

**To:** Former BLMer (b) (6)  
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Dear Former BLMer,  
An interesting, anonymous, note.

As you know, it usually takes weeks to months to identify and confirm a new BLM Director. Your note implies a sense of urgency, but with few specifics.

Do you have specific concerns to which we should react? If the current leadership needs to be replaced, the obvious question is "WHY" and to whom would one turn to restore BLM's honor and sense of its multiple use mission while the selection of a new Director is in progress?

As a former BLMer too, I care about the organization as well. If you're inclined to step forward, I'll be happy to listen to your views.

Jim

On Mon, Jan 30, 2017 at 12:49 PM, Former BLMers (b) (6) wrote:

Mr. Cason and others,

I'm told you're the Acting Deputy Secretary and BLM key leaders. As a former BLMer, I'm hoping you all will move quickly to appoint a BLM Director that can restore the BLM's honor and its multiple use mission, which includes a robust energy and minerals development program.

In the meantime, I also hope you and the team will move quickly and replace the current Acting Director and Acting Deputy Director. The outgoing Director placed them in there and from the outside it looks like business as usual and continue the direction to make lands unavailable or at least difficult for energy and minerals development knowing it will take about 6-9 months to get a Senate confirmed Director in BLM.

Both the acting Director and Deputy are strong conservationists who were hired from the Forest Service in 2013 and 2014 and some believe it was to help move BLM towards becoming more of a preservation organization.

It seems to me you and your team would want to have Actings in those positions that are more mainstream. When the Obama administration came in back in 2009, within 30 days they had replaced Ron Weinker the Acting Director with Mike Pool.