

From: aurelia_skipwith@ios.doi.gov
Location: 1849 C Street NW, Room 3144 Washington, DC, United States
Importance: Normal
Subject: Invitation: Meeting w/Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) @ Wed Oct 18, 2017 4pm - 4:25pm (Geaner Parkes)
Start Date/Time: 2017-10-18T16:00:00-04:00
End Date/Time: 2017-10-18T16:25:00-04:00
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Meeting w/Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)

Meeting request from WCS. Coordination made via Geaner Parks/Thomas Garcia (DOI).

Please enter the main interior through the C Street entrance and give Thomas Garcia has POC for subject meeting. POC number at main interior is 202 208 4416.

Background:

On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 6:50 AM, Aurelia Skipwith wrote:
Good morning, Thomas.

Please schedule. Thank you.

Aurelia Skipwith
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street NW, Room 3148
Washington, DC 20240
202 208 5837

On Oct 11, 2017, at 6:30 AM, Thomas Garcia wrote:

Aurelia,

Good morning! I'm en route to the office and thought I would forward you this meeting request.

If you're interested in meeting with this organization please advise and I'll firm up the meeting time.

Thanks,

Thomas A Garcia
(A) Executive Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
202.208.4416 Office
202.815.7964 Mobile

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Parkes, Geaner"
Date: October 10, 2017 at 2:57:29 PM EDT

To: "thomas_garcia@nps.gov"
Cc: "Parkes, Geaner"
Subject: RE: Meeting Request with Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith and John F. Calvelli

Good Afternoon,

I am following up on John Calvelli's request to meet with Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith. Can you let me know if October 18th at 4pm is good?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Regards,

Geaner Parkes
Executive Assistant to John F. Calvelli, Public Affairs
718 220 6831
gparkes@wcs.org

From: Parkes, Geaner
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 3:19 PM
To: thomas_garcia@nps.gov
Cc: Parkes, Geaner
Subject: Meeting Request with Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith and John F. Calvelli
Importance: High

October 3, 2017

The Honorable Aurelia Skipwith
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Fish, Wildlife and Parks
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith:

On behalf of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), I am writing to request the opportunity to meet with you on October 18th or 19th to discuss the importance of international conservation programs managed by the Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in particular, to saving species threatened with extinction, strengthening governance and political institutions in Africa, Asia and Latin and South America, and furthering U.S. national security interests in these difficult regions.

Trafficking in wildlife is one of the largest illicit activities worldwide, worth billions of dollars annually. Evidence increasingly shows that large scale trafficking is being conducted by transnational organized crime syndicates that move poached products like elephant ivory, rhino horn, tiger pelts, and many other products out of range states and into black markets in Asia, Europe and the United States. There are also strong indications that the illegal wildlife trade is being used as a source of financing for violent extremist groups in Africa and elsewhere, some of which have been tied to human rights atrocities and terrorism. The large scale illegal profits generated by the trade are also promoting corruption, undermining the rule of law and threatening U.S. investments in security and development. Because of the threat it poses to U.S. national security interests, President Trump placed wildlife trafficking alongside trafficking in humans, weapons and drugs in the Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking shortly after taking office.

WCS saves wildlife and wild places worldwide through science, conservation action, education, and inspiring people to value nature. Founded in 1895 by Theodore Roosevelt as the New York Zoological Society at the site of the Bronx Zoo, which remains our flagship today, WCS and its five wildlife parks in New York City are visited by 4 million people annually, making it the largest network of urban wildlife parks in the world. WCS is also a global leader in protecting and promoting a world rich in wildlife and wild lands. WCS works in 16 priority landscapes encompassing almost 60 countries, whose landscapes account for about 50 percent of Earth's biodiversity, where we manage more than 200 million acres of protected area.

My assistant, Geaner Parkes will be in contact with you soon to discuss your availability. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

John F. Calvelli

Executive Vice President, Public Affairs

Wed Oct 18, 2017 4pm - 4:25pm Eastern Time

When
Where

1849 C Street NW, Room 3144 Washington, DC, United States ([map](#))

Video call

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Calendar

Geaner Parkes

Who

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aurelia skipwith@ios

thomas garcia@nps.

Geaner Parkes

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