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The Department of the Interior  
During the Administration  
of President William Jefferson Clinton

January 1993 to November 2000

## OUTLINE

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### INTRODUCTION

- I. Bruce Babbitt's DOI
  - A. Historical Context
    - 1. DOI before 1993
    - 2. Babbitt before 1993
  - B. Moving from Conservation to Restoration: An Activist's Agenda
  - C. Aligning the Organization to the Vision
  - D. Restoration Leadership
    - 1. Integrated, Holistic Landscape Management
      - a. Thinking Like a Watershed
      - b. Historic Restoration Partnerships
      - c. Innovation in Species Conservation and Recovery
      - d. Wildland Fire Policy
      - e. Invasive Species
        - a. Dam removal
        - b. Mining Reform
    - 2. Protecting Unique Landscapes
    - 3. Indian Trust Reform
    - 4. Broker in the Water Wars

### VOLUME I: INTERIOR LEGACY : POLICY AND PROGRAM INITIATIVES

#### Chapter I. Fish, Wildlife & Parks

- I. National Park Service
  - A. Protecting Park Resources
    - 1. The Natural Resource Management Challenge
    - 2. Saving America's Treasures
    - 3. Reducing Impacts to Park Resources
      - a. Overflights
      - b. Personal watercraft
      - c. Snowmobiles
    - 4. Protecting and Restoring Park Resources
      - a. Everglades Restoration
      - b. California Desert

- c. Gettysburg
- d. Yellowstone
- e. Elwha River ecosystem
- f. Grand Canyon

B. Expanding the National Park System

- 1. New Units
- 2. Expanding Existing NPS Units

C. Embracing Environmentally Sustainable Practices

- 1. Alternative Transportation Systems
  - a. Zion
  - b. Acadia
  - c. Grand Canyon
  - d. Yosemite
- 2. Green Energy Parks
- 3. Management Policies Emphasizing Resource Protection

D. Parks Reform: Concessions and Fees

E. Ensuring Employee and Visitor Safety

F. Workforce Diversity & Program Delivery to a Diverse Audience

G. Expanding Youth Involvement

II. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

A. Making the Endangered Species Act Work Better

- 1. Resolving the Spotted Owl Controversy
- 2. 10 Point Plan
- 3. HCP's, Safe Harbors, CCAs & Landowner Incentives
- 4. Endangered Species Successes
- 5. Critical Habitat Policy
- 6. President's EO on Endangered Species/Native American policy

B. Strengthening the National Wildlife Refuge System

- 1. CARE
- 2. President's EO on Priority Public Uses
- 3. National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act
- 4. "Fulfilling the Promise"
- 5. Proposed Refuge System Centennial Legislation
- 6. Summary of major Refuge additions
- 7. Protecting what we have—Okefenokee NWR, Izembek NWR

C. Taking Migratory Bird Conservation to the Next Level

- 1. Status of migratory bird populations; status of wetlands
- 2. Growth & value of North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- 3. Adaptive harvest management

4. President's message–International Migratory Bird Day
5. Management of overabundant populations
6. North American Bird Conservation Initiative
7. President's EO on Migratory Bird Conservation
8. Guidance for Federal Agencies

F. Habitat & Aquatic Conservation

1. Invasive Species
2. President's EO on Recreational Fisheries
3. Improving fish passage/dam removals
4. National fish hatcheries
5. Partners for Fish & Wildlife
6. Wetlands & Coastal habitat restoration
7. Coral reef initiative

G. Alaska

1. Implementation of the Exxon Valdez settlement
2. Migratory Bird Treaty Act amended
3. ANWR
4. Subsistence hunting and fishing

H. International Conservation and Law Enforcement

1. CITES
2. Caviar
3. Rhinos, tigers, elephants, Asian medicinals
4. Panda policy
5. Coral reef initiative

I. Operations from a Landscape Level and Ecosystem Approach

Chapter II Land and Minerals Management

I. Bureau of Land Management

A. Protecting and Restoring National Landscapes

1. National Monuments
2. National Landscape Conservation System
3. Major Land Acquisitions
4. National Land Exchange Team
5. National Conservation Areas
6. Wilderness
7. Great Basin Restoration
8. Colorado Baca Ranch acquisition & new authority

B. Protecting and Restoring Public Land Resources

1. Grazing Standards and Guidelines

2. Resource Advisory Councils
3. Healthy Rangelands Initiative
4. Land Health Standards
5. Jobs-in-the-Woods
6. Unified Federal Policy/Clean Water Action Plan
7. Threatened & endangered species management guidelines
8. Riparian-Wetland Initiative
9. Cooperative Ecosystem Study Units
10. Federal Wildland Fire Policy
11. Invasive Weeds
12. CASHE

C. Innovations and New Approaches

1. National Wild Horse and Burro Policy
2. National Science Board
3. Service First
4. Recreation Fee Demo
5. Reducing Barriers to Cross-Jurisdiction Planning
6. Recreation.gov
7. Native Americans
8. Commercial films & motion pictures policy
9. Paleontology
10. Minerals policy

II. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

- A. Clean Streams
- B. Acid Drainage Technology Institute
- C. Watershed Improvement
- D. Re-mining
- E. Promoting Safe Use of Reclamation By-products
- F. Reforestation Initiative
- G. Electronic Permitting
- H. Technical Training, Technology Information
- I. Applicant Violator System
- J. Abandoned Mine Land Inventory System
- K. Small Operator Assistance Program
- L. Fair and Full AML Funding
- M. Secretarial Actions

III. Minerals Management Service

- A. Reinventing MMS

- B. Implementing Royalty Simplification & Fairness Act & Oil Pollution Act
- C. Oil & gas valuation
- B. Royalty-in-Kind
- C. Deepwater initiatives
- D. Using science and new technologies
  - 1. Medical research
  - 2. Bio-prospecting

## Chapter III Water and Science

### I. Bureau of Reclamation

- A. New Approaches
  - 1. Basin-wide: Platte River
  - 2. Partnerships: CALFED
  - 3. Collaboration: ADR
  - 4. International Technology Transfer: Spain, South Africa
  - 5. Flexibility: water transfers
  - 6. Proactivity: Rio Grande silvery minnow, salmon
- B. Mission Critical Policy
  - 1. Water delivery and power
  - 2. Dam Safety
  - 3. Security
  - 4. Trust responsibilities
  - 5. Drought & floods
  - 6. Water Conservation Field Services
- C. Balancing Competing Interests
  - 1. Rocky Boys, Hilar
  - 2. MSCP
  - 3. Upper Colorado Endangered Species Recovery Program
  - 4. Spike Flood Colorado River
  - 5. Rio Grande
  - 6. Back to the Natives
  - 7. ALP
  - 8. Recreation

### II. U.S. Geological Survey

- A. Energy Research--Oil & gas reserves
- B. Water Research

1. Major reports on pesticides and nutrients
  2. MTBE
  3. Water use analysis
  4. Droughts
- C. Ecosystems Research
1. Science in support of landscape restorations
  2. Everglades, Platte River, Chesapeake Bay, Yellowstone National Park, CALFED
- D. National Biological Service
- E. Our Living Resources/Status and Trends of the Nation's Biological Resources
- F. Federal Geographic Data Committee & National Biological Information Infrastructure
- G. Natural Hazards
- H. Urban Growth

#### Chapter IV. Indian Affairs

- I. Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - A. Strengthening Indian Policy & Services
    1. Indian Trust Resources
    2. Tribal Sovereignty
    3. Intergovernment Coordination
    4. Self-Governance and Self-Determination
    5. Economic Growth
    6. Statutory and Regulatory Reform
    7. Indian Water Rights
    8. Intra-department Coordination
    9. Children and Families
    10. BIA Funded Schools
    11. Infrastructure
    12. Community Services
    13. Management and Administration
    14. Energy and Mineral Exploration and Development
  - B. Legislation Effecting Policy
    1. Indian Tribal Justice System Act
    2. Indian Dams Safety Act

3. American Indian Religious Freedom Act
4. Indian Trust Funds Management Act
5. Indian Self-Determination Amendments
6. Federall-Recognized Tribe List
7. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act
8. Amendments to the Elementary and Secondary Education
9. Amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
10. National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission
11. Re-authorization of Indian Environmental General Assistance Act
12. Settlement of Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute
13. Indian Economic Development Act

- C. White House Leadership
  1. Executive Orders and Memorandums
  2. Events

## II. Office of Special Trustee for American Indians

- A. The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994
- B. Reforms under the Act
- C. Progress

## Chapter V. Policy

- A. Lands Legacy and the Conservation and Reinvestment Act
- B. International
  4. U.S.-South Africa BiNational Commision
  5. U.S. Border Initiative
- C. Insular Affairs
  1. Interagency Group on Insular Areas
  2. Immigration and Labor Reform in the CNMI
  3. Capitol Improvement
  4. Brown Tree Snake
  5. Virgin Islands Agreement
  6. Palau Road
- D. Indian Country Initiative

## Chapter VI Law

- A. Major Legal Decisions

1. Babbitt v. Sweet Home Chapter of Communities for a Great Oregon
2. United States v. Alaska
3. Minnesota v. Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians
4. Public Lands Council v. Babbitt

B. Major Solicitor's Opinions

1. Fishing Rights of the Yurok and Hoopa Valley Tribes
2. Entitlement to Water Under the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act
3. Excess Reserves Under the Mining Law
4. Limitations on patenting Millsites under the Mining Law of 1872
5. Managing areas Eligible for Protection Under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
6. Entitlement to a Mineral Patent Under the Mining Law of 1872
7. Options Regarding Applications for Hardrock Mineral Prospecting Permits on Acquired Lands Near a Unit of the National Parks System
8. Patenting of Mining Claims and Mill Site in Wilderness Areas
9. Regulation of Hardrock Mining
10. (possibly two more to be completed this year)

## VOLUME II: INTERIOR LEGACY: ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

### Chapter I. Changes in Organization

- A. Downsizing and Reorganizing
- B. Streamlining and Improving Management
- C. Diversity Initiative
- D. Quality of Life Initiative

### Chapter II Operating Methods

#### A. Executive Direction—The Secretary and His Office

1. Deputy Secretary
2. Counselors
3. Congressional Affairs
4. Intergovernmental Affairs
5. Communications Affairs
6. External Affairs

#### B. GPRA and Strategic Planning

C. Fiscal Management and Auditing

D. Safe Visits Initiative

E. Information Management

F. National Business Center

III. Personnel Changes 1993 - 2000

### VOLUME III: DOCUMENTARY SUPPLEMENT