

Event: Meeting w/ PERC , Brian Yablonski, CEO

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Requesting individual/organization: Please identify the person(s) name and affiliation) requesting the meeting, including any background information on the affiliated organization(s).	Requesting Individual: Brian Yablonski, CEO of PERC (The Property and Environment Research Center) About PERC: PERC is the national leader in creating market solutions for conservation, with over 40 years of researching and advancing solutions that align incentives for environmental stewardship and produce sustainable outcomes for land, water, and wildlife. We believe that free market approaches are the best way to achieve lasting conservation outcomes, and our current work is focus on issues including improving recovery of endangered species, fixing the wildfire crisis, maintaining our national parks, and conserving wildlife migration corridors.	
Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):	<u>Organizing Contact(s):</u>	<u>Day of Contact(s):</u>

Identify if organizing and day of contact(s) is the same or different	Name: Hannah Downey Email: hannah@perc.org Phone: 952-688-1838	Name: Hannah Downey Email: hannah@perc.org Phone: 952-688-1838
Proposed meeting date (if date is flexible please indicate a proposed date range): Please identify any time sensitivity that impacts the date of the meeting, such as court-ordered or statutory deadline:	Our preferred timing is sometime March 17-20, if possible. If that doesn't work, we are happy to meet whenever works best for Secretary Burgum and can be flexible between now and the end of March.	
PARTICIPANTS		
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	Brian Yablonski, CEO of PERC Hannah Downey, Policy Director of PERC	
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	No	
Are any expected meeting participants a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	No	
MEETING TOPIC(S)		
Describe the proposed meeting topic/ agenda, provide available briefing materials, and identify desired outcome(s):	PERC is requesting a meeting with Secretary Burgum to introduce him to PERC and preview for him our forthcoming report "Ten Ideas for the Interior Department." As the Trump administration sets ambitious goals on how to improve government and outcomes for the American people, these ideas can shape how the Department of the Interior approaches its conservation mission. These ideas include: • Triple the rate of endangered species recovery to 10 percent by recovering an	

	additional 120 species. • Delist grizzly bear populations in recognition of their remarkable recovery success and incentivize landowners to engage in stewardship. • Cut to 60 days the time taken to issue voluntary conservation benefit agreements for endangered species. • Double fee revenues to improve stewardship of national parks by charging international visitors more than domestic ones and implementing other smart pricing ideas. • Stop the growth of the national park deferred maintenance backlog. • Double annual wild horse adoptions to 12,000 to curb overpopulation on public rangelands and save taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars by reinstating the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Incentive Program. • Advance grazing policy for the 21st century by shifting from prescriptive rules to results-driven management. • Increase forest restoration by 25 percent, to 3 million acres per year, to mitigate wildfire risk and improve forest health. • Pilot two true co-management agreements of national monuments with tribes. • Conserve the 10 highest-priority western migrations using voluntary, privately funded, locally led approaches.
Please describe the action sought from the Office of the Secretary:	We would like to meet with Secretary Burgum to introduce him to PERC and our proposals for how the Department of the Interior can embrace big goals to dramatically improve conservation outcomes in the United States. We would like to explore ways PERC can work with the Department and policies the Department can adopt to achieve these important goals.
Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)	The meeting will involve broad policy goals and options. As described in more detail above, the policy options we are interested in discussing include: improving the Endangered Species Act to promote species recovery; maintaining our national parks; fixing the wildfire crisis; conserving wildlife migration corridors; expanding flexible options for federal rangelands; exploring co-management of federal lands, and reducing wild horse populations.

Will the meeting involve regulations, rules, or other matters that impact a specific industry, sector of the economy, or group of persons? (If yes, please describe.)	PERC is an independent organization and does not represent a specific industry, sector, or group of persons. However, the ideas we'd like to discuss (mentioned above) will positively impact federal agencies, public recreationists, private landowners, states, public land grazers, and tribal nations.
Will the meeting involve a litigation matter, a permit, a grant, a contract, or any other matter that involves specific parties? (If yes, please identify the matter and list the specific parties.)	No
With which Bureau(s) or Office(s) does the proposed meeting agenda most align? (Please list all, if more than one.)	The Office of the Secretary Topics discussed will also relate to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management
LOGISTICS/OTHER*	
Please supply any other pertinent background information for the meeting. Draft agenda, organization website, prior engagement with DOI officials, etc.	Draft Agenda: - Introductions - Overview and discussion of PERC's proposed ideas for the Trump administration and the Department of the Interior to achieve measurable and longstanding conservation success (outlined above) PERC Website: www.perc.org Prior Engagement with DOI: PERC has long worked with the Department of the Interior on land, water, and wildlife conservation priorities. During the previous Trump administration, we regularly met with Secretary Zinke, Secretary Bernhardt, Chief of Staff Todd Willens, and Assistant Secretaries, Directors, and advisors including Andrea Travnicek, Karen Budd-Fallen, Margaret Everson, and Aurelia Skipwith on issues including Endangered Species Act improvements, the National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund, and the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Incentive Program. We continued to support these efforts through the Biden administration, and we look forward to continuing those conversations with Secretary Burgum and his team.
If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired?	We would prefer to meet with Secretary Burgum and can be flexible with his schedule.

If yes, anyone specific?	
Any additional notes or information?	PERC was highly supportive of the first Trump administration going through the rulemaking process and removing the “blanket 4(d) rule” for Endangered Species Act regulations on threatened species. The Biden administration then reinstated the rule. On December 10, 2024, PERC and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation submitted a notice of intent to sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service challenging the reinstatement of the “blanket 4(d) rule.” We will formally file the lawsuit on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Staff: Greg

Attendees: Brian Yablonski, PERC CEO

-Hannah Downey, PERC Policy Director