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Tessa has been working with Heather, she will be sending this to Heather as soon as I approve. She was hoping for a quote from the Sec but hasn't received one yet and we would like it go out later today.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 14, 2018

Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke Confirmed as Keynote Speaker at 26th Annual Williston Basin Petroleum Conference

Bismarck, N.D. – Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will deliver the keynote address at the 26th Annual Williston Basin Petroleum Conference (WBPC) at 9:10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23 at the Bismarck Event Center in Bismarck, N.D.

"We are very excited to host Secretary Zinke to North Dakota," said Ron Ness, president of the North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC). "In his service as a Congressman and in his current role, Zinke has been a champion for the hard-working men and women in the energy and agriculture industries. Our state has benefitted greatly from his work to allow for the safe and responsible development of commodities while remaining an ardent steward of our natural resources. We look forward to hearing more about what the future holds for our state and nation."

Zinke was sworn in as the 52nd Secretary of the Interior on March 1, 2017. A fifth-generation Montanan and former U.S. Navy SEAL Commander, Zinke built one of the strongest track records in the 114th Congress on championing sportsmen's access, conservation, regulatory relief, forest management, responsible energy development, and smart management of federal lands. Ryan Zinke represented the state of Montana in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2014. Before that he served in the Montana State Senate from 2009 to 2011.

Zinke will join the more than 70 presenters at the WBPC, including eight Bakken executives, six of whom represent the top ten producers of oil and natural gas in North Dakota. The conference will also feature a nearly sold-out trade show of more than 270 booths. Registration for the conference will remain open through May 24. For more information, visit WBPCND.org.

About the Williston Basin Petroleum Conference

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The WBPC is the largest conference and expo focused on the Williston Basin, including the Bakken. The conference alternates between North Dakota and Saskatchewan, Canada every other year and is sponsored by the North Dakota Petroleum Council, North Dakota Geological Survey and Government of Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy. For more information and to register for the whole conference, visit www.wbpcnd.org.

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Since 1952, the Petroleum Council has been the primary voice of the oil and gas industry in North Dakota. The Petroleum Council represents more than 450 companies involved in all aspects of the oil and gas industry, including oil and gas production, refining, pipeline, mineral leasing, consulting, legal work, and oil field service activities in North Dakota, South Dakota, and the Rocky Mountain Region. For more information, go to www.ndoil.org.

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