

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Brian Steed
Acting Director
Bureau of Land Management
1849 C Street, N.W., Room 5665
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Steed:

We are writing to request a briefing for Committee staff concerning the Cliven Bundy trespass grazing trial. We are interested in BLM's views of the events that transformed a case in which Mr. Bundy admitted to failing to pay the legally required fees or obtain the legally required permits while organizing armed support of his defiance, and in which Mr. Bundy and his associates appeared to plainly engage in the unlawful use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims, into a case that ended in mistrial. Because it ended in mistrial with prejudice, Cliven Bundy will get away with the misdeeds he undertook in the 2014 armed standoff, potentially encouraging others to break the law.

In addition to briefing staff on the trial, please be prepared to discuss future trespass grazing enforcement plans in light of the Government Accountability Office report, "Unauthorized Grazing: Actions Needed to Improve Tracking and Deterrence Efforts," as well as plans to deal with Cliven Bundy copycats. We request the briefing no later than January 24, 2018.

Please contact Vic Edgerton of the Committee staff at (202) 225-6065 with any questions about this request.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources



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Ranking Member
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