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Subject: [EXTERNAL] AEMA Bernhardt Invite

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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.

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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 request you answer the following questions before we can agree to confirm a speaker.

Please complete this form and send to scheduling@ios.doi.gov. If you have any questions you may contact the Scheduling office at 202-208-7551

Specific Request to the Secretary (i.e. deliver keynote remarks, attend an event, etc):	Deliver the Keynote address to AEMA Membership (Luncheon)
Title of the Event (please note if the event is a weekly, quarterly, 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.
Location (city and state):	Reno/Sparks, Nevada @Nugget Casino Resort
Point of Contacts (please include email and phone number):	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.
Is the event a fundraiser? If yes, please explain who it is benefiting (i.e. specific charity, a political candidate, etc.)?	No.
Event Host and Sponsor:	
Who is the event host/organizer? Please describe the person or provide background information on the organization.	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 is the recognized national voice for exploration, the junior mining sector, and maintaining access to public lands, and represents the entire mining life cycle.

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Is the event host/organizer a candidate, or a party, or a lobbying organization/lobbyist, or nonprofit, or has a registered political action committee (PAC)?	No candidates. AEMA is a 501(c)6 organization who employs federal lobbyists. AEMA does not have a PAC nor make political contributions.
Who are the event sponsors? Please describe the person or provide background information on the organization.	The convention will have 60+ corporate financial sponsors from mining companies, law firms, suppliers and consultants. The luncheon itself will have 1-2 company sponsors TBD. AEMA is the sole organization planning and executing the event
What is the relationship between the event host/organizer with the Department of the Interior? Any business pending before the Department such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.?	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.
What is the relationship between the event sponsor(s) with the Department of the Interior?	See above
Does the event sponsor have any business pending before the Department such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.?	
<u>Audience, Other Speakers, and Remarks</u>	
Approximately how many people are expected to attend?	1700-1900 convention attendees, 500+ luncheon attendees
Describe the audience (local elected officials, community leaders, graduate students, University researchers, academia, company accountants, members of a specific industry, etc.):	The Sec. would be addressing attendees whom are geologists, mining company executives, lawyers, and consultants, environmental professionals, from 48 US states, Canada and few other nations.
Is the event open to the public?	No. Access will be tightly controlled to AEMA members by ticket only.
Are there any VIPs invited? If yes, who has confirmed?	No.
Who are the other speakers invited? Have they confirmed?	Not for the same luncheon as the Secretary. He will be the sole speaker. AEMA will conduct some light business before or after the Secretary's remarks. He would be welcome to join a head table (not on stage) to eat lunch with AEMA leadership.
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, a panel, etc.)?	The Secretary will be the sole speaker on a stage with podium. AEMA would present him with a small token of recognition after speaking. (Of nominal value, i.e. a plaque). Q&A is at the discretion of the Secretary.

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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.
<u>Communications</u>	
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?	Reno Gazette, Mining Journal, The Mining Record, Nevada Independent
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
<u>Logistics/Other</u>	
Please supply any other pertinent background information for the event (draft agendas, existing websites, confirmed and invited speaker, if this is an annual event, can you share last year agenda 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?	As you can imagine, we are planning for a large group and would appreciate any response in affirmative or negative so that we can complete our program as soon as reasonable possible.

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