

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

April 20, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Zinke  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C St. NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Zinke,

On March 29, 2017, you signed Secretarial Order Number 3349, which was designed to implement the directive in the Executive Order of March 28, 2017 (Executive Order 13783), to “review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions...that potentially burden the development or use of domestically produced energy resources.” The Executive Order and Secretarial Order also rescinded or ordered the rescission of a number of important Obama Administration climate and mitigation policies, lifted the moratorium on new coal leases, and ordered the review of four commonsense regulations affecting oil and gas operations on National Park Service lands, fish and wildlife refuges, and other public lands.

The wide-ranging and vague directives in both orders have the potential to completely upend the way the Department of the Interior manages energy development on public lands, leading to a situation where the desires of fossil fuel developers to use our public lands to mine for coal or drill for oil and gas could dictate Departmental policy, while the interests of ordinary citizens are given short-shrift or completely ignored. It is not clear how the various agencies of the Department will define what policies or actions “burden” energy development, but it is entirely possible that all forms of recreation, hunting, fishing, public access, wildlife conservation, grazing, and every other non-energy-related use of public lands could fall under that definition.

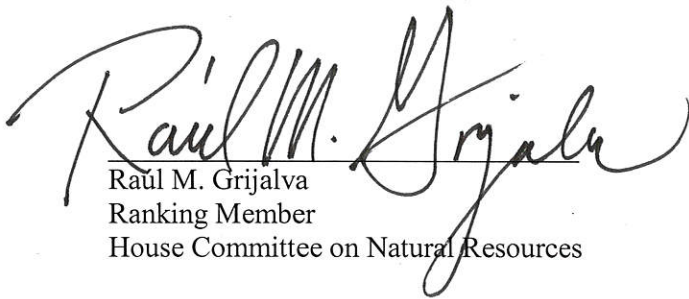
In order for us to understand and exercise proper oversight into the potentially massive changes in public lands policy and management that will arise from the Executive Order and Secretarial Order, we ask that within one week of the date of this letter you provide to both the Democratic and Republican members of the House Committee on Natural Resources the following documents described in Secretarial Order 3349:

1. The list of all Department Actions related to mitigation policies provided to the Deputy Secretary by each bureau and office, as required to be completed by April 12, 2017, as per Section 5(a)(i) of Secretarial Order 3349;
2. The list of all Department Actions related to climate change policies provided to the Deputy Secretary by each bureau and office, as required to be completed by April 12, 2017, as per Section 5(b)(i) of Secretarial Order 3349;
3. The report from the Director, Bureau of Land Management, on the rule entitled, “Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation,” as required to be provided to the Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management by April 19, 2017, per Section 5(c)(ii) of Secretarial Order 3349;


4. The report from the Director, National Park Service, on the rule entitled, "General Provisions and Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights," as required to be provided to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks by April 19, 2017, per Section 5(c)(iii) of Secretarial Order 3349;
5. The report from the Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, on the rule entitled, "Management of Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights," as required to be provided to the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks by April 19, 2017, per Section 5(c)(iv) of Secretarial Order 3349; and
6. The reports from each bureau and office head provided to the Deputy Secretary that identify all existing Department Actions that "potentially burden...the development or utilization of domestically produced energy resources," as required by April 19, 2017, per Section 5(c)(v) of Secretarial Order 3349.

Please provide all requested documents to Ms. Sarah Lim, Chief Counsel, Democratic Staff, House Committee of Natural Resources, at sarah.lim@mail.house.gov. Thank you for your attention to this request.


Sincerely,



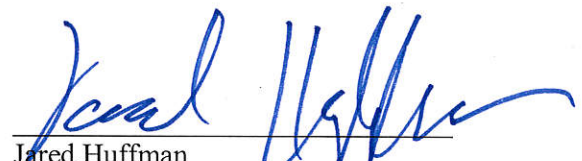
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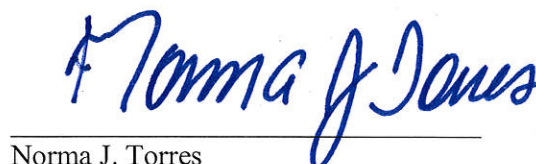
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