA "said the downturn has prompted many oil and gas companies to pull back future spending in the Gulf of Mexico." The changes have "added uncertainty to the timeline of many Gulf of Mexico projects," according to the report.

**RESTORATION PLAN FOR GULF OF MEXICO FINALIZED.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/19, Subscription Publication) reports that "federal officials finalized a restoration plan for the Gulf of Mexico today, laying out a framework for repairing the damage done in the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill." According to the article, "the settlement dictates that BP will pay nearly \$20 billion, of which \$8.1 billion will go to ecosystem restoration projects." The final plan "recommends that restoration focus on five goals: Restore and conserve habitat; restore water quality; replenish and protect living resources; enhance recreational opportunities; and provide monitoring of the restoration efforts."

**OFFSHORE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE AIMS TO ATTRACT STUDENTS TO STEM.** [Rigzone](#) (2/21, 8K) reports that "groups of high school students will tackle offshore challenges during the High School Offshore Science and Technology Stars Challenge, a daylong competition created to draw in future STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) professionals." The competition, which will be held March 4 at the University of Houston's (UH) TDECU Stadium, is sponsored by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the Ocean Energy Safety Institute (OESI). BSEE Director Brian Salerno said that the challenge "is an important part of BSEE's overall efforts to promote STEM programs as part of Secretary [Sally] Jewell's youth engagement initiative."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Cypress Creek \(TX\) Mirror](#) (2/21, 243) and the [Tomball \(TX\) Potpourri](#) (2/21, 121K).

**BSEE UPDATES ARCTIC SPILL RESPONSE DATABASE PROJECT.** [Offshore Engineer](#) (2/21) reports that BSEE "staff recently participated in the Alaska Regional Response Team (RRT) meeting to update attendees on BSEE's Arctic spill response database project." According to the article, "the RRT members and public attendees received an overview of the project, including requirements, development, discussion on Arctic Nation involvement, and timeline."

Additional coverage was provided by [Offshore Magazine](#) (2/21, 129K).

## **America's Great Outdoors:**

### ***Bureau of Land Management:***

**BLM ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY COUNCIL.** The [Twin Falls \(ID\) Times-News](#) (2/21, 73K) reports that the BLM has "announced new appointments or re-appointments of members to Idaho's Twin Falls District citizen-based Resource Advisory Council." Tim Murphy, Idaho State Director said, "By working with federal, state, local and tribal governments, as well as leaders from industry and the conservation community, the Resource Advisory Councils exemplify the BLM's collaborative approach to public land issues. I want to welcome our newly appointed RAC members and salute them for their commitment



to public service.”

**BLM CONCLUDES EAGLE-CALIENTE COMPLEX EMERGENCY WILD HORSE GATHER.** The [Ely \(NV\) Daily Times](#) (2/19, 776) reports that the BLM Ely District has “concluded the Eagle-Caliente Complex Emergency Wild Horse Gather.” The bureau “gathered 122 wild horses from public and private lands adjacent to U.S. Highway 93 and State Route 322 in and outside the Caliente Herd Areas (HA) Complex, and Eagle and Silver King Herd Management Areas (HMA) in eastern Nevada.” It “removed 120 wild horses” and “two wild horses were euthanized due to pre-existing conditions with a hopeless prognosis for recovery.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: COMPANY SEEKS PERMITS TO DRILL IN GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST.** Additional coverage that Ascot Resources is “seeking permits for exploratory drilling in Gifford Pinchot National Forest” was provided by the [Sunnyside \(WA\) Daily Sun-News](#) (2/19).

**OP-ED: BURNING MAN REAPS BENEFITS OF HIGH PRICED TICKETS.** In an op-ed for [Nevada Appeal](#) (2/21, 86K) critic Guy W. Farmer examines the Burning Man festival, which raised attendance fees and stands to earn over \$40 million and criticizes the BLM for sharing in the profits of “an x-rated event featuring drugs and widespread nudity” attended by sex offenders and parents to bring along their kids. Farmer also criticizes BLM officials who “wanted the Burners to build them a separate compound with amenities like flush toilets, washers and dryers, and 24-hour ice cream service.”

#### ***Fish and Wildlife Service:***

**FEDERAL AGENCIES UPDATE POLICY ON STATE ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING ESA.** [Bloomberg Research](#) (2/21, 2.92M) reports that the FWS and the National Marine Fisheries Service have “updated a long-standing policy on the role of state fish and wildlife agencies in implementing the Endangered Species Act (ESA).” FWS Director Dan Ashe said, “State fish and wildlife agencies are essential partners in implementing the Endangered Species Act to protect our most at-risk species across the country. We look forward to continuing our work together on conservation successes that all Americans can be proud of.”

**FWS PROPOSES TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR GREAT THICKET NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The [Boston Globe](#) (2/19, Conti, 1.05M) reports that “a new federal wildlife refuge is being proposed in Massachusetts that could include acquisition of 2,000 acres of unprotected land in Plymouth and Mashpee.” The proposal from the FWS “involves six states — a first in the Northeast — and would encompass about 300,000 acres in 10 areas in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Rhode Island.” The FWS “wants to acquire 15,000 acres of unprotected land for the proposed Great Thicket National Wildlife Refuge, including 500 acres in Plymouth and 1,500 in Mashpee.”

In an editorial, the [Foster's Daily Democrat](#) (NH) (2/19, 5K) supports the proposal because “it will only involve willing landowners and because a healthy mix of land uses is in all of our interests.”

**FWS TO ASSESS IMPACTS OF TWO COMMON HERBICIDES.** The [Greenwire](#) (2/19, Subscription Publication) reports that the FWS will “study the effects of two common weed killers on endangered species, as part of a legal settlement with the Center for Biological Diversity.” The FWS “must complete the review by December 2022, and the study is likely to lead to restrictions on the chemicals’ use, the CBD said.” According to the article, “at issue are glyphosate, sold under the brand name Roundup, and atrazine, among the most frequently used herbicides in large-scale agriculture.”

Additional coverage was provided by [ENews Park Forest](#) (2/19, 2K) and [Common Dreams](#) (2/19, 10K).

**FWS ESTABLISHES CONSERVATION EASEMENTS IN EVERGLADES HEADWATERS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND CONSERVATION AREA.** According to a press release distributed by the [PRNewswire](#) (2/21), “more than 5,300 acres of critical ranch, farming, wildlife habitat, flood protection area and water storage lands have been added to the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area south of Orlando, thanks to several recent conservation partnerships formed by Florida ranchers, sportsmen, state and federal agencies and non-profits.” Using \$12.5 million in LWCF dollars, the FWS has “secured 4,214.99 acres in conservation easements and acquired 1,502.26 acres.” Bill Miller, Project Leader for the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge Complex, said, “The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is deeply committed to partnering in a collaborative effort to deliver conservation of rural working lands that promotes environmental connectivity, species protection, and increases opportunities to deliver appropriate and compatible public uses.”



**FWS MULLS RED WOLF STATUS.** The [Charleston \(SC\) Post and Courier](#) (2/19, 301K) reports that “the number of known red wolves in the wild has dropped to 45 while federal managers delay a decision on what to do about the controversial, barely successful program reintroducing the species to the wild.” The FWS is “on track to have the decision by summer, said spokesman Tom MacKenzie.” He said, “The actual number of wolves has always been difficult to ascertain.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Examiner](#) (2/21, 825K).

**PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON MANATEES’ STATUS.** The [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (2/21, 824K) reports that “a dispute more than a decade in the making over whether Florida’s manatees should still be considered ‘endangered’ continued Saturday in a hotel ballroom in Orlando.” The FWS “sponsored its one and only public hearing on changing their status from endangered to threatened after 49 years, drawing more than 100 people, of whom 53 rose to speak.” According to the article, “by a wide margin, the crowd opposed the change.”

Additional coverage was provided by the [Tampa Bay \(FL\) Times](#) (2/21, 824K).

**PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON PROPOSAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT RULE.** The [Juneau \(AK\) Empire](#) (2/21, 15K) reports that “a proposed wildlife management rule puts the federal Fish and Wildlife Service’s ecosystem conservation priorities in conflict with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game’s game management priorities,” according to “several speakers at a hearing of the rule on Tuesday at the Kenai Wildlife Refuge visitor center.” The rules proposed by the FWS would “prohibit certain methods of predator hunting on refuge land, as well as changing conditions for game closures.”

**DELAWARE SNOW GEESE CHANGE MIGRATION PATTERN.** The [AP](#) (2/20, Murray) examines the reasons why snow geese, known for wintering in Delaware for over 30 years, failed to migrate in October as usual, and finally arrived in much smaller numbers at the end of January. Northeast Region FWS migratory game bird biologist Chris Dwyer said it was one of those cases where “the pendulum swings from the rare to the abundant,” adding that “their strategy seems to be to wait out the bad weather,” since the controlling factor in bird migrations is availability of food and the amount of energy required for accessing the food. The birds are likely somewhere in New York or Pennsylvania.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Lebanon \(PA\) Daily News](#) (2/19, 30K).

**WATER WEED TAKES ROOT IN COLORADO RIVER.** The [Havasu \(AZ\) News-Herald](#) (2/21, 27K) reports that “the salvinia molesta, also known as Kariba weed, has already taken root in the Colorado River near Yuma.” According to FWS Southwest Region external affairs representative Craig Springer, “the weed hasn’t yet been reported north of Blythe, California – and prevention of the weed’s spread is necessary to keep it that way.”

**FWS INVESTIGATING DEATHS OF 13 BALD EAGLES.** The [AP](#) (2/22) reports that “federal officials are investigating the death of 13 bald eagles.” According to the article, “investigators were called to a farm in Federalsburg Saturday afternoon after a man discovered some of the birds.”

**FEDERAL AGENCIES INVESTING MORE THAN \$40M TO RESTORE FORESTS.** The [AP](#) (2/20, 1.99M) reports that “the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service have announced an investment of over \$40 million for restoration of forests to reduce wildfire threats, protect water supplies, improve wildlife habitat and support rural economies.” According to the article, “more than 40 partners are contributing to the project, including the NRCS, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arkansas Association of Conservation District, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.”

**STUDENTS PERFORM EXPERIMENTS ON CAMPOUT AT NECHES RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** The [Gilmer \(TX\) Mirror](#) (2/21, 12K) reports that “students from the Vertebrate Natural History class at the University of Texas at Tyler recently performed environmental science experiments on a campout at the Neches River National Wildlife Refuge in Cherokee County.”

**DESOTO WILDLIFE REFUGE TO OPEN FOR ARCHERY TURKEY HUNTING.** The [AP](#) (2/20, 1.99M) reports that “the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge will open to the public for archery turkey hunting later this year.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: FEDERAL OFFICIALS DEFEND MEXICAN GRAY WOLF PLAN AFTER POPULATION DECLINES.** Additional coverage that that an annual survey showed at least 97 Mexican gray



wolves in the American Southwest was provided by the [Huffington Post](#) (2/22, 518K) and [KRQE-TV Albuquerque, NM](#) (2/18, 69K). Also providing coverage of Mexican gray wolves is the [Arizona Daily Sun](#) (2/21, 37K).

#### **National Park Service:**

**NPS DIRECTOR VISITS COX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** The [Xenia \(OH\) Daily Gazette](#) (2/21, 243) reports that NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis "visited Cox Elementary School Thursday afternoon." Jarvis' "visit coincided with Black History Month and the park service turning 100 years old." He also said "his visit was commissioned by President Obama, who created the Every Kid in a Park Pass."

Additional coverage of the Centennial was provided by the [Cleveland \(OH\) Plain Dealer](#) (2/21, 910K).

**Commentary: Make National Parks A Priority.** In a commentary for the [Portland \(ME\) Press Herald](#) (2/20, 157K) Robert Manning calls for "Congress and the federal government simply must make investing in the national parks \_ which writer and conservationist Wallace Stegner famously called "America's best idea" – a priority," stating that lack of funding "places too high a burden" on Park Service rangers and other personnel.

Additional coverage was provided by the [Fayetteville \(NC\) Observer](#) (2/22, 148K), the [West Hawaii Today](#) (2/21, 25K) and the [Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal](#) (2/21, 99K).

**GROUP: MAINTAIN CURRENT NATIONAL PARKS INSTEAD OF CREATING NEW ONES.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (2/21, O'Donoghue, 402K) reports the Property and Environmental Research Center issued a report called "Breaking the Backlog," which shows the national park system needs repairs that will cost five times the National Park Service's budget. The group recommends the Land and Water Conservation Fund be put to use maintaining current parks rather than adding public lands which will make the problem worse. However, if the federal government insists on creating new parks, the group states "Congress should implement a franchising system in which the parks could be established without requiring full federal management or funding."

**History Shows Shortsightedness Of Angst Over New National Parks.** The [Deseret \(UT\) News](#) (2/21, O'Donoghue, 402K) reports policy director for the Center for Western Priorities Greg Zimmerman said "as history has proven time and again, our newest national monuments will be good for California's economy, good for local communities and good for future generations," following President Obama's establishment of three new national monuments in California and in support of establishing new national monuments in Utah and Arizona. Rep. Rob Bishop, sees the move as usurping local authority. The News reports historical opposition to the creation of some of the nation's most valued national parks.

**RESIDENTS PURSUE NATIONAL PARK STATUS TO SAVE IDAHO TOWN.** The [Billings \(MT\) Gazette](#) (2/21, Ramseth, 131K) reports the declining economy of Arco has prompted residents to pursue changing the name of Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve to Craters of the Moon National Park in an effort to revitalize a dying community by attracting tourists and other visitors.

**NPS TO CONDUCT HISTORIC LANDMARK STUDY ON MEDGAR EVERS.** [WDBD-TV Jackson, MS](#) (2/21, 143K) reports that Sens. Thad Cochran and Roger Wicker announced that the NPS will "conduct a special resource study on the home of slain civil rights leader Medgar Wiley Evers to determine its potential for designation as a National Historic Landmark." The study will "evaluate the national significance of the Medgar Wiley and Myrlie Evers House in Jackson and determine the suitability and feasibility of designating it as a National Historic Landmark."

**LAWSUIT RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT CATTLE RANCHING ON FEDERAL LAND.** The [AP](#) (2/21, 1.99M) reports that a "lawsuit filed this month by three environmental groups says that the roughly 20 private dairy and beef operations in the federally run Point Reyes National Seashore are receiving priority treatment from the government at the expense of a treasured landscape." The suit filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco by the Resource Renewal Institute, the Center for Biological Diversity and the Western Watersheds Project claims the NPS is "violating the law by renewing ranching leases without first looking out for the park's preservation." The lawsuit calls for the NPS "to stop renewing ranch leases and void recent extensions, at least until the impacts of beef and dairy businesses are addressed."

In an op-ed for the [Marin \(CA\) Independent Journal](#) (2/20, 68K), rancher Dominic Grossi defends ranchers. He claims that "ranchers do the maintenance," ranchers "ensure water quality and protect the environment," and



"ranchers in the park have many limitations placed on them, such as the number of animals, types of farm implements, and other customary farm practices in use outside of the park."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Times](#) (2/21, 285K), the [San Francisco \(CA\) Chronicle](#) (2/21, 3.37M), and the [Orange County \(CA\) Register](#) (2/21, 591K).

**WASHINGTON MONUMENT CLOSED FOR ELEVATOR CONTROL BOX REPAIR.** The [AP](#) (2/19, 285K) reports that the NPS says the Washington Monument will be "closed until next week to repair an elevator control box." The agency "says in an email Friday that the control box was inadvertently damage by a contractor working in the structure on an unrelated issue." According to the article "the reopening date will be determined as repairs are made over the weekend."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/19, Press, 8.98M), the [Washington \(DC\) Post](#) (2/19, Martin, 8.98M), the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (2/21, 337K), the [Constitution Daily](#) (2/10), [Yahoo! News](#) (2/22, Staff, 6.31M), and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (2/21, 352K).

**FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS ARRIVE AT SCENE OF HAWAII HELICOPTER CRASH.** In continuing coverage of the crash of a Bell 206B helicopter in Pearl Harbor on Thursday, [ABC World News](#) (2/19, story 4, 1:25, Muir, 5.84M) broadcast on the "rescue" that followed, showing "new images of the desperate effort to save passengers trapped after that helicopter crash." The sightseeing helicopter crashed in water that was "just 10 feet deep, but murky," and nearby witnesses immediately jumped in the water to help recover passengers, including a teenage boy, who "was entangled in his seat belt" and required "bystanders using a knife and taking turns" to cut him loose. NTSB is leading the Federal investigation.

The [AP](#) (2/20, Kelleher, McAvoy) reports that "All five people on board made it out, but one passenger — a 16-year-old boy who was trapped underwater and had to be cut free from his seat, according to witnesses — was hospitalized in critical condition." According to the story, the craft is registered with Jeffrey Gebhard of Kailua, Hawaii, while the Navy says the helicopter was in the service of Genesis Aviation, the tour company. FAA and NTSB investigators arrived on Friday at the crash site, which has become "the second major crash this year involving helicopters on Oahu," following the death of 12 marines in a midair collision of two military helicopters.

The [Honolulu Star-Advertiser](#) (2/20, Nakaso, Kakesako, 340K) reports that a local company hauled the helicopter out of the harbor on Thursday and took it "to a Genesis Aviation hangar at the airport where the National Transportation Safety Board will conduct an investigation."

[WALA-TV Mobile, AL](#) (2/20, 32K) also reports.

**FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT BUILDINGS NOMINATED AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE.** The [Great Lakes \(MI\) Echo](#) (2/21, 441) reports that "ten of the most significant buildings designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright, including four in Illinois and Wisconsin, have a chance to become a UNESCO World Heritage Site this summer." According to Joel Hoglund, communication and events manager for the Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy in Chicago, "the buildings were on the list for seven years until the National Park Service submitted a 426- page nomination to the World Heritage Centre in early 2015." He said that "they are now being considered for designation — technically known as inscription — by the World Heritage Committee."

**ROGUE BISON POSE CHALLENGE FOR GRAND CANYON.** [USA Today](#) (2/20, 5.45M) reports on "the challenge facing federal and state agencies in northwestern Arizona, where a herd of bison on the northern side of Grand Canyon National Park has become a problem." According to the article, "the bison, which are probably not native to the canyon and have been crossbred with cattle, trample local water sources and vegetation and can also damage archaeological sites." The article says that "nobody can agree on how to solve the problem — trapping and moving them, culling the herd or a combination of both."

Additional coverage was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/19, 975K).

**NPS ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAMS, NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR D.C. Public Boathouses On Potomac.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/20, Weil, 8.98M) reports that "all three of the popular public boathouses on the Potomac River in the District will come under a single management this year, the National Park Service announced last week." According to the article, "under the new 10-year arrangement, the Park Service said, visitors will be able to rent equipment, including boats, and apparently bikes, at any boathouse and drop it off at any of the others." Also, "a principal aim of the new contract is to provide recreational services in an 'environmentally responsible manner,' the Park Service said."



**NPS APPROVES PERMIT FOR NC 12 PROJECT IN BUXTON.** The [AP Greenville, NC](#) (2/22, 64K) reports that “a project to pump sand along an area of eroding beach on Hatteras Island is one permit closer to being a reality.” The NPS says “it has approved a special use permit to Dare County for the project in Buxton to protect N.C. Highway 12 from flooding.”

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ANNOUNCED FOR NEW TULE SPRINGS NATIONAL MONUMENT.** The [Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) (2/21, 479K) reports that “a diverse group of residents and stakeholders, including two paleontologists, has been appointed to guide the development of Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument.” The NPS announced Interior Secretary Sally Jewell’s “selections to the 10-member advisory council Friday.” Monument superintendent Jon Burpee said he is “thrilled to get to work with such a talented group of people.”

**FRIENDS OF THE SMOKIES RECEIVES \$21,500 FOR EDUCATION, BACKCOUNTRY SHELTERS.** The [Knoxville \(TN\) Focus](#) (2/21) reports that Friends of the Smokies has “received a \$21,500 grant from the Richard Haiman National Parks Foundation to support the Parks As Classrooms program and to resupply backcountry shelters in Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP).” As part of the NPS’ “100th anniversary in 2016, Every Kid in a Park and the A Class Act are two key Centennial initiatives to get all children to visit a national park and develop an understanding the relevance of parks in their lives.” GSMNP will “utilize its Parks As Classrooms program as the primary vehicle for implementing these Centennial initiatives.”

**CALUMET HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP TO STUDY PROPOSED HERITAGE AREA.** The [Times of Northwest Indiana](#) (2/18, 283K) reports that “a leader in the effort to create a Calumet National Heritage Area told board members of the Northwestern Indiana Planning Commission on Thursday that 2016 could be a big year for the effort.” According to Mark Bouman, Chicago region program director for The Field Museum, the Calumet Heritage Partnership is “continuing work on a feasibility study for a heritage area, which must be designated by the U.S. Congress.” The article notes that “the area would be anchored by the Pullman National Monument on the west and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore on the east.”

**NPS SEEKS INPUT ON LONG-TERM EFFIGY MOUNDS PLAN.** The [Cedar Rapids \(IA\) Gazette](#) (2/21, 147K) reports that the NPS will “begin seeking public comments next week on a long-term plan for the care and preservation of Effigy Mounds National Monument.”

**12 ILLINOIS SITES ADDED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.** The [AP](#) (2/19, 1.99M) reports that the Thompson Brothers Rock Art site is “among 12 sites in Illinois that have been added to the National Register of Historic Places over the past year.” The article notes that “other sites added include the Jackson County Courthouse and Belleville’s Blair Historic District.”

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF RECORD ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL PARKS.** Additional coverage of the record attendance at national parks in 2015 was provided by the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (2/19, Forgiore, 4.1M), the [Missoulian \(MT\)](#) (2/21, 78K), the [Denver \(CO\) Post](#) (2/22, 881K), the [Knoxville \(TN\) News Sentinel](#) (2/21, 228K), and the [Maryville \(TN\) Daily Times](#) (2/21, 74K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF MAINTENANCE BACKLOG AT NATIONAL PARKS.** Additional coverage of the maintenance backlog at national parks was provided by the [Arizona Republic](#) (2/19, 975K), the [Staunton \(VA\) News Leader](#) (2/21, 2K), the [Richmond \(VA\) Times-Dispatch](#) (2/22, 337K), the [Roanoke \(VA\) Times](#) (2/22, 252K), the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (2/19, 98K), the [Palm Springs \(CA\) Desert Sun](#) (2/19, 98K), and [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (2/21, 1.23M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: SS BADGER FERRY DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.** Additional coverage that the S.S. Badger car ferry has been designated a National Historic Landmark was provided by [MLive \(MI\)](#) (2/18, Kloosteman, 617K), [Maritime Executive](#) (2/21, 21), [WILX-TV Lansing \(MI\)](#) Lansing, MI (2/21, 52K), and [WXMI-TV Grand Rapids \(MI\)](#) Grand Rapids, MI (2/19, 32K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN NPS AND GOOGLE.** Additional coverage of the partnership between the NPS and Google on the Google Cultural Institute was provided by the [Scranton \(PA\) Times Tribune](#) (2/20, 168K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: ACADIA PART OF PILOT PROGRAM FOR DIGITAL PASSES.** Additional coverage that Acadia National Park has “become the first of five national parks to participate in the ‘Your Pass Now’ website initiative” was provided by the [Mainebiz](#) (2/17, 34K).



**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION'S FIELD TRIP GRANTS.** Additional coverage of the field trip grants awarded by the National Park Foundation was provided by the [Artesia \(NM\) News](#) (2/21, 10K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: NPS MONITORING THREE-LEGGED BOBCAT IN LOS ANGELES.** Additional coverage that the NPS is monitoring a Three-Legged Bobcat in Los Angeles was provided by [Breitbart](#) (2/21, 2.1M), [My News LA \(CA\)](#) (2/19), and [WRC-TV Washington \(DC\)](#) Washington (2/21, 352K).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE: DEATH VALLEY EXPECTED TO BE COVERED IN "SUPER BLOOM" OF WILDFLOWERS.** Additional coverage of the "Super Bloom" of flowers at Death Valley was provided by [USA Today](#) (2/20, Samoy, 5.45M) and the [Atlanta \(GA\) Journal-Constitution](#) (2/21, 1.1M).

**ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF YOSEMITE "FIREFALL" FALLS PHENOMENON.** Additional coverage of the "firefall" phenomenon at Yosemite was provided by [USA Today](#) (2/19, Durando, 5.45M), the [Huffington Post](#) (2/21, 518K), and the [Los Angeles \(CA\) Times](#) (2/19, Staff, Reports, 4.1M).

### ***US Geological Survey:***

**USGS DEMONSTRATES HOW IT MEASURES STREAM FLOW.** The [Santa Cruz \(CA\) Sentinel](#) (2/20, 100K) reports that the USGS "gave a behind-the-scenes public tour on Saturday of how it measures stream flow in the San Lorenzo River, which is a major drinking water source for Santa Cruz and home to a number of struggling species." Anthony Guerriero, field office chief for the USGS in Santa Cruz, and "his team demonstrated how they calculate the water flow using both trusty technology from the 1930s and modern equipment."

### **Top National News:**

#### **KERRY ANNOUNCES "PROVISIONAL" TRUCE IN SYRIA AS BOMBS ROCK HOMS, DAMASCUS.**

Secretary of State Kerry's announcement Sunday during a trip to Jordan that he and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov had reached a "provisional agreement in principle" for a temporary truce in Syria is being met with some skepticism. Media reports highlight the lack of specifics revealed by the Secretary and note he made a similar announcement earlier this month only to see the violence continue. The announcement – which was not covered by any of the networks last night – also came on the same day as a series of bombings in Syria, casting further doubt on whether a ceasefire would take hold.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Morello, 8.98M) reports Kerry said he and Lavrov had reached a "provisional agreement in principle" for a temporary truce that could start within days. Kerry, who spoke Sunday to Lavrov "for the second day in a row," said the final details will be discussed during a phone call between President Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin. While he "did not elaborate on the parameters of a cease-fire," Kerry said he believes it "could begin in the coming days." According to the [CBS Evening News](#) (2/21, story 5, 1:45, Glor, 5.08M), the President and Putin are expected to speak "in the coming days to try and hammer out details of some kind of pause in this war."

The [New York Times](#) (2/21, Sanger, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) says Sunday's declaration marked "the second time in 10 days that Mr. Kerry had announced a 'cessation of hostilities' that would go into effect in days – a phrase that was carefully chosen to avoid all the connotations of a full cease-fire." In what the Times says was a possible sign of caution, Kerry "was vague about the timing" of the latest truce, saying only that it "could begin in the coming days." [Al Jazeera America](#) (2/21, 209K), however, reports on its website that the Russian Foreign Ministry "seemed to stop short of Kerry's announcement," saying only that Lavrov and Kerry discussed "the modality and conditions" for a ceasefire. [Voice of America](#) (2/21, 60K) too says Russia issued a "more reserved statement."

The [AP](#) (2/21, Mroue, Riechmann) says Kerry "acknowledged that it's not finalized and all parties might not automatically comply." Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, meanwhile, told Spain's [El Pais](#) newspaper in remarks published Sunday that Syria is "ready" to take part in a truce "as long as it is not used by militants to reinforce their positions." Kerry, [Reuters](#) (2/21, Zengerle, Davison) reports, on Sunday also reiterated the Administration's position that Assad must step down, saying, "With Assad there, this war cannot and will not end." The [Jordan Times](#) (2/21, Malkawi, 153) reports Kerry said the path to peace is "isolating, degrading and destroying Daesh, 'giving the people of Syria a real choice to their future is actually right in front of us now.'"

The [Jerusalem Post](#) (2/21, Wilner, 27K), meanwhile, reports State Department officials say the Administration is



seeking “a cease-fire that is long enough to engage in a serious negotiation toward a political transition in the country – ideally away from Assad.”

[Bloomberg News](#) (2/21, Syeed, 2.92M) says Kerry’s announcement “drew skeptical reactions” from those who “questioned the parties’ commitment to a pause in fighting,” especially with Assad’s forces making progress in the north. The [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/21, Bulos, 4.1M) says a “wave of suicide bombings” on Sunday that killed dozens in Damascus and Homs also cast doubt on Kerry’s claim that “the parties were closer to a ceasefire than ever before.” Also noting Sunday’s bombings, [AFP](#) (2/21, Al-Mounes, Revise) reports Kerry announced a provisional deal had been reached on a truce “only for the bloodshed to intensify on the ground.”

ISIL has claimed responsibility for the bombings in both cities, which killed nearly 130 people, [USA Today](#) (2/21, Zoroya, 5.45M) reports. At least 83 people were killed and “more than 170 others were wounded” in blasts in a Damascus suburb, while an earlier double-car bombing in Homs killed “at least 46 people and wounded dozens.” According to the [Los Angeles Times](#) (2/21, Bulos, 4.1M), “pro-government outlets” and online activists “said the bombings occurred in a coordinated fashion,” and the [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Naylor, 8.98M) says ISIL “appears to be shifting its tactics and targeting areas controlled by Assad’s government, raising speculation that it is responding to the loss of ground in both Syria and Iraq to US-backed Arab and Kurdish opponents.”

The [AP](#) (2/21, Mroue, Riechmann) says the blasts “may strengthen the government’s argument that it should press ahead with a major offensive in the north,” where its troops, backed by Russian airstrikes, “are close to sealing off Aleppo.”

***Rouhani: Crisis Can Only Be Resolved Through Political Negotiations.*** [AFP](#) (2/21) reports Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu on Sunday made a surprise visit to Tehran “with the conflict in Syria high on his agenda,” Iranian state media reported. Shoigu met President Hassan Rouhani to deliver a “special message” from Russian President Vladimir Putin. After the meeting, Rouhani said, “Resolving the crisis in Syria can only be achieved through political negotiations and respect for the rights of the Syrian people who must ultimately decide their country’s future.”

***Experts Warn US-Backed Rebels Suffering Under Russian Airstrikes, Kurdish Attacks.*** [The Hill](#) (2/21, Wong, 862K) reports military experts are warning the Administration is “allowing moderate Syrian rebels, which the Pentagon spent hundreds of millions training, to be slowly destroyed” by Russian airstrikes and attacks from the Kurdish militia known as the YPG “that’s also backed by the US.” According to [The Hill](#), the attacks “have led to criticism that the administration is standing by while its allies are killed.”

***Russia Accused Of Dropping “Dumb” Bombs.*** The [Washington Times](#) (2/21, Scarborough, 285K) reports the US military is accusing Russia of dropping “mostly gravity ‘dumb’ bombs” in Syria, “indiscriminately killing rebels and civilians alike around strategic cities such as Aleppo.” Russian media, however, “contend that gravity bombs, guided by computerized systems, can be just as accurate as those directed by a GPS system,” but the US military and human rights groups “scoff at the assertion.”

**MEDIA ANALYSES: CLINTON MOMENTUM GROWS AFTER NEVADA CAUCUSES.** [ABC World News](#) (2/21, story 3, 2:10, Llamas, 5.84M) reported that Hillary Clinton’s victory in Nevada “was a slim one, but included big support from African-American voters.” ABC added that with “momentum back on her side, her campaign is confident they see a clear path to the nomination.” However, ABC said that Sen. Bernie Sanders had “a strong second finish.” [NBC Nightly News](#) (2/21, story 4, 2:40, Snow, 7.86M) reported that Clinton’s victory “puts her in a stronger position going into the Democratic primary in South Carolina next Saturday,” especially among African-American voters, who supported her “by a whopping 76% to 22% after she aggressively engaged them.” However, NBC added that “Latinos chose Sanders by single digits and younger voters picked the Vermont senator by 72%.” The [CBS Evening News](#) (2/21, story 3, 2:30, Glor, 5.08M) reported that Clinton won Nevada’s “most populous county by ten points.” CBS said that while African-Americans, women, and older voters were critical to Clinton’s win, “younger voters once again went overwhelmingly for Sanders.”

[Bloomberg Politics](#) (2/21, Talev, 289K) reports that Clinton’s victory in Nevada “came with cautionary signs about the difficulty of putting away Bernie Sanders for good.” Despite being “expected to have run the tables” and having better organization and better recognition in the state, “for a few hours on Saturday it looked just as nip-and-tuck as Iowa.” [Bloomberg Politics](#) says Clinton has had difficulty in overcoming the “durable appeal” of Sanders’ economic message, although it adds that Sanders must “prove he has appeal in more ethnically and geographically diverse states” in upcoming contests.



**Clinton Developing Stronger Lead In Delegate Count.** The [New York Times](#) (2/21, Healy, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that Clinton's 502 delegates to Sanders' 70 following the Nevada contest shows Sanders is "slipping significantly behind" Clinton, "and the odds against him overtaking her growing increasingly remote." The Times says Clinton will probably benefit significantly among predominantly minority districts on Super Tuesday, as well as from districts with more delegates. The Times also examines Clinton's positioning "to create the sort of mathematical quandary for Mr. Sanders that she faced in 2008," in which she could develop an insurmountable lead.

**WPost Analysis: Sanders Likely To Draw Out Campaign.** The [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Tumulty, 8.98M) reports in depth on Sanders' probability of winning the Democratic nomination, highlighting that despite Clinton's victory in Nevada, "Sanders has the ability to remain in the race for the distance, thanks to his fundraising abilities" and due to the Democrats' delegate allocation system. The Post examines the likelihood of a Sanders victory in five Super Tuesday states that he said he has a "good shot" of winning; while the caucus system in Minnesota and Colorado could favor Clinton, who has been campaigning in the states since last fall, the Post says Oklahoma, Massachusetts, and Vermont could favor Sanders given the "liberal leanings" of Democrats there.

The [Hill](#) (2/21, Balluck, 862K) reports that Sanders said Sunday that he has a "good shot" of winning primaries in Colorado, Massachusetts, and Minnesota. Speaking on NBC's "Meet The Press," Sanders also said his campaign is "looking pretty good in Oklahoma," and that the most recent poll in Vermont "had us at 80 percent, so I think we've got a shot to win there." Sanders told Chuck Todd that he will stay in the race "to the convention," and said "we have come a very, very long way. I think the first time I was on your show, we were probably at 5 percent in the polls."

**Slate Columnist: Clinton Victory All But Guaranteed.** Writing for [Slate](#) (2/21, 1.48M), Jamelle Bouie says that Clinton's victory in Nevada "proves its theory of the race," that Sanders' performances in Iowa and New Hampshire are reflections of those states' demographics rather than "any pro-Bernie tide in the Democratic Party." Bouie argues that Clinton still maintains an advantage with the broader electorate and "barring a catastrophic decline with black voters she'll march steadily to the nomination."

**Clinton Details Strategy To Fix Standing Among Independent Voters.** On [CNN's State Of The Union](#) (2/21, Tapper, 420K), Clinton also detailed her strategy for connecting more with independent voters. Clinton said, "I'm going to do what I have always done. I'm going to keep, you know, reaching out to voters. I understand that voters have questions. I'm going to do my very best to answer those questions. I think there's an underlying question that maybe is really in the back of people's minds. And that is, you know, is she in it for us or is she in it for herself? I think that's, you know, a question that people are trying to sort through and I'm going to demonstrate that I have always been the same person, fighting for the same values, fighting to make a real difference in people's lives long before I was ever in elected office, even before my husband was in the presidency."

**Ralston Portrays Reid As Central To Clinton's Victory.** In an op-ed for [USA Today](#) (2/21, 5.45M), Nevada political journalist Jon Ralston discusses Senate Minority Leader Reid's role in helping Clinton secure a victory in Nevada. Ralston describes "a remarkable bit of backroom maneuvering" between Reid and D. Taylor, the head of a local chapter of the Culinary Union in Las Vegas, in which Reid convinced Taylor and other casino executives to ensure that "workers would be allowed time off from work to caucus," ensuring that Clinton won Hispanic and African-American votes in Clark County. Ultimately Ralston portrays Reid as "a man Machiavelli would have bowed to, a man who with one eye who still sees the field better and is still more dangerous, effective and cunning than any pol the state (the country?) has ever seen."

**NYTimes Welcomes Increased Turnout By Younger Voters.** The [New York Times](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) editorializes on the participation of young voters in the 2016 election cycle, calling it "one of the more pleasant surprises" of this year's contests. With voter turnout for those aged 18 to 29 for both parties nearing 2008 levels, the Times points out that the youth vote was the only group not won by Donald Trump in South Carolina, and that the youth vote has been critical for Sanders' success so far. Pointing out the importance of the youth vote for Democrats, the Times says that the turnout among younger voters "suggest growing engagement by the nation's newest voters," which is always good but is "particularly welcome now."

**Democratic Primary Race Spurs "Passionate Debate" On Facebook.** The [Hill](#) (2/21, McCabe, 862K) reports on the "passionate debate" between supporters of Clinton and Sanders on Facebook, with data indicating "Sanders may have a home-field advantage over Clinton on Facebook." According to The Hill, Facebook said recently that Sanders "has about three times the number of 'likes' as Clinton" on the network, although the



company's data also indicates "the primary fight is heating up online." The Hill illustrates that comments and messages about both candidates "has at times turned ugly," with "aggressive" tactics by Sanders supporters especially prevalent.

**MEDIA ANALYSES: TRUMP UNDISPUTED GOP FRONTRUNNER, WITH RUBIO EMERGING AS MAIN RIVAL.** With Donald Trump following his big win in New Hampshire earlier this month with another easy win in South Carolina on Saturday, there is a growing media consensus that Trump is the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination. Though Sen. Marco Rubio bested Sen. Ted Cruz by less than 1,100 out of more than 730,000 votes cast to run second, media analysts say that gives him momentum and sets back Cruz, who had hoped to do well in the socially conservative state. But while Rubio is seen as the emerging chief rival to Trump – especially with Jeb Bush out of the race – Cruz is expected to remain in the running. In addition, Gov. John Kasich's likely presence in the race through at least mid-March is seen as a potential complication for Rubio

[ABC World News](#) (2/21, lead story, 2:40, Llamas, 5.84M) reported that "the fight for second place came down to just over 1,000 votes," with Rubio "edging out" Cruz. ABC's Jonathan Karl said, "Donald Trump is now unmistakably on top. ... With Jeb Bush calling it quits, now to become the Trump alternative it's the two Cuban-American freshman senators against each other." [NBC Nightly News](#) (2/21, lead story, 3:10, Snow, 7.86M) reported that with Trump "still riding high off a big victory" in South Carolina and Bush "out of the race, the question tonight: Does Trump have the Republican nomination locked up or can he, will he be stopped? ... Since 1980, no Republican presidential candidate has won both the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries...gone on to lose the nomination." The [CBS Evening News](#) (2/21, story 2, 2:50, Glor, 5.08M) reported that Trump's South Carolina victory "gives him a commanding lead in the early delegate count, but with more than 1,200 delegates need for the Republican nomination, there is a long way to go."

[USA Today](#) (2/21, Jackson, 5.45M) writes that "depending on which campaign is talking, the Republican presidential race is either a three-person, two-person, or one-person affair." Rubio, riding his "razor-thin margin over Cruz, pronounced it a 'three-person race,'" while Cruz "noted he is the only candidate to have beaten Trump" and "said he is the only 'consistent conservative' who can prevail down the line." Still, the [New York Times](#) (2/21, Rappeport, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that Trump's rivals are "struggling to gain momentum" as Trump continues to win primaries.

The [Washington Post](#) (2/21, Rucker, Costa, 8.98M) says that "in a clear admission of Trump's dominant standing," Rubio and Cruz "are not even pretending they can best the billionaire mogul on March 1, or 'Super Tuesday,' when 11 states hold primaries or caucuses." Cruz hopes for a win in Texas, but Rubio and the other remaining candidates "are charting strategies to accrue convention delegates by surgically targeting slivers of the states."

[McClatchy](#) (2/21, Lightman, 22K) writes that "the biggest hope for stopping Trump is for a single strong challenger to emerge, and so far that hasn't happened." A CNN/ORC poll in Nevada, which holds its GOP caucuses on Tuesday, "showed Trump with a huge lead" of 45% to Rubio's 19% and Cruz's 17% – and that survey was conducted before South Carolina. The [Washington Times](#) (2/21, Dinan, McLaughlin, 285K) says a Nevada win would give Trump "the prospect of entering the big March contests with momentum and a massive lead over his opponents in delegates." The [AP](#) (2/21, Bykowicz, Gillum) reports Trump has a robust and broad campaign operation beyond the early states, and "has vowed to spend 'whatever it takes.'"

The [Christian Science Monitor](#) (2/21, Feldmann, 442K) writes, "Three contests into primary season, a simple truth is self-evident: Donald Trump is on track to become the Republican Party's 2016 presidential nominee." But Rubio "has momentum" and Cruz "has money and organization, and can still do well in the Southern states that will vote on Super Tuesday." Kasich hopes to hold out until Ohio and other large Midwestern states vote on March 15, while Ben Carson "is building his personal brand as he campaigns" but seems to have no likely wins in sight.

The [New York Times](#) (2/21, Confessore, Cohen, Subscription Publication, 12.03M) reports that Trump and Cruz "appear to be in the best position financially" going into the March contests. Cruz began February with \$13.6 million in cash on hand, while Trump "has raised millions of dollars from small donors and lent himself millions more."

Chris Cillizza of the [Washington Post](#) (2/21, 8.98M) writes, "Substitute any other Republican in the race into Trump's current position. There is a 100 percent chance that that person would be touted as the prohibitive favorite or the odds-on nominee." Trump is not "getting the credit and coverage he deserves" because "there is



still a belief within the party establishment and the ranks of the media that he will somehow implode or that voters will 'wise up' or 'get real' – or something." On [ABC World News](#) (2/21, story 2, 0:40, Llamas, 5.84M), political analyst Matt Dowd said, "I think Donald Trump had a better insight into the GOP this year than the dynastic Bush family. Now he needs to keep winning, because winning begets winning, and momentum at this point is more important than anything else."

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) says in an editorial that Trump is now the favorite for the nomination, and he can only be defeated if non-Trump voters consolidate behind one other candidate. That is unlikely, the Journal says, and even if it happens, it would not necessarily ensure Trump's defeat. Gerald Seib writes in the [Wall Street Journal](#) (2/21, Subscription Publication, 6.74M) that so far, there has been no sign of consolidation behind one alternative, with five candidates expected to remain in the race at least through the March 1 states.

**Trump Says He Is Not Unstoppable.** [AFP](#) (2/21, Couronne) reports Trump "made the rounds of the Sunday political talk shows," where he said "he could be the consensus candidate" and could be competitive in traditionally Democratic states like New York in the general election. But Trump said on [CNN's State Of The Union](#) (2/21, Tapper, 420K), that he is not unstoppable, saying Cruz is "very talented and certainly he could beat me and so could Marco and so could the other ones."

**Trump Clarifies Comments On ACA Mandate.** Trump, appearing on [Fox News Sunday](#) (2/21, Wallace), clarified his stance on the Affordable Care Act mandate. Trump said that he doesn't "want mandates for anything," despite his comments on CNN's Anderson Cooper. Trump said, "I want people to be covered that cannot afford to be covered. I don't want people dying in the streets and that's not mandate. That's me. That's having a heart. I don't want people dying in the streets."

**Trump Camp Tried To Hire Americans For Prosperity Staffers.** [BuzzFeed](#) (2/21, Parti, 8.95M) reports that in late 2015, Trump's campaign "aggressively courted top current and former staffers" from the "Koch-backed" Americans For Prosperity. Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski is the former New Hampshire state director of the group. While "in some states, Lewandowski was successful," in "many key states...his recruitment efforts failed. At least half a dozen current Koch network staffers in states with upcoming primaries turned down offers."

**Marlene Ricketts Funding Anti-Trump Super PAC.** Fredreka Schouten writes in [USA Today](#) (2/21, Schouten, 5.45M) that "new campaign-finance reports show that Marlene Ricketts, the wife of billionaire T.D. Ameritrade founder J. Joe Ricketts, contributed \$3 million to Our Principles PAC, a super PAC that blistered Trump with negative ads, voter guides and mailers" in Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina. Former Romney campaign official Katie Packer runs the PAC.

**Will: Trump's Tax Records Should Be Scrutinized.** George Will writes in his [Washington Post](#) (2/21, 8.98M) column that Trump's tax returns "might illuminate unsavory business practices and exaggerations of his wealth. He thrives by determining the campaign's conversation. It is time to talk about his tax records."

**WPost's Allen Urges GOP And Even Democrats To Bolster Rubio.** [Washington Post](#) (2/21, 8.98M) contributing columnist Danielle Allen, a political theorist at Harvard, writes that Trump "is rising by taking advantage of a divided country. The truth is that the vast majority of voting Americans think that Trump is unacceptable as a presidential candidate, but we are split by strong partisan ideologies and cannot coordinate a solution to stop him." She calls on the candidates other than Rubio to leave the race, for all ex-candidates to endorse Rubio, and for Democrats to change their party registration and vote for Rubio in their state's primaries.

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 Driver For Uber Held In 6 Deaths  
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**Financial Times:**

Republican Race On Verge Of Narrowing  
 Business Backs Cameron Bid To Halt Brexit

**Washington Times:**

Clinton, Sanders Claim Hispanic Vote  
 So Far, No Spat's Too Big For Trump To Fail  
 Lawmakers Hear 76 Pleas To Make Assisted Suicide Legal  
 US Slams Russia's "Dumb" Bombs  
 Thais Get Russian Military Sales Pitch As US Steps Away  
 Critics Say City's Spring Break Crackdown Has Racial Undertone

**Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:**

**ABC:** 2016 Politics-South Carolina Primary; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump; 2016 Politics-Nevada Caucuses; Michigan Shooting Spree; Fiji Cyclone; Pope Francis-Death Penalty Suspension Request.  
**CBS:** Michigan Shooting Spree; 2016 Politics- Republicans; 2016 Politics- Democrats; Fiji Cyclone; Syria-Civilians Bombed; Dalai Lama-Health; Catholic Church-Girl Scout Troops; Beyonce Half Time Performance-Police Forces; Gun Shot Wound Technology.  
**NBC:** 2016 Politics-South Carolina Primary; 2016 Politics-Marco Rubio; 2016 Politics-Jeb Bush; 2016 Politics-Democrats; Michigan Shooting Spree; Bill Cosby-Deposition Postpone Request; Fiji-Cyclone; US Drug Epidemic; International Space Station Photos.

**Network TV At A Glance:**

2016 Politics – 20 minutes, 20 seconds  
 Michigan Shooting Spree – 8 minutes, 50 seconds  
 Fiji Cyclone – 1 minutes, 20 seconds

**Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:**

**ABC:** Michigan Shooting Spree-Suspect Detained; 2016 Politics-Hillary Clinton Victory; 2016 Politics-Republicans; Dalai Lama-Health.  
**CBS:** 2016 Politics-Republican Primaries; 2016 Politics-Donald Trump; 2016 Politics-Hillary Clinton Victory; Michigan Shooting Spree; Gas Prices Decrease; Daytona 500 Results.  
**NPR:** Michigan Shooting Spree-Suspect Detained; 2016 Politics-Republican Primaries; 2016 Politics-Marco Rubio Campaign; 2016 Politics-Democratic Primaries; Fiji-Cyclone Damage; London Mayor-British European Union Exit; US Air Force-Ballistic Missile Test; Box Office.

**Washington Schedule:**

**TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.**



**White House:**

**PRESIDENT OBAMA** — Attends the National Governors Association Winter Meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN** — No scheduled public events.

**US Senate:** 3:00 PM Senate holds procedural vote on FDA commissioner nominee – Senate convenes, with agenda including reading of Washington's Farewell Address in the Senate, followed by an executive session to consider the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf to be Food and Drug Administration Commissioner, including a roll call vote on a motion to invoke cloture Location: Washington, DC <http://www.senate.gov/>

4:00 PM Dem Sen. Bob Casey honors former Philadelphia mayor at Black History Month tribute – Democratic Sen. Bob Casey annual Black History Month tribute on Capitol Hill, honoring former Philadelphia Mayor Rev. Dr W. Wilson Goode. Includes remarks on the Senate floor (4:00 PM EST), press availability, Russell Rotunda (4:45 PM EST), and Symposium with Cozen O'Connor Real Estate Practice Group Co-Chair Bernard Lee, Howard University Minister and Professor of Applied Theology Harold Dean Trulear, America's Promise Alliance President and CEO Josh Gomperts, and Stefan Johnson – a 24-year-old mentee of Dr Goode, Rm 325, Russell Senate Office Bldg (5:00 PM EST) Location: U.S. Capitol, Washington, DC <http://casey.senate.gov/>  
<https://twitter.com/SenBobCasey>

Congress returns from Presidents Day recess – Congress returns after Presidents Day District Work Period (aka State Work Period), including a reading of Washington's Farewell Address in the Senate \* No votes in the House of Representatives today Location: Washington, DC

**US House:** 10:00 AM House Small Business Committee field hearing on creating manufacturing opportunities in New York – Field hearing on 'The Empire (State) Strikes Back: Creating 21st Century Manufacturing Opportunities in New York City'. Witnesses include Democratic Rep. Nydia Velazquez, Republican Rep. Steve Chabot, Linda Tool Owner Michael DiMarino, Pratt Center for Community Development Director Adam Friedman, Early Bird Foods & Co. Founder and Owner Nekisia Davis, and IceStone USA President Jana Milcikova Location: City Hall, New York, NY New York City <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/> <https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

2:00 PM Agriculture, Energy and Trade Subcommittee field hearing on 'Overcoming Challenges to Exporting for Small Businesses'

Location: Bramson Ort College, 69-30 Austin St, Forest Hills, NY <http://smallbusiness.house.gov/>  
<https://twitter.com/SmallBizGOP>

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**Other:** 7:30 AM National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session – National Congress of American Indians 2016 Executive Council Winter Session (aka Tribal Nations Legislative Summit). Speakers include Secretary of Veteran Affairs Robert McDonald, Acting Secretary of Education John King, Small Business Administration Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education Executive Director William Mendoza, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services Mary Wakefield, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior Lawrence Roberts, President's Special Assistant Karen Diver, bipartisan Sens. Al Franken, John Barrasso, Steve Daines, and James Lankford, and bipartisan Reps. Dan Kildee, Jon Tester, Norma Torres, Betty McCollum, Mike Honda, Gwen Moore, Mark Pocan, Don Young, Lisa Murkowski, and Mike Crapo Location: Capital Hilton, Washington, DC <http://www.ncai.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/NCAI1944>

7:30 AM National Association of Counties Legislative Conference continues – National Association of Counties Legislative Conference. Day three speakers include Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli, National Science Foundation Director Dr France Cordova, USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez, Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Utah Governor Gary Herbert, Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe, HHS Administration for Children and Families Office of Refugee Resettlement Director Bob Carey, and 'Fox News Sunday' host Chris Wallace Location: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC  
[www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) <https://twitter.com/NACoTweets>

2:00 PM DHS Secretary Johnson hosts 'Leadership in Times of Crisis' panel discussion – Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson hosts panel discussion on 'Leadership in Times of Crisis', bringing together



current and former state and city chief executives to discuss the challenges of leading during incidents that range from terrorist attacks to natural disasters. Participants include Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon, former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, and former Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, while topics include decision making, lessons learned from governing, and communication strategies during times of crisis Location: Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov) <https://twitter.com/DHSGov>

3:00 PM EESI briefing series on the Clean Power Plan begins – Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) briefing on 'Environmental Justice in the Clean Power Plan' – the first in a series on the topic – featuring Environmental Protection Agency Administrator's Senior Advisor for Environmental Justice Mustafa Ali, GreenLatinos President Mark Magana, and Skeo Solutions Senior Associate Vernice Miller-Travis \* Earlier this month, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay against the Plan Location: Rm 2168, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC [www.eesi.org](http://www.eesi.org) <https://twitter.com/eesionline> #eesitalk

## Last Laughs:

### LATE NIGHT POLITICAL HUMOR.

**Jimmy Fallon:** "Of course, tomorrow is the South Carolina primary, and this week Donald Trump has been telling supporters that if he wins South Carolina he thinks he could, quote, 'Run the table.' And if he doesn't win, he'll flip over the table like an angry New Jersey housewife."

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## Obama's National Monument Designations

1 message

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Just as a data point, I counted 16 NMs proclaimed by Obama:

### Obama National Monuments

16. Pullman National Monument in Illinois [2/19/15—NPS]
15. Brown's Canyon National Monument in Colorado [2/19/15 – BLM and FWS]
14. Honouliuli National Monument in Hawaii [2/19/15 – NPS]
13. San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in California [10/10/14 – USFS]
12. Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (expansion) [9/25/14 – FWS]
11. Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in New Mexico [5/21/14 – BLM]
10. Point Arena-Stonetta Public Lands enlargement of California Coastal National Monument [3/11/14 –BLM]
9. Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Ohio [3/25/13 – NPS]
8. First State National Monument in Delaware [3/25/13 – NPS]
7. Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument in Maryland [3/25/13 – NPS]
6. Río Grande del Norte National Monument in New Mexico [3/25/13 – BLM]
5. San Juan Islands National Monument in Washington [3/25/13 – BLM]
4. The César E. Chávez National Monument in Keene, California [10/8/12 – NPS]
3. Chimney Rock National Monument in Colorado [9/21/12 – USFS]
2. Fort Ord National Monument in California [1/20/12 – BLM]
1. Fort Monroe a National Monument in Virginia [11/1/11 – NPS]

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**Pullman**

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Fri, Feb 20, 2015 at 2:32 PM

Hello Otto,

Don Hellman with NPS Congressional Affairs passed on to me your request for information about the scope of yesterday's Pullman national monument designation.

I apologize for my delay in responding.

I've attached a map of the newly designated area. The state of Illinois donated .23 acres to the federal government as part of the designation, which is 203 acres. I understand the majority of land within that boundary is private, and owned by the museum.

Please let me know if I can get you any additional information.

Thanks,  
Jeremy

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Fri, Feb 20, 2015 at 7:59 PM

Thank you

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# Pullman National Monument Boundary

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior



**Legend**

- National Monument Boundary
- Pullman National Historic Landmark District
- Pullman State Historic Site
- U.S. Fee
- Historic Buildings or Landmarks
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**DATE: February 2015**

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**Vicinity Map**

The vicinity map shows the state of Illinois with Chicago marked. A green star indicates the location of Pullman National Monument. The Calumet River and Lake Michigan are also shown. The map is titled "Vicinity Map" at the bottom.





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## Pullman map


1 message

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Thu, Feb 19, 2015 at 1:21 PM

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