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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] AEMA Bernhardt Invite

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Leila, attached is the updated form. Let me know if you need anything else.

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Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 11:24 AM

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Hi Matt!

Thanks for your email. I truly hate to ask but do you mind find filling out the attached form (it's been updated since Secretary Bernhardt was confirmed with some additional questions from our ethics lawyers)? I appreciate your time and understanding.

Thank you!

Leila

Leila Getto

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On Mon, Jun 17, 2019 at 2:17 PM Matt Ellsworth <ellsworth@miningamerica.org> wrote:

Leila & Tim, I am following up on my conversation with Secretary Bernhardt at WGA last week where we discussed his potentially being our keynote speaker at our annual meeting. I have attached our formal request form. You may recall last year Secretary Zinke had accepted the invitation, however had to ultimately not attend due to his departure from DOI. Our membership remains excited to hear the Secretary share his vision with us.

Please let me know where I can provide any further information regarding our request.

Matthew Ellsworth

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Event Information Request Form

To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of the Interior is participating at your event and because the Office of the Secretary is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, we need the information requested below before we can agree to confirm a speaker¹.

Please respond to the questions below and send your response to scheduling@ios.doi.gov.

If you have any questions you may contact the Scheduling Office at 202-208-7551.

Title of the Event (please note if the event is a weekly, monthly, annual, etc.):	American Exploration & Mining Association Annual Meeting & Exposition
Date of Event (please note if the date is flexible):	December 4 or 5 (we hold keynote luncheons on both days, we would accommodate either) Noon – 1:30pm we would accommodate a time slot anytime therein.
Event Location (venue, address, city and state):	Nugget Casino Resort 1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV 89431
Point(s) of Contact (Name, Email, Phone):	Matthew Ellsworth ellsworth@miningamerica.org Mark Compton mcompton@miningamerica.org 509.624.1158
Briefly describe the event in detail including the purpose and desired role of the Secretary:	The convention is 1700-2000 attendees from all over the US/Canada with hardrock (no coal) mining interests, the vast majority on BLM lands and with USFW concerns. The Sec. would be addressing the luncheon on 500+ attendees as a welcome and an opportunity to share his vision for public land access and mineral development. The gathered audience shares an appreciation for the Sec and his already executed vision.
Please describe any specific request of the Secretary at the event (i.e. deliver keynote remarks, attend an event, meet with attendees etc.):	Deliver Keynote address Meet attendees if time allows
Is the event a fundraiser? If yes, please explain who it is benefiting (i.e. specific charity, a political candidate, etc.):	It is not
Event Host and Sponsor	
Who is the <u>event host</u> ? (Please identify and provide background on the Event host as well as any other organization involved in the Event.)	The American Exploration & Mining Association (AEMA) is a 124-year old, 1,700-member national association representing the minerals industry with members residing in 42 U.S. states, seven Canadian provinces or territories, and 8 other countries. AEMA

¹Per the Administration Ethics Pledge, the Secretary agreed that he will not for a period of two years from the date of his appointment participate in any particular matter involving specific parties in which a former employer or client of his is or represents a party, if he served that former employer or client during the two years prior to his appointment, absent a waiver under Section 3 of Executive Order No. 13770. This includes recusal from any meeting or other communication with such a former employer or client unless (1) there are five or more different stakeholders present and (2) no particular matters involving specific parties are discussed.

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	is the recognized national voice for exploration, the junior mining sector, and maintaining access to public lands, and represents the entire mining life cycle.
Is the <u>event host</u> a registered lobbyist or lobbying organization, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	AEMA is a 501(c)6 organization who employs federal lobbyists. AEMA is not a registered foreign agent
Is the <u>event host</u> a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	No, AEMA does not have a PAC nor make political contributions.
Is the <u>event host</u> a 501(c)(3) organization or a media organization? (If yes, please identify.)	No. AEMA is a 501(c)6 organization
Is the <u>event host</u> seeking or currently have any business interests with the Department such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please describe.)	AEMA represents 1700 members, many of whom have active mining claims on DOI lands. AEMA has no direct relationships with the agency. AEMA is a party to litigation regarding Greater-sage Grouse.
Who are the <u>sponsors</u> of the event? Please identify and provide background information on the individual and/or entity.	The conference has approximately 60 sponsors. (You can see the list at https://www.miningamerica.org/2019-annual-meeting/) The lunch itself will have 5-8 sponsors, yet to be determined. The sponsors will be corporations actively engaged in mining in the US
Are any event <u>sponsors</u> seeking or do they currently have any business interests with the Department such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please describe.)	Yes Many sponsors have active mining claims on DOI lands that have active BLM permits.
With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align? Please list all, if more than one.	Bureau of Land Management
Audience	
Approximately how many people are expected to attend the event?	1800-2000
Please describe the target audience of the event (elected officials, local community leaders, academics, industry representatives, public sector representatives, etc.).	The attendees are geologists, mining company executives, lawyers, and consultants, environmental professionals, from 48 US states, Canada and few other nations.

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Will the attendees at the event include persons with a diversity of views or interests, or representatives from throughout an industry or profession, or the range of persons interested in a matter? (If yes, please describe.)	The attendees are representatives from throughout an industry representing engineers, suppliers, miners, attorneys, corporations, consultants and more. The audience also will be from Canada and the US and have interests in various hardrock minerals.
Is the event open to the public? If not, please describe who is invited.	No. Access will be tightly controlled to AEMA members by ticket only. The event is on private property
Who are other VIPs or speakers confirmed and in what role?	no
Who are other VIPs or speakers invited?	None at this time.
Remarks	
If you are requesting remarks, are there any specific issues you would like the Secretary to highlight/address in his remarks?	Share his vision for public lands access and natural resources. Permit reform efforts. Species concerns. The audience is very well versed and supportive of the Secretary's actions to this date in these areas.
What is the desired format of his remarks (will he be delivering the keynote, sharing the stage, participating in a panel or roundtable, etc.)?	The Secretary will be the sole speaker on a stage with podium. Q&A is at the discretion of the Secretary.
What is the public registration/ticket fee to attend/participate in the event?	The event is open only to registered members of AEMA. The ticket fee is \$50 and not available to the general public.
Communications	
Is the event open or closed to press?	Open only to press members who register with AEMA. We are open to a closed press event if necessary.
If open, are you expecting local, trade, state, or national news coverage?	In the past local media and trade journals attend.
If this is an annual event, which news outlets typically cover the event?	The Northern Miner, Reno Gazette, Miners News
Will you be advertising or live streaming the event on any social media outlets? (If yes, please explain.)	We will not be live stream or broadcast. AEMA will promote the event on @miningamerica Twitter
Logistics/Other*	
What does the invitation include: registration/conference event fee; meals or refreshments; receptions or other entertainment; informational materials; memento or token of appreciation; and/or travel (ground or air transportation, hotel, etc.).	Registration to the full conference if the Secretary so chooses to attend. Lunch at the event. (seated at a head table, off stage) AEMA would present him with a small token of recognition after speaking. (Of nominal value <\$50, i.e. a plaque).

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Does all or part of the invitation to the Secretary extend to other Department staff such as security, advance, and/or those staff essential to the Secretary's participation in the event? (If yes, please identify.)	Yes All security and advance members
Does the invitation extend to the Secretary's spouse or other guest? If yes, will others in attendance generally be accompanied by a spouse or other guest?	Yes We provide free spouse access to the conference upon request for AEMA members
What is the monetary value of the invitation to the Secretary, etc.? Please identify how the costs were determined. (Please attach separate sheet if necessary.)	\$50.00 value of the admission ticket to event \$50.00 value of speakers appreciation gift
Please supply any other pertinent background information for the event (history of the event, prior attendance by DOI officials, draft agendas, event website, promotional/advertising materials, outreach plan, etc.):	Full program and brochure is available at https://www.miningamerica.org/2019-annual-meeting/
If the Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, anyone specific?	Yes. Ms. Kate McGregor or MR. Joe Balash
Any additional notes or information?	

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** *The purpose of these questions is to elicit information relevant to the ethics analysis and is not a solicitation or request for anything of value by the Department or any of its employees.*

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