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Subject: [EXTERNAL] AFBF Invitation - Council of Presidents, July 2019

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Good afternoon,

Please see attached our invitation for Acting Secretary Bernhardt to speak at our upcoming Council of Presidents meeting that will take place in July in Washington DC.

Attached also for your review is the Event Information Request Form and the COP Agenda that we had last year.

We look forward to Mr. Bernhardt joining us if his schedule permits.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

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March 27, 2019

The Honorable David Bernhardt
Acting Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Acting Secretary Bernhardt:

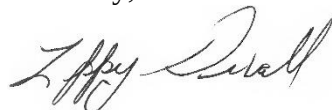
On behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest general farm organization, I am writing to invite you to participate in a special meeting we will host later this year.

Farm Bureau presidents from all 50 states and Puerto Rico will convene July 9-10 in Washington, D.C., for a Council of the Presidents. I invite you to address the group either morning. We can be flexible as to timing to accommodate your schedule.

AFBF publicly applauded your recent nomination as Secretary of the Interior and has urged the Senate to support your swift confirmation. As Deputy Secretary and Acting Secretary of the Interior, you have undertaken critical work in many areas, in particular the commitment to multiple use management of America's public lands, regulatory efforts to reform the outdated and ineffective Endangered Species Act, streamlining the National Environmental Policy Act, and the promotion of outcome-based grazing across our nation's rangelands. Additionally, the implementation of President Trump's Executive Order on Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Rangelands, and other Federal Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk is of great interest to Farm Bureau members nationwide. I know our presidents would be interested to hear your thoughts on these or any other topics you wish to discuss.

I hope your schedule will permit you to join us at this event. We will follow up with your staff in hopes of securing your acceptance of this invitation. Please feel free to contact Paul Schlegel (pauls@fb.org or (b) (6) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Zippy Duvall
President

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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.):	Council of Presidents (Annual Event)
Date of Event (please note if the date is flexible):	July 9 and July 10, 2019 (from 8am to 12pm both days)
Event Location (city and state):	Washington, DC
Point(s) of Contact (Name, Email, Phone):	Valeria Zavala valeriaz@fb.org (b) (6) (b) (6)
Briefly describe the event in detail including the purpose and desired role of the Acting Secretary:	Presidents from all states plus Puerto Rico meet in DC for updates on policy and other briefings. They would like to hear from acting Secretary on issues that we mention in our attached letter.
Please describe any specific request of the Acting Secretary at the event (i.e. deliver keynote remarks, attend an event, meet with attendees etc.):	Keynote speaker (20 minutes with 10 for Q&A)
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? (Please identify and provide background on the Event host as well as any other organization involved in the Event.)	American Farm Bureau Federation

¹Per the Administration Ethics Pledge, the Acting 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 <u>event host</u> a registered lobbyist or lobbying organization, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	American Farm Bureau Federation
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
Is the <u>event host</u> a 501(c)(3) organization or a media organization? (If yes, please identify.)	No
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.)	No
Who are the <u>sponsors</u> of the event? Please identify and provide background information on the individual and/or entity.	n/a
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.)	n/a
With which Bureau or Agency does your agenda most align? Please list all, if more than one.	n/a
Audience	
Approximately how many people are expected to attend the event?	80 (state presidents and state staff)
Please describe the target audience of the event (elected officials, local community leaders, academics, industry representatives, public sector representatives, etc.).	State Farm Bureau Presidents, state staff and farm bureau staff
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.)	Ag Issues
Is the event open to the public? If not, please describe who is invited.	No (only state presidents, state staff and special guest speakers)

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Who are other VIPs or speakers confirmed and in what role?	We are working on this, nobody confirmed yet
Who are other VIPs or speakers invited?	Sec. Perdue, Mr.Jared Kushner, Administrator Andrew Wheeler, Chairman Collin Peterson,
Remarks	
If you are requesting remarks, are there any specific issues you would like the Acting Secretary to highlight/address in his remarks?	The issues are listed on the attached letter
What is the desired format of his remarks (will he be delivering the keynote, sharing the stage, participating in a panel or roundtable, etc.)?	Keynote speaker
What is the public registration/ticket fee to attend/participate in the event?	No cost, this is an American Farm Bureau event
Communications	
Is the event open or closed to press?	closed
If open, are you expecting local, trade, state, or national news coverage?	n/a
If this is an annual event, which news outlets typically cover the event?	n/a
Will you be advertising or live streaming the event on any social media outlets? (If yes, please explain.)	no
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.).	n/a
Does all or part of the invitation to the Acting Secretary extend to other Department staff such as security, advance, and/or those staff essential to the Acting Secretary's participation in the event? (If yes, please identify.)	Acting Secretary can be joined by his staff if needed.
Does the invitation extend to the Acting Secretary's spouse or other guest? If yes, will others in attendance generally be accompanied by a spouse or other guest?	no

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What is the monetary value of the invitation to the Acting Secretary, etc.? Please identify how the costs were determined. (Please attach separate sheet if necessary.)	n/a
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.):	Attached is on agenda from last years event.
If the Acting Secretary is not able to attend, is a surrogate desired? If yes, anyone specific?	no
Any additional notes or information?	no

***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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