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Hello

Just FYI. I will review the programs that are within my wheel house and Jill will do the same. We will forward are comments to you for review as well. Have you already seen these or do you have these?

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Sent from my iPhone.  
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**Subject:** ASLM Review -- Secretary Budget Briefing Papers (BLM), Due 2pm, 5/9

For ASLM Review,

As you may know, the Department has asks the bureaus to identify topics and prepare briefing papers for the Secretary's budget hearings. Attached below are 25 high level program overview briefing paper

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we have prepared for OCL that have been cleared through the BLM.

OCL has given us a hard deadline of May 10, therefore we are requesting ASLM review and edits by

**2pm on  
Tuesday (5/  
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) in order to make the necessary revisions.

We are happy to answer any questions you might have.

Thanks!  
Meagan

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Lands Identified as Potentially Suitable for Disposal

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Prepared by: Jamie Pool, BLM Legislative Affairs, 202-912-7430  
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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

**MEMBER:** General Interest

**ISSUE:** New Measurement Regulations

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Transmission on Public Lands

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** National Conservation Lands

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A)

### Key Points

- Planning: On Feb. 21, 2013, former Secretary Salazar signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Integrated Activity Plan (IAP) for NPR-A. The IAP made 11.8 million acres available for oil and gas leasing, out of NPR-A's nearly 23 million acres. The IAP addresses oil and gas development, protection of habitat for birds, polar bears, and caribou, along with areas important for subsistence resources for over 40 northern and western Alaska Native villages.
- Lease Sales: The BLM holds annual lease sales for the NPR-A, with the most recent sale on Dec. 14, 2016. High bids totaled approximately \$18.8 million (50% going to the State of Alaska) on 67 of the 145 tracts offered. The next annual oil and gas lease sale for the NPR-A is planned for late 2017.
- APD Processing: The BLM approved the Greater Mooses Tooth 1 (GMT) Application for Permit to Drill submitted by ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (CPAI) on Oct. 22, 2015. Production at GMT1 will begin in 2018.

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### Background

- Lease Sales: The BLM has held 12 lease sales in the NPR-A since 1999 and administers 183 Federal oil and gas leases, totaling over 1.3 million acres. 900, totaling 10.3 million acres, Lease tracts are available for comment and potential offer for the 2017 lease sale.
- Congressional Interest: Senator Murkowski (R-AK), has expressed interest in BLM's APD and review process.

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** BLM Planning 2.0 Repeal Next Steps

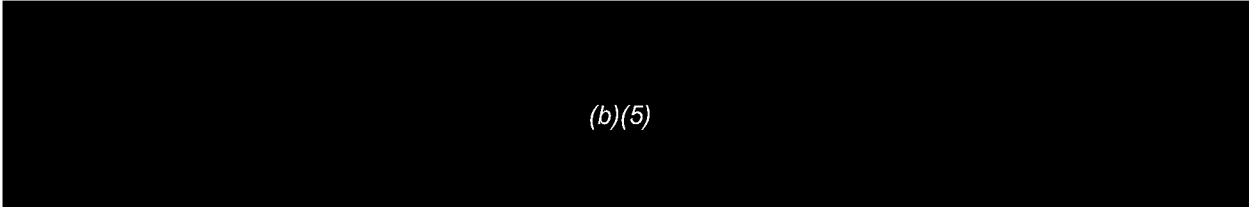
### Key Points

- The BLM’s Resource Management Planning rule “Planning 2.0” was published in the *Federal Register* on December 12, 2016, and became effective Jan. 11, 2017.
- Under the authority of the Congressional Review Act (CRA), both the House of Representatives (February 8, 2017) and Senate (March 6, 2017) passed House Joint Resolution 44, “Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of the Interior relating to Bureau of Land Management regulations that establish the procedures used to prepare, revise, or amend land use plans pursuant to [FLPMA].”
- The President signed the joint resolution on March 27, 2017, which immediately nullified Planning 2.0. Following the measure’s enactment, the BLM reverted to its existing planning rule, which was originally promulgated in 1983 and then modified in 2005.
- On March 27, 2017, Secretary Zinke directed the BLM to begin a focused effort to identify and implement results-oriented improvements to its land use planning and NEPA processes. A final report is due by September 27, 2017.

### Background

- The BLM launched the Planning 2.0 initiative in 2013 to revise the regulations that govern land use planning (43 CFR 1601 and 43 CFR 1610).
- The Planning 2.0 rule was the first significant update to the BLM’s land use planning regulations in approximately 30 years.

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Abandoned Mine Lands (AML)

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Date: April 28, 2017

**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Grazing Permit Renewal

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Federal Coal Management Program

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Western Oregon Forestry & Payments to Oregon and California (O&C) Counties

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Hunting, Fishing, & Recreational Shooting on Public Lands

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA)

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**ISSUE:** Fire & Fuels Management

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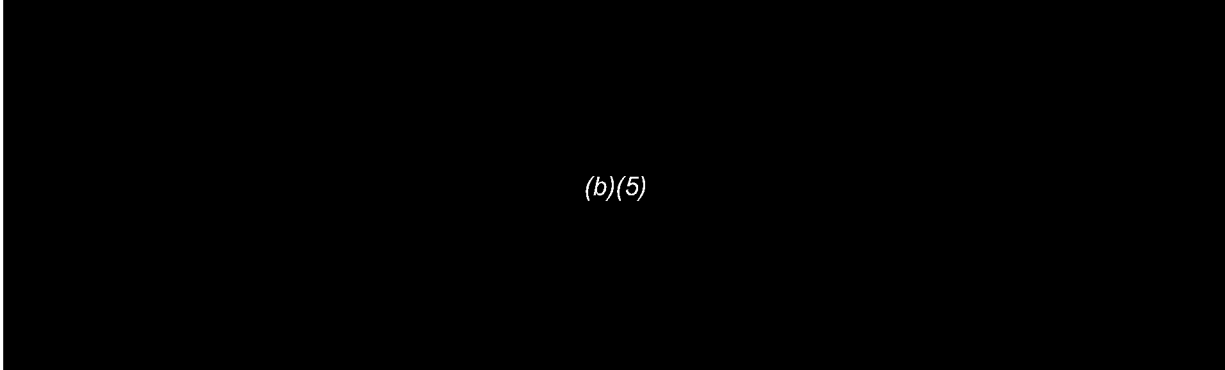
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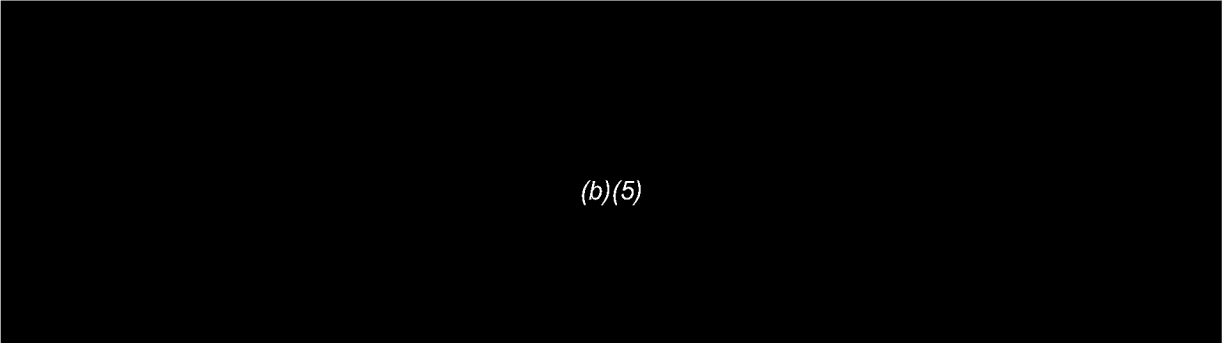
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**Date:** May 1, 2017

**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Hydraulic Fracturing

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Prepared by: Meagan Gins, BLM Legislative Affairs, 202-912-7399  
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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Alaska Land Conveyance Program

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Legacy Wells – National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A)

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Oil & Gas Development on Public Lands

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*Note: The figures in this memo do not include statistics for Indian lands.*

**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Law Enforcement & Employee Safety

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Implementation of S.O. 3349, American Energy Independence

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
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**ISSUE:** Natural Gas Venting & Flaring

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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Greater Sage-grouse Plan Implementation

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Date: April 28, 2017

**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Border Security & Resource Protection

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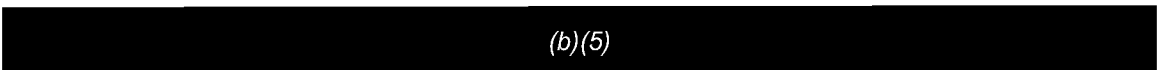
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**BUREAU:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
**MEMBER:** General Interest  
**ISSUE:** Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA)

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