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On Tuesday morning, the Board viewed a telecast of the testimony of Acting BLM Director William Perry Pendley, PLF President Ed Shepard, and others, on the Department's reorganization and relocation of the BLM Headquarters Office to Grand Junction, Colorado, before the House Committee on Natural Resources. On Friday, the Board decided to continue to oppose the effort to dismantle BLM.

Mark Butler, Executive Council Member and Treasurer of the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks (CPANP), provided the Board with a number of good suggestions on raising funds and writing proposals for grants. The CPANP is also willing to partner with the PLF in our opposition to the dismantling of BLM.

The Board was briefed on the proposed Membership Retention and Growth Strategy, Member's Forum, Membership Survey recommendations, and Volunteer Survey results. These efforts will be incorporated in the PLF efforts to update and complete its Work Plan. The PLF Strategic Plan that was developed last year received unanimous approval, with the understanding that additional changes can be made, if desired.

The Board unanimously approved continuation of the Student Congress and partnering with the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR). The next Student Congress is to take place in 2020, with Boise, Idaho identified as a possible venue. Themes being considered are: Wildland Fire and Effects of Recent Timber Management on Forest Health. The NAFSR was also approved as an ad hoc member of the PLF Board.

The PLF's 2020 Proposed Budget of \$107,175 was approved, which includes \$10,000 for George Lea Founder's Scholarships and \$40,000 for the next Student Congress.

Brian Sybert, Executive Director, and Elaine Brong, Founding Director of the Conservation Lands Foundation (CLF), briefed the Board on the establishment of the CLF, the work that it is doing with friends groups, fundraising, and its interest in continuing to be a partner with the PLF.

Several technical amendments to the PLF bylaws were approved and the need for any additional changes will be considered to assure it is consistent with the Strategic Plan and Work Plan.

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The Public Lands Foundation advocates and works for the retention of America's Public Lands in public hands professionally and sustainably managed for responsible common use and enjoyment.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Ed Shepard

Where did the summer go? I can't believe that we're already having cool weather and snow is in the air in the high country. I really don't mind this time of year; kinda like it. I'm just not sure I am ready for it. The PLF has been very busy the past few months working on getting ready for a successful Annual Meeting; while also at the same time responding to the proposed BLM reorganization, the relocation of the WO Headquarters to Grand Junction, and the scattering of other WO staff all over the West.

The PLF Annual Meeting was held on September 10-13 in Reno, Nevada. This year's program centered on one of the important multiple-use programs in the BLM portfolio, Sustainable Energy and Minerals Management. A field trip to the Coeur Rochester gold and silver mine was held on Wednesday. I was unable to attend but reports are that the field trip was a "blast," figuratively and literally, as the mine detonated a shot as part of their operations while the group was there (see the video on www.publicland.org). Wednesday evening, we had a picnic at a local park and the opportunity to eat some good food and to socialize with old friends.

The general member's session was held on Thursday with several speakers from local, state, and Federal government, conservation groups, and the University of Nevada-Reno making presentations on the role of energy and minerals in Nevada. The BLM Nevada State Director Jon Raby welcomed us and provided an update on BLM Nevada programs. Presentations included discussions on locatable minerals as well as traditional and renewal energy. Nevada has always had a lot going on in mining and this continues, along with expanding renewable energy production. We also heard from Senator Jackie Rosen via video and from Kurt Englehart representing

Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto. Congressman Mark Amodei joined us in person and gave a talk on Nevada and the public lands. His remarks were humorous and enjoyed by the attendees. Of course, he was asked about his views on the BLM reorganization and relocation. He responded that "when someone dares to tell me what it is, I'll be happy to share my thoughts" (which prompted a lot of laughs). Dwight Fielder of the National Older Workers Career Center made a presentation on the Experienced Services Program. This is a program where retirees, 55 and older, provide services back to BLM or other agencies and receive pay based on the work and experience. Further information on this program is included in the summary of the Annual Meeting in this edition of the *Monitor*, which I encourage you to read and consider. Mike Ferguson and AnnaFaith Jorgensen gave a short presentation and video highlighting the Fourth Student Congress held in August 2018 in Baker City, Oregon. AnnaFaith is the student representative on the PLF Board and her presence at the meeting gave us a fresh perspective on natural resource management.

At the Thursday evening banquet we heard from Jim Currivan on his many years of experience with BLM. We also presented Volunteer of the Year awards to Ray Brady and George Stone, and Lifetime Service Awards to Mike Ferguson and Wayne Elmore. Wayne was unable to attend and will be presented his award in October. Pat Harvey was recognized by the Board for her many years of service to the PLF as co-editor of the *Monitor*.

These meetings do not happen without the work of a lot of people. I don't like to list people because I inevitably leave people out that should be recognized. I would, however, like to thank Butch Hayes and Jim Currivan for their leadership in putting this excellent meeting together, and to Beau for making sure everything came together as it should. Also, a big "thank you" to Nevada BLM for their help and support. And, to all of you that attended. I encourage those of you that have not attended our meetings to consider doing so in the future. It is a good way to keep up on the management of BLM's public lands and with other retirees. Next year's meeting will be in Wyoming and plans are beginning for that meeting.

For the past couple of years we have been hearing about the Department's efforts to reorganize BLM and move the WO Headquarters to the West. The PLF has been very open with the BLM leadership and the Department that, as retirees with cumulatively thousands of years of experience in public land management, we oppose moving the Headquarters office away from Washington, D.C. where all other Federal land management agencies are located. Since 2017, the PLF has been on record through letters to BLM, the Secretary, and to Congress of our opposition and the reasons we feel this reorganization is detrimental to the agency and the Nation's public lands.

At that time, we thought the plan was to move the Headquarters, as a whole, to a western location. We thought that plan was ill-conceived and wrong. We were shocked when we, and the BLM employees, found out via a July 16, 2019 letter to Congress from former Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Joe Balash that the intent was to move the Director, Deputy Director for Operations, Assistant Directors, and a small support staff to Grand Junction, Colorado (a total of 27 employees). Most of the other Washington Office program offices and employees would be split up in offices around the West and attempt to continue to perform WO work from afar. Approximately 60 positions covering legislative affairs, budget, FOIA, etc. would be left in Washington, D.C. along with the politically-appointed Deputy Director for Policy and Programs. Another 74 positions, mostly vacant and unfunded positions, would be separated from the WO and allocated to states under the respective State Director. This is a plan that will dismantle BLM and cripple its ability to effectively carry out its multiple-use mission.

The Department cites the need to get employees closer to the ground they manage, to provide better customer service, place decision making closer to the land, and to save money. These are all worthy objectives. However, this reorganization plan is not needed to achieve these objectives and the consequences of its implementation will not meet the objectives. The plan fails to recognize that 97 percent of the BLM employees are already located near the land they manage in Field, District, and State Offices. These are the employees that are in the local communities interacting on a daily basis with the public, tribes, state and local governments, and other land management agencies. These

are the employees that are providing the expert advice and input for decisions that are appropriately made at the Field or District Manager level or elevated to the State Director for decision. Those employees located in the WO are there to provide expert advice on decisions and policy that is appropriately made on a national level. The delegation of authority already exists to make decisions in the field, but over the past several years the Department has pulled back some of that delegated authority for review in Washington. This issue can easily be fixed by sending the appropriate authority and accountability back to the field.

As far as saving money, there is no argument that leasing office space is cheaper in Grand Junction than in Washington, D.C. It is also true that BLM would pay the employees less in many western locations. However, it is arguable that the cost savings would be offset by the loss in effective and efficient management of the organization and the public lands. We have not seen where any analysis of this ever-fluctuating plan has been done or what the business reasons are for moving positions to specified locations. The PLF has asked Congress to stop or delay this reorganization until an independent analysis by a third party, such as the Congressional Budget Office or Government Accountability Office, can take a close look at it and weigh the benefits against the costs.

The PLF has taken several steps to raise our concerns including meeting with BLM, the Department, as well as Congressional members and staffs; writing letters to appropriate Congressional Committees; collaborating with other groups with similar concerns, such as the National Association of Forest Service Retirees and the Conservation Lands Foundation; testifying before Congress; and getting the story out via social media and the press.

As of the time I am writing this, the reorganization is moving forward and building space has been leased in Grand Junction. Employees have been notified as to the location they will be moving to and vacant positions are being advertised in western locations. The Department has made it clear through press releases that they intend to move forward with the reorganization at a fast pace, notwithstanding the reluctance of Congress to appropriate further funds to carry out the reorganization.

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BOARD MEETING *(continued from page 1)*

Next year's Annual Meeting will be held in Wyoming in September. The exact venue and theme have not yet been determined.

FIELD TOUR

As participants attending the PLF Annual Meeting loaded onto a bus at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, September 11, the Coeur Rochester mine located about 13 miles northeast of Lovelock, Nevada, seemed to be far away. Fortunately, Tina Chafin, a BLM Land Law Examiner from the Nevada State Office, joined the tour and did an outstanding job of pointing out a variety of mineral-related developments as well as other relevant facts and information throughout the 108-mile-long trip. At a rest stop in Lovelock, Dana Sue Kimbal, Environmental Manager for Coeur Rochester, joined the bus and was an excellent host for the remainder of the tour.

Robert Stepper, the mine's General Manager; Josef Bilant, Process Manager, who provided a Powerpoint overview of the refinery; Robbie Anderson, Sr. Mine Geologist, who made a geology presentation at the taco lunch provided by the mine; and Heidi Goetsch, the mine's Environmental Coordinator, all are to be commended for making the tour a great success. One of the participants, a retired BLM State Director, said it was the best mine tour he had ever been on and he had been on many.



PLF field trip to Coeur Rochester Mine, Nevada
2019 Annual Meeting

Highlights included the open pit mine tour and a 700-shot blast arranged by Lorin Noble, the mine's Operations Superintendent; seven 300+ pound silver bars worth \$700-800,000; rubber balls used to cover leach ponds to minimize bird and wildlife impacts; and views of the leach fields being developed; not to mention the excellent lunch.

After returning to the Peppermill Hotel in Reno a little after 4:00 p.m., there was just enough time to relax for a brief moment and then catch a ride to the Bartley Ranch Regional Park for dinner and casual conversations with friends.

General Membership Meeting

notes by Mike Holbert

The 2019 General Membership meeting focused on the theme of Sustainable Energy and Minerals Management, which was addressed by 13 speakers. Minerals and energy management is a large component of BLM's portfolio. It is an important multiple-use of America's public lands and is important to local economies as well as the Nation's energy independence.

Mr. Ed Shepard opened the general session by expressing his and the PLF's appreciation for those individuals involved with organizing the meeting and, in particular, the previous day's excellent tour of the Coeur Rochester silver mine east of Lovelock, Nevada. In addition to what each person learns from presentations at meetings, one of the most important and rewarding aspects of attending PLF's annual meetings is the social interaction, opportunity to visit with old acquaintances, and making new friends!

MS. NAOMI DUERR

Ms. Duerr welcomed everyone to Reno, which is commonly referred to as Nevada's "Biggest Little City." Ms. Duerr fell in love with Reno while visiting her father and never left. With her professional geologist experience and her political life as Reno's current Vice-Mayor, Ms. Duerr is a political person with a science background, which is rare.

Ms. Duerr provided an overview of the company she founded and manages with her husband, which

is a research and development company focused primarily in the United States. Over the years, Ms. Duerr and her husband have taken strong positions of support for many public land issues such as sage-grouse, wilderness, withdrawal of lands for Navy bases, etc., but offered a word of caution in moving in a direction that could eventually make mineral development and extrac-



Naomi Duerr
Vice Mayor of Reno

tion financially impossible, thus increasing the United States dependence on other countries. Her firm encourages policies that are oriented and friendly to the environment and that provide funding and research to agencies that support the minerals industry.

Recognizing that the BLM work is often challenging, Ms. Duerr applauded the agency for its efforts in relation to minerals and energy development. Personally, Ms. Duerr's business has received tremendous service from the BLM Nevada State Office in relation to keeping their mineral claims current, and stressed the importance of maintaining a BLM office in the Reno area.

In closing, Ms. Duerr addressed the benefits received from the Lyon County lands bill, and an effort currently underway to develop a lands bill in Washoe County where she personally has advocated for the funds derived from the bill to be reinvested locally into recreation resources, including development of a recreation corridor in the Reno area.

UNITED STATES SENATOR JACKY ROSEN

Senator Rosen was unable to attend the meeting but provided a video presentation that is available at https://s3.amazonaws.com/sdmc-media.senate.gov/ROSEN/091019_ROSEN_3_WEBHD.mp4.

UNITED STATES SENATOR CATHERINE CORTEZ-MASTO

Mr. Kurt Englehart, Senator Cortez-Masto's Rural Northern Nevada regional representative, expressed the Senator's appreciation for the invitation to address the PLF general session. Unfortunately, she had returned to Washington, DC, just after the August recess to address the Nation's business.



Kurt Englehart
Regional Representative for
Senator Cortez-Masto

MR. JON RABY

Mr. Jon Raby, BLM's Nevada State Director, provided an overview of the mineral and natural resources managed by BLM on 48 million surface acres and 59 million subsurface acres of public land in Nevada. These lands provide an economic benefit of \$7.2 billion to Nevada's budget. He discussed BLM Nevada's priorities:



Jon Raby
BLM Nevada State Director

- fluid minerals (primarily oil/gas and geothermal) with a revenue of \$8.2 million and disbursements of \$5.3 million to the State of Nevada and counties
- solid minerals with 205,000 mining claims and \$8.2 billion in total value
- fire and fuels management including hazardous fuels management and emergency stabilization and burned area rehabilitation efforts
- rangeland management which includes five of BLM's 11 outcome-based grazing pilot projects and one of two landscape-scale demonstration projects
- wild horse and burro management

- outdoor recreation (specific mention was given to the 2019 Burning Man event)
- special areas including two National Conservation Areas and two National Monuments
- renewable energy development and transmission
- wildlife, fish, and plants

MR. RICH PERRY

Mr. Rich Perry, Administrator for the Nevada's Division of Minerals, provided a historical perspective of production trends for several locatable minerals including gold, silver, copper, barite, limestone, diatomaceous earth, lithium carbonate, silica sand, magnesite, salt, and perlite. In addition to the locatable minerals, Mr. Perry addressed fluid mineral development including geothermal, oil, and dissolved minerals (i.e., lithium). In total, Nevada's mineral and energy production value was \$8.4 billion in 2017 and 2018, of which gold represents 88 percent.

In addition to historical mineral production, Mr. Perry also addressed the history of land withdrawals in Nevada from 1930 to present day, which has averaged approximately 177,000 acres per year or



Rich Perry
Nevada Department of Minerals

1.8 million acres withdrawn from mineral entry per decade. If the withdrawal trend continues, land withdrawals could eventually significantly adversely impact development or extraction of "critical minerals" which have been deter-

mined to be "vital to the Nation's security and economic prosperity." Nevada contains known occurrences or deposits of 20 of the 35 identified "critical minerals."

He discussed Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak's climate urgency and protection of public lands and the U. S. Climate Alliance. The 2019 Nevada legislative session included State Bill 254 identifying climate targets. He described Nevada's energy history and future, Nevada's greenhouse gas emissions profile, transportation electrification, and the relationship between batteries and strategic minerals.



David Bobzien
Governor's Office of Energy

It is important to marry the concept of natural and working lands with public land management to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse emissions.

Nevada is one of 24 states and one territory involved with the United States Climate Alliance, which was founded in July 2017 when President Trump pledged to withdraw from the Paris Agreement. In light of his commitment to address climate change, Governor Sisolak signed Senate Bill (SB) 358 increasing Nevada's renewable energy portfolio standard to 50 percent by 2030, and SB 254, which calls for a reduction of greenhouse gases to nearly zero by 2050. Efforts are being made to reduce Nevada's dependence on use of coal by increasing use of natural gas and renewable energy sources such as solar and wind for electricity generation. Nevada is working to expand the Nevada Electric Highway Program by placing electric charging infrastructure on five major highways in the state as part of the multi-state Regional Electric Vehicle Plan for the West program. Lithium is a strategic mineral required to support development of lithium batteries, which is now a top ten export from Nevada at \$131 million in 2018. To meet this need, there is increasing pressure to increase production of lithium from public lands across the West.

MR. DAVID BOBZIEN

Mr. David Bobzien, Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Energy, described the nexus between Nevada's climate policy and public lands.

MR. KELLY MCGOWAN

Mr. Kelly McGowan, Program Manager for the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team, addressed the State's Sagebrush Ecosystem Council and the

Conservation Credit System (CCS), which focus on 1) mitigating threats (e.g., fire, invasive plant species, anthropogenic fragmentation) to the greater sage-grouse and 2) protecting the State's sagebrush ecosystem. Areas addressed in the presentation included common challenges of compensatory mitigation, development of the CCS program, and the status of mitigation implementation in Nevada.



Kelly McGowan
Nevada Department of Conservation
and Natural Resources

four solar photovoltaic projects, and five energy storage projects in 30 counties generating over 2,900 megawatts of power. ORMAT's economic impact includes paying \$2.6 million in royalties and \$923,448 in rental to BLM in California, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah. In Nevada, ORMAT has 205,442 acres under lease and paid \$2.3 million in royalties in 2018.



Paul Thomsen, ORMAT

MR. PAUL THOMSEN

Mr. Paul Thomsen, Vice-President for Business Development for ORMAT Technology, provided an entertaining presentation addressing an overview of ORMAT—the world's only vertically integrated geothermal company addressing all phases of geothermal development, its economic impact, use of the air-cooled binary geothermal power plant approach, ORMAT projects in the Western United States, and more specifically projects in Nevada.

With a mission of becoming a leading global renewable energy provider, ORMAT operates 140 power plants, 40 recovered energy generation plants,

MS. JAINA MOAN

Ms. Jaina Moan is the External Affairs Director and Climate Action Lead for The Nature Conservancy (TNC), a global non-profit organization that uses a science-based approach with collaboration to accomplish its mission to "conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends". Ms. Moan's presentation addressed smart siting of energy infrastructure and two TNC projects – the Power of Place in California and Mining the Sun in Nevada.

Using California's electric sector in 2050, the California chapter of TNC modeled several scenarios and pathways to determine the optimal avenue for achieving the State's clean energy goals while

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Governor Steve Sisolak – Inaugural State of the State Address



Jaina Moan
The Nature Conservancy

the West. The project identified five major recommendations for implementation.

The goal of the Mining the Sun project is to “accelerate renewable energy development on mine lands and brownfields in Nevada,” which when successful could be scaled up across the West and eventually to a global scale. Ms. Moan addressed several opportunities resulting from the project as well as challenges that will need to be overcome.

MS. ANNIE HUHTA

Ms. Annie Huhta, Director of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering (also known as the Mackay School of Mines) at the University of Nevada, Reno, addressed a brief overview of the Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering, her personal mining experience, facts and figures addressing mineral production in Nevada and its importance in world markets, challenges to permitting mineral development, internal and external factors affecting mining investments, and strategies to improve U.S. critical mineral and metal development.



Annie Huhta
Mackay School of Mines
University of Nevada, Reno

When addressing permitting challenges, Ms. Huhta referenced a 2016 report entitled *Permitting Economic Value in Mining in the United States* by SNL

limiting impacts to California’s ecosystems. The Power of Place project found that with proper planning it is possible to scale up the clean energy infrastructure needed for deep decarbonization while limiting impacts to natural and agricultural lands across

Metals and Mining, which suggested three areas requiring reform – developing a clearly defined timeline for permit processing, clearly defined agency goals, and shared responsibility between industry and government. The Department of the Interior and BLM have successfully addressed the first two areas requiring reform with issuance of Instruction Memorandum 2018-016 and Secretarial Order 3355.

Strategies used to successfully permit expansion of the Greater Phoenix mining project south of Battle Mountain, Nevada included 1) supporting timely interaction with regulatory agencies through early engagement, transparent communication, and building strong partnerships to develop a trusting relationship, 2) enlisting the assistance of a third-party consultant, and 3) providing alternative options for project permitting.

MR. DWIGHT FIELDER

Mr. Dwight Fielder from the National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization addressed the Experienced Services Program (ESP), a cooperatively managed program between NOWCC and BLM, which serves as a tool to help federal agencies combat the high level of retirements that have occurred over the past five to ten years and expected to occur in the future where 40 percent of BLM’s workforce is over the age of 50.



Dwight Fielder
Experienced Services Program

The ESP program may be relatively new to BLM but similar programs have been in place since the 1960s in other agencies. The ESP is a key part of BLM’s program of work and is not a replacement for career federal employees. Individuals eligible to participate in the ESP program must be 55 years of age or older, meet agency scarce skill needs, and may be from the federal, state, local, and/or private sectors.

The BLM ESP program is overseen by a National ESP Core Team and implemented on-the-ground by a National ESP Program Officer, State and Center Directors, State ESP Program Officers, Grants and Agreement Specialists as well as ESP Technical Advisors. Salary for individuals involved in the ESP program fall within one of four levels depending on the person's level of experience and the degree of oversight and training required.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN MARK AMODEI

Congressman Amodei gave an entertaining presentation addressing personal experiences, funny stories, and topics of interest to PLF members. Having grown up in Nevada and being a member of the United States House of Representatives for eight years, Congressman Amodei clearly recognizes the federal estate in Nevada, how it evolved, and the challenges of addressing natural resource issues and the environment. In particular, Congressman Amodei acknowledged that nearly 20 million acres in Nevada have burned within the past 20 years, which is a large (if not the largest) threat to the Great Basin ecosystem. Regardless of the natural resource a person is interested in, losing 20 million acres becomes a major focus in identifying avenues for minimizing additional loss in the future.



Congressman Mark Amodei
(R-NV 2nd District)

When considering the effect of urban development on natural resources, one can't help but address the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), which turned 21 years old this year. SNPLMA was a public lands bill authorizing the sale of approximately 70,000 acres of public land in and around the Las Vegas Valley – one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the United States. Despite numerous natural resource issues (e.g. Desert Tortoise), over the life of the Act, approximately 35,000 acres have transferred from public to private ownership using an open transparent process. Other public land bills in Nevada haven't been quite as successful. Reality, responsi-

bility, and responsible resource policy always falls somewhere in the middle between the extreme positions taken by some on resource issues.

The PLF members are in a unique position of serving as leaders with important experience, lessons learned, and perspectives. Political people come and go but the people who work on and address issues day in and day out are those at the locations (i.e., Field Offices, District Offices, and State Offices). PLF represents a tremendous resource in terms of perspective – what has and hasn't worked in the past.

When addressing the Department's proposal to relocate the BLM Headquarters office to Grand Junction, Colorado, Congressman Amodei indicated that "when someone dares to tell me what it is, I'll be happy to share my thoughts with you." Congressman Amodei relayed a story about a trip made to Nevada by Congresswoman Betty McCollum, ranking member of the House Interior Appropriations Committee, who toured the Palomino Valley Wild Horse Adoption facility north of Reno. Later, during a vote to remove the slaughter amendment, Congresswoman McCollum did not ask for a "roll call" vote, which Congressman Amodei indicated was a significant change of protocol in a political driven arena. Congressman Amodei is optimistic there may be some movement in the wild horse and burro program.

With renewed focus on the Intermountain West and its large federally managed natural resources, Congressman Amodei believes there is opportunity to address many resource issues where both sides win.

MR. ED ARNETT AND MR. CARL ERQUIAGA

Mr. Ed Arnett, Chief Scientist, and Mr. Carl Erquiaga, Nevada Field Representative for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) addressed the importance of balancing multiple uses, federal land management and State wildlife population objectives, having synergy in wildlife conservation, Secretarial Order 3362 addressing big game winter range and migratory corridors, and key threats to wildlife migration.

The TRCP's mission is to "guarantee all Americans quality places to hunt and fish." With a partner-

ship of over 60 sporting and conservation organizations, the TRCP serves as a single collective voice on public land policy as well as energy, wildlife, and conservation issues.



Ed Arnett
Theodore Roosevelt
Conservation Partnership

While wildlife migration has become a primary topic of interest today in many states, wildlife migration patterns are not new. Tools for identifying and monitoring wildlife movement have im-

proved as have policies addressing protection and conservation of wildlife migration routes. With 350 species of plants and animals dependent on the sagebrush ecosystem, the greater sage-grouse provides the focus for achieving a synergy of conservation opportunities for providing avenues for conservation opportunities for wildlife migration corridors.

One such opportunity was the signing of Secretarial Order 3362 addressing site-specific management activities to conserve or restore big game habitat, which helped TRCP focus on ensuring conservation durability over the long-term, balancing energy development and competing policies, etc.

Other synergy efforts include states assuming a larger role in conducting appropriate research and management including establishment of a Governor's Advisory Committee in Wyoming, which has provided recommendations to Governor Gordon. In addition, the Western Governors' Association signed a resolution addressing corridors and winter habitat.

Non-governmental organizations have also taken an active role such as the National Wildlife Federation partnering with TRCP and the Western

Landowners Alliance to conduct three state-based workshops focused on identifying avenues for wildlife conservation.

In closing his portion of the presentation, Mr. Arnett addressed a significant threat to wildlife migration which are roads and highways. To address this threat, an Ungulates and Highways workshop was held in January 2019 with 80 participants representing state highway departments and wildlife agencies, federal agencies such as the Department of the Interior and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, non-governmental organizations, and various foundations.

Mr. Erquiaga addressed a recent proposal to conduct oil and gas exploration of approximately 54,000 acres, which was later expanded to include

an additional 88,000 acres, in the Ruby Mountains in northeast Nevada. The Ruby Mountains are rich in wildlife including big horn sheep, mountain goats, mule deer with a migration corridor over 100 miles long, ruffed grouse, dusky grouse, and the

greater sage-grouse. The Rubies also are the only place in the United States where the Himalayan snowcock can be hunted.

With the threat of oil and gas development and the need to protect the Ruby Mountains, TRCP and Trout Unlimited formed a coalition of 14 sporting organizations to show a unified front against the oil and gas threat. In addition, Senator Cortez-Masto introduced the Ruby Mountains Protection Act in Congress which received its first hearing by the Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining.



Carl Erquiaga
Theodore Roosevelt
Conservation Partnership

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**MR. MIKE FERGUSON AND
MS. ANNAFAITH JORGENSEN**

In closing the day's activities, PLF Board member Mike Ferguson and Ms. AnnaFaith Jorgensen, a graduate of the PLF Student Congress provided an overview of the Student Congress program, which was first identified in 2012 during the General Land Office Symposium in Boulder, Colorado.

The three goals of the Student Congress are:

1. Further engage youth in natural resources and public land management.
2. To provide BLM with recommendations from a demographic that might not otherwise be heard from.
3. Facilitate the agency's hiring process.

To date, four Student Congress events have been held involving 96 students. Typically, a Student Congress is held every other year.

Ms. Jorgensen highlighted that after the 2018 Student Congress, she joined PLF's Board of Directors for a two-year period. Students participating in the Student Congress take what they've learned back to their local communities and are sharing what they've learned about BLM, multiple uses, etc. Ms. Jorgensen expressed her appreciation for being involved with the Student Congress as well as the PLF. A highlight video from the 2018 Student Congress in Baker City, Oregon was shown.

Following each presentation, speakers addressed questions from the audience. PowerPoint presentations and videos are available on the PLF website at www.publicland.org.

BANQUET, AUCTION, AND AWARDS

The Thursday evening banquet provided another opportunity to relax with friends and get to know new ones. Jim Currivan talked about some of the highlights of his career and those with whom he worked, during the Remembering BLM segment.

The silent auction took in \$1,765.00 and the raffle \$425.00 for a total of \$2,190.00, which will be added to the George Lea Founder's Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to those who donated items and those who purchased auction items.

Ray Brady and George Stone received Volunteer of the Year awards in appreciation of their lead role in responding to the Department's reorganization efforts and the dismantling of the BLM Headquarters that emerged over the past year.

Mike Ferguson was presented with a Lifetime Service Award. Wayne Elmore, who was not able to attend the Annual Meeting, also received a Lifetime Service Award. His award will be presented to him at a future date in a venue to be determined. Both Citations are included in this edition of the *Monitor*.

We thanked Ray, George, Mike, and Wayne for their continuing contributions in support of public lands administered by BLM.

PUBLIC LANDS FOUNDATION GOALS

- Keep lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in public ownership and open to use by the public.
- Support multiple use management under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.
- Encourage professionalism by BLM employees.
- Increase the public's understanding of and support for the proper management of the public lands.

2019 PLF ANNUAL MEETING



Front Row (L to R; kneeling, sitting): Tim O'Brien, Bob Anderson, Jim & Theresa Currivan, Ed Shepard, Jerry Magee, Eric Janes, AnnaFaith Jorgensen, Deb Rawhouser, Raul Morales, Mike Holbert, Beau McClure

Second Row (standing): Walter George, George Lea, Phyllis O'Brien, Judi Hempel, Deanna LeBaron, Elaine Zielinski, Jo Campbell Berreth, Marilyn Livingston, Sylvia Gerber Bruce, Elaine Brong, Dean Bibbes, Bonnie Manning, Luis Coppa

Last Two Rows (standing): Butch Hayes, Brian Amme, Dwight Hempel, Dwight Fielder, Steve Ellis, Ralph Thomas, Mimi & Dave Stout, John Kwiatkowski, Bob Moore (partially hidden), Janice Kwiatkowski, Henri Bisson, Bill LeBarron, Jane O'Connor, Mat Millenbach, Mike Ferguson, Smokey O'Connor, Larry Larsen, John Fend, Van Manning, Don Simpson, George Stone

President's Column *(continued from page 3)*

If you have not been tracking this issue, I encourage you to read the materials that PLF has prepared on our website and weigh in with your Congressional delegation. If you have already written your delegation, write or call them again. If they have questions, provide them with your own response or material from the website. If they agree this reorganization may not be in the best interest of public lands, thank them. If they do think

that this plan will be good for the Nation's public lands, respectfully disagree and provide your response of why this is not a good plan.

The PLF will continue to oppose this plan and will keep you informed. In the end if this plan, a modified plan, or no plan is implemented, the PLF will continue to advocate for retaining the public lands in public hands, and for the professional management of these lands and resources by dedicated BLM employees.

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARDS

MIKE FERGUSON

The Public Lands Foundation grants to Mike Ferguson its Lifetime Service Award for excellence in public land management. The Foundation provides this award to deserving BLM employees who have perpetuated and enhanced the proud tradition of public service.

Mike grew up in California and received a degree in wildlife management from Humboldt State University. He began his career as a Forestry Technician for BLM in 1975 in Medford, Oregon, then progressed rapidly through wildlife positions in Arizona and California. As the Bishop, California Area Manager, Mike oversaw the development of that area's Resource Management Plan. Then moving to Washington, D.C., Mike held various positions including Budget Program Analyst, EIS Team Lead for Range Reform, and Deputy Assistant Director for Resource Use and Protection.



Mike Ferguson receives Lifetime Service Award from Ed Shepard.

Returning to the field, Mike served as the Deputy State Director for Resources for Arizona where he was recognized for his leadership in establishing the Southwest Strategy, a coalition of 13 Federal executives. After a stint as Associate State Director in Idaho, Mike returned to Washington, D.C. to serve as the BLM Budget Officer and then the Assistant Director for Business and Fiscal Resources. These latter positions required persistence and professionalism as Mike faced the difficult task of implementing the Bureau's complex Financial Business Management System.

Throughout his 34-year career with BLM, Mike actively mentored younger employees, and his dedication to this effort continued following his retirement in 2009. He has designed, organized

and hosted four very successful Student Congresses for the PLF; chaired and participated in several PLF committees, and has been very active in other PLF functions.

The Public Lands Foundation is honored to recognize Mike Ferguson with this Lifetime Service Award, presented September 12, 2019 at the PLF annual meeting in Reno, Nevada.

Edward W. Shepard, President

WAYNE ELMORE

The Public Lands Foundation grants to Wayne Elmore its Lifetime Service Award for excellence in public land management. The Foundation provides this award to deserving BLM employees who have perpetuated and enhanced the proud tradition of public service.

Wayne knew from an early age that his life would center on natural resources. He grew up in northeastern Oklahoma, part of a family who loved fishing and hunting, and would go on to earn a degree in Forest Management from Oklahoma State University in 1968. He later studied fish and wildlife management and found his lifelong passion in the management and restoration of riparian areas. Wayne began his career with BLM in Spokane,



Wayne Elmore

Washington, but worked on riparian issues in a number of states, including Oregon, New Mexico and Montana. During the 1980's and 90's Wayne delivered over 500 speeches and lectures at national symposiums and meetings. His work was of national level significance as he briefed and provided testimony for members of Congress. Wayne showed great personal courage and commitment

by frequently going into hostile meetings where attendees felt strongly threatened by conservation messages Wayne was bringing.

In addition to his personal involvement, Wayne also authored or co-authored over 40 publications related to riparian ecosystems and served on numerous multi-disciplinary teams. This included the National Riparian Service Team (NRST) that Wayne initiated in 1996, working across agency and land status boundaries in 11 western states. Laura Van Riper, a Social Scientist with this team, who was hired and mentored by Wayne spoke highly of his ability to work with people of widely different expertise and values. She noted that, "A central tenet of Wayne's (and thereby NRST's) approach was humility and willingness to engage with and learn from the people who affect and are affected by natural resource decisions."

The Public Lands Foundation is honored to recognize Wayne Elmore with this Lifetime Service Award, presented September 12, 2019 at the PLF annual meeting in Reno, Nevada.

Edward W. Shepard, President

VOLUNTEER SURVEY

The PLF recently conducted a member survey to determine interests in volunteering to serve on Committees, provide support to the PLF as subject matter experts, or to serve in other capacities. The survey was sent to 520 members, of which 198 (38%) responded. The Board reviewed the survey results during the Reno meeting and has already contacted several volunteers who have stepped up to offer their assistance. Thank you to those who responded to the survey and we will be in touch with more volunteers as needs are identified.

BALLOT FOR 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This year you have the option of voting for the PLF 2020 Officers and Board Members either on-line or by the mail-in ballot inserted in this edition of the *Monitor*. Please vote for all of the National Representatives and for your individual State Representative. Write-ins are permissible. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please indicate so on the "Comments" line of the ballot.

By now, you should have received a notice by email to look for a SurveyMonkey that contains a unique link to an on-line PLF ballot. Please vote on-line using the SurveyMonkey and save yourself postage and a trip to the mailbox. It is very easy and will take only a minute or two. Please be sure to vote before December 15, 2019. Please also consider paying your 2020 dues when you send in your ballot.

BLM LEADERSHIP

With the continued changes in the leadership positions of BLM, we would like to again provide an update on the current BLM Leadership, including the State Directors that provide the day-to-day on-the-ground management for our public lands. The following are the current Deputy Directors in the WO and the State Directors for each of the BLM State Offices:

Deputy Director, Policy and Programs

William Perry Pendley

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Jon Raby

New Mexico State Office

Tim Spisak

OR/ WA State Office

Theresa Hanley (*Acting*)

Utah State Office

Ed Roberson

Wyoming State Office

Duane Spencer (*Acting*)

MEMBER'S FORUM

The PLF Member's Forum is online and available! The Forum is a new benefit offered exclusively to PLF members. It is an online place that facilitates communications among members on issues of the day concerning BLM, public lands management, the PLF, and other topics of general interest. The Forum also provides a searchable PLF Member's Directory.

The Forum is hosted on our website and you must have a valid email address on file in order to access

the Forum. These three videos will help you get started in understanding how the Forum works:

<https://youtu.be/yp4-od0qECc>
<https://youtu.be/KvyvnFUyusA>
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Follow these instructions to access the Forum.

1. Find the PLF website at www.publicland.org.
 2. Click on "LOGIN" in the upper right corner.
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- NOTE: Be sure to check your spam folder for the email.

If you recently joined, you already have a password and are all set! Log on to the Forum, read the Forum rules, and enjoy! We're just beginning, so there are not many posts yet! Help us get the conversation started!

PALOMINO VALLEY HORSE CORRALS AND FACILITIES

By Les Sweeney

Under the Wild, Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of 1971 unclaimed horses and burros on Nevada's open ranges were considered wild and free roaming and the responsibility for their management belonged to BLM. Their management also included removal of excess animals. In April of 1977 BLM purchased 150 acres in Palomino Valley, about 20 miles northeast of Sparks, NV, which was to become the central processing center for excess wild horses coming off Nevada ranges. Additional corrals and improvements to existing corrals, already on site, were added for the processing of wild horses which included freeze branding, vaccinating, sorting by sex and age and when necessary, treating injured horses.

The Palomino Valley Corral facilities, better known as PVC, fell under the jurisdiction of the BLM District Office in Carson City, Nevada. The program started with a staff of four, none of which were permanent positions. That did not work out for numerous reasons. In 1978 the staff was increased and Don Pomi was brought in as the first manager of the PVC.

Pomi retired in November 1985. Fred Wyatt replaced him as the new manager and was there through 1990.



Palomino Valley Corral facilities

Horses began arriving at PVC for processing in June of 1977. Two thousand and thirty six head of wild horses had been processed through the facility by May of 1978. Nevada was asked to gather 10,000 head of wild horses in fiscal year 1985 and given one million dollars to achieve this goal.

Four large corrals were constructed to handle and process this large number of horses that were coming in from the gathering contracts and going out to holding facilities and adoption centers. The facilities at Palomino had to be able to hold 1,000 head of horses for processing at any one time as they came in from the capture sites. Another chute and corrals were added later.

The larger issue was, where are these horses to go? The PVC corrals could hold no more than 1,000 head during processing.



Wild horses at PVC

The BLM solicited bids for three large holding facilities capable of housing 3,000 horses each and three bids were selected. The three sites selected were located at Lovelock, Nevada; Bloomfield, Nebraska; and Mule Shoe, Texas. The contracts for the Lovelock and Bloomfield facilities were awarded to hold and store 3,000 horses each. The Mule Shoe facility was

short lived. The contracts for corrals at Lovelock and Bloomfield were slow coming on line and before they came on line there were horses arriving at PVC from gathering contracts all around the State. The PVC corrals were soon at capacity and to accommodate this situation an emergency contract to store horses was awarded to Snow's feedlot in Fallon, Nevada. By the time the contracts were awarded at Lovelock and Bloomfield there were over 5,000 horses being stored at Fallon. A small number of the 5,000 horses were from other



Burro at Palomino Valley Corral

were processed through this facility beginning in FY 1982 through FY 1988.

There were many trials and trivialities and lawsuits in the wild horse program, from anyone interested in wild horses, which was just about everyone who knew what a horse looked like. For the most part they were not specifically directed at PVC, however they all impacted PVC in one way or another.

Horses are extremely difficult to count especially in Pinion-Juniper types. Over the years the Wild Horse Specialists became more adept at inventorying wild horses and without a doubt those numbers became more accurate. The largest population estimate in the 1980s, from inventory, was a little over 31,000. In the peak years of the 1980s there were probably around 40,000 wild horses and burros on BLM ranges in Nevada.

Editor's Note: Les began his career with BLM in 1959 in Carson City, NV as a temporary working on range inventories and then transferred to the Winnemucca District in the range and watershed programs. He transferred to Anchorage, AK in 1962 to work in the lands program and then moved to the Boise District in 1964 to work in both the lands and range programs. His move to Boise was delayed by the Great Alaska Earthquake. He was Area Manager in the Monticello District, UT; Branch Chief of Biological Resources in Reno, NV; and Area Manager in Elko, NV. He was actively

involved in the Wild Horse and Burro program in Nevada for many years and was COR for the horse holding facility contract in Lovelock, NV and was COR when BLM eventually closed the facility.

HELP US FIGHT THE DISMANTLING OF BLM !

Secretary Bernhardt is moving forward with his plans to dismantle BLM. He is proceeding to functionally eliminate the BLM Headquarters by relocating it to Grand Junction, Colorado and scattering most Washington Office employees to the West, while still expecting them to perform Headquarters functions.

This is the biggest issue to negatively affect BLM and the multiple-use management of the public lands since most PLF members began their careers and the biggest threat to the efficient and effective implementation of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act since its passage in 1976. The Public Lands Foundation continues to advocate for the retention of the public lands in public hands and managed by well-trained professionals. We continue to maintain that the Secretary's plans are a terrible idea. If implemented, they will:

1. Likely result in a significant "brain drain" of experienced and professional multi-disciplinary staff of senior resource specialists and managers, should many Washington Office employees choose to leave BLM voluntarily or be forced out by administrative action.
2. Significantly constrain the ability for interdisciplinary coordination and collaboration in the development of national-level public land policies in one headquarters office location.
3. Centralize all significant land use decisions affecting the public lands administered by BLM at the Departmental level under political appointees, rather than give local BLM managers greater decision-making responsibilities.
4. Reduce the ability of BLM to coordinate and collaborate at the national level with other federal land and resource management agencies, Congressional staff, and national stakeholder interest groups.
5. Shut out certain publics from having a voice in the future management of the public lands, and threatens the public's ability to provide meaningful input into the management of their public lands.

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6. Make the principles of multiple-use and sustained yield as defined by FLPMA become more difficult to achieve by local managers because of more political influence.

We have chosen to aggressively pursue this threat to the BLM, and that has resulted in travel to DC to testify at a Congressional hearing and to brief various Hill staff. Our travel budget is minimal, and we need financial support to continue our efforts. Please consider making a donation to assist in this effort. The Board has set a goal to raise \$10,000 by the end of this year to cover travel and other costs associated with our advocacy, outreach, and education work. You can support this work by making a tax-deductible donation on our website at: <https://publicland.org/donate/> or click on the QR code on the outside cover using your mobile device to donate now!

IN MEMORIUM

The PLF is committed to never forgetting the dedicated BLM employees who have left us. We do so on our website's Memorial Wall and by publishing names of those who passed away in the *Monitor*. If you have a death to report, please email us at obits@publicland.org, preferably with a link to or copy of an obituary. In addition, we know that many of our Facebook followers are also members of the separate "Remembering BLM" private Facebook group. Please be aware that the private Facebook group is not affiliated with the PLF. You can rely on the PLF to keep you informed of topical news on the public PLF Facebook page, our website, other social media sites and the *Monitor* newsletter.

NOTE: Putting together the Memorium list in the *Monitor* and maintaining the Memorial Wall on the PLF website takes a lot of work by PLF volunteers. If you find errors, or if you know of something we may have missed, we apologize, and will correct the record. If you have concerns, please let Ray Brady know at rbrady@publicland.org.

Daniel Alberts on September 5, 2019, in Kanab, UT. Dan was retired from the Kanab Field Office of BLM, where he served for many years. Prior to that, he worked for the National Park Service at Zion National Park. He also spent many years in California, working first as an electrician, then as a wildland firefighter.

Joan Mary Ambre on September 18, 2019, in Phoenix, AZ. During her 15 years as a Dominican nun, Joan received both a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in English literature. Joan held many administrative positions in the Peace Corps, BLM in Arizona, and Departments of Labor and Interior. She retired as the Director of Personnel for the Peace Corps in 1996.

Billy Earl Butts on September 3, 2019, in Fromberg, MT. Billy attended Paris Junior College and Sam Houston State Teachers College in Texas where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education. Billy worked some 35 years for the federal government, 19 years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Wyoming and Montana and 16 years with BLM in Alaska.

Marion E. Vest Collins on July 8, 2019, in Phoenix, AZ. Marion was a courtroom stenographer for the U. S. Air Force, a Land Law Examiner for BLM in Arizona, and an Administrative Clerk for the Department of the Interior Solicitor's Office in Phoenix. Marion is survived by her husband of 43 years, Glen Collins, retired BLM.

Albert H. Doelker Jr. on June 10, 2019 in Redding, CA. Al graduated from Humboldt State University and worked 30 years for BLM as a Fisheries Biologist, most recently as the OR/WA State Office Assistant State Fisheries Lead and Riparian Program Lead.

Clifford "Dean" Finch on June 25, 2019, in Caldwell, ID. Dean attended Iowa State University and graduated with a B.S. degree in Forestry in 1950. In 1963, he went to work for BIA at Coulee Dam, WA in a forestry capacity and transferred to BLM in Spokane, WA in 1973. After working in the Spokane and Folsom, CA offices of BLM he transferred back to BIA in the Billings, MT office as assistant to the Area Forester, where he worked with Indian tribes in managing their forests in Montana and Wyoming. He became Forest Manager for the Spokane and Kalispell Tribe of Indians in 1980 and in 1986 transferred to the Portland, Oregon BIA forestry office as an assistant to the Area Forester. He worked with the tribes of Oregon, Washington and Idaho until December of 1998 when he retired.

Thomas Albert Fry, III on August 7, 2019, in Dallas, TX. Tom received a B.S. in Political Science from Trinity University, and a J.D. from Southern Methodist University. Tom had an extensive career in government and the private sector. In 1999,

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he was appointed by President Clinton and confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate to serve as Director of BLM, having served as Deputy Director two years prior. One of his proudest achievements was signing the Bureau directive to create the National Landscape Conservation System that consolidated all of the BLM conservation units into a cohesive system, much like the National Park system. Before coming to BLM, Tom was Chief of Staff for Interior Deputy Secretary John Garamendi, as well as Director of the Minerals Management Service from 1993–1994. After Tom's government service, he became the Executive Director of the National Oceans Industry Association from 2001 until he retired in 2010.

James M. Hughes on July 11, 2019, in Silver Spring, MD. Jim's life would take him on a journey from his Minneapolis, MN roots to the wide-open spaces of our western lands and eventually land him in Washington, DC. Jim began his undergraduate work attending Notre Dame University, before joining the United States Army's Military Intelligence division and serving during the Vietnam War. He returned to his studies earning his B.A. in Journalism from New Mexico State University. His journalism career began in Le Mars, Iowa as the Farm Editor with the Daily Sentinel. The experience gained from this position brought him to Las Cruces, NM where he held the position of Information Director and Editor of the NM Farm and Livestock Bureau. He moved to Silver Spring, MD and from 1981 to 1993 filled various jobs related to congressional affairs, starting as a Legislative aide for NM Senator Pete Domenici, and then with the Department of Agriculture as Assistant to the Secretary for Congressional Affairs. He moved to the Department of the Interior in 1986 and held several positions, including BLM Deputy Director for External Affairs; Director of Congressional Affairs for Interior Secretaries Donald Hodel and Manuel Luján, Jr; and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management. He transitioned back to Capitol Hill and worked for NM Congressman Joe Skeen from 1997 to 2002, after which he was appointed BLM Deputy Director for Programs and Policy under Secretary Gail Norton. In 2007, he was appointed Acting Director of BLM.

Geraldine Lucille Lindahl on July 2, 2019, in Highlands Ranch, CO. "Gerrie" moved from Michigan to Canon City, CO in 1952 and held various administrative office positions before embark-

ing on a life-long, rewarding career with BLM. Before retiring in 1981, Gerrie held the position of Chief Division of Administration for BLM. Along the way, Gerrie was an early pioneer in promoting women's rights and gender equality.

Harold "Harry" Lund on August 5, 2019, in Great Falls, MT. Harry attended Montana State University and served in the U.S. Army in Korea and later lived in Whitefish, MT, Fairbanks, AK, Libby, MT, and Great Falls. He was a smoke jumper with BLM.

Anthony Frank Lutonsky on July 11, 2019, in Albuquerque, NM. He received a degree in Archaeology and worked for BLM as the Rio Puerco Area Office Archaeologist in Albuquerque, NM retiring in 2002.

Jacqueline "Jackie" L. Meyer on September 27, 2019, in Boise, ID. Jackie worked as a Secretary in the Cottonwood Field Office, ID and later in Lands and Realty in the BLM Idaho State Office.

Diane Mitchell on August 23, 2019, in Fredericksburg, VA. Diane held several administrative positions in the Washington, DC area with the Department of the Treasury, BLM, and the US Air Force.

Paul Robert Oakes on June 29, 2019, in Boise, ID. He attended Boise State University graduating with a BA degree in Biology. Paul worked with the Boise National Forest before deciding to make Forestry his career. Paul continued at the University of Idaho in 1974 where he worked on Graduate Studies-Soils. As a soil scientist, Paul worked on the Bridger-Teton, Targhee, and Caribou National Forests. He later became the Planner/Environmental Coordinator for BLM in Pocatello, ID and retired after 33 years of service.

Yolanda Nieves Pacheco on July 3, 2019, in Santa Fe, NM. She worked with BLM in New Mexico, moving her way up to becoming a computer systems analyst and ultimately retiring from this position.

Nancy Painter on August 23, 2019, in Carlsbad, NM. She received an Associates degree in Business at New Mexico State University–Carlsbad and worked for BLM in Carlsbad for over 28 years.

Michael Allen Ramsey on September 14, 2019, in Pinedale, WY. Mike worked 27 years for the Highway Department in Sublette County, Wyoming, and another ten years for BLM as a Petroleum

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Engineering Tech in Pinedale. Mike was also a volunteer firefighter.

JoAn "JoAnie" C. Robbins on August 21, 2019, in Ogden. UT. JoAn lived her entire life in Ogden and attended the L.D.S. Business College where she received an education in Secretarial Science, which she used in her career with BLM, retiring in 1993.

DONATIONS

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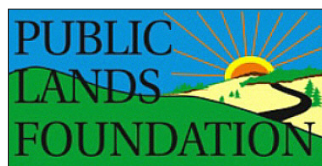
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The *Monitor* is what we make it and we encourage you to provide Letters to the Editor or other reviews and comments on articles included in your newsletter. It is important to hear from our membership, and if you like something or don't like something, let us know. If you do send an email to the Editor, don't be surprised if it winds up as a Letter to the Editor in the next edition of the *Monitor*. Please provide your comments to rbrady@publicland.org. In addition, members are encouraged to use the bod@publicland.org email address to communicate with the PLF Board.

The *Monitor* generally reflects ongoing PLF activities, events, updates, awards, and information on former BLM employees. We encourage articles and discussions of issues by posting quality content that also provides a positive exposure of the goals, objectives and mission of the PLF. However, we need to take some precautions when posting information to the newsletter and other forms of social media to ensure appropriate rules of behavior. In keeping a positive experience for our members, we reserve the right to publish only comments, photos, and other material deemed appropriate by the PLF. We intend on maintaining a friendly and professional tone in the articles in the *Monitor* and any postings of Letters to the Editor.

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PLF 2020 Ballot

Article VI, Ballots, of the PLF by-laws, requires annual election by mail of the Board of Directors.

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<u>Appointed</u>	Student Congress	AnnaFaith Jorgensen	<u>Not applicable</u>
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If you have not already done so, please enclose your 2020 annual dues of \$35 with your ballot. Please consider the Special Dues Categories printed on the address page of the *Monitor* in paying your dues. Your continued financial help is needed to pay for the operating costs of the PLF.