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All. This memo is due Monday, but due to it being a holiday, it's been wrapped up today. The tentative schedule has been shared with the delegation. I'll leave the Governor outreach to external. It's subject to change based on WH and press changes, but this is currently the plan. I've also attached AFN's proposed schedule for the day for reference. Note: the Secretary is planning to attend the social reception in the Senate at the end of the day, but there is no proposed program at this event.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

Alaska Federation of Natives

1/22/18

9:30-11 am

Department of Interior

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- I. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this event is twofold
- Formal Swearing in ceremony for Joe Balash (ASLM)
 - Sign formal agreement to initiate the land exchange that will commence the King Cove Road
- II. BACKGROUND:** The community of King Cove has worked for more than three decades to get a road corridor linking their community to the all-weather Cold Bay Airport, located 25 miles away. The small stretch of road (approximately 12 miles) would connect to existing roads in the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. In 2009, Congress and the President approved the road and swap (61,000 acres from the State and the King Cove Corporation) in exchange for a small single-lane gravel road corridor to the nearby all-weather Cold Bay Airport. Former U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell rejected the road on Dec. 23, 2013 because she needed to “listen to the birds and animals, because ultimately, I’ve got to speak for them.” This a critical issue for the Congressional delegation and the Governor. Chairman Murkowski asked the Secretary about this issue during his confirmation hearing and the President discussed this personally with Sen. Murkowski during the Tax Reform celebration at the White House. Both Sen. Sullivan and Rep. Young have pushed for this issue in their perspective committees as well. Press has already reported that the event will be happening on January 22, 2018.

Joe Balash was confirmed in the Senate in December and recently started at the Department. He is already sworn in, but has not had an official ceremony. This will be done while the delegation (including his former boss, Sen. Sullivan) and the Alaska Natives will be at the Department.

III. PARTIPANTS

Internal:

- Secretary Ryan Zinke
- Joe Balash, ASLM

External

- Chairman Lisa Murkowski
- Sen. Dan Sullivan
- Rep. Don Young
- Gov. Bill Walker
- Della Trumble, King Cove
- Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant, USCG - Tentative

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

9:30am Secretary Zinke Coffee Reception with Speakers and VIPs

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Location: Secretary's Office
 10:00 Welcome: Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior
 Location: Auditorium
 10:05 Ceremony/Oath for Joe Balash, Newly confirmed, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of Interior
 10:07 Comments by Joe Balash
 10:10 Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator
 10:13 Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant, USCG
 10:16 Alaska Governor Bill Walker
 10:19 Honorable Don Young, Congressman for Alaska
 10:22 Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator
 10:25 Della Trumble, King Cove
 10:30 Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of Interior
 Signing
 Press availability
 5:00pm Reception at the US Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

Note: Should the WH have interest in POTUS attendance, the schedule will obviously shift to accommodate.

- V. **PRESS PLAN:** Press will be invited and set up in the auditorium. Depending on timing and availability, some AK television stations may stream/record the ceremony live for the morning shows. After the ceremony, King Cove, AFN and the Alaska Delegation will be available for a press availability. Sec. Zinke is currently not expected to do press after the event. Joint release with the delegation and their quotes will be sent after the event. No advance interview is currently planned with the Secretary.

VI. **REMARKS: TBD**

VII. **ATTACHMENTS**

- a. [King Cove Fact Sheet](#)
- b. [Renewed optimism under Zinke's Interior Department for King Cove](#)
- c. [Proposed Alaska Road Pits Villagers Against Environmentalists](#)
- d. [In Alaska, a Deal Is Made for a Controversial Road Inside a Refuge](#)

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Working Draft Agenda – As of January 11, 2018

10:00 am	Welcome: Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior location: Auditorium
10:05	Ceremony/Oath for Joe Balash, Newly confirmed, Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, U.S. Department of Interior
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10:22	Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator
10:25	Della Trumble, King Cove
10:30	Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of Interior Signing Press availability
10:50	AFN Schedule resumes upstairs South Penthouse
11:00	Welcome - AFN Co-Chairs Ana Hoffman and Will Mayo (5 min) location: South Penthouse
11:05am	<i>Morning keynote:</i> Colonel Wayne Don, Alaska Army National Guard (20 min)
11:25 am	General Lori Robinson, Commander of the U.S. Northern Command and commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, US Air Force (20 min)
11:45am	Regional priorities – Cook Inlet – Greg Razo, Vice-President for External Affairs,

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11:50am	Guest speaker: Robb Wong, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration (10 min)
12:00	Working Lunch break (brought in) Keynote: Michelle Anderson, President, Ahtna (15 min) Regional priorities: Bering Straits, Bristol Bay, North Slope and Northwest Alaska
1pm	Alaska Congressional delegation
2:00 pm	Governor Bill Walker, and Lt. Governor Byron Mallott (10 min each)
2:40	Guest speaker: EPA Lee Forsgren, Deputy Asst Administrator for Water (10 min)
2:50	Guest speaker: Earl Comstock, Director of Policy and Strategic Planning, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Dept of Commerce (10 min)
3:00pm	Regional priorities – Y/K Delta – Vivian Korthuis, President/CEO, Association of Village Council Presidents, Margaret Pohjola, Calista Corporation (10 min)
3:10 pm	Guest speaker: Admiral Paul Zukunft, Commandant, US Coast Guard. Accompanied by Mr. Michael Emerson, Director of Marine Transportation System Management, and Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister, Commandant, 17 th Coast Guard District, Alaska
3:30 pm	Regional Priorities – Chugach region – Gabriel Kompkoff, President/CEO, Chugach Alaska Corporation (10 min) Regional Priorities – Southeast – Anthony Mallott, President/CEO, Sealaska (10 min) Regional Priorities – Interior – Georgianna Lincoln, Doyon (10 min)
4:00pm	Guest speakers: FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and FCC Commissioner Michael O’Rielly (tentative)
4:20	Guest speaker: Tracey Toulou, Office of Tribal Justice, U.S. Department of Justice (10 min)
4:30 pm	Conference adjourns
5-7pm	Reception at the US Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee

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