
NASTL 2025 SPRING VIRTUAL MEETING





TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TRANSITION 119TH CONGRESS

TRUMP NOMINATIONS

Michael Boren—USDA Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment

James Danly—Deputy Secretary of Energy (hearing held, markup tomorrow)

Katharine MacGregor—Deputy Secretary of Interior (hearing held, markup tomorrow)

William Doffermyre—DOI Solicitor,

William Kirkland III—Asst. Sec. for Indian Affairs

Leslie Beyer—Asst. Sec. for Land and Minerals Management

Andrea Travnicek—Asst. Sec. for Water and Science

Kathleen Sgamma—Director BLM

Brian Nesvik—Director USFWS (hearing held, markup tomorrow)

Ned Mamula—Director USGS



REGULATORY AGENDA—PRIORITY TARGETS

- May is the deadline for Congressional Review Act reversal of Rules.
- Rules and Actions Targeted:
 - BLM Conservation Landscape Rule
 - Sage Grouse
 - ESA implementation Rules
 - Land withdrawals
 - CEQ NEPA implementation. Litigation impacting future reforms on an agency-by-agency basis.
 - NAAQS Rule
 - Resource Management Planning vs. Landscape Planning
 - Review of Biden era Solicitor Opinions
 - Improve public lands access for industry (oil, gas, timber, mining, grazing)

US CONGRESS

- Senate occupied with nominations with many hearings and votes which will likely continue through the summer.
- Budget Reconciliation—tussle between House and Senate approaches to achieve savings sufficient to pay for extension of 2017 tax cuts.
 - Congress seeking to pass a budget reconciliation package by Memorial Day—likely to miss the self-imposed deadline.
 - House and Senate package likely to include public lands provisions attempting to raise revenue such as public land sales, ANWR leasing, etc.
- Very little legislating occurring due to other priorities of budget process.
- DOGE personnel cuts severely hampering agency's ability to carry out duties.
 - Secretaries have regained control of their agencies.
 - Still expecting 20% overall reductions in DOI and USFS.
 - Industry already starting to demand reinstatement of personnel to process permits, comply with NEPA requirements, etc.
 - Expect that agencies will be hiring many people back if they can.
- Expect tariffs and resulting impacts to occupy Congressional workload with challenges to Executive power to implement tariffs.
- President's budget not expected until May. Don't expect normal appropriations year and Congress likely to miss funding deadlines.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NASTL

- Trump Administration
- New Congress
- Make ourselves known to the new administration.
- Make ourselves known in Congress.
- Be nimble enough to take advantage of opportunities.
- Time to be bold
- Republicans in House and Senate looking to change regular order.
- NASTL should pursue legislative policy changes if need identified.

QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION?

THANK YOU

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