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MEMORANDUM

September 21, 1995

TO: ` ` Honorable Leon Panetta

FROM: ` ` Bruce Babbitt

VIA: ` ` Cabinet Affairs

SUBJECT: ` ` Weekly Report Regarding Upcoming Activities

□ Press Conference

□ I will be holding a press briefing on Friday, September 22, 1995, at 11 a.m. on the Interior FY

1996 Appropriations Bill, budget reconciliation and attached legislative riders. I will be joined by

senior staff to detail the deep spending cuts by the Republican controlled congress in the

Department's programs and the impact attached legislative riders and onerous provisions in the

budget reconciliation bill will have on science, parks, ANWR, mining, grazing and other

Departmental activities. This briefing will outline how the special interests

are being taken care of to the detriment of environmental protection and programs for Indian tribes.

□ Interior Appropriations Update□

The FY 1996 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations agreed on September 21 to a bill that

slashes 1996 net discretionary funding for the Department of the Interior to \$ 6.0 billion, almost

\$870 million or 13% below the President's budget and \$507 million or 8 % below enacted FY

1995 funding.

The Conference agreement includes devastating cuts to Indian programs, with the cuts targeted at funds that go to tribal governments. Funding for natural resource science conducted through the National Biological Service is cut 20% below the budget, seriously curtailing the availability of sound biological science for natural resource decision making. NBS itself is terminated as a separate organization and merged into the U.S. Geological Survey. The Bureau of Mines is abolished. A portion of its programs are transferred to other agencies, but important environmental remediation and pollution prevention research will be ended.

The Conference agreement also makes cuts that will prevent responsible administration of the Endangered Species Act; impair operation and preservation of the Nation's parks, refuges and public lands; and seriously damage cooperative Federal-State administration of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Furthermore, the conference agreement includes several highly objectionable provisions:

Mining patents on Public lands. The conferees rejected continuation of the moratorium on accepting and processing patent applications that was included in the 1995 Interior Appropriations Act. Instead, they placed a requirement that the Secretary take final action on all pending patent applications within two years. The moratorium has served to hold back a flood of patent applications while mining law legislation is considered, and it should be kept in place. Lifting the moratorium will promote a giveaway of public land, and puts additional Federal minerals beyond the reach of any royalty payment to the U.S. Treasury. Earlier this year, the House pushed for a moratorium provision in a strong bipartisan floor vote of 271 to 153. The Conference agreement also includes a provision for payment of "fair market value" for the surface estate, not the far greater value of the minerals. "Fair market value" isn't fair, doesn't reflect a real market, and captures only an insignificant portion of the value of public lands now being looted from American taxpayers.

Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. The Conference agreement undermines a comprehensive long-term strategic plan for the management of public lands in the interior Columbia River Basin. We will be forced to return to a species by species crisis management of the past, which resulted in the previous environmental and economic trainwreck in the Pacific

Northwest.

Transfer of Mojave National Preserve to the Bureau of Land Management. The Conference bill contains language that transfers management responsibility and 1996 base funding for the Mojave National Preserve (\$599,000) to the Bureau of Land Management and limits NPS spending to only \$1.00. This effectively overturns a key provision of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act.

90-Day Moratorium on Grazing Regulation Changes. The Conference accepted the Senate proposal for a 90-day moratorium on the Secretary's grazing regulations, extending the effective date from August 21, 1995 until November 21, 1995. The regulations were promulgated following two years of extensive public participation and input. A retroactive moratorium, as agreed to by the Conference, would be confusing and complicating.

□Parks Bills Update□

On Tuesday we had a brief victory when the House voted down the bill HR 260, which would establish a commission to review the composition of the national park system and recommend to Congress units to be deauthorized (the park-closing commission) by a vote of 180 Yeas to 231 Nays (with 67 Republicans breaking from their leadership). Nevertheless, that same evening, the House Parks Subcommittee Chairman Jim Hansen had HR 260 added to the Reconciliation bill, which was reported to the Budget Committee.

In addition, the House Resources Committee added the (bad) Hansen concessions bill to the Reconciliation package. This bill, HR 2028, is worse than current law, retarding competition, reducing revenue to the parks, and expanding the practice of virtually automatically renewing existing contracts. While no action has been taken in the House on park entrance fees, at this writing, the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee was considering adding a version of the park fee reform bill to its Reconciliation package during Committee markup. This bill, while not all that the Administration bill has sought, does set higher entrance fees and returns a portion to the parks. Also pending is the possibility that an attempt will be made in that Committee's mark-up to add the Administration-supported Bumpers/Bennett concession reform bill to the Reconciliation package.

□Endangered Species Act Hearing

□Assistant Secretary George Frampton testified before House Resource Committee

hearing on the
Endangered Species Act bill sponsored by Representatives Don Young and Richard Pombo.
Assistant Secretary Frampton stated the Department's strong opposition to the bill and said he would urge the President to veto the bill in its present form. He also commended the proposal by the Western Governor's Association. He received strong support from the Democrats on the committee.

□Upcoming Travel

□Next week, I will depart from the Natural Heritage Van tours to do a fly around targeting the riders in the Appropriations bills which negatively impact the environment. On Tuesday, I will be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, discussing the Clean Air riders and community right to know rider in EPA's budget. I will then travel to New York City to sign another "giveaway" mining patent and to highlight the lifting of the patent moratorium. On Wednesday, I will be in Orlando, Florida, where I will release a bald eagle into the wild. The status of the bald eagle was recently changed from endangered to threatened. This event will be used as a backdrop to discuss the prohibition of listings and pre-listing activities riders currently in the Department's budget. The next stop is the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area which is located in the district of House Speaker Newt Gingrich. The event will focus on the park closure proposal which last night was added to reconciliation. Thursday, I will travel to Detroit and do another Clean Water Act/EPA rider event. The final event of this trip will be in St. Louis where I will do another park closure event at the Arch.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UPCOMING ASSISTANT SECRETARY TRAVEL

John Garamendi Deputy Secretary□
□9/2122^^ Yosemite National Park, California,□ to attend his public swearing in and dedication of the park's new electric bus system.
□9/27^ ^ Sacramento, California,□ to speak to the California Water Coalition.
□10/0506□^ ^ □Port Angeles, Washington,□ to speak to the 7National Park Foundation board.

□Bob Armstrong Acting A/S Land and Minerals Management□
□10/02 ^^ Santa Barbara, California,□ to speak to the California chapter of the American Planning Association.

□100/3` ` Santa Fe, New Mexico,□ to speak to the New Mexico Oil and Gas Associ-
tion.

□Bonnie Cohen A/S Policy, Management and Budget□
□10/12` ` Fort Worth, Texas,□ to attend a National Trust for Historic Preserva-
tion Board
` ` meeting.

□Ada Deer A/S Bureau of Indian Affairs□
□10/1921` ` Anchorage, Alaska,□ to speak to the Alaska Federation of Nat-
th Annual
` ` Convention.

□10/30` ` San Diego, California,□ to attend the National Congress of American
ndians
` ` 52nd Annual Convention.

□George Frampton A/S Fish, Wildlife and Parks□
□10/0506` ` Port Angeles, Washington□, to attend the National Park Found-
` ` annual meeting.

□10/11` ` New York City□ to attend a meeting regarding the Ellis Island restor-
tion project.

□John Leshy Solicitor□
□9/2729` ` Grand Canyon National Park□ to attend the Solicitor's Regional Confe-
rence.

□10/1112□` ` □Boulder, Colorado,□ to address the University of Colorado N
Resources
` ` Law Center's annual symposium regarding public lands and public
benefits.

□Patty Beneke Deputy A/S Water and Science□□09/21` ` Denver□, □Colorado,□
ttend a meeting regarding the Platte River.

□Beneke (cont.)□
□10/0405` ` Phoenix, Arizona,□ to attend meetings with regional Bureau o
mation
` ` officials to discuss the Central Arizona Project.

□10/13` ` Oakland, California,□ to attend a meeting regarding the Western Urba
Water
` ` Coalition

□□DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

□We currently have no Congressional testimony by the Secretary or subcabinet sc
heduled.

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MEMORANDUM

November 2, 1995

TO: ~ ~ Honorable Leon Panetta

FROM: ~ ~ Bruce Babbitt

VIA: ~ ~ Cabinet Affairs

SUBJECT: ~ ~ Weekly Report Regarding Upcoming Activities

□FY 1996 Interior Appropriations Conference

□On October 31, the Conference on the 1996 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

reported a new Conference agreement. An earlier Conference report was rejected in the House

on September 29 because it did not contain a moratorium

on processing hardrock mining patent

applications. The new Conference report

proposed to reinstate the moratorium that was in effect

in 1995. However,

the terms of the new moratorium are unacceptable. Among other things, the

new

moratorium could be lifted by unilateral Congressional action not subject to a

Presidential

veto.

The Conference did not address any of the Administration's objections to funding levels in the

original Conference bill and made no changes to bill language other

than the mining patent

moratorium. Objectionable language concerning logging

ing in the Tongass National Forest, an ecosystem study of the Interior Columbia River basin, and the funding for the Mojave National Preserve was retained. Concerning the Mojave National Preserve, Conference report language was added to disclaim an intent to repeal parts of the 1995 California Desert Protection Act, but the language of the bill prohibits the National Park Service from spending more than \$1 for administration of the Preserve in 1996.

□Congressional Testimony□

Assistant Secretary George Frampton and Solicitor John Leshy will be testifying before the House Resources Committee on Tuesday, November 7th on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act/Glacier Bay National Park Preserve Boundary Adjustments Act. Mr. Young and the Republican members of the Committee have become increasingly more confrontational to any Interior witness that testifies before their Committee. The tone of the questions is often hostile and questioning of witnesses is becoming more and more contentious. The last time George testified before the committee on the Endangered Species Act, he was accused of lying for saying that the Young-Pombo Bill was a bad bill. A meeting was held with Democratic Committee staffers who said that Democratic members are prepared to come to the defense of the Department's witnesses.

□Endangered Species Act Press Conference□

On Monday, Assistant Secretary George Frampton and Fish and Wildlife Director Mollie Beattie held a press conference to issue the biennial status report to Congress on the Endangered Species Act required by 1988 amendments to act. The press conference was extremely well attended and generated a number of press stories. The report found that only seven of the country's 909 threatened and endangered species have become extinct, and that nearly three-fifths of those protected the longest are either in stable or improving condition. They highlighted the current annual cost of only \$40 million a year for recovery programs. We are anticipating a GAO report will be released soon with large numbers on what recovery programs might cost. We are continuing to emphasize that the actual costs are very reasonable.

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Weeds Update

□Tom Kenworthy, a reporter for the Washington Post, is writing a science feature for Monday's paper on the weeds issue. Tom attended the Western Weeds Summit which was held in Denver in September and sponsored by the Department. The ar

article will describe the weed problem as an emerging issue in the West. The article may also compare the resources being spent by the federal government on wildfires to funds allocated to fight weed infestations which many people describe as biological wildfires. Figures provided show that the Forest Service and the Department in FY 1995 spent \$26 million on weeds which have infested 17 million acres of public lands. Kenworthy may point to the difference between this investment and what the government spends on fires. (\$1.2 billion to fight fires affecting 4 million acres in 1994 which was a big fire year.)

□ Planning is underway for the Eastern Weeds Conference which is scheduled for November 30 December 1, 1995 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Rominger will be the keynote speaker and Governor Chiles or Lt. Governor McKay will also address the meeting.

□ California Natural Heritage Tour Report
 □ I believe that my California visit this week provided an important opportunity to highlight some of the Administration's environmental accomplishments and draw clear distinctions with the environmental rollback underway in Congress.

At Camp Pendleton, I joined the Marine Corps to announce a land use plan for the 125,000 acre complex that protects readiness and provides comprehensive compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act. In Los Angeles, we offered the East Mojave as the clearest example to date of the Republicans' effort to close National Parks through the budget process. While in Los Angeles, I had a breakfast meeting with a range of environmental representatives which led to suggestions for future events to highlight the importance of the Clean Water Act and regional open space initiatives.

Up the coast in Monterey, we highlighted a partnership among Federal agencies and local government which has produced a comprehensive land use plan at Fort Ord that balances environmental protection and recreation alongside efficient redevelopment of the base. And, in San Francisco, we stood alongside fishermen, local business coalitions, and environmentalists to remind area residents that the Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, and Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) provided the foundation for the BayDelta Accord signed last December. These events were all well received and covered extensively by regional news media. □

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I will then

travel to Greenwich Point, Connecticut, to participate in a walk around Eagle Pond with Greenwich Conservation Director, Tom Baptist and Greenwich Audubon President, Chuck Eagle. Following the walk, I will attend an informal outdoor reception at Greenwich Point, overlooking Long Island Sound. Local environmental reporters will also be invited to the reception. On Wednesday, November 8, I will be at West Point to address cadets on the environment, especially highlighting how military installations can successfully coexist with the environment. My speech will be followed by dinner and a reception. □

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UPCOMING ASSISTANT SECRETARY TRAVEL

#XN\ PXP#John Garamendi Deputy Secretary□

□11/09\ St. Paul, Minnesota, □ to speak at the Ranger Rendezvous for National Park Rangers.

□11/16\ Fresno, California, □ to □ speak to AgFresno regarding the ESA implementation.

□11/30\ Palm Springs, California, □ to meet with the Lower Colorado River Water users.

□Bob Armstrong Acting A/S Land and Minerals Management□

□11/30\ Casper, Wyoming, □ to speak to the Wyoming Chapter of the Wildlife Society.

□Bonnie Cohen A/S Policy, Management and Budget□
No travel currently scheduled.

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□10/3011/02\ San Diego, California, □ to attend the National Congress of American Indians
52nd Annual Convention.

□11/12\ Chicago □ to speak to the 75th Annual Council for the Social Studies.

□George Frampton A/S Fish, Wildlife and Parks□

□11/08\ St. Paul, Minnesota, □ to speak at the Ranger Rendezvous for National Park Rangers.

□11/16\ New York City □ to attend a meeting with the Ellis Island Foundation.

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☐John Leshy Solicitor☐
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☐Patty Beneke Deputy A/S Water and Science☐
☐11/1516 ~ ~ ~ Sacramento, California,☐ to attend a monthly Central
ect Improvement
Act (CVPIA) administrative workshop with agricultural and urban
water users,
environmentalists, business leaders, and state officials.

☐11/29~ ~ ~ Phoenix, Arizona,☐ to meet with state and local water district offic
als to
~ ~ ~ discuss the Central Arizona Project (CAP).#XN\ PXP#

☐DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR UPCOMING CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

☐#XN\ PXP#Tues., 11/7~ ~ ~ Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act/
ional Park Preserve
Boundary Adjustments Act

House Resource Committee (Young)
Hearing on H.R. 2560, to provide for the conveyances of certain lands in Alaska
to
ChickaloonMoose Creek Native Association, Ninilchik Native Association, Sel
dovia
Native Association, Tyonek Native Corporation and Knitatnu Inc. under the
Alaska
Native Claims Settlement Act; and
H.R. 2561, Glacier Bay National Park Preserve Boundary Adjustments Act
11:00 a.m.; Room 1324 Longworth

☐Witnesses:Assistant Secretary George Frampton (on H.R. 2561)
~ ~ ~ Solicitor John Leshy (on H.R. 2560)#XN\ PXP#☐===== END