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**Remarks at National Mining Association Fall BOD Meeting**

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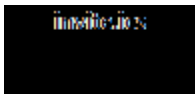
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National Mining Association has invited the Secretary to speak at their fall BOD meeting on October 3rd. I accepted the invitation several weeks ago. But now he has to travel to GA. I haven't told NMA and hoping to offer them a surrogate. Any chance the Deputy is interested and willing to speak to them? Thanks!

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Hi Rich!

Thank you for your patience. When you have a minute do you mind confirming if this is open/closed press? We have no preference I just wanted our team to be aware. I hope to have an answer for you soon.

Thank you!  
Leila

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#### DOI in the News

##### Trump Administration To Reconsider Sage Grouse Conservation Plans.

The Hill (10/5, Henry) reports that the Interior Department has “begun the process of reconsidering and potentially revising a 2015 plan to protect the greater sage grouse, a Western bird that has seen its habitat dwindle.” In a notice published Thursday, the Bureau of Land Management “said it would review land use provisions in the federal sage grouse conservation plan, which limits new development on some of the sage grouse’s range in 10 western states and defines ways to expand its habitat there.” BLM is “also set to reverse an Obama administration effort to block mining on 10 million acres of land in six Western states.” The ban was “part of the administration’s efforts to protect the sage grouse.”

The AP (10/5, Daly) reports that the BLM “said a recent analysis showed that mining or grazing would not pose a significant threat to the sage grouse.” According to officials, “the proposal would affect less than one-tenth of 1 percent of sage grouse-occupied range across 11 states from California to the Dakotas.”

The Washington Examiner (10/5, Siegel) reports that Rep. Rob Bishop “applauded Zinke’s decision to reconsider the sage grouse policy.” Bishop said in a statement, “These withdrawals were never about Sage Grouse conservation. It was all a ploy to assert more federal power, ignore actual data and best science, and diminish the influence and authority of states. Secretary Zinke is developing a better policy through input from states and people on the ground with local knowledge and expertise.”

The Washington Times (10/5, Richardson) reports that the notices “drew cheers from Western Republicans and industry groups that have decried the sage-grouse restrictions as unnecessary and politically driven.” Kathleen Sgamma, president of the Western Energy Alliance, said the Obama Administration’s efforts represented a “top-down, one-size-fits-all approach.” She said, “The attitude of this Interior Department, which is much more interested in real collaboration with states and counties, is welcome after the prior administration’s process that ignored real threats to sage-grouse and exaggerated impacts from human activities.”

The Washington Post (10/5, Grandoni) reports that the move was condemned by environmental groups. Whit Fosburgh, president of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, said, “If they go too far in unraveling the basic framework of the agreement, it will lead to a listing. That’s what everyone was trying to avoid.”

Also reporting are the Deseret (UT) News (10/5, O’Donoghue), the Elko

(NV) Daily Free Press (10/5, Harding), the Casper (WY) Star-Tribune (10/5, Richards), the Bend (OR) Bulletin (10/6, Hamway), and KIFI-TV Idaho Falls (ID) Idaho Falls, ID (10/5).

Lake Okeechobee Dike Repairs ‘Priority’ For Trump, Zinke Says.

The Palm Beach (FL) Post (10/5, Bennett) reports that “repairing the Herbert Hoover Dike around Lake Okeechobee and restoring the Everglades are important to President Donald Trump, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke said Thursday after visiting a construction project along the lake.” Trump has “proposed spending \$82 million on rehabilitating the dike in 2018, up from about \$68 million approved by Congress in 2017.” Zinke said, “From President Trump, we want it done yesterday. He wants to win, so anything I can do to remove the regulations, streamline the process, to get it moving quicker — we can do it right. The Army Corps of Engineers is the best this country has as far as engineering goes. So I’m comfortable if they’re given the green light they can complete the task quicker.”

WPEC-TV West Palm Beach, FL (10/5, Weber) reports that Zinke added, “Above everything else is to make sure we restore the system, to make sure long-term, the Everglades and the system return to health.”

Three Trump Cabinet Members Attended Mining Lobbyist Meeting At Trump International Hotel.

The Washington Post (10/5, Grandoni, Eilperin) reports that three members of the President’s Cabinet attended a meeting of the National Mining Association at the Trump International Hotel in Washington this week, “according to a schedule of the event obtained by The Washington Post.” Commerce Secretary Ross on Tuesday “headlined a general session.” Tuesday afternoon, Labor Secretary Acosta “spoke with NMA members during a lunch sponsored by Jenmar Corp. and Royal Gold,” and on Wednesday, Energy Secretary Perry “spoke at a breakfast sponsored by Komatsu Mining Corp.” Interior Secretary Zinke also had been scheduled to attend, “but according to the department’s deputy communications director, Russell Newell, he ‘is traveling and so was unavailable for the meeting.’” Deputy Secretary David Bernhardt “attended Wednesday in his place.”

Additional coverage was provided by the Washington Post (10/5, Grandoni). House Dems Want DOI Monument Review Info Released.

Law360 (10/5, Phillis) reports that claiming “the process has been far too secretive, 26 House Democrats introduced a resolution Wednesday that would direct Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to release information on the Trump administration’s review of national monuments.” Rep. Raul M. Grijalva, “and his colleagues said that Zinke has not been open about the administration’s monument review process.”

Baker Team Swims Around Marine Monument Controversy. The Gloucester (MA) Times (10/5, Lannan) reports that “fishing industry interests are hopeful that restrictions will be loosened” in the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument “while environmentalists are fighting to uphold Obama’s designation.” Gov. Charlie Baker’s administration “began highlighting concerns with the monument designation process as early as November 2015, when the governor wrote to Obama saying the a monument designation could undermine work by the New England Fishery Management Council to establish protections for the canyons and seamounts and to develop a broader ocean management plan.” Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton has “declined to say if he agreed that commercial fishing should return to the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts, instead pointing back at the process by which it was declared a monument.”

Notes From Closed Meeting Show How Interior Aims To Weaken

## Environmental Laws.

The Washington Post (10/5, Fears) reports that near the end of September, Bureau of Land Management officials “hosted a conference with state, county and local government representatives to discuss ways to loosen environmental rules.” BLM “hosts told attendees and those joining the invitation-only meeting remotely that they wanted to streamline a powerful law that protects wildlife and public land, the National Environmental Policy Act.” But “at least two groups not on the invitation list obtained the call-in information for the meeting and secretly sat in and took notes, which one group provided to The Washington Post.” Leah Baker, the BLM division chief for planning and NEPA, said in an interview Tuesday, “We’re seeking a better decision-making process that’s more productive and getting decisions faster. We heard through this process that we should try and streamline regulations ... and that the agency leaves a little to be desired in how effectively we coordinate” with states and local governments.

Additional Coverage: Trump’s Interior Chief ‘Hopping Around From Campaign Event To Campaign Event’.

Additional coverage of the scrutiny over Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s travel habits was provided by Politico (10/5, Lefebvre, Whieldon), Reuters (10/5, Heavey), and the Helena (MT) Independent Record (10/5).

Additional Coverage: Interior Department Whistleblower Resigns After Reassignment From Climate Change Duties.

Additional coverage that Joel Clement, “who blew the whistle on the Trump administration for reassigning him from measuring climate change to a different department has resigned.” was provided by CNN (10/5, Green), the Huffington Post (10/5, D’Angelo), MSNBC (10/5, Benen), and Federal News Radio (DC) (10/5, White).

NYTimes: 48 Environmental Rules Targeted For Elimination Under Trump Administration.

An analysis in the New York Times (10/5, Popovich, Albeck-Ripka) examines nearly 50 environmental rules that the Trump Administration is seeking to reverse. The analysis includes a chart identifying each policy targeted by the Administration as well as who lobbied to get the regulations changed.

The Media Are Missing Trump’s Much-Needed Regulatory Relief.

In an op-ed for the Washington Examiner (10/5, Harbin), Americans for Prosperity VP of External Affairs Christine Harbin states that “American consumers, businesses, and families have all paid the price” for decades of creating additional federal regulations without removing any. The Trump Administration’s efforts “in regulatory relief” have “not grabbed a lot of headlines in the media, but they have had significant impact in peeling back the regulatory state left over from President Barack Obama and prior administrations.”

Consistent with these efforts, “Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has reined in restrictive land use policies of previous administrations and reduced red tape to domestic energy production.” Harbin encourages President Trump and Congress to continue these regulation streamlining efforts so that the federal government “works better for all Americans.”

Pleasing Everyone And No One.

In a piece for the Flathead (MT) Beacon (10/5, Brown), Kellyn Brown finds Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke contradictory in many of his positions, especially on his “his proposal to shrink national monuments, except in Montana.” As a result, “fewer are pleased on any side.” Brown notes that “Zinke is nothing if not ambitious — he’s rumored to perhaps run for U.S. Senate in 2018 or governor in 2020.” However, Brown concludes that “in his effort be so many different things to so many different stakeholders, it’s hard to know what he believes at all.”

‘Blame Game’ Not An Effective Way To Fight Fires.



In an op-ed for the Flathead (MT) Beacon (10/5, Powers), Debo Powers criticizes “the outrageous and opportunistic comments made by Sen. Steve Daines, Congressman Greg Gianforte, Interior Secretary Zinke, and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue at the Lolo Fire.” Power says that “to use a time when many Montanans were evacuating their homes, firefighters were risking their lives, and all of us were tired of breathing smoke to start a ‘blame game’ and push a political agenda was insensitive and unethical.” Power suggests that “rather than playing the unproductive ‘blame game,’ real leaders should be working together, pushing for real solutions to address this complicated problem, like renewable energy and decreasing the use of fossil fuels.”

Bureau of Indian Affairs

BIA Floats Rule Changes For Tribal Land-Into-Trust Bids.

Law360 (10/5, Westney) reports that John Tahsuda III, the principal deputy assistant secretary for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, “sent a letter to Native American tribal leaders Wednesday that laid out proposed changes to the process tribes must follow to request that the federal government take their land into trust, including provisions that could make it harder for tribes to launch off-reservation casinos.”

Wino Round Up BIA Investigation Finds Fault, Fails To Deliver Justice.

Covering the “The Wino Round Up” of 2013, the Great Falls (MT) Tribune (10/5, Murray) reports that a “class action complaint claiming widespread civil rights violations on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation is dead in the water, despite the fact that a federal investigation conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 2014 concluded that Fort Peck Tribal Police officers ‘unlawfully arrested and detained 29 individuals without legal justification, this depriving these individuals of various civil rights.’” As of now, “no additional legal action is being taken against any of the individuals named in the IAD report, and there is no tribal, state or federal effort to financially compensate the individuals caught up in the 2013 Wino Round Up.”

Tribe Delivers Bottled Water To Crow Agency After Treatment Facility Was Vandalized.

The Billings (MT) Gazette (10/5, Wilson) reports that “crews of Crow Tribe employees worked into the night Wednesday and again Thursday morning to deliver trailer-loads of bottled water to homes in Crow Agency, where the municipal water supply has been shut down after a break-in at the water treatment plant.” The Gazette adds, “Investigators with the Federal Bureau of Investigation were also at the plant Thursday morning. Those at the scene declined to comment, and an FBI spokesman in Billings said the agency is investigating, but would not comment on whether any arrests had been made.”

Also reporting are the AP (10/5), Montana Public Radio (10/5, O'Brien), and KXLH-TV Helena (MT) Helena, MT (10/5, Jay).

Bureau of Land Management

BLM Proposal Would Revive Mining In Renewable Energy Zone.

E&E Publishing (10/5, Streater) reports that the Bureau of Land Management has “proposed that the Interior Department cancel the withdrawal of more than a million acres of federal lands from new mining claims within a formally designated renewable energy development zone in the Southern California desert,” according to multiple sources. According to the sources, “formally canceling the two-year withdrawal from new mining claims signals the first step in a broader effort by Interior to eventually dismantle federal participation in the 22.5-million-acre Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) that it partnered on with the state of California.” A draft submitted by acting BLM Director Mike Nedd “argues that the cost of between \$4 million and \$6 million to conduct the environmental impact statement evaluating the withdrawal is cost

prohibitive and necessitates a cancellation of the withdrawal, formally published in the Federal Register in December.”:

House Approves Bill To Allow Tucson Full Ownership Of Udall Park.

KGUN-TV Tucson, AZ (10/5) reports that “earlier this week the House of Representatives passed Congresswoman Martha McSally’s bill to allow Tucson to take full ownership of Udall Park.” The legislation “resolves a 28-year-old land exchange between the city and the Federal Bureau of Land Management.”

McSally said, “Udall Park is a beautiful place in our Southern Arizona community to gather, but this long-standing land dispute has prevented the City of Tucson from improving the park and growing to its potential for too long.”

Defendants In Land Dispute Await DOJ Approval On Proposed Settlement.

The Wichita Falls (TX) Times Record News (10/5, Ingle) reports that “defendants are awaiting final approval of a proposed settlement that would end an almost two-year-old land dispute lawsuit that pits the federal against private landowners and local and state governments and agencies.” The Department of Justice was “required by U.S. District Court Judge Reed O’Connor to notify the court of the federal of it’s progress of reaching a settlement in the case.” In a filing Wednesday, the DOJ “said it is awaiting final approval of the proposed settlement, which comes from the assistant attorney general for the Environmental and Natural Resources Division of the DOJ.”

Judge: BLM Broke Law In Plan To Sterilize Idaho Wild Horses.

The AP (10/5, Kruesi) reports that the Bureau of Land Management “violated environmental law in its plan to sterilize a herd of wild horses in southwestern Idaho, according to a recent ruling from a federal judge.” U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge held Friday the BLM “failed to analyze consequences of the action and ordered the agency to reconsider its decision.” Lodge wrote in his ruling, “The BLM’s decision in this case is arbitrary and capricious because it did not consider the significant impacts its decision may have on the free-roaming nature of the herd nor explain why its decision is appropriate despite those impacts.”

Feds Target Popular Utah Wild Horse Herd For Roundup.

The Salt Lake (UT) Tribune (10/5, Maffly) reports that the Bureau of Land Management is “proposing to remove up to three-fourths of the 450 horses that populate the Onaqui herd about 40 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.” The action is “needed to reduce effects the herd is having on vital sage grouse habitat occupied by Utah’s most imperiled population of the famous ground-nesting bird, the BLM said in announcing a public comment period through Oct. 31.” BLM spokeswoman Lisa Reid said, “It’s a beautiful herd loved by many, so we want to make sure we approach this in an open fashion. There are several factors playing a role in this and livestock grazing is not one of them.”

Additional Coverage: Court Restores BLM Methane Reg In ‘Stinging Rebuke’ To Trump.

Additional coverage that “the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California ruled that the Interior Department violated federal law in June when it froze key provisions of the Bureau of Land Management’s methane rule” was provided by E&E Publishing (10/5), the New York Times (10/6, Lipton), Courthouse News (10/5, Iovino), the Carlsbad (NM) Current-Argus (10/6, Hedden), and Natural Gas Intelligence (10/5, Passut).

Bundy Trial Embodies Everything Dividing America Today.

In a piece for the Conversation (UK) (10/5, Eisenberg), Ann Eisenberg, Assistant Professor of Law, University of South Carolina, writes that “so much is at play in the trials of the Bundys and their supporters: the debatable phenomenon of white, rural, male, working-class alienation; longstanding conflicts over public lands; the role of race in the criminal justice system; and the deep racial and geographical divisions that weigh on the country.” But she concludes that

“perhaps the clearest theme is that distrust of our legal institutions abounds, fueled by both the perception and reality of being excluded.”

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Additional Coverage: New York Submits “Area For Consideration”

Identifying Four Potential Wind Development Sites Off Atlantic Coast.

Additional coverage that New York has asked the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management “to consider identifying and leasing at least four new Wind Energy Areas off New York’s Atlantic Coast” was provided by the Windpower Engineering & Development (10/5, Froese).

Bureau of Reclamation

State Auditor Faults Handling Of Delta Tunnels Planning Contracts.

The Los Angeles Times (10/5, Boxall) reports that “California water managers awarded a multimillion-dollar contract to a Sacramento consulting firm without going through the required competitive bidding process, according to the state auditor.” In a report released Thursday, state auditor Elaine Howle “criticized the California Department of Water Resources for the way it handled a planning contract for California WaterFix.” However, “in the department’s response, attached to the audit, director Grant Davis disputed the findings.”

Additional coverage was provided by the Sacramento (CA) Bee (10/5, Sabalow, Kasler).

Gov. Brown Visits L.A. To Lobby For The \$17-billion Delta Water Project. The Los Angeles Times (10/5, Boxall) reports that “with two key California WaterFix votes looming, Gov. Jerry Brown expressed confidence Thursday that water agencies will commit to enough funding to sustain the massive project.” Brown visited Los Angeles “to lobby for the \$17-billion proposal.” The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California’s board is “scheduled to vote Tuesday on a \$4.3-billion buy-in to WaterFix, which is a top priority for Brown. Two days later, the Kern County Water Agency board is expected to take its vote.”

“Takings” Outcome Seen As Win For Tribes.

The Klamath Falls (OR) Herald And News (10/5, Dillemath) reports that “the Klamath Tribes shared positive reactions on Wednesday to the outcome of the ‘takings’ opinion, viewing the outcome filed Sept. 29 by Judge Marian Blank Horn as a win for tribal water rights in the Klamath Basin.” The decision “denies Klamath Basin irrigators compensation of upward of \$30 million sought through the lengthy case stemming from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation’s water shutoffs in 2001.” The judge “noted in the opinion the superiority of the in-stream water rights deemed “time-immemorial” held by the Klamath, Yurok and Hoopa Valley Tribes over irrigators with junior water user rights.” Don Gentry, tribal chairman, said, “We are pleased with the decision. This affirmation of the Tribes’ water rights should be another positive step towards the healing and restoration of our tribal treaty fisheries.”

Federal Grant To Help C.O. Irrigators Swap Water, Boost Flows.

KTVZ-TV Bend, OR (10/5) reports that the Bureau of Reclamation has “awarded a \$400,000 grant to the Central Oregon Irrigation District.” In partnership with the Deschutes River Conservancy, the money will “help finance the development of a WaterSMART marketing strategy, an innovative water transactions program to facilitate the trading of water between irrigation districts and boost stream flows in the Deschutes River.” The \$400,000 award will cover half of the \$800,000 total estimated cost.

Bureau Will Ask Water Board To Help Fund Water Storage Study.

The Salem (OR) Capital Press (10/5, Ellis) reports that the Bureau of Reclamation is “expected to ask the Idaho Water Resource Board this month to provide matching funding for a proposed study that would seek ways to store more water on the Boise River system.” According to the article, “the study would cost \$5.6

million and would require a 50 percent match from non-federal partners, such as the IWRB and irrigation districts.”

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

Exxon Evacuating Staff From U.S. Gulf Platform Ahead Of Nate.

Reuters (10/5, Scheyder) reports ExxonMobil is evacuating all staff from its Lena platform in the Gulf of Mexico ahead of Tropical Storm Nate. Reuters (10/5, Scheyder) reports BP is shutting in all oil and natural gas production from its platforms in the Gulf. The company is also evacuating staff from its four platforms in the area. Reuters (10/5, Scheyder) reports Chevron started shutting in its Gulf oil and natural gas production. The company is closing the Blind Faith, Genesis, Jack/St. Malo, Petronius and Tahiti facilities and evacuating staff. Reuters (10/5, Scheyder) reports Anadarko is shutting in production at the Horn Mountain and marlin platforms on Friday. Non-essential personnel are being evacuated from the company’s Constitution, Holstein, Lucius and Marco Polo platforms.

Fish and Wildlife Service

Interior Department Rejects 25 Endangered Species Petitions, Including Several Linked To Climate Change.

The Washington Post (10/5, Mooney, Grandoni) reports that the Fish and Wildlife Service on Thursday “declined 25 separate petitions to list a variety of species as endangered or threatened, including the high-profile Pacific walrus, which is contending with sharp climate change trends in the Arctic where it spends much of its life atop floes of floating sea ice.” The FWS “also declined a listing petition for the Florida Keys mole skink, a subspecies of lizard that lives on beaches and in coastal forests that face rising seas and were just swept by Hurricane Irma.” The article notes that “other rejected listings included Bicknell’s thrush, a songbird that lives at high mountain altitudes, the Big Blue Springs cave crayfish, and the Kirtland’s snake.” In addition, “fourteen separate species of Nevada springsnails were also rejected for listing.”

Feds Say Black Hills Woodpeckers Not Endangered Or Threatened. The Rapid City (SD) Journal (10/5, Tupper) reports that “woodpeckers found in the Black Hills will not be listed as threatened or endangered, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has decided.”

High-altitude Colorado Boreal Toad Left Unlisted As Endangered Species. The Summit (CO) Daily (10/5, Fixler) reports that “the eastern boreal toad population in the high elevations of Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states may be in decline, but it will not be granted protected status under the national Endangered Species Act.”

Feds Protect Four Florida Plants, Stall On Pinesnake. Courthouse News (10/5, YOUNG-GRINDLE) reports that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has “finalized federal protection for four Florida pine rockland plants, but it has delayed the listing for the Louisiana pine snake.” The agency has “listed the shrubby Everglades bully, the Florida pineland crabgrass, and the pineland sandmat, an herb, as threatened species under the ESA.” In addition, “another shrub, the Florida prairie-clover, has been listed as an endangered species.”

Congress Moves Closer To Allowing Oil And Gas Drilling In Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

The Washington Examiner (10/5, Siegel) reports Congress is moving towards allowing oil and gas drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as both chambers made progress on budget legislation on Thursday. The House passed its 2018 budget resolution, which instructs the National Resources Committee to approve legislation reducing the deficit by \$5 billion over 10 years. The Senate Budget Committee approved its 2018 budget resolution that contains a similar provision intended to facilitate drilling in the ANWR. E&E Daily (10/5) reports

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer is warning Republicans that they will have a tough time passing the budget if they move to open drilling in the ANWR to help pay for tax cuts. Schumer said, “I think it’s going to be a tough fight for them to do it. There are some Republicans who at least expressed privately some distaste for opening up ANWR.”

Alaska Dispatch News (10/5, Martinson) also provides coverage.

What The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Means For Conservationists And The Energy Sector. On WWNO-FM New Orleans (10/5), Matthew Kotchen, professor of economics at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, discussed “the history and importance” of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to “the environmental and the energy sectors.”

Battle Over Two Owl Species Takes Flight At 9th Circuit.

Courthouse News (10/5, Brown) reports that a Ninth Circuit panel seemingly express interest on Thursday “in an environmental advocate’s novel argument against what has become an increasingly standard practice in wildlife management – killing droves of one wild species in an effort to benefit another.” Friends of Animals sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service “over a 2014 plan to kill thousands of barred owls, which in recent decades have encroached on the old-growth forest habitat of threatened spotted owls.” The FWS “said it wanted to kill the birds as an experiment to determine whether reducing barred owl numbers would benefit spotted owls.” Friends of Animals c”laimed the plan ignored the fact that the real problem was habitat destruction caused by deforestation, and instead unfairly scapegoated a protected wild animal for the spotted owl’s human-caused decline.”

Block Island Wind Farm Helps Researchers Monitor Offshore Bird And Bat Migrations.

WRNI-FM Providence, RI (10/5, Brookins) reports that the Block Island Wind Farm “now has a wildlife tracking station aimed at helping researchers learn more about offshore flight patterns of small birds and bats that are likely to become endangered or extinct in the foreseeable future unless federal action is taken.” In August, Deepwater Wind, “developers of the wind farm, installed four antennas and a receiver on the foundation of one of the wind turbines to collect data from birds and bats previously tagged with tiny, high-frequency transmitters.” Researchers from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service “in collaboration with University of Rhode Island and University of Massachusetts Amherst have been monitoring what time of day and in what weather conditions small-bodied bats and birds, such as piping plovers, roseate terns, and common terns, fly by the station.”

National Park Service

Indiana Lakeshore Closer To Becoming National Park.

The AP (10/5) reports that the House Natural Resources Committee has “advanced a plan to make Indiana’s Dunes National Lakeshore a national park.” The committee “unanimously approved the plan Wednesday.” The full House will next vote on whether to send it to the Senate.

Additional coverage was provided by the La Porte (IN) Herald-Argus (10/5) and the Michigan City (IN) News Dispatch (10/5).

For The First Time Ever, LGBT Pride Flag Will Fly On Federal Land.

Newsweek (10/5, Ziv) reports that “a rainbow flag will soon fly at the Stonewall National Monument in Manhattan, the first such flag to be permanently placed on federal land and maintained by the National Park Service, activists announced on Thursday.” Michael Petrelis, “the LGBT and AIDS activist who initiated the effort,” said, “It is a victory for our community to have these symbolic colors flying majestically over our Stonewall, designated as a National Monument by President Obama, even as our LGBTQ brothers and sisters are under attack by the current

regime in power.”

#### Hey, You Can't Park There! Dockless Bike-share Bikes Ending Up In Inappropriate Places.

In its “Dr. Gridlock” blog, the Washington Post (10/5, Lazo) reports that “in the two weeks since Spin and other dockless bikeshare operations launched in Washington, the colorful bikes are proving popular — but also showing up in unwanted and inappropriate places.” The National Park Service has “seized more than a dozen found abandoned inside memorials, sidewalks and parking lots.” NPS spokeswoman Jenny Anzelmo-Sarles “said the dockless bike-share services do not have authorization to operate on NPS land in the D.C. area, and park officials have reached out to DDOT and bike-share companies to address the issue.”

#### Report Recommends Capping Yellowstone Bison Removal At 1,250.

The AP (10/5) reports that “a recently released Yellowstone National Park bison status report says officials are looking to cap this winter’s cull of bison at 1,250.” The recommendations “released late last week also include banning bison hunting the West Yellowstone area because the officials have noticed the portion of the herd that migrates there has been decreasing.” The article says that “various state, federal and tribal officials are expected to finalize winter cull details as early as November.”

#### Freeway-Crossing Mountain Lion Dies In Southern California.

The AP (10/5) reports that “a mountain lion that managed to cross a Southern California freeway and make its home in the mountains north of Los Angeles has died.” The National Park Service “says the 10-year-old male dubbed P-41 was found dead Wednesday on the edge of the Verdugo Mountains, a small range surrounded by urban sprawl.” According to spokeswoman Kate Kuykendall, “the carcass had deteriorated so the cause of death is unclear but it’s possible a recent wildfire may have been a contributing factor.” A necropsy will determine how P-41 died.

Additional coverage was provided by the Los Angeles Times (10/5, Smith).

#### Researchers: Pythons Changed Mosquito’s Diet In Everglades.

The AP (10/5) reports that “University of Florida researchers have more data showing invasive Burmese pythons decimating populations of native mammals in the Everglades.” Entomology professor Nathan Burkett-Cadena “led a team collecting *Culex cedecei* mosquitoes in Everglades National Park.” The researchers “analyzed animal DNA in the mosquitoes’ guts to determine what they had bitten.” According to Burkett-Cadena, “rats now make up three-quarters of the mosquitoes’ diet because pythons have eaten so many other mammals.”

#### Emery Farm Named To National Historic Register.

The Seacoast Online (NH) (10/5) reports that Emery Farm was added to the National Register of Historic Places “this week for its long associations with local agricultural life in New Hampshire, specifically market gardening.”

#### Additional Coverage: Activists Plan To Move 45-foot-tall Nude Female Statue To National Mall.

Additional coverage that “activists are planning to move a sculpture of a 45-foot-tall nude woman to a spot on the National Mall facing the White House” was provided by The Hill (10/5, Savransky).

#### Office of Insular Affairs

#### White House Rules Out Debt Forgiveness For Puerto Rico.

After President Trump “appeared to signal an openness to wiping out Puerto Rico’s debts during an interview with Fox News on Tuesday,” the White House “threw cold water” on the idea, The Hill (10/5, Kamisar) reports. Asked about Puerto Rico’s more than \$70 billion in debt, White House press secretary Sarah

Huckabee Sanders “said that the best thing for the island will be for it to use the normal process set up to deal with its debt.” Sanders said, “There’s a process for how to deal with Puerto Rico’s debt, and it will have to go through that process to have a lasting recovery and growth. ... That is a process that was put in place and set up under [former President] Obama, and has a board of advisers that deals with that debt. It’ll go through that process as we move forward.”

Bloomberg News (10/5, Sink, Olorunnipa, Spalding) says Sanders’ comments “were another attempt by administration officials to clarify Trump’s intentions regarding the territory’s debt” after he told Fox News , “We have to look at their whole debt structure. ... They owe a lot of money to your friends on Wall Street. We’re going to have to wipe that out. That’s going to have to be – you know, you can say goodbye to that. I don’t know if it’s Goldman Sachs but whoever it is, you can wave goodbye to that.”

AP Fact Checks Trump’s Claims About Puerto Rico. The AP (10/5, Woodward, Borenstein) reports that Trump “struck false notes in addressing Puerto Rico’s crisis in recent days, exaggerating both the ferocity of a truly ferocious hurricane and the pace of recovery.” The AP Fact Checks some of Trump’s statements including his claim in Puerto Rico that Hurricane Maria “has been a Category 5, which — few people have ever even heard of a Category 5 hitting land. But it hit land and, boy, did it hit land.” Maria “actually made landfall on Puerto Rico as a Category 4 hurricane, not 5.” In addition, Trump “said at one point that Maria had winds of 200 mph (322 kph),” but “no official reports put the winds that strong.” On Trump’s claim that Puerto Rico’s debt will be wiped out, the AP says, “Washington doesn’t have the authority to force investors to take massive losses, if that’s what he meant.”

Ninety-One Percent Of Puerto Rico Remains Without Power. David Begnaud Mason reported on the CBS Evening News (10/5, story 5, 2:00, Mason) that 91 percent of Puerto Rico is without power. One hospital had to be evacuated when “the power grid went down.” Officials are now “assessing all the hospitals to make sure the power grids are up to date, and they’re pre-planning for possible evacuations of other hospitals if need be.” Begnaud added that in the interior of the country, the situation is “much worse,” as people “are drinking and bathing with stream water.” The governor “has said some people could be without power for up to a year.”

Statistics On Drinking Water, Electricity Removed From FEMA Web Page. The Washington Post (10/5, Johnson) reports that on Wednesday the FEMA web page documenting the federal response to Maria showed that “half of Puerto Ricans had access to drinking water and 5 percent of the island had electricity.” However, by Thursday morning, both of those figures had been removed from the page. A spokesman for the agency “noted that both measures are still being reported on a website maintained by the office of Puerto Rican Gov. Ricardo Rosselló, [www.status.pr](http://www.status.pr),” but “didn’t elaborate on why they are no longer on the main FEMA page.”

Thousands Of Puerto Ricans Fleeing For Mainland US. The New York Times (10/5, Healy, Ferré-sadurní) reports that “thousands of Puerto Ricans are cramming onto the small number of scheduled flights and charter jets and are fleeing for the mainland United States, rather than endure months more without power, cellphone service or regular running water.” Mainland cities and states “with large Puerto Rican populations are preparing for the influx by trying to help people find housing, work and schools.”

Case Made For Stronger Electric Grid In Puerto Rico. In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (10/5), Mark P. Mills, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute and faculty fellow at Northwestern University’s McCormick School of Engineering, argues that despite calls from environmentalists to rebuild a greener electric grid

for Puerto Rico, what the island needs is a harder grid including stronger poles and wires, waterproofed substations, pre-emptive tree removal near wires, and buried wires.

**GAO: NMI Faces Labor Shortages, Fiscal Risks.**

Marianas Variety (10/5, Villahermosa) reports that “the CNMI’s economic outlook has improved, but it faces growing labor shortages that may affect its ability to repay public debt, the U.S. Government Accountability Office said in a report titled ‘U.S. Territories: Public Debt Outlook.’” The GAO “reiterated its earlier finding that removing all permitted foreign workers from the CNMI would result in a GDP decline of 26 to 62 percent — ‘a relatively large negative effect on the economy.’” In its most recent report, the GAO said “planned reductions in permitted workers could worsen the effect on GDP going forward and hamper the territory’s ability to repay existing debt.”

**Marshall Islands Lady President, Heine Opens Pacific Women Meeting.**

The Fiji Sun (10/5, Kumar) reports that President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Hilda Heine made opening remarks at the 13th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and the sixth Pacific Ministers for Women meeting on Monday. Heine “said every woman, in our Pacific countries, our communities, our clans and families need to ‘walk the talk’ and make sure that women enjoy the same economic right as men.” Heine emphasized “that women’s economic empowerment is essential for building resilience and driving sustainable development for the region.”

**Mapp Can’t Promise That Payroll Will Be Met Next Week; Territory’s ‘Limping Along’ Financially.**

The Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (10/5) reports that Gov. Kenneth Mapp commented on the financial state of the U.S. Virgin Islands during his daily press briefing on Wednesday. Mapp said, “We’re limping along.” He added, “I don’t know that I can say to the people tonight that I will meet payroll next week.” WAPA Receives \$35 Million For Territory-Wide Restoration Effort; Curfews Eased Further; UVI Classes Resume Monday.

The Virgin Islands Consortium (VIR) (10/4) reports that Gov. Kenneth Mapp “announced during his Wednesday press briefing that the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority today received \$35 million in federal disaster dollars to commence what is expected to be a major, territory-wide power restoration push from WAPA.” According to the article, “the effort will include hundreds of linemen from around the U.S. mainland, with 240 workers being part of the first batch to arrive.”

**Hitting Where It Hurts: Pacific Waters Off-limits To North Korean Vessels.**

Papua New Guinea Today (10/5) reports that President Trump has “ordered new economic sanctions against any financial institutions or other companies doing business with North Korea, a move designed to slow down Kim Jong-un’s saber rattling.” In turn, “China has announced a ban on petroleum products to the rogue nation, which has recently launched ballistic missile tests.” Also, “during the recently concluded Pacific Island Forum, state leaders voted to deregister any North Korean trade or fishing vessels currently flagged on Pacific nation shipping registries.” The forum “agreed to perform an audit of every ship registered in the Pacific to search for any links to North Korea.”

**Puerto Rico, The U.S. Virgin Islands And Their Debt.**

In a piece for the Washington Times (10/4, Simmons), Deborah Simmons writes that President Obama “signed into law the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act (PROMESA), which, similar to the D.C. control board, was designed to alleviate financial pressures in the U.S. territory.” However, she says, “the thrashing Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands have taken from Hurricanes Irma and Maria mean both are now awash in deeper shades of red



ink.” As a result, “PROMESA might need to be revised.”

Additional Reading.

\* Between The Lines – Eric LeCompte: Urgent Call For Debt Relief After Hurricane Shatters Puerto Rico And U.S. Virgin Islands (Week Ending Oct. 13, 2017).

Between the Lines (10/4).

\* While Puerto Rico Fights For Aid, This Long-Forgotten Island Remains ‘Slum Of The Pacific’. EcoWatch (10/5, Webb).

US Geological Survey

Category 5 Hurricanes Hammered Florida 12,000 Years Ago.

The Daily Mail (10/5, Borkhataria) reports that “according to new research, category 5 hurricanes may have slammed Florida repeatedly 12,000 years ago, during a climatic shift called The Younger Dryas.” The study, “published in the journal Geology, involved analyzing turbidites: a type of undersea landslide deposit that can provide a record for storm events.” Dr Michael Toomey, a researcher with the US Geological Survey and the lead author of the study, “has previously used turbidites in the Bahamas to link them with modern hurricanes.”

Additional Reading.

\* On 100th Anniversary, Charleston Water System Digs Up A Bit Of Its Well Water Past. The Charleston (SC) Post and Courier (10/5, Behre)

\* The Tech Is Effective, But Lacks Needed Funding. Government Technology (10/5, Williams)

\* In A Body Farm For Trees, Scientists Root Out The Killers. Scientific American (10/5, George)

\* Yellowstone Earthquake Storm One Of The Longest On Record. The Daily Mail (10/5, Collins)

Top National News

Trump Expected To Decertify Iran’s Compliance With Nuclear Deal.

Multiple news outlets report that President Trump intends to decertify Iran’s compliance with the 2015 nuclear agreement, not killing the accord but giving Congress the option of reimposing sanctions. Coverage indicates that top national security personnel, including Secretary of State Tillerson and Defense Secretary Mattis, oppose the move. Analyses say that Trump may be seeking a way to act on his campaign promises opposing the agreement, without fully dismantling it, effectively shifting the matter to Congress.

Two US officials have told CNN’s Situation Room (10/5) that Trump plans to decertify the Iran nuclear deal. CNN’s Elise Labott reported that Tillerson is working on a plan to rewrite the legislation so that “instead of certifying that Iran is or is not in compliance,” Congress would “shift the focus to the other behavior that President Trump is also very concerned about. We’re talking about the ballistic missile program, we’re talking about human rights, their activity in Syria and Yemen.”

Fox News Special Report (10/5) reported the White House is “pushing back on the notion that anything is completely set in stone.” However, Fox’s Kevin Corke said UN Ambassador Haley may have “tipped the Administration’s hand yesterday,” when she tweeted that Sen. Tom Cotton “has clear understanding of the Iranian regime & flaws in the nuclear deal.” Corke noted that Cotton, who met with the President on Thursday, “has repeatedly called for the Administration to abandon the deal.”

CNN’s Situation Room (10/5) reported that Trump’s apparent decision to decertify comes despite “a lot of his national security advisers...seemingly suggesting [that’s] not necessarily such a good idea.” Both Tillerson and Mattis have previously said Iran is in compliance with the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action – though Fox News (10/5) reports on its website that though Tillerson has said Iran is “violating the spirit of the agreement because of its

testing of ballistic missiles.”

The AP (10/5) reports that officials say that Trump “is planning to deliver an Iran policy speech next week,” with the event tentatively scheduled for Thursday. Reuters (10/5, Holland) reports that an official said the speech will outline a “broader US strategy on Iran that would be more confrontational.” The Washington Post (10/5, A1, Gearan) reports that while Trump will “open the door to modifying the landmark 2015 agreement...for now he would hold off on recommending that Congress reimpose sanctions on Iran that would abrogate the agreement,” according to “four people familiar with aspects of the president’s thinking.”

Margaret Brennan writes on the CBS News (10/5) website that if the President decertifies the deal by declaring that Iran is not in compliance, “the deal would still be intact, but he would effectively be putting the decision about what to do about the deal in the hands of Congress. Lawmakers would then be able to consider punitive measures like sanctions to punish Iran for non-compliance.” Joshua Keating of Slate (10/5) writes that this would let Trump “(sort of) keep his campaign promise to dismantle the ‘worst deal ever’ while still keeping the JCPOA mostly intact.”

CNN (10/5, Labott, Liptak, Cohen) reports on its website that White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said that the President “had made a decision on the agreement and would announce it ‘soon,’” and the New York Times (10/5, Landler) reports that while Trump had reportedly “made up his mind what to do,” he “has not yet signed a decision memo on the deal itself.”

Dennis Ross, who served in several diplomatic positions under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Clinton, and as an adviser to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, writes in the Wall Street Journal (10/5) that while decertification alone would not kill the deal, it would place pressure on Congress to reimpose sanctions – and if it were to do so, the US would then be in noncompliance. AFP (10/5) and Reuters (10/5) both report that European ambassadors are working Capitol Hill, urging against any imposition of sanctions.

The Washington Post (10/5, A1, Deyoung, Morello) reports on its front page that decertification “could start a chain of events that would sharply divide the United States from its closest traditional allies in the world.” None of the three European signatories – Britain, France, and Germany – “believes Iran is in violation, and each has said publicly it will not renegotiate the nuclear agreement.” Bianna Golodryga said on CNN’s Situation Room (10/5) that European allies have already expressed concern about the US leaving the deal after Trump’s UN speech last month.

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David Ignatius writes in his Washington Post (10/5) column that Trump “should certify that Iran is complying with the nuclear deal because it’s true.

Even Cotton conceded as much this week, arguing against certification ‘not primarily on the grounds related to Iran’s technical compliance, but rather based on the long catalogue of the regime’s crimes and perfidy against the United States.’”

Richard Haass of the Council on Foreign Relations tweeted, “Decertification not warranted given Iran’s compliance. Whether JCPOA is in US nat’l interest is a policy question.” The CFR’s Max Boot tweeted, “Trump is making a mistake by decertifying Iranian deal despite Iran’s compliance. He will isolate US, not Iran.” David Rothkopf of the Washington Post tweeted, “Trump JCPOA position isolates America from the world, Trump his national security team, our national position from reality.”

The Los Angeles Times (10/5, Bennett, Wilkinson) and the Daily Intelligencer (NY) (10/5, Raymond) also have brief reports on the President’s expected action.

House Democrats Urge Trump To Stay In Agreement. The Jerusalem Post (10/5, Wilner) reports, “In recent days, Republican and Democratic senators alike have questioned the wisdom of a full withdrawal, making it unlikely they will vote to reimpose the sort of crippling sanctions that once were in force.” While “many Democrats voted against the nuclear deal” two years ago, “the caucus is united against any effort to scuttle it today.” In a Wednesday letter to the President signed by nearly every House Democrat, they said, “Some of us voted for, and some of us voted against, the nuclear agreement with Iran. Nonetheless, we are united in our belief that enforcing the agreement to the fullest extent will provide the United States with more leverage to stop a potential Iranian nuclear weapons program and push back on Iran’s destabilizing activities.”

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) tweeted, “I’m appalled Trump plans to decertify Iran deal. This is dangerous for the American people. Is it only because Obama helped negotiate deal??” Rep. Betsy McCollum (D-MN) tweeted, “The Iran deal is keeping us safe. @realDonaldTrump’s plan to decertify defies logic and threatens global security.” Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) tweeted, “Mr. President: Do not defy your Secs of Defense & State, & intel community leadership, who have advised Iran IS in compliance w/ #JCPOA”.

Iran Imprisons Deal Negotiator For Espionage. Al-Araby Al-Jadeed (UK) (10/5) reports that Abdolrasoul Dorri Esfahani, a member of the Iranian team that negotiated the agreement, “has been convicted of espionage and sentenced by an Iranian court to five years in prison,” according to Iran’s semi-official Tasnim news agency. While the report did not mention him by name, Esfahani “is the only negotiator known to be facing charges in Iran.”

NRA, Both Parties Move Toward Consensus On Banning Bump Stocks. The emerging agreement between both parties and the National Rifle Association that bump stocks of the sort used by Las Vegas shooter Stephen Paddock should be banned is generally portrayed in news coverage as rare consensus on the divisive issue of gun rights. However, several sources say that the NRA and Republicans differ with Democrats on how the ban should be imposed, and that the move is a strategic one that aims to head off talk of further gun control.

David Muir asked in opening ABC World News Tonight (10/5, story 3, 2:00), “After the massacre took 58 lives, could there be bipartisan movement now on this in Washington?” There is a “growing call tonight to ban or regulate those so-called bump stocks.” ABC’s Cecilia Vega: “From the nation’s most powerful gun lobby today, a call for change in the wake of the nation’s deadliest mass shooting. ... The NRA now says, ‘Devices designed to allow semiautomatic rifles to function like fully automatic rifles should be subject to additional regulations.’ And tonight, a growing number of top Republicans say they would consider legislation banning bump stocks altogether.” Vega added that while the

White House has been “so far silent on gun control in the wake of the Las Vegas massacre,” President Trump “signaled he’ll be weighing in on the bump stock debate, too.” Trump: “We’ll be looking into that over the next short period of time.”

The CBS Evening News (10/5, story 3, 2:25, Mason) reported, “The carnage in Las Vegas has led to a highly unusual development on Capitol Hill. Republicans signaled they’re open to regulating the kind of equipment that enabled the shooter to gun down hundreds.” CBS’ Nancy Cordes: “In a sea change for Republicans, lawmakers from the House speaker on down today, said they’re open to banning bump stocks.” In 2010, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms “ruled that bump stocks are a firearm part, and, therefore, not regulated as a firearm under the Gun-Control Act or National Firearms Act.” On Thursday, three GOP House members “sent a letter to the ATF today, urging them to re-evaluate these devices.”

On NBC Nightly News (10/5, story 5, 1:55, Holt), Hallie Jackson reported, “After decades of Republican resistance on gun control, tonight a new narrow opening on bump stocks, which let semiautomatic guns fire faster.” House Speaker Ryan: “Apparently this allows you to take a semiautomatic turn it into fully automatic, so clearly that’s something we need the look into.” Senate Majority Whip Cornyn: “I think it’s worth our serious consideration.” Jackson: “And the President himself willing to consider new regulations.” White House press secretary Sarah Sanders: “We’re open to having that conversation. We think we should have that conversation, and we want to be part of it moving forward.”

The AP (10/5, Werner) reports that the NRA “joined the Trump administration and top congressional Republicans Thursday in a swift and surprising embrace of a restriction on Americans’ guns, though a narrow one: to regulate the ‘bump stock’ devices the Las Vegas shooter apparently used to horrifically lethal effect.” The devices, “originally intended to help people with disabilities, fit over the stock and grip of a semi-automatic rifle and allow the weapon to fire continuously, some 400 to 800 rounds in a single minute.”

USA Today (10/5, Jackson) reports that the NRA said in a statement, “Devices designed to allow semi-automatic rifles to function like fully-automatic rifles should be subject to additional regulations.” But while “some lawmakers have proposed congressional legislation for bump stocks...the NRA and others said the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms should issue new regulations.” The New York Times (10/5) reports that the NRA said the ATF “should revisit the issue and ‘immediately review whether these devices comply with federal law.’” The Wall Street Journal (10/5, Peterson) reports that GOP leaders including Ryan said bump stocks are a loophole in existing law.

NRA Executive Vice President and CEO Wayne LaPierre said on Fox News’ Hannity (10/5) that bump stocks take “a semiautomatic firearm and makes it perform like a fully automatic firearm. It makes it function like one. What the NRA has said is we ought to take a look at that and see if it is in compliance with federal law and it’s worthy of additional regulation. That being said, we didn’t say ban, we didn’t say confiscate.”

The Washington Post (10/5, Debonis, Viebeck, O’Keefe) reports, “A House Republican with close ties to leadership...said there was a growing willingness to address the accessories among GOP lawmakers – if only to combat the perception that Congress has done nothing to address mass shootings.” The Los Angeles Times (10/5, Mascaro) reports that some Democrats “denounced the move as dodge by the gun lobby to avoid new legislation” and a path that “could provide a way for Republicans to deflect pressure for congressional action that might lead to broader gun restrictions.”

The Washington Times (10/5, Miller) calls the statement a “jarring pivot by the NRA,” but Politico (10/5, Bade, Dawsey, Bresnahan) says that it is “designed to head off a messy gun control debate in Congress.” Breitbart (10/5, Hawkins) writes that the NRA “is calling on members of Congress to squash talk of more gun control by moving the bump stock discussion back where it began in 2010: with the ATF,” and the Daily Caller (10/5) reports that the NRA “said it would continue to push against efforts to restrict access to firearms.”

Two Democratic legislators from Nevada backed the proposed move, but said it would not be enough. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto said on CNN’s Situation Room (10/5), “We had a massacre that occurred here Sunday night because somebody was able to accumulate all of these weapons and use a bump stock to turn a semiautomatic into fully automatic. ... I believe we need to do everything we can to bring these gun safety measures forward. I think there should be background checks. I think we should do everything we can to make sure that the mentally ill and terrorists do not access to weapons and we have to do something about the devices, like these bump stocks.”

Rep. Ruben Kihuen (D-NV) said on CNN’s Situation Room (10/5), “It is time for Congress, Republicans and Democrats, to take action, to set in place commonsense gun legislation that will prevent gun violence in the future. ... The majority of the American people want commonsense gun legislation and I believe that now is the time. If now is not the time, then when?”

The Washington Post (10/5) asks in an editorial, “Why focus solely on bump stocks – ‘a goofy little doodad,’ in the words of a former firearms official – while ignoring the danger posed when people are allowed to purchase and possess assault-style weapons that were designed for war, with the capacity to kill in large numbers?” Former Clinton and Obama Administration official Ronald Klain writes in the Washington Post (10/5), “The Constitution does not require our loved ones to face the daily risk of being the next victims of a mass shooting, and the NRA does not get the final word in mandating it: That is up to our representatives and senators – and a president who promised the American people, on his first day in office, that such ‘American carnage [would] stop...right now.’”

McClatchy (10/5, Clark, Dumain) headlines its report “NRA Gives Green Light To GOP To Discuss Gun Restriction.” Reuters (10/5, Sage, Bernstein), Bloomberg News (10/5, Dennis, Litvan), and The Hill (10/5, Bolton, Wong) also report on the NRA’s statement.

Conway: “Obama’s ATF” Decided Against Regulating Bump Stocks. David Weigel of the Washington Post (10/5) writes that on CNN on Thursday morning, Kellyanne Conway argued “that the deregulation of bump stocks had been an Obama administration blunder.” Conway said on Fox News’ Fox & Friends (10/5), “It was President Obama’s ATF...in 2010 that decided not to regulate this device. That should be part of the conversation and part of the facts that you put before your viewers.”

Bump Stock Sales Surge; Walmart, Cabela’s Remove Item From Websites. The New York Times (10/5, Hsu) reports that bump stock sales “jumped this week...even as Walmart and [outdoor products retailer] Cabela’s stripped them from their websites.” Walmart “said in a statement that the products never should have been sold on its site, that they were sold by third-party sellers, and they were ‘immediately removed’ because they violated the company’s prohibited items policy.” Amazon “does not sell bump stocks.”

District Of Columbia Will Not Appeal Concealed Carry Gun Ruling To Supreme Court. The Washington Post (10/5, Jamison, Marimow) reports that the District of Columbia will not appeal a court order “blocking enforcement of the city’s restrictions on the carrying of concealed guns in public” to the Supreme Court,

“setting the stage for what could be a marked increase in firearms on the streets” of Washington. District Attorney General Karl Racine said, “I continue to believe the District’s ‘good reason’ requirement is a common-sense, and constitutional, gun regulation. However, we must reckon with the fact that an adverse decision by the Supreme Court could have wide-ranging negative effects not just on District residents, but on the country as a whole.”

**Paddock May Have Scouted Targets In Chicago And Boston.** Coverage of the investigation into the shootings once again led all three broadcast network newscasts. ABC World News Tonight (10/5, lead story, 4:00, Muir) reported that Paddock “may have scouted other potential targets in Chicago and in Boston.” On NBC Nightly News (10/5, lead story, 2:35, Holt), Pete Williams reported that officials say Paddock “did Internet research earlier this year on Lollapalooza, the summer music festival in Chicago’s Grant Park. He even reserved rooms in a hotel that overlooks the park for a few days, though he never actually showed up. He also researched events at Boston’s Fenway Park and nearby hotels.” On the CBS Evening News (10/5, lead story, 2:40, Mason), John Blackstone reported that while “investigators are no closer to understanding what may have inspired” Paddock, they “believe Paddock may have had an accomplice.”

The Washington Post (10/5) reports that while investigators have made progress in piecing together Paddock’s “movements in the hours and days before the attack...what local and federal investigators say remains elusive” is an “explanation for why Paddock carried out the rampage.” The New York Times (10/5, Medina, Burns, Goldman) reports, “No grandiose manifesto has been found. No account of Mr. Paddock behaving dangerously or holding extremist views has emerged from neighbors or relatives. Unlike past killers, Mr. Paddock did not dial up the police to explain his actions.” FBI agents have interviewed his girlfriend Marilou Danley, but Clark County Sheriff Joseph Lombardo “said he was ‘not at liberty to say’ what information had been learned.” On ABC World News Tonight (10/5, story 2, 2:35, Muir), Brian Ross reports that Danley “told FBI agents Paddock was a caring man who showed no sign of violence.”

**ISIS Continues To Claim That Paddock Was Member.** Townhall (10/5, Rousselle) reports under the headline “ISIS Triples Down Claiming Las Vegas Shooting” that ISIS “is continuing to insist” that Paddock was a member of the organization. The ISIS newsletter Naba says that Paddock “converted to Islam six months ago and used the Islamic name Abu Abdul Barr al-Amriki. The newsletter boasts that ‘brother Abu Abdul Barr’ fired on concertgoers using dozens of weapons and then died after exhausting his ammo supply.” Townhall writes that as in its earlier claims, “ISIS does not provide any proof that Paddock was a Muslim or was connected to ISIS.”

**YouTube Alters Algorithm After Searches About Shootings Return Conspiracy Theories.** USA Today (10/5, Guynn) reports, “YouTube has changed its powerful search algorithm to promote videos from more mainstream news outlets in search results” after searches for information on the Las Vegas shootings returned “conspiracy theories and misinformation.” YouTube confirmed the changes, but “didn’t say how it decides which news sources are authoritative.”

**Trump To Resume Tax Cut Push During Oval Office Meeting With Manufacturers.**

USA Today (10/5, Przybyla) reports, that President Trump on Friday “will resume his push for tax cuts” during an Oval Office meeting at which he will “host more than a dozen manufacturing industry employees and executives and issue a proclamation making Oct. 6 ‘National Manufacturing Day.’” USA Today highlights that Sen. Joe Manchin will not attend the meeting because, according to an aide, he “can’t support the plan outlined last week by GOP congressional negotiators.”

Manchin “believes the proposed plan differs from the one Trump described during a dinner earlier this month with moderate Democrats and Republicans at the White House, the aide said.” He “believes the current plan benefits the wealthy more than the middle class,” but “wants to work with Trump on a deal.”  
Trump: Meeting With Top Military Leaders Represents “Calm Before The Storm.”

CNN’s Anderson Cooper 360 (10/5) reported that during a reception Thursday night for top military leaders at the White House, President Trump delivered some “ominous remarks.” As he took pictures with his guests, Trump said, “You guys know what this represents? The calm before the storm.” When reporters asked what he was referring to, Trump repeated his remark, adding that the “world’s great military people” were present. The White House did not provide further clarification. USA Today (10/5, Miller) says the President sent a “cryptic message” to White House pool reporters. When reporters asked the President what he meant, Trump “did not clarify his comments,” saying only, “You’ll find out.”

The Washington Times (10/5, Boyer) reports Trump also told the senior military leaders “that he wants them to give him military options ‘at a much faster pace’ when national-security emergencies erupt around the world.” Said the President, “I know that government bureaucracy is slow, but I am depending on you to overcome the obstacles of bureaucracy.”

Editorial Wrap-Up  
New York Times.

“Cuba And The Mystery Of The Sonic Weapon.” A New York Times (10/5) editorial says the symptoms of US and Canadian officials in Havana “are real and deeply worrisome,” and Cuba “must be the prime suspect.” If Cuba “is found to have used some new surveillance machine, the United States would have the obligation to respond angrily.” But the Times writes that “until there is concrete evidence about the source of the attacks, the Trump administration is wrong to expel Cuban diplomats from Washington.”

“Why Decertifying The Iran Nuclear Deal Would Be A Bad Idea.” The New York Times (10/5) says in an editorial that decertification of the Iran nuclear deal “ignores that the deal is working,” would “alienate our allies,” and would “give Iran an excuse to resume a full-blown nuclear program.” It also would not “help in the fight against” ISIS and would undermine “trust in America and the country’s ability to negotiate in the future. At a crucial moment, Donald Trump is forcing the world to confront core questions it really shouldn’t have to ask: Can he be trusted? And, more saliently, can America be trusted?”

Washington Post.

“Trump’s Dangerous Folly On The Iran Deal.” The Washington Post (10/5) editorializes, “Thanks the unanimous counsel of his national security team, President Trump appears to be edging away from his long-standing threat to junk the international accord that limits Iran’s nuclear program. But it seems likely that he will embark on a dangerous and pointless game of brinkmanship with Tehran by refusing to recertify the deal to Congress,” which “would be manifestly dishonest, and it could trigger a process that could cause the agreement to unravel.”

“Banning Bump Stocks Is Not Nearly Enough.” The Washington Post (10/5) asks in an editorial, “Why focus solely on bump stocks – ‘a goofy little doodad,’ in the words of a former firearms official – while ignoring the danger posed when people are allowed to purchase and possess assault-style weapons that were designed for war, with the capacity to kill in large numbers?”

“Ed Gillespie Wants Virginians To Be Very, Very Afraid.” In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/5) criticizes ex-RNC chief Ed Gillespie, who is battling Lt.

Gov. Ralph Northam in this fall's race to succeed term-limited Gov. Terry McAuliffe, over ads he's been running on the topic of his "wedge issue of the day...gang violence – specifically, violent Hispanic gangs such as MS-13 – to which he hopes to harness the xenophobic fervor that propelled Donald Trump to the White House." The Post says Gillespie "has twisted truth to suit his purpose, and pandered to nativists in the Republican base, by trying to link [Northam] to the MS-13 scourge" for having, as a narrator says in an ad, "cast the deciding vote in favor of sanctuary cities that let illegal immigrants who commit crimes back on the street." The Post calls the ad's claim "hogwash," and says "Gillespie ads seek to dupe and terrify Virginians by using the racialized specter of Hispanic violence."

"House Republicans' Unforgiving Assault On The Freedom To Choose." In an editorial, the Washington Post (10/5, Board) criticizes House's passage of a measure to "ban abortions of fetuses that have passed 20 weeks of gestation." The Post calls the bill "an unforgiving assault on the freedom to choose," and adds that the fact that the Senate "almost certainly will not pass the bill," does not matter because Republicans "need money and passion from antiabortion groups, who insisted on moving the bill." The Post highlights that one the measure's co-sponsors was Rep. Tim Murphy, who on Thursday announced his resignation after text messages were published which "appear to show the congressman and a woman he had a relationship with discussing how he had pressured her to get an abortion this year, when she had a pregnancy scare." To the Post, this is an "exquisite reminder that politicians' embrace of divisive cultural wedge issues is often less than principled."

Wall Street Journal.

"President Cordray Strikes Again." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/5) writes that the CFPB's new restrictions on payday lending may appear well-intended, but they in practice allow lending only to unprofitable customers with good credit and remove lenders' ability to take recourse against borrowers who fail to pay. The Journal concludes that the new rule gives President Trump more cause to dismiss CFPB Director Cordray.

"Pacific Trade Advances Without The US." In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (10/5) writes that the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement is advancing without the United States, with leaders of 11 TPP member countries meeting last month to push for ratification as early as November in hopes Washington would rejoin. The Journal argues that if the 11 remaining members of the trade pact wait for a US return, it is possible that the US will reject protectionism and embrace the agreement.

"Tax Reform Down Payment." A Wall Street Journal (10/5) editorial stresses the necessity of House and Senate Republicans to come to agreement on a budget outline in order to pass tax reform, which it casts as a key moment for Republicans if they want to retain control of Congress after 2018.

Big Picture

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:

Russian Hackers Stole NSA Data On US Cyber Defense

From Broken Home To Real-Estate Riches: The Life Of The Las Vegas Shooter

No End In Sight For Stocks' Longest Streak In 20 Years

Shale Juggernaut Shows Signs Of Fatigue

New York Times:

Trump Is Expected To 'Decertify' The Iran Deal And Let Congress Deal With The

Fallout



Decades Of Sexual Harassment Accusations Against Harvey Weinstein  
For Republican Leaders In Congress, The Headaches Keep Mounting  
Search For A Motive In Las Vegas: Slow But 'We'll Get There'  
Kazuo Ishiguro Is Awarded The Nobel Prize In Literature  
Deadly Ambush Of Green Berets In Niger Belies A 'Low-Risk' Mission  
Catalonia Separatism Revives A Long-dormant Spanish Nationalism

Washington Post:

President's Iran Decision Imperils Vital Alliances  
Trump Likely To 'Decertify' Deal With Iran  
ACA Supporters See Sabotage In Cuts For Funds, Enrollment  
A New Lifesaving Approach Is Put To The Test  
New Organ Leads The 'Chaaarge!' At Nats Park  
NRA: Restrict Rapid-Fire Gun Adapter

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:

ABC: Las Vegas Shooting; Las Vegas Shooting-Person Of Interest; Las Vegas Shooting-Congress; Chief Of Staff Kelly-Phone Compromised; Niger-US Army Casualty; Tropical Storm Tracking; Penn. Rep. Sex Scandal; Justice Dept-Transgender Protection Rollback; NFL Player-Sexist Comment; Hollywood Sex Harassment Scandal; NYC-High Rise Murder; Atlanta Train Derailing; Rock N Roll Hall Of Fame; Adventurous Father And Son.

CBS: Las Vegas Shooting; Las Vegas Shooting-Venues; Las Vegas Shooting-Congress; Niger-US Army Casualty; Hurricane Recovery-Puerto Rico; Penn. Rep. Sex Scandal; Hollywood Sex Harassment Scandal; Mexico City Earthquake Casualty; Modern Cars-Distractions; Rock N Roll Hall Of Fame; Las Vegas Shooting-Therapy Dogs.

NBC: Las Vegas Shooting; Las Vegas Shooting-Crime Scene; Trump-Tillerson Relations; Niger-US Army Casualty; Las Vegas Shooting-Congress; Penn. Rep. Sex Scandal; Tropical Storm Tracking; Modern Cars-Distractions; NFL Player-Sexist Comment; Rock N Roll Hall Of Fame; Las Vegas Shooting-Victims.

Network TV At A Glance:

Las Vegas Shooting – 25 minutes  
Penn. Rep. Sex Scandal – 3 minutes, 35 seconds  
Niger-US Army Casualty – 2 minutes, 10 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News Broadcasts:

ABC: Trump-Iran Nuclear Deal; Las Vegas Shooting-Congress; Tropical Storm Nate; Penn. Rep. Sex Scandal; Wall Street News.

CBS: Las Vegas Shooting-Congress; Las Vegas Shooting; Penn. Rep. Sex Scandal; Hollywood Sex Harassment Scandal; NCAA Bribery Scandal, Tropical Storm Nate, Wall Street News.

FOX: Las Vegas Shooting; Las Vegas Shooting-Congress; Tropical Storm Nate.  
NPR: Las Vegas Shooting; DACA-Renewal Deadline Past; Tropical Storm Nate; Hurricane Recovery-Puerto Rico; Trump-Military Dinner.

Washington Schedule

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:

**PRESIDENT TRUMP** — Hosts a Hispanic Heritage Month event; signs the National Manufacturing Day Proclamation; meets with Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin; meets with the US Ambassador to Russia Jon Huntsman.

**VICE PRESIDENT PENCE** — Receives a briefing on Hurricane Maria recovery efforts; meets with members of the community affected by Hurricane Maria;

takes an aerial tour to survey storm damage to the US Virgin Islands;  
participates in a prayer service and meet with the Puerto Rican community;  
receives a briefing on Hurricane Maria relief efforts.

US Senate: 11:00 AM Senate Energy Committee field hearing on reducing industrial energy costs – Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources field hearing to examine efficient approaches to reducing industrial energy costs, with testimony from Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Advanced Manufacturing Office Director Dr Mark Johnson; Professional Logging Contractors of Maine Executive Director Dana Doran; Maine Wood Pellet Company President Bob Linkletter; Island Institute Community Energy Director Suzanne MacDonald; Robbins Lumber Vice President Alden Robbins; and ReEnergy Facility Manager Mark Thibodeau Location: Robbins Lumber Mill, intersection of Rt. 131 and Robbins Mill Rd, Searsmont, ME  
[www.energy.senate.gov](http://www.energy.senate.gov)

Until Oct. 16 Senate breaks for Columbus Day State Work Period.

US House: No votes scheduled in the House of Representatives

Other: Congressional Budget Office releases ‘Monthly Budget Review for September 2017’ report Location: TBD [www.cbo.gov/](http://www.cbo.gov/) <https://twitter.com/USCBO>  
Last Laughs

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: “Tillerson decided to hold a press conference at which he denied ever wanting to resign, but did not answer the moron question. That’s got the President’s little thumbs tingling. This morning, he again tweeted, ‘Why isn’t the Senate Intel committee looking into the fake news networks in our country to see why so much of our news is just made up, fake!’ I guess he’s moved on from Puerto Rico and Las Vegas.”

Jimmy Kimmel: “This is Donald Trump’s rating on Politifact, the nonpartisan fact-checking organization. According to them, only five percent of the things that come out of his mouth are true. More than two-thirds, 69 percent, are either mostly false, false, or pants-on-fire false.”

Jimmy Kimmel: “[The leaders of North Korea] have a fundamental misunderstanding of what Americans care about. They’re always like, ‘Your President is a dangerous simpleton pig!’ We’re like, ‘Yeah, yeah, we know.’ They think Dennis Rodman is still a big star. ‘Look, we brainwashed your number one celebrity!’ ‘Yeah, it’s okay, his brain has been washed for a long time.’ Now they’re trying to provoke on Columbus Day, the most cherished of all the American holidays.”

Stephen Colbert: “Yesterday, NBC reported Tillerson was on the verge of resigning his position this summer and had openly disparaged President Trump, referring to him as a ‘moron.’ That’s usually something you say right before you quit.”

Stephen Colbert: “And administration officials are confident that Tillerson will stay because, apparently, there’s an agreement between Defense Secretary James Mattis, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Tillerson, whereby all three cabinet secretaries vow to leave in the event that the President makes moves against one of them. And Trump is known for making moves. Rex, if the President offers to take you furniture shopping, get out of there. Just get out of there! And take your cat with you! Because he’s grabbing it!”

Stephen Colbert: “Yesterday, congressional Republicans signaled that they would be open to banning gun conversion kits called ‘bump stocks,’ which takes advantage of a semiautomatic gun’s natural recoil, allowing it to bounce back and forth off a shooter’s trigger finger and unleash up to 100 rounds in seven seconds. It’s great for hunting, if you’ve got seven seconds to kill every animal in the forest.”

Trevor Noah: “Tim Murphy would make the world’s worst spy. He would be

undercover. Some dude would be like, ‘Are you Tim Murphy?’ ‘You got me! I have been leaking secrets to other governments!’ ... Whether you are pro-choice or pro-life, I think we can all come together to laugh at this man.”

Jimmy Fallon: “Trump has more Twitter followers than Pope Francis, but the Pope doesn’t mind. He said, ‘My boss only had 12 followers, and he’s still pretty popular.’”

Seth Meyers: “According to the New York Times, people close to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said he had to be convinced not to resign on more than one occasion, while others at the White House have to be convinced every morning.”

Seth Meyers: “Vice President Mike Pence will visit Puerto Rico tomorrow. Pence will survey the damage caused when Donald Trump made landfall. That’s right. Vice President Mike Pence plans to visit Puerto Rico tomorrow, and somehow he’s already sunburned.”

Seth Meyers: “Pence will also visit the Virgin Islands tomorrow, where he will remind them to stay the Virgin Islands until marriage. ‘Stay away from Turks and also Caicos. I don’t trust those fellas.’”

Seth Meyers: “President Trump and First Lady Melania had dinner with senior military leaders at the White House. And if there’s one thing Melania loves, it’s a man in uniform. ‘Officer, please help me!’”

Seth Meyers: “Vice President Pence said in an op-ed yesterday that the US will lead in space again under the Trump Administration. Space? It took him two weeks to figure out how to get to Puerto Rico.”

Conan O’Brien: “The Spanish region of Catalonia is expected to declare independence on Monday. On Tuesday, they’ll be looking for a job. And by Wednesday, they’ll be back in Spain saying, ‘Hey, can I crash here for a month?’”

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Dear Secretary Zinke:

The National Mining Association (NMA) cordially invites you to address the fall meeting of our board of directors scheduled for October 3 – 4, at Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. NMA's board of directors is comprised of the chief executives from the major U.S producers of coal, metal and minerals, as well as manufacturers of mining equipment and technology.

Domestic mining is a key part of a vibrant U.S. economy—providing the raw materials and reliable energy required to grow and sustain our economy. Our members would be very interested to hear the administration's plans to advance policies that will address permit delays, roll-back excessive regulations and remove other obstacles to allow the domestic mining industry to perform to its full potential.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and hope your schedule will permit you to give remarks on Tuesday, October 3, during the morning General Session or the luncheon. If Tuesday, October 3 is unavailable, an alternative would be addressing the NMA directors at breakfast on Wednesday morning, October 4. Please advise if there is anything that NMA can do to assist you and your staff to make the appropriate arrangements by contacting Rich Nolan, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, at (202) 463-3241 or [rnolan@nma.org](mailto:rnolan@nma.org).

Sincerely,

Hal Quinn

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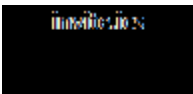
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**Subject:** FULL TEXT David Bernhardt speech to NMA  
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Sincerely,  
Eli Nachmany  
Writer, U.S. Department of the Interior  
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Good morning. As Kevin said, my name is David Bernhardt.

I have the real honor to serve in the Trump Administration as Deputy Secretary at the Department of the Interior and as Secretary Zinke's right hand.

Secretary Zinke appreciated your invitation to visit with you, but he is traveling, and as a result I was suggested as a surrogate to visit with you today. I really wish he was here because you would have seen a fantastic leader, who is a great Secretary.

For someone, like me, who grew up outside of the small town of Rifle, Colorado, it's really something to be addressing the National Mining Association.

You see mining, and in particular mining on federal lands, was a vitally important economic component in my community growing up. In fact, the hardhat my

grandfather used for a short foray after World War II as a miner sits on a shelf in my den.

Before we discuss this administration's Department of the Interior's agenda under President Trump, I'd like to start off by telling you a bit about me and about my friend Jesse Mead.

I met Jesse in fourth grade. He and I were on the same pee wee football team. When I was 12, on April 15, 1981 Jesse's life changed forever.

Jesse's dad was a miner for Mid Continent Resources, at the Dutch Creek Mine just south of Redstone, Colorado. He worked the swing shift. Some of you may have heard of the Dutch Creek mine.

At 4:08 P.M. on April 15<sup>th</sup>, a methane coal dust explosion blasted through the mine, killing 15 miners.

One of those killed was Jesse's dad, Loren Mead. In the papers, his name was sandwiched in a list with 14 other miners: **Loren Mead, 35 years old**. That was it. But, my parents told me that he was Jesse's dad.

Jesse and I went from playing pee wee football together to being the two underclassmen that made the varsity team together.

As underclassmen, we tended to hover together. I remember leaving his side and breaking out of the team line after a game ended to quickly high five my dad before heading to the locker room. I will never forget my own personal guilt and remorse when I caught back up with Jesse as we headed to the locker room knowing that he could not have the same moment. I never left his side the rest of the year.

The truth is the Dutch Creek mine wasn't the biggest accident in our community's history. In the really small



town of New Castle, Colorado, where I went to elementary school, we celebrated burning mountain days each year, because to this day, smoke from a burning coal seam rises from the side of the mountain just outside of town. That smoke is still from the Vulcan Mine disaster that exploded in 1913 killing 37 miners. That same mine had an explosion in 1896 that killed 49 miners.

According to the NMA's web page there were 1688 mining fatalities in 1931, and 26 in 2016.

Why do I tell you this story as we visit in such a nice venue? The Department of the Interior is not MSHA?

I tell you this because I think it is important for you to understand that Secretary Zinke and I take our responsibility to regulate extremely seriously. We appreciate that having a regulatory framework is an important component to environmental stewardship.

However, we also know how important your success and viability is to:

- strengthening the U.S. economy – particularly in rural America:
- Enhancing our National Security by expanding our energy dominance and ensuring we have the critical minerals on which our society depends;

As a teenager, I also quickly realized how completely devastated a community could be as major employers left our rural community. Mid-Content Resources shut down. Exxon had a syn-fuels program to retort oil shale and left as well.

I recognize that mining jobs are great jobs. They're long-term, they're good paying, and they've been the bedrock of countless American communities for so many years.

When we take these jobs away, we undermine the economic security of whole communities. That is something markets may do, but government should not.

Getting rid of federal coal leasing with the stroke of a pen might make a neat headline, but it doesn't just have the potential to destroy the economy of a community surrounded by federal lands, it also has the potential to break up the social cohesion of the town and take away hope.

Many in our political class, have never worked with their hands for a day in their lives. I often think they should work a shift or two and see whether they can keep up.

I believe that President Trump was elected partially on the expectation that he would do all that he could to

bring back the jobs and the wealth that our government has ripped away from the rural towns across America.

We are striving to facilitate that by making the regulatory environment fairer, more transparent, and predictable. We are trying to get out of your way.

But we will not do so at the expense of lowering our environmental and safety standards.

We can uphold strict standards while still leveling the playing field.

We want our regulatory predictability to increase and our permitting timelines to fall. We want U.S. production numbers to go up, and we want your fatality numbers to keep going down.

With Secretary Ryan Zinke at the helm, our Department administers 1/5 of the lands of the United States.

We are conducting a top-to-bottom review of how our government can be a better business partner.

One of Secretary Zinke's first actions when he took office was to reverse the ban on coal leasing.

- Since we lifted the moratorium, the Bureau of Land Management has received three new lease applications for over an additional 2,000 acres and 15.3 million tons of coal all together.
- The Bureau also issued a lease over more than 6,000 acres of land in the West, containing approximately 56.6 million tons of recoverable coal.

We are putting a greater focus on critical minerals. In fact, we met with several of you on that issue a few weeks ago.

You know that the elimination of the Stream Protection Rule was a very positive step that Congress and the President stepped up and addressed, which was a big deal for us.

We're looking to remove the unnecessary, redundant regulations that add no value. When weighed in terms of net present value, by the end of 2017, we will have reduced our regulatory burden by \$3.8 billion from Interior rules, according to our experts, based on a \$261 million annual number.

We are also prioritizing the completion of environmental analyses, new planning efforts, Resource Management Plan revisions, and

amendments to enhance access to lands available for energy and minerals development.

We are currently evaluating existing and proposed withdrawals, and we are considering appropriate adjustments that make sense.

- In some of these proposed withdrawals, the prior administration's proposed actions can be described as nothing short of uninformed, arbitrary, and frankly senseless. They might have made great press, but to do so they had to ignore the facts of their own experts in the record.
- One of the most blatant examples of such absurdity will be highlighted in the next couple of days. So stay tuned.

We are looking at ways to streamline leasing and permitting for hardrock mining while addressing

backlog of mining notices, exploration plans, and mine plans by:

- Ensuring adequate resources are available to address notice-level and plan-level work for exploration and mining and to efficiently process new applications for hardrock mining.
- Enhancing coordination with states, tribes, and other agencies to streamline the review and approval of NEPA documents related to hardrock mining.

We are also making efforts to decrease the time it takes to complete priority Resource Management Plan revisions by using third-party contractors when appropriate, and coordinating with the Washington Office early and often on key management decisions.



Finally, we are conducting a thorough review of existing court decisions and making the necessary changes in current planning documents to limit re-litigation of similar issues.

Simply put, we are optimistic that the American mining sector will help deliver American energy dominance and economic growth.

We know that you can invest anywhere in the world.

We are going to be relentless in trying to minimize regulatory and permitting uncertainty. However, we will do so while maintaining our environmental and safety standards. Very few days go by in my office when I do not think of the guys I grew up with like Jesse Mead.

Thank you, and I look forward to answering your questions.

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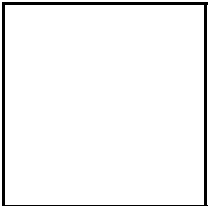
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Sir,

It was great to meet with you just now! I was hoping to get the final electronic version of the speech from the National Mining Association.

In addition, I'm CCing Russ Newell on this, as a reporter had asked for the speech as well and we were wondering if you would be comfortable with a reporter having the speech. I know you shared a personal story in there, but it is rock solid on the policy.

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Sincerely,  
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Writer, U.S. Department of the Interior  
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